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UNION CLUB,
VICTORIA, B. C.

14 December 1926

My Dear General.

I should not to meet
Lady Currie and yourself a
most, times and ever happiness
in the new year.

I arrived in Victoria
on the 15th November and found
it much as before. The weather
at that time was delightful,
cool and dry, but since then
we have had much rain and

Yesterday and today it
has been bitter cold for
weeks.

My sister and myself
when I returned, moved into a
small house on No. 1000 Street
just below the Angeles. It is
comfortable and compact, but
these days we have all sorts
of fears about freezing pipes
and so on although so far
nothing has gone wrong.

The Ballata is in the
same unsettled state. In Aug or

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Later National Defense announced
Madysen had been placed on
the Reserve; then in November
- that was after Kalsin took
over - this fact was confirmed
and the Gazette only transferring
him, appeared.

Upon receiving this
notification, in view of the fact
that my term of command
expired 25th November, we
proceeded to make arrangements
for the recommendation of Wrie
as the new CO and Gillespie
as 2nd Lt. These the General
approved and by a ship these
recommendations got into the Press.
Then National Defense reversed
the entry and brought Madysen

back as to the active line,
 which means I suppose that
 Mastys will get commands.
 It is all a bit disappointing
 and depressing.

The Royal Scots

Albanes is informed, and I
 understand, in confidence, that
 National Defence contemplates
 granting a special dress distinction
 for the act of 22nd April 1915.

Have you seen Picot
 lately? I hope he keeps very well
 and is in good spirits.

I trust Lady Curzon yourself
 this morning and Samer are very fit,
 and that Samer has not had any set back.
 My kindest regards to all
 You very sincerely
 Schuyler

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9th March, 1921.

The President,
The Unemployed Ex-Service Men's Association,
294 St. James Street,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith a cheque for \$10.00 as a small donation to your efforts to help returned men get employment or relief. I am sorry I cannot make it a larger amount, but I have a great many calls from private individuals of a similar nature.

Yours faithfully,

THE UNEMPLOYED EX-SERVICE MEN'S ASSOCIATION

294 ST. JAMES STREET

OBJECTS:

TO HELP EX-SERVICE MEN
OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT OR
RELIEF.

SECRETARY:

~~F. FLOOD,~~

294 ST. JAMES STREET,
CITY.

SIR:—

The Unemployed Ex-Service Men's Association came into being as a result of the conditions affecting the unemployed workers, who served in the several armies of the Allied Forces. There are thousands of ex-soldiers seeking employment, which they have, through no fault of their own, been unable to obtain. Having no means they must obtain work or starve. The latter is certainly not a pleasant thing, particularly when the sufferer is a man, and those dependent upon him, who were ready to give their all to save liberty and civilization.

Our Organization is made up of Ex-Service Men only, who understand the needs and appreciate the position of their comrades. No one connected with it receives any compensation. All services, clerical and otherwise, are given gratuitously. All that we seek is an opportunity to aid our fellow workmen and comrades, to get work or help.

We must have funds and that without any delay. We must help the unemployed returned man and his family who are deprived of the necessities of life. There are hundreds of deserving cases that require relief without any delay. Please help us to help ourselves and contribute whatever you can in cash or provisions so that we can do this necessary work.

Make all cheques payable to Captain C. C. McCulley, Hon. Treas., Income Tax Office, Shaughnessy Building.

All contributions in kind can be sent to the headquarters of the Association, at 294 St. James Street, or will be called for, if a postcard be sent us.

All contributions will be acknowledged through the Press.

Yours truly,

J. S. Thompson
President.

E. W. Miller
Secretary.

DOCKET STARTS:

UNION INTERALLIÉE



TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"RIZCARLTON"

8th April 22
RITZ-CARLTON HOTEL,
MONTREAL.

My dear Sir Armand -

I am sending you
this admission paper for
the "Union Inter-Allie" Club -

Will you kindly sign
it on the first page,
and answer the questions
on the last one. I will
act as one of your 2,000
-ton, municipal forces.
Will probably be in
other ones!

I know that Mar-
-chal Loren will be
pleased to hear that
you have become a
member of our Club,
in which he is taking
such a large interest.

As I told you, you
will not have to pay
the admission fee -

The annual subscription
is 250 francs - If

you would be kind
enough to return to me
the admission paper

and James C. Hayes for
\$25. made to the Union
International, I would
be very much obliged.

Yours very truly
Othello Roy

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Union Interalliee

April
Tenth
1922.

