

East Midlands Universities Officers Training Corps (EMUOTC) a short history.

EMUOTC was first formed on 27 April 1909 when University College Nottingham (UCN) responded to a petition from 27 students by giving approval for an Officer Training Corps at the College.

1914 - 1918 In the First World War, 1600 students had passed through UCN OTC into war service, of whom 229 were killed and 500 were wounded. This nearly percent casualty rate was high, even by Great War standards.

1939 - 1945 In the Second World War, no formal records were kept of members who served but the size of the Corps, which now included Loughborough College, rose to four Companies of infantry and two Sections of engineers.

1966 - With considerable foresight the name of the unit was changed to the "East Midlands University Officer Training Corps" in a move that allowed volunteers from all higher education institutions in the East Midlands to join.

Today - EMUOTC draws from a population of over 110,000 students from eight universities: Nottingham, Nottingham Trent, Northampton, Derby, De Montfort, Leicester, Lincoln, Loughborough. It has many notable Alumni including MPs, explorers, engineers, lawyers, doctors and leaders of industry as well as a number of senior military officers.