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RECEIVED DIRECTOR OF EQUIPMENT

Re-German Machine Guns for Units of the Canadian Machine Gun Corps.

## D.E.O.S.:-

Referring to your memo on the marginally noted subject, dated the 26th instant, I have to state that a large number of machine guns have been received from England and are now in the custody of Dr.A.G.Doughty, who some weeks ago was appointed director of war trophies. These guns are stored at the exhibition grounds, Ottawa.

He informs me that under date of the 23rd of last December, a demand was made upon him by the Assistant Director of Machine Guns, for thirty-two machine guns, and that subsequently that officer visited the exhibition grounds and selected a certain number of these guns, stating that he would wait for more favourable weather for the selection of "stands". It appears probable that twenty-eight guns of each type could be made available, to be handed over to the S.O.O., H.Q.Depot, for issue.

It is suggested, however, that an order should be directed to the Commission on war trophies, giving definite instructions for these guns to be handed over to the officer in question.

or DPMS

Brig.-General, D.H.S.