Hon. Philippe Roy,
Ritz-Carlton Hotel,
Montreal.

My dear Mr. Roy:-

I have very much pleasure in enclosing herewith my application for membership in the Union Interalliee Club and will regard it as a high honour to be enrolled as a member.

With all good wishes and many thanks for giving me the privilege of applying for membership,

I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

UNION INTERALLIÉE

1922

33, FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ

Tél. : Elysée 44-24

Elysée 44-25

Elysée 52-98

Le Comité directeur a l'honneur de vous faire parvenir, ci-joint, votre carte de membre pour l'année 1922, ainsi que deux formules d'admission de membre non résident, pour le cas où l'un de vos amis désirerait faire partie de l'Union Intéressée, en vous choisissant comme l'un de ses parrains.

N.B.- Montant de la cotisation de membre non résident (Taxe comprise) Frs..... 286.

UNION INTERALLIÉE

 A/P

33, FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ

TÉL.: Elysée 44-24

Elysée 44-25

Elysée 52-98

Le 14 Juin 1922.

Le Maréchal FOCH, Président de l'Union Interalliée

à

Sir Arthur W. CURRIE

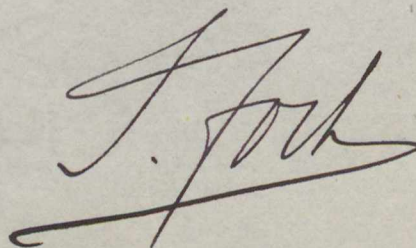
Monsieur,

Vous avez bien voulu manifester à M. Philippe Roy, Commissaire Général du Canada en France, le désir de faire partie de l'"Union Interalliée" comme membre non-résident.

Vous avez ainsi voulu apporter votre adhésion à une association qui se préoccupe de resserrer les liens des nations qui ont combattu ensemble et de créer un centre où puissent se rencontrer tous les amis de la même cause.

Je suis heureux de rendre hommage au sentiment qui a dicté votre candidature et de vous informer qu'elle a été admise par le Comité directeur à la date du 9 Juin 1922.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de ma considération très distinguée.



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UNION INTERALLIÉE

33, Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, PARIS

N° 1675

B.P.F. 25 \$

Reçu de *M. Arthur W. Currie*
la somme de *Vingt cinq dollars*
montant de sa cotisation pour l'année 1922.

Paris, le *19/6* 1922.

Le Secrétaire
Cotisation annuelle à titre
de Membre
Total

Le Contableur :
J. Graves *M. Leane*



UNION INTERALLIÉE 332

33, Faubourg Saint-Honoré

Tél. Elysée 44-24 & 44-25

MEMBRE NON-RÉSIDENT

M. *Sir Arthur W. Currie*

1922

Le Titulaire :

Le Président de l'Union

E. de Beaumont

Paris, le 14 Février 1923

Monsieur,

Conformément aux termes des statuts de l'Union et du Cercle Interalliés, j'ai l'honneur de vous prier de vouloir bien me faire parvenir en un chèque barré 33, Faubourg Saint-Honoré, le montant de votre cotisation annuelle pour l'année 1923, décomposée comme suit:

Versement annuel à l'Union	200
Versement annuel au Cercle	50
Impôts	38,50
Timbres et frais	1,50
Total	<u>290.00</u>

Veuillez agréer, je vous prie Monsieur, l'expression de mon respectueux dévouement.

GARRAVET
Secrétaire

EXTRAIT DE L'ARTICLE 8 DES STATUTS

* Les cotisations, pour les différents membres de l'Association, sont payables dans les quinze premiers jours de Janvier.

February 6th, 1924.

The Secretary,
Union Interalliee,
33, Faubourg St.Honore,
Elysees, Paris, France.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of General Sir
Arthur Currie I am enclosing herewith Bank Draft for
290 Francs, subscription for year 1924.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

January 26th, 1925

The Secretary,
Union Interalliée,
33, Faubourg St. Honore,
Élysées, Paris, France.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith Dominion
Express Money Order for Three hundred francs, the
amount of Sir Arthur Currie's subscription for the
year 1925.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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UNION INTERALLIÉE

33, Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, PARIS

N^o 1247

B.P.F. 100

Reçu de **M^r Arthur William Currie**
la somme de **Crois cents frs**

montant de sa cotisation pour l'année 1925.

Paris, le 7 Mars 1925.

