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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. 15 (2010 / 1 - spring / summer edition).

The Newsletters contains – as a completion of Mars & Janus No. 14 – the paper of Warren Sinclair (Canada) from the CAM-meeting 2009 in Porto.

For the main we offer the result of the questionnaire which was sent out on 4 February 2010: NATIONAL REPORTS from Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland, Portugal, and Romania. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

The next issue of our Newsletter, MARS & JANUS No. 16 (2010 / 2 - fall/winter edition), will contain the minutes and papers of the CAM meeting from 29 August 2010 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Yours sincerely,

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WELCOME TO THE CAM MEETING 2010 AT THE XXXVI INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MILITARY HISTORY IN AMSTERDAM (NETHERLANDS)

Dear colleagues,

Once more, you are cordially invited to attend the meeting 2010 of the Comité des Archives Militaires (CAM) during the XXXVI International Conference of Military History of the Commission Internationale d'Histoire Militaire Comparée (CIHM).

As usual, we'll meet at the venue indicated in the invitation of the Netherlands Commission of Military History, on the Sunday starting the annual CIHM conference. That is Sunday 29 August 2010, 10.30 h in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Website for the conference: www.cihm2010.nl

The agenda of our meeting:

Elections to the executive board:

1. election of a new President of CAM for the period 2010-2015
2. election of a new Secretary General of CAM for the same period

Topics to discuss:

- *29 August 1990 – 29 August 2010: CAM's 20 today! Happy Birthday!*
- *The enigmatic silence of the official documents*
- *How to improve our website? - military archives on the internet*

I'm looking forward to seeing you this summer in Amsterdam!

Best regards,

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THE 20-YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Dear colleagues,

On August 29th, 1990 in Madrid at the XVI International Congress of Military History, the Archives Committee was founded.

20 years later, exact to a day, on August 29th, 2010 in Amsterdam at the XXXVI International Congress of Military History, we will celebrate the 20-years anniversary of our committee.

So we take this opportunity to go back in the history of this professional board.

During the previous 20 years our committee was chaired by **5** presidents:

- 1990-1992: Eric Norberg (Sweden)
- 1992-2000: Manfred Kehrig (Germany)
- 2000-2002: Hans Christian Bjerg (Denmark)
- 2002-2005: Rudolf Jaun (Switzerland)
- 2005 ff.: Hans-Joachim Harder (Germany)

A short outline of our achievements:

In 1984, at the 10th International Congress on Archives in Bonn, a *Workings Group on Military Archives* came into existence in the frame of the International Council on Archives (ICA).

In 1989, on the initiative of this workings group, the first *Guide to Military Archives* was published by the Krigsarkivet in Stockholm.

In 1990, the activities on military archives of the ICA were taken over by the Military Archives Committee in the frame of the International Commission of Military History. Chairman was Eric Norberg (Stockholm), secretary general Igor Wenkow (Moscow).

Since 1990, with a few exceptions, CAM-meetings were held every year in the frame of the International Congresses of Military History. On these meetings various important topics on military archives' activities could be discussed.

Since 1993 we published our newsletter once or twice a year: 13 editions of the *Military Archival Newsletter* (MANL), and 15 of *MARS & JANUS*, altogether 28 editions.

In 1995 the *Working Group on Military Archives* in the frame of the ICA came into existence again, at last even as *Provisional Section on Military Archives* (SML).



So, until 2002, we had two international acting bodies on military archives: the CAM within the CIHM and the SLM within the ICA.

Since 2002, our commission is again the only world-wide acting panel for military archives' activities.

In 2003 our interactive internet guide *Military Archives International* went online on the website of the Swiss Federal Department of Defence, containing at last entries from 61 archival institutions.

At the present our committee is in contact with members of 34 national commissions of the today's 39 national commissions of the CIHM.

The mailing list of our secretariat contains about 80 institutions and / or colleagues from these 34 commissions who receive our newsletter and are informed about our activities.

Delegates of 16 commissions are working continuously with our committee and / or participate in the annual CAM-meetings.

At our meetings we have an averagely number of 20 participants.

Since 2009, papers on archival topics are presented not only at the CAM-meetings but also at panels of the scientific program of the International Congresses of Military History.

So, there is a whole string of reasons to be proud of our work in the past, and I'm sure that our committee will have also fruitful results of co-operation in the future.

Dr. Christoph TEPPERBERG
Secretary General
CAM / CIHM



APPENDIX TO THE CAM MEETING 2009 IN PORTO:

“If it is not online, it is not visible!” – The Growing Importance of Digitization and Military Records at Library and Archives Canada and the Directorate of History and Heritage Archives (DHH), by Warren Sinclair (Ottawa)

The search for family history has captivated generations of Canadians, and is growing in popularity and appeal as more and more Canadians seek to connect with their past. To date Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and its predecessor institutions have become an important resource and partner in delivering genealogy services and products, based on federally-held genealogy records, and to help Canadians and others learn about their roots. The success and further potential of family history is told by LAC visitor numbers, the products and services delivered by the Canadian Genealogy Centre attract 60% of LAC in-person users. [Footnote] This success is mirrored in provincial, local and religious archives where genealogists also form the largest body of users.

Genealogy is an important strategic tool for LAC. Creating a focus around genealogy gives LAC a unique opportunity to reach many new audiences who are interested in genealogy, and at the same time encourage them to go beyond the name on a family tree.

The LAC collections provides resources to acquire and understand a family’s history. They can show Canadians who they and where they come from through photographs, maps, letters, diaries, portraits, etc. Moreover, LAC leads users to relevant holdings and connect its holdings to the genealogist’s inquiry in a user-friendly and easily accessible manner.

LAC uses the appeal and draw of genealogy as the primary drawing card to the LAC collections, and shows how genealogy can serve the LAC goal of making its documentary heritage collection known and accessible. It is one of the key resources for genealogy in Canada. LAC genealogy products and services are popular and well – subscribed. An estimated 60% of the more than 50,000 annual visitors to LAC headquarters pursue personal genealogy. Written requests alone exceeded 8,000 in 2006-07, almost double the total number received in 2004-05. Online access for genealogy information is increasing – 365,542 visits were recorded in 2003-04, increasing to 657,244 in 2004-05 and to an estimated 1.2 million in 2005-06 and finally to 1.5 million in 2006-07. Web surveys have showed that between 16 and 32% of LAC website visitors were looking for genealogy information. More importantly a 2002 survey reported that 48% of respondents interested in genealogy were between 18 and 34 years of age. [Footnote]

More and more Canadians are online. We turn to the internet as our resource of first choice for information to obtain services. Expectations are high as web generation users want the information they seek to be online, instantly available and preferably free. In this era of powerful search engines, wireless internet connectivity, online communities and handheld devices, access to a vast wealth of information is easier than ever before.

Digital information is created everywhere, stored everywhere and consumed everywhere. Almost all Canadians now create digital content of one type or another as part of their daily lives, and there are as many types of digital information as there are



reasons for creating it. Most traditional media types are now available in digital formats, such as books, journals and newspapers; government publications, documents and records; audio recordings; manuscripts, archival collections and their finding aids; film, video and broadcast content; photographs; maps and atlases; etc. Most of these forms of content have been significantly transformed, and continue to evolve, in the shift to digital. To this diverse body of digital information is added a range of new forms of online-only content such as email, websites, web databases, blogs, webmaps, etc. Often this material is more ephemeral, more participative, more fluid and inherently web-based.

