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In reply please quote

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on Dec. 27. I called on Col. Peck. in Vancouver and asked for an explanation. In the first place he stated that he regretted the whole circumstance and owed me an apology in that he hadnt taken the matter up with me . He claims that there was no understanding that I was to transfer to the Reserve . A report reached him on the eve of the election that I had trouble with the N.C.O.'s. and that they had paraded to me in complaint of something ; He was very much worried with political matters at the time and as he anticipated a change of government felt that he would have to act quickly if he were to be successful in changing command, on this account and believing me to be cognizant of the alleged trouble ; he wired Gen. Ross and Ottawa to expedite your appointment . He took this action without inquirey or in any way intimating to me that he had received such report.

The only matters that have come up affecting the N.C.O.'s was the letting out of the acting Sergt. Major and this was done at the request of all the officers who without exception were dissatisfied with him. and the only N.C.O.'s who paraded to me were two members of their mess to ask me to borrow on my personsl covenant at the bank an amount of five hundred dollars to purchase a billiard table for them this I did with the assistance of the finance committee.