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EDITORIAL

Dear colleagues,

The executive board of the Archives Committee of the International Commission of Military History is pleased to present the International Newsletter for Military Archives MARS & JANUS No. 13 (2009 / 1 - spring / summer edition).

We want to thank those colleagues who answered the questionnaire sent out on 10 April 2009. The publication of the results is the main part of this edition of MARS & JANUS: NATIONAL REPORTS from Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, and Switzerland. One heartening fact shining through the answers from the different countries is the employment of students and other part time employees in military archives. Especially in these economically difficult times this cannot be valued high enough. It is an occasion to learn something about the practical work in the archives and at the same time gain a – even if it is only small – salary. We all know from experience that some of the most dedicated colleagues found their way into our profession by these means.

A personal word from the President will have a place in this editorial. As of 30 November 2008 I am retired as head of the German Military Archives in Freiburg. Actually this was the second time I retired from a career since exactly five years earlier I quit the German Luftwaffe as a Colonel upon reaching the legal age for retirement. Being a military historian for the last thirty years the change to the sources – *ad fontes* as we like to say – was a natural one. My successor in Freiburg is Michael Steidel and I hope that he will continue the international work of CAM. It will be up to him to answer next years questionnaire and to tell you all the news over there.

The next issue of our Newsletter, MARS & JANUS No. 14 (2009 / 2 - fall/winter edition), will contain the minutes and papers of the CAM meeting from 30 August 2009 in Oporto, Portugal.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Hans-Joachim HARDER
President

Dr. Christoph TEPPERBERG
Secretary General



WELCOME TO THE CAM MEETING AT THE XXXV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MILITARY HISTORY IN OPORTO (PORTUGAL)

Dear colleagues,

Once more, you are cordially invited to attend the CAM meeting 2009 (Comité des Archives Militaires) during the XXXV International Conference of Military History of the CIHM (Comité International d'Histoire Militaire). As usually we will meet at the venue indicated in the invitation of the Portuguese Commission of Military History, on the Sunday starting the annual CIHM conference, that is Sunday 30 August 2009, 10.30 h in the Alfândega Congress Centre Porto.

Website: <http://www.xxxvcongressicmh2009.com/in/menu.html>

Topics:

- 1) The national policies on archives and the military archives - theory and practices;
- 2) The growing importance of digitization among military archives.

Papers will be presented by the delegates from Canada, France, and Portugal. Our Portuguese friend Aniceto Afonso has prepared an elaborate program which he will propose to you. I am looking forward to his presentation and your reactions to it (by now I will only tell you that Aniceto put a lot of work and dedication to this project). The city excursion through the beautiful city of Porto, home of world famous *Port*, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon and we will be finished early enough so you all can enjoy the tour.

Best regards and hoping to seeing you this summer in Porto,

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National Reports:

Austria:

News from the Austrian State Archives

Reported by Christoph Tepperberg (Vienna)

Retirements:

Hofrat Dr. Christian Sapper, MAS, chief of the Finance and Court Chamber Archives (Finanz- und Hofkammerarchiv), and Hon.-Prof. Hofrat Dr. Leopold Auer, MAS, chief of the House, Court and State Archives (Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv), were retired on September 30, and November 30, 2008.

See: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_31835/5164/default.aspx
http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_32683/5164/default.aspx

Appointments:

Mag. Thomas Just, MAS, was appointed chief of the House, Court and State Archives on March 16, 2009. See: <http://www.austria.gv.at/site/5164/default.aspx>

Exhibitions:

Kronprinz Rudolf – Lebensspuren.

Jubiläumsausstellung zum 150. Geburtstag:

This exhibition concerning Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria, who passed away in 1889 under dubious circumstances, was organized by the Austrian State Archives in co-operation with the Imperial Furniture Collection (Hofmobiliendepot) in Vienna.

Location: Hofmobiliendepot – Möbel Museum, Andreasgasse 7, A-1070 Wien.

Open: 21 August 2008 – 30 January 2009.

See: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_29067/5164/default.aspx

„Für Freiheit und Fortschritt gab ich alles hin.“

Robert Blum 1807 – 1848: Visionär – Demokrat – Revolutionär:

This remarkable exhibition was worked out by the Federal Archives of Germany in reference to the vice-president of the first democratic German parliament in Frankfurt/Main; he was executed on 9 November 1848 in Vienna by Austrian military authorities. The exhibition was at first presented in 2006 in the castle of Rastatt, Germany, then 2007 at the German Bundestag in Berlin and in the Historical City Museum Leipzig, at last 2008 in the City Museum Köln and in the Austrian State Archives Vienna. In Vienna the German core-exhibition was upgraded with originals of the Austrian State Archives.