The digital environment offers new opportunities to improve information access. This is accomplished through the expansion of access programs available through public institutions such as libraries, schools and other community centres. Users are brought together with the content they seek through powerful global search engines, specialized retrieval and aggregation services and links from other websites. In Canada there are a number of specialized portals for different types of information resources: Artefacts Canada for museum holdings; Amicus for Canadian library holdings and Archives Canada for archival collection holdings. These national portals and access tools are valuable and provide coverage of the digital information available in Canada.

Clearly there is a significant market and great potential to further expand genealogy in Canada, and in doing so, to make known the LAC and DHH collections, especially via the web. This should be done by exploiting the interest of genealogists – novice or experienced – through clear links to the collections of both archives. As more Canadians have access to the internet at home and in schools the Web will be the primary tool for serving genealogists and managing the growing number of information requests.

The LAC Genealogy strategy is targeted at genealogists, the primary audience for the strategy. The components of the audience include: amateur genealogists with a range of expertise (from novices to experts); professional genealogists; and genealogical organizations and associations. The strategy also aims to expand its clientele beyond genealogical researchers, to a variety of potential audiences with related interests, including educators and students of military history, veterans and military organizations. This potential group is very important as it is and will be a significant audience in the LAC Genealogy strategy. It is important to note that the Soldiers of the First World War is the most popular database online for the LAC's Canadian Genealogical Centre. [Footnote]

Depending upon the war in which they served, military records might predate vital records (birth, death and marriage) and might provide information found nowhere else. Military records include a wide range of documents that provide information about the families of men and women who served in the military. These records include service records, muster rolls, pension applications and payment records, Crown land files, attestation papers, military periodicals, war diaries, court martial records, cemetery records, etc. Each record type provides different information and genealogists have found that by consulting multiple types of military records, they were better able to fully document the lives of their ancestors. More meat to the bones. The information found could include: name of spouse, name of nearest relative, physical description, place of



birth, full name, where buried, company, regiment, rank, serial number, etc.; country of origin, literacy, employer, date of birth, amount of pension, current address, and family relationships.

At the federal level LAC serves as the archives for the records of the Government of Canada, including the Dept. of National Defence and the Canadian Forces, as well as the repository for copies of government publications that document the published history of the country. It has been actively involved in addressing the issues associated with the acquisition, preservation and ongoing accessibility of the digital information of archival value that forms the documentary heritage of the country.

The following military databases are available on the LAC website:

I. Pre-First World War

A. North West Mounted Police (NWMP) – Personnel Record, 1873-1904

The personnel files are a rich source of information for studies of the police and their responsibilities, for the evolution and development of Western Canada and the Yukon Territory. The files often contain personal correspondence, clippings and other information about the individual long after he took his discharge from the Mounted Police. They offer insight into the workings of a frontier police force as well as 19th century government. These files provide us with insight into the lives of more than 4000 men who served with the NWMP.

B. Soldiers of the South African War (1899-1902)

The South African War is a key event in the military history of Canada. It marked the first occasion for which Canada dispatched troops to an overseas war. A total of 7,368 Canadians and 12 Nursing sisters served in South Africa. This research tool brings together three groups of records pertaining to the South African War: the service files, medal registers and land grant applications

II. First World War

A. Soldiers of the First World War

The Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) is an index to the personnel files. To date over 800,000 images of attestation papers have been scanned and are made available online. The search results yields the person's full name, place of birth, present address, name, address and relationship of next of kin, occupation or trade, marital status, literacy, age physical description, and religion, and if a current member of active militia and previous military service.

B. Courts-Martial of the First World War

Court martials were legal bodies that were convened to determine the guilt or innocence of accused men and women. Courts martial had the authority to try a wide range of military offences, many of which closely resembled civilian crimes like fraud, theft or perjury. Others like desertion and cowardice were purely military crimes. Military defences were defined in the British Army Act.



C. War Diaries of the First World War

This database contains the digitized War Diaries of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) units. The database contains the digitized war diaries of all infantry, artillery and cavalry units of the CEF between 1914-1919. It also contains the war diaries of the Corps, Division and Brigade Headquarters as well as other units such as railway, medical and forestry troops. The database provides open, free access to all interested researchers and is a prime source on the history of the First World War. There are over 350,000 images.

III. Second World War

A. Faces of War

The database features photographs of men and women who served in the Canadian Forces during the Second World War. The photographs were taken from the DND collection and depict every aspect of military life during the Second World War. There are at present 2500 images representing each branch of the Canadian Forces: Army, Navy and Air Force.

B. Second World War Service Files: Canadian Armed Forces War Dead

Over 1,159,000 men and women served in the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second War; 44,093 lost their lives. This research tool provided access to references to their service files in the Dept. of National Defence fonds (RG 24).

IV. Resources (Portals)

A. Canada at War: A Guide to Library and Archives Canada's Websites Recalling the Canadian War Experience

The site leads a researcher to many resources available on LAC's website, exploring Canada's contribution to military and peacekeeping operations at home and around the world. Each of the links contained in the website will lead one to a virtual exhibition or a database of primary documents. The website commemorates Canadian sacrifices in all wars and military actions, but particularly those lost in the First World War.

B. From Colony to County: A Reader's Guide to Canadian Military History

The website is divided into ten subsections that contains texts, notes and bibliographic references. They include:

- General references
- Government and the military
- Troops and Traditions
- Personal Stories
- Aboriginal Peoples
- Multicultural Communities
- Women
- Art, Music and Literature
- Commemorations
- Web Research



C. Lest We Forget Project: First World: First World War Cenotaph Research

Content includes “Notes for Teachers”, “Student Guidelines”, “Galleries” and “Further Research” sections

D. Military Record and Service Files

LAC holds extensive collections of military records. Includes sections pertaining to the period for type of records of interest to researchers. Each section provides information about available sources, links to relevant databases and links to websites of other institutions that hold military records.

V. Virtual Exhibitions

A. Oral Histories of the First World War: Veterans 1914-1918

LAC in partnership with Veteran Affairs Canada and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) presented the virtual exhibit. The web exhibit is based on the CBC’s radio broadcasts “In Flanders Field”, a series of one-on-one interviews with veterans of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF), which aired from November 11, 1964 to March 7 1965. The website is organized into seven themes: Second Ypres, Vimy Ridge, War in the Air, The Somme, Trench warfare, Passchendaele and Perspectives on War.

The Web exhibition features a sampling of digitized radio recordings taken from the CBC’s reel-to-reel audio tape of the radio broadcast “In Flanders Field”.

B. The Battle of Passchendaele: Resources at Library and Library Archives Canada

This exhibition brings together the online resources of LAC for the battle of Passchendaele, including photographs, maps, war diaries and stories of soldiers who fought in the battle. Other LAC online exhibitions about the First World War and resources about Canada and War are also highlighted.

