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McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT C.O.T.C.

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C.O.T.C. of McGill Has Many Offers

Col. A. A. Magee Is Officer Commanding —Enrollment Monday

THE rush to secure military affiliation, which has been so common with all branches of the service in Montreal during recent weeks, will envelop the McGill Contingent of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps beginning Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Boasting a brilliant record in the Great War, the McGill unit has been besieged with enquiries regarding enrollment, according to its officers. From all directions have come demands for information.

Major Grimson, commenting on the situation, and the big rush anticipated on Monday, stated, "The McGill Contingent of the McGill C. O.T.C., which provides a basic course of training for potential officers, is open to undergraduates of McGill University, and also graduates of McGill and other universities."

Colonel A. A. Magee, who was associated with the McGill Contingent of the C.O.T.C. in War years, and commanded the 148th Battalion, points to the terrific rate at which enrollment progressed in 1914, when 1,100 were taken on the strength during the course of three weeks.

Preparations are already made for training, with a parking lot in the rear of the headquarters on University Street being equipped with floodlights for night drill. Colonel A. A. Magee, honorary colonel of the unit, is serving as the commanding officer at present.

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Text of Proclamation Of War By Canada

OTTAWA, Sept. 11—(C.P.)—Following is the text of the proclamation published yesterday in an extra edition of the Canada Gazette declaring a state of war exists between Canada and Germany:

Ottawa, Sunday, September 10, 1939.

PROCLAMATION

Tweedsmuir
(L.S.)

George the Sixth, by the grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

To all to whom these presents shall come or whom the same may in anywise concern,

Greeting:

A Proclamation
Ernest Lapointe,
Attorney General,
Canada.

Whereas by and with the advice of our Privy Council for Canada we have signified our approval of the issue of a proclamation in the Canada Gazette declaring that a state of war with the German Reich exists and has existed in our Dominion of Canada as and from the 10th day of September, 1939;

Now therefore we do hereby declare and proclaim that a state of war with the German Reich exists and has existed in our Dominion of Canada as from the 10th day of September, 1939.

Of all which our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. Witness: Our right trusty and well-beloved John, Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, a member of our most honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of our most distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of our Royal Victorian Order, member of our Order of the Companions of Honor, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of our Dominion of Canada.

At our Government House, in our City of Ottawa, this 10th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and in the third year of our Reign.

By Command,

W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada.

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McGill O.T.C. Lists Opened

Enrolment Begins To Train University Men For Commissions

Enrolment in the McGill University Canadian Officers' Training Corps has started, it was announced today at the university which is taking active steps to assist the Canadian Government in the war.

Enrolment hours are from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily at the McGill C.O.T.C. headquarters, 3480 University street. The corps is open to undergraduates of McGill and graduates of all universities.

The corps is offering a course of basic training which will enable young men to qualify for commissions in various branches of army service. Enrolment is for a period of one year only, at the end of which time the student becomes a candidate for a commission.

Attendance at three parades a week is required. The drill and lecture periods each last two hours, and are hald in the late afternoon and evening.

Col. A. A. McGee, D.S.O., E.D., A.D.C., is the acting officer commanding.

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Enlistments For Officers Training Now Being Received By Local College

With enlargement of the establishment decided on, applications for enlistment in the McGill University Contingent, C.O.T.C., are now being received each evening after eight o'clock at C.O.T.C. headquarters, 3480 University street. For the present, enrollment is restricted to undergraduates of McGill and past students of all universities who are British subjects, it is announced this morning.

In order that suitable training quarters may be available as soon as possible, orders have been issued to the contractor to speed up the completion of the armoury section of the Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gymnasium. It is hoped that the armoury will be ready for use by the end of November.

McGill C.O.T.C. applicants will be examined as to medical fitness. previous service and capabilities, those found medically unfit but possessing special qualifications being directed to the branch of non-combattant service for which they are best suited.

The primary activity of the contingent will be providing basic training consisting of instructons common to all arms of the servce, — discipline, drill, map-reading, military law, organization, adminstration. On completng this basic training. members will be assigned to whatever branch of the service they select, providing it is in line with their qualifcatons, adn courses for these varous branches will be inaugurated.

Establishment of a branch class will of course depend upon the number volunteering for the particular service concerned. Those entering will receive preliminary training for commissions in the chosen branch of military service.

The member who on completing this preliminary training desires active service will then proceed to a Training Depot for full qualification as an officer, provided he has proven himself efficient.

THE GAZETTE, MONTREAL, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1939.

McGILL C.O.T.C. MEN IN REFRESHER COURSE

New members of the **McGILL UNIVERSITY CONTINGENT, C.O.T.C.**, are receiving drill and instruction daily in the university grounds. Shown above is a refresher class for instructors, drilling under floodlights last evening. Of the more than 300 men who have already joined the contingent, the majority are past students of McGill or other universities; the rush of undergraduates is expected with the full opening of college at the end of the month.

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1,000 MEN EXPECTED IN McGILL C.O.T.C.

Over 300 Have Signed Up For Training Course in Past Few Days

With well over 300 men registered during the past five days, the McGill University contingent of the Canadian Officers Training Corps is expected to have a total strength this year of upwards of 1,000.

Not only undergraduates of McGill but past students of all universities are being enrolled, provided they are British subjects and are physically fit. Several ex-cadets of the Royal Military College are among those who have joined up.

Since the contingent is a unit of the non-permanent active militia, enlisting in it for training does not involve any commitment for active service. In addition to undergoing a medical examination, applicants are questioned regarding previous service, and those who are unfit but possess special qualifications are directed to the best-suited non-combatant service.

