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MORRISON, Edward Whipple Bancroft (1865-1925). Military Officer, Journalist.

Originals, 1901-1925, 1.03 m

BIOGRAPHY

Major General Sir Edward W.B. Morrison, born in London, Ont., was educated in Public Schools and the Tassie Institute, Galt, Ontario. He began his newspaper career with the Hamilton Spectator, and subsequently edited the Ottawa Citizen from 1898 to 1913. He advanced through the Militia ranks until he assumed command of the 8th Artillery Brigade in 1909. During the South African War he was awarded the D.S.O. for his service in three engagements. In 1913 he became Director of Artillery. During World War I, Morrison commanded the 1st Artillery Brigade, 1914-1915, the 2nd Division Artillery, 1915-1916, and the Canadian Corps Artillery, 1916-1919. He was made a K.C.M.G. in 1919. From 1919 to 1923 he was Inspector General of Artillery and Master of Ordnance. He is author of With the Guns in South Africa (Hamilton, 1901), and With the Canadians from Valcartier to the Rhine (Ottawa, 1928).

PROVENANCE

Presented to the Army Historical Section in 1956 by General Morrison's stepson, H.H. Fripp and later transferred to the Public Archives. Additional material (in volume 11) presented by Mrs. Elizabeth Fripp in 1978. Photographs have been transferred to National Photography Collection.

Finding Aid No. 114 is a subject file list. The papers are arranged in 5 groupings:

DESCRIPTION OF PAPERS

Artillery Corps, 1915-1923 (Vols. 1-4)

Concerns matters affecting the general interest of the Artillery Corps, arranged alphabetically.

Military Material, 1916-1918 (Vol. 4)

Contains returns, reports, instructions and graphs relating to the disposition and quantity of arms and equipment.

Personnel Files divided into two groups: a) officials and b) other ranks. 1915-1921 (Vols. 5-10)

Consists of files on individuals, regulations, reports and correspondence pertaining to the management of personnel.

Morrison, 1916, 1918, 1920-21. (Vol. 10)

Contains assorted material of an unofficial or semi-official nature, comprising the creations of Morrison and his close friends and correspondence referring other matters to his personal attention.

Newspaper clippings, 1901-1925. (Vol. 10)

Additional Material, 1914-1925. (Vol. 11) 2 cm

Correspondence, telegrams and notes, 1915-1925, n.d., mostly congratulatory in nature, sent to Morrison by various Canadian and British officers, officials and friends. Arranged alphabetically within each year. A list of the more prominent correspondents is found in the finding aid.

Also included is a diary, 1914, describing Morrison's first six days in England and the disembarkation of the 1st Artillery Brigade.

Miscellaneous items include a statistical table showing ammunition allotted to the Canadian Corps for the Passchendaele operations n.d., a playlet, n.d. and a poem, n.d.

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Artillery Corps 1915-1923

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	Aerial Photographs chiefly around Passchendaele	n.d., 1917
	Armistice	n.d.
	Casualties	1916-1918
	Canadian Artillery Association - correspondence	1919-1921
	Demobilization	1919
	Discipline	1918-1919
	Disposition and Order of Battle	1918, 1920
	Honours	1917-1919
	Maps of operations on the Western Front, of Waterloo, and of other significant battles	1917-1918
2	Notes and Pamphlets	1879, 1918-1919, 1921, 1923
	Operations	1916-1918
	Orders and Instructions	1917-Oct. 1918
	Orders and Instructions	Sept. 1918-Dec. 1918
	Establishment	1917-1919
	Organization	n.d., 1919
	Reorganization - a summary of evidence given before the Reorganization Committee of the Post Bellum Field Army	1919
	Reorganization - notes and minutes of meetings of Committee on Reorganization	1919

Artillery Corps 1915-1923 (cont'd)

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
3	Reorganization - correspondence	1919-1922
	Pay and Allowances	1917-1919
4	Propaganda	1916, 1917
	Reinforcements	1915, 1918
	Royal Military College	1919-1922
	Theatres	1918
	Training	1918-1919
	U.S. Army report on the 9th Corps Area	1921
	Miscellaneous	1915, 1918, 1921

Military Material, 1916-1918

	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
4	Ammunition - allotments, returns, etc.	1916, 1918
	Artillery Contact Aeroplanes	1918
	Horses and Equipment	1918-1921
	Hostile Batteries	1917
	Ordnance	1917-1918

