

C O P Y

June 21st, 1926.

Headquarters M.D. No. 11,
Work Point Barracks,
Esquimalt, B.C.

Transfer of Officers
B.C.Coast Brigade, C.A.

I have been requested to approve the transfers of eight officers from the Active List to the Reserve of the 5th B.C. Coast Brigade, C.A. While I have no objection whatever to taking these officers on the strength of the Reserve I think it is my duty to express my great regret that the Commanding Officer of the Brigade does not wish, or is not able, to retain the services of these officers.

It is not my desire to express any opinion as to who is responsible for the trouble that has arisen in the Brigade but as I spent several years in reorganizing and building up the 5th Regiment after the war and although many difficulties and discouragements had to be faced, the Regiment did succeed in attaining a fair degree of efficiency, and as all these officers, whose transfers I am now asked to approve, were chosen by myself and they gave me loyal support during my tenure of command, may I request that before attaching my signature to the formal Transfer forms a report on the situation be forwarded to Headquarters at Ottawa and that I be advised of their views on the subject.

As General Sir Arthur Currie in the Honorary Colonel of the Brigade and is personally acquainted with most of the present Brigade Officers it occurs to me that out of courtesy to him Headquarters at Ottawa may wish to acquaint him also with the situation before taking steps which conceivably might result in the breaking up of the Brigade.

(Signed) F. A. Robertson

O.C. 5th (Reserve) B.C.Coast Brigade, C.A.