Already refresher classes for inspectors are under way afternoon and evening, under the direction of Major H. D. Pennell, E. D. Permanent force officers from the Royal Canadian Regiment and the Royal 22nd Regiment are assisting in the lectures and drill; during the evening drill is carried out under floodlights.

All members of the C.O.T.C. will receive basic training common to all arms of the service, such as discipline, drill, map reading, military law, organization and administration. On completion of this basic training members will be designated for that branch of service which they desire to enter and for which they are considered best qualified: cavalry, artillery, infantry, air force, engineers, signals, medical corps, army service corps and so forth.

Establishment of special classes in certain branches will depend on the number seeking service in that particular arm, and some of these branch classes may be restricted in numbers. Specialized courses will be begun on October 1.

Upon designation to a branch course a C.O.T.C. member will receive preliminary training for a commission in that branch of the service. Men who have completed preliminary training and proven themselves efficient will, if they desire active service, proceed to a training depot for full qualification as an officer.

Col. A. A. Magee, D.S.O., E.D., A.D.C., is honorary colonel of the contingent, and Lt.-Col. T. S. Morrisey, D.S.O., is officer commanding.

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TAKE REFRESHER COURSE

Young Lawyers Return to McGill C.O.T.C.

Now taking a refresher course in an instructors' group of the McGill University Canadian Officers Training Corps are quite a number of younger lawyers in the city, who will eventually act as instructors for others joining the corps.

In the group are Ald. J. Alex Edmison, J. C. Binnie, Conrad Harrington, J. G. Brierly, John A. Hutchins, Hamilton Boulton, George Challies and many others.

Like other C.O.T.C. units, the primary purpose of the university corps is to train men as officers in militia or other Canadian forces. Among the foregoing group taking the refresher course are many who have had considerable military training.

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City Lawyers Take Course

Many Professional Men Take Refresher Training In Officers Corps.

Among the groups of professional men in Montreal now taking refresher courses with Canadian Officers Training Corps units attached to educational institutions, is that which includes a number of younger lawyers, it was learned this morning.

Ald. J. Alex Edmison, railroad legal counsel, has enrolled along with several confreres of the bar in the McGill University Contingent of the C.O.T.C., and is undergoing a refresher course to qualify as instructor to others who wish to join up later.

With the law group in the McGill C.O.T.C. are Ald. Edmison, J.C. Binnie, J. G. Brierly, John A. Hutchins, George Challies, Conrad Harrington, and Hamilton Boulton.

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C.O.T.C. To Train At Montreal High

Despite the fact that some weeks must pass before the armoury section of the Sir Arthur Currie, Memorial Gymnasium at McGill will be completed, training of the McGill detachment of the Canadian Officers Training Corps will no longer be threatened with interruption by bad weather.

Through an arrangement between McGill University and the Montreal High School, the McGill C.O.T.C. has been granted the use of the High School Gynnasium for drill purposes on Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Although indoor quarters are thus assured, training will proceed in the open as much as possible, Major G. A. Grimston, adjutant of the McGill C.O.T.C., stresses in announcing the arrangement.

Enrollment in the detachment now stands at about 300. The majority so far signed up for the course are graduates of McGill, but it is pointed out that this situation will be reversed when undergrads return to the university.

It is expected that these will quickly take the lead over the graduates. An enrollment of about 1,000 is looked for.

Kathleen Norris

"Love Doesn't Retur For Tears Or Repro Have Him Discover Charm and Capabili

"World Is Full of Forlorn Mother Who Find Their Sons Straying Into Loves of Their Own"

The girl who wrote the following letter is only eig woman can read it without feeling that she has drunk the cup of suffering that is love.

"Jack and I began to go together in our last year at Peggy. "We studied together, planned together, encourage each other. He wanted to go to college and so I planned too, and we had our freshman year university; the happiest time I'll ever whole life. After that my family could any more, and I came home. We live an-hour's drive from college, and Jack's

Mrs. Norris

"Jack was waiting on table ne couldn't get home often. When he always came here immediately, a snatched what hours we could toge

"I Knew He Had Changed

"But it wasn't the same. Almost i diately I knew that in some way he changed. I tried not to believe it. I w him, sent him little things, and waited Christmas. But he didn't come home Christmas except for one day, and I got only a tiny shar that day, when we went about seeing people's trees and ca ing things to different members of his family and mine. I k hoping he'd say something definite that day, about being gaged, but he didn't.

"He told us all that night that he had to go with a party the Mountains for ski-ing and winter sports, because he was co one of the boys, and he kissed a dozen of the girls, and me them, and was gone.

"Well, then I began hoping and waiting again, writing hi the sort of letters that I thought must bring answers, but the didn't. If he did write it was not in the old way. I took out th little notes he wrote me only a year ago and read them, and it didn't seem possible we're the same people. In many of them he speaks of our love, and in two of them of our marriage. 'How'll you like being a professor's wife?' and 'it seems so strange to me to think that at nineteen I know the girl who is to be my wife.'

Now Vacation Has Come and Gone

"Now the vacation has come and gone, and he didn't come hom His mother grieves as much as I do. I know she loves me, and is afra of the sort of girl Jack meets, or might meet, at college. And in h heart I know he still loves his lifelong playmate and neighbor, wh was his first sweetheart. For myself, I'll never love anyone else."

Most Popular Styles Lean Towar

Dignity and elegance distinguishes this evening gown of luscious garnet-color velveteen. Designed on Regency lines, it expresses the trend for stiff fabrics for evening and the return to period designs in formal jewellery. The massive gold-plated jewelry worn by the model copies the necklace and bracelet of an Empress of the eighteenth century.

Coats that look like dresses are one of the important trends for fall and winter. This is a coat in Azurite blue trimmed in a platinum-dyed fox. Back fullness is achieved with a slight bustle-peplum at the waist and multi-gores in the skirt at back. Accessories to match complete the monotone ensemble.