Location: Austrian State Archives, Nottendorfer Gasse 2, A-1030 Wien.

Open: 7 November 2008 – 26 January 2009.

See: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_32389/5164/default.aspx

Krieg 1809 in Karten und Bildern des Kriegsarchivs:



This exhibition, referring to the 200th anniversary of the Napoleonic Wars in Austria, worked out by the Vienna War Archives, shows picturesque hand-drawn military maps, plans, and pictures on this topic.

Location: Federal Chancellery of Austria, Palais Porcia, Herrengasse 23, A-1010 Wien.

Open: 21 May – 30 June 2009.

See: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_34876/5164/default.aspx

http://www.austria.gv.at/site/cob_34879/6592/default.aspx

http://www.bka.gv.at/site/cob_34875/currentpage_0/6592/default.aspx

http://www.ots.at/presseaussendung.php?schluessel=OTS_20090518_OTS0186&ch=panorama

Publications:

Über den Saurüssel zur Großen Mühl. 120 Jahre Mühlkreisbahn. Wien 2008, 125 pp. (with numerous pictures); ISBN 978-3-902575-12-8; € 12,00;

a publication concerning the “Mühlkreisbahn”, a local railroad in Upper Austria.

See: <http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/5075/default.aspx>

Sisi auf Schienen. 150 Jahre Westbahn Wien-Linz. Wien 2008, 236 pp. (with numerous pictures), ISBN 978-3-902575-15-9, € 19,00;

a book concerning the “Kaiserin Elisabeth-Bahn” or “Westbahn”, one of the main lines of the Austrian rail network, named after Elisabeth (Sisi), empress of Austria (1837-1898).

See: <http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/5075/default.aspx>

Aktenkunde. Urkunden- und Aktenlehre der Neuzeit. By Michael Hochedlinger (= Oldenbourg Historische Hilfswissenschaften 3), Böhlau & Oldenbourg, Wien & München 2009, 292 pp., ISBN 978-3-205-78296-4 & ISBN 978-3-486-58933-7; € 39,00;

a handbook on recordology (especially on parchments and records of the early modern times) which will find, for sure, best attention at German speaking universities.

See: <http://boehlau.it-planung.at/newbuchliste.aspx?id=20>

Das Kriegsjahr 1809 in Einzeldarstellungen. [First issue: Wien 1905 – 1910]. Reprint edition, introduced by Christoph Tepperberg. Edition Winkler-Hermaden. Schleinbach 2009, ISBN 978-3-9502688-2-9. See: <http://www.edition-wh.at/basics/index2.php>

Krieg 1809 in Karten und Bildern des Kriegsarchivs, by Robert Rill, Bernhard Wenning, Christoph Tepperberg, Otto Kellner, ed. Österreichisches Staatsarchiv, Wien 2009, 40 pp; a booklet to the exhibition of the same name. See above: “Exhibitions”.

A disquisition about sources and data bases concerning „emigration“ was worked out by Fregattenkapitän Dr. Bernhard Wenning (War Archives) in the frame of his professional training: *Auswanderung, Darstellung einer personenbezogenen Datenbank am Beispiel der vom Historischen Museum der Stadt Bremerhaven (Morgenstern-Museum) eingerichteten Deutschen Auswandererdatenbank sowie Zusammenstellung einer genealogischen Liste zum Thema Auswanderung* (Wien 2009).

Publication projects:

The War Archives are involved in a famous publication project of the Austrian Academy of Science in co-operation with the Advisory Council of Military History within the Scientific Commission of the Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports: *Die Habsburgermonarchie und der Erste Weltkrieg. Der Kampf um die Neuordnung Mitteleuropas* (The Habsburgs Monarchy in World War One. The Struggle for the Rearrangement of Middle Europe). This publication – the last volume of the series “Die



Habsburgermonarchie 1848 – 1918” (Vol. XI) – will be published in time for the 100th anniversary of the break-out of World War One, at the latest in 2014.

