

November
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1932.

Major General A. G. L. McNaughton, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Chief of the General Staff,
Ottawa, Ont.

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As regards your second paragraph, it is true that we, like you, hoped that the young officers might be of some use with the C.O.T.C. As matters have turned out, however, those who have been successful in their examinations here have found our courses of such a high standard that they have had to devote most of their time to their own studies, and officers commanding the C.O.T.C. have told me that they were never able to employ those officers to the extent that they would like to.

As to your observations about a certain number of failures, which you think is due in part to the distractions of the City, this does not seem to be a sufficient explanation. You will remember that the Committee of the Canadian Universities Conference, consisting of Dean H.M. MacKay, Mr. A.L. Clark and General Mitchell, reported as follows:-

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As anticipated we have found that the men admitted to the fourth year laboured under very considerable difficulties and that among the others their success, or otherwise, could more or less be predicted from their performance at the Royal Military College. It is hardly to be expected that graduates who have been out of the College for a year or so and have returned, probably without much enthusiasm, to study, would do any better in our somewhat exacting courses. In correspondence with Sir Robert Falconer I found him of the same view. I have been told that these officers who have been sent to the Nova Scotia Technical College dislike intensely the idea of getting back to study after being out of college for a time.

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Battle Honours

Cable Address "MAGEE"
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Montreal October 25th, 1931

*Copy 199th
Trench Rangers*

Dear Sir Arthur: re C. O. T. C., and Battle Honours
148th Battalion C.E.F.

At a Meeting of the McGill Military Committee held some time ago I was deputed to take this matter up with you.

I am enclosing copies of certain correspondence which I, as former O.C. of the 148th Battalion C.E.F., had with the A. A. & Q. M. G., M.D. 4, and I would appreciate your glancing through it at your convenience.

You will see that certain Battle Honours were awarded to the 148th Battalion and these accrue to any Militia Unit perpetuating that Battalion. For the reasons stated in my letter of December 28th, 1928, I recommended that McGill C.O.T.C., be selected, but the Department ruled it out. The chief objection seems to have been the smallness of the C.O.T.C. contribution in personnel. The nominal roll was 982 on sailing; of this number, 599 had no previous military training, but of the balance the C.O.T.C., supplied the largest contingent and this from then enrolled personnel. We did not adopt the common

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practice of enrolling all recruits in the Militia Unit first and then into the Overseas Unit; had we done so, the C.O.T.C. Contingent would have exceeded 700.

The Military Committee feels that the McGill C.O.T.C, is entitled to these Honours as it was solely responsible for the organization of the Battalion and, with few exceptions, entirely officered it; further, that the possession of these Honours will serve to perpetuate one of the war activities of the University and form part of the traditions of the C.O.T.C.

If you consider the matter sufficiently important, the Committee would appreciate your taking it up with the Militia authorities.

I shall be glad to call and see you at any time should you desire it.

Yours faithfully,

Encls.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.



Lt .Co. E.S.Pope

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that by far the largest proportion of all ranks had no previous military training. At the time the 148th Battalion was recruited available men with previous military service were very few in number. We did not attempt a common, but unnecessary practice, of "running" all recruits through the Militia Unit first before enrolling them with the Overseas Unit. I venture to say that the above mentioned 53 were as large as any contingent supplied at that time by any other Militia Unit to its affiliated Overseas Unit from its enrolled and training personnel.

If the smallness of the contingent supplied is the sole ground for refusal, then I respectfully submit that the decision of National Defence Headquarters is unjustified, and, moreover, the granting of the request would have been a means of perpetuating one of the several splendid war activities of McGill University, which seems highly desirable in view of the time and effort spent by that institution.

Yours faithfully,

C O P Y

March 4th, 1929.

Ref. M-54-1-87

Lt. Col. E. W. Pope,
A. A. & Q. M. G., M. D. No. 4,
Bishop Street,
Montréal, Que.

Dear Col. Pope:

re 148th Battalion - Perpetuation by
McGill C.O.T.C.

I am much obliged for your letter of the 2nd instant, but may say frankly that I am greatly disappointed with the decision of the National Defence Headquarters to the effect that the 148th Battalion cannot be perpetuated by McGill C.O.T.C.

With reference to Headquarters' comment that McGill C.O.T.C., only supplied a contingent of 53 to the 148th Battalion and that there is no evidence that all of even this small proportion came from that Unit, I may say that the sworn attestation papers should establish this fact and, further, the published Militia Orders from which my figures were taken are assumed to be correct.

The figures submitted with my letter of December 28th show that McGill C.O.T.C., supplied to the 148th Battalion the largest contingent of men of previous military training, and also

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No.M.54-1-87

AM - DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(MILITIA SERVICE)

MONTREAL, P. Q., 2nd March, 1929.

Dear Colonel Magee:-

1. With reference to your letter, dated the 28th December, 1928, in which you recommended that the 148th Battalion, C. E. F. should be perpetuated by the McGill University Contingent Canadian Officers' Training Corps, I beg to inform you that your request was concurred in and submitted to National Defence Headquarters for consideration.

2. The following reply has now been received from the Adjutant-General:-

(a) "I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd January, M.54-1-87, with reference to the subject named in the margin, the contents of which have been carefully noted.

(b) This matter has been very carefully considered by the Battle Honours Committee, and also by the Military Members of Defence Council, and it is regretted that approval cannot be given for the proposed perpetuation of the 148th Battalion, C. E. F. by McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C.

(c) In this connection, it might be pointed out that the C.O.T.C. Contingent to the 148th Battalion numbered only 53, and there is no evidence that all of even this small proportion came from McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C."

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) E. W. Pope,
Lieut-Colonel.
A.A. & Q.M.G., M. D. No.4.

Lt.Col. Allan Magee, D.S.O., ADC.,
2 Place d'Armes,
Montreal, P. Q.

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Dec. 28th, 1928

Lt.Col. E.W.Pope, D.S.O.,
A.A. & Q.M.G., M.D. 4,
Bishop Street, Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Col. Pope:

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant enclosing a copy of the Adjutant General's letter of the 11th December to D.O.C. M.D. 4, I beg to suggest and request that McGill Contingent C.O.T.C., be selected as the Unit to perpetuate the 148th Battalion C.E.F.

In support of the above I may say that McGill C.O.T.C., was responsible for the organization of the 148th Battalion and the latter was officially affiliated with it with the consent of the University authorities. The 148th Battalion was permitted to wear the collar badges of McGill C.O.T.C. Of the 32 Officers of the 148th Battalion, 21 were qualified Officers of McGill C.O.T.C., including the Officer Commanding, the Second in Command and the Adjutant. In addition, many of the N.C.O's were members of McGill C.O.T.C., or of McGill Auxiliary Battalion. The Colours of the 148th Battalion have been officially deposited at the Library of McGill University.

Lt.Col. E.W.Pope, D.S.O.

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On referring to the Nominal Roll of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 148th Battalion issued with Militia Orders 1917, McGill C.O.T.C., supplied the greatest personnel. I append hereto a statement of the personnel contributed by the various Units.

I have been in communication with the present Officer Commanding McGill C.O.T.C., and that Unit would be pleased to have the perpetuation of the 148th Battalion.

For the foregoing reasons it would seem appropriate that McGill C.O.T.C., should be selected as above.

Yours faithfully,

Lt.Col.

Formerly O.C. 148th Battalion C.E.F.

Encls.

HQ.7-1-16.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Militia Service)

OTTAWA, Canada, 11th Dec., 1928.

Dist. Officer Commanding,
Military Dist. No. 4,
Montreal, P. Q.

Perpetuation,
148th Battalion, C.E.F.

1. I am directed to inform you that of the unperpetuated C.E.F. Units, it is found that the 148th Battalion was raised in M.D. No.4.
2. From records at Defence Headquarters it appears that the 148th Bn. was recruited in Montreal and District and mobilized at Montreal, P. Q.
3. The attached list shows the Battle Honours which it is considered would accrue to the Militia Regiment obtaining the perpetuation of the 148th Bn. C.E.F.
4. It is pointed out, however, that the enclosed list is based on the assumption that the 148th Bn. would be the only C.E.F. unit perpetuated by the Militia Regiment, If the Militia Regiment also perpetuates any other C.E.F. unit or units, then the Honours may be increased, as the numbers of the reinforcements from the perpetuated C.E.F. units would have to be amalgamated.
5. It is therefore requested that you will please take up the question of perpetuation of the 148th Bn. C.E.F. having due regard to the policy whereby a unit to obtain such perpetuation should be the one most concerned in furnishing personnel to the battalion in question.
6. In submitting any recommendation for perpetuation, the fullest possible information is to be furnished respecting the grounds on which application is made, including particulars as to the number of personnel claimed to have been furnished, vide. para. 5.
7. Please acknowledge.

(Sgd.) Henri A. Panet,
Major-General,
Adjutant-General.

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NOT TO BE PUBLISHED

Draft list of Honours for the Great War
available for Militia Unit perpetuating
the

148th CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, C.E.F.

ARRAS, 1917, '18

HILL 70,

Ypres 1917,

AMIENS,

Hindenburg Line,

PURSUIT TO MONS,

Those Honours shown in capitals will be emblazoned on the Colours of the perpetuating Militia unit. "ARRAS" will have the year 1917" only, on the Colours. All Honours will appear in the Militia List, those borne on the Colours will be shown in distinctive type. In the case of the grouped Honour "ARRAS, 1917, "18" only the portion underlined will appear in distinctive type.

148th BATTALION C.E.F.

PERSONNEL

No previous Military Training	599
McGill C.O.T.C.	55
1st Regt.	11
5th Regt.	38
C.A.M.C.	4
58th Regt.	22
13th Drag.	12
3rd Regt.	21
Can. Mil.	44
U.S. Army	3
C.N.A.	13
8th Regt.	4
17th Hus.	12
Can. Eng.	4
Territorials	43
31st Regt.	1
S.A.	9
Dutch Army	1
33rd Regt.	1
C.A.S.C.	8
P.P.C.L.I.	1
55th Regt.	12
C.G.A.	11
23rd Bn.C.E.2	1
4th Regt.	1
U.S. Navy	2
R/C.R.	1
14th Bn.C.E.F.	1
59th Regt.	2
8th C.E.N.	1
68th Regt.	1
Imperial Forces	13
3rd Drag.	1
17th Regt.	11
47th Regt.	1
C.A.V.C.	1
12th Drag.	1
5th "	1
94th Regt.	1
6th Hus.	1
71st Regt.	1
C.of G.	1
11th Regt.	1
53rd Regt.	1
96th Regt.	1
2nd Regt.	1
Royal Navy	4
30th Regt.	1
34th Horse	1

October 30th, 1931.

Brigadier General A. H. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Adjutant-General, Department of National Defence,
O t t a w a . Ontario.

My dear General Bell,

Colonel Allan Magee has shown me the correspondence which he has had with your Department with reference to the perpetuation of the 148th Battalion of the McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C., and the right of this Corps to use the battle honours awarded to the 148th.

I wish that you would examine the file and again consider whether the request preferred by Magee on behalf of the Corps cannot be agreed to. It is certainly true that the 148th Battalion grew out of the McGill Officers' Training Corps and that all its officers and many of its men enlisted through that agency. Had it not been for the McGill C.O.T.C. there would have been no 148th Battalion, and it seems a great pity, as battle honours have been awarded to the 148th, that some unit cannot enjoy the distinction of perpetuating that battalion.

I look upon these Training Corps as highly useful and valuable adjuncts of the militia service. It is true our Corps is not a very large one, but it is well officered and enthusiastic, and had we the necessary quarters (which are bound to come in time) we should have a much larger and more efficient unit. I dare say that the next building to be erected by the University will be a Gymnasium, and in the Gymnasium we shall arrange for proper quarters for the C.O.T.C. It is now commanded

by Major Erskine Buchanan, a most enthusiastic and efficient officer.

Referring again to the association between the 148th and the C.O.T.C., Magee informs me that the nominal roll of the former was 982 on sailing, and that of that number 599 had no previous military training, but of the balance the C.O.T.C. (McGill) supplied the largest contingent, and this from the enrolled personnel. He tells me that they did not adopt the prevailing practise of enrollment of recruits in the militia unit first and then into the overseas unit, but says that had they done so the C.O.T.C. contingent would have exceeded 700.

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May I make an additional plea for the possession of these honours, inasmuch as such possession would serve in a more direct way to perpetuate one of the war activities of the University and form part of the traditions of the McGill C.O.T.C.

McGill's part in the war was a very proud one. The University as such practically ceased to exist, and gave up all its activities towards furthering the cause of the war. To me, the former decision was a little harsh, and I would most respectfully urge that it be re-considered.

Ever yours faithfully,

(H.Q. 71-16)



OTTAWA, November 3rd, 1931

My dear Sir Arthur,

With reference to your letter of October 30th, 1931, regarding perpetuation of the 148th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, by the McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C., I will have much pleasure in examining the file in this connection and will advise you further in the matter, as early as possible.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Montreal Nov. 27th, 1931

Dear Sir Arthur:

I am returning herewith letter to you, dated the 24th instant, from the Department of National Defence, Militia Department.

Many thanks for your interest and help in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Encls.



General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.



CANADA

Department of National Defence
-Militia Service-

Ottawa, Canada,

QUOTE NO. H.Q.7-1-16

November 24th, 1931

My dear Sir Arthur,

Referring to your letter of the 30th October, 1931, and my letter of the 3rd instant, I have carefully and thoroughly reviewed the whole question of perpetuation of C.E.F. units by the C.O.T.C. and I can see no fundamental objections to such perpetuation, provided reasonable contribution to their formation or reinforcement can be established.

With this end in view, I am having the question of the perpetuation of the 148th Battalion, C.E.F., by McGill C.O.T.C., reconsidered and shall advise you of the result in due course.

Yours very sincerely,

A. G. S. Bell

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
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McGill University,
Montreal, P. Q.

*To Col. Allan Mayer also.
Please note and return
W. Currie*

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CANADA

Department of National Defence
-Militia Service-

Ottawa, Canada,

QUOTE NO.
H.Q.7-1-16

May 5th, 1932

My dear Sir Arthur,

With further reference to your letter of October 30th, 1931, I have much pleasure in informing you that the perpetuation of the 148th Bn., C.E.F., by the McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C., has received final approval and an entry will appear accordingly in General Orders dated 15th of May, 1932.

Perpetuation is effected through the redesignation of the above Contingent as "McGill University Contingent (148 Bn., C.E.F.), The Canadian Officers Training Corps".

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

A H Bell

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, P. Q.

May 6th, 1932.

Major General A. H. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Department of National Defence,
O t t a w a .

My dear General,

Let me thank you very sincerely for your letter of the 5th, in which you inform me that the perpetuation of the 148th Battalion, C. E. F. by the McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C., has received final approval by the Headquarters authorities, and that such approval will be promulgated in Orders to be issued shortly. This information will be greatly appreciated by all concerned.

With all good wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

May 6th, 1932.

Colonel Allan Magee,
Aldred Building,
Montreal.

My dear Allan,

I am in receipt of the following
letter from General Bell,

"With further reference to your letter of October 30th, 1931, I have much pleasure in informing you that the perpetuation of the 148th Bn., C.E.F., by the McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C., has received final approval and an entry will appear accordingly in General Orders dated 15th of May, 1932. Perpetuation is effected through the redesignation of the above Contingent as "McGill University Contingent (148 Bn., C.E.F.), The Canadian Officers' Training Corps."

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

Cook and Magee
Advocates, Barristers etc.

JOHN W. COOK, K.C.
ALLAN A. MAGEE, K.C.
T. B. HENEY, K.C.
W. C. NICHOLSON
HUGH E. O'DONNELL

Cable Address "MAGEE"
Western Union Code

Aldred Building
Raced'Armes

Montreal May 7th, 1932

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I am in receipt of your letter of the
6th instant and am delighted that the Department
has decided that the 148th Battalion C.E.F., will be
perpetuated by the C.O.T.C.,

As soon as the General Orders come out
I will communicate with the Chairman of the Military
Committee.

Many thanks for your kind offices in
this matter.

Yours faithfully,

A A Magee

BUCHANAN & BUCHANAN

FORMERLY

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276 ST. JAMES ST. WEST

MONTREAL 11th May 1932.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 6th instant advising that National Defence Headquarters have approved the perpetuation of the 148th Bn. C.E.F., by the McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C., and that the re-designation of the Contingent will now be McGill University Contingent, (148 Bn., C.E.F.) Canadian Officers Training Corps.

I wish to thank you for the part you have taken in obtaining this honour for us, as I am sure that without your help, we would not have secured it.

I hope that when you are through with the Session I may show you around our new quarters.

Yours sincerely,



Report 1933

August 23, 1933

Lieut. Col. E.B.Q. Buchanan, M.C.,
Officers' Mess, C.O.T.C.,
University Street.

Dear Colonel Buchanan,

I have received from Major Brisbane, Adjutant,
McGill University Contingent (148th Battalion, C.E.F.)
C.O.T.C., the report for the session 1932-33.

I should like to congratulate the Adjutant on
the manner in which he has prepared the report, and you
upon the excellence of its nature. It indicates a very
satisfactory rate of progress and a successful year. I
am interested in noting the high percentage of passes
in examination tests, and I also note with pleasure the
evident good feeling which prevails between the C.O.T.C.
and the several militia units. I was glad to note par-
ticularly the good feeling which pertains between your
Unit and that of the University of Montreal.

I am writing to Colonel Phelan to thank him
once more for the courtesies extended to the Unit by the
Grenadier Guards.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

August 23, 1933

Lieut. Colonel F. R. Phelan, D.S.O.,
Officer Commanding,
Canadian Grenadier Guards.

My dear Colonel Phelan,

I have just read an excellent report on the work of the McGill Contingent C.O.T.C. during the session 1932-33 and note with pleasure the evident good feeling which prevails between that Unit and the several Militia Units. May I express to you our sincere thanks for letting the C.O.T.C. have the privileges of your Drill Hall. This courtesy is very much appreciated by the Unit and by myself.

With kindest personal wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal



CANADIAN GRENADIER GUARDS
4171 ESPLANADE AVENUE
MONTREAL, Canada

26th August, 1933.

My dear Sir Arthur,-

I have your letter of the 23rd inst. and am pleased to note that you have found evidence, in the annual report, of good feeling between the C.O.T.C. and units of the Garrison.

May I add to the report by telling you that the members of the McGill Contingent C.O.T.C. have made for themselves a very warm welcome under our roof and, as I told Major Brisbane this week, we are looking forward to the Contingent's continuing to make use of our Armoury until McGill is able to have one of its own.

I am thoroughly convinced that the C.O.T.C. is the best recruiting ground that the Militia has for its officers, and it is most gratifying to learn of the good feeling prevailing towards the Militia on the part of the members of your Corps.

With kind personal regards,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, GCMGM, KCB,
McGill University,
Sherbrooke St. West,
Montreal.

Inspection

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MONTREAL 9th March, 1933.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., V.D.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

The C.O.T.C. is now approaching the end of another year, which will finish at the Annual Inspection to be held on Tuesday the 21st March at the Armoury of the Canadian Grenadier Guards when the Unit will be inspected by the D.O.C.

Colonel Phelan of the C.G.G., has very kindly allowed us the use of their Officers Mess for that evening, and after the Inspection all the Cadets will assemble in the Mess for the presentation of certificates obtained by the successful candidates in the examinations for Certificates "A" and "B" and in schools of instruction during the past year.

We would appreciate it very much if you could find time to attend, not only to see the Inspection but particularly to present the certificates, and at the same time to give a short encouraging talk to the Cadets.

This is purely a male affair and no women have been invited as was the case last year.

Invitations are being sent to all the Military Committee, former C.O.'s, some professors and other friends of the C.O.T.C. in Montreal. You will receive an official invitation shortly.

I do hope you will be able to come, as it will mean a great deal to the Cadets to have you there.

Yours sincerely,

Erskine Buchanan

*Say yes
AWB*

March 16, 1933

Lt. Colonel E. Buchanan, D.S.O.,
276 St. James St. West,
Montreal, P. Q.

My dear Colonel,

Let me thank you for your letter of
March 9th, in which you tell me of the Annual Inspection
of the C.O.T.C. to be held at the Armoury of the Canadian
Grenadier Guards on March 21st.