Corselet and Basque Silk In Bridal Lingerie

By KAY DANIELS

OH, for the joy of a trousseau hunt! We envy the brides-to-be who are just now planning for the fine in her own home, the green fields far away seem too

gifts—to give yourself or the prospective birde. They are too fascinating for words as they are developed in triple sheer tearose combined with satin and lace; or na-

and those soft lace-edgings so feminine and flattering the neck. You will find it t the true pink satins; the sheer blues and

of beauty in the search for beauty formulas, been found that is

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Expect Over 1,000 At McGill O.T.C.

Board Of Trade "Got Some Forms" Just Before Noon

OVER 1,000 men are expected to be attending McGill University's Canadian Officers Training Course within a few weeks, as that body swings into action. The first parade of the new recruits will be Tuesday night, September 26 at 8 o'clock. Events are coming quickly and an elaborate program of activity is being worked out.

Among the interesting features is the idea of Ald. Alex Edmison, himself a McGill graduate in law, but also an alumnus of Queen's University, to form a Queen's platoon of the McGill C.O.T.C. A special meeting will be called to discuss this subject over the week-end. Ald. Edmison is president of the Montreal Branch of the General Alumni Association, Queen's University.

The officer commanding the McGill C.O.T.C. is Col. T. S. Morrisey, D.S.O. However, the Honorary Colonel and Acting Officer Commanding is Col. A. A. Magee, D. S. O., E.D. The Adjutant is Major G. A. Grimson.

Over 300 have already been recruited for the C.O.T.C. and it is expected that the numbers will top 1,000 before long. Recruiting began only on September 11.

At first, according to a spokesman for the unit, only a basic course will be given. Then later, specialization will take place, with the men best suited to certain types of work allotted to that particular kind of service.

The C.O.T.C. is open only to McGill graduates, undergraduates, and those who have completed two full years' work at the university.

"The idea," said the official, "is to avoid putting square pegs in round holes, and that is why we shall segregate the courses later into specializing groups."

Instructors' Course

At present also is an instructors' going on; later these will instruct the raw recruits. The first parade of the new men will be Tuesday, September 26, at 8 p.m., from the C.O.T.C. headquarters, 3480 University street.

Ald. Alex. Edmison, a graduate of Queen's and a sergeant in the Queen's C. O. T. C., is taking a refresher course, as are many others. Incidentally, there are a great many lawyers among the "refreshers."

Applications for membership will be received at the C. O. T. C. headquarters at 3480 University Street from 4 p.m. daily, to 10 p.m., Sundays excepted.

Unless the war situation demands otherwise, parades will be held two afternoons a week at 5.15 p.m. or two evenings a week at 7 p.m., and also on Saturday afternoons.

It is the idea to follow up the paradess with lectures on topics like drill, discipline, map-reading, military law, organization, administration, etc.

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C.O.T.C. Plans New Training Course

Begin Machine Gun Instructors' Course.

A new phase of military activity linked with the C.O.T.C. training program will be inaugurated at McGill this evening with the start of a machine gun instructors' course, under the joint direction of Col. W. C. Nicholson and Major D. Stuart Forbes. The course will be conducted at the Workman Engineering Building, Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, and Saturday afternoons until November 1.

Those taking the training, it is explained, are men who have seen overseas service in France. On completion of the course they will act as instructors for the machine gun course of the McGill C.O.T.C. training the cadets to qualify for the special "O" certificate.

The instructors' course is being conducted under Lieutenant Frank Nobbs, with non-commissioned officers of the 6th Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars acting as instructors.

Through the co-operation of Lieut.-Colonel J. Darley LeMoyne, O.C., guns and equipment are being provided by the Hussars.

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Queen's Men Invited Join McGill C.O.T.C.

In the McGill University C.O.T.C., provision is being made for the inclusion of alumni of Queen's University in Montreal, Ald. J. Alex Edmison, president of the Queen's University Alumni Association of Montreal, said yesterday.

To Queen's men who wish to join the ranks of the Canadian militia, Alderman Edmison issued an invitation yesterday to join the ranks at McGill University as follows:

"If sufficient Queen's men are interested, provision will be made for a Queen's University section or platoon. For this purpose, there will be a special registration at 3480 University street between 4-10 p.m. on both Friday, September 22, and Monday, September 25."

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McGill C.O.T.C. Ranks Swelled To 400

Enrolment in the McGill C.O.T.C. today reached 400 of which the majority are graduates, it was announced at the headquarters of the unit today. The first parade for inexperienced men is scheduled for 8 p.m. on September 26, while the first parade to include undergraduates will be on October 3. The return of the undergraduate student body to the university is expected to swell enrolment in the unit to 1,000 or more.

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C.O.T.C. Bid Accepted By Many Queen's Men

Eight of the 12 members of the executive committee of the Montreal branch of the Queen's University Alumni Society have already agreed to join the special military unit suggested by Alderman Alex Edmison, it was learned last night.

Ald. Edmison, a sergeant in the Queen's C.O.T.C. during his college days, suggested formation of a platoon of Queen's graduates here, to be commanded by a Queen's graduate and to form a definite unit in the McGill C.O.T.C. To a McGill C.O.T.C. circular, Ald. Edmison appended a message to Queen's graduates explaining his idea of forming such a unit. Over 100 copies were distributed to local Queen's graduates and replies are expected shortly.

Ald. Edmison, president of the Montreal branch of the alumni group, president of Queen's Students' Society in 1927, and head of McGill's Students' Society in 1931-32, is now following a refresher course for C.O.T.C. instructors.

