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OTTAWA,  
August 5th,  
1940.

Mrs. P. H. Anderson,  
Fort Francis,  
Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

I duly received your letter of the 30th July. I remember my mother speaking of you quite well but cannot remember meeting you personally.

What you say as to your son is most interesting, and I can quite realize that he could not afford to enlist as a private. I do not know whether he has taken the Officers' Training course or not. If he has not done so, his chances at being accepted for a commission would not be good. In any event, though, he should apply to the Head of the Military District, at Winnipeg, stating his qualifications. I would judge from your letter that he has done so. The Department here insists that all appointments are made by the Officers of the Military District and not by the Department at Ottawa. It is very creditable to the boy to want to serve, but owing to his dependents, he would be less likely to get a commission than if he were free. When I hear from you as to whether or not he has passed the Officers' Training course, I will know better what, if anything, it will be possible for me to do for him.

Yours truly,

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