C. Through a Lens: Dieppe in Photographs and Film

The website contains photographic and film footage of Dieppe selected from the holdings of LAC. It features a timeline of events leading up to the raid on Dieppe, 2 newsreels produced by the Nazi regime, 6 newsreels produced by the Canadian Film and Photo Unit, an image gallery, as well as Educational Resources for students at the intermediate and secondary level. The newsreels are accompanied by French and English transcripts.

The Directorate of History and Heritage

I. The History and Archives Section (DHH2)

A. Official Histories: Released / Published Projects

Includes 21 historical books published within the last few years and are available for download in .pdf format. Includes Official Histories of the Canadian Army in the First World War, the Second World War and the Korean War; the Naval Service of Canada; the Canadian Medical Services; and the Royal Canadian Air Force. Also includes: the history of Canadian Naval Aviation, 1918-1962; the Canadian Naval Operations in



Korean waters, 1950-1955; and the Report of the Ministry Overseas Military Forces of Canada, 1918.

B. General Histories: Released / Published Projects

Includes 18 online records available for download in .pdf format. Some of the published volumes include: Peacekeeping 1815 to Today (1995); Canada's Army in Korea: The United Nations Operations, 1950-53, and their Aftermath; French Canadians and Bilingualism in the Canadian Forces (2 volumes); Canadian Military History Since the 17th Century; Canadian Military Heritage (3 volumes – 1000-2000; and A Sketch Account of Aboriginal Peoples in the Canadian Military (2004).

C. Commemorative Histories

Includes 3 online records available for download in .pdf format. Includes the following volumes: The Armed Forces of Canada (1967); Liberation: The Canadian s in Europe (1995); and Canada and the Battle of Vimy Ridge, 9-12 April 1917 (1992).

D. Canadian Military Headquarters (CMHQ) Reports

During the Second World War the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force appointed Historical Officers to produce reports for future records and to form the basis of future Canadian Military Official Histories. The most formal and comprehensive collection of reports were researched and written by Canadian Military Historical officers at the Canadian Military Headquarters in London, England during 1940-1948. 188 CMHQ reports have been completed and are available for download in .pdf format.

E. Victoria Cross Gallery

The British Victoria Cross was awarded to Canadians during several conflicts between the creation of the award and the end of the Second World War. The VC was awarded to 91 members of Canada's military forces (out of a total of 1,351 crosses and bars awarded throughout the British Empire). Only includes photographs and not the full citations to the awards.

F. Canadian Army Honours and Awards (1939-45)

This site contains scanned images in .pdf format of the original 54-volume Canadian Army Overseas honours and awards citations for the Second World wars. Records include nominations for officers, other ranks, civilians, supervisors and nursing sisters. The records are searchable by name and are available only in English

Hampered by a lack of resources, LAC has to consider how best to involve - onlypart5ners to supplement its own role in supporting the family history sector in Canada,

Partnerships are required at many levels.

Partnerships with libraries, archive services and museums can provide opportunities to link the clients to valuable genealogy resources.

Commercial firms can help increase indexing and expand digital holdings to add value to LAC's genealogy products and services.



NATIONAL REPORTS:

AUSTRIA:

NEWS FROM THE AUSTRIAN STATE ARCHIVES

Reported by Christoph Tepperberg (Vienna)

Death notices:

Hofrat Dr. Rainer Egger, MAS (1935-2009), deceased on 3 October 2009 in Berlin. He was director of the War Archives, vice director-general of the Austrian State Archives, lector at the University of Vienna, member of the Austrian Commission of Military History and contributor at several CAM-meetings, especially in the years 1996-2000;

See: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_36714/5164/default.aspx

A detailed biography will be published in the next edition of SCRINIUM (the periodical of the Association of Austrian Archivists).

Hofrat Dr. Kurt Peball, MAS (1928-2009), deceased on 7 November 2009 in Klosterneuburg. He was a scientific staff member of the War Archives, director of the Archives of the Republic, director-general of the Austrian State Archives and member of the Austrian Commission of Military History;

See: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_37126/5164/default.aspx

Colonel Prof. Dr. József Zachar (1943-2009), deceased on 9 December 2009 in Budapest. He was chief of the Hungarian Archives Delegation at the Vienna War Archives, vice director-general of the Hungarian Institute of Military History, professor at the University of Eger, president of the Hungarian Commission of Military History and, in the years 1993-1996, acting secretary general of the CAM.

Publications:

Allerhöchste Eisenbahn: 170 Jahre Nordbahn Wien – Brünn, ed. Gerhard Artl (Österreichisches Staatsarchiv) Fassbaender Wien 2009, 605, XVI pp.; ISBN: 978-3-902575-26-5; („High Time“. 170-Years Anniversary of the Northern Railroad Wien – Brünn / Vienna – Brno):

The railway line Wien – Brünn (Vienna – Brno), Austria's oldest railroad link, named after Emperor Ferdinand I. „*Kaiser Ferdinands Nordbahn*“, was opened on 7 July 1839. In the sequel, the network of the *Northern Railway Company* grew from 145 kilometers in 1839 to 1,300 kilometers in 1906, containing Olmütz (Olomouc), Krakau (Kraków), and Auschwitz (Oświęcim).

Mitteilungen des Österreichischen Staatsarchivs (Bulletin of the Austrian State Archives), vol. 53 / 2009 (492 pp.), containing articles about Polonica in Austrian Archives (p. 417-445), and the to-and-from of archival records between Austria and Italy (p. 455-478).



Acquisition of records, remarkable items:

Das Moskauer Sonderarchiv (The Muscovite Special Archive)

A full truckload of files transporting historical records, containing some military ones, left Moscow for Vienna in mid-June 2009. Russia returned to Austria this valuable records which Russian troops had looted during WW II.

The approximately 11,000 “fascicles” (bundles of files) are by no means all of them. Others are still being kept in Moscow, awaiting restitution. The Nazis had confiscated the archives during WW II, transported them to Berlin and from Berlin to Silesia, where they finally fell into the hands of the Russian troops.

For a long time it was unclear whether the documents still even existed. Not until the 1990s Austrian historians were able to obtain access to the “Special Archive”, stored in Moscow.

Gerhard Jagschitz and Stefan Karner published the book, “*Beuteakten aus Österreich*” (“Looted Austrian Historical Records”) in 2006.

In the meantime the records are stored in the Archives of the Republic, one department of the Austrian State Archives, where they are currently described and entered into the data base of the Austrian State Archives.

New finding aids:

Records of the War archives and other departments are currently entered into the *Archive Information System* (AIS), the global data base of the Austrian State Archives.

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 fortresses in Central Europe.

New facilities (shelving, storage, digitalisation facilities):

The repositories of the Austrian State Archives are furthermore re-equipped with space-saving compactus shelves.

Internet:

In 2009 an online-presentation on the topic „*Bilder zum Ersten Weltkrieg*“ (Pictures of World War One) was compiled by students of the University of Vienna and implemented on the website of the Austrian State Archives.