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Plan Platoon For Queen's Men Here

Provision is being made for the inclusion of Queen's University alumni resident in Montreal in the McGill C.O.T.C., Ald. J. Alex Edmison, president of the Queen's University Alumni Association of Montreal, announced yesterday.

The alderman has issued an invitation to all Queen's men who wish to enlist to join the ranks at McGill University.

If sufficient Queen's men are interested, provision will be made for a Queen's University section or platoon. For this purpose there will be special registration at 3480 University street between 4:10 p.m. tomorrow and Monday.

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C. O. T. C. TRAINING

Two hundred and fifty-three recruits, all potential officers, held their first parade last night on McGill campus as the university's C. O. T. C. started the second phase of its training program. An instructors' refresher course had already been in operation.

The first major parade for students, undergraduates who will enrol in various faculties starting tomorrow, will be held on October 3. So far there has been an outstanding turn-out of university graduates and past students. It is expected that a large number of undergraduates will bring up the strength of the unit to approximately 1,000. The training is under the direction of Major H. D. Pennell.

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C.O.T.C. Musters 253 For Parade

McGill University Contingent in First Parade.

Two-hundred and fifty three recruits reported at the first parade of the McGill University Contingent of the Canadian Officers Training Corps, it was reported this morning at the unit's University street headquarters.

The men, without previous military training, are learning the first principles of drill under the supervision of former members of the C.O.T.C. These old members have been reattested and are now taking refresher courses offered by the unit in advanced warfare methods, including modern anti-gas and aircraft instruction.

The first full parade of the unit, which will also comprise undergraduate members, who are expected to enroll following registration in the Faculty of Arts and Science and Engineering, will take place the evening of October 3.

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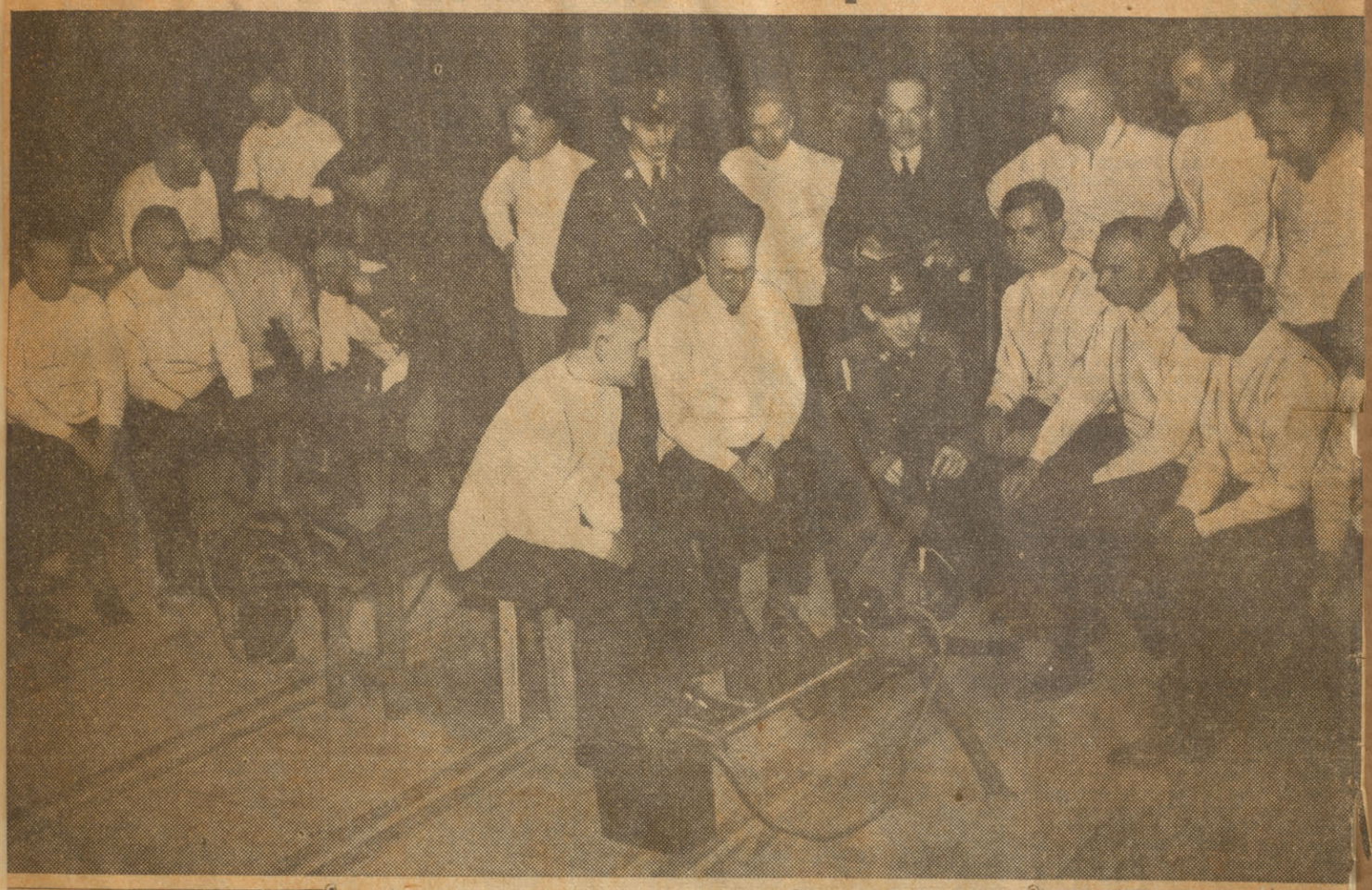
"War Vets" Take a Gunnery "Refresher"



Ready to "do their bit" in the present emergency is a group of machine gunners of the last war, recruited by Col. W. C. Nicholson to serve as machine gun instructors in conjunction with the McGill Contingent, C.O.T.C. A 6th Hussars sergeant is here shown explaining the intricacies of the modern gun in the "refresher" course for the veterans, at the Workman Building at McGill. 2nd Lieut. Frank Nobbs, of the 6th Hussars, in charge of the course, is standing in the rear. Immediately behind the Hussar sergeant is Hugh Crombie, prominent figure in graduate activities, while Major D. Stuart Forbes, an officer of the new machine gun unit, is next on left.

