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Personal

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My dear MacB.:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Major T. V. Scudamore of Vancouver, B.C. I have known him for about 20 years.

Scudamore was always a very unenthusiastic Militia officer, went overseas with the 1st contingent as a Captain. He was taken prisoner at the Battle of Ypres, simply because he obeyed orders, as, of course, every soldier should. He feels that he has had a bad run of luck because many officers who have not served as long or worked as hard as himself have passed him long ago in rank.

On the reorganization of the Militia after the war the command of the 7th Battalion was given to the Quarter-Master (a non-combatant) John McMillan and Scudamore was made a Major, but placed junior to an officer (Major Daykin) who had half his length of service and who was a Captain on the Reserve in Canada when Scudamore was a Major in France. When McMillan retired in October 1922 the command of the battalion was given to Colonel Foster, a very proper proceeding in my opinion. This left Scudamore the only 7th Battalion officer and the only officer of the old 6th D.C.O.R. Apparently Colonel Foster has now been given a 12 months extension of command and Scudamore feels that all his hopes of promotion have gone and that he might just as well quit.