Le Secrétaire : Le Contrôleur :

Droit d'entrée
Cotisation annuelle à titre
de Membre

Total

Payé par chèque N^o 1775 14 du 24. 1. 25
sur Dominion Express Co

J. Garraway

J. Garraway

UNION INTERALLIÉE

33, FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ



Tél.: Elyoée 44-24

Elyoée 44-25

Elyoée 52-98

Le 10 février 1924

Monsieur

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de
votre lettre du 26 janvier, me
remettant en règlement de votre cotisation
pour l'Année 1924 la somme de frs : 800

Veillez trouver ci-joint quittance de la
dite somme ainsi que votre carte de Membre
de l'Union Interalliée pour l'Année en cours.

Veillez agréer, je vous prie, Monsieur,
l'expression de mes sentiments très dévoués.

Le Secrétaire de l'Union Interalliée ;

M. William Curie

UNION INTERALLIÉE

33, Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, PARIS

N° 1602

B.P.F. 500

Reçu de Monsieur *William Currie*

la somme de *trois cents francs.*

montant de sa cotisation pour l'année 1926.

Paris, le *16 Mai* 1926.

Droit d'entrée	
Cotisation annuelle à titre de Membre	
Total	

Le Secrétaire : *Le Contrôleur :*

J. Sarrau

A. Dubouché

Payé par chèque N° *41120*
en date du *26 mai*
sur *Union des B. P. F.*

UNION INTERALLIÉE



33, FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ

Tél. : Élyées 44-24

Élyées 44-25

Élyées 52-98

Le 18 mai 1926

Monsieur

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de
votre lettre du 27 avril, me
remettant en règlement de votre cotisation
pour l'Année 1926 la somme de frs : 300

Veillez trouver ci-joint quittance de la
dite somme ainsi que votre carte de Membre
de l'Union Interalliée pour l'Année en cours.

Veillez agréer, je vous prie, Monsieur,
l'expression de mes sentiments très dévoués.

Le Secrétaire de l'Union Interalliée :

J. Garrauet

M. Jis Arthur Curie

UNION INTERALLIÉE

HONORARY MEMBERS :

The President of the Republic,
H. M. The King of England,
H. M. The King of the Belgians,
H. M. The King of Spain,
H. M. The King of Serbia,
H. R. H. The Prince of Wales,
H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught,
H. R. H. The Prince Arsène of Serbia,
H. R. H. The Prince A. of Connaught...

H. M. The Queen of England,
H. M. The Queen of the Belgians,
H. M. The Queen of Spain,
H. M. The Queen of Italy,
H. M. The Queen of Roumania,
H. R. H. The Duchess of Connaught,
H. R. H. The Princess A. of Connaught,
H. R. H. The Serma Sra Infanta Dona Luisa de Orleans...

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

President : Marshal Foch
Executive Vice-President : Comte de Beaumont

VICE-PRESIDENTS :

Duc de Broglie	Comte de Fels
Jules Cambon	P. E. Flandin
André Citroën	Amiral Lacaze

Treasurer : L. Dumontet.

MEMBERS :

Edgar Bonnet - Duc de Camastra - John Ridgely Carter
- Albert Favre - H. Finaly - Duc de Gramont - Baron
Jacques de Gunzburg - M^e Henri-Robert - Théodore Laurent
- Lord Charles Montagu - P. P. Peixotto - L'Honorable
Ph. Roy - Comte de Saint-Sauveur - M. J. de Sillac -
Professeur Tuffier - Lazare Weiller.

THE AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Union Interalliée, presided by the Marshal Foch, was founded with the object of creating and fostering closer intellectual cooperation for the maintaining of Peace.

In its mixed Club, the Association welcomes to this end foreign notabilities and their families passing through Paris and introduces them to the most representative personalities of French activity.

The Club is affiliated with 165 of the most reputed Clubs in the principal cities of the world.

PREMISES

The members of the Union Interalliée have acquired the freehold of the former residence of Baron Henri de Rothschild at 33, Faubourg Saint-Honoré, in the Champs-Élysées quarter. The premises comprise a large Cour d'honneur, a garden Four Thousand Square Metres in area, receptions, dining, reading, writing, and drawing rooms. There are Bridge and Mah-Jong rooms, and Salons for private receptions. The extensive basements will ultimately be adapted for the practice of various sports, and the building of bedrooms and a swimming pool is being studied at the moment.

