



Military History Research Centre

The Military History Research Centre (MHRC) houses the George Metcalf Archival Collection and the Hartland Molson Library. These extensive national collections of primary and secondary research material document Canada's military history from the pre-contact period to the present.

The **George Metcalf Archival Collection** contains 413 metres of unique archival documents and 65,000 photographic materials including:

- original letters, diaries, scrapbooks, logbooks, maps, 3-D maps, blueprints, postcards, sheet music, sound recordings, oral history tapes, and other printed material, and
- original photographic prints in black and white and colour, negatives, glass slides, daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, stereoscopic slides, hand-tinted portraits, film reels, and videos.

The **Hartland Molson Library Collection** has approximately 55,000 volumes including:

- regimental histories, published personal memoirs, periodicals and newspapers, wartime pamphlets, military technical and field manuals, multi-media, and 5,000 rare books.

Online Catalogues

The MHRC offers users an online catalogue called **GESICA**. It allows users to search the library and archives collections of both the Canadian War Museum and the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

<http://geoweb.civilization.ca:8001/>

Democracy at War: Canadian Newspapers and the Second World War is a full text searchable collection of 144,000 newspaper clippings that report on the events of the Second World War as that great conflict unfolded. <http://warmuseum.ca/cwm/newspapers/>

Services available:

- orientation to our collections and services;
- assistance in using our databases, finding aids, and equipment;
- assistance in planning your search;
- assistance in locating items in our open collection;
- written documentation on the most frequently used services;
- referral on other resources suitable for your research;
- reading areas for carrying out your research, and
- photocopier and reproduction services



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