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8. All officers who remained in Germany throughout the war received promotion in prison, dated from 1916. The officers of the 3rd Brigade being especially fortunate in this respect. I was released by my own efforts in 1916 & steadily employed until 1919 but found myself junior to many unwounded prisoners who remained in Germany throughout the war & who were junior to me at the time of our capture.

In spite of this rather lengthy series of disappointments I have tried to remain keen and efficient & up-to-date. I have 3 times been slowly over the battlefields & walked over a great deal of Alsace, Lorraine and the Franco-German Frontier in case such knowledge might be useful. I had proposed when I go to England next Fall to attend the manoeuvres in 1927 & also travel again in the Balkans with the object of making myself efficient in case of need but so much keenness and the financial, independence that enables me to give so much time towards being a useful officer seems absolutely wasted in the present Canadian Militia system & I feel that the many years that I have devoted wholeheartedly to the Militia of Canada have been largely thrown away & could have been better employed in my business, games or travel.

Do you think there is any means of my getting<sup>g</sup> even a brevet rank?. With Col Foster's permission & approval I took the matter up with Genr Ross but he is a 2nd Division officer with no knowledge of my record & I think he was quite indifferent to my claims & the best he could offer me was acting rank next October in the reserve battalion - a not very flattering offer.

I daresay nothing can be done & so I apologise for troubling you, at the same time I don't feel like dropping out without first hearing your opinion. I have no great opinion of myself as a soldier & feel that there are plenty of good men probably waiting for their chance but it is a pity when pre-war officers drop out at the present time when the standard of training is so deplorably low. With Col: Foster, I believe we are the only 2 original 1st Division officers still serving in Vancouver & of course until late in 1915 I was senior to him. It was of course the fortune of war that by obeying orders I should have ~~not~~ permanently lost seniority to so many officers who were not in uniform for many years after I first joined but it seems very hard that this same ill luck should dog one to the end of ones service.

Wishing you every good wish for Xmas and the New Year,

I remain, Sir,  
yours sincerely

*T. V. Scudamore*