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Micrometrical measures of double stars with the 26½-inch visual refractor amounted to 183 and 494 during 1943 and 1944 respectively. The number of photographic plates taken with the Franklin-Adams Star Camera of minor planets, comets and variable stars were 368 and 584, while 69 and 47 occultations were obtained, for the two years respectively.

No changes in staff occurred in 1943; Mr. C. Jackson and Mr. E.L. Johnson are on Active Service, and Mr. W.S. Finsen continues to render part-time service to the Directorate of War Supplies. During 1944 Mr. E.E. Talbot joined the staff as Temporary Mechanical Assistant. Dr. H. van Gent worked at the Observatory throughout 1943 and 1944.