

File 14

Personal

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Major Charles B. Lindsey,  
1st Special Service Battalion,  
St. Jean, P. Q.

My dear Charlie:

I have just received your letter of the 1st of  
September.

Letson returned only a day or two ago and I have  
had no chance since of having a word with him.

On thinking carefully over the whole matter, I  
wonder if it would not, in the long run, be more in your  
interest for you to write Letson direct. I have not, since  
the beginning of the war, either directly or indirectly  
sought to influence any appointment in any of the armed  
services.

As you know, there are many men in the Army who  
do not take too kindly to me on account of my attitude on  
conscription. However innocent might be the approach and  
however just and well-intentioned, I am not at all sure  
that any move on my part to better the position of one who  
is known to be a relative would not, sooner or later, come  
to prejudice both him and me. An attempt of the kind would  
be more marked because of ~~my~~ having refrained from any move  
of the kind, not only on behalf of anyone related to me, but  
on behalf of any of my colleagues or any friends.

You will, I am sure, not misunderstand my writing  
you in this way quite frankly. I do so only because I feel  
very strongly that I should not give to the Department of  
Defence or anyone connected with it a chance of saying that  
I had used my office to interfere with any departmental  
matter.

King, Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie (MG  
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Charles B. Lindsey (son of G.G.S.  
Lindsey) 1941-1950

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