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THE ARMOURY, BAY ST., VICTORIA, B. C.

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In reply, ^{in reply please quote}

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Personal

From Major D.B. Martyn
16 Th. Bn. Canadian Scottish
Victoria B.C.

To Lt. Col. H.M. Urquhart D.S.O. M.C.
16 Th. Bn. Orderly Room
Drill Hall Victoria B.C.

Sir.-

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter dated Dec. 22. and received by me on the 27 Th. Inst. requesting my transfer to the reserve of officers as it was on that understanding that you took command.

Outside of press reports this is the first intimation I have had in respect to a change in command and Col Peck never failed to intimate to me, on the occasions we met, that he was ready to hand over command to me when ever I wanted. I considered it was up to him to say when he should retire but I joined the regiment and worked and spent my money in the interest of the men believing that, in accordance with Col. Pecks promise, that in the near future I would have the honour of commanding it. Your letter came as a very great surprise to me as also the press report of your appointment: Coming as it did at the very moment I had succeeded in equipping and organizing the unit with the able assistance of the officers N.C.O's and men.

On your suggestion made to me at our interview on