Events, lectures:

On September 17, 2008, the workshop “*Der Erste Weltkrieg – Forschungsstand und Forschungstrends in Österreich*” (World War One – State of Research and Trends in Austria) was organized by the Division of Military History in the frame of the 25th Austrian Conference of Historians in St. Pölten, Lower Austria. The papers of this successful event, will be published (probably in September) in: *Bericht über den 25. Österreichischen Historikertag in St. Pölten*, ed. Verband Österreichischer Historiker und Geschichtsvereine. Wien – St. Pölten 2009.

On May 20, 2009, the exhibition “*Krieg 1809 in Karten und Bildern des Kriegsarchivs*” was opened by Dr. Manfred Matzka, chief of the Presidium of the Federal Chancellery of Austria, in Palais Porcia, Vienna.

See above: “Exhibitions”.

Educational service, training courses:

In September, 8 – 12, 2008, the third “basic course” for non scientific archivists, was organized by the Association of Austrian Archivists at the Austrian State Archives in Vienna. The fourth course will be in September, 14 – 18, 2009. See: <http://www.voea.at/>

Acquisition of records, remarkable items:

In September 2008, the “Selinger Archiv” from Ulm in Germany, a remarkable collection of construction plans of aircraft, was acquired by the Austrian State Archives on the initiative of Fregattenkapitän Mag. Dr. Bernhard Wennig (War Archives).

See: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_35054/5164/default.aspx

Digitalisation projects:

By October 29, 2008, various parts of the card-index of the library of the Austrian State Archives are currently digitalised. With this project the access and the possibilities of research will be improved essentially.

See: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_32325/5164/default.aspx

International projects:

Next year the Austrian State Archives (War Archives) will participate in the EU-project “Forte Cultura” together with the Federal Ministry for Education, the Arts and Culture. The project activities will deal with history, culture, tourism, and economy of European fortresses.

New facilities (shelving, storage, digitalisation facilities):

The repositories of the Austrian State Archives are furthermore re-equipped with space saving compactus-shelves. In 2009, the Campaign Files of World War One (Neue Feldakten), the records of the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief (Armeeoberkommando), and wartime decorations’ records 1914-1918 (Belohnungsakten) will be stored in new shelves.

**Internet:**

The English version of the website of the Austrian State Archives was released in 2008 and is now online.

See: <http://www.oesta.gv.at/DesktopDefault.aspx?alias=oestaen&init>

In 2008 an online-presentation on the topic „90 Jahre – Republik Österreich“ (90 Years Republic of Austria) was compiled by a special working group of the Austrian State Archives. See: <http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/6379/default.aspx>

“Record of the Month”:

In the Austrian State Archives, since November 2006, every month one remarkable record is presented in the foyer of our entrance hall and on our website. In March 2009, as “Record of the Month” the Austrian naval officer’s sabre of 1850 was presented (prepared by Bernhard Wenning, War Archives) In April 2009, an autograph of the famous Tyrolean hero Andreas Hofer (1767-1810) was presented in reference to the Napoleonic War 1809 (prepared by Christoph Tepperberg, War Archives).

See: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_33873/currentpage_0/6644/default.aspx
http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_34267/currentpage_0/6644/default.aspx

Recent doctoral and MA theses on topics of military history:

In co-operation with the Advisory Council of Military History within the Scientific Commission of the Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports, a list of recent doctoral and MA theses on topics of military history was published on the website of the Austrian State Archives (War Archives). The list will be currently actualized. See:

<http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/5006/default.aspx> (last document)

Forum World War One – Forum 1. Weltkrieg:

On March 28, 2009, various Austrian military historians picked up the idea to originate a “Forum World War One” („Forum zur Erforschung Österreich-Ungarns während des Ersten Weltkrieges“ – Forum for Research on the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy during World War One). The forum will be implemented as a virtual interactive platform for discussions and information on topics of the First World War.

Employment of external work force:

The War Archives is currently employing volunteers, mostly young university graduates and students, who support our work with the global database of the Austrian State Archives.



Calendar of events:

April, 17 – 18, 2009:

Symposium: *1809. Neue Forschungen und Perspektiven*
(1809. New research and perspectives)

Tiroler Landesarchiv in co-operation with the University of Innsbruck

Tiroler Landesarchiv, Michael-Gaismair-Straße 1, A-6020 Innsbruck

April, 24, 2009:

Exhibition: *Hofer Wanted*

(Andreas Hofer – The character behind the „hero“ of the Tyrolean uprising 1809)

Tiroler Landesmuseum Ferdinandeum, Museumstrasse 15, A-6020 Innsbruck

Open: 24 April – 15 November 2009.

