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Major-General J.H. Macbrien,
Chief of Staff,
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Ottawa.

My dear MacB:-

When speaking to you last Saturday in Ottawa I do not think I mentioned the case of Major J.W. Forbes, D.S.O., formerly of the 15th Battalion.

He has sent in several applications for employment in the permanent force. He is an officer whom I can strongly recommend, having gathered a most favourable impression of his ability and personality while he was an officer with the 15th. I consider him as quite capable of commanding a battalion in the field.

You may remember that Malone, formerly of the same battalion, was at one time granted a commission in the Pats, but on his reporting to that unit, he acted so strangely that some doubts arose as to his sanity. I do not know whether Malone's case has yet been finally disposed of, but if he has been permitted to resign and if it is the intention to fill the vacancy, I would like to see Forbes receive the appointment. Of course, I realize that O'Connor is now a member of the Pats, and it may be that your Department will consider it advisable to send him back for duty with his Regiment, and in that case he could take the place left vacant by Malone's resignation.

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed having a chat with you on Saturday.

Ever yours faithfully,