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MONTREAL STANDARD SEPT. 23

Veteran Machine Gunners Step Into Action For Service In Dominion

By R. D. FORSTER

THOSE doughty warriors of 1914-18 days, who manned machine gun nests with unflinching courage over "No Man's Land," may not hold proper qualifications for another bout with war, but the call to arms has found a valuable "spot" for many of them.

Machine gunners of the Great War are stepping back into action again, this time for home service, in the majority of cases. They serve as the foundation in the establishment of machine gun units, and have already commenced training.

Lieut. Colonel W. C. Nicholson and Major D. Stuart Forbes, both holders of the Military Cross and veterans of the Great War, are guiding figures back of the establishment of a Canadian Machine Gun Corps in Montreal.

They have already set their organization machinery in motion, their primary move being to collect a group of Great War veterans skilled in machine gunnery, and put them through a "refresher" course by way of assuring themselves of a capable group of instructors.

Over thirty "vets" have already been rounded up, the majority of them holding officers and sergeants ranks. Men past the age of 45, and not likely to be involved in actual service, have been purposely selected, so that once groomed in the proper mode of instruction they will not have to be substituted. It is one thing to operate a machine gun, decidedly another to instruct in the proper technique.

Hold First Session

No time has been lost in embarking on the "refresher" course, the first session being inaugurated this week at the Workman Building at McGill. It will operate as a branch of the McGill Contingent of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps, to be known as the Instructional Cadre of the Machine Gun Wing of the C.O.T.C.

Back from Ottawa where he recently completed a "B" Wing course, 2nd Lieut. Frank J. Nobbs, of the 6th Duke of Connaught Hussars, has been assigned to the task of conducting the refresher course for the instructors-to-be. Assisting him are Squadron Sergeant Major G. Sweeny and Sergeants D. Creagan and Butler, of the 6th Hussars, who are also highly skilled with the use of the .303 medium machine gun.

Lieut. Nobbs has drawn up two courses which will be standard training for instructors. One will be advanced theoretical, the other mechanical and training.

They will embrace a total of 72 instructional periods, two and sometimes three periods being held during an evening. The sessions are being held three nights a week, and on Saturday afternoons, as an intense effort is being made to rapidly groom the instructors for their proper functions.

The course will be completed by the latter part of October, when the instructors will be fully conversant with the latest technique developments in modern warfare.

Lots Of "Pep"

Staid figures of business life along St. James street are acting much in the manner they did over twenty years ago when they were raw recruits. They swarm around the machine guns in the Workman Building at McGill, showing boundless enthusiasm as they realize that they can "do their bit" once more.

There is no khaki for these veterans of another war. Off come business suits, and old pants and sweat shirts become their costumes as they man the guns—parading being a thing of the past.

"It does your heart good to see them," admitted Colonel Nicholson. "They are bubbling over with enthusiasm and anxious to get right down to business."

"It is remarkable how quickly they pick up after such a long layoff from machine gunnery," the O. C. added. "They are rapidly getting the swing of it once more."

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OFFICERS' TRAINING NOW IN FULL SWING IN LOCAL DISTRICT

Latest Unit Announced Is One at Macdonald College For 150 Men

McGILL SERIES PLANNED

Col. R. R. Thompson to Give Advanced Course — Black Watch, U. of M., R.C.N.V.R. Active

By IAN J. OGILVIE

Indicating the widespread officers' training activity which is underway throughout the district, decision has been reached to form a company of the McGill University contingent, C.O.T.C., at Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue. A registration of some 150 is expected.

The company will be under the command of Major T. W. M. Cameron, late of the Imperial Army, and training will follow the same lines as at the contingent's headquarters in Montreal. Preliminary instruction will be given by former members of the C.O.T.C. now at Macdonald or living in the vicinity.

A body of more expert instructors is being organized from the members of the college staff and among local residents who have seen military service. Prominent among the latter are Lt.-Col. V. H. Graham, late of the General Staff, and Lt.-Col. G. G. Archibald.

Major Cameron, the commander of the company, served in France throughout the Great War with the Highland Light Infantry and with the Royal Air Force. After the war he was appointed second in command of the O.T.C. of the Royal Veterinary College, Edinburgh, and on being attached to the staff of the London School of Tropical Medicine he became attached to the 2nd London Division of the Territorial Army, with the rank of major.

He came to Canada in 1932, and has been released from his position of director of the Institute of Parasitology, a department of the National Research Council, to take command of the Macdonald company.

Facilities at the college are of a high order, and include a miniature rifle range for target practice with light arms and two gymnasia for drill. Registration is expected to be opened on Monday; any graduate or past student of a university, and undergraduates of Macdonald, who are British subjects, are eligible.

THOMPSON TO LECTURE

Activity at the McGill contingent's headquarters has taken on a noticeable spurt with the approaching opening of the full college session. Close to 700 men have already signed up, either with the contingent itself or in the instructors' training courses. To date, some 250 of these are undergraduates, a number which is expected to grow rapidly within the next few days.

Col. R. R. Thompson, M.C., professor of accountancy at McGill and a former commanding officer of the contingent, will give a series of eight evening lectures, under the auspices of the C.O.T.C., for former army officers who wish to be brought up to date with the new establishments and armaments of expeditionary forces. The lectures will be held in the Macdonald chemistry building on Wednesday nights, starting next week.