April, 25, 2009:

Symposium: *Andreas Hofer und die Erhebung Tirols*

(The scientific reception of the person Andreas Hofer and of the Tyrolean uprising 1809
in France, Italy, Bavaria, Spain, and England)

Tiroler Landesmuseum Ferdinandeum, Museumstrasse 15, A-6020 Innsbruck

May, 15, 2009:

Opening of the exhibition:

Napoleon – Feldherr, Kaiser und Genie

Renaissanceschloss Schallaburg, Lower Austria.

Open: 16 May – 1 November 2009.

May, 20, 2009:

Opening of the exhibition:

Krieg 1809 in Karten und Bildern des Kriegsarchivs

Palais Porcia, Herrengasse 23, A-1014 Wien.

Open: 21 May – 30 June 2009.

June, 4 – 5, 2009:

International Napoleon-Symposium

Museum of Military History (Arsenal, Vienna).

See: <http://www.ferdiwoeber.at/napoleonsymposium/>

July, 6 – 11, 2009:

Napoleon in Niederösterreich (Napoleon in Lower Austria)

Symposium of the Institut für Landeskunde von Niederösterreich

(Schallaburg, Lower Austria)

June, 23 – 25, 2009:



Soldaten in den Wolken. Die k.u.k. Luftfahrtruppe und ihre Gegner

(Soldiers in the Sky – The Austro-Hungarian Aviation Troops and their Enemies)

International Symposium of the Landesverteidigungsakademie, in co-operation with
Österreichisches Staatsarchiv and Heeresgeschichtliches Museum.

(Landesverteidigungsakademie, Stiftkaserne, Vienna)



CANADA:

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE (DHH) ARCHIVES FOR 2009

Reported by Warren Sinclair (Ottawa)

1. Events, public relations (open house days, conferences, symposiums, broadcastings, telecasts, press reports)

Warren Sinclair, the Chief Archivist, attended the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) conference in Calgary, Alberta. He recently resigned as Chair Person for the Special Interest Section Aboriginal Archives (SISAA) of the ACA. However, he continues to be the project manager in the distribution of the *Aboriginal Archives Guide*. Thus far about 2500 copies of the guide have been distributed among the Archival and Aboriginal communities in Canada. The guide was also recently purchased by some archives in Australia.

2. Educational service (training courses)

Warren Sinclair has been taking French language courses with Alliance Française since September 2007. In September 2009 he will continue training with the French Language program in the Dept. of National Defence.

3. Acquisition of records

Some of the more significant fonds received during 2006-2007 included:

- 2008/10 – Operation Airbridge fonds [Air mission to deliver humanitarian supplies to besieged city of Sarajevo during mid 1990s]
- 2008/16 – Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Canadian Agency fonds [Memorial and cemetery registers for those Canadians killed during the First World War and the Second World War]
- 2008/18 – Association for the Second World War fonds [Working files]

4. Experience with new software for indexing (description), data bases, local and global networks, internet and/or intranet, homepages

- All computers for the Archives and Library staff and the Historians were upgraded with the latest version of Inmagic DBTextworks (Version 11), the archival software used by the Archives.
- At present there are 492 fonds level descriptions for DHH on Archeion (the online archival network for Ontario) and on the Canadian Archival Information Network (CAIN) (the national archival network), an increase of 77 fonds level descriptions from last year. Another 50 fonds level descriptions have been submitted.
- The homepage for DHH has been completely revised over the last few months. In the next few months the finding aids for 1990-2007 will be on the DHH Archives webpages.



5. Microfilming projects, digitization projects

- DHH has been working with the The Military Museums (TMM) Library and Archives of Calgary, Alberta on a pilot project. There are plans to have the Army Headquarters (AHQ) and Canadian Military Headquarters (CMHQ) historical narratives, some minutes of meetings of various committees, and the Directorate of Public Relations (DPR) Second World War photographs digitized.
- The card catalogues for both the Document Collection and the Kardex Collection are being scanned with OCR (Optical Character Recognition) and the long term goal is to have them on the DHH website.

6. Rules of description: ISAD(G) of the ICA, other self made rules or special rules which are in use in military institutions

All the fonds and series level descriptions since 1995, as well as those fonds with finding aids that were processed during 1971-1999, have been arranged and described according to RAD (Rules for Archival Description), the standard used by Canadian Archivists.

