

REGISTERED.PERSONAL.In any further
correspondence on
this subject please
quote Number and
Date of this Com-
munication.

No. H.Q. 28-S-42.

11.M.D. 34-S-712.

Victoria, B.C. August 16th, 1912.

From Sergeant Lionel Swift,

1114 Alston Street, Victoria, B.C.

To Lieut-General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,

President, McGill University, Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir,

The following has nothing to do with the decorating or repairing of your property, which I have had the pleasure of occupying for the last eighteen months, and still wish to occupy subject to your approval and to Militia Headquarters decision in my particular case.

Whilst under your Command at Festeubert, 1915, with the 8th Bn, C.E.F., I was blown up and became very deaf from the explosion, which prevented me from again taking up my former position in civil life on demobilization.

I therefore elected to re-enlist in the Corps of Military Staff Clerks, Section "A", and I have been a member of that Corps since 1917.

However, instructions have been received from Militia Headquarters to the effect that members of the C.M.S.C. must be qualified stenographers, which of course includes shorthand, the penalty for not qualifying in same by December next will be a recommendation for my discharge, according to the last communication to Militia Headquarters from this District.

I have already passed in an examination for typewriting in this connection, I am also considered to be a very accurate clerk, having been personally complimented by the General Staff Officer, (Major L.C. Geedevs, D.S.O.), but how in the world they expect a deafman to survive the test of ordinary dictation I do not know Sir, I have paid out of my own pocket the sum of \$50.00 since March last to the Sprett Shaw School, but I find the strain too great when trying to hear and concentrate at the same time.

It is not my wish to encroach in any way, but I have spent quite a lot of money and time on your property in making the old home look as nice as it does today, your old neighbours state to the effect that it has never looked so green and clean since Lady Currie left the house, and it will still be a pleasure to my Wife and children and myself to carry on the good work if I might be permitted to remain in the C.M.S.C., as that appears to be my only means of a livelihood considering my chances in the labour market.