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Personal.

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Dear Genr: Currie:-

I dislike troubling you over a personal matter intensely or asking anything for myself in anyway but my case may interest you.

On 24th April next I complete 20 years commissioned service in the Canadian Militia, having served throughout in the same unit & I am quitting the militia in disgust and disappointment.

I am writing to you as my old Brigade Commander & one who knows something of my record before the war for your advise & help & if you consider anything could be done to facilitate a promotion that I feel is overdue.

The following are some of the reasons why I feel that I have not had the same run of luck as officers who have not served as long or work as hard as myself.

1. On the re-organisation of the Militia the command of the 7th Batt was given to our Quartermaster ( a non-combatant ! ) John McMillan & I was given the rank of Major, being placed immediately junior to an officer with  $\frac{1}{2}$  my length of service who had been a Capt on the reserve in Canada when I was a Major in France - *Major Daykin*.
2. On Col: McMillan's term expiring in Oct: 1922, Col Foster was brought & into the battalion & given the command & I remained then the only 7th & only D.C.O.R. officer in the regiment. However, I could take no exception to serving under so distinguished an officer & I have tried to serve him loyally for the last 3 years.
3. Col Foster has now apparently been given a 12 months extension of command from last Oct: & as I see no immediate prospect of promotion I feel I might just as well quit. I had fully expected, right up to Oct:, to get my step in rank then, in which case I should have remained in Canada to complete my militia duties but now I am making arrangements to go back to Europe for a year or so & don't feel that I should follow the bad example set by some senior officers of hanging on to a position when I am not doing the duties.
4. To-day I have longer commissioned service than any Infantry Lieut:-Col: in B. C. - including my own C. O. - on the active list.
5. I have passed more exams, have more qualifications and believe greater variety of experience than almost any officer now serving in B.C. I have been 3 times on strike duty - once for 12 months.
6. In the last 13 years I have received one step in rank & see no prospect of promotion in the near future. I have been 8 years a Major.
7. I was the only 1st Division officer not to receive a step in rank during the whole war & this was only rectified in June 1919 when it was brought to your attention by Genr Odum & you had my promotion dated back 18 months on full pay, after I had failed to get any satisfaction from anyone at Argyll House.