See: <http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/6771/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; interesting items during the last year:

September 2009: Friedensvertrag Saint-Germain - Karte der Abstimmungsgebiete in Kärnten (Treaty of Saint-Germain-en-Laye 1919 – map of the voting-areas in Carinthia); presented by Dieter Lautner, Archives of the Republic;
see: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_36288/5164/default.aspx

October 2009: Die Belagerung von Olmütz 1758 (The siege of Olomouc 1757); presented by Bernhard Wenning and Robert Rill, War Archives);
see: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_36563/5164/default.aspx

December 2009: Andreas Hofers letzter Brief an Erzherzog Johann (Andreas Hofer's last letter to archduke John); presented by Ernst Petritsch, House-, Court- and State Archives; see: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_37365/5164/default.aspx

April 2010: “Ein Feldmarschall auf Freiersfüßen”: love letters of Franz Conrad von Hötzendorf (1852- 1925), chief of the general staff of the Austro-Hungarian armed forces during World War One; presented by Bernhard Wenning, War Archives;
See: http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/cob_38873/5164/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, newly containing even mailing addresses of the candidates (authors), is currently actualized by Christoph Tepperberg, War Archives;
See: <http://www.oesta.gv.at/site/5006/default.aspx> (last document)

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.



CANADA:

NEWS FROM THE DIRECTORATE OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE (DHH) ARCHIVES FOR 2009, Reported by Valerie Casbourn, on behalf of Warren Sinclair (Ottawa)

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

Warren Sinclair, the Chief Archivist, will attend the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia in June 2010.

2. Educational service (training courses)

Warren Sinclair, the Chief Archivist, has been taking French language courses with Alliance Française since September 2007. In November 2009 he began training with the French Language program in the Dept. of National Defence, to be completed in May 2010.

Valerie Casbourn, the Assistant Archivist, has attended several professional development workshops run by the Archives Association of Ontario. Topics included archival theory, public access to archival records, preservation management, emergency response and salvage of archival materials.

3. Acquisition of records (files, maps, photographs, motion pictures, tapes, discs, CD-ROMs, other electronic data), archival fonds, collections, personal papers, donations, deposits: exceptional quantities or remarkable items

2009/4 – Robert F. Linden collection [Radar and radar operators during the Second World War, in particular members of the Royal Canadian Air Force]

4. Arrangement and description, creation of new finding aids to important archival fonds

Finding Aid to the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) 181.003 Series (Official Reports & Summaries) Volumes 1-4 [Canada, Great Britain, United States, Others].

5. Microfilming projects, digitalisation projects

The card catalogue for the Document Collection has been scanned using OCR (Optical Character Recognition), and scanning the card catalogue for Kardex Collection using OCR is nearing completion. The long term goal is to create a database which will be available on the DHH website.

6. 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 at DHH continue to use Inmagic DBTextworks (Version 11) software for archival and library databases.



- At present there are 535 fonds level descriptions for DHH on Archeion (the online archival network for Ontario), an increase of 43 fonds level descriptions from last year. There are 396 fonds level descriptions for DHH on the Canadian Archival Information Network (CAIN) (the national archival network).
7. 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.

8. New co-operations with other institutions (archives, museums, libraries, data pools, research centres)

The DHH Archives continues to work with Library and Archives Canada (LAC) 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 2009-2010 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 Preservation Centre in Gatineau, Québec. Other tours included the Diefenbunker (Canada's Cold War Museum) and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Archives.

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

Students from the University of Ottawa have been working at DHH throughout 2009-2010. 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. Two or three students per term work for four-month co-op terms during the Winter, Summer and Fall. 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)

3. Appointments, new functions of single archivists

After the previous head of the Department of public relations, Mrs. Hrnčířová, had left the Archives for private business sphere on 30th April 2009, Mrs. Alena Jirásková, who had been responsible for administration and processing of fonds of Austria-Hungarian Army before, was appointed the head of the department, which encloses the reading-room, the photo archives and the lecturing. In 2009, two young archivists were taken-on permanently in the group of post-war collections. Two other young archivists temporarily replaced the colleagues, who are on maternity leave, and a new administrator of digitalized collections was appointed on 1st May 2009. On 31st December 2009, the Military Historical Archives had 20 archivists except of external work forces.

4. Remarkable exhibitions

On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of military archives in our country, a special exhibition was opened for the staff and visitors in the entry hall of the reading-room in April 2009, showing the history of military archives in general, various appointments and organisation reports and all the previous heads of the institution. The Archives was also presented in the international military trade and technical exhibition in Brno in May 2009. The successful temporal exhibition on the Czechoslovak legion in Russia was transferred from the Prague Castle to the military training centre in the castle of Komorní Hrádek near Prague and installed there permanently.

5. Events

Within the Days of European Cultural Heritage in the Czech Republic, an Open House Day was organized in the historical archive building, the former Invalid House, for public on 12th September 2009. The enormous interest of Prague citizens (more than 2000 people) overcame all expectations. The performance was mentioned by the mass media. On 14th May 2009 a big ceremony was given on the occasion of 90th anniversary of the foundation of military archives in general and 50th anniversary of the foundation of Military Historical Archives itself in our country in the Cultural House of the Ministry of Defence, containing information reports, decorating of active and retired archivists, cultural program. On 15th July 2009 our archivists Mr. Sluka and Ms. Pivcová were awarded the Distinguished Medals for Czech Archives by the Minister of Interior in the premises of National Archives together with other archivists from various Czech archives. Our archivists Mr. Minařík and Mr. Dubánek participated in the radio and TV program on border fortifications after 1945 and the stay of Soviet Army in Czechoslovakia after August 1968.



11.-12. Digitalisation

See the paper of Zuzana Pivcová from Porto in “Mars & Janus” No. 14 (Autumn 2009).

13. Data bases, indexing

Beside the frequently used data bases “Legionnaires” and “Killed Czech servicemen in the WWII”, the new data bases “Czechoslovak servicemen within Allied forces in the WW II” and “German POWs in Czechoslovakia after the WW II” (from the in 2002 flooded and then reconstructed register) started being compiled.

A completely new electronic indexing program was used for the creation of a finding book for the fonds “1st Czechoslovak Reserve Regiment in the Soviet Union (WW II)”. It was the first time, when the program was checked in the praxis.

17. Co-operation

Besides already existing contacts, the Archives started new co-operation with the Military Archives of the Republic of Serbia. Our representatives visited Belgrade to make themselves familiar with the Serbian archives and to find documents relating to the Czechoslovak military history.



GERMANY:

NEWS FROM THE BAVARIAN CENTRAL STATE ARCHIVES, DEP. IV: WAR ARCHIVES

Reported by Lothar Saupe (Munich)

The following new findings aids of the Bavarian War Archives are now available:

Ad 9: finding aids:

- Finding aids of Troops WW 1, newly described and entered into databases: Alpenkorps, Heeresgruppe Rupprecht, XV. Reservekorps, Stellvertretende Generalkommandos der bayerischen Armee (currently being continued):
- Bayerische Landespolizei (1920-1934), central offices
- Records of the Bavarian Army before 1900: Bauwesen (records on buildings of the Bavarian Army)

Ad 11: digitalisation projects:

Rosters of 1.400.000 Bavarian Soldiers of WW 1 digitised, and 1st portion available on the WWW over www.ancestry.de, remaining portions to follow by summer, autumn 2010.



