

MITCHELL, CHARLES HAMILTON, 1914-1920. 11 feet, 4 inches.

Brigadier-General C. H. Mitchell, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., LL.D., C.E., (1872-1941) was born at Petrolia, Ontario and educated at the University of Toronto (B.A.Sc. 1894, C.E. 1898). For a number of years he practised as a civil engineer, devoting himself particularly to the field of hydro-electric power development in which he became a recognized expert. In July, 1919 he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering at the University of Toronto.

Mitchell's military career was equally illustrious. He was successively Lieutenant in the Militia; Major in the Corps of Guides and Divisional Intelligence Officer on General Staff, 2nd Division, Toronto, 1911-14; Lieutenant-Colonel, General Staff Officer (Intelligence), 1st Canadian Division, Valcartier, England, France, and Belgium, 1914-1915; General Staff Officer (Intelligence), Canadian Army Corps (General Byng), France, 1915-1916; General Staff Officer, (Intelligence), 2nd Imperial Army (General Plumer), 1916-1917; and General Headquarters British Army in Italy (Lord Cavan), 1917-1918; Brigadier-General (Intelligence), War Office, London, 1919.

In recognition of his distinguished service he received the following honours and decorations: (mentioned in despatches seven times)

D.S.O. June, 1916.  
C.M.G. June, 1917.  
C.B. June, 1918.  
Legion of Honour, France, Officer, March, 1916.  
Order of Leopold, Belgium, Officer, June, 1917.  
Croix de Guerre, Belgium, November, 1917.  
Order of Crown of Italy, Officer, April, 1918.  
Croce di Guerre, Italy, December, 1918.

The papers are grouped in three series: Western Front, Italian and Eastern Fronts, Personal papers. Those relating to the two theatres of war are arranged alphabetically by type, e.g., reports, and subject, eg., communications, and while this arrangement gives rise to a certain amount of overlapping, the placement in type categories of only those items which are not clearly encompassed by the subject files has kept overlap to a minimum. Thus, for example, a "report on operations" will be found under "operations" rather than under "reports".

Most of the papers are concerned with military intelligence and originated with the intelligence corps; however, only those bearing specifically on enemy activities or the means by which information on enemy activities was gained are to be found under "Intelligence", those concerned with allied activities being placed in the appropriate subject or type category outside "Intelligence".

An attempt has been made to fit Intelligence papers to the section responsible for their creation, in accordance with furnished functional charts and descriptions outlining the competencies of each division. As the organization of intelligence on the Western Front differed from that on the Italian Front, the respective arrangements assume slightly different forms.

The Personal Papers relate essentially to Mitchell's private life in so far as that can be distinguished from his military career which is all-pervading. They, like the papers in the other two series are arranged alphabetically by type and subject.

Some 525 photographs relating to the two-fronts have been transferred to the Picture Division.

Presented to the Army Historical Section in 1942 by Brigadier-General Mitchell's estate, and later transferred to the Public Archives.

Western Front, 1914-1920. Vols. 1-18, 6 feet.

Vol. 1        Communications

Vol. 1        Conferences

Vols. 1-14   Intelligence

I. Information (vols. 1-7)

A. Order of Battle (vols. 1-2)

order of battle  
organization  
distribution  
recruiting and classes (strength)  
German documents

B. Strategic and Topographical (vols. 2-3)

situation maps  
theatre of war  
defences  
movements  
plans and probable movements

C. Artillery (vol. 4)

D. Engineering and Technical (vol. 4)

E. Armament and Equipment (vol. 4)

F. Dissemination (vols. 5-7)

daily bulletins  
summaries of information  
intelligence summaries

II. Secret Service (vol. 8)

A. Secret Service

B. Counter Espionage

suspects  
passes and residence in army areas  
C.E. measures  
German espionage system

III. Topographical and Maps (vols. 8-13)

- A. Departmental (vol. 8)
- B. Maps (vols. 8-12)
- C. Aerial Photographs (vol. 13, see also vol. 35)

IV. Wireless and Ciphers (vol. 13)

- A. Wireless Stations
- B. Wireless Activity
- C. Intercepted Messages
- D. Ciphers

V. Intelligence Corps (vol. 14)

- A. Structure and Functional Charts
- B. Instructions

VI. Special Intelligence (vol. 14)

- A. Press - Daily Review of the Foreign Press
- B. Visitors
- C. War Trade - economic conditions
- D. Censorship
- E. Weather

- Vol. 15 Materiel and Supply
- Vol. 15 Messages and Signals
- Vol. 15 Operations
- Vol. 16 Orders and Instructions
- Vol. 16 Peace

Vol. 16 Personnel  
Vol. 17 Press 1914-1917  
Vol. 18 Press 1918-1920  
Vol. 18 Propaganda  
Vol. 18 Reports  
Vol. 18 Transport

Italian and Eastern Fronts, 1917-1918. Vols. 19-34, 5 feet, 4 inches.