Colonel Thompson, who saw service overseas in the Gallipoli and Palestine campaigns, spent nine weeks in England this summer, attached to various military units and military schools, including the Staff College at Camberley.

The syllabus of the course has been drawn up by Col. E. Gerald Hanson, D.S.O., E.D., at present artillery adviser to the contingent. Registration, which will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the contingent headquarters, will be limited to 200. Brig. F. Logie Armstrong, O.B.E., district officer commanding, has expressed his approval of the scheme and will speak at the first lecture.

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Canteen Opened By Red Wings Molson Stadium

To Raise Funds In Help For C.O.T.C.

A canteen is being operated at Molson Stadium by members of McGill Red Wings Society, with proceeds being turned over for the purchase of equipment for the C.O.T.C.

Two booths will be in operation, one in Douglas Hall, servicing the main stand and the other on the south side for the benefit of the bleacherites.

Blazer-clad Red Wings members will patrol the stands during the game. The canteens will be open for all matches played this fall at Molson Stadium with the voluntary workers assisting the C.O.T.C. with their efforts.

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Course To Open For Officers

Col. Thompson to Lecture On New Army Methods To Members of Reserve

Canadian reserve officers of the "form four" days will attend a series of lectures beginning next Wednesday to learn all about the new "form three days and other organizational and training changes which have taken place since their active days.

The lectures will be given under the auspices of the McGill University contingent of the C.O.T.C. by Col. R. R. Thompson, M.C., a former commanding officer of the contingent. Colonel Thompson spent nine weeks last summer attached to various military schools and units in England studying the arms, organization and tactics of the new armies. He also attended a course at the Staff College, Camberley.

Although registration for the series of eight lectures (which may be expanded to 10) only starts on Monday, it is understood that there has been such a rush of applications to attend that it may be necessary to repeat the course. Accomodation is said to be limited to the first 200 to 240 applicants, but approximately 400 already have asked for tickets and more applications are rolling in.

D. O. C. TO SPEAK

Registration will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday between 5 and 7 p.m. at the McGill C.O.T.C. headquarters, 3480 University street, upon presentation of documentary evidence of the rank of the applicant. A nominal fee will be charged. Brigadier F. Logie Armstrong, O.B.E., Officer Commanding Military District No. 4, has approved the course and has agreed to address the first meeting briefly.

Col. E. Gerald Hanson, D.S.O., artillery adviser for the McGill contingent, is in charge of the syllabus and organization of the lecture registration. The first six lecturers will deal with the organization and weapons of every type of force and arm from a field force to a battalion of infantry, the role of artillery, tanks, engineers and motor transportation problems. The last two will deal with modern methods employed in attack and defence.

Officer training has taken on wide ramifications in the last few days, with units sending qualified young men to the various C.O.T.C. contingents to take courses, and regimental depots also opening similar courses in collaboration with the C.O.T.C. for their own young officer prospects.

The Black Watch already is started and the Royal Montreal Regiment (M.G.) is considering a similar scheme that will deal with men who are not college graduates but who would eventually quality for commissions.

MONTREAL STAR
SEPT. 30

Macdonald Company, C.O.T.C. Will Enrol

Enrolment in the newly-formed Macdonald Company of the McGill C.O.T.C. will begin early next week. It is expected that 150 will enrol in the company, which is under the command of Major T. W. M. Cameron, R.O., T.D., who is taking on this command in addition to his post as director of the Institute of Parasitology at Macdonald College.

The McGill C.O.T.C. also has been authorized to raise a company at Macdonald College to be commanded by Major T. W. Cameron, formerly of the Imperial army. In addition to instruction by former members of the C.O.T.C. now at the college, a body of instructors is being organized from among the staff and local residents who have seen service. The latter include Lt.-Col. V. H. Graham, R.O., and Lt.-Col. G. G. Archibald. Major Cameron was director of the Institute of Parisitology, a department of the National Research Council, when he obtained permission to take over command of the Company.

Those who may register in the Macdonald C.O.T.C. company are graduates and past students of any university and undergraduates of Macdonald College. All must be British subjects. A registration of 150 is expected and training will probably start the week after next.

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C.O.T.C. OPENS FOR ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS AND GRADUATES; COUNCIL GATHERS WAR BOARD INFORMATION

FOR TRAINING ONLY

5 Students Registered As Enrolment Jumps to 700

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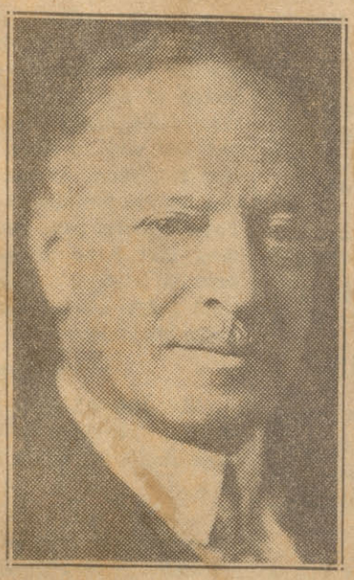
embers Not Liable to Be Called for Active Service

The McGill Contingent C.O. C., founded in 1910 for the pose of training officers for nada's various armed forces, ned its doors for registration Monday, September 11 at the dquarters, 3480 University et. The Canadian Officers' ining Corps is an organiza- in which students may un- go military instruction while inuing their academic stud- at the University.

ficers of the Corps at present Honorary Colonel, Colonel A. Magee, D.S.O., E.D., Acting Offi- Commanding; Officer Com- ding, Lieutenant Colonel T. S. isey, D.S.O.; Adjutant, Major Grimson, Major H. D. Pen- E.D., is in charge of an in- tors' course, which has been eration for the last two weeks in which many graduates and er C.O.T.C. members are regis- . These men have undertaken trill of new men, beginning duties on September 26 under lights on the Campus.