ITALY:

NEWS FROM ITALIAN MILITARY ARCHIVES

Reported by Flavio Carbone (Rome)

ITALIAN ARMY HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. Historical Office Archives - Bulletin n° 17 -18 (2009) under publication.
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. Based on direct arrangements with the General Directorate for Military Personnel of the Ministry of Defense, documents that have not been selected for permanent storage, and are therefore planned for disposal, are being acquired. Personal files of prisoners of war repatriated after II World War are being acquired by the Rome Documentation Centre (former military district).
General Roberto SEGRE's Archive has been recently incorporated (it includes 3 linear metres of documents, photographs, publications and iconographic material ranging from the XX century to the eve of World War II).
8. N/A
9. The following fonds have been inventoried:
D 2, Operational documents and Various Reports of the Armed Forces Command, Somalia;
E 7, Medical papers from World War II;
F 4, Studies, Papers, Personnel Organization and Mobilization Branch circulars;
G17, 1859 Campaign;
G 24, General Staff Corps - Correspondence;
G 22, Eastern Theatre (Austrian Border);
G 28, General Staff Corps - Fields and Manoeuvres.
The restoration of bound documents belonging to the following fonds has been recently concluded: G 11 (Banditry) and G 17 (1859 Campaign) for a total of 9 volumes.
10. N/A
11. A project has been started for digitalizing 403 Historical Diaries from World War I.
12. N/A
13. N/A
14. N/A
15. N/A
16. N/A



17. N/A

18. A consistency list for fond B/4 as regards the first 7 Infantry Division has been recently drawn up by students from the LUISS University (Free International University for Social Studies) in the context of an educational apprenticeship.



ITALIAN NAVY HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. Historical Volumes recently published: Italian Navy Torpedo Ships (1875-1917) – Italian Navy Submarines and Amphibious Assault Boats – The former Royal Italian Naval Aviation.
5. Seminary on Military History and Archives, Rome November 2009.
6. N/A
7. Acquisition of three remarkable donations by heirs of Admiral Papili (books and documents on Italian and some foreign navies), Admiral Sechi (documents) and Admiral Trebiliani (documents and uniforms).
8. N/A
9. N/A
10. N/A
11. N/A
12. N/A
13. N/A
14. N/A
15. N/A
16. N/A
17. N/A
18. Four retired ITN Admirals permanently employed for editing of historical books and essays.



ITALIAN AIR FORCE HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. Italian Aviation; One Hundred Years of Flight. The Historical Office has contributed to and cooperated in numerous exhibitions, events, book publications and meetings organized by academic and cultural institutions. All the above activities were undertaken in parallel with editing and printing editions of books edited by the Historical Office of the Air Force itself (see on-line catalogue: www.aeroutica.difesa.it).
5. Participation and presentation in the seminar titled "Versamenti e acquisizione di documentazione negli istituti di conservazione delle Forze Armate (1969-1999-2009)" (Transfers and acquisitions of documents in the Armed Forces Institutes of Conservation (1969-1999-2009) organized by La Sapienza University of Rome and by the military Historical Offices at the Library of the Villa Torlonia Academy of Science.
6. An officer (Captain) has started a course on Archival science and Palaeography organized by the Rome State Archives. The officer has obtained the certificate of archivist and is undergoing on-the-job-training. An internal course on the use of GEA archival software is planned to start in the short period.
7. Personal and flight log books of Air Force personnel born between 1900 and 1925. Flight accidents up to 1966. Personal files of pilots from World War I Flight Schools. Important fonds from private donations such as the Fond of "General Mario Ajmone-Cat", the first Chief of Staff of the Republican Air Force.
8. N/A
9. Personal and flight log books of Air Force personnel born between 1900 and 1925. Flight accidents up to 1966. Personal files of pilots from World War I Flight Schools. Important fonds from private donations such as the Fond of "General Mario Ajmone-Cat", the first Chief of Staff of the Republican Air Force.
World War I Period
 - the Origins
 - World War I (series "Air Force Sections, Branches and Commands")
 - World War I (series "Air Force Flight")
 - World War I (series "Air Force Squadrons")
 - World War I (series "Miscellany")
 - AirshipsIntermediate Period
 - Inventory/identification of the Historical Office fonds
 - Chronological (1921-1935)
 - "Historical Office" (1926-1978)
 - Seaplane "Maddalena" (1931-1935)
 - Seaplane "Guidoni" (1932-1935)
 - General Directorate for Constructions and Procurement (1927-1940)
 - Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)



World War II Period

- Super airplane (1939-1943), series:
 “DCH- Italian-German cooperation; DCHG- Situation reports and bulletins concerning German forces and operations; TEC-files concerning technical issues; AB-Albania; AOI-Italian East Africa; CAI- Italian Air Corps in Germany; EG- Files on the Aegean Sea; FR- Files on France; GR- Files on Greece; LT- Files on Libya and Tunisia; RE-Cooperation with the Royal Army; RU- Files concerning C.S.I.R. and A.R.M.I.R.; SA- Files on Sardinia and Corsica; SD-Slovenia and Dalmatia; SL- Sicily and Pantelleria; S1-1ST Squadra; S2-2nd Squadra; S3-3rd Squadra; S4-4th Squadra; OG-Orders, News and Bulletins; SIL -torpedo boats, VA-Miscellany, ARP- Metropolitan and Overseas Airports; CIAF- French-Italian Armistice Commission; PR12-Gathering Plan 12; INF-Intelligence Services of the Armed Forces. GAM- Air-Sea War; SAS- Special Air Services.
- Air Force Staff I Division (Series “1940” and “1941”)
- Co-belligerency (1943-1945)
- SIOS
- Social Republic (1943-1945)

10. N/A

11. Project of digitalization of World War II Historical Diaries (some 300 diaries from 1940 have been digitalized so far), of the historical-photographic albums (120 albums, concerning the period from 1890 to 1950 so far) and of World War II aerial photographs (some 1500 photos of the former German Ally on the African territory have been catalogued and scanned so far). Project nr. 36-38 for the digitalization of photographs from the Spanish Civil War and from the War in Africa falling within the reorganization of archival fonds (2010-2011).
12. The Study Room has been redesigned to include four stations plus one on-site station for accessing reorganized fonds; possibility of acquiring digital copies through own equipment and duplication service on a payment basis; cabinet for bags and personal belongings up to 5 people. Adjacent library, newspaper library, cafeteria service. Reserved toilets.
13. The Historical Office has recently adopted a new software for total management of the historical archives including 4 client stations (with the following functions: administrator, archivist and user) plus one server; this software, originally developed by DATAMAT, belongs to "BAICR.-archivi del novecento" company. This software is used in current archival activities; previously catalogued fonds are being transferred and the relevant results are being harmonized and analyzed. At the intranet and internet levels, the newly created *home page* is under implementation; arrangements are underway to release updated archival inventories on the web.
14. International standards (ISAR ISAD) are being adopted for all archival activities.
15. The new “Regulations concerning access to the Historical Office Archives and Library” (SMA-GEN 001 2007 edition, also *on line*) have been worked out and published; the “Plan for the Conservation of the Air Force historical documentation” is being studied and worked out in order to regulate the periodical transfer to the Historical Office of the Air Force new and deposited documentation (also in digital format).



16. N/A
17. Cooperation with the Rome National Library, the Historical Archives of the Quirinal , the Central Archives of the State , the National Aerofototeca (Italy's National Aerial Photography Archives), the German Archaeological Institute, the Vienna Kriegsarchiv, Essen Museum (D) which has borrowed two historical-photograph albums for an exhibition on European Colonialism which is still open.
18. Cooperation contracts with single external archivists (some 5/6 people/year) or archival company for cataloguing and inventorying the fonds.