7. New co-operations with other institutions

The DHH Archives and Library and Archives Canada (LAC) continue to work together on the transfer of all sound recordings and audio tapes to LAC. Since DHH is predominantly a textual based archives and does not have the proper storage and preventive conservation facilities for non-textual material, all audio and cassette tapes will be transferred to LAC.

In 2009 the Archives Section group (the Chief Archivist, Assistant Archivist, librarian and the Coop students) continue to have guided tours of the Canadian War Museum Archives and the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) Preservation Centre in Gatineau, Quebec. Other tours included the Bank of Canada Archives, the National Art Gallery Archives and the City of Ottawa Archives.

8. Employment of external work force (servicemen, students, volunteers, retirees, etc.)

Students from the University of Ottawa have been working at DHH throughout 2008-2009. They are part of the University's Coop Programme which allows students to gain valuable practical work experience and to earn a salary while attending university. Three students work for 4 months during the Winter, Summer and Fall terms. Their duties generally include arranging and describing fonds / collections, researching written inquiries, providing reference service to researchers, and document retrieval. Most of the fonds level descriptions that are now available online on Archeion and CAIN were prepared by the students.

**CZECH REPUBLIC:****News from The Central Military Archives – Military Historical Archives**

Reported by Zuzana Pivcová (Prague)

Remarkable publications, exhibitions:

Martin Dubánek, Jan Lakosil, Pavel Minařík: Utajená obrana železné opony. Československé opevnění 1945 - 1964 (Secret defence of the Iron Curtain. Czechoslovak fortifications in 1945 - 1964). Mr. Dubánek and Mr. Minařík are our archivists of the post-war department. The book won the main prize of the publishing firm “Mladá fronta” in the category “Military publications”, 2008.

Together with the Prague Castle, the archives prepared and organized the exhibition called “Czechoslovak legions in Russia”, which was opened in the premises of the Castle in October. The parallel exhibition took place in the State Archives in Moscow in the co-operation with the Russian partner already in August and September last year. The archives also participated in the exhibition on the painter and member of the first and second resistance movement Vojtěch Preissig, who died in the concentration camp in Dachau in 1944, given by the Archives of the capital of Prague. In the entry hall of our reading-room, a small internal exhibition informed the public about the “Fate Eights in the Czech history of the last century (1918, 1938, 1968) in our archive documents”.

New finding aids:

The archives managed to order a new record description program and to test it with the archival fonds “The 1st Czechoslovak Reinforcements Regiment in the Soviet Union”, which is being completed just now.

Digitalization:

The most valuable old fortification plans, war posters and Austria-Hungarian military personal registers (about a third of the total) were digitalized. Beside that, the archival fonds, such as the collection “37” (Intelligence Service Department of the Ministry of Defence in London), Department 2 (Intelligence Service) of the Ministry of Defence 1945 - 50 (due to the damage by floods in 2002), Command of the 1 Army Corps in the Soviet Union or The 2nd Paradesant Brigade (asked by the Slovak partners), are being transferred into the electronic form. The Digitalization Centre, which is situated in a separated building in Prague, became part of the Archives and is led by the Headquarters of the Archives.

Databases:

The hired part-time staff (volunteers) continuously compiled the large database of the Czechoslovak servicemen in the WW II. The database will be presented on our homepages in October 2010.

New co-operations:



The director of the Military Historical Archives Dr. Baláž signed a memorandum of the co-operation with the Military Historical Archives in Budapest during his visit there. The Russian State Archives participates in the edition of documents relating to the Czechoslovak Army Corps in Russia in 1917 - 18.

Employment of external work force

The archives employed two retirees for copying, preparing of single documents for readers and signing of declassified documents. Other volunteers went on completing the above-mentioned database. These part-time workers were paid from a special budget of the Ministry of Defence.



Portugal:

News from the Military Historical Archives (AHM)

Reported by Carlos Alberto Borges da Fonseca (Lisbon)

1. Change of location

The Military Historical Archives (AHM) occupy the premises in the building of the Army General Staff, in Santa Apolónia (Lisbon), covering a total area of 700 m² and in the Military Building n° 19, in Chelas (Lisbon), a total area of 400 m². It has 6.000 m of shelves, with occupancy above 80%. A new storing space in Campo de Santa Clara has been temporarily granted by the OGFE, another military department.

