

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.

The Military Committee of the University feels that the McGill C.O.T.C. is entitled to these honours, as it was solely responsible for the organization of the 148th Battalion, and with few exceptions entirely officered it.

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 reconsidered.

Ever yours faithfully,