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My dear Ormond:-

I should have answered long ago the letter you so kindly wrote me last March, but you know how easy it is to put things off.

I was sorry that I was unable to attend the Vimy dinner at Ottawa. I know what enjoyable affairs they are and particularly does His Ex enjoy them. He is coming to Montreal to attend an Officers' dinner to be given on the evening of Armistice Day. I haven't seen him for some time. I was to have gone to Ottawa in June to spend a week-end with him, but was prevented for some reason or other, which I have just forgotten. Certainly we have never had a Governor General who took his job more seriously than Byng. From everything I can learn I consider that he has done well. Don't you? Though if a suggestion is made that he be given a second term I hope he will refuse. I believe it would be a great mistake for him even to indicate any willingness whatever to stay on for any period over that allotted.

I have just had staying with me for a few days Colonel Sandy Urquhart. He is now with Bill Herridge in Ottawa and after a short visit in Toronto leaves there next Saturday night for the Coast. You will be delighted to know that his operation has been a complete success, that the wound has healed for the first time in six years and that he can confidently look forward to taking up some active and useful work in life. Urquhart has made