2. Change of the archival or organizational structure

To accomplish its mission, AHM has the following sections:

Direction; Technical Support Section (SAT); Documentary Heritage Section (SPD); Research, Reading and Diffusion Section (SILD) and Registry.

3. Appointments, new function of single archivists

None.

4. Publications, editions, guides

Inventories concluded (Divisional Groups of Funds):

- I Division: “May 28th. Military Dictatorship and New State, 1926 -1974” (DIV/1/38).
 - III Division:– “Justice, 1641-1971” (DIV/3/6).

5. Events, public relations

The AHM documentary heritage is open for public consultation and research, in accordance with both the general legal norms of the Public Administration and the specific rules of the Armed Forces, under the laws in force. The Reading Room opening hours are the following: Consultation – Monday to Friday from 10H30 to 18H00; Request for documents – Monday to Friday from 10H30 to 18H00. AHM will be closed after 17H00 between July and September.

AHM database on the Internet: www.exercito.pt/ahm

Alternative site: <http://infogestnet.dyndns.info/infogestnet2007/>

6. Educational service

In 2008 AHM organised 2 seminars on Current Archives, one month each, for military and civilian personnel dealing with the archives of military units.

7. Acquisition of records

None.

8. Destruction



Selection and elimination of worthless documents and duplicates belonging to the following fund:

- “May 28th. Military Dictatorship and New State (1926-1960)” (DIV/1/38).
Sundry documentation: manuals, magazines, catalogs, etc..

9. Arrangement and description

Continuation of work relating to 2007.

10. Declassification of records

The declassification of documents is carried out by the Direction assisted by the security officer, with the support of the Committee for Documents Classification.

11. Digitalization projects

Continuation of work relating to 2007.

12. Implementation of technical equipment...

The IT network of AHM is composed as follows:

1 server, 28 computers, 2 network printers, 5 individual printers, 2 multifunctions, 1 A2 scanner for documents in black and white, 3 A3 color scanners and 2 A4 scanners for negatives. 3 computers are available to readers in the Reading Room.

13. New software for indexation... internet...

Database Arqgest has been upgraded on several occasions.

New information on AHM site every six months.

14. Rules of description

The AHM published the “Army Archives Manual”, an useful tool regarding all archival systems in the Army. While supporting the research in the fields of military, political and institutional history, it helps to protect the historical memory.

This manual has been subject to improvements and updates.

15. Change of regulation

None.

16. Implementation of new work methods

None.

17. New cooperation with other institutions

The AHM cooperates with the League of Friends of the Military Historical Archives (LAAHM) who implements the following projects:

Documents Collection Project

AHM is currently receiving the personal estate of military and civilians who deliver the documents, photos, films, etc. by means of donation or deposit through a special protocol written on a “case by case” basis. AHM will abide by the archival principle by which the documents shall always bear the name of their original owner.

Portuguese Expeditionary Corps (First World War)



Description and digitalisation of the brief individual reports of the soldiers who fought in the First World War. At a later stage, these reports will be available on-line.

Historical Research and Digitalisation

The LAAHM provides collaboration in this area.

18. Employment of external work force

The AHM has a cooperation protocol with the Institute for Professional Education (IEFP) for celebration of temporary working contracts, by assigning human resources to carry out various works in the AHM.



ROMANIA:

News regarding the Romanian Army's Historical Service

Reported by Captain Marian Mosneagu, Ph.D (Bucharest)

