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Hon. Hugh Guthrie, K.C., M.P.,
Minister of Militia & Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Guthrie:-

I wish to say a few words on behalf of Major H. Willis O'Connor, D.S.O., who served throughout the War as my A.D.C., and who is well known to you.

He joined the 2nd Infantry Battalion at Valcartier in 1914, became its Adjutant and remained with the Battalion until September 1915, when I asked him to join my staff. In the battalion he was regarded as a capable, devoted and gallant officer and was twice wounded.

I cannot speak too highly of the value of his services as A.D.C.. He possesses a most equitable temper, has pleasing and courteous manners, is always willing to work and give all his time and attention to his work. He is loyal and tactful, is attentive to details and is actuated by high ideals.

He is a member of the Princess Patricia's regiment and, of course, can be sent to duty with it; but I know that he is anxious to remain in Ottawa for a year, principally on account of the closing up of the O'Connor estate.

I saw a notice recently that Colonel Osborne is retiring shortly. I do not know what is in your mind with reference to a successor, if anything; nor do I know whether O'Connor is just the kind of a man you want, but I would say that he is an officer possessing very many, very good qualities.