

Brig-General J.M. Ross, C.M.G., D.S.O., Colonel Commandant this District, has been exceedingly kind to me since the re-constitution of the Permanent Force in 1920, in having my services retained, but I felt I would not care to approach him further as the instructions from Militia Headquarters appear to be definite, and apparently a man's overseas service and disability is not taken into consideration.

I beg to apologize for writing at such length, but I wished you to understand my position exactly. Knowing that you have the welfare of your old soldiers at heart, it has occurred to me that you might be able to put in a word at Ottawa which would result in a special dispensation of the sherthand being made in my case.

In so doing you will have the lasting gratitude of my Wife and three little children,

and of,

Yours respectfully,

Lionel Swift

Sergeant,
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