PRIVILEGES OF THE MEMBERS

The Ladies and Gentlemen members of the Union Interalliée have numerous privileges, e. g. they may :

a) take lunch, tea, and dinner with their families and guests in the Club rooms. Ladies are admitted from 9,30 a. m. but are allowed in the gardens, the bar, and the ground floor only after three in the afternoon. Nevertheless, on Sundays and Fête days they may take their meals in the gardens where an orchestra plays every day from four to seven and during dinner on Thursdays and Saturdays. They may make use of the Theatrophone installation, by which they may listen to the plays at the different theatres ;

b) 1 take part in all manifestations of activity of the Association, receptions, concert, theatrical representations, lectures, etc...organized by the Committee, 2) and obtain for these invitations in favour of the members of their families and friends ;

c) attend the performances at the Opera (men only) in the stage box specially reserved by the Club on Monday nights ;

d) make use of the Sports Section of the Union Interalliée, of which they are members by right. This section comprises an eighteen hole Golf course, five Tennis courts, a boat Club on the banks of the Oise, and a Country Club with bedrooms. It is situated at Compiègne, a renowned sporting centre which abounds with many agreeable rides on horseback, and is noted for staghunting ;

e) obtain in favour of members of their families and their friends fourteen day guest cards. These cards are never renewable to the same person, but there is no restriction on the number of different cards requested by any member. They are available only for persons living outside France, and passing

through Paris. They convey all privileges of membership during their validity.

f) The organization of the Foreign Member's Office offers to all members and guests any information or facility they may desire for visiting different public and private French institutions such as: the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate, the National Manufactories, Institutes, Ministries, Laboratories, etc...

g) Upon application to the Committee, they may obtain letters of introduction to those affiliated Clubs which have accorded the reciprocity to the Union Interalliée.

h) They may reserve salons for their private receptions.

a) Note. — The members of Clubs affiliated to the Union Interalliée, are by right once in their lifetime, Fourteen day Guests and Temporary Members of one, two, or three months, of the Union Interalliée (three months being the maximum period, never renewable). They can during these periods, enjoy all the privileges reserved for Members, except those under *b* 2, *e*, and *g*.

b) A box of five seats has been placed at the disposal of the Union Interalliée in the Grand Stand at Longchamp for each meeting. It is intended for Foreign Personalities who are the Guests of the Committee.

Tél. : *Elysées* 44-24

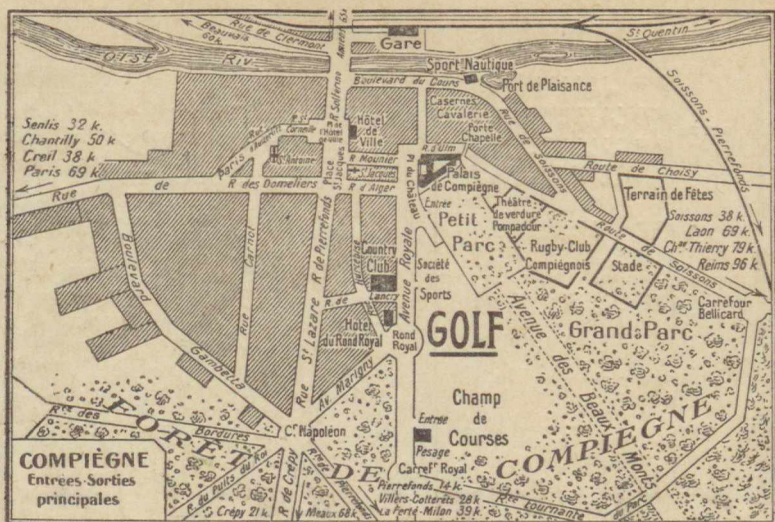
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PARIS, JUNE 1st 1928.



UNION INTERALLIÉE

33, Faubourg Saint-Honoré

Tél. Elysées 44-24 & 44-25

GOLF et COUNTRY-CLUB de COMPIÈGNE

M Sir Arthur W. Currie

Le Titulaire :

Pr le Président de l'Union Interalliée :

E. de Maumont

COMPIÈGNE

COMPIÈGNE, qui est un centre sportif et de tourisme renommé, est situé à 70 kilomètres de Paris, au confluent de l'Aisne et de l'Oise et à la jonction des magnifiques forêts de Compiègne et de Laigue (25.000 hectares).

Le Golf et Country-Club de Compiègne (Société de Sport), fondé en 1896, est le plus ancien des environs de Paris. Il est établi dans le Grand Parc du Palais de Compiègne, sur un terrain sablonneux qui en permet l'accès aux joueurs par tous les temps. De nombreux tennis sont installés aux abords du Club House.

Le Port de Plaisance, pour tous les yachts de rivière, et le Rowing-Club (Sport Nautique), sont les mieux installés qui existent dans la région parisienne.