I shall be very happy to attend and to
present the certificates, as you request.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal



CANADIAN GRENADIER GUARDS
4171 ESPLANADE AVENUE
MONTREAL, CANADA

Inspection

24th February, 1933.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I understand that the Annual Inspection of the McGill Contingent C.O.T.C. will take place a few weeks from now (tentative date 21st March) in our Armoury, where the Contingent has been training this season.

May I extend to you, the staff and the military board of the University, together with any friends they may wish to bring with them, a cordial invitation to make use of the Armoury and Officers' Mess on that occasion.

I appreciate how encouraging it is to have a good "gallery" and anything that we are able to do to assist the C.O.T.C. we will gladly undertake.

Yours faithfully,

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Sherbrooke Street West,
Montreal.

February 28, 1933.

Colonel F.B. Phelan,
Canadian Grenadier Guards,
4171 Esplanade Avenue,
M o n t r e a l .

My dear Colonel,

Let me thank you very much for your kind letter of the 24th of February in which you offer the use of the Armoury and Officers' Mess to the staff and military board of the University and their friends on the occasion of the Annual Inspection of the McGill Contingent C.O.T.C. which will take place in a few weeks.

I shall be very glad to see that this invitation is conveyed to the proper people at McGill.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

Armistice Day - 1918

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FROM

TO General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., V.D.,
McGill University,
Sherbrooke Street West,
Montreal.

MONTREAL.

4-11- 1932

Dear Sir Arthur,

I understand that you are to take the Salute at the Remembrance Day Parade, and I remember that last year you were kind enough to ask me to act as your A.D.C.

If you have not already made other plans, the Corps would consider it a great honour if you would have one of our Officers for this purpose.

I should be very pleased to act myself if you so desired.

Yours sincerely,

Erskine Buchanan

November 5, 1932.

Colonel Erskine Buchanan, M.C.,
276 St. James St. West,
Montreal, P. Q.

My dear Erskine,

I shall be very pleased indeed if you will act as my staff officer on the occasion of the Armistice Day ceremonies at the Cenotaph. I shall be ready to leave my house at ten-forty, and will expect you there at that hour.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

Special Meeting

October 22, 1932.

Brigadier General W.O.Dodds,
Mutual Life Insurance Company,
360 St. James St. W.
Montreal. P. Q.

My dear General,

I should very much appreciate it if you could attend a Special Meeting of the McGill Committee on Military Instruction, which I am calling for Wednesday afternoon, October 26th, in my office, at four o'clock.

If you cannot come, will you please telephone my Secretary?

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

October 22nd, 1932

Brigadier General W.W.Gibson, C.M.G.,
Officer Commanding, Montreal District.
Department of National Defence.

My dear Brigadier,

I should very much appreciate it if you could attend a Special Meeting of the McGill Committee on Military Instruction which I am calling for Wednesday afternoon, October 26th, in my office, at four o'clock.

If you are unable to come, will you send a personal representative? The matter is important.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

October 22nd, 1932.

Colonel H.M.Wallis,
1509 Sherbrooke St. W.
Montreal. P. Q.

My dear Colonel,

I should very much appreciate it
if you could attend a Special Meeting of the McGill
Committee on Military Instruction, which I am calling
for Wednesday afternoon, October 26th, in my office
at four o'clock.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

Oct 26/32

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Mrs Macmurray
Principal's Office

Dear Mrs Macmurray,
I got Mayo Marfanelone on
the telephone & he will try to attend the
meeting today at 4 p.m.

His full name, address, etc. are
as follows:—

Mayo D.H. Marfanelone M.C.
Business address: 40 Whittall Can Coy Ltd,
2600 Mullins Street,
Montreal.
Home address 4715 Victoria Avenue,
Westmount.

Yours faithfully,
P.P. Thompson

Oct. 24

Daily article

Today the Principal
saw Messrs Desbat
& Talbot re this.

**MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL**

**SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

October 15th, 1932.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., LL.D.

Principal,

McGill University

Dear Sir Arthur,

*advised Thompson
not to be come involved
with any anonymous
correspondent*

May I ask your advice? I attach a copy of the
McGill Daily for Friday last, and you will note that I have underlined
a sentence on page 2.

I have wondered whether I should send the enclosed letters to
the editor of the McGill Daily and take whatever consequences come; or,
whether it would be wiser to ignore this scurrilous lie.

I feel that I ought to write, because the gentlemen, who are
slandered, have been my guests. They include, besides yourself, Dr.
Birkett, General Armstrong and King, Dr. Eve, Prof. McKergow, Professor
Simpson, Dr. Day, Dr. Nicholson and many others.

I am lecturing until 12 noon and will call at your office after
that, so that if you have found time to consider the matter, I may receive
your advice, either by word of mouth, or by a written memo.

If there is no apology on the part of the McGill Daily, I shall
refuse my subscription, when I am called on for it this year. Not that
that will affect them at all; but I do not see why I should support a
scurrilous paper that slanders my friends and myself.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

R.P. Thompson

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 15th, 1932.

The Editor,

The McGill Daily,

Montreal.

Dear Sir,

I shall be much indebted to you, if you will publish
the enclosed in an early issue of your paper.

If you decide not to publish it, will you please return
it to me at once.

Yours faithfully,

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

October 15th, 1932.

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

The Editor,
The McGill Daily,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

I write with regard to the statement regarding "distinguished officers", contained in your issue of October 14th, in an anonymous article, on page 2, column 3, lines 36/39. I have attended every annual dinner of the McGill Ct., C.O.T.C. since the one held early in 1922, and know that this statement is a lie, a cowardly one because of the anonymity of the writer.

I write this for the information of newcomers to McGill University. The gentlemen who have sat at the head table year after year, and who have spoken, have nothing to fear from such an obvious untruth, as they are too well-known and too highly thought of: the majority of them are among the most respected members of the staff of this university. In fact, had this writer known about what he was writing, and had he known the names of the gentlemen whom he slandered, it is possible that even he would have hesitated before penning such a scurrilous falsehood.

Yours faithfully,

late O.V. McGill Ct., C.O.T.C., 1921/26.

Oct. 14, 1932

A Whiff of Grapeshot

INSPIRED by the game with the Montreal Professional Football Club last Saturday, I offer herewith an animadversion or two on the sad state of amateur athletics in these parts.

I remember—years ago—when the M.A.A.A. served up real amateur football to the customers. But it transpired, in the course of seasons, that amateur football and good football are not the same thing outside of the colleges; and Montreal usually wound up at the foot of the league table or somewhere close thereto. The customers began to take their pleasure elsewhere of a Saturday afternoon and there were deficits—where have you heard that word before?—yes, my friends, deficits.

Personally, I don't know how football deficits arise. Even at the worst of times the M.A.A.A. never averaged less than 4000 spectators at their three home league games and at the absurdly low figure of fifty cents a crack, we get an income of \$6000 for the season, without counting rake-off on advertising and other concessions. Now, three road trips to Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton are the principal items in the expense column. Taking a squad of thirty-five—(in City amateur sport one includes the team, the camp-followers and the hangers-on and thus arrives at a squad of thirty-five)—and figuring a liberal \$35 per head for expenses we get a total of about \$3500 in travelling. Add to this between \$500 and \$800 for equipment, and there still remains a substantial profit. But, of course, we are speaking of an amateur team and that lends uncertainty to the calculations.

BLOOD AND GUTS

Well, about three years ago, when the M.A.A.A. directors had been reduced to a state as a result of continual football losses, three gentlemen came forward and delivered the dictum that Montreal football fans want blood and guts and not amateur football; and this blood and guts angle they pledged themselves to introduce.

That same summer a remarkable thing took place; the French-Canadian civilization of Quebec exerted an influence on Ontario football players, thitherto unknown to Canadian history. Montreal got together a good team and set out to play the type of football that pleased the fans.

The following spring there was a meeting of the members of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, and by a remarkable bookkeeping coincidence the profits from football were announced at \$2500.00 exactly. When next season rolled around the fame of Quebec had spread to the United States and one Stevens, from Syracuse, came up here "to study French-Canadian civilization at the University of Montreal." I don't know whether Stevens ever registered at the University of Montreal, but I'm a cynical fellow and I strongly suspect that he decidedly did not. Well, anyway, he played football to such good purpose that Montreal swept through the season undefeated.

Again came the meeting of the M.A.A.A. members, and by an unparalleled coincidence — even more remarkable than the year before — football receipts were on the balance-sheet again at \$2500.00 — no more and no less. The document should have been hastily approved, but a perverse fellow stood up and announced his belief that there was no amazing coincidence before the house; but, that, in sober fact, the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association's football club had been rented to Messrs. Strachan, Riddell and Foran for the sum of \$2,500.00. The crass fellow carried his remarks further and showed considerable heat; and this operator, for one, left the meeting convinced that for the past three years at least the Montreal Amateur Football team in the Interprovincial has been a joke of remarkable proportions.

Now, there are two schools of thought with regard to this renting of the team. One, (that held by two or three people) says that Messrs. Strachan, Riddell and Foran are in the football business to preserve it from a recurring series of deficits; the other, (the theory held by the rest of the population) is that Messrs. Foran, Strachan and Riddell are not in anything that is not a pretty good proposition for Messrs. Riddell, Strachan and Foran. In other words there are people who smile when they think of the Amateur team which played McGill last Monday. I don't smile; I laugh.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

Baz O'Meara, in the Montreal Star, commenced his column one night last week as follows:—"Add three new names to the roll of Canadian Football stars. Carlson, Masters, Baysinger—"

Add them yourself Mr. O'Meara, I can't do it for laughing.

THE C.O.T.C.

One can scarcely avoid noticing that the C.O.T.C. controversy holds the boards again.

A correspondent wrote to the editor some time ago, making piteous moan in a quiet way and announcing that he rather frowned on the whole idea of military training in the schools and colleges. White to the lips, an apostle — (one must take one's apostles where one finds them in these sad disjointed times) — of the soldierly cult came back announcing that in spite of hell, high water, and pacific pusillanimity the Great Old Corps goes marching on. And so it does, egad; so it does.

Our apostolic friend mentioned the C.O.T.C. barracks and therein he erred. Since September 14th I, and many others, have been sneering steadily at that one of the little boy dressed up in the nice, pressed uniform. (These pawn-shop people, it seems, will sell guns to Tom, Dick and Harry). Formerly that poster enjoyed a wide vogue and I could sneer practically anywhere; but of late there has been a falling off, with the result that when I want a really good sneer I have to go over on University Street and stand in front of the C.O.T.C. barracks, or warehouse or whatever it is, and

look at the last remaining exemplar of a remarkable artistic production.

Just why anyone should join the C.O.T.C. is a little beyond me. You get a uniform and you parade and you go through motions. Victims have informed me that although you feel like fools in those pants, they feel even worse when they start in on the drill.

Ho, say the enthusiasts, think of the physical benefits. Horsefeathers! Show me a fine physique honestly come by as a result solely of military drill in the ranks.

Each session up in Ottawa, when the defense estimates are brought in, a certain Miss Agnes MacPhail rises from her seat and tells the boys just where the military training gets off at. She says: what, you lunks, \$100,000 for military training in the schools and colleges? Never while the Ontario MacPhails can cast a dissenting vote! From this modest beginning she goes on to point out that money spent in military training is wasted. It does nothing for the physique which cannot be done much better on the playing fields or in the gymnasium. It merely tends to color the minds of nice little boys with a militaristic tinge. I shall look forward to the defense estimates with pleasure. Oui, donc, la belle MacPhail.

However, there are one or two things on the other side of the ledger. If you join the C.O.T.C. you can always find a ready excuse for downing more than a fair share of the beer at any given place or time. As a military man you have to keep your end up. You can go to manoeuvres at Ste. Marguerites and spend a fine week-end at the country's expense, getting gloriously tight along with a number of ranking officers. Then, of course, there is the corps banquet where you can hear distinguished officers tell all the dirty jokes you heard ten or twelve years ago.

One interesting anecdote before we close. It seems that not so long ago the corps was at Ste. Marguerites, preparing to go through with the annual manoeuvres. The cavalry section was told to parade at 9 a.m. and the boys thought reasonably enough that the quartermaster or somebody would provide the horses. Nine o'clock came and no horses. Manoeuvres were five or six miles away and it seemed like a scandalous distance to walk. So they sat down calmly, announced themselves to be cavalry and laid down the principle that cavalry rides. This was mutiny.

But make no errors, my friends. I am a patriotic citizen. Our Anglo-Saxon institutions and law must be upheld; our flag and our country kept inviolate. Yes, I would die for my country tomorrow—or even Thursday.

Founder's Day

BUCHANAN & BUCHANAN

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ERSKINE BUCHANAN

MONTREAL 1st October 1932.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., V.D.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

One of the matters which I wished to submit to you for your consideration was a proposal that we co-operate with the Canadian Grenadier Guards detachment at the Founder's Day ceremony.

I have spoken to Colonel Phelan who is quite agreeable, and he said that if we provided a detachment of the same strength as his it could be worked in very easily.

We are having our next Parade on Tuesday at the Armoury of the Canadian Grenadier Guards and I feel confident that I can pick out a smart detachment of twenty-five Cadets. May we have your permission to do this, if so, please let me know before Tuesday night in order that we may prepare for Friday night.

Yours very sincerely,

Erskine Buchanan

October 3, 1932.

Lieut.Colonel Erskine Buchanan, D.S.O.
O.C. McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C.
Insurance Exchange Building,
276 St. James St. W.
Montreal.

My dear Erskine,

I have your letter of October 1st. It is not necessary for me to tell you that as Honorary Colonel of the McGill C.O.T.C. and as Principal of this University, I wish to encourage you and the Cadets in every way I possibly can.

I have given considerable thought to your participation in the Founder's Day ceremony and I have concluded that we had best leave the Cadets out of it.

There is every reason to welcome the mounting of a guard by the Grenadier Guards. That organization is the direct descendant of the Militia unit of which James McGill was the Commanding Officer. To honour his birthday, which is an appropriate thing for them to do, there is no other way than by military participation. That does honour to his memory from a military point of view. But the University is not so much concerned with his military connection as with his founding this University. We do that in a different way, calling the students' attention to who James McGill was and what his hopes were for a university, and what that university has done and what it means. There is nothing military in this, and I feel that if we associated our military unit with that ceremony, there would ensue critical comment by those anti-military people in the University, - and we cannot deny that there are some. I do not wish to put them in a position where they can criticize the University.

You can understand with what reluctance I have come to this conclusion, but I am sure I am right.

I told Dean MacKay this morning that I was in favour of granting you permission to speak to some of the large classes on behalf of the Cadets.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

MC GILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

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FROM

TO General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., V.D.,
Principal & Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
Montreal.

MONTREAL,

4-10- 1952

Dear Sir Arthur,

Your letter of the 3rd instant received this morning and I wish to say that I understand your attitude perfectly, and I agree with you that it would not be a good thing to put the anti-military people in a position where they can criticize the University.

I wish to thank you for having arranged with Dean Mackay for me to speak to the Art Students on behalf of the C.O.T.C.

Yours faithfully,

Ernie Buchanan

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FROM

TO Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

MONTREAL, 14-9- 192

Dear Sir Arthur,

Before the season opens I would particularly like to show you over the quarters of this Unit, especially our new Mess at 3480 University Street, of which the Cadets are very proud.

I hope that you can find time to come over, even for a few minutes and if your Secretary will tell me what time will be convenient for you, I should be very pleased to meet you and show you around.

Yours sincerely,

E. B. Q. Buchanan

*Say 5 tomorrow
afternoon (16th)*

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FROM

TO Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

MONTREAL, 20-9- 192

Dear Sir Arthur,

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 17th instant and am glad that you will come to inspect our quarters and Mess soon.

As requested I am preparing a draft report on the activities of the C.O.T.C., for the past Session including mention of the matters in your letter.

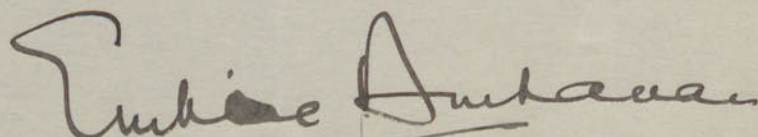
I very much appreciate that you will give us a paragraph in your section.

I am sorry about the C.O.T.C. recruiting posters on the trees and have given orders to have them removed immediately.

We have to depend practically solely on advertising during the first week of the Session to enable us to obtain recruits, and we are under difficulties in this, as some misguided individuals insist on tearing up our best posters (incidentally costing \$1.50 each) which we place on the official notice boards. I take it that there will be no objection to putting up our notices outside the grounds at the approaches to the University.

I shall send the report to Colonel Bovey as soon as I have had it prepared.

Yours sincerely,



MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 11th, 1932.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., R.C.B.

Principal,

McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,

We held our meeting of the Committee of Military Instruction yesterday, and everyone was present with the exception of Major Wyatt Johnson.

Many things were discussed including the responsibility of the Committee to the G.O.C. M.D. No.4, and to the University, and the necessity of keeping a good spirit in the corps, and keeping the support of those on the staff who are favourable to the C.O.T.C.

The matters up for discussion were dealt with as follows:-

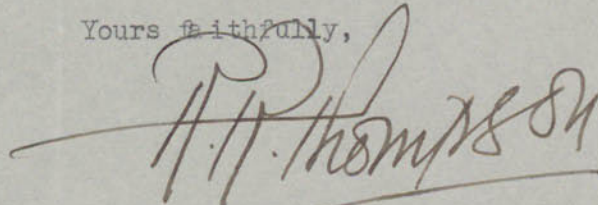
(1) The Commanding-Officer was requested to take no steps at all for the transfer of outside officers to the strength of the corps without consulting the Executive Committee.

(2) There was no formal resolution passed with regard to the Commanding Officer's method of dealing with the case of insubordination on the part of a lieutenant, it being a matter of discipline; but several members present spoke strongly on behalf of the lieutenant in question, because of his career and past services to the corps, and recommended the Commanding Officer to treat the matter a little more leniently. The Commanding Officer's lenient treatment of his captain and adjutant in a case of insubordination during this session was pointed out, and also that it is highly probable that cadets and other students will compare his methods of dealing with the two cases.

May I suggest that you add to the committee the name of Col. D.R. McCuaig, D.S.O. That would give us as members two of the principal infantry-brigade commanders of the Montreal District, the other being Col. Basil Price, D.S.O., M.C.?

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. H. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chairman, Committee of Military Instruction.

EDINBURGH BOND



MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
~~OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR~~

June 7th/32

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur,
McGill C.E., C.O.T.C.

As you know the Military Committee
by C.O.T.C. Regs No 7 is responsible to the
G.O.C. District for the "administration generally"
of the unit. It is also responsible to you
& the University.

There is apparently some trouble
in the unit due to the following:-

① the Commanding Officer's procedure
in attempting to transfer an outside
officer to the unit, and

② his methods of dealing with what
are apparently cases of insubordination
on the part of this adjutant, & on the
part of a lieutenant.

I have been consulting the following
officers over these matters: - Col. P. Sturke,
Professor McKergon, Col. Prover (S.O.I. M.O. 104)
& others. We decided that it would
be best to call a meeting of the Military
Committee to go into these matters, & have
done so for Friday, June 10th at 5 p.m.

We do not wish to trouble you over
these matters, as we believe that we
can handle them. At the same
time, Prof. McKergon & I thought that
you would want to know what was
happening.

We know that you are having a
few days rest, and do not wish to
trouble you. At the same time, if
you wish to know the main facts I
will make it convenient to come to see you
at any time you name, & I know that
Prof. McKergon will do the same.

Yours faithfully
R. P. THOMPSON
Chairman, Committee of Military Instruction.

June 13, 1932.

Colonel R. R. Thompson,
Department of Commerce.

Dear Colonel Thompson,

Thank you for letting me know what happened at the meeting on June 10th. Some time I shall take an opportunity of speaking to Erskine Buchanan. There is one thing that we must guard against, and that is, that the Corps must remain a McGill Unit or somebody will soon be calling it "Buchanan's Bodyguard". I am not greatly in favour of bringing in outside officers. I quite appreciate that it may be impossible for us to get a Commanding Officer within the University, and that is a pity; but I should think practically all other positions should be filled by University men. I am not greatly in favour of the idea of naming Colonel Rykert McCuaig as a member of the Military Committee. Confidentially, I do not think he would add very much strength to it. If we could get Eric McCuaig keenly interested, he would be a much better choice.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

Montreal, 28-9-31.