THE CARABINIERI HISTORICAL OFFICE

Carabinieri Historical Office – Carabinieri Headquarters
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The Historical Office was founded in 1965 as a section of another Office inside the Carabinieri General Headquarters. After some change of position in the Carabinieri main organisation, the Historical Office was under the direct control of the Deputy Carabinieri Commander. Nowadays, the Historical Office is organised in two sections: the task of the first section is oriented to carabinieri history studies and to preserve a very important document in the Italian military history tradition: the “memorie storiche”, a synthesis of all the activities led by a unit during last year. The task of the second section is based on the harvest of documents to implement the historical archives of the entire Carabinieri organisation. At the moment, the historical archive section is based on a library, a documentoteca that contains documents reorganised on chronological basis, a small photography archive and a small archive based on the Archival rules.

1. Change of location (relocations, new buildings) N.A.
2. Change of the archival or organisational structure N.A.
3. Appointments, new functions of single archivists N.A.
4. Remarkable publications, editions, guides, exhibitions N.A.
5. Events, public relations (open house days, conferences, symposiums, broadcastings, telecasts, press reports)

During 2009, the Historical Office personnel presented many papers in conferences, symposiums and seminars. From the archival point of view, the Carabinieri Historical Office participated in two different seminars organised together with the University of Rome, Institute for Archivists and Librarians. The seminars held in Rome, on 16th June 2009 based on topic: “the bulletins on Military archives: history, actual situation, perspectives” and on 26th November 2009 dal titolo: “Acquisition of papers in the Armed Forces Archives”.

Educational service (training courses)

6. Acquisition of records (files, maps, photographs, motion pictures, tapes, discs, CD-ROMs, other electronic data), archival fonds, collections, personal papers, donations, deposits: exceptional quantities or remarkable items N.A.
7. Destruction (disposal) of records (archival fonds, personnel files, etc.) N.A.
8. Arrangement and description, creation of new finding aids to important archival fonds N.A.



9. Declassification of records (archival fonds, collections, personal papers, etc.) N.A.
10. Microfilming projects, digitalisation projects N.A.
11. New facilities and implementation of technical equipment for repositories, working areas, reading rooms, restoration laboratories, photo studios, etc. (shelving, storage containers, computers, reader-printers, digitalisation facilities, etc.) N.A.
12. Experience with new software for indexing (description), data bases, local and global networks, internet and/or intranet, homepages N.A.
13. Rules of description: ISAD(G) of the ICA, other self made rules or special rules which are in use in military institutions N.A.
14. Change of regulations (archival laws, ordinances), especially for access and fees N.A.
15. Implementation of new work methods N.A.
16. New co-operations with other institutions (archives, museums, libraries, data pools, research centres) N.A.
17. Employment of external work force (servicemen, students, volunteers, retirees, etc.) N.A.



THE ITALIAN “GUARDIA DI FINANZA” HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

1. The Museo Storico della Guardia di Finanza is located in the building of the General Headquarters of Guardia di Finanza in Piazza Armellini n.20 Rome. It concerns and cooperates with the “Historical Office” of General Headquarters in historical research. The Historical Archives are one of the part of the Museo Storico.
2. To accomplish its mission, the staff of the Museo Storico della Guardia di Finanza has the following missions:
Research and historical studies; purchase and restore of the historical heirloom.
Moreover the staff ménages the Library and the photographic’s archive.
3. General Luciano Luciani is the President of the Museo Storico della Guardia di Finanza, Capitan Gerardo Severino is the Director of the Museo Storico della Guardia di Finanza.
4. The Museo Storico publishes annually the review “Bollettino d’Archivio”, a bulletin creating with documents coming from our archives. The Museo Storico published a museum’s catalogue; moreover the Museo Storico annually publishes books about the history of Guardia di Finanza. The Museo Storico publishes the “Acts” about meetings organized by Museo Storico.
5. In 2009 the Museo Storico organized and participated at the following events:
 - “Il contrabbando quale fonte di finanziamenti della criminalità organizzata di stampo mafioso” Palermo 17-19 Novembre 2009,
 - Seminario di Studi “Gli aiuti ai profughi ebrei e ai perseguitati – il ruolo della Guardia di Finanza 1943 -1945”. Ferrara, 29 gennaio 2009;
 - Convegno di studi “Foibe e testimoni della verità 1943 – 1945”. Vallo della Lucania (Salerno), 28 marzo 2009;
 - “La Guardia di Finanza nella guerra di Liberazione: collaboratori con il C.L.N.A.I. e il C.V.L. nell’Italia occupata”, l’Università degli Studi di Firenze – facoltà di Scienze Politiche, 21 aprile 2009;
 - “Le Nuove Forze Armate nella Guerra di Liberazione 1943 -1945”. Roma, 20 maggio 2009;
 - “La pubblicistica in materia di archivistica militare: storia, attualità, prospettive”. Roma, 16 giugno 2009.
6. From 2006 November 6 to 2007 February 12, the Museo Storico with the Archival School of University “La Sapienza” of Rome organized a specialized training course for the staff of Museo Storico.
7. Periodically the Museo Storico receives old documents coming from our barracks moreover the Museo Storico buys heirloom for its exhibition.
In the 2009 an important stock of books was given to the Museo Storico by the family of General Meccariello, an important studios of military history.
8. N/A
9. The archival fonds have the permanent finding aids, which can be studied in accordance with the law.



10. Part of the historic archive is in a process of declassification, in agreement with the law.
11. Starting with 2009, the process of digitalization of most valuable old film and VHS has been initiated by our staff. With this project the preservation and the access will be improved.
12. N/A
13. The Museo Storico has a homepage on the site of Guardia di Finanza http://www.gdf.it/La_storia_del_Corpo/Museo_storico/index.html.
14. N/A
15. N/A
16. N/A
17. N/A
18. N/A



POLAND

NEWS FROM THE CENTRAL MILITARY ARCHIVES (CAW)

Reported by the Directorate of CAW (Warsaw)

Questionnaire

1. The same location
2. –
3. The CAW (Centralne Archiwum Wojskowe) deputy was appointed to The Archival Council
4. Publications:
 - “Archival and Historical Annual of CAW” nr 2/31
 - “September 1939 Soldiers”
 - “Society and Polish Army in view of war risk”
 - “Rules and methods of the General Staff Second Department activity” – reprint

Planned publications:

- “September soldiers: died and murdered in the East”

Films (cooperation – archival materials and photographs)

- polish air forces in September 1939 – TVP History
- gen. Aleksander Żabczyński – TVP Warsaw
- Citadel in Warsaw – TVP Warsaw
- National Defence Found – TVP Trwam

5. There were several excursions of students and office workers
6. The annual 1st degree archival course
7. Acquisition of the fund of the Military Historical Research Bureau. Several donations from private persons.
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11. The Upper Silesia Uprisings fund was microfilmed
12. Upgrading the digital equipment, new scanners
13. Data bases:



- IZA Inventories of archival fonds
 - SEZAM List of archival fonds
 - ETAT – military institutions and units structure
 - WSWoj. – information and photographs of graduates of the Military Higher School
 - TAP – personal records of Polish Army officers 1943-2009
14. –
15. Edict of the Council of Ministers of June 3rd, 2008;
Order by the Minister of National Defence no 28 of September 30, 2008
16. –
17. Cooperation with Polish Press Agency, Museum of the Polish Army, The Head Office of the State Archives
18. CAW provides student's training to students of archival subject from many polish universities



PORTUGAL I:

NEWS FROM THE MILITARY HISTORICAL ARCHIVES (AHM)

Reported by Carlos Alberto Borges da Fonseca (Lisbon)

1. Change of location

No change. Same as last year.