Des Chasses à courre au cerf et au sanglier ont lieu dans les forêts voisines d'Octobre à Mai.

COMPIÈGNE (SUITE)

L'Hippodrome est réputé, 12 réunions par an : Plat, obstacles et trot.

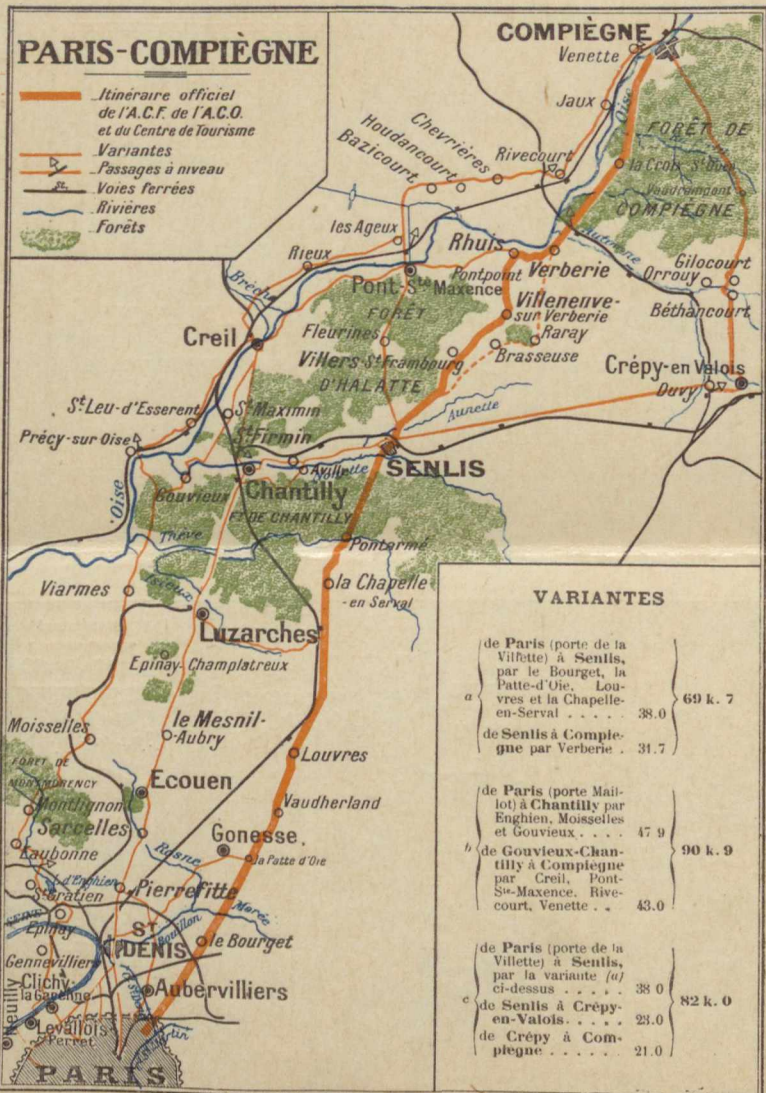
Le Palais de Compiègne est un des plus beaux Musées d'art qui soient en France, et sa collection de tapisserie unique au monde.

L'Hôtel de Ville du xv^e Siècle abrite un Musée des plus intéressants.

Enfin Compiègne est un Centre d'excursion important : vers le château féodal de Pierrefonds, Chantilly, Soissons, Reims, Beauvais, Amiens, etc.

L'Armistice de la Grande Guerre de 1914-1918 y fut signé par le Maréchal Foch. Un monument, d'un art imposant, en marque le souvenir.

HOTEL DU ROND ROYAL, en face le GOLF — Recommandé.



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UNION INTERALLIÉE

33, Faubourg Saint-Honoré

Tél. Elysées 44-24 & 44-25

MEMBRE NON-RÉSIDENT

M. *Sir Arthur W. Currie*

Le Titulaire :

P^r le Président de l'Union Interalliée :

Arthur W. Currie

DOCKET ENDS:

UNION INTERALLIÉE

DOCKET STARTS:

UNITED SERVICES CLUB

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United Services Club
Inc.

Tel. Uptown 3946.

Temporary Office,
102 Stanley Street,
Montreal,
May 12th, 1922.

General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
City.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

Many thanks for your cheque for \$10.00 for Entrance Fee. I know you will be glad to hear that I have been able to make very great progress in the Club affairs, the membership now being over the 200 mark.

