

The Battalion goes along very slowly. Martyn ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~refused~~ ^{refused} to transfer to the reserve and I had to request that such transfer be made. I kept copies of all the correspondence so that I might send them to you and am now forwarding them under separate covers. They are extra copies so that they can be destroyed when pressed. I did my level best - to keep the discussion free from personalities and also to avoid being drawn into the disputes which went on previous to my assuming command, but it may be that Ottawa will delve into the past.

General Ross knows all the details of the unfortunate situation and I feel that if recommended action is immediate will be guided by him. I know it is very difficult for the G.O.C. but as far as I was concerned it was quite impersonal and I was really between the devil and the deep sea as unquestionably Martyn was not acceptable to either officers ^{or} NCOs, but - I felt that point, though confidentially known at District office from outside sources, would not be made by ~~him~~ me.

Smith (Gordon) I fear must remain as they are making a plea of political influence (so much too me when he was out), but I am quite sure your advice would be for the benefit of the Battalion, if I only dared act.

The recruiting is very slow indeed, but the group we have are very enthusiastic. We have a ^{Rugger} ~~rugger~~ team and basketball team in the different leagues. Our programme is fairly ambitious monthly. Evening: recreation range. swimming bath social rooms are open. wednesday social evening (we are