

5th mess

March 13th, 1924.

Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Robertson, D.S.O.,
B.C. Returned Soldier Commission,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Colonel:-

Your letter of the 6th of March, supplementing the kind invitation personally extended by you in Montreal to dine with the officers of the 5th Regiment on the 20th instant, brings to my heart a feeling of homesickness and a longing to be with you all again. Yet I know that a dinner in the 5th Mess is not an occasion for regretful feelings of any kind. Some of the most joyous evenings in my life were spent as you will spend the 20th,- an excellent dinner, with something suitable to wash it down, good fellowship and good comradeship, recollections of happy far-off days and battles long ago. What more could a soldier want?

No doubt my old chief, Colonel Gregory will recall the day on which I was a very awkward and timid orderly to him on the occasion of an annual inspection. Colonel Scotty Jones can, if