Vol. 19 Communications  
Vol. 19 Defences  
Vol. 19 Ethnic Groups  
Vol. 19 Honours  
Vols. 19-31 Intelligence

I. Information and Enemy's Tactics (vols. 19-20)

A. Order of Battle (vols. 19-20)

disposition  
tactics  
prisoners and deserters  
captured documents  
wireless intelligence

B. Defensive and Offensive Organization (vol. 20)

defences  
condition and intentions  
artillery  
aerial reconnaissance  
aeroplane photographs (see also vol. 35)  
movements  
ammunition and supply depots

ground observation (see also vol. 35)

II. Contra Espionage and Espionage (vol. 21)

A. Contra Espionage

B. Espionage

III. Topography and Mapping (vols. 22-26)

A. Cartography and Distribution (vol. 22)

B. Maps (vols. 22-26)

C. Sound Ranging (vol. 26)

D. Survey Work (vol. 26)

IV. Special Intelligence (vols. 27-31)

A. Censorship (vol. 27)

B. Codes and Ciphers (vol. 27)

C. Foreign Press (vol. 27)

D. Intelligence Corps (vol. 27)

E. Meteorological Section (vol. 27)

F. Publications (vols. 28-31)

Vol. 31 Internal Situation  
Vol. 31 Materiel and Supply  
Vol. 31 Messages and Signals  
Vols. 31-33 Notes and Reports  
Vol. 34 Operations  
Vol. 34 Orders and Instructions  
Vol. 34 Peace

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Vol. 34      Press  
Vol. 34      Propaganda  
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Miscellaneous photographs. Vol. 35, 2 inches.

Aerial photographs and panoramic views of western and Italian fronts.  
(The bulk of the pictures that came with the papers has been transferred to the  
Picture Division.)

Personal, 1915-1919. Vol. 36, 4 inches.

Correspondence

General  
Re Servants  
Director of Military Intelligence  
Miscellaneous

Corps of Guides

Honours and Service

Newspaper Clippings

Notes and Memoranda

Passes

Receipts

Souvenirs

A few items are dated 1937-1938.



Transferred to Picture Division (June, 1962).

British Official Photographs (France)

<u>"C" series</u>	161 photos		
603	2209	2372-8	2523
891	2222-5	2380	2529
909-10	2227-40	2382 (2)-7	2533-5
1010	2242-6	2389-90	2537-8
1086	2248-9	2398-9	2540
1193	2251	2403	2543-4
1610	2253-4	2405-6	2577-9
1613	2256-65	2411	2581-3
1615-7	2267	2416-20	
1743	2269-71	2425	
1746	2274	2429-30	
1752	2277	2432	
1754	2280-4	2435	
1759-60	2311	2443	
1763	2315	2445-7	
1881	2324	2489	
1884	2332-9	2490-3	
1979	2346-7	2496-9	
2009	2359-60	2506	
2057-8	2362	2510	

2069	2365-7	2512-8
2199	2369-70	2520

"D" series

103 photos

2067	1911-25	2051-5
2072	1930-1	2058
2072a	1933-4	2060
2077	1936	2063-5
2082-8	1940	
2091-2	1946	
2094-5	1948	
2100-07	1950-2	
2114-5	1966-70	
2120-4	1978	
2131	1981	
2134	1992-2003	
2154	2006	
2157	2008	
2159-60	2010-11	
2162-3	2013	
2203-4	2030	
2320	2032	
	2034-5	

2039-45

2048

Miscellaneous Photos 4

Transferred to Picture Division

Military Review(s) 1918 (37 photos)

"With the British Army (Force, Troops) in Italy" (13 photos)

"British Official Photographs from Italy" (14 photos)

Various Italian Headquarters (23 photos)

Staffs (7 photos)

Parachute Experiments June 1918 (29 photos)

Various Persons and Activities (Italy) (72 photos)

Landscape, structures, equipment (Italy) (35 photos)

Miscellaneous snaps (20 photos)

Susegana - Nervesa - Montello (Brunell, December, 1918) (6 photos)