

carry this suggestion into effect it is altogether likely that it would have proved a failure, as probably the majority of our students thought (and rightly so) that they could render better service in some other capacity, Applied Science students, for instance, as artillerymen or engineers, medical students as members of a medical corps, and among all classes not a few as officers in the infantry itself. Although the idea of a full battalion was abandoned, however, it was thought possible and, indeed, advisable, that companies should be raised from time to time as reinforcements for some particular unit. One such was raised before the end of the session 1914-15 and left for overseas in the early summer under the command of Captain Gregor Barclay, a graduate of the University in Arts and Law. In looking about for a battalion to which to attach themselves, it is not surprising that those in authority should have fixed their choice on the one which was at that time the most widely (and probably the most favourably) known in the Canadian forces, the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, and so it came about that these celebrated companies became associated with a celebrated regiment, and during the first days of its hardest fighting formed its chief (perhaps its only) source of supply for its frequently depleted ranks. These companies also gave many officers to their own battalion and to other units, as might naturally have been expected. Five companies were sent over in rapid succession and three or four drafts of fifties from a sixth, which never reached its full strength, as voluntary enlistment had by that time practically ceased and more particularly as the recruiting fields for the class of men wanted for such units had been completely drained. What stands to the credit of McGill in this connection is not so much that she contributed a certain number of men, but