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search has been made of the files of the 42nd Battalion and 7th Brigade, but nothing can be found to show that the 42nd Battalion approved of the application for a commission, or that the 7th Brigade approved of the application. The records show that your son served with the 42nd Battalion from the 21st day of November, 1917, until admitted to hospital on the 29th of May, 1918. He remained in hospital until the 30th July, 1918, and did not rejoin the 42nd Battalion until the 14th of November, 1918, three days after the Armistice. On September, 1918, your son was not with the 42nd Battalion, but was employed as a clerk in the Canadian Section G.H.Q. at the base.

Taking all these things into consideration, the officers with whom I discussed the matter, and myself, were unable to recommend to the Minister that your son be demobilized as a commissioned officer. As I intimated in the above, I regret very much not being able to meet your wishes in this matter.

Yours faithfully,