2. Change of the archival or organizational structure

No change. Same as last year.

3. Appointments, new function of single archivists

No change. Same as last year.

4. Publications, editions, guides

No change. Same as last year.

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 2009 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

In 2008 records were made following the entry of documentation offered by various individuals or coming from military units, as mentioned below:

- i. Photos of the Colonial War in Mozambique (1963/67);
- ii. Photo Album of the BCaç 158 (Battalion of Hunters) – Angola;
- iii. Serigraphs of fortresses in Angola made by Neves e Sousa and Alves de Sousa (1941/57);
- iv. Photos of the Battalion of Health Service (1981/99);
- v. Photos of military vehicles (1907);
- vi. Military maps of Portugal with the following scales: 1:25 000 and 1:50 000;
- vii. Photos of the Coimbra Recruitment Center (1989/2003);
- viii. Records and newspaper clippings of the revolt in Índia (1948/50);



- 8. Destruction**
No change. Same as last year.
- 9. Arrangement and description**
In late 2008 AHM initiated a project that lasted until 2009 sponsored by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation for cleaning and restoration of glass negatives and description of positives. These issues are part of an iconographic fund that consists of several photographic series, among which stands out for its size and historical interest the Portuguese participation in Flanders (France) during World War I, made by the Portuguese photographer Arnaldo Garcês.
Also at the end of 2008 AHM started another project sponsored by Santander Totta for description of an extensive documentary collection consisting of logbooks and registration of military units of the Portuguese Army (between the eighteenth and the twentieth century). This project was concluded in 2009 and will continue in subsequent years.
- 10. Declassification of records**
No change. Same as last year.
- 1. 11. Digitalization projects**
In late 2008 AHM initiated a project that lasted until 2009 sponsored by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation for scanning negatives and positives. These issues are part of an iconographic fund that consists of several photographic series, among which stands out for its size and historical interest the Portuguese participation in Flanders (France) during World War I, made by the Portuguese photographer Arnaldo Garcês.
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- 1. 12. Implementation of technical equipment...**
1. The IT network of AHM is composed as follows:
2. 1 server, 30 computers, 2 network printers, 4 individual printers, 2 multifunctions, 3 A3 colour scanners, 2 A4 scanners for negatives and 1 scanner for positives. 2 computers are available to readers in the Reading Room.
- 3. 13. New software for indexation... internet...**
No change. Same as last year.
- 1. 14. Rules of description**
No change. Same as last year.
- 15. Change of regulation**



No change. Same as last year.

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16. Implementation of new work methods

No change. Same as last year.

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17. New cooperation with other institutions

No change. Same as last year.

18. Employment of external work force

No change. Same as last year.



**PORTUGAL II:
NEWS FROM PORTUGUESE MILITARY ARCHIVES**
Reported by Aniceto Afonso (Lisbon)

THE ARCHIVE OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (DNA)

10. Change of location (relocations, new buildings)

After planning and preparation of its own facilities in Paço de Arcos, it was possible to achieve effective transfer of the files of São Julião in June 2008, which required the preparation of about 9,000 installation units.

11. Change of the archival or organisational structure

DNA has become integrated into the Office of Communication and Public Relations of the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Defense.

12. Appointments, new functions of single archivists

Admission of a senior Archive technician in October 2008.

13. Remarkable publications, editions, guides, exhibitions

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

15. Educacional service (training courses)

16. Acquisition of records (files, maps, photographs, motion pictures, tapes, discs, CD-ROMs, other electronic data), archival funds, collections, personal papers, donations, deposits: exceptional quantities or remarkable items

In the year 2009 it was admitted in the Intermediate Archives of the DNA, documentation of the General Secretariat services (ca. 1990 - 2005) and from the General Direction of Planning and Military Defense (2nd half of the century. XX) of the Ministry of Defense.

17. Destruction (disposal) of records (archival funds, personnel files, etc.).

Elimination of duplicate documentation took place, in terms of treatment of the Office of the Minister of Defense fund, incorporated into the DNA.

18. Arrangement and description, creation of new finding aids to important archival funds.



Compilation of the Office of the Minister of Defense Fund (1950 - 1974), composed of about 300 units of installation.

1. Provisional database review of DNA in archival background levels and section (5740 records for the first 2000 cases, a total of 27,154 records).

2. Organization, quotation and description of 14 series of the 2nd Division of SGDN, concerning:

- F002/02/001 - Perintreps from Cape Verde (1962 – 1974);
- F002/02/002 - Perintreps from Guinea-Bissau (1961 – 1974);
- F002/02/003 - Perintreps from Angola (1957 – 1973);
- F002/02/004 - Perintreps from Mozambique (1960 – 1974);
- F002/02/005 - Perintresp from Macao (1962 – 1974);
- F002/02/006 - Perintreps from East Timor (1964 – 1974);
- F002/02/007 - Supintreps from Overseas (Guinea, Angola and Mozambique, 1961 – 1970);
- F002/02/008 - Supintreps from counter-subversion of the General Staff of the Army (1966 – 1971);
- F002/02/009 - Supintreps from Overseas (Cape Verde, Guinea, Angola, Mozambique and East Timor, 1967 – 1974);
- F002/02/010 – Reports from the Guinea Command (1967 – 1971);
- F002/02/011 – Reports from the Angola Command (1963 – 1973);
- F002/02/012 – Reports from the Mozambique Command (1967 – 1970)
- F002/02/013 – Reports from the East Timor Command (1971 – 1974);
- F002/02/014 – Briefs from the situation in Mozambique (1965 – 1967).

19. Declassification of records (archival funds, collections, personal papers, etc.)

The documentation, which is always available to the public, is disqualified under the existing legislation, including the documents until the 25th of April 1974.

20. Microfilming projects, digitalisation projects

Prevê-se a médio prazo a digitalização das séries relativas aos relatórios periódicos recebidos pelo Secretariado-Geral da Defesa Nacional durante o período da Guerra Colonial.

In mid-term, it is expected the scanning of the series related to the periodic reports received by the General Secretariat of National Defense during the Colonial War.

21. New facilities and implementation of technical equipment for repositories, working areas, reading rooms, restoration laboratories, photo studios, etc. (shelving, storage containers, computers, reader-printers, digitalisation facilities, etc.)

There is an ongoing project of reconstruction and adaptation of part of the building of the Alfarrobeira Farm in Benfica (Lisbon) for the final installation of the Archive of National Defense.

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



DNA provides a page on the Intranet and Internet, including online search of part of its provisional database.

It is being studied the application of a list of own descriptors for indexing issues related to National Defense.

