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Brigadier-General Victor Odlum, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
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Vancouver, B. C.

My dear Odlum:-

I am forwarding with this letter a copy of a letter which I have received from Mrs. Mary Brinkman of Victoria and also one which she has received from the Mothers' Assistance Department. Both letters are self-explanatory.

I remember Brinkman very well as a member of the 5th Regiment in which I served from gunner to colonel and I think he was a member during all that time. He was motorneer of the B.C. Electric Railway and I knew him very well in that capacity. He was a decent hard-working man and a good citizen generally. I remember that he also took great interest in the Boy Scout movement, something which Mrs. Brinkman mentions. I was under the impression that he himself had served in some capacity in the late war, although he must have been getting along pretty well in years when it broke out. From Mrs. Brinkman's letter you will note that three of her sons served in the war.

Brinkman apparently was a German and had never been naturalized, though he always had a vote. It seems to me that on compassionate grounds the Mothers' Assistance Department might very well give favourable consideration to her case. Will you please, for my sake and for her's, see what you can do.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,