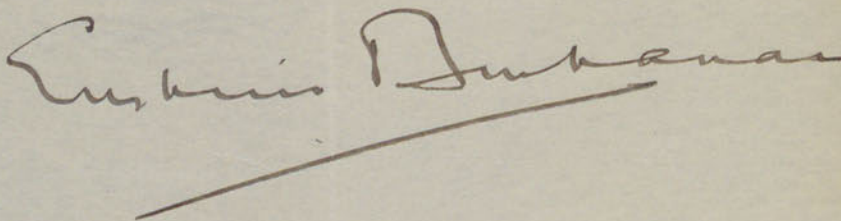
Gen. Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I herewith enclose programme of training and events planned for the coming session of the Corps, which I trust will meet with your approval.

Although I know you are very busy during the next week or two, I should like to have the opportunity of a short interview with you to discuss the work connected with my new appointment as C.O. of the Corps, to which I may say I am looking forward with great eagerness.

Yours sincerely,

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McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.

Session 1931-32

PROGRAMME

- Oct. 1-16 Enlistment of Recruits.
Oct. 7 Smoking Concert, McGill Union.
Oct. 9-30 Daily Recruit Parades, Montreal High School, 5 to 6 p.m.
(except Saturdays).
Oct. 12 to
Nov. 30 Cavalry Riding School.
Oct. 14 Battalion Parade. The Armoury, The B. W. of C., Bleury
Street, 8 to 10 p.m. (Battalion parades will continue on each
consecutive Wednesday during Session, unless especially can-
celled in Orders.)
Nov. 7-8 Battalion Tactical Exercise. Week-end in Laurentians.
Nov. 11 Garrison Armistice Day Parade.
Nov. 29 Infantry Tactical Exercise, Sunday, in Laurentians.
Dec. 16 Final Battalion Parade, prior to Christmas holidays.
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Jan. 6 Battalion Parades resumed.
Jan. 29-31 Battalion Tactical Exercise (Ski), Week-end in Laurentians.
Feb. 14 Infantry Tactical Exercise (Ski), Sunday in Laurentians.
Feb. Examinations for Certificates "A" and "B."
March Annual Inspection by G.O.C. M.D. No. 4.
March Annual Battalion Dance.

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Major,
Officer Commanding.



PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR:
SIR ARTHUR W. CURRIE, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

FROM
THE PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHANCELLOR,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL.

September 30th, 1931.

Major Erskine Buchanan,
O. C. Canadian Officers Training Corps,
McGill University Contingent.
451 Mountain Street,
Montreal. P.Q.

Dear Major Buchanan,

Thank you for your letter of
yesterday in which you enclose programme of training
and events planned for the coming session of the Corps.
I shall look forward to having a chat with you some
time soon, but I think it will not be possible to
find the time until after the graduates' reunion
is over. You might get in touch with me then and
we will find an hour.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

O.C. Jenkins retires
Sawyer?

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 3rd / 30

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., Lt. D.
Principal,
McGill University

Dear Sir Arthur McGill C.I.C.O.T.C.

May I call your attention to M^r W. R. SAWYER, who is at present working in the Department of Chemistry under Professor Johnson.

He is serving in the Officers Training Corps, and Major Jenkins regards him as a man well-fitted to command it. I have been impressed with his quiet, self-possession, & concur in Major Jenkins' opinion. We considered him as a possible successor to Major Jenkins, but put Professor Kelly's name in first because of his being the older, more experienced, & better-known man.

If M^r Sawyer became permanently attached to the University, I am sure that he would be a great accession to the Officers Training Corps.

I enclose a copy of a letter in which M^r Sawyer gives details of himself, & also of a testimonial regarding him.

I remain faithfully
Yours,

R. R. Thompson

Chairman, Military Committee

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

March 21st, 1930.

The Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I thank you very much for your letter of March 18th.

I have requested Mr. Sawyer to arrange with your Secretary for an interview with you at a time which is convenient.

An excellent arrangement for next session would be as follows, I think,

Officer Commanding (Lt.Col.) J.W.Jeakins, M.M.

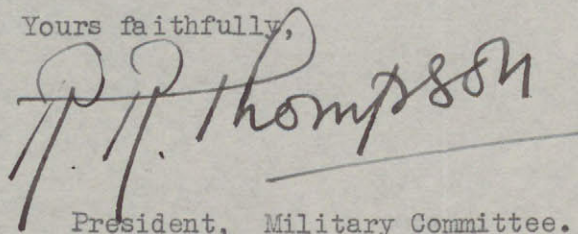
2nd in Command, (Major) A.J.Kelly, M.C., with

(Captain) W.R.Sawyer in some post to be decided by Major Jeakins,

in which he could under-study both the Officer Commanding and 2nd in Command).

I am sending a copy of this letter to Major Jeakins.

Yours faithfully,


President, Military Committee.

March 18th,
1930.

Professor R. R. Thompson,
School of Commerce.

Dear Professor Thompson,

I am ashamed of myself that I have not before this answered your letter of February 3rd with reference to Sawyer.

I should be quite willing to support the recommendation of Major Jenkins and yourself, but I would like to have one look at Sawyer. I must have seen something of him during the four years he was at R.M.C., as I was then Chairman of the Board. Please arrange for him to call and also tell me the formality I must go through to commend him.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 19th, 1931.

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General Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

McGill Ct., C.O.T.C.

The Military Committee met yesterday afternoon,
May 18th, the following being present:-

Col. R. Starke, Lt.Col. A.A.Magee, Lt.Col. W. Bovey,
Major C. McKergow, Major J.W.Jeakins, O.C., McGill Ct., C.O.T.C.
and myself.

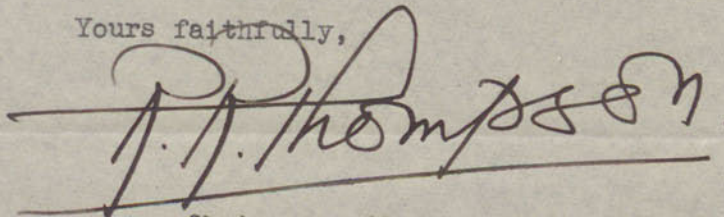
On next August 31st Major Jeakins will have been five years
in command of the unit, and his period of command expires. Subject to your
approval, and on his recommendation, the Committee passed a unanimous
resolution in favour of the command being given to Major Erskine Buchanan,
17th Duke of York Hussars, and late Black Watch, with the rank of Lieut.-
Colonel. Major Buchanan has been attached to the unit as an understudy
to the Commanding Officer during the season 1930/31. Next to Major Jeakins,
the senior officer in the unit is Major H.D.Pennell, who has given loyal
service to the unit. However, the Committee recommend Major Buchanan for
the command because of his wider experience, and they instructed me to wait
on you personally to give any explanations you may require, and to obtain
your approval before passing the recommendation on to Military District No 4.

In view of the long and excellent service of Major J.W.Jeakins,
the Committee have instructed me to see if it is possible to obtain the rank
of Hon. Lt. Col. for him, and to write to M.D. No. 4 accordingly.

The Committee beg to recommend that Lt. Col. N.B.Maclean, D.S.O., Professor of Mathematics, be appointed a member of it, and that Major Jeakins be retained as Secretary, in which capacity he has expressed his willingness to act.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. J. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "T".

Chairman, Military Committee.

Capt Pennell

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

Montreal

22nd October, 1929.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor,
McGill University,
M O N T R E A L.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 19th concerning Captain Pennell's accident. I will take steps to have a Court of Enquiry assembled at the earliest possible moment and will send you a complete report of the proceedings.

Captain Pennell is now able to return to his duties. I am very thankful that the wound which might have been very serious has proved to be only slight.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Jenkins

Major O.C.
McGill Ct. C.O.T.C.

October 19th, 1929.

Major John Jeakins,
O.C., C.O.T.C.,
McGill University.

Dear Major Jeakins:-

I am to-day in receipt of a letter from Miss Herriott, Physical Director for Women at McGill University, who informs me that Captain Pennell of the C.O.T.C. met with an accident at the Rifle Range in the Montreal High School for Boys, on Thursday evening, October 17th, when he was instructing at a meeting of the Rifle Club of the McGill Women's Athletic Association. I understand he is now in hospital, that he has not been dangerously wounded and that he regards the matter purely as an accident.

Will you please cause a Court of Enquiry to be assembled and evidence taken, submitting the proceedings to me. Such a Court will serve to have all the evidence on file and also it will give useful practice to the officers.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

October 19th, 1929.

Miss Jesse S. Herriott, B.Sc., M.A.,
Physical Director for Women,
Royal Victoria College.

Dear Miss Herriott:-

I thank you for your letter of October 18th with reference to the accident to Captain Pennell of the C.O.T.C., which occurred at the meeting of the Rifle Association of the McGill Women Students' Athletic Association.

I had not before this heard anything of this accident. I am writing to Major Jenkins, Officer Commanding the C.O.T.C., asking that he hold a Court of Enquiry and submit the proceedings to me.

I am indeed glad to learn that Captain Pennell has not been dangerously wounded.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION
DIRECTOR: A. S. LAMB, B.P.E., M.D.

PHYSICAL DIRECTOR FOR WOMEN
JESSE S. HERRIOTT, B.Sc., M.A.

ASSISTANT PHYSICAL DIRECTORS FOR WOMEN
MURIEL D. ALEXANDER
ZERADA SLACK, B.A.
ETHEL WAIN

October 18th, 1929.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

May I give you further and more accurate information regarding the accident which occurred in the Montreal High School for Boys, at the Rifle Range, on Thursday evening, October 17th.

The accident occurred at the meeting of the Rifle Club of the McGill Women Students' Athletic Association. The C.O.T.C. of McGill University has very kindly given the women students the use of their rifles, and Captain Pennell (C.O.T.C.) of the Faculty of Dentistry, McGill University, has served as the Instructor. I am expressing the attitude of Captain Pennell in stating that it was in every respect an accident, and we deeply regret the same.

I have just returned from the Royal Victoria Hospital where I went to see Captain Pennell, and from all reports it is a flesh wound which does not appear to be at all serious. The Rifle Club is putting into the McGill Daily a second notice which we hope will be reported verbatim so as to give a more accurate report of the proceedings.

Yours very sincerely,

Jesse S. Herriott

Physical Director for Women.

JSH/EAM.

Visit to Macdonald

November 26th, 1927.

Dean Sinclair Laird,
Chairman, Executive Committee,
Macdonald College, Que.

My dear Dean Laird:-

There is a matter which I
would ask the Executive Committee to re-consider.

I am told that the McGill
C.O.T.C. have asked permission to make their
customary annual visit to Macdonald College and
Ste. Anne de Bellevue some time in the near future,
and that the request was refused. I take a great
interest in the Officers' Training Corps and can
see no reason whatever for the action of the
Executive Committee at Macdonald. The young men
are a well-behaved lot. We are training them for
officers and we are trying to teach them that an
officer should be a gentleman as well. If their
conduct in the past has been harmful to the moral
standards of Macdonald, or if they have misbehaved
themselves, that is another question, but, if so,
I have never been informed.

Will you please bring the matter
to the attention of the Executive again.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

MACDONALD COLLEGE

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

RAILWAY STATIONS, EXPRESS AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES:
STE. ANNE DE BELLEVUE, QUE.

POST OFFICE:
MACDONALD COLLEGE, QUE., CANADA.

November 28th, 1927

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I am instructed by the Executive Committee of Macdonald College to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 26th, to Dean Laird, and to advise that the same was submitted to a full meeting of the local members held this morning.

At your request, the Executive Committee carefully reconsidered its decision of the 24th instant, in connection with the application of the McGill C.O.T.C. for permission to spend the week-end of December 3rd and 4th at Macdonald College.

The Committee wishes me to state that it is in entire sympathy with the work of the C.O.T.C., and is naturally anxious to give special consideration on all occasions to McGill organizations. However, with the college filled almost to its capacity, it finds itself compelled to discourage visits of outside organizations during the college session.

As you are aware, there are many demands from time to time that are directly concerned with the interests and activities of one or more of our three schools. The college is obliged to meet these, but, even in such cases, the Committee finds itself compelled to impose restrictions, in order that college routine, and especially residence administration and discipline, may suffer the minimum of interference and disturbance.

For example, only last week, the local branch of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists held its semi-annual meeting at the college, as in previous years. A dinner for the members was arranged for and provided in the dining department, but this entailed very considerable difficulty and involved much disturbance of regular routine operations.

*To. Col. Feakins
Please note
28/11/27
A.W. Currie*

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Before the meeting, it had been made clear to the officers of the Society that the college might manage this one meal but that no more could be expected, and that it would be necessary for them to billet their outside members among the staff, if they were to remain for the evening programme.

The proposed visit of the C.O.T.C. would mean that the gymnasium and one or more rooms would be occupied and that other residence facilities now in full use by the students would be required. The dining room would also be very much crowded. Furthermore, the number of servants now provided is no more than adequate for present needs.

The members of the C.O.T.C. would expect to attend the Saturday evening dance and should be allowed to do so if they were guests at the college.

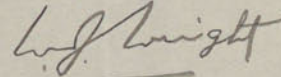
The Committee recalls that last year numbers of the cadets went walking on Sunday afternoon with women students of the college. This is strictly against our college rules and naturally served as an encouragement to both men and women students at Macdonald College to violate the regulations.

The views of the Superintendent of Residences were asked before the original decision was made. She did not favor the granting of the application owing to the difficulties involved in maintaining the observance of college regulations for women students.

In view of the above considerations, the Executive Committee is still unanimous in its preference not to have the C.O.T.C. visit the college during the session.

Believe me,

Respectfully yours,



Secretary, Executive Committee
of Macdonald College.

WJW/MB.

November 30th, 1927.

W. J. Wright, Esq.,
Secretary, Executive Committee,
Macdonald College, Que.

Dear Mr. Wright:-

Replying to your letter of
November 28th re application of C.O.T.C. to
spend a week-end at Macdonald College, I have
nothing more to say. The reasons given to me
appear quite sound.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.



CANADA

Uniforms

In reply please quote

No.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE W 59-1-9.

Headquarters, Military District No. 10,
Winnipeg, Man., 31st May 1928.

Lt-Col. Wilfred Bovey, DSO.,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Dear Bovey:-

The Manitoba University, C.O.T.C., is very anxious to have a uniform which is more in keeping with an Officers Training Corps than the present issue of ~~Rank~~ and ~~file~~ khaki.

When I was in Montreal I remember McGill, O.T.C., taking up the same question, but I left before anything definite had been decided.

I shall be very grateful if you could let me know what the situation is with regard to your O.T.C.

They feel here that they should have a blue serge uniform, but I doubt if this could ever be approved. Personally, I feel that if all the University C.O.T.C.'s agreed ^{on} a uniform on the lines of an officers or warrant officers khaki ^{would} be more practicable, and would make the Corps more in keeping with its character as an Officers Training Corps.

The O.T.C. here is apparently very efficient and keen, but I have'nt had much chance of seeing anything of them as yet.

I hope you are going strong. Please give my best salaams to Sir Arthur Currie. I was delighted to read of his reception when he got back to Montreal, and only wish that I could have taken part. Best regards to yourself,

Yours sincerely,

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June 13, 1928.

Colonel R.O. Alexander, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Headquarters, Military District No. 10,
Winnipeg.

Dear Colonel Alexander:-

Reference your letter of May 31st, W 59-1-9,
I send you herewith copy of the Resolution forwarded by the McGill C.O.T.C.
to Headquarters.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey,

Director.

16th January, 1930.

District Officer Commanding,
Military District No. 4,
M o n t r e a l , P. Q.

Change in policy of clothing
McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C.

On December 21st, 1927, a resolution was proposed, seconded and unanimously carried at the Annual Meeting of the Military Committee of McGill University, that the cadets of the McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C. cease to be clothed as private soldiers of the N.P.A.M. This was duly forwarded. On two occasions since, the same resolution has been passed when the C.S.O. of the district was present as a member of the committee.

It has been recommended that a uniform similar in pattern to that worn by the R.C.A.F., but made in navy blue, should be substituted. Personnel of the C.O.T.C. are frequently attached to units of the N.P.A.M. for training and it is most embarrassing to this personnel to have to appear as officers, dressed in the clothing of private soldiers.

Further, a smart and neat uniform is recognized as possessing a distinct value in promoting efficiency.

We realize that at H.D.H.Q. the Officers' Training Corps is considered as a very important link in Canadian defence, and we feel that recruiting at McGill will be appreciably encouraged if the government can provide a substitute for the khaki now issued.

The present uniform is ill-fitting and unsatisfactory and it is hardly correct for cadets to wear the uniform of private soldiers. A smarter, more suitable and more unusual turnout would, I believe, result in a much larger enlistment and in increased efficiency. If what the eye sees is smart and somewhat unusual, there is little doubt that the undergraduates will enlist more freely.

The total authorized strength of McGill University Contingent for training is a Headquarters and three companies, making a total of 22 officers and 327 other ranks, and as a concrete suggestion we ask that 327 blue uniforms be issued and that a grant for upkeep of same be allowed at the rate of two dollars per annum per cadet on the pay roll.

The Military Committee of the University consider (and I agree) that this matter should receive serious and sympathetic consideration by the government. The University, no doubt, can continue to enlist about 100 all ranks per annum and obtain twenty or so certificates each year, but the Military Committee do not consider this satisfactory, in view of the fact that there are 2000 available male students attending the University.

I hope that you will see fit to place the substance of this letter before the delegates of the Infantry Association and that they will accept our suggestions as a basis for recommendation to National Defence Headquarters.

General.

Principal, McGill University.

Naval O.T.C.

December 23, 1927.

Commodore Walter Hose, C.M.G.,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Commodore:-

I am enclosing you herewith recommendation of our Military Committee which has gone forward to the Minister with Sir Arthur's recommendation.

For the first year I do not see any possibility of getting an O.C. here and I should like to suggest that you borrow a lieutenant capable of organizing, if you have none available yourself. He might get the Corps started here and perhaps elsewhere. Later on it might be possible for us to obtain a half-pay Lieutenant-Commander who could do a certain amount of instruction and we might supplement his half pay by a small University salary.

We could not embark on this until we knew that the Corps was likely to be a success which a year or so would easily show.

I should like to suggest Lieutenant John Trevor Lean now on H.M.S. Calcutta or her successor, if he were available for shore duty. From our point of view he fulfils all the requirements. I know he is very keen on the service and I should think he was sufficiently qualified in that direction.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

December 22, 1927.

The Honourable the Minister of National Defence,
Ottawa,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Minister:-

I am forwarding you herewith copy of a resolution passed unanimously by the Committee on Military Instruction of this University.

I understand that negotiations have been going on for some time in an informal way between members of the Committee and Commodore Rose and that the Committee has had the benefit of his advice and guidance.

I am in favour of the proposal outlined and trust that it will be possible for it to be put into effect.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

COPY FOR: Col. Wilfrid Bovey.

Ottawa, 12th, December 1927.

Dear Thomson,

I got your wire this morning. The only thing that I can suggest by way of a motion would be to the effect that a submission be forwarded through the proper channels from the McGill University Military Committee to the Minister of National Defence requesting his favourable consideration of the formation of a Naval Officers' Training Corps.

The submission to state that it is desired that while members of the N.O.T.C. would not receive pay, that they might be accorded the relative rank of Midshipman of the R.C.N.V.R., that they should, in addition to the Instructional Courses at the University in Nautical subjects which would be arranged by the Faculty of the University, be granted 14 to 28 days' training annually at the Naval Training Centre at Halifax.

That the cost of railway transportation, accommodation at Halifax and victualling during training should be borne by the Department of National Defence.

That the numbers to undergo training each year should be governed by the appropriation available, but it is hoped that it would not be less than (say) fifteen.

The submission might be accompanied by a memorandum giving the aims and objects of the proposed corps.

The above is only a generalized suggestion which you may like to amend but I think it would be advisable to put forward the proposal to the Minister officially.