I am afraid the premises will not be ready for us to open on the 15th as hoped, but we confidently expect that everything will be in readiness about the last week of this month.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Leslie C. Haines

P.S. I am enclosing list of the Committees for your information.

Innote the man McKay for spoke of, to come & see me, but he never came so I presume he is out of his difficulties.

United Services Club Inc.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Lieut.Col. R.O.Alexander, D.S.O.
Lieut.Col. E.Gill, M.C.
Col. A.E.Dubuc, D.S.O.
Major Buckley, D.S.O.
Capt. C.C.Brooks, M.C.
Lt.Comdr. C.G.Guy, R.C.N.V.R.
Major J.A.Duchastel de Montrouge
Major K.M.Campbell
Capt. H.Pope
Major F.S.Mathewson, D.S.O.
Lieut.Col. E.G.M.Cape, D.S.O.
Col. S.W.McKee, C.M.G.
Major J.E.McKenna, M.C.
Capt. H.G.Spohn
Lieut.Col. R.R.Thompson, M.C.
Lieut. Murphy, R.A.F.
Capt. G.Ross Robertson, M.C.
Lieut. C.A.Sutton
Col. J.L.Regan, C.M.G.
Lieut.Col. G.S.Currie, D.S.O.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Lieut.Col. R.O.Alexander, D.S.O.
Major J.F.Buckley, D.S.O.
Major J.E.McKenna, M.C.
Capt. C.C.Brooks, M.C.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Col. J.L.Regan, C.M.G.
Lieut.Col. G.S.Currie, D.S.O.
Major F.S.Mathewson, D.S.O.

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October 19th, 1923.

Major P.K. Hodgson, M.C.,
Government House,
Winnipeg, Man.

WILL YOU ASK HIS EXCELLENCY ON BEHALF OF UNITED SERVICES
CLUB OF MONTREAL IF HE WILL ATTEND ARMISTICE DINNER GIVEN
UNDER AUSPICES OF THAT CLUB NINTH NOVEMBER LAST DINNER
VERY SATISFACTORY AND NO REPETITION OF ANY UNPLEASANT
INCIDENTS. LETTER WAS SENT LAST WEEK TO OTTAWA.

A.W.CURRIE.

RUSH

Hodgson

October 11th, 1923.

Major H. Willis O'Connor,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Willis:-

The United Services Club are very anxious to tender a dinner to His Excellency, the Governor General on the night of Monday, November 12th.

I do not know what His Excellency has decided to do with reference to attendance at Armistice dinners, but I can give him the positive assurance that a function under the auspices of the United Services Club would contain no features to which the most fastidious could take any objection. Last year they gave a dinner to Admiral Sims, who was visiting Montreal Armistice week and it was a very enjoyable and correct function in every way. You will probably know His Excellency's mind and will be able to tell me whether he would be agreeable to accepting the invitation. The Club's members are very anxious to have him, but do not wish to embarrass him, as a formal invitation might do.

I saw the Prince for a short time yesterday evening, when he was good enough to ask me to go to see him. I thought he was looking remarkably well and fit. He says that he has most thoroughly enjoyed the visit to Canada and his physical appearance confirms that statement. He very kindly mentioned you in our conversation.

With all good wishes to Hy, my god-daughter and yourself, I am,

Yours ever,

October 11th, 1923.

Lieut.-Colonel D. R. McCuaig,
83 Notre Dame Street West,
Montreal.

My dear Colonel:-

With reference to your letter of October 9th, I am to-day writing to the Governor General conveying to him the wish of the officers of Montreal that he be their guest on the evening of November 12th. I shall let you know immediately I receive his decision.

If he comes I shall be very glad to preside at the dinner, though if he does not, I do not care to undertake that responsibility, in view of the fact that I am participating in two functions on Sunday, November 11th and in another on Monday, November 12th.

Yours faithfully,



318 SHERBROOKE STREET W.
MONTREAL.

October 9th.1923.

Gen Sir Arthur Currie. G.C.M.G.,K.C.B. etc
Principal's Office.
McGill University
Montreal.

My dear General:-

I take the liberty of reminding you of our conversation of Sunday with reference to inviting the Governor General to attend the Armistice Dinner to be held under the auspices of the Club. I know what his feelings are in the matter, but the fact that last year's dinner went off exceedingly well and the further one that his presence would be a distinct encouragement for the Club may make him change his mind, as I believe that he is still very keen for all Military Institutions.

