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Summary information

Repository: Concordia University Records Management and Archives

Title: Sir George Williams Contingent of the COTC fonds

ID: P111

Date: 1950-1968 (date of creation)

Physical description: 30 cm of textual records
33 photographs

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Sir George Williams University Contingent of the Canadian Officers Training Corps was organized in 1950 at the request of University principal Kenneth E. Norris. The COTC was a subdivision of the University Reserves Program, subsidized and commissioned by the Department of National Defence. The objective was to introduce students to service life. The COTC offered training opportunities to those who wished to pursue a service career. Official authorization for the formation of the unit was granted in 1951 and quarters were obtained in a building at 1180 Bishop Street. Major John McDonald was the first Sir George Williams Contingent commanding officer, from 1951-1954. Training methods included a theoretical phase in which the intellectual awareness of national security issues was taught, and a practical phase. A mess committee was responsible for organizing special events. In 1956 the contingent moved to 772 Sherbrooke St. West.

As a result of major alterations in defence policy after the Korean War (1950-1953), the Department of National Defence set new goals. One primary objective was to reduce expenditures. It was concluded that university reserves programs no longer provided officers for the reserves in sufficient numbers to support their cost. In 1964, meetings were held between the Department of National Defence, the Military Studies Committee, and the board of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada to discuss the future of all Canadian Officers Training Corps units; 50 per cent of reserve units were reduced that year. The University Naval Training Division, the Canadian Officers Training Corps, and the University Reserves Training Plan ended in 1968. The Sir George Williams University contingent was disbanded May 31, 1968. Major John Hall was the last commanding officer. To allow other means for undergraduates to serve in the reserves, the Reserve Officer University Training Plan (ROUPT) was instituted.

Scope and content

The fonds gives information on university-based military training. It includes correspondence, minutes, reports, training notes, financial records, a visitors' register, and photographs of commanding officers, members of the contingent, the training grounds, and Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip.

The fonds organized into the following series:

- P111/1 Administrative records
 - P111/2 Accounting records
 - P111/3 Photographs
 - P111/4 Objects.
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Immediate source of acquisition

The documents were donated to the Concordia University Archives by Major John Hall in 1981.

Finding aids

Inventory of the Sir George Williams Contingent of the COTC fonds P111.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
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Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
P111-02-01	Item - Major Jack Caryl	[between 1954 and 1957]		
P111-02-02	Item - Major E.J. Fee	[1963 or 1964]		

P111-02-03	Item - Major R. Haron	[between 1951 and 1954]
P111-02-04	Item - Lieutenant Colonel Saint Clair Holland	[19--]
P111-02-05	Item - Captain Kisiclins	[195-?]
P111-02-06	Item - Captain J. MacDonald Photographed by Notman and Son, Montreal	[195-?]
P111-02-07	Item - Major A.G. Tyner	[between 1957 and 1963]
P111-02-08	Item - Sir George Williams College Contingent COTC Photographed by Basildon Studio, Montreal	1952
P111-02-09	Item - Sir George Williams College Contingent COTC Photographed by Bill Leet, Montreal	April 23, 1953
P111-02-10	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1953-1954
P111-02-11	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC photographed by Federal Photos, Montreal	1954-1955
P111-02-12	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1955-1956
P111-02-13	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1956-1957
P111-02-14	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1958
P111-02-15	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1959
P111-02-16	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1960
P111-02-17	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1960-1961
P111-02-18	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1961-1962
P111-02-19	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1964
P111-02-20	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1965
P111-02-21	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC	1966
P111-02-22	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC Photographed by L. Vaincourt Reg'd, Valois	1967
P111-02-23	Item - Sir George Williams Contingent COTC Photographed by Basildon Studio, Montreal	1968