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ESTEVAN, Sask.

July 31, 1940.

The Under-Secretary of State,
The War Office,
Hobart House,
Grosvenor Place,
LONDON, S.W.1, England.

Dear Sir:

Ref: A.C.16

On the 6th of June the P.A. to the Director Auxiliary Territorial Service was good enough to write me and inform me that I would be welcomed in the auxiliary territorial service as a driver if I could find my way over to England.

I understand perfectly well that I must pay my own fare and expenses from Canada to England and I am quite prepared to do that. The letter also stated that no guarantee could be given me that I would be passed as fit by the medical authorities. I quite well realize that and I would not ask any such a guarantee as I am perfectly willing to run the risk of being found fit. I am satisfied that I am fit and I have taken the precaution of going to a doctor who has had a great deal of experience in examining men for the army and he has found me perfectly fit in every respect, and that my category is A. I can also supply the references referred to in the letter.

Immediately I received that letter of June 6th I made an application to the Department of External Affairs of Canada for a passport. I have just received my passport. I made every effort to get it sooner but it so happened that about the time I received your letter the United States made regulations requiring everyone entering that country from Canada to have a passport. You can readily understand that there are a great many people of Canada go to the United States from time to time and the passport office was so deluged with applications for passports to the United States that it could not cope with them and other offices for the issue of passports had to be opened throughout Canada. This accounted for the delay in issuing my passport, which under ordinary circumstances I should have obtained

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