I omitted speaking to you on Sunday to ask you whether you would be able

to preside at that dinner as we have come to regard you as the natural leader of that function in Montreal. Unless you would care to do so, I am quite sure the Club would not care to go ahead with the dinner.

Yours very sincerely,

D R McMuray.

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October 25th, 1923.

My dear Hodgson,-

I duly received your telegram from Winnipeg and advised the Executive of the Club accordingly.

While they very much regret that His Excellency will be unable to be present on this occasion they hope that at some future time it may be possible for him to attend one of their dinners.

Will you kindly convey to His Excellency on behalf of the Club their thanks for the good wishes which he has been good enough to send them.

Yours faithfully,

Major Patrick K. Hodgson, M.C.,
Government House,
Ottawa.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

October 23rd 1923.

Dear General,

In confirmation of my telegram from Winnipeg, which I hope you received safely, I am writing to say that His Excellency greatly regrets he cannot attend the United Services Club Dinner on November 12th, as he is going to Toronto to carry out some Armistice Day engagements on the 11th, and will consequently not be able to get to Montreal. His Excellency wishes me to ask you to convey his sincere thanks for their kind invitation, and to wish them a most enjoyable evening.

I am sorry for the delay in answering, but His Excellency and I have been shooting in the West for the last ten days, and only returned last night.

Yours sincerely,

F. K. Hodgson

Major General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G.,
Etc., Etc.,
McGill University,
MONTREAL.

UNITED SERVICES CLUB
(INCORPORATED)

SECRETARY'S OFFICE
318 SHERBROOKE ST., W.

Photos
MONTREAL, 6th March, 1924.

General Sir A.W. Currie G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Committee to convey to you the thanks of the Members of the United Services Club for your kindly act in sending a portrait of yourself.

I am also directed at the same time to express to you the great gratitude which is felt by all the Members for the kindly interest you have shown in the Club since its inception, and without which it would not have been possible to make the progress that has been made.

I have the honour to be,

Yours faithfully,

H. Stained

Secretary.

H/KB

DOCKET ENDS:

UNITED SERVICES CLUB

DOCKET STARTS:

URQUHART, B.

Seafield House
Strathpeffer
Ross-Shire U.B.
May 11th 1924

Dear General Currie

I was very
kind of you to cable
about my brother's
operation. As you may
imagine I got rather
a shock but feel
knowing Dr. Archibald's
reputation that he is
in the best hands

I that everything will
be done for him.

I am wondering which
Hospital Hugh is in.

I can't decide whether to

cross immediately or

wait until June 13th or

I had previously

arranged. Do you

think he would be

capable if he felt I

were beside him.

Again thanking you

for your thoughtfulness

Yours Very Sincerely

B. Urquhart.

May 13th, 1924.

Miss Urquhart,
Seafield, Strathpeffer,
Rosshire, Scotland.

My dear Miss Urquhart:-

I have to-day sent you the
following cable:-

Sandy making splendid progress best
results confidently anticipated.

I can appreciate how delighted you are that such good reports can be given regarding your brother's operation. You know that when he came here he was not altogether sure that an operation was advisable but he was fortunate in having the advice of Dr. Archibald, the Professor of Surgery at McGill and one of the leading Lung surgeons of the world. Dr. Martin, whom you will remember spent last Christmas in Victoria, also gave his best attention to the case. He and Archibald were positive that your brother could well stand an operation and that the operation was necessary if a permanent cure was to be effected. The operation was performed on Monday, May 5th and he was on the table for $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours. The doctor found some rotten bone, some rotten tissue and a foreign substance made up of bismuth and those other compounds used in the case of lung wounds. He removed all these so that there is nothing there now of a contaminating nature. I believe he also found there were certain adhesions between the lung and the chest which should not be there. These he freed. He also told me that the lung had slightly retracted, leaving a cavity. He removed some more of the ribs

Miss Urquhart

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thus allowing the muscles to fall in and fill up this cavity.

Altogether Archibald is simply delighted with the manner in which Sandy withstood the operation and with the results so far. The stitches were taken out last Saturday. Your brother tells me that he feels better now than he has for years. Of course he has suffered considerable pain but no one is more stoical. One doesn't like to give too strong expression to one's hope but I know all of us think that the wound will be permanently healed and that his general health will be ever so much better. We think that he may reasonably look forward to doing much useful work again and may God grant that we shall not be disappointed.

I do not think that anyone in the Canadian Corps won more friends than your brother. All of them earnestly pray that his gallant fight for the last six years may result in complete victory.

