

Personal.

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Chief of Staff,
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My dear General,-

I have your letter of the 8th regarding Major T.V. Scudamore. Colonel Foster's time as Officer Commanding 1st B.C.R. DCO. is up in October of this year, and it has always been my intention to recommend Major Scudamore to succeed him; but when I spoke to Scudamore last month about this he said that he was going to England, possibly for good, or, at any rate, for a considerable period. But he has been known to change his mind before, and he will probably do so again.

Last Summer Colonel Foster told me that Scudamore was going abroad, and wanted to be made a Lieutenant-Colonel before he went. He thought that this would give him a little more prestige in England. As I wanted Foster to take another year, I could not very well give Scudamore a step in the battalion, so I suggested that he take command of the Reserve battalion for a time, and this would give him the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. I do not remember hearing anything more about his matter until last month when, after the inspection of the unit, he had a talk with me and told me practically what he told General Currie about his qualifications, etc. I told him that he could get his promotion next October, and he then informed me that he might not be here. The matter was left at that and I am in hopes that he will return and take over the unit.

In the meantime I will be quite willing to recommend him for a brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, and I would have done so before in view of his record, but I was sure that the Adjutant-General could not pass it, as it would simply mean that we would have to deal with a lot of similar applications. I think however, that if he got the brevet rank now he would not worry about the unit any more, and I want him to take over after Foster leaves.