Very many thanks for sending me the list of the men at the dinner you gave me. It was a great pleasure to me to meet them.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Walter Hose.

Lesslie R. Thomson, Esq.,
New Birks Building,
Montreal, P.Q.

DAY LETTER
CANADIAN NATIONAL
TELEGRAPHS.

(C o p y O n l y)

Montreal, December 12th, 1927.

Commodore Walter Hose,
Director of Naval Service,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

Meeting this week of McGill University
Military Committee comma if there is anything you want done at
this meeting by way of motions etc in order to expedite scheme
please let me know at once stop We are anxious to complete all
arrangements to initiate training next session.

Lesslie R. Thomson.

(Copy for: Col. W. Bovey)
McGill University.

October 3,
1933

Lt. Col. Erskine Buchanan, M. C.,
276 St. James St. W.,
Montreal, P. Q.

My dear Erskine,

I have your letter of the 2nd
October in which you make a suggestion to ameliorate
the overcrowding at 3480 University Street. I have
asked the Bursar, Mr. Classco, to take this matter
up with Dr. Lomer.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

McGill C.O.T.C. Mess
3480 University Street
Montreal
May 16th 1933.

General Sir Arthur Currie
Honorary Colonel
McGill University C.O.T.C.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite you to be the Guest of Honour at the inaugural Mess Dinner to be held at our Mess 3480 University Street on Friday, May the twenty-sixth, at seven-thirty o'clock.

We would deem it a great privilege to receive you in our new quarters and especially so, at this (to us) rather auspicious occasion.

Hoping that you will be able to accede to our request, I remain,

Your obedient servant

F. Geoffrey Simpson

Mess President

May 18th, 1933.

R. Geoffrey Simpson, Esq.,
Mess President, McGill C.O.T.C. Mess,
3480 University Street,
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Simpson,

Let me thank you for your invitation
to be present at the inaugural Mess Dinner, to be held
at the C.O.T.C. headquarters on Friday, May the twenty-
sixth, at seven-thirty o'clock.

I shall be very happy to be with you.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

May 27th, 1933.

R. Geoffrey Simpson, Esq.,
Mess President,
McGill C.O.T.C. Mess,
3480 University Street,
Montreal, P. Q.

My dear Mr. Simpson,

Mr. Grimson has just left my office,
and I feel I must write and tell you how very sorry
I am about last evening. Convocation Week has been
so very busy for me that although I find your letter
came in and I told you I would go, and although I
had the date on my calendar, last evening the matter
slipped my mind entirely. My Secretary was away
for the day: I am afraid that is my only excuse.
I am extremely sorry because I could have attended
the dinner and would have been only too happy to do so.

With all kind wishes,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

276 St James St W
Montreal

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Dear Sir Arthur

Thank you
so much for your letter
of 29th about the
Mess Dinner of the C.O.T.C.,
I appreciated it
immensely.

We did regret
your absence very
much, as the fellows
are very keen for you

to see the standards
which they are
setting up for members
of the Press.

I really think that
the Press is helping
and will increasingly
help the Corps
tremendously, and
we can't thank you
enough for having
arranged for us to
get it.

I know you will be pleased to hear that the results in the Certificate Examination from the War Office, this year, were markedly better, McGill having done much better than any other O.T.C. in the district.

I had great pleasure in dining at your house on Saturday night with Marionie & Galt, but was sorry you weren't there.

yours sincerely

Eveline Dubauan

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MONTREAL 16th March, 1933.

General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., V.D.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur,

The C.O.T.C. is holding its Annual Dance at the Windsor Hotel on Friday the 31st instant and I wish to ask you and Lady Currie the favour of doing us the honour of becoming Patrons. You will receive an invitation in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Erskine Buchanan

P. S. If you can come to our Inspection next Tuesday night, would you kindly have your secretary let me know.

E.D.

Phoned

March 17, 1933.

Lt. Col. Erskine Buchanan,
276 St. James St. West,
M o n t r e a l .

My dear Erskine,

My wife and I will be delighted to extend our patronage to the Annual Dance of the C.O.T.C. which is being held in the Windsor Hotel on Friday the 31st of March. As you know our dancing days are about over and I seldom attend functions of this kind, but I hope you will have a very happy time.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

Dominion Engineering Works Limited
Montreal, Canada

March 17th, 1932.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal,
McGill University,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Dear Sir,

The members of the McGill Ct.
C.O.T.C. are holding their Annual Dance
on Friday, April 1st, 1932, in the Windsor
Hotel. We would be highly honoured if
you and Lady Currie would consent to act
as patrons on this occasion.

Hoping to receive your
favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

G. V. Wainwright

Lieut.

Chairman, Dance Committee.

*Say yes and
note*

GET:LT

March 18, 1932.

Lieut. G.E.Tait,
Chairman, Dance Committee,
McGill Ct. C.O.T.C.
Care Dominion Engineering Works, Limited,
Montreal. P. Q.

Dear Lieut. Tait,

My wife and I gladly extend
our patronage to the Annual Dance of the McGill
C.O.T.C. on Friday, April first, 1932, in the
Windsor Hotel, and I hope it will be a great
success.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

Montreal,

21st February, 1930.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal,
P. Q.

Dear Sir Arthur,-

The McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C., is holding its Annual Dance at the Mount Royal Hotel on March 4th. We would like to state that the dance is being held under the patronage of yourself, Lady Currie, and the Military Committee. If you will permit us to use your name I will write to the other members of the Committee.

I realize that you have a great many important duties to attend to and that your time is fully occupied but should you have a free evening we will be delighted to have you and Lady Currie with us at the dance on March 4th.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Jenkins

Major O.C.,
McGill Ct., C.O.T.C.

22nd February,
1930.

Major J. W. Jeakins,
Canadian Officers Training Corps
McGill University.

Dear Major Jeakins,

Thank you for your letter of the 21st February. Lady Currie and I are delighted that you are holding the dance under our patronage, but unfortunately it is impossible for us to attend, because only yesterday I promised to go to a dinner which Mr. Beatty is giving to Dr. Chipman on that evening.

I hope the dance will be a great success.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL

June 8, 1927.

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal.

LIEUTENANT H.D. PENNELL.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I hope that I am not making a faux pas, but I should like to call to your attention the services of the above officer to the University, both in the Officers' Training Corps and at the Convocations.

Lieutenant Pennell saw service in France in the King's Liverpool Regiment, in France. During the last four sessions he has been one of the keenest and most reliable members of the McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C. He has a thorough knowledge of his duties, has good initiative, and is a good disciplinarian. He is now a company commander, and is being recommended for promotion to captain.

He has given me excellent assistance at the Convocations of the last three sessions, being a man who quickly appreciates a situation and who has a steady head. At the last two spring convocations he has acted as my chief assistant in marshalling the procession.

He is a demonstrator in the Faculty of Dentistry and I would not have brought his name before you, had I not heard from Dean Thornton direct as to how highly Lieutenant Pennell is valued for his work in that Faculty.

Lieutenant Pennell is a married man. I respectfully beg to bring his name before you so that, if an opportunity should arise of promoting Lieutenant Pennell or giving him some increase in salary, you may remember what I have recorded here, and also his general loyalty to McGill University and to this Dominion.

I have the honour to remain,
Yours faithfully,

Robert P. Thompson

R. P. T.

Dear Dr. Walsh,
Please let me have a
report on Mr. Pennell.
Miss Wood

10/0/27.

June 10th, 1927.

Lieut.-Colonel R. R. Thompson,
Department of Commerce,
McGill University.

Dear Colonel Thompson:-

Thank you very much for
your letter of the 8th with reference to Lieut.
H. D. Pennell.

I am asking the Dental
School to give me a report on him. I shall bear
in mind what you say.

Yours faithfully.

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

MONTREAL, June 15th, 1927.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Re. Lieutenant H.D. Pennell.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst., I would herewith report on Mr. Pennell. He came to us in September 1921, willing to take on any duties, and possessing a dental mechanic's training, which he obtained in England. He was engaged at a salary of \$18.50, and is now receiving \$25.00 per week, having been connected with this Department since his engagement, with the exception of seven months, from October 1925 to May 1926, during which time he endeavoured to settle in England, on account of his wife's illness.

His work has been that of caretaker of the rooms, and to do any mechanical work, which might be of any assistance to the teaching staff. He is not a demonstrator, and the Faculty Executive expressed themselves four years ago, as being decidedly opposed to using a demonstrator, who had/a dental degree.

His work has been very satisfactory, and I agree with Colonel Thompson as to his initiative, and disciplinary qualities.

For the work that is engaged in, however, I could not recommend an increase in salary. He has applied for six weeks leave of absence, to attend the "Small Arms School", and I would recommend that this be granted, without loss of salary.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur L. Walsh

AIW/EA

June 16th, 1927.

Dr. A. L. Walsh,
Faculty of Dentistry,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Walsh:-

I have your letter of yesterday
with reference to H.D. Pennell.

You tell me that he has applied
for six weeks leave of absence to attend the "Small
Arms School". Please let me know what arrangements
can be made with reference to his work as caretaker
of the rooms. It is a little unusual to grant
caretakers six weeks leave of absence, but if
arrangements can be made to carry on his work with-
out cost to the University, I am quite agreeable.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

MONTREAL, June 21st, 1927.

Sir Arthur Currie,
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

In answer to you letter of the 16th, inst.,
if it is in the best interests of Military Training, that
McGill University, should have Mr. Pennell, attend the "Small
Arms School," I could arrange to have his duties cared for
during his absence.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Arthur L. Walsh

ALW/EA

Dear Mr. Glasco

Please deal with this
case for me.

7/6/27.

Arthur L. Walsh

MC GILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

~~405 SHEPPROOKE STREET WEST~~
MONTREAL

Jan'y 9/1922

Dear Sir Arthur,

I pass these to you with this note, so that I shall not trouble you when you are busy, and that you may peruse them at your leisure:

- (A) Col. Armstrong informs me that Lt Gen^l Sir Henry Bursall, Inspector-General of Canadian Militia, wishes to see us at work tomorrow, Tuesday evening. I expect that we will parade in the first place at the High School, & march thence to the Craig St^l Drill Hall.
- (B) The attached article out of the "Yale Alumni Weekly" was passed to me by Col Magee, with the suggestion that I should show it to you.
- (C) I attach the latest letter from M. D. 4. re - Macdonald College C.O.T.C.: this apparently closes the matter pro tem.

Yours faithfully,
P. P. Thompson.

Gen^l Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D. Lt Col.



THE R. O. T. C. STAFF, YALE UNIVERSITY

Bottom row, left to right, Captain Bachman, F.A., Captain Hale, S.C., Captain Ford, O.D., Professor Adams, Major Hoyle, F.A., Major Davison, C.E., Captain Harrison, F.A., Captain Tate, F.A. Top row, Warrant Officer O'Brien, Staff Sergeant Coffy, Sergeant Stewart, Sergeant Wenzel, Staff Sergeant Egan, Sergeant Bullene. Foreground, Mike

The Military Department at Yale

BY MAJOR R. E. D. HOYLE, F.A.,

PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY

*A.A.M.
This might interest
you H.S.*

IN the summer of 1915, Major General Leonard Wood suggested that Yale organize a battery of Field Artillery. President Hadley accepted the suggestion and a battery of Field Artillery was made up of Yale undergraduates. This battery was a success from the start and was promptly expanded into four batteries and became part of the Tenth Connecticut National Guard in 1916. This regiment was commanded by Colonel Robert M. Danford, Yale's first Professor of Military Science. The fine work of this organization in training of officer material had much to do with the Act of Congress which established the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at colleges (G. O. 49 W. D. 1916). The Yale Batteries went through a strenuous summer camp at Tobyhanna in 1916.

The Yale R. O. T. C. unit of Field Artillery began functioning in January, 1917. More than two hundred students took up military training the second term of 1916-1917, under Colonel Danford, Major Potter and Captain Moretti. The Military Department feels that it owes much to President Hadley for his support of the R. O. T. C. in its infancy and his marvelous grasp of military problems. Professor E. B. Reed, who was Regimental Sergeant Major at Tobyhanna, has been a leader and a participant in all work connected with the military department from its organization to the present time. It would almost be necessary to give a complete list of the Faculty to mention those who assisted the military during the period just prior to our entry into the World War.

During the year 1917-1918 the R. O. T. C. carried on with

practically the entire student body enrolled. At this time horses were received from the government, the famous "seventy-fives" arrived from France, students appeared in uniform at all times, and the University became in fact a military academy. Just before the close of the war, the Students Army Training Corps was organized and replaced the Yale Artillery Regiment of the R. O. T. C. It ceased to function on December 21, 1918.

In the first place, we feel that we have a more complete and satisfactory plant at Yale University for carrying on military training than any other university in the country. Our Armory, with its big riding hall, is only surpassed by the one at West Point. Our stables are up to date and satisfactory in every detail. We have a good garage, excellent store rooms and quarters. Artillery Hall, situated in the midst of the University proper, is well suited to the demands of the Military Department, with excellent recitation rooms, offices, and a big hall for lectures, sufficient space for dismounting and mounting guns of all calibers, and for the drill of an entire battery indoors, and an indoor rifle range which has been placed in Artillery Hall for use of all students of the University. In addition, there is a display of French and German guns and equipment, most of the latter having been captured on the field of battle.

The War Department has provided for the use of the Yale field artillerymen an unusually complete assortment of modern Field Artillery material, including: one American 3-inch battery, one French 75 mm. battery, one half British 75 mm. battery, one American 75 mm. gun, one American 4.7 inch gun,

one French 155 mm. (6 inch) howitzer, one French 155 mm. gun, horses for a battery of Field Artillery, fifteen motor vehicles, including ammunition trucks, mobile repair truck, cargo trucks, five and ten ton tractors, reconnaissance cars, touring cars, motorcycles, etc. There are also on hand machine guns, rifles, hand grenades, fire control instruments, signal equipment and all classes of projectiles used by Field Artillery.

The Course of Study for field artillerymen in the Military Science Department has been most satisfactorily arranged. During Freshman year, students take a one-hour theoretical elective and two hours of practical work per week, including hippology, horsemanship and polo. One hour of college credit is allowed for this course, to be credited at the end of Junior year. During Sophomore year there is a theoretical course of three hours per week, and two hours of practical work, for which three hours of college credit is allowed. During Junior and Senior years, the Field Artillery students take four hours of theoretical work per week and two hours of practical work, for which four hours' college credit is granted.

Thus it is seen that the Field Artillery course permits the satisfactory completion of twelve hours of the forty-five hours required for graduation from Yale College (the Freshman Year not being considered). The Faculty of Yale College has authorized a major and minor in Military Science for field artillery candidates for which the Ph.B. or B.A. degree is offered. This puts the Military Science work actually in the regular College course on an ideal basis. Every effort has been made by the Military Department to make its courses of the same high order as other courses at Yale, and to give courses of general educational value, the practical period being used for dismounted and mounted drill, gunners' instruction and all other work not of a purely theoretical nature.

Students who desire to obtain commissions as Second Lieutenants, Field Artillery Reserve Corps, must in addition attend one summer camp of five weeks' duration. In order to encourage students to complete the Military Science courses, the Government pays students forty cents a day during Junior and Senior years and one dollar per day during camp. Transportation is also furnished to and from camp.

At camp all work completed theoretically is put into effect practically. Pistol competitions are held, athletic competitions between colleges are held, and students perform all duties as officers and non-commissioned officers in Regular Army batteries turned over for use during camp. Target practice is held on the range daily with 3-inch guns and every effort is made to simulate service conditions. Students who have completed the Freshman and Sophomore years' courses are permitted to attend these camps if they so desire and act as privates with the batteries. They receive transportation to and from camp and their ration allowance, but no other pay. Last year over 800 students from twenty different universities attended the Field Artillery Camp at the Basic Field Artillery School, Camp Knox, Kentucky, and the camp was a great success.

In addition to the Field Artillery unit, which is recruited almost entirely from Yale College, the War Department has established an Engineer, an Ordnance and a Signal Corps unit in the Sheffield Scientific School for students pursuing courses which particularly fit them for commissions in one of those branches of the service. One hour of theoretical work and two hours of practical work per week are given during the three upperclass years.

For the Engineer unit, a three year course is provided, to supplement the work in Freshman year, in which those specialties peculiar to the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, are taught. This unit offers an opportunity to apply the theoretical knowledge of the civil, electrical, or mechanical engineer, the administrative engineer or the student of chemistry, mining metallurgy or forestry to military usage in time of emergency. In the Sophomore year of the Engineer unit the second year of the basic course, the Military Fundamentals of the Freshman course are expanded and applied, while two additional basic courses, Military Law and Minor Tactics, are added. In the Junior and Senior years of the Engineer unit, the Advance Course, such specialties as bridges, fortifications, mapping, general construction, roads, railroads, and mechanical ordnance are taken up. The course ends with a comprehensive study of the military policy of the United States, and its application as shown by our military history.

The Ordnance unit is one of several such units which have

been established in schools throughout the country for the purpose of securing for officers in the Ordnance Reserve Corps promising young engineers with good technical training and a knowledge of Army Ordnance. With this in view, subjects pursued by engineering students enrolled in the Ordnance unit are augmented by special Ordnance subjects covering the details, design and construction of artillery, ammunition and small arms, together with short courses in metals used in Ordnance construction, interior and exterior ballistics, motors, with special instruction with an artillery tractor; military propellants and explosives; and the organization and operations of Ordnance troops in the field. The Ordnance camp held during the period of the Advance Course at the Ordnance Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Maryland, is of about six weeks' duration. During this period of instruction, students take an active part in the experiments and tests of current and new Ordnance material. The camp, besides being instructive, is extremely interesting—here is offered an excellent opportunity for students to become acquainted with all types of artillery, machine guns and airplane bombs; part of the time is spent with tractor material, and instruction is given in the maintenance and operation of these vehicles, which are coming to take such an important place in our military equipment.

In the Signal Corps unit enrollment is confined to students in the electrical engineering course, or majoring in physics. The Signal Corps course, beginning in the Sophomore year, covers theoretical and practical instruction in such subjects as radio telegraphy and telephone, telephony, telegraphy, telephone net construction and operation, and communication engineering. This latter subject is one of the regular electives in the electrical engineering course and is taught by members of the Sheffield Scientific School Faculty. In addition to the above specialties, adequate instruction is given in such general subjects as tactics and technique of all arms, military law, field engineering, codes and ciphers, military history, staff organization, etc.

The Government has placed at the disposal of this unit a large assortment of modern radio equipment and other apparatus to insure practical instruction in the operation of all equipment that a Signal Officer would be called upon to use in war-time communication. This apparatus is installed in the Dunham Laboratory of Electrical Engineering. The summer camp is held at Camp Alfred Vail, New Jersey. At this camp the students are organized into companies and are given five weeks of theoretical and practical instruction, concluding the course with a week in the field, constructing and maintaining the complete communication net of a simulated Division, as it would operate under war time conditions.

All of the above units have summer camps each year, the details of attendance being identical with that prescribed for the Field Artillery. At present no Academic credit is given by the Sheffield Scientific School Faculty for theoretical subjects pursued in the Department of Military Science. It is hoped, however, that this difficulty may be overcome, and a committee is at work at present with a view to correcting this.

The following officers of the Regular Army are on duty with the Yale R. O. T. C.: Major R. E. D. Hoyle, Field Artillery, Professor of Military Science and Tactics; Major D. A. Davison, Corps of Engineers; Captain C. H. Tate, Field Artillery; Captain W. H. Hale, Signal Corps; Captain E. L. Ford, Jr., Ordnance Department; Captain R. Harrison, Field Artillery; Captain J. J. Bachman, Field Artillery. Professor J. C. Adams is at present an instructor in the Department of Military Science and has in addition been of inestimable value to the Professor of Military Science in handling military matters requiring the action of the President of the University or of the Faculty. Six instructor sergeants, three specialists and eighteen privates complete the instructor personnel.

We have but a small Regular Army and we know that tremendous expansion is necessary in time of national emergency. The one big preparedness move as a result of the World War seems to have been the establishment of the R. O. T. C. units on a firm basis. Yale may well be proud to have over 400 students enrolled in the Military Science Department, knowing that these men can be of inestimable value to their country in case of need. The Government, appreciating that there is no better officer material in the world than can be picked from intelligent college men, has placed excellent equipment and a trained officer and enlisted personnel at colleges and is watching with great satisfaction the rapid growth of these units.