ORGANIZE McGILL RESOURCES

COL. A. A. MAGEE, D.S.O., E.D., Acting Officer Commanding of the McGill Contingent C.O.T.C



DR. C. F. MARTIN, who has been appointed Chairman of the McGill War Services Advisory Board.

Enrolment Now 700.

Enrolment in the McGill Contingent (148th Battalion C.E.F.) Canadian Officers' Training Corps stood at 700 at the close of registration Saturday evening, September 30. Of these, 305 are undergraduates and 395 are graduates With students now back at college in full force, the proportion of undergraduates will very soon dominate the enrolment, which is expected to top a thousand very shortly.

In addition to this, a company of the McGill Contingent is in process of formation at Macdonald College, a branch of the University, and an enrolment of 150 is expected there.

As stated in a circular issued by the Contingent, "The primary purpose of the Corps is the training of members to be officers in that branch of the Military Service for which he is best suited." Enrolment is voluntary for one year's service, and members are not liable to be called for active service.

Preliminary Training.

After a short course of basic training, members will be assigned to that branch of the Service for which they have expressed a desire to be attached and for which they are considered to be best suited. These specialised units embrace Cavalry and Armed Cars, Artillery, Infantry, Air Force, Engineers, Signals, Medical Corps, etc. Members receive preliminary training for a commission in the particular branch to which they are designated, and when they have completed this training, should they volunteer for active service, they may proceed to a depot for further training.

McGill's military connection is deeply rooted in the past, as James McGill was the colonel of the first battalion of the Montreal Militia, a body later to become the Grenadier Guards. Members of this regiment mount guard at his tomb before the Arts Building every Founder's Day.

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During the Great War, McGill graduates and undergraduates supplied over three thousand men, trained by the local C.O.T.C. The 148th Battalion, commanded by Colonel A. A. Magee who is now the Officer Commanding, was officered almost entirely by C.O.T.C. men The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was continually reinforced by McGill Companies, six of which were raised at the University, and who received their training through the C.O.T.C. Two Siege Batteries and the University Tank Battalion were also organized at McGill.

Great War Decorations.

Seven hundred and ninety-one decorations were received by McGill men in the War of 1914-1918, among them two of the highest dictinction, the Victoria Cross. These two men were Lance-Corporal Fred Fisher, Science '15, 13th Battalion R.H.R., C.E.F.; and Colonel F. A. C. Scrimger, until the time of his death prominent Montreal physician and a member of the University Medical Faculty.

McGill's contribution to military training previous to the formation of the C.O.T.C. was a military course given in connection with the Department of Engineering, or Applied Science as it was then called. The subjects lectured upon included mapping, tactics, military engineering problems, surveying and military history. These courses were taught by British Army officers.

Professor Chas. M. McKergow came to McGill in 1909 as an instructor in Applied Science. He showed such an interest and ability in the course in military engineering that was then being given, that Colonel English of Montreal asked him to organize an officers' training Corps at McGill. This type of Corps had been in existence at several British universities already.

Approaching Principal Sir William Peterson, Professor McKergow, obtained permission to hold a mass meeting of the students at the opening of the fall season. One hundred and twenty-five undergraduates declared their interest in joining such a force if it were organized. The present Contingent was formed soon after under the command of Major V. I. Smart of the 5th Royal Highlanders, and regular classes and drill were started.

By 1914 the organization was complete and, when the War broke out, the C.O.T.C. served as a nucleus for McGill's war preparation. Many men were attracted to enlist who later distinguished themselves in France for McGill, for Canada, and for the Empire.

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McGill Lectures Proving Popular

Registration For Army Talks Over 200.

Registration for a series of eight lectures that Colonel R. R. Thompson, M.C., of McGill, is to give for ex-army officers, explaining the newest developments in establishments, armaments and drill in the British Army, has proven so popular that the complement for the first series is already enrolled.

Over 80 men have signed in addition to the first 200 to which the series was limited, for the lectures which are to be repeated on Thursdays in addition to the announced series to be given on Wednesdays.

Colonel E. Gerald Hanson, D.S.O., E.D., is in charge of enrolment which began on Monday at five o'clock, and which will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week from 5 to 7 p.m., at the C.O.T.C. Headquarters, 3480 University Street. Men wishing to enrol in the course are asked to furnish evidence of their qualification to attend the lectures, after which they fill out an enrolment card, and on payment of a nominal sum they become entitled to attend the lectures.

Finishing up with the Staff College at Camberley, Colonel Thompson spent nine weeks attached to various military units and schools in England, studying the new drill and tactics as laid down in British Army regulations.

Brigadier F. Logie Armstrong, O.B.E., will open the series with a short talk, on Wednesday evening October 4th at 8 o'clock. The lectures will be given in the main lecture theatre of the Chemistry Building at McGill, every Wednesday and Thursday commencing this week, and will in all probability include a lecture on the Flying Corps, to be given by an officer from the R.C.A.F.

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COLONEL MAGEE ADDRESSES FROSH

SPEAKS IN UNION

Students Warned Against Joining Service Rashly

400 ATTEND SMOKER

Leading Campus Lights Talk at Meeting Last Night

About 400 Freshmen attended the annual Freshman Smoker in the Union last night to hear speeches by the leading campus lights. The meeting was chaired by Jim Bulger, President of the McGill Union, and Principal Douglas was in attendance to welcome the Freshmen. Various Campus leaders outlined the activities sponsored by the Students Council, and refreshments and a singsong provided entertainment.

