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Had he been given the command he would have remained in Vancouver and given great attention to his duties, but he now feels that he will return to Europe. He says that he has now longer commissioned service than any Infantry Lieut.-Colonel in B.C.; that he has passed more exams.; has more qualifications and believes he has a greater variety of experience than almost any other officer serving in British Columbia. In the last 13 years he has received one step in rank and has been 8 years a Major. He points out that he was the only 1st Division officer not to receive a step in rank during the whole war. He also points out that most officers who remained in Germany throughout the war received promotion while in prison dated from 1916 and that officers of the 3rd Battalion were especially fortunate in that respect. Scudamore was released by his own efforts in 1916 and steadily employed until 1919, but found himself junior to many unwounded prisoners who remained in Germany throughout the war and who were junior to him at the time of their capture.

He is financially independent and has since the war gone over the battlefields three times, examined Alsace-Lorraine and the Franco-German frontier in case such knowledge might be useful. He also proposes to go to England next fall to attend the manoeuvres and also to travel in the Balkans with a view to making himself efficient in case of need. I do not think he has any great opinion of himself as a soldier. In fact he says so. He feels that there are many others better than himself, but at the present time the enthusiasm of a man like Scudamore often makes up for a lot.

I believe that with Colonel Foster's promotion he took up with General Ross the question of a brevet rank, but apparently Ross was quite indifferent and offered him Acting rank next October in the Reserve Battalion - not