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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,