

each was granted, and photographs of the recipients; maps of all areas and of all actions in which Canadians have served; and the war diaries of all Canadian military units. The "contemporary history" series of files in the office contains records of the greatest importance, including summaries of operations, narratives of events, communiqués, secret reports, operation orders, and military maps, besides much miscellaneous material. There are also files of secret returns, secret aeroplane photographs, and secret panoramic photographs which, although they cannot at present be used, will in the future undoubtedly prove to be exceedingly valuable. The office devotes particular attention to obtaining personal narratives regarding events at the front from participants who were in a position to have accurate knowledge regarding important but otherwise obscure incidents.

The photographic section is preparing a complete photographic record of the Canadians in the field, and has obtained many excellent films of the troops in action. Sketches and paintings of scenes historically important are also being prepared. The publicity work of the office consists of exhibitions of official photographs, and the publication of a daily newspaper for the soldiers and of other periodicals giving news from the front.

The war archives survey, the formation of which, under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel A. G. Doughty, public archivist, was mentioned in last year's survey, is continuing its work. A special mission composed of Lieutenant-Colonel Doughty, Lieutenant-Colonel Wood, well known for his writings on Canadian military history, and Major Gustave Lanctot, of the public archives staff and now of the Canadian military forces, visited Europe and gathered full reports on the organization and records of all Canada's overseas war activities. These reports are deposited in the public archives at Ottawa and will be of the highest value, both to the historian who may wish to get a comprehensive view of Canada's military organization, and to the archivist who, hereafter, shall have the duty of classifying and arranging the war records. A similar survey of war activities in Canada is in progress.

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