MILITIA AND DEFENCE

In reply please quote
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No.
McG.C.O.T.C., 1-M-1

Montreal, 13th. December 1921.

Officer Commanding,
McGill C.O.T.C.
East Wing, Arts Bldg. McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Macdonald College
C.O.T.C. reorganization

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter undated, received by me on the 7th. instant regarding the marginally noted subject, and to inform you that Militia Headquarters have been notified of the contents of the first para. of your letter under reference.

I am further directed to inform you that the General Officer Commanding, does not recommend organizing a battery until the Infantry Battalion is stronger, as it is very unlikely that any recommendation for such an organization would be approved by Militia Headquarters.


(L. LeDuc) Colonel
A.A. & Q.M.G.M.D.4

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

~~123 SHERBROOKE STREET WEST~~
MONTREAL

April 7th 1922

Dear Sir Arthur,

- I beg to enclose a copy of my report to the Military Committee on the work of the C.O.T.C. for the session.

I also return your copy of the Toronto University C.O.T.C. report, for the loan of which I thank you.

I attach a letter from H.Q., M.D.4. I should think that we can only reply that it has not been decided yet.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

P. R. Thompson.

General Sir A. Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.

Lt Col.

March
Thirty-first
1922.

Colonel W. R. Lang,
Department of Military Studies,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Colonel:-

Thank you very much for your
letter of the 29th of March, to which was
attached report of Toronto University O.T.C.
for the past year.

I congratulate you on the success
which has met your efforts in this highly useful
work.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

DIRECTOR: Colonel W. R. Lang
(late, General Staff, C.E.F.)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY STUDIES

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Dear Sir Arthur,

I thought this report on
our C.O.T.C. work for 1921-22 might
interest you, - and the ~~os.~~ of your
contingent.

Yours sincerely

Spit. Sir A.W. Currie, ^{recd.}

McGill Univ.

P. 7.0.

W. R. Lang.

To Lt. Col. Thompson M.S.

Passed by on please.

31/3/22.

W. H. Harris

184 College Street,
March 29th, 1922.

COPY.

To the General Officer Commanding,
Military District No.2.
TORONTO.

Annual Administration Report
University of Toronto, C.O.T.C.

Sir,

In accordance with para 82 of C.O.T.C. Regulations (1916) I have the honour to submit (in duplicate) the report marginally named.

Enrolments.

1. Three companies were formed this season as below, numbering respectively of "other ranks" --

"A" Company, (Arts),	.	.	.	81
"B" " (Medicine and Dentistry),	.	.	.	69
"C" " (Applied Science),	.	.	.	<u>67</u>

Total "other ranks" (exclusive of subordinate staff) . 217

2. The number of parades held was 112, the average attendance was 5 officers and 74 other ranks.

War Office

Examinations.

3. Five candidates qualified at the November examination on papers set by the War Office for C.O.T.C. Certificate "A."
At the March examination of this year 20 candidates passed the practical portion and wrote on the papers; the results are not known.

Organisation.

4. The success of organizing into companies by faculties under officers who are (in most cases) instructors in these faculties, has been most marked: competition has tended to increased efficiency. All three companies went through the same training, namely as Infantry, and service in the C.O.T.C. is becoming markedly popular as one of the two optional forms in which the P.T. compulsory for all 1st and 2nd year students may be taken.

Colonel Thompson,

For your information, and return, please.

A.W.C.

Additional Formations.

5. It is felt, however, that benefit would result were authority granted to form units, admission to which would be confined to students of the senior years in Medicine and in Applied Science or to those who had completed two seasons Infantry training; - one to be trained as C.R., the other as C.A.M.C., with corresponding examinations at the end of the course. The Medical Faculty has shown its desire for this by placing Military Studies amongst subjects in the final years of the medical curriculum.

Quarters.

6. The contingent occupies University premises along with the Department of Military Studies at 104 College Street, which are heated and lighted without expense to the Militia Department. These quarters are quite inadequate and a drill-hall is urgently required if the possibilities of the Corps are to be fully exploited.

Caretaker.

7. At the end of last August all Government remuneration for Caretaker was stopped. The special conditions under which this unit trains, with approximately eight parades weekly, makes the constant employment of a highly experienced N.C.O. necessary. I would therefore ask that this recommendation for his reinstatement be favourably considered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

President.
University of Toronto.

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July 3rd, 1922.

Colonel R. R. Thompson,
Arts Building.

My dear Thompson:-

Let me congratulate you and the
McGill Contingent C.O.T.C. on the very satisfactory
results of the examinations for officers' certificates.

I hope it is as satisfying to you all
as it is gratifying to me.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

MCGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

~~114 BROADWAY STREET WEST~~
MONTREAL

June 15/1922.

Dear Sir Arthur,

The final results for the practical and written examinations of candidates for A (Lieut's) & B (Captains) certificates are just to hand from the War Office, London.

You will be glad to hear that the following are our results:-

B (Captains) (out of 8 who sat for the written)	7 passed finally.
A (Lieutenants) (out of 13 who sat for the written)	10 passed finally.
	<u>17</u>

I have the honour to remain,
yours obediently,

J. J. Thompson
Lt. Col.

Gen^l Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., L.L.D.

MILITARY STUDIES COMMITTEE - MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

REPORT of Sub-committee appointed 1/2/21 to consider
a general system of instruction in Military Science.

Gentlemen:-

1. We have approached the question of military instruction as the problem of deriving and disseminating the civil and military lessons of the Great War. We believe, by placing fuller knowledge on these matters within reach of all who study at the University, great benefit will accrue to the country at large, tending to lessen the likelihood of a recurrence of war.
2. The question before us, then, is how, as citizens, to learn and teach the lessons of the Great War. After careful survey of the situation in which the University finds itself with regard to the organization of other teaching, and taking account of public opinion and student proclivities, we feel that this can best be done by a dual but inter-related system of instruction. The one, an indirect system, would consist of an optional course, stressing the wider social, political and economic problems and results of the Great War, and a suitable compulsory system of physical training; the other, a direct system, would concern itself with carrying out the requirements of the Department of Militia and Defence in the matter of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps, consisting of lectures on Military subjects, tactical exercises and drill.
3. The indirect system provides for a training in political citizenship and a training in health, while the direct system provides instruction in military matters and exercises in command. As a matter of economic convenience, parts of the indirect system of instruction in general citizenship can be so arranged as to cover sections of the more directly military course, incidentally greatly facilitating the time table

problems involved. The two systems of instruction and training may be tabulated thus:-

CITIZENSHIP.	(A. Military Science Course (Optional Lectures in Arts);
	(B. Physical Training, (Compulsory at Gymnasium).
OFFICERS' TRAINING.	(C. O.T.C. Course (as laid down by Militia Department).

4. We now proceed to consider the instruction and training under the titles A, B and C, each with respect to (a) Purpose; (b) Work included; (c) Organization; and (d) Cost.

MILITARY SCIENCE COURSE.

A. (a) The object of the course in Military Science is to interest the professional men of the future in these broad questions of citizenship which emerge from the War, in order that they may act and speak with better knowledge when called upon to take part in public affairs;

PURPOSE.

(b) The course might, with advantage, consist of one hundred lectures, as follows:

WORK INCLUDED.

(1) 50 Lectures on social and political aspects of the war, covering:

Civil control and co-ordination of civil and military authority;

Mobilization and demobilization of forces, labour and finance;

Field Service and Home Activities in War;

Economic values and War;

Transportation and sea power;

National Safety, interior and exterior aspects;

Systems of National Service and Disarmament;

Relation of Naval to Military power;

Propaganda and Morale;

War reactions and national stability;

Post-war problems; Arbitration;

Existing treaties; Naturalization.

(These lectures might, with advantage, be open to the general public).

(ii) 50 Lectures on military aspects of the war,
covering:

Modern Military History;
Modern Military Organization;
Strategy of Modern War by Land and Sea;
Tactics in Modern Warfare;
National Training in Peace and War;
Intelligence;
National Health;
Rationing and Social Organization;
Psychology of War and Battle;
Science in Modern War;
Morality.

NOTE. (In order to economize in time and also to coordinate with the lecture requirements of the direct system as called for by the C.O.T.C. regulations, whether for infantry or other branches of the Service, it is suggested that the portion of the above section (ii) touching the more purely military subjects be arranged with reference to all branches of Military Service, and to Infantry meantime, and possibly to Medical Corps or Engineer Corps when established as branches of the C.O.T.C.).

(c) ORGANIZATION. This course should ultimately be under the Department of History in the Faculty of Arts, and requires a Professor. It could be performed by a group of lecturers from various departments, reinforced by officers of experience. The lectures of section (ii) might be arranged with reference to time tables of other faculties, thus affording students of all faculties who are members of the C.O.T.C. an opportunity of attending lectures necessary to their military qualifications.

The whole course would constitute an Arts Optional Subject.

(d) COST. The entire cost of this course would have to be borne by the University, except in so far as the Government might supply the lecturers on the subjects of section

(ii) dealing with the more purely military aspects of the War, of value to the C.O.T.C.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

PURPOSE. B. (a) The purpose of this course is to improve the general health and to increase the learning capacity of all students and lay the foundation of a sound physique.

WORK INCLUDED

(b) Compulsory physical training for three hours per week for the whole student body (especially during the first two years). Mild daily exercise is preferable to heavy exercise once or twice a week. In order to attain the full object of this work, the system adopted must be, one based on proper coordination between mind and muscle in all tables of exercises, together with precision, alertness, and discipline. Much is to be said for frankly accepting the British system or version of Swedish training at this University. The "Army P.T." is essentially a civil rather than a military drill, and is only incidentally physical for its ultimate aim is mental and moral. The adoption of this system would indirectly equip numbers of professional men with an understanding of the system of training they would be called upon to apply to the recruits they would officer in the emergency of war. The subject matter of the Army Physical Training consists of 'Free Standing Exercises' involving bend and stretch movements to all parts of the body, marching, running, jumping, etc., and games. A set of exercises can be taken in twenty minutes with a like amount of time for the marching and games. Including dressing, an hour's work is involved. Classes for beginners should not exceed twenty. Exercises in mass (250 or more) are essential to maintain interest. Competition between classes stimulates emulation in

precision, and without this stimulus all forms of "free standing exercise" are harmful in their effect and a weariness to the flesh. The introduction of "Army P. T." involves a slight modification of the otherwise admirable system now in use.

- (c) This course would be under the direction and control of the Physical Department of the University, and assistance might be rendered by the Military authorities by lending duly certificated staff instructors. Junior instructors or class leaders might be obtained from students of the Department of Physical Education.

ORGANIZATION.

COST.

- (d) The cost would be borne by the University.

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OBJECT.

- (a) The primary object of the C.O.T.C. is to provide students at the University with a standardized measure of military training as laid down by the Militia Authorities with a view to their qualifying for commissions in the Active Militia. Students undertaking this course will be brought up to the standard of proficiency indicated by the Syllabus laid down for the examination of Certificate A, (Lieutenants) and Certificate B. (Captains).

The C.O.T.C. is at present organized as a Battalion of Infantry, and instruction is for that branch of the service only. It is recommended that whenever facilities exist and the demand is created, units of other branches of the service should be established and students advised to select that branch which is most closely allied to their academic work, thus taking full advantage of specialization, and reducing to a minimum the amount of time required for military instruction.

WORK INCLUDED.

- (b) The training will involve two years instruction of approximately two hours per week, and will consist of:

(1) Lectures on military subjects, largely covered by the lectures of Section (ii) of the Military Science Course. The lecturers are provided by the Military Authorities.

(2) Instructional Parades, Tactical Exercises and Musketry. If the British Army System of Physical Training is adopted at the University, the time required for close order drill will be very materially lessened, because the P. T. predisposes men to precision of movement. The C.O.T.C. Regulations require attendance at forty parades of forty-five minutes each, during the first or recruit year, and twenty-five parades during the second year. Candidates for Certificate A, must have complied with these attendance regulations and been declared "efficient".

It is recommended that the time devoted to parades be reduced to a minimum, having in view a possible arrangement whereby candidates might attend courses for this purpose with Permanent Units.

(3) Annual Training. This involves voluntary attendance in camp for not more than ten days.

ORGANIZATION. (c)

The C.O.T.C. should remain as at present under the direction and control of the Military Studies Committee of the University, subject to the supervision of the General Staff of the District. The establishment of the Unit will be as laid down by the Military Authorities, all lecturers and instructors being furnished and paid for by the Government.

COST.

(d)

The entire cost of equipment, clothing and instruction will be borne by the Government. The University will be required to furnish quarters, lecture and parade facilities, and it is strongly recommended that the time tables be arranged so as to afford the student sufficient free time to facilitate C.O.T.C. work.

SUMMARY. 5. Our recommendation is for the organization of Military instruction in three correlated parts:

A. A course in Military Science (100 Lectures - optional) conceived on broad lines as education in citizenship, a quarter of which would be sufficiently technical in a military way for use as O.T.C. instruction.

B. Compulsory Physical Training (not Military Drill) for all students of the University, the system adopted to be in harmony with the usage of the Army in the matter of elementary positions, precision, alertness and discipline.

C. The C.O.T.C. detachments for training as prescribed by the Government.

NOTE ON
ACCOMMODATION.

Military Science as an option in Arts and open as a free course to all other faculties and the public, might attain a popularity equal to any other Arts option. Much would depend upon the calibre of the professor or group of lecturers. The Gymnasium proposals of the Physical Department contemplate adequate facilities for classes in physical training for the whole student body in the first two years. Adequate quarters for the C.O.T.C. must be provided. C.O.T.C. requirements are a matter to be provided wholly by the Government. Wednesday afternoon free of all classes might be the University's main contribution.

Respectfully submitted,

Montreal, 3 June, 1921.

April 9th, 1923.

Major W. Neilson, D.S.O.

M.D.No.4

Montreal, Que.

Dear Major Neilson,

On behalf of the Military
Committee, I wish to convey to you their thanks
for the manner in which you have helped this
Unit, by Lectures, during this Session.

Yours faithfully,

Principal
McGill University.

April/9th, 1923.

Lt.Col.R.O.Alexander, D.S.O.

G.S., M.D.No.4

Montreal, Que.

Dear Col.Alexander,

On behalf of the Military
Committee, I wish to convey to you their thanks
for the manner in which you have helped this
Unit, by Lectures, during this Session.

Yours faithfully,

Principal
McGill University.

April 9th, 1923.

Col. F. C. Harrison,
Principal, Macdonald College,
Ste Anne de Bellevue, Que.

Dear Col. Harrison,

The O.C. of this Unit reported
to the Military Committee on the excellent week-end
that the Cadets spent at Macdonald College.

On behalf of the Military
Committee, I wish to thank you for your hospitality.

Yours faithfully,

Principal, McGill University.

April 19th, 1923.

Major D. Bowie, D.S.O.
Commandant,
Royal School of Cavalry,
St. John's, Que.

Dear Major Bowie,

The O.C. of this Unit has reported
to the Military Committee on the excellent week-end
that the Cadets spent at the Royal School of Cavalry.

On behalf of the Military Committee
I wish to thank you for your hospitality.

Yours faithfully,

Principal,
McGill University.

April
Third
1923.

Colonel R. R. Thompson,
Arts Building.

My dear Colonel Thompson:-

I have read with much interest your report of the activities of our Training Corps during the past season. I would like to communicate to the officers and other ranks my appreciation and approval of the efforts they have made to give McGill a creditable Corps.

I also know and value highly, Colonel Thompson, the hard and enthusiastic work put in by you.

Will you please have prepared for my signature letters of thanks to all those to whom McGill is indebted for help in carrying on this last winter.

I am very sorry that I cannot attend the Smoker on Thursday night as I am presiding at one of the meetings of the National Council of Education in Toronto.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

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Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to lay before
you herewith a copy of the report
I submitted tonight to the
Military Committee.

We have one annual
smoker on Thursday at 8 p.m.,
& if you can find time to run
along for a few minutes I need
not tell how honoured & pleased
we shall be. I remain,

Yours faithfully,
G. L. A. W. Currie,
G. C. B., K. C. M. G., G. L. D.

P. P. Thompson, Lib.

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To
The Military Committee,
McGill University.



Gentlemen,

I beg to lay before you the following report
on the Unit for the season 1922-23.

STRENGTH - The strength of the Unit is now as follows:-

<u>Officers</u>	12
<u>Other Ranks</u>	
Total enlistments for Session 146	
Discharges for various reasons <u>38</u>	<u>108</u>
	<u>120</u>

PARADES

The following parades have been held :-

Two-hour (evening & afternoon)	22
One-hour (evening)	17
Week-end Excursions	3

<i>Average Attendance</i>		
	Off.	O.R.
Evening 2hr.	7	58
Afternoon 2hr. <i>(outdoor)</i>	2	23
One Hour <i>(Recruits)</i>	1	1820
Week-ends	4	45

The indoor two-hour parades were held in
Craig Street Armoury, the use of which has been of great
benefit to the Corps, despite the long distance that many
men had to travel in order to get there. The Contingent
is much indebted to the Officer in Charge of this Armoury
for its use.

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The week-end Excursions were to (1) The Boys Farm, Shawbridge; (2) Cavalry Barracks, St. John's P.Q. ;(3) Macdonald College, Ste Anne de Bellevue.

This Unit is much indebted to the heads of the above for the hospitality and kindness shown by each one.

MUSKETRY

The Classification is not yet complete, there being two more shoots for men who have failed to reach the standard previously.

Shooting has been carried on in the following

Armouries :-

① Craig Street)	
② Highlanders')	Service Rifle
③ 65th)	
④ High School)	.22 - Peep-sight for Lewis Gun Training.

The Contingent is much indebted to those in charge of the above Ranges for their use.

The Reserve Officers Cup was won this year by

C.Q.M.S. H.A. Delcellier

who obtained 96% of the possible score.

LECTURES

A Course of 20 Lectures was given for the benefit of "A" and "B" candidates. This Unit is much indebted to the following for lectures:-

Lt.Col.R.O.Alexander, D.S.O.
Lt.Col.E.W.Pope, C.M.G.
Maj.W.Neilson, D.S.O.

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Lectures were also given by officers of this Unit.

A & B CERTIFICATES

The following candidates passed both practical portions of the examinations for the above, held this March:-

Captains (B)	- 6
Lieutenants (A)	-17

These have sat for their written examinations, the results of which will not be announced until next July.

FLYING

The Militia Department has developed a scheme whereby selected Cadets may obtain training as Flying Officers. Further details of this scheme and suggested names will be laid before you at the next meeting of the Military Committee.

ARTILLERY

Arrangements have been made whereby Cadets may obtain training with Artillery Units (6 inch Howitzers and 18 Pdrs.) by being attached to them for their summer training. A number of attachments have been arranged already.

CAVALRY

It is hoped to make arrangements whereby Cadets may obtain Cavalry training by being attached to cavalry units for their summer training.

ADJUTANT

It is understood that this Unit will have a share in the services of a p.t. officer as adjutant. This will be of immense

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value to the Corps, as no student has time to carry out more than a small fraction of the adjutant's duties, and time which the writer now has to use in carrying through the adjutant's work, he will be able to use in future for the improvement and development of the Corps. It will be of great benefit to this Unit, if it does have a share in the services of a p.t. Officer as adjutant.

Q.M. DEPARTMENT

The Stores are in the Old Law Building, and these premises have proved most useful to the Corps.

The bulk of the Rifles and Lewis Guns are kept in a room in Craig Street Armoury, lent to us by the kindness of the Officer in Charge.

RETURN OF CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT BY MEN

Considerable trouble was caused at the close of last Session by a few men in various Faculties delaying in the return of their clothing and equipment.

The Deans of the Faculties were requested to help, and did so very effectively. This Unit is very much indebted to the Deans for this help.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

H. P. Thompson
Lt. Col., O.C., McGill C.O.T.C.,
Ct.

September 24th, 1923.

Lieut.-Colonel R.R. Thompson,
McGill University,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel Thompson:-

Thank you for sending me
the result of the examinations held at the close of
last session in connection with our Officers Training
Corps.

