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Qualicum Beach, B.C.,
July 25th, 1940.

The Secretary,
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Referring to yours of the 19th instant: -- your letter appears fully in line with Canada's "war effort" to date, and I note that you cannot use the services of an officer who holds the highest certificate obtainable in the Empire as a rifle-training instructor.

The only comment necessary would appear to be twofold:

(a) That, vide your last paragraph, it is the duty of a purely civilian Department to allocate the services of an officer with high military qualifications.

(b) That the National Registration questionnaire (as outlined in the Press) does not cover military and instructional qualifications in detail, and that in consequence these are not likely to come to the attention of the Department of National War Services.

Yours truly,

(Signed) H.V.S. PAGE,
Captain,
Indian Army, retired.

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