Searching the Military History Research Centre's Online Catalogue

Visitors to the Canadian War Museum's website can access the collections of the Military History Research Centre (the textual archives, the image archives and the library) via our online catalogue, **Gesica**.

- Access the Canadian War Museum's website at www.warmuseum.ca
- Select **Research Centre** from the left hand column.
- Select **Online Catalogue**
- Select **Gesica** and then the language that you wish to search in.

Gesica Welcome Page

You now have the option to search either the Canadian War Museum's Library and Archives database or the Canadian Museum of Civilization's, or both.
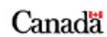
If you choose the Canadian War Museum's database you can narrow your search further by selecting Archives or Library.

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List of the collections of the Canadian War Museum's Archives

You can continue to narrow the criteria of your search. For example, you may wish to select 'Archives' and search only for 'Sound Recordings' or you may wish to select 'Library' and search only for 'Technical Manuals'.

In each case the final search screen allows you to enter a keyword for the name/author, title, subject,etc.

The vertical bar on the left hand side of the screen outlines other options you may find useful. For example, you may wish to select '**Advanced Search**' in order to perform a Boolean type search.

Once you have entered a keyword and clicked on '**Submit Search**' you will get a results screen similar to this:

Search Results Screen

Click on the title of the item, underlined in blue, to see the full record.

Example of a Complete Record for a Document from the Library Collection

The information provided on this screen indicates the location and availability of the item. The location and call number are required in order to retrieve an item from the library's collection.

Example of a Complete Record for a Photograph from the Image Archives

In the case of items from the Textual Archives or the Image Archives, please ensure that you either print the complete record or record both the control number and the call number when placing a request to view an item or obtain a copy of an image.

To make a selection of records and print your results, click on the '**Select**' box situated at the top left of the Record Display screen. You may select as many records as you wish. Once you have finished your selection, click on 'Show Selection' from the left hand side menu bar. Click on '**Display**', then you are ready to print your results.