I hope that this year the Corps
continues to shew the same degree of improvement.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

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September 22nd, 1923.

Sir A.W. Currie, K.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I beg to inform you that
this Unit obtained the following successes at
the examinations held towards the close of the
last session,

Captains (B)	3
Lieutenants (A)	<u>14</u>
	<u>17</u>

The results of these examinations do not reach us until mid-summer of each year.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours faithfully,

J. P. Thompson
Lieut. Colonel.

November 29th, 1923.

Colonel R.L.H. Ewing, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Cmdg. Royal Highlanders of Canada,
263 St. James Street,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel Ewing:-

Would it be possible for the McGill contingent C.O.T.C. to have the use of the range at the Royal Highlanders Armoury between the hours of four and six o'clock on Wednesdays, starting Wednesday next the fifth of December. This would continue during the whole of the present session, with the exception of the Christmas holidays.

It would be a very great favour to us if you would allow this and would certainly be of the very greatest assistance to the C.O.T.C.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

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Dec. 24th, 1923.

To the Principal,
McGill University.

Sir,

I beg to lay before you the following report on
this Unit for the season 1922-23 :-

STRENGTH : The strength of the Unit at the 31st March,
1923 was as follows:-

<u>Officers:</u>		12
<u>Other Ranks:</u>		
Total enlistments for Session	146	
Discharges for various reasons	<u>38</u>	<u>108</u>
		<u>120</u>

PARADES: The following parades have been held:-

Parade	Number of parades	Average Attendances		
		Officers	Other ranks	Total
Two-hour (evening)	20	7	58	65
do (afternoon)	2	4	30	34
One-hour (evening) recruits	17	1	18	19
Week-end Excursions	3	4	45	49

The indoor parades were held in Craig Street
Armoury, the use of which has been of great benefit to

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the Corps, despite the long distance that many men had to travel in order to get there. The Contingent is much indebted to the Officer in Charge of this Armoury for its use.

The week-end Excursions were as follows:-

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|---|-----------------------------|-----|
| (1) The Boys Farm, Shawbridge, | <i>Work carried on, see</i> | (A) |
| (2) MacDonald College,
Ste Anne de Bellevue, | <i>do</i> | (A) |
| (3) Cavalry Barracks, St. John's, P.Q. | <i>do</i> | (B) |

Work carried on : (A) Platoon & Company in Attack, Advance Guards, (B) Care of Horses, etc.

This Unit is much indebted to the heads of the above for the hospitality and kindness shown at each place.

MUSKETRY:

Shooting has been carried on in the following

Armouries :-

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| (1) Craig Street | - Service Rifle |
| (2) Highlanders' | - do |
| (3) 65th | - do |
| (4) High School | .22 - Peep-sight for Lewis gun Training. |

The Contingent is much indebted to those in charge of the above ranges for their use.

Sixty cadets obtained first or second class passes in the Musketry Classification.

Five lectures on Musketry were given by Officers of this Unit.

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The Reserve Officers Cup was won by
C.Q.M.S. H.A. Delcellier, who
obtained 96% of the possible score.

LECTURES:

A course of 20 lectures on Military Tactics,
Organization, Law, etc., was given for the benefit of Candidates
for "A" (Lieutenants') and "B" (Captains') certificates. This
Unit is much indebted to the following for lectures:-

Lieut. Col. R.O. Alexander, D.S.O.
Lieut. Col. E.W. Pope, C.M.G.
Major W. Neilson, D.S.O.

Lectures were also given by Officers of this Unit.

CAPTAINS' & LIEUTENANTS' CERTIFICATES:

Candidates as follows were successful during the
season 1922-23 in obtaining certificates qualifying them for
rank as Captain or Lieutenant in the Militia:-

<u>Captain</u> : (B., C.O.T.C.)	Cavalry	1 *
do do	Infantry	3
<u>Lieutenant</u> : Camp School of Cavalry	Cavalry	1 *
do (A., C.O.T.C.)	Infantry	<u>14</u>
		<u>19</u>

* Practical training obtained by attachment to another
unit, or attendance at special camp.

CAVALRY TRAINING:

One Cadet attended a Cavalry Training Camp during
the summer of 1923. (See above).

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ARTILLERY TRAINING:

Arrangements were made whereby cadets might obtain training with Artillery Units (6 inch Howitzers and 18 pounders) by being attached to them for their summer training for 1923. Six cadets availed themselves of this. Three of them obtained gun-layers' badges.

FLYING COURSE:

The Militia Department has developed a scheme whereby selected cadets might obtain training as Flying Officers. The application of cadet W.O. Stevens was approved. He attended the training during the summer of 1923 and successfully passed all the tests required of him, obtaining 79.62% of the possible marks.

ADJUTANT:

It would add greatly to the efficiency of this Unit if a Permanent Force Officer could be detailed off definitely as its adjutant. It would only require a portion of his time, but it is suggested that one officer could act as adjutant for the local Officers Training Corps. Experience has shown that no student has time to carry out more than a fraction of the adjutant's duties, so that the commanding officer, hitherto, has had to carry through most of the work of the adjutant himself, thereby using up time, which should be employed for the improvement, and development of the Corps. If he could obtain the services of such an officer it would

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be of immense benefit to the Corps.

Q.M. DEPARTMENT:

The Stores are now situated in the Old Law Building, and these premises have proved most useful to the Corps. In accordance with a request from Ordnance, one of the cadets lives in this building during the winter, the period during which there are rifles stored there.

The bulk of the rifles and Lewis guns was kept in a room in Craig Street Armoury, lent to us by the kindness of the Officer in Charge.

RETURN OF CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT BY MEN:

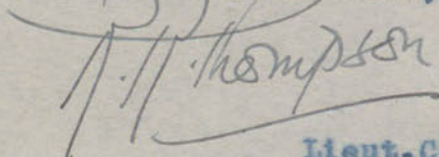
Considerable trouble was caused at the close of last Session by a few men in various Faculties delaying in the return of their clothing and equipment.

The Deans of the Faculties were requested to help, and did so very effectively. This Unit is very much indebted to the Deans for their help.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Lieut. Col.
O.C., McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C.

March 14th 1924.

Lieut.Colonel R. R. Thompson,
McGill University Contingent,
Montreal.

Dear Colonel Thompson,

I have been asked by the
Principal to tell you that he regrets very much
his inability to attend your Inspection. He has
already promised to go Dr.Trevelyan's lecture.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

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March 12th, 1924.

To
General Sir A.W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.
Principal, McGill University.


Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the
Annual Inspection of this Unit by the General
Officer Commanding, Military District No.4, will
take place at Craig Street Armoury, at 8.30 p.m.
on Monday, the 17th of March.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



P. P. Thompson

Lieut. Col.
O.C., McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C.

May 22nd, 1922.

Brigadier-General C.J. Armstrong,
M.D. No. 4,
50 Bishop Street,
Montreal.

Dear General Armstrong:-

Lieut-Colonel Thompson,
O.C. of the McGill University contingent C.O.T.C.,
has placed before me your M.D. 4. 34-2-11 H.Q.
7429-2-3.

He did this in order to impress upon
me the necessity for additional accommodation being
found for the O.T.C.

Will you please be good enough to
inform the Honourable the Minister of Militia and
Defence and the other members of the Militia
Council that the reason for the small strength of
the O.T.C. at McGill is because of lack of the
accommodation usually found in a Drill Hall, and
that McGill has not a Drill Hall is due to the
fact that the Government at Ottawa has persistent-
ly refused to implement its pledged word regarding
a grant to McGill to enable this institution to
provide Drill Hall accommodation.

If the Honourable the Minister of
Militia and the other members of the Militia Council
have not forgotten who I am they ought to know that
I most cordially support O.T.Cs. and that I am likely
to do all in my power to develop a strong corps at
this University. They should also know that I am
not the more likely to give encouragement to that
Corps because they criticise a condition for which

they themselves are chiefly to blame.

It is impossible to provide any more accommodation for the McGill Corps until the new gymnasium is erected. In that building (to the construction of which the Militia Department makes no contribution) there will be provided offices, Quartermaster stores, a rifle range and space for drilling; while the gymnasium itself furnishes apparatus of use in physical training.

You may tell the Honourable Minister and the other members of the Militia Council that I am interested in what other universities are doing only because, as a Canadian citizen, I consider such work to be good work and worthy of encouragement. I am not interested in what they are doing for the sake of comparison with what McGill is doing. It will be the aim of McGill to build up as efficient a Corps as it can with the facilities it possesses.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

November 26, 1925

The McGill Officers Training Corps, the first of these contingents which now form the Canadian Officers Training Corps, had been formed in the year 1912 and it was without doubt partly due to the existence of this organization that there was so little delay in commencing military activities in the autumn of 1914.

As soon as practicable after the outbreak of war the Graduates' Society decided to organize a "provisional Battalion" and a skeleton cadre was at once formed in which intensive instruction was carried on, the campus being used for drill. Thus when the term began and the undergraduates commenced to enlist, enough junior officers and non-commissioned officers to complete its establishment were available from the ranks of the graduates who had received the benefit of these two months training.

After consultation with the University and those interested, the Militia Department decided that the best policy for the time being at any rate would be to authorize the enlargement of the Officers Training Corps and absorb into it the whole of the "provisional battalion". This was forthwith carried out and the Officers Training Corps was thus enlarged to a strength of 600 or 700 all ranks.

Major Geddes, now Sir Auckland Geddes, its first Commander, was called away to active service shortly after the commencement of the term, but the battalion was fortunate in being able to replace him by Lt. Col. Robert Starke, who guided its destinies throughout the war.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS.

From time to time, vacancies exist in The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals for recruits of the right type. For those interested, the following notes have been compiled, dealing with "The Work of the Corps", "Qualifications for Enlistment", "The Conditions of Service", and "Pay and Allowances". Further particulars on any point may be obtained by applying to the Assistant Director of Signals, National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, either by letter or in person.

WORK OF THE CORPS.

The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals is organized and maintained as a unit of the Permanent Forces of Canada under the Department of National Defence.

As is true of all Units of the Permanent Force, the object of their existence is to form the nuclei of a force which might have to be raised in a National emergency, and in times of peace, to form an Instructional Corps for the training of the Non-Permanent Active Militia. This work naturally requires young men of a very good type, as they are eventually called upon to teach, help, maintain, and to set an example by leadership to Canada's volunteer soldiers.

For this work it is the primary object that Officers and men of The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals are trained, those who have aptitude for instructional work are in the case of Officers attached to District Staffs, and the latter placed on the Instructional Cadre - Signals and if not already held, are given the temporary rank and pay of Sergeant. After a certain probationary period, they are confirmed in the rank and from then on become eligible for automatic promotion up to the rank of Warrant Officer, Class I. Members of the Instructional Cadre are stationed at the Depot, The R.C.C.S. and at the Headquarters of the eleven Military Districts in Canada, where they are employed as Instructors in Signalling to all Branches of the Militia and Cadet Corps. They conduct Provisional Schools at local Headquarters of Units and at Camps of Instruction. They also assist with the annual examinations of Signallers throughout their Districts.

Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers selected for instructional work which includes Radio must have a very thorough technical training backed with practical experience. Therefore, all ranks, except clerks, etc, of the Corps are given practical training as engineers and operators in connection with the construction, maintenance and operation of the Radio Telegraph Systems operated by The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, either in the North West Territories or the Stations operated throughout Canada for the Royal Canadian Air Force. A total of twenty stations are now in operation and these services are being increased each year.

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The Corps of Signals in War requires Officers and men skilled in 31 different trades - practically the same number are required in peace. A few trades are given for information:-

- (a) Organization and Administration Clerks and Accountants, etc.
- (b) Instructional Work. (The Depot & Districts) Instructors, Visual, Line and Wireless Telegraphy Air Lines, Telephone Exchanges - Gas Engines, Motors and Generators, Accumulators, etc, etc.
- (c) Engineering and Experimental Work, Clerks, Draughtsmen, Electricians, etc.
- (d) Manufacture of Equipment - Signals Electricians Instrument Makers, Fitters - Signals, Cabinet Makers, Machinists, Storemen, etc.
- (e) Construction and operation - Radio Engineers, Telegraph & Wireless Operators, Accountants, Clerks, etc.

Thus, it will be noted that the training given to Signalmen must include the above trades and that service with Royal Canadian Corps of Signals must mean obtaining a very thorough and valuable training while receiving good pay and allowances - just how much depending upon personal application and ability to assimilate instruction.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENLISTMENT.

Applicants for enlistment in The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals must be British Subjects, physically fit and between the ages of 18 and 21 years. Certificates of character are required from the Principal of the School last attended. Candidates must have their Matriculation Certificate or have presented themselves and written at this year's Matriculation Examination. Applications from those who have not completed at least 3 years' High School or Collegiate Institute will not be entertained.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

Except Commissioned ranks, all personnel of The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals are enlisted in the Permanent Active Militia of Canada for a period of three years and are amenable to military law and discipline. During their period of engagement, they may be called upon to serve in any part of Canada and in whatever capacity superior authority may decide. At the conclusion of three years' service, men, who have "made good", may be re-enlisted for a

further term of three years, and so on until the age limit, or the soldier becomes pensionable. A soldier's engagement may be terminated at any time for misconduct or inefficiency.

Upon first enlistment, Signalmen are posted to the Signal Depot, Camp Borden, Ontario, where they undergo progressive training. The first months are spent in a recruit class where they are taught Physical Training, Drill, Musketry, and Riding, and above all to be self-reliant and to take a pride in the Corps in which they have the honour to serve.

Upon completion of recruits training, they are instructed in Visual Telegraphy, i.e. The Morse Code and how to send and read it, using flags, lamps, heliographs, and other visual apparatus. Upon passing the required tests, the recruit is passed out as a Visual Signalmen and receives an increase in pay of 10 cents per diem.

Upon completion of Visual Training, instruction is given in Telegraphy and includes theoretical and practical training in all types of Electrical Equipment used by the Signals Service other than Wireless, i.e., Telegraph Equipment, Telephones, Telephone Exchanges, Telegraph and Telephone lines and cables, etc, here again, upon passing the required tests, the Signalmen's pay is increased according to the standing obtained and upon obtaining a 1st Class standing, is passed on to training in Radio.

The Radio Course consists of a thorough training in batteries and accumulators, alternating and direct current, motors and generators - radio transmission and reception - Radio Telegraphy and Telephony, Internal Combustion Engines, and at this period though the theoretical training is the same for all, the Signalmen are selected for practical training according to the inclination and the aptitude displayed, and given special instruction in one of the many trades such as Instructors, Engineers, Operators, Mechanics, Clerks, Draughtsmen, etc; according to the work for which they are best suited and which they will eventually be called upon to do.

The above training takes from 12 to 18 months, according to the ability of the recruit. As much of the training is of a highly technical nature, a thorough grounding of mathematics is essential.

To keep fit is one of the most important duties of a soldier. Therefore, physical training is not neglected and sports of all sorts are encouraged. The Depot is well equipped and situated to enhance this. In the winter, hockey, snow-shoeing and skiing are indulged in, and in their proper seasons, baseball, tennis, golf, swimming, football and basket-ball.

PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

All enlisted men are provided with complete issues of clothing, including underwear, for both Winter and Summer. Where stationed in Barracks and on certain radio stations, they are also fed and housed. Where this is not practicable, they are given money allowance in lieu.

The fundamental pay of a soldier is \$1.20 per day. On rising in rank, this increases as shown:-

	<u>Pay</u>	<u>Where food & lodging not provided.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Signalman	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$2.40
Lance Corporal	1.40	1.20	2.60
Corporal	1.60	1.20	2.80
Sergeant	1.90	1.30	3.20
Staff Sergeant	2.20	1.30	3.50
Company Sergt. Major	2.50	1.40	3.90
Quartermaster Sergt.	2.80	1.40	4.20
Warrant Officer (Class I).	3.40	1.50	4.90

In addition to the above, Trades Pay is issuable as the Signalmen qualified for it, up to a maximum of 40¢ per day.

On qualifying as a Visual Signaller	2nd Class -	.05
" " " " "	1st Class -	.10
" " Line Telegraph Operator	3rd Class -	.15
" " " " "	2nd Class -	.20
" " " " "	1st Class -	.25
" " Radio " "	3rd Class -	.30
" " " " "	2nd Class -	.35
" " " " "	1st Class -	.40

Other trades, such as Clerk Signals, Signals-Electrician, Instrument Maker, Machinist, Switchboard Operator, etc, etc, are likewise progressively paid.

Men qualified up to Line Operator Class I are eligible for the Instructional Cadre, appointment to which is by selection. On first appointment, they are promoted to the rank of Sergeant and, if satisfactory, may be promoted every three years to higher rank, with pay for a married man as hereunder:-

	<u>Pay.</u>	<u>Food & Lodging Allowance</u>	<u>Trades Pay</u>	<u>Sub- sistence Allowance</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sergt. Instructor	\$1.90	\$1.30	\$.30	\$2.50	\$6.00
Company Sergeant Major Instr.	2.50	1.40	.35	2.50	6.75
Quartermaster Sergt. Instr.	2.80	1.40	.40	2.50	7.10
Sergeant Major Instructor	3.40	1.50		3.50	11.90

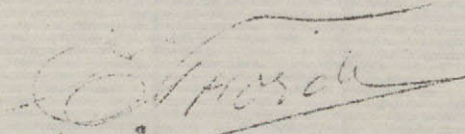
♢ When travelling in connection with Schools of Instruction, Examinations, etc, in addition to travelling expenses.

Subsistence Allowances, as above, are paid for first 15 days away from permanent station. After 15 days two dollars per day. For single men, food and lodging allowances are deducted when Subsistence Allowances are payable.

Signalmen who are posted to certain stations in the North West Territories are paid, over and above all other pay and allowances to which they may be entitled, an extra living allowance up to a maximum of \$100.00 per month.

Men, who take up this profession, may, on reaching the rank of Sergeant, be given permission to marry. Extra allowances for dependents are then paid.

Application for enlistment should be addressed to the Assistant Director of Signals, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, or to the District Signal Officer at the nearest Military District Headquarters. The necessary arrangements will be made for interviews. If found desirable in every way and medically fit after being attested, recruits are provided with transportation to The Depot, The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, Camp Borden, Ontario.


(E. Berde) Lieut.-Colonel,
Assistant Director of Signals,
O.A., The R.C.C.S.

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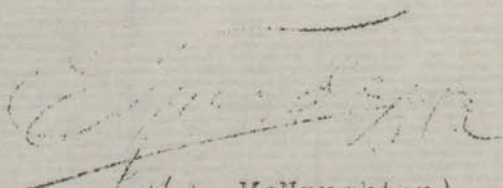
ADM.

Ottawa, Ont., February 10th, 1926.

TO:- All District Officers Commanding
and Commandant, R.M.C.

The attached memorandum on
The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals
has been prepared with a view to
distribution to Cadets of the R.M.C.
and members of the Canadian Officers
Training Corps who may be desirous of
obtaining Commissions in The Royal
Canadian Corps of Signals.

Extra copies are available,
if required.


(A. McNaughton)
Colonel-on-Staff (Hon. Brig.-General)
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MEMORANDUM

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

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THE ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS.

The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals of the Department of National Defence have at the present time a limited number of vacancies for appointments to the commissioned ranks of the Corps. The qualifications required of candidates, the pay of the various ranks in the service and the details of employment are set forth in the following paragraphs.

QUALIFICATIONS.

Applicants are required to be between the ages of 18 and 25 on the 1st day of January of the year in which they would be appointed. In addition, they must be unmarried, physically fit, and have graduated from a recognized Canadian University with a degree in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering. Applicants with other university degrees than those mentioned above, but with special qualifications likely to make them useful in the Signal Service, will be required to pass an examination laid down by the Institute of Electrical Engineers of Great Britain, for commissions in the Royal Corps of Signals.

All prospective Officers must be willing, if appointed, to undergo The R.C.C.S. Signal and Military Training, and be willing to serve as an Officer in any capacity for general duty or in any of the Departments of the Signal Service.

PAY AND ALLOWANCES.

