

Mail mess

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My dear Colonel:-

In the brief acknowledgement of your letter of the 18th, which I mailed you the other day, I said that later on I would send a message. While what I am about to write can hardly be dignified as such, I have no objection to you reading this letter to those who will join in the celebration of the anniversary of Vimy. In fact, I welcome the opportunity of sending my good wishes to all old comrades of mine who may there be present.

I am thinking about them more than usual to-day because I am reminded of the events of six years ago. On the 27th of March, 1918, I felt so impressed with the seriousness of the situation that I wrote a special order, which you may remember. In it I endeavoured to express the grave nature of the events then transpiring and my firm confidence in the ability of our fellows to overcome every difficulty and surmount every obstacle. To-day, when we must face the tasks that sometimes make the spirit quake, I am sure we all draw inspiration from thoughts of those darker days when we met undismayed more irksome burdens and more terrifying duties.