Personnel, 1915-1921

	<u>Officers</u>	
5	Anti-Aircraft Batteries	1917-1918
	Appointments, Promotions, Recommendations (5 files)	1917-1919

Personnel, 1915-1921 (cont'd)

6	Appointments, Promotions, Recommendations	1917-1919
	Attachments	1918
	Commissions - Instructions received and issued	1917-1918
	Commissions - Canadian Artillery	1917-1918
	Commissions - Canadian Ground Artillery	1917-1918
	Commissions - Royal Field Artillery	1917-1918
	Commissions - Appointments, Commissions, etc., approved by the Field Marshal, Commander in Chief, the British Armies in France	1917-1918
	Confidential Reports - Imperial Officers	1917
	Confidential Reports - Rulings	1918-1919
	Confidential Reports - Covering Letters	1919
7-9	Dossiers on Individual Officers (40 files arranged alphabetically)	1917-1919
9	Leave	1917-1918
	Postings	1918-1919
	Seniority - Regulations	1916-1918
	Seniority - Rulings	1917-1919
	Seniority - Lists	1917-1918
	Seniority - Transfers	1915, 1918

Personnel, 1915-1921 (cont'd)

9	Trench Mortar Batteries	1917-1918
	Miscellaneous Correspondence re Officers	1918-1920
10	<u>Other Ranks, 1918-1921</u>	
	Appointments, Promotions, Transfers	1918-1919
	R.A. Clerical Staff	1918-1919
	Miscellaneous Correspondence Regarding Other Ranks	1918-1919, 1921

Morrison, 1916, 1918, 1920-21

	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Dates</u>
10	Correspondence - miscellaneous	1918, 1920-21
	"In Flanders Field"	n.d.
	Log Book - notes on artillery operations at St. Eloi craters, Sanctuary Wood and the Somme	

Newspaper Clippings

	Career of Gen. Morrison	1896, 1901, 1915-1919 1922, 1925, n.d.
	First World War, Military Events - include Morrison's letters from the Front, French newspaper accounts of Peace Conference, etc.	1912-1919
	Funeral of Gen. Morrison	1925
	Proclamations (see vertical cabinet)	1914, 1916
	South African War	1901-1902
	Miscellaneous - souvenir bullet hole, report of voyage by lumberjacks down the Chaudière Rapids, front page of "Boston Daily Advertiser"	n.d., 1921

Additional Material, 1914-1925, 2 cm.Volume Folder

11 1 - 5 Correspondence, telegrams and notes 1915-1925
 Arranged alphabetically within each year

This material consists mainly of routine letters from various British and Canadian officers, officials and friends congratulating Morrison on the occasion of his honours and promotions, or commending him for the work of his artillery units in battle.

The following is a list of the more prominent correspondents:

Alderson, Lt. Gen. Edwin Alfred Hervey	1916
Ballantyne, Hon. Charles Colquhoun	1918
Beaverbrook, William Maxwell Aitken, 1st Baron	1917
Borden, Sir Robert Laird	1918
Byng, Julian Hedworth George, 1st Baron	1916, 1917, 1922, 1925, n.d.
Carson, Maj. Gen. John Wallace	1916
Currie, General Sir Arthur William	1916, 1918, 1919, n.d.
Dundonald, Douglas 12th Earl of	1915, 1916
Grey of Howick, Albert Henry 4th Earl	1915, 1916
Hendrie, John V	1918
Hughes, Sir Samuel	1915
Kemp, Sir Albert Edward	1918

Additional Material, 1914-1925, 2 cm. (cont'd)

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Folder</u>		
11	1 - 5	MacBrien, Maj. Gen. James Howden	1918
		Rowell, Newton Wesley	1918
		Turner, Lt. Gen. Richard Ernest William	1918
		Watson, Maj. Gen. David	1916
	6	Diary - describing Morrison's first 6 days in England and the disembarkation of the 1st Artillery Brigade C.E.F. 3 pages, typescript	n.d.
	7	Miscellaneous items including:	
		Canadian Corps R.A. ammunition table, Passchendaele operation 1 page	n.d.
		Playlet "A War Medley" 3 pages	n.d.
		Poem "To the Statue of Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bonn, Germany" 1 page	1919
		Programme - Laying of cornerstone of Main Tower, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa. 6 pages	1919

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Sketch book of Boer War

Sketch of Flanders Field

Transferred to Picture Division

Captured Guns 16 photographs

Morrison and staffs 5 photographs

Zeebrugge 7 photographs

religious occasions 4 photographs

miscellaneous 8 photographs