The following are the rates of pay and allowances received by Officers of the Permanent Active Militia of Canada, under the existing regulations:-

Pay - Lieutenant:-

On appointment	-	\$3.60	per diem	
After 3 years' service	-	\$4.00	" "	
After 6 years' service	-	\$4.40	" "	
After 8 years' service	-	\$4.80	" "	
On promotion to Captain	-	\$5.20	" "	to \$6.00
" " " Major	-	\$6.50	" "	to \$7.30
" " " Lt.-Colonel	-	\$7.70	" "	to \$8.50

Officers employed at National Defence Headquarters, Adjutant and District Signal Officers receive pay of rank plus 30 cents per diem.

Allowances - Lieutenant:-

In lieu of lodgings	-	70¢	per diem.	
" " " fuel	-	20¢	" "	
" " " light	-	10¢	" "	
" " " rations	-	50¢	" "	
" " " servant	-	30¢	" "	

Total where a single Officer is not provided with quarters and rations - \$1.80.

Therefore, the amount of pay received by a

Lieutenant on appointment	-	\$1,314.00
Allowances per annum (single)	-	<u>657.00</u>
Total per Annum	-	\$1,971.00

Married Establishment.

A Subaltern with sufficient means to maintain himself and family in a manner befitting his position as an Officer, may, on the recommendation of his C.O., be permitted to marry but is not entitled to be placed on the Married Establishment and to occupy Married Quarters if available.

PENSION DEDUCTION.

In compliance with the Militia Pension Act, a deduction of 5% is made from the pay of every Officer and this is calculated on his total emoluments, including the amount granted for quarters, fuel, light, rations and servant, irrespective of the fact that he may be provided with these in kind instead of in money but pension deductions are not made on any married allowances or allowances received for forage, travelling or transfer.

Therefore, a Lieutenant on appointment has deducted from his pay and allowance; the sum of \$99.00 per annum on account of pension fund, leaving a gross income on appointment of \$1,872.00 per annum.

SPECIAL ALLOWANCES.

In addition to above ordinary rates of allowances, Officers receive special allowances as under, in accordance with their duties:-

If detailed to N.W.T. Radio System.

A Bonus of \$380.00 per annum is paid additional to all other Pay and Allowances, and in addition:-

If Quarters are not provided, \$360.00 per annum is allowed.

If Subsistence is not provided, \$460.00 per annum is allowed.

Or a total of \$1,200.00 per annum over and above all other Pay and Allowances.

If detailed to Radio Services for R.C.A.F.

Lieutenants, not provided with Quarters or Rations, receive \$5.00 per diem for the first 7 days in one place and \$3.00 per diem for the balance of the period.

Travelling Allowances.

When travelling on duty, an allowance of \$5.00 per diem is permitted to cover all expenses for hotel accommodation and meals. Cost of taxis and transfer of baggage is claimed under a definite scale of allowances in this matter.

Flying Pay.

Officers of The R.C.C.S. detailed to R.C.A.F. Radio Stations will be allowed \$2,000 per diem extra allowance for every day they may be required to fly. Officers of The R.C.C.S. are required, without exception, to fly when called upon to do so.

PROVISION OF UNIFORMS.

Officer on appointment to the Permanent Active Militia are required to provide themselves with Uniform and Equipment at their own expense. The approximate cost of riding breeches, serges and other items of military uniform is doubtless familiar.

EMPLOYMENT.

The work of the Signal Service in Canada is divided up into the following branches:-

1. Office of the Assistant Director of Signals, Department of National Defence, Ottawa.
2. Inspection, Test, and Construction Department, Ottawa.
3. Signal Training Depot, Camp Borden, Ont.
4. District Signal Officers - 1 in each of the eleven (11) Military Districts of Canada.
5. Radio work for the Royal Canadian Air Force at various Air Force Stations throughout Canada.
6. Radio work in connection with the Radio System operated by The R.C.C.S. for the North West Territories Branches, Department of the Interior.

The Signal and Military Training of all Officer and Other Rank personnel of The R.C.C.S. is carried out at the Depot, Camp Borden. Progressive courses in Visual, Line and Radio Telegraphy are conducted here and personnel are trained as instructors in all branches of Signal Work. The personnel required in connection with the operation of Radio Telegraph and Telephone Stations established and maintained for the Royal Canadian Air Force and for the North West Territories Radio System are all trained at the Depot.

The Training of Signallers of all arms of the Service is supervised by Officers and Non-Commissioned Officer Instructors of The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

In addition to the work described above, Courses in Visual Telegraphy, Line Telegraphy, and Radio Telegraphy are conducted at regular intervals at Camp Borden for specially selected personnel of other arms of the service of both the Permanent and Non-Permanent Active Militia.

The Engineering Branch and Inspection and Test Department are located at Ottawa. All Radio Equipment for the R.C.A.F. and other Government Departments served by The R.C.C.S. is designed and constructed in the

EMPLOYMENT (Cont'd.)

Workshops of the Signals Inspection and Test Department. In addition, this Department carries out the inspection and test of all Electrical Equipment purchased by the Department of National Defence and the repair of all Signal equipment for the Canadian Militia.

It is anticipated that the importance of this Branch of The R.C.O.S. will be greatly increased, due to the increase in the number of radio stations which we are being called upon to operate.

In each Military District a District Signal Officer is appointed. This Officer, assisted by one or more Assistant Instructors from the Instructional Cadre of the District, supervises all Signal Training within the District and conducts provisional schools, throughout the training period, at the local Headquarters of the Militia Units.

The Royal Canadian Corps of Signals has been entrusted with the work of designing, building, installing, and operating all radio stations for both the Royal Canadian Air Force and the North West Territories Branch of the Department of the Interior. The R.C.A.F. stations are employed mainly in connection with forest patrols, and the work involves communication both on the ground and between aircraft in flight and the base stations. The Department of the Interior are maintaining a commercial radio service between Edmonton and points in the Yukon and the Mackenzie Basin. This service is being gradually expanded and will eventually provide all communication for both the Yukon and the North West Territories. Six stations are already in operation and additional ones will be installed during the coming summer.

The experimental work construction, operation and maintenance of the stations on these two systems provides that practical training for Officers and Other Ranks of the Corps which is so essential for the building up of an efficient Corps of Radio Experts and Instructors for the Canadian Militia.

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.

MONTREAL

October 10, 1925.

The Military Committee,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to call your attention to the attached letter informing this unit that under para.35 of "Instructions for the Canadian Officers' Training Corps, 1924", ~~mentioned~~ ~~as follows:-~~

Certificate "B" will not be granted to a cadet until-

- (a) He has received his degree from a recognised Canadian University,
- (b) He has been attached to a unit of the Active Militia as an officer for at least one annual training and received a satisfactory report.

I fear that this will act as a deterrent to men taking their "B" *Examinations*. The cadets point out that for many of the degrees of this University a large number of students have to drop out before completing their courses, for academic and financial reasons which have no bearing on their efficiency as officers. They also point out that it will be difficult for all to comply with requirement (b). It would be very difficult to arrange to commission them all into this unit, because some obtain their "B" certificate only in their graduating year, and after having received their degree leave this district.

The cadets set great value on these certificates, and, if they cannot obtain them after they have passed their examinations, I fear that the majority will drop their military studies after obtaining the "A" certificates.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

R. P. Thompson
Lieut. Col. O.C. McGill Ct., C.O.T.C.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
(Militia Service)

..... Montreal, P.Q. July 27th, 1925.

— O.C. McGill University, C.O.T.C.
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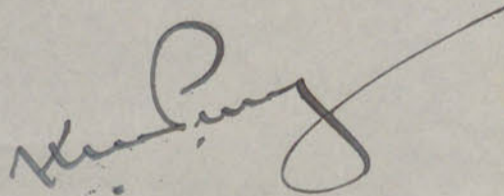
"B" Certificate - C.O.T.C.
Examination, March, 1925.
McGill University and
University of Bishop's College Contingents.

I am directed to inform you that "B" certificates for the undermentioned members of the Contingent under your command, who were successful at the Examination held in March last, are being held at National Defence Headquarters. Promulgation and issue of these documents will be held in abeyance until such time as information is received that the candidates have fulfilled the conditions laid down in para.85 of "Instructions for the Canadian Officers' Training Corps, 1924", which reads as follows:-

Certificate "B" will not be granted to a cadet until-

- (a) He has received his degree from a recognized Canadian University.
- (b) He has been attached to a unit of the Active Militia as an officer for at least one annual training and received a satisfactory report.

Mr. C.H.Herbert, McGill University, C.O.T.C.
" D.R.Patton, " " "
" S.B.Pemberton, " " "
" C.H.Maclear, Univ. of Bishop's Cge. "
" C.M.Sherrell, " " "



(K.M.Perry), Lt.Colonel,
General Staff, M.D., No.4.

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C.O.T.C.

June
Twenty-seventh
1921.

H. T. Logan, Esq.,
Chairman, Committee of Military Affairs,
University of British Columbia,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 17th, with reference to the C.O.T.C. at McGill University.

In the absence of the Principal, Sir Arthur Currie, who is at present in Europe, I have collected what information I could and shall answer your questions in the order given:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No.
- (3) No.
- (4) About 5 or 6%.
- (5) Usual military subjects given by C.O.T.C., such as Map-reading, etc. No courses given directly by the University, except that in 4th Year Applied Science an alternative is allowed between Field Engineering, Map Reading, Field Sketching and Military Administration and Organization on the one hand and certain selected subjects in the several courses. However, none of the members of the C.O.T.C. are taking these subjects as alternatives.
- (6) No, except that a member of C.O.T.C. is excused from attending Physical Education classes. Attendance at such Physical

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Education classes is compulsory for all others and a degree can not be obtained until the regulations are complied with.

- (8) Infantry and Mounted Infantry.
- (9) Mounted Infantry is the more popular.
- (10) None.
- (11) Generally speaking, to train students to be capable and efficient officers in Canada's Army, with all that implies, should the need ever arise.
- (14) I understand the Rifle Association at McGill has just been revived, after being dormant for a number of years. As yet, the membership is not very large.

I am enclosing herewith an extract from the McGill Daily of December 8th last, which will give you some idea of the activities of the O.T.C.

Trusting you will find the above information useful, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.



VANCOUVER, CANADA

June 17, 1921.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal, McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Sir:

As Chairman of the Committee appointed by the President of The University of British Columbia to consider the military policy of that University, I have the honour to request information on the following points:

- (1) Is there an O.T.C. at McGill University? *yes*
- (2) If so is membership compulsory? *No.*
- (3) Are any inducements, either financial or academic, offered to students enrolling in the corps? *No.*
- (4) What proportion of the students join the corps? *about 5 or 6%*
- (5) Are any military courses given at the University in connection with the O.T.C.?
- (6) Are such courses given any value as part of a student's qualification for a degree? *No*
- (7) What proportion of students take such courses?
- (8) Are all arms represented in the O.T.C.? *Infantry & mt Inf.*
- (9) What is their comparative popularity? *mt Inf.*
- (10) Of the Commissioned Ranks, what proportion of them, if any, are confined to members of the University Staff? *None*
- (11) Generally, what are the aims and ambitions of the corps?



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- (12) If no corps has been formed, is there any official co-operation with the Canadian Militia such as recognition of a University Company in a Militia Battalion?
- (13) If so, what is the nature of the arrangement? How popular is it, etc.?
- (14) Is there a Rifle Association in your University? If so, has it a large membership? *Yes.*

The Committee would be grateful for any further information or suggestions, which will be of great use to us in forming a project for the consideration of the President of the University of British Columbia.

(Signed)

H. I. Logan.

Chairman, Committee of Military
Affairs, University of British Columbia.

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EXTRACT FROM "MCGILL DAILY" DECEMBER 8TH.

No. 1 Platoon C.O.T.C. will parade at 7.45 A.M. Saturday, December 11th, at the G.T.R. Station, and entrain in No. 64 C.N.R. for St. John's, Quebec.

Below is their schedule, viz.:

Saturday, December 11th.

9.30 - 10.15	Riding School (Q.M.S.I. Dowdell)
10.15- 11	Instruction in Saddlery and Saddling.
11 - 11.15	Off saddling and drawing grooming kits
11.15- 12.30	Stables; Grooming and stable economy.
1 - 2	Lunch
2 - 3	Lecture on "Cavalry Organization and Employment of" by Major Stethem, R.C.D.
3 - 4	Lecture on "Grooming, feeding, watering and care of the horse" by Q.M.S.I. Dowdell, R.C.D.
4.30	Evening Stables.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION

UNIVERSITY of TORONTO.

Course covers three years, beginning in second year

Students must have had some previous military training.

Time required by academic part of course.

Second year - 2 hours per week

Third and fourth years - 3 hours per week

Subjects covered in course

a. Professional subjects comprising the work required for the C.O.T.C. certificates "A" and "B".

b. Lectures on citizenship, relations between the various parts of the Empire with regard to defence, trade-routes, coal and fuel stations, naval power, and the distribution of the Empire's armed forces.

Credit towards degree.

May be chosen as an elective course counting towards a degree.

Practical Work.

Calendar announcement makes no mention of practical work, but this is presumably taken in the C.O.T.C.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION

In connection with the proposal to establish a Department of Military Instruction at McGill University the following points are submitted for consideration.

1. The logical place for the Department would be in the Faculty of Arts.
2. The bulk of the students following its courses would of necessity be drawn from this Faculty.
3. To ensure the success of such a Department it would be absolutely necessary that its courses be recognized as optional courses leading to a degree.

Under the present arrangement of optional courses in the Faculty of Arts conditions are as follows:

First Year - There is no place in this year for an optional course. The same condition exists at Toronto, hence their military course begins in the second year.

Second Year - Two compulsory subjects and three optionals must be taken. The military course could be placed in Group I of the optional subjects.

Third and Fourth Years - Although all of the courses in these years are optional, the choice is restricted by grouping of subjects in order to ensure continuity and co-ordination of the work taken by the student. Practically he has unrestricted ~~choice~~ choice of one subject each year and it would not be difficult to arrange the military course as an option.

In all Universities where credit is given for Military Courses, it is the "academic" part of the work that is recognized, no credit is given for the practical training.

A minimum of 3 hours per week of lectures and class-work throughout the session would probably be recognized as a ~~half~~ ^{whole} course.

4. Practical work could be arranged as an alternative to the physical training required of the men in the second year.



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ADDRESS REPLY TO
THE SECRETARY, MILITIA COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

AND QUOTE NO.

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DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

OTTAWA, April 25, 1921.

Sir:

Canadian Officers'
Training Corps

I am directed to forward herewith copy of a communication received from G.O.C. Military District No. 7, and to request information as to whether the plan put forward therein for Engineering students of Mount Allison University is agreeable to the authorities of McGill University.

Yours faithfully,

Major and Bvt-Colonel.
for Chief of the General Staff.

The Secretary,
McGill University,
Montreal, P.Q.

To Mr. Adams.

*Please let me have your own.
A.W. write.*

10/5/21

COPY

No. 7D.2-22-1

St. John, N.B. April 20th, 1921.

To -
Secretary Militia Council,
for Chief of the General Staff.
Militia Headquarters,
Ottawa, Ont.

C. O. T. C.

As has already been reported, the University of New Brunswick maintains the C.O.T.C. on a compulsory basis. During the last year, the Contingent at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B. has been run on a voluntary basis, with only partial success.

My General Staff Officer recently attended a meeting of the faculty of Mount Allison University, at which the subject was discussed and a committee appointed to bring in a recommendation for the C.O.T.C.

A letter has now been received to the effect that the faculty has decided to continue the O.T.C. on a voluntary basis, but they are prepared to give the O.T.C. course the standing of a voluntary subject for Arts students; students to receive the same credit on their examinations for O.T.C. work that they would receive on any other voluntary subject, such as an additional language, etc. A large proportion of the students at Mount Allison are Engineering students, and this same plan can only be followed with regard to the Science course, if the affiliated colleges, McGill and the Nova Scotia School of Technology will agree.

Would it be possible for you to take the matter up with the authorities of McGill and obtain their co-operation. If so, I think I can say the success of the Mount Allison O.T.C. will be assured. Action will be taken at Mount Allison very soon and the matter is therefore somewhat urgent.

(Sgd) A.H. Macdonnell.
Brig-General.
Commanding M.D. No. 7.

June
First
1921.

Chief of General Staff,
Militia Headquarters,
OTTAWA.

Sir:-

Canadian Officers'
Training Corps.

Replying to you HQ. 7429-17-1
dated April 25th, I have to state as follows:

In the Faculty of Arts and also in the third and fourth years of the Faculty of Applied Science provision is made in this University for students who desire to take military instruction by offering alternate courses.

On the other hand, in the first two years of the course in the Faculty of Applied Science the curriculum is very crowded and it has been found necessary to make it rigid and uniform for students in all departments of Engineering. There are no alternatives offered and if any students in these first two years of this Faculty desire to obtain military education they must take it as an extra subject.

Mount Allison and Acadia Universities are affiliated with McGill so far as the first two years in the Faculty of Applied Science are concerned. Their course is, consequently, identical with ours and there is no opportunity at present for offering alternatives in either.

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We gave considerable thought last winter to the question as to how the Officers' Training Corps could best be encouraged in the University. I am afraid we did not get very far, but I wish to assure you that the matter has not been lost sight of and earnest attention will be directed to it again next winter.

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Dean's Office:

FRANK D. ADAMS, PH.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.—DEAN.

MONTREAL May 30th.1921.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,
Principal,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am returning the accompanying papers with reference to which you have asked my views.

In the Faculty of Arts, and also in the 3rd. and 4th. Years of the Faculty of Applied Science, provision is made by offering alternate courses for students who desire to take Military instruction.

On the other hand in the first two years of the course in the Faculty of Applied Science the curriculum is very crowded and it has been found necessary to make it rigid and uniform for students in all departments of Engineering. There are no alternatives offered, and if students in these first two years of this Faculty desire to obtain Military Education they must take it as an extra subject.

Mount Allison and Acadia Universities are affiliated with McGill University so far as the first two years in this Faculty are concerned. Their course is, consequently, identical with ours, and there is no opportunity for offering alternatives in either.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

December 3rd, 1923.

Dr. Walter C. Murray,
President, University of Saskatchewan,
Saskatoon, Sask.

Dear President Murray:-

We are considering at present what can be done in order to help along the C.O.T.C. and it has been mentioned to me that your University either has given, or is proposing to give, some sort of academic credit for C.O.T.C. work.

It would be of great assistance to us if you would let me know if this is so and could give me any information regarding your views on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

March 29, 1926.

General Officer Commanding Military District #4,
50, Bishop Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you that at a meeting
of the Military Committee held on March 22nd the Committee recommended
that Major J.W. Jenkins should be appointed to succeed Lt.-Col. R.R. Thompson
on the completion of the present extension of his term of command of the
McGill Contingent, C.O.F.C. I concur in this recommendation.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

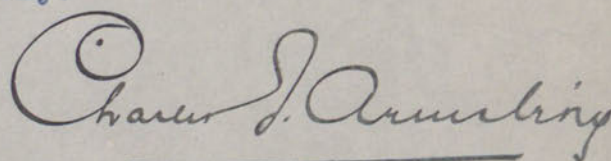
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
Militia Service.

.....Montreal.....1st April.....1926.....

My dear General,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo informing me that, at a meeting of the Military Committee held on March 22nd, the Committee recommended that Major J.W. Jeakins should be appointed to succeed Lt-Col R.R. Thompson on the completion of the present extension of his term of command of the McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C. and beg to inform you that the necessary action will be taken, in due course, regarding same.

Yours sincerely.



General Sir A.W. Currie, GCMG, KCB.
Principal and Vice-Chancellor.
McGill University.
Montreal.

September 2, 1926.

H.D.G. Creer, Esq.,
Room 270, War Office,
Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

My dear Harry:-

Lieut. E.A.A. Hunter duly called on me and I gave him all the information in my possession concerning our C.O.T.C. He brought another young man with him and both of them seemed useful products of the organization. They tell me that there is a survey company in connection with the Cambridge C.T.C. and I should be very much obliged if you would let me have any information regarding it, as we might very easily establish something of the sort here.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Wilfrid Bovey.



Room 270,
War Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.1.