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

DNA applies the ISAD (G) and ISAAR (CPF) standards in the description of its archival funds.

24. Change of regulations (archival laws, ordinances), especially for access and fees

The signing of the Ministerial Ordinance of the draft Regulation the Archive of the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Defense, which includes the Selection Table, is expected.

25. Implementation of new work methods

26. New co-operations with other institutions (archives, museums, libraries, data pools, research centres)

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



HISTORICAL ARCHIVE OF THE AIRFORCE (AHFA)

1. Change of location (relocations, new buildings)

No report.

2. Change of the archival or organisational structure

Change of the name from “*Arquivo Histórico da Força Aérea*” to “*Serviço de Documentação da Força Aérea/Arquivo Histórico*”, in the dependence of the Vice-Chief of Staff (D.L n° 232/2009, 15/09/2009).

3. Appointments, new functions of single archivists

No report.

4. Remarkable publications, editions, guides, exhibitions

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

Participation in the annual Portuguese Air Force exhibition (2008 and 2009).

6. Educational service (training courses)

No report.

7. Acquisition of records (files, maps, photographs, motion pictures, tapes, discs, CD-ROMs, other electronic data), archival fonds, collections, personal papers, donations, deposits: exceptional quantities or remarkable items

Acquisition of aeronautic books and military American microfilms.
Reception of personal collections and document donations.

8. Destruction (disposal) of records (archival fonds, personnel files, etc.)

No report.

9. Arrangement and description, creation of new finding aids to important archival fonds

No report.

10. Declassification of records (archival fonds, collections, personal papers, etc.)



- Declassification of internal war reports.
11. Microfilming projects, digitalisation projects
Photographic digitalisation in course.
 12. New facilities and implementation of technical equipment for repositories, working areas, reading rooms, restoration laboratories, photo studios, etc. (shelving, storage containers, computers, reader-printers, digitalisation facilities, etc.)
Implementation of a new reading room.
 13. Experience with new software for indexing (description), data bases, local and global networks, internet and/or intranet, homepages
No report.
 14. Rules of description: ISAD(G) of the ICA, other self made rules or special rules which are in use in military institutions
This archive uses a specific rule, RFA 330-1, "*Portuguese Air Force archivist conservation rule*" and software for indexing, "Arqgest", according to ISAD(G) of the ICA.
 15. Change of regulations (archival laws, ordinances), especially for access and fees
The "*Portuguese Air Force archivist conservation rule*" is being in actualization.
 16. Implementation of new work methods
No report.
 17. New co-operations with other institutions (archives, museums, libraries, data pools, research centres).
Cooperation with internal organs: Magazine Mais Alto, Air Force Library and Museum.
 18. Employment of external work force (servicemen, students, volunteers, retirees, etc.)
Four retirees are in permanent cooperation in historic investigation and photography recognizing.



HISTORICAL ARCHIVE OF THE NAVY (AHMAR)

1. Change of location (relocations, new buildings)

There is a proposed relocation of the premises of the Central and History Archives, ignoring, however, neither the new location, nor dates.

2. Change of the archival or organisational structure

In 2009 the new Organic Law of the Navy came into force, separating the Central Archives of the Navy (Intermediate) (ACM) from the Historical Archives of the Navy (AHMAR), resulting in the passage of the Central Archives to the jurisdiction of the central administration and management of Information Technology (SSTI), and maintaining the Historical Archive under the jurisdiction of the Central Library of the Navy (BCM), a department of cultural nature.

3. Appointments, new functions of single archivists

4. Remarkable publications, editions, guides, exhibitions

Publication of short articles, illustrated with photographs, relating to visits to the ACM / AH published in the Journal of the Navy.

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

Annually servicemen from foreign navies are received in the History and Central Archives, with whom experiences in the field of archives and the importance of the Archives are exchanged.

Following the participation of the Portuguese Navy in COLUSO / CPLP a visit was made to the ACM by Brazilian archivists.

The Director of BCM, accompanied by the Head of Historical Archives, participated in the IX Joint Meeting of the Luso-Brazilian Bilateral Commission for Protection and Promotion of the Documental Heritage - COLUSO, and of the members of COLUSO and of the Forum of the of Portuguese Speaking Countries Archives.

6. Educational service (training courses)

Visits of the Chief Petty Officers, and Port Captain / Marine Officer / Master chief courses to the ACM / AH and its deposits within the policy of awareness of the importance of preserving the papers of the Navy.

7. Acquisition of records (files, maps, photographs, motion pictures, tapes, discs, CD-ROMs, other electronic data), archival fonds, collections, personal papers, donations, deposits: exceptional quantities or remarkable items



In addition to the information in the brochure provided, the Historical Archives receives private files that include not only "military" documents, but also family, which allows studies in other subject areas.

Featured, among others, to:

- Acquisitions: documentation relating to the naval doctors Bernardino António Gomes (Father) and Bernardino António Gomes (son).
- Offers: "Moniz da Maia," Peixoto Correia ", " Alm. Roque Martins" private files.
- Deposit under custody: "Alm. Sarmiento Rodrigues" Private File.
- Within the life cycle of documentation, supplies made by the Central Archive (Intermediate) for incorporation in Historical.

8. Destruction (disposal) of records (archival fonds, personnel files, etc.)

It is in the final stages the draft Plan for Classification and Ordinance of Management of Administrative Documents of the Navy (including the regulation of archival storage, table selection, delivery notes, records and delivery records of disposal).

9. Arrangement and description, creation of new finding aids to important archival fonds

The documentation is organized according to the production unit, in series and subseries, arranged chronologically and the description is made according to the ISAD (G), ISAAR (CPF).

10. Declassification of records (archival fonds, collections, personal papers, etc.)

There is a specific form to request access to classified documents.

11. Microfilming projects, digitalisation projects

Digitization of photo albums of officers of the Navy.

There are plans to scan the photos in the Private Archive "Alm. Sarmiento Rodrigues", closely related to the former colonies.

12. New facilities and implementation of technical equipment for repositories, working areas, reading rooms, restoration laboratories, photo studios, etc. (shelving, storage containers, computers, reader-printers, digitalisation facilities, etc.)

Appropriated hygiene and safety work conditions have been established for the works executed in the Assessment Classroom and Selection of the Historical Archives.

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



Usage of document management software - CLIP.

The Historical Archive is to computerize the documentation on a proper program - Arqhist.

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

ISAD (G), ISAAR (CPF) standards.

15. Change of regulations (archival laws, ordinances), especially for access and fees

16. Implementation of new work methods

17. New co-operations with other institutions (archives, museums, libraries, data pools, research centres)

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

Hiring an outside company to the Navy for the preparation of the Draft Ordinance for Document Management, Classification Plan, Regulation and its Annexes.



ROMANIA:

NEWS REGARDING THE ROMANIAN ARMY'S HISTORICAL SERVICE

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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 and every year Military Traditions Calendar. The review can be found on the official site of National Defense Ministry. (www.defence.ro/sia/index.htm; www.presamil.ro). **Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the General Staff, Army's Historical Service has edited these publications: Military Traditions Calendar, Romanian Army Encyclopedia and Romanian Armed Forces Album.**
5. Every year, on March 17 it is the celebration of the Army's Historical Service Day and on July 26, 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.