

GENERAL OF THE ARMIES
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1923.

General Sir Arthur W. Currie,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear General Currie:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 13, 1923, relative to the request of Mr. F. W. Harcourt, Toronto, for the discharge of Private William M. Bickerstaff, 63rd Squadron, France Field, C.Z., it being stated that he enlisted at the age of seventeen and that his mother is in great distress concerning his enlistment.

If this soldier has not yet attained the age of eighteen and his discharge is desired on the grounds of minority, your attention is invited to paragraph 1 of the enclosed memorandum, which sets forth the evidence necessary to submit in order to establish the age of the soldier.

If Private Bickerstaff is over eighteen years of age, there appears to be no authority for his discharge at this time, in his own interest or that of his family, unless his case comes within the provisions of paragraph 2 of the above mentioned memorandum.

Your attention is invited to the fact that an enlisted man may purchase his discharge, if he so desires, upon completion of one year of actual military service, under the conditions outlined in the enclosed memorandum relative to discharge by purchase. The records show Private Bickerstaff enlisted on November 29, 1922.

As you are interested in this case, I hope it may fall under one of the above categories. If not, and you wish further to follow it up, I will do what I can to comply with your wishes.

With cordial regards, believe me

Yours very sincerely,