Pointing out that first year men were entering the University at a very critical time, Colonel A. A. Magee, in addressing the Annual Freshman Smoker last night, stated that military authorities looked to the Universities for Officer material. In explaining the duties and function of the C.O.T.C., he urged that "You do not rush off with any spirit of adventure and join in any capacity that offers. There is no adventure in war; it is grim business and the decision to go on active service is a serious one for you to make. You must think of those you leave behind who may be dependent upon you either now or in the future."

Times Critical.

"You have come to College at a critical time in the world's history. We are at war and you are asking yourselves—what position should I take and what shall I do and what does Canada expect of me. Many of you will seek military service and it is my purpose to outline briefly what McGill offers in that respect."

The primary purpose of the C.O.T.C. is to train its members to be Officers in all branches of the Service. Enrolment is absolutely voluntary and members are not liable for Active Service.

All members joining will be given what is styled as a Basic Course, that is instruction which is common to all arms, on completion of which a member will designate what branch of the service he prefers and for which he is best qualified, such as cavalry, armored cars, artillery, infantry, air force, machine guns, engineers, signals, medical corps, etc. Upon being designated to a branch a member will receive preliminary training for a Commission in that particular branch of the service and at the end of his training period he will be given an examination, to determine his efficiency.

Choice of Parades.

There are three parades per week of approximately two hours each and a member has the choice of two afternoon parades, at 5.15 o'clock, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, or two evening parades, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8 o'clock, and Saturday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. The parades are compulsory but leave of absence can be obtained in cases of necessity.

Those who join the Corps are advised to join that branch of the service where their academic training can be made best use of. The policy of the Government and of the Military Authorities is to conserve the brains and technical knowledge of the country in order that Canada may make an adequate contribu-

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tion in the supply of war materials and foodstuffs.

The Military Authorities look to the Universities for Officer material and it is for that reason that every effort is being made to make McGill C. O. T. C., an efficient training organization.

It is not all swank being an Officer. On Active Service it is continuous hard work for, in addition to being a well trained and intelligent leader, he must be father, mother and nurse to every one under his Command. He must know his men intimately, have a sympathetic knowledge of their families and conditions at home; he must see to their comfort at all times; he must see that they are fed and bedded down before he eats and sleeps; and, as a nurse, he must see that they wash at every available opportunity and change their socks. An Officer has a Batman or servant, not primarily to valet him, but for the sole purpose of seeing that he gets food and that he is able to snatch a few hours sleep after looking after his men. But, most of all, an Officer has the terrible responsibility of minimizing the casualties of his men and this can only be done by being well trained and avoiding foolhardy and unnecessary risks. Most of all, he must be courageous and cheerful and possess a sense of humour, for without a sense of humour the nerves will soon break down.

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OCT. 3.

REDMEN FORM MILITARY UNIT

Move Combines Football Practices and Drills

Kerr Prepares Team for Initial Tussle Against Varsity

Latest news over the muddy football front broke yesterday when it was learned that the three McGill football squads joined the C.O.T.C. lock, stock, and barrel. Several onlookers rubbed their eyes and blinked twice as they observed the players being sent through their military paces in football uniforms, but it turned out to be no dream.

The gist of the matter is that this sudden move will save a lot of time for the gridiron gents. Instead of dashing down University street after football practice to drill at the C.O.T.C. headquarters the footballers now combine the two activities at the expense of Father Time. It will give those students who would not otherwise have the time for the military drill a chance to work the two into their schedule.

Fifteen Minute Drill.

All told sixty-three Redmen participated in the first day's drill. Fifteen minutes each day will be devoted to the C.O.T.C. except for Monday when the time will be stepped up to a full hour. This is the plan for the remainder of the football season when the Redmen will leave the Stadium to drill with the regulars.

Even Coach Doug Kerr participated in the drill while Coaches Cloghesy and Wigle put on their own little military show in the showers, to the amusement of their proteges.

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The first of the series of lectures being given by Col. R. R. Thompson, M.C., on modern arms, administration and establishments of the British army was attended by 240 former army officers last night eager to bring themselves up to date with military developments. The first lecture will be duplicated tonight, and subsequent lectures will be held each Wednesday and Thursday.

Brig. F. Logie Armstrong, O.B.E., District Officer Commanding M.D. No. 4 attended last night, and expressed gratification at the interest displayed in the course. Col. E. Gerald Hanson, D.S.O., in charge of the syllabus, spoke highly of the value of the lectures which are to be given under the auspices of the McGill University Contingent of the C.O.T.C.

MONTREAL STAR
OCT. 7 '39

Mayor Morris Detailed To McGill C.O.T.C.

The appointment of Major J. M. Morris, M.C., V.D., of the Corps Reserve of Officers, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, to the McGill University Contingent of the C.O.T.C. is announced by headquarters of Military District No. 4. Major Morris is "attached for duty, temporarily."

It is understood that Major Morris will act as second-in-command of the unit during the absence on leave of Major D. J. Corrigall, D.S.O., M.C., commissioner of the Quebec division of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Lt.-Col. T. S. Morrisey, D.S.O., is the unit's commanding officer.

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Enrolment Continues; 943 Already Enlisted

Officers of the McGill contingent of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps announced last night that applications for entrance to the Corps are still being received. Those who wish to enroll but have not yet done so will not find themselves in an inferior position or behind those who have already enrolled, because a whole company is being kept open for undergraduates.

The number of graduates enlisted is continually taking on strength, the latest figures available indicating that 461 graduates and 482 undergraduates have been attested.

The Corps drills on the campus Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday afternoons. During unfavourable conditions the drill takes place in the Montreal High School. Lectures on the various phases of military administration and conduct follow the drill periods.