11th August, 1926.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I am perhaps trespassing on your kindness in giving this letter of introduction to you to 2nd Lieut. T.A.A. Hunter, Cambridge University Officers' Training Corps, who is sailing for Canada in a day or so with a party from the Medical Society of that University. However, I know that you value liaison between undergraduates at McGill, and the Universities over here, and as Mr. Hunter is anxious to learn something of the progress made by the O.T.C. at Universities in Canada, I have taken the liberty of suggesting that a call on you would result in all he could wish for.

I was sorry to miss Bovey. I was on holiday, with my family, in Jersey and so failed to meet him. I had lunch and a good long talk with Duguid the other day. There is nothing more pleasurable than meeting some friend from our part of the world.

With kind regards to Lady Currie,
I am, Sir,
Yours

General Sir Arthur Currie,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.,
Principal,
McGill University,
Montreal,
CANADA.

December
Nineteenth
1922.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

I have much pleasure in recommending to your kind consideration the bearer, Lieutenant John Shotwell of the McGill Contingent, Canadian Officers' Training Corps.

Mr. Shotwell is spending part of his Christmas vacation in visiting American Universities and Colleges where Officers' Training Corps are in existence. Any facilities for observation afforded him will be greatly appreciated by McGill University.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

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425 SHERBROOKE STREET WEST
MONTREAL

Mc Gill 1-3.

January 29, 1923.

Gen Sir Arthur Currie, *G.C.M.G., K.C.B.*
Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I beg to enclose a copy of the new provisional regulations for the C.O.T.C. H.Q., M.D. 4, have asked for the comments of the Military Committee to reach their office by 7th February. I have passed this on to Professor Simpson, the Secretary of the Committee, and also a letter, copy of which is attached.

The annual inspection by Brig. Gen. C. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., takes place at Craig St. Armoury, at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th February.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient servant,

A. H. Thompson
Lt-Col. O.C. McGill C.O.T.C.

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

In file 1-3.

~~425 SHERBROOKE STREET WEST~~
MONTREAL

29th July 1923

To the Secretary,
Military Committee,
McGill University.

Sir:-

I note that the provisional Regulations for the C.O.T.C. provide under Sections 28-30 that officers of the Permanent Active Militia may be appointed as Adjutants to contingents. I suggest that we comment upon the great desirability of this regulation especially.

If these regulations are confirmed, I beg that application may be made for the appointment of such an officer to this unit.

Nearly all the officers of this contingent are students, and they have no time to carry out their ~~duties~~ *duties of adjutant*, whilst at the same time prosecuting their ordinary studies.

If such an appointment were made it would allow me to devote time to the development of the corps, which now I have to use in carrying out the duties of the adjutant.

*I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,
P.R.T.*

Lt-Col. O.C. McGill C.O.T.C.

April 11th, 1923.

Dr. A. W. Thornton,
Dean, Faculty of Dentistry,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Thornton,

The Officer Commanding this Unit
has reported to the Military Committee how your Office
assisted him at the close of ^{last} the Session, by inter-
viewing those students who had delayed in the return
of their Uniform and Equipment.

On behalf of the Military Committee,
I wish to thank you for this service.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.
McGill University.

April 11th, 1923.

Dr. C. Armstrong,
Dean, Faculty of Medicine,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Armstrong,

The Officer Commanding this Unit has reported to the Military Committee how your Office assisted him at the close of ^{last} the Session, by interviewing those students who had delayed in the return of their Uniform and Equipment.

On behalf of the Military Committee,
I wish to thank you for this service.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.
McGill University.

April 11th, 1923.

Dr. Gordon Laing,
Dean, Faculty of Arts,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Laing,

The Officer Commanding this Unit has reported to the Military Committee how your Office assisted him at the close of ^{last} the Session, by interviewing those students who had delayed in the return of their Uniform and Equipment.

On behalf of the Military Committee,
I wish to thank you for this service.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.
McGill University.

April 11th, 1923.

Dr. F. D. Adams,
Dean, Faculty of Science,
McGill University.

Dear Dr. Adams,

The Officer Commanding this Unit has reported to the Military Committee how your Office assisted him at the close of the ^{last} Session, by interviewing those students who had delayed in the return of their Uniform and Equipment.

On behalf of the Military Committee, I wish to thank you for this service.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.
McGill University.

October 21, 1925.

Brig.-General A.G.L. McNaughton, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Andy:-

Much obliged for your letter about the
G.O.T.G. I find that some of our enthusiasts are especially
keen on uniform. I will tell you more about this when I see you.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS

425 SHERBROOKE STREET WEST
MONTREAL

5th February, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur,

I shall be indebted to you, if you will approve of the gazetting to commissioned rank of D. D. McLeod. Mr. Lonn.

He has served the Contingent well, & already has made himself efficient as to attendance for this session. Your approval is required under Sec 211 of C.O.T.C. Regs.

He is to replace Lt + Prov^l Adjutant Patterson who has requested to be transferred to Capt Reserve because of his studies.

It is probable that I shall lose the following officers at the close of this session, because of their graduating; etc:—
Capt F. S. Lawrence,
Lt H. Harwood
Lt J. S. G. Shatwell

I have the honor to remain,

Yours faithfully,
P. P. Thompson.

L^{al} Col.



Transmitted
and returned

to Mr Thompson. 5/2/23

Answered

April 9th, 1923.

Lt. Col. E. W. Pope, C.M.G.
R.C.R. Regiment.,
Drummond Street,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Col. Pope,

On behalf of the Military Committee
I wish to convey to you their thanks for the manner
in which you have helped this Unit, by Lectures,
during this Session.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.
McGill University.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Prince of Wales Barracks, Montreal, que.
12th April 1923.192....

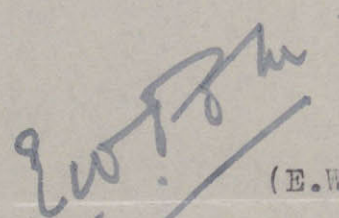
To:-

Gen'l. Sir Arthur Currie, GCMG, KCB.
Principal, McGill University;
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur;

I was very pleased indeed to receive your note of the 11th instant, and I wish to assure you that if at any time I or those serving with me at this Station can be of any assistance to the McGill C.O.T.C. we will be only too delighted to do all that lies in our power.

Yours sincerely.



(E.W. Pope)
Major & Bvt. Lt-Col.
Cmdg. Montreal Station, The R.C.R.

EWP/ES.

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November 2nd, 1923.

Captain L. Stephenson,
McGill University Contingent,
Canadian Officers Training Corps,
Montreal.

Dear Captain Stephenson:-

Thank you very much for
your letter of October 25th intimating to me that
the privileges of the C.O.T.C. mess are extended to
me.

I am very glad that you have
a Mess and I hope some time to call and see you there.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.

MONTREAL

Oct. 25th, 1923

To: Genl. Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L.L.D.

Sir,

The Commanding Officer, officers, and non-commissioned officers have the honour to invite you to become an honorary member of the joint officers and non-commissioned officers mess. You are cordially invited to attend any meeting, and to avail yourself of all privileges. The hours at which the mess is to be opened will be notified to you later.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

L. Stephenson, Capt.

COPY FOR: Colonel Bovey.

July 24th, 1925.

Commodore Walter Hose,
Chief of the Naval Staff,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Commodore Hose:-

Many thanks for yours of the 21st, of July.

I am sorry to have missed you in some way
on July 6th or 7th.

Bovey intends to be in Ottawa about the
29th or 30th of this month, and I have asked him to call you up.
He is not quite certain yet of the date, but in any event it will
be next week, which is ample margin for your date of August 7th.

Is there any chance of your being in
Montreal even for a few hours before you go away? If so, I would
be glad indeed to see you and have a chat about this matter.

Believe me to be, with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

LRT/TJS

D.T.C.

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COPY FOR:

Lancaster 6463

Col. Wilfrid Bovey.

Sept. 25th, 1925.

Commodore Walter Rose,
Director of the Naval Service,
Ottawa,
Ont.

Dear Commodore Rose:-

Just a line to remind you that I have not yet received a memorandum from you giving lists of subjects and requirements for lieutenants' examination. You will recall that we need this information before proceeding any further on our scheme.

I expect to be in Ottawa at the beginning of the week and shall give you a telephone call.

With kind personal regards,
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

LRT/PJS

Cook and Magee
Advocates, Barristers etc.

JOHN W. COOK, K.C.
ALLAN A. MAGEE
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Call Address "MAGEE"
Western Union Code

Royal Insurance Building

Montreal 4th March, 1921.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie, K.C.B.,
Principal, McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I am very grateful for your exceedingly kind letter of the 2nd instant and in reply I can only renew my assurance to you that I shall be ready at all times to assist you and to do whatever is within my power to further the interests of the University, and in particular the Officers Training Corps.

Yours faithfully,

All Magee

2nd March, 1921.

Lt.-Col. A. A. Magee,
C/o Cook & Magee,
Royal Insurance Building,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel,

I have forwarded and recommended the acceptance of your resignation as Commanding Officer of the McGill Contingent C.O.T.C., and have informed H.Q., M.D. 4 that for the balance of the term the duties of Commanding Officer of the Unit will be assumed by Capt. D. F.

Macfarlane. I have also told them that the University has engaged, as one of its Professors for the next year, an ex-officer, and that it is my intention to recommend him for the command of the Unit after his arrival here on the first of next September.

I wish to assure you that the authorities at McGill University regret exceedingly that you have felt obliged to resign your command. I find it difficult to express to you, as I would like, our appreciation of your valued services. I know something of the help you were to the organization before the War and before you left for overseas. Since the War I felt that the Unit could scarcely have been reorganized at all had you not given

us freely of your time and thought and energy.

I thank you most warmly for your assurance that although you have severed your connection with the Unit, you will not cease to take a keen interest in its welfare. I shall always value very highly your advice and whatever measure of co-operation you can give.

With every good wish, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

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Royal Insurance Building

Montreal 2nd February, 1921.

Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B.,
Principal, McGill University,
M o n t r e a l.

Dear Sir Arthur:

I am enclosing herewith a letter to the G. O. C., M. D. 4, requesting permission to resign my appointment as Commanding Officer of McGill Contingent C. O. T. C., and would be greatly obliged if you would kindly forward this together with your approval. I understand that this procedure is in accordance with C. O. T. C. Regulations.

I am extremely sorry that I am forced to take this step but I cannot afford, either financially or otherwise, to continue carrying on my duties. The work involved materially interferes with my success in my profession and, under the circumstances, I must ask that I be relieved of my Command at the earliest possible date. I have endeavoured to secure a competent Overseas Officer as my successor, but so far have not succeeded, and it was the hope of procuring some such Officer that induced me to carry on as long as I have.

Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.B., (2)

My Second in Command, Capt. D. F. MacFarlane, is an excellent Officer, is now doing most of the work and is quite competent to command, but he is a student and my advice is that this should be a graduate appointment. Capt. MacFarlane is in his final year, is likely to remain in the City and, being an Overseas Officer, his appointment might not be considered as a precedent in the future. Furthermore, his present appointment entitles him to succeed.

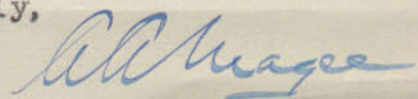
Major C. M. McKergow, before going on the Reserve of the C. O. T.C., was Second in Command, and should also be considered in this appointment. Unfortunately, he has not had Overseas experience, but, on the other hand, has a thorough knowledge of C. O. T. C., requirements.

The above two Officers are the best available at the present time, but, as previously expressed to you, I suggest that some thoroughly qualified Overseas Officer, with instructional ability, be given an appointment on the Staff of the University, with a view to his devoting the whole or a portion of his time to military instruction.

In tendering my resignation I wish to assure you that I will not cease to take a keen interest in the McGill Contingent, and I will be willing at any time to assist its Officers or members in any way possible.

Yours faithfully,

ENCLS.



McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT
CANADIAN OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.

EAST WING - - - - ARTS BLDG.,

~~3425 SHERBROOKE STREET WEST~~

MONTREAL

2nd February, 1921

From..... **Officer Commanding**

McGill Contingent, C. O. T. C.

In any further
correspondence on
this subject please
quote Number and
Date of this Com-
munication.

No.....

To..... **General Officer Commanding**

M. D. 4, Montreal.

Sir:

I have the honour to request that I be permitted to resign as Commanding Officer of McGill Contingent C.O.T.C.,

It is with considerable regret that I make this request, but to continue means a considerable sacrifice of time which materially interferes with my legal profession.

I would be obliged if the above permission could be granted at the earliest possible date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Lt. Col.

O.C. MCGILL CONT. C.O.T.C.

To G.O.C., M.D.4.

Forwarded and recommended.

I would like to say that we at McGill regret very much that Lt.Col. Magee, D.S.O., has felt called upon to ask that he be relieved of his duties as Commandin Officer of McGill Contingent C.O.T.C. He has rendered this

organization outstanding and much valued services, not only before the outbreak of War and up to the time of his departure for overseas service, but particularly in the difficult days of reorganization of the Corps after the War.

For the balance of the term I would recommend that the command devolve upon Capt. D. F. Macfarlane.

I may say that we have recently engaged, as one of the professors for next year, an ex-officer, who I intend to recommend for the command of the C.O.T.C.

Mar. 2nd 1921

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M. F. B. 440.
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MILITIA AND DEFENCE

Montreal, P.Q.

March 12th 1921

In reply please quote

M.D. No. 4. 11-M-94
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General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., G.C.B., LL.D.
Principal, McGill University
M O N T R E A L, P. Q.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your recommendation for the transfer of Lieutenant-Colonel A.A. Magee, D.S.O., Officer Commanding, McGill University contingent, C.O.T.C., to the Corps Reserve of that Unit.

I beg to forward herewith a copy of my letter to Militia Headquarters concurring in your recommendation on the subject, for your information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Charles J. Armstrong
Brigadier-General,

G.O.C., M.D.No.4.

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MILITIA AND DEFENCE

Montreal, P.Q.

11th March 1921

In reply please quote
M.D.4. 11-M-94
No. 34-2-1
34-2-2

The Secretary Militia Council
(Director Personal Services)
Militia Headquarters, Ottawa, Ont.

Lieut.-Colonel A.A. Magee, D.S.O.
McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C.

I beg to forward, attached hereto, a copy of a communication received from the marginally named Officer, with a covering endorsement by the Principal of McGill University (General Sir A.W. Currie), to which I am, with regret, adding my concurrence.

Taking into consideration the praiseworthy nature of the Overseas Service of this Officer, as well as in the capacity of Officer Commanding the McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C. for a period of about a Year, it is presumed that it will be considered possible to transfer him to the Corps Reserve with the substantive rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, having in mind the ruling as to eligibility to that substantive rank, vide H.Q. 7429-2-1, dated the 11th ultimo.

Your attention is also invited to the recommendation made by the Principal of the University to the effect that the Command of the Unit should devolve upon "Captain" D.E. MacFarlane, M.C., who will no doubt be gazetted as provisional Major, until such time as the Officer to eventually command is available.

The application for transfer to the Corps Reserve of Lieutenant-Colonel Magee is also herewith attached.

Your favour of an early reply will be appreciated.

(Signed) Charles J. Armstrong
Brigadier-General
G.O.C., M.D.No.4.

Enc.2.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION in AMERICAN UNIVERSITIESSTATE UNIVERSITIES.

In most State Universities courses in Military Instruction are given in connection with the R.O.T.C.

These courses are usually classed as regular academic courses in the non-professional schools (Arts).

In many enrollment is compulsory during the first two years of the students course for non-professional students.

During the first two years 3 hours per week is devoted to drill and instruction as a minimum.

Enrollment for a further period of two years (third and fourth academic years) is voluntary.

During the latter period a minimum of five hours per week is required.

During the voluntary period commutation of rations is paid at the rate of forty cents per day.

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OTHER UNIVERSITIES.

In a few of the larger non-state universities - notably Princeton, Yale, Pittsburg - departments of Military Instruction are established and courses are given which are part of the recognized academic curriculum.

In Princeton and Yale the work is confined to Field Artillery. At Pittsburg Infantry, Motor Transport and Coast Artillery are taken up.

Credit towards a degree is given for the academic part of the military course only at Princeton and Yale.

No credit is given at Pittsburg.

Fuller information about the course at Princeton is appended, as typical of these institutions.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.

Field Artillery Course only.

Course covers four years of academic work and 2 (or 3) summer camps of six weeks duration each.

During academic year:

- a. Lectures, 3 hours per week for four years
- b. Practical Training,

First Year - Special work in army physical training, gymnastics, fencing, athletics, games, swimming, boxing and wrestling, to take the place of the physical training required of all freshmen
3 hours per week.

Second, third and fourth years - $\frac{3}{4}$ hours a day (except Saturdays and Sundays) devoted to riding and horsemanship.

Credit towards degree.

This is "an authorized elective course open to all undergraduates"

The undergraduate course at Princeton is made up of Required and Elective courses. Five courses in all are taken each year. Two of these are electives.

The field artillery course carries the same credits as any other elective course,

Commissions

Students electing the course undertakes to complete it, and to accept a commission in the F.A. Section of the Officers Reserve Corps.

Commissions are dependent upon:

- a. Satisfactory completion of the Military course.
- b. Graduation from one of the academic courses (i.e., a degree)

Government aid.

Equipment of guns, tractors, etc

Mules, light draught and riding horses,

Detachment of enlisted men at university to care for above

Upon satisfactory completion of basic part of course - first two years - the student receives from the government during last two years commutations of rations amounting to approximately \$142 a year.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION

UNIVERSITY of TORONTO.

Course covers three years, beginning in second year

Students must have had some previous military training.

Time required by academic part of course.

Second year - 2 hours per week

Third and fourth years - 3 hours per week

Subjects covered in course

a. Professional subjects comprising the work required for the C.O.T.C. certificates "A" and "B".

b. Lectures on citizenship, relations between the various parts of the Empire with regard to defence, trade-routes, coal and fuel stations, naval power, and the distribution of the Empire's armed forces.

Credit towards degree.

May be chosen as an elective course counting towards a degree.

Practical Work.

Calendar announcement makes no mention of practical work, but this is presumably taken in the C.O.T.C.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION

In connection with the proposal to establish a Department of Military Instruction at McGill University the following points are submitted for consideration.

1. The logical place for the Department would be in the Faculty of Arts.
2. The bulk of the students following its courses would of necessity be drawn from this Faculty.
3. To ensure the success of such a Department it would be absolutely necessary that its courses be recognized as optional courses leading to a degree.

Under the present arrangement of optional courses in the Faculty of Arts conditions are as follows:

First Year - There is no place in this year for an optional course. The same condition exists at Toronto, hence their military course begins in the second year.

Second Year - Two compulsory subjects and three optionals must be taken. The military course could be placed in Group I of the optional subjects.

Third and Fourth Years - Although all of the courses in these years are optional, the choice is restricted by grouping of subjects in order to ensure continuity and co-ordination of the work taken by the student. Practically he has unrestricted ~~six~~ choice of one subject each year and it would not be difficult to arrange the military course as an option.

In all Universities where credit is given for Military Courses, it is the "academic" part of the work that is recognized, no credit is given for the practical training.

A minimum of 3 hours per week of lectures and class-work throughout the session would probably be recognized as a half course.

4. Practical work could be arranged as an alternative to the physical training required of the men in the second year.

Journals university
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December 14th, 1923.

President Walter Murray,
University of Saskatchewan,
Saskatoon, Sask.

Dear Sir:-

The Principal has asked me
to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter
of December 8th with reference to the O.T.C.
work, and the copy of the University Calendar
you so kindly sent him.

Yours faithfully,

Principal's Secretary.

University of Saskatchewan

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

December 8th, 1923.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie,

Your letter of the 3rd has
been received.

Two years ago we made arrangements
for the O.T.C. work and it has turned out exceedingly well.
We are now recruited up to strength and the students in the last
two years have written on the examinations set by the War Office.

A copy of the University Calendar
is being mailed to you. On page 64 you will find the description
of the course and on pages 36, 75 and 76 you will find references
to the places where it is accepted as an elective for a degree.

Professor Potts is in charge here and
either he or Colonel Parsons, Chief Staff Officer in Regina, would
give you detailed information. Parsons has been exceedingly
good in assisting us.

Sir Arthur Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Murray

President.