1. Army's Historical Service is located in Bucharest, 9-11 Drumul Taberei Street, Sector 6, email: sia@forter.ro, tel. and fax: 04 021 3185385.
2. Army's Historical Service is the institution, which administrates, oversees and maintains the protection of the archival fond of Ministry of National Defense. It has in its subordination the Center of Studies and Preservation of Historic Military Archives and coordinates the intermediary storehouses of archive belonging to each branch of the army.(land forces, navy forces, air forces)
3. The head of the institution is Captain Marian Mosneagu, Ph.D., starting with 2007, April 15.
4. Army's Historical Service publishes quarterly the review called "Document", the bulletin of Romanian Military Archives. The review can be found on the official site of Ministry of National Defense. (www.defence.ro/sia/index.htm; www.presamil.ro).
5. Every year, on 26th July, it is the celebration of the Military Archive Day. With this occasion Army's Historical Service organizes symposiums on different themes which approach present subjects concerning the Romania history or the history of Romanian Army.
6. The specialized training courses are held by the Archival Faculty, within the "Alexandru Iona Cuza" Police Academy – Bucharest, the only authority which has the accreditation on national level.
7. Army's Historical Service has over 100 km. of archive, a specialized library, a library of photographs, a collection of tapes, a collection of documentary films, and a collection of microfilms.
8. The archival documents are examined in accordance with the Guide of the preservation terms and eliminated, after a close and thoroughly inspection, after their preservation term had expired.
9. The archival fonds have the permanent finding aids, which can be studied in accordance with the law.
10. The historic archive is in a process of declassification, in agreement with the law.
11. Microfilming protects the main archival fonds.
12. Starting with 2009, the process of digitalization of archive has been initiated by our institution.
13. Army's Historical Service has a homepage on the site of Ministry of National Defense (www.defence.ro/sia/index.htm; www.presamil.ro).
14. There is not the case.
15. Military Historic Service carries on its activity in accordance the Law no. 16/1996 of the National Archives; Law no 544/2001 regarding the free access to the information of public interest; Law no. 182/2002 concerning the protection of the classified



information and also in agreement with the internal regulations. The Central Historic National Archives establish the fees and our institution acts in accordance with them.

16. There is not the case.

17. Army's Historical Service cooperates with the Central Historic National Archives, the main universities and the research institutes, museums and national libraries.

18. There is not the case



SWEDEN:

News from the Military Archives of Sweden

Reported by Ulf Söderberg (Stockholm)

Questionnaire; 2009-05-29, KrA dnr 39-2009/885

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3. Ulf Söderberg retires 2009-08-31 after 13 years as Director and total 32 years in the Military Archives.
His successor will be senior archivist Mrs Karin Åström Iko. However, she will have a baby this summer and acting director during a year will be senior archivist Mr Jan Dahlström. Both Karin and Jan have worked for many years in the Military Archives.
4. Det förgångnas närvaro. (The presence of the past). 14 historical essays. Meddelanden från Krigsarkivet XXIX. 2008. 160 pp. The essays are written by employees of The Military Archives.
5. Arkivens dag (The day of the archives) on a Saturday in November 2008. Many Nordic archival institutions are open and have program as lectures and exhibitions and shows for the visitors. This is an annual event.
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7. There are nearly always transfers to us; from a
8. uthorities or private persons and associations. Lately we have received quite extensive transfers from The Swedish Defence Material Administration.
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10. We are always working with these things. The main thing today is to register all the inventories to the Swedish digital archival system called Arkis. This work has been going on for a long time and we understand that many researchers use this tool before they come to the archival institution.
11. This is a great and a bit troublesome issue for us. We have many, many classified records (secret and top secret). And the Swedish law says that a document is classified at most for 40, 70 or 150 (!) years. Many researchers want to have access to classified records. That means that we very often must decide if a researcher is allowed to get this access. There is maybe no secrecy today. We sometimes confer with the Armed Forces or other authorities. In a few cases, if the record still is top secret, the Government makes the decision. All this is difficult and takes a lot of time.
12. We go on with the digitalisation project concerning our older maps.
12-14. –
15. The National Archives has, after many years of discussions, issued a new regulation how to organize the records (RA-FS 2008:4). It is quite a paradigmatic shift.
- 16-18. –



Switzerland:

**News regarding the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport –
Library am Guisanplatz**

Reported by Stefan Schaerer (Bern)

Online publications, exhibitions, digitalization projects, description:

The Library Am Guisanplatz (Bibliothek am Guisanplatz – BiG), former Federal Military Library (Eidgenössische Militärbibliothek – EMB), keeps a collection of more than 2000 military post cards from the 19th and 20th centuries. It is one of the most important military post card collections of Switzerland.

The post cards are online available on the website of the Library. The collection was digitalized in 2007, and is listed within a data-base, so that you can search the data-base for required items.

Downloads (showing obverse and reverse) are available free of charge.

Because of file size, high resolution TIFF files have to be ordered by e-mail and will then be forwarded to you on CD-ROM.

See: www.guisanplatz.ch

<http://www.mediathek.admin.ch/MediaStart.aspx?Context=BiG&Filter=MilitaerPostkarten>

When using your data base and collection for publication purposes, please, refer to the provenience: Military post card collection of the Library Am Guisanplatz.

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