

8. The Lett Report recommended reopening RMC at the existing capacity. This is estimated at 250, the dormitory accommodation being the limiting factor. Since the mess, the classrooms and the laboratories accommodate 400, and the need for a more diversified course to meet postwar Army requirements, the Military Committee strongly recommended that the facilities of RMC would be used to greater advantage, at small additional cost, by increasing the strength. The committee recommended increasing dormitory accommodation to 300.

9. It is recommended that RMC should be reopened in September 1947 along the following general lines:

- (a) The ultimate capacity of RMC should be 300 cadets;
- (b) The course at RMC should be a four year course, designed to take the majority of the graduates directly into the Active Force;
- (c) The RMC course should, in order to be integrated into the COTC Plan now in effect, consist of both an academic phase and a practical phase, similar to the COTC courses:
  - (i) The academic portion of approximately seven months per year should be a four year course with options in Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Chemical Engineering and Commerce;
  - (ii) The practical portion should be given at three successive Corps Schools during the summer, followed by an All Arms School subsequent to graduation from RMC. (For details see Appx B);
  - (iii) In the academic portion at RMC approximately 15% of the time in the curriculum should be devoted to pure military subjects;
- (d) Of the officer intake authorized to come from the ranks (now 20%) those candidates under 21 years of age should be sent to RMC at public expense, and those over 21 years of age to the universities at public expense;
- (e) Cadets attending RMC at public expense should be paid at a rate not higher than Private First Class while at RMC, paying for their books, draughting instruments, etc, and clothing out of their pay;
- (f) Candidates for RMC not coming from the ranks should be required to pay a reasonable fee for tuition, and pay for their books, draughting instruments, etc, and clothing;
- (g) RMC graduates, who are candidates for corps in the Active Force, which require all officers to have a university degree, and a selected number for other corps, should be sent to university for one year at public expense to obtain the technical qualifications required. Such candidates would be given rank and pay of second lieutenant and would be responsible for paying their own fees, board and lodging. Upon successful graduation, such candidates would be promoted to lieutenant with seniority dating from their date of graduation from the All Arms Qualifying Course in accordance with their standing at that time;
- (h) A cadet should be required, on admission to RMC, or in any event prior to admission to his second year of studies, to undertake to serve in the Canadian Active Force in commissioned rank, if his services are required by the Department of National Defence. See Note (a)
- (j) The facilities of RMC will only be required by the cadets for a period of 3 months a year. These facilities are particularly good for officers courses and should be used to the full capacity during 3 months each Summer for such courses as the All Arms Course, the Militia Staff Course, etc.