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## TO ALL GRADUATES AND FORMER STUDENTS OF MCGILL

With this letter the Graduates' Society of McGill University sends to you a copy of its new Constitution and By-Laws. You are asked to read them and consider them carefully. You are asked to be an active member in the Graduates' Society of your University.

GRADUATES'  
SOCIETY  
RE-ORGANIZED

Not long before the war, the Graduates' Society was reorganized. The war interrupted the programme then commenced.

When war began, the Graduates' Society sought, and received, permission from the Dominion Government to organize means by which students, graduates and members of the University, might be enabled to serve to the best advantage. Authorization was secured for a McGill Battalion of the Canadian Officers' Training Corps. The graduates and undergraduates through their respective societies invited the Right Hon. Sir Auckland Geddes, K.C.B., (now Minister of Reconstruction in the British Cabinet), who was then Professor of Anatomy at McGill, to take command of the C.O.T.C. Much of its success was due to him. All who worked with him are glad that he is returning to McGill as Principal. Through the opportunities offered by McGill's C.O.T.C., 1,400 men, from all the Universities and High Schools of Canada, went overseas with the University Reinforcing Companies. Most of them served with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Many of them became officers.

Several units were more directly identified with McGill. The regimental badge of the 148th Battalion is the McGill Crest. This Battalion was officially affiliated with the University. Many men in the ranks and 75% of its officers were McGill men. Teachers, graduates and undergraduates were all enrolled. "No. 3 Canadian General Hospital (McGill)" is the authorized title of the Hospital organized by the Faculty of Medicine. The Faculty supplied all of the officers and many of the men.