With kindest wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,

Dear Gen. Currie
Many thanks for
your letter telling me all
details of my brother's
operation. You must have
known how I was longed
to hear all about it. I
was so very kind of you to
give me a full account. I
I feel so relieved now, just
as if a great load had been

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NAIN, N.B.
GOLFVIEW,

lifted off my shoulders.
Poor old Hugh: It must
have been a very big
operation when he was on
the table for $3\frac{1}{4}$ hours.
He has wonderful recuperative
powers & now, I feel quite
sure he will regain
strength every day & make
a complete recovery.
Isn't it wonderful that
his general condition
was as good as it was, with
all that putrid stuff

in his chest. He grumbled
so little. Haven't we a
great deal to be thankful
for? Everyone is so very
kind to us both. Hugh
won't know himself
now after all these
years of suffering.

Thanking you again
for all your kindness to
my brother & myself,
Yours Sincerely
B. Urquhart.

DOCKET ENDS:

URQUHART

DOCKET STARTS:

URQUHART, H.M.

Strathcona ward

Dublin Hospital

Belonia B6

28 Dec 1921

Dear General Currie

Since last writing you I unfortunately had another breakdown, was operated on, ~~is~~ amputated and have since been in Hospital with an open wound and a lump next the lump. The surgeon hopes however that this time it will really heal, and this view judging by the decreasing discharge may be quite right.

In these circumstances it may perhaps surprise you to know that on Saturday I signed the necessary forms assenting to accept, if confirmed by order, the Amputation of 16th. After a great deal of persuasion the doctor agreed

and the wishes of the officers and men
in the matter being so emphatic, I could
not but at any rate try. I wish to seem
to have a most unfortunate manner with
him and has so upset all affairs
interested in the Battalion that a rebellion
seems at hand. and such a state of affairs
would influence me to go on, and I can
only hope the future will justify the decision.

I have finished the first period of
the 16th History and also had to write the
narrative of the Cameron Highlanders as
apparently missing and not ad- and the
Queen's own Cameron Highlanders in Scotland
are particularly anxious to incorporate the
story of the doings of the Canadian Cameron
in the complete Cameron History

Do you think it would be possible
to get a letter or statement from ^{Marshall} General Foch

whilst he is in Canada relative to ~~the~~
 his views on the charge of the 10th and 16th
 Battalions on 22nd April 1915. He is supposed
 to have described it during an interview given
 by him in London in 1919 "as one of the
 "fined act of the war", but I fear there may
 be partialism, and a direct statement
 would be so much better for the Historian's purpose.
 I hope you will forgive me
 mentioning this and my assistance will be
 gratefully received.

The doctor will not let me travel
 yet but for some time but my pension will
 do on for a further period whilst the wound
 is better. Please give my kind regards to Lady
 Annie and my friends in Montreal who may care
 to hear about me. I do wish I was able to be
 at Montreal on the 11th inst. you must have had
 a splendid dinner. With my respects and best
 affection to yourself
 Yours sincerely
 J. H. G. G. G. G.

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January
Seventeenth
1922.

Lieut.-Colonel H.M. Urquhart, D.S.O., M.C.,
Strathcona Ward,
Jubilee Hospital,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Urquhart:-

You will think that I have taken a long time to acknowledge your letter of last November.

I was sorry to hear that you were again in the Hospital, but I do join with you most fervently in praying that this time the wound will really heal. You have had your share of trouble over it, but, let me tell you, Urquhart, that when you were in the Casualty Clearing Station in August, 1918, there were few of us who had any hope at all that you would survive. The Medical Service and yourself are to be congratulated that you have pulled through so well. I feel that having fought so successfully for three years you will win through to complete recovery.

Let me once more congratulate you on having received the most distinguished honour of being appointed Canadian A.D.C. to His Majesty. This is indeed a very proud distinction, yet I know of no one who is more worthy of it. The news was especially well received everywhere and particularly so by your thousands of friends.

I did not forget your suggestion when I saw Marshal Foch. He would do nothing more than ask that you send that part of the record to him which deals with the counter-attack of the 10th and 16th battalions, and that he would then have some comment to make. You will understand, naturally, that while he was here he was exceedingly busy. I had the pleasure of making the address of welcome

to him when he met the members of the Canadian Club. It was a very large and enthusiastic gathering, completely filling His Majesty's Theatre here. I also dined with him that night, and, publicly and privately, he expressed his most enthusiastic admiration for the fighting qualities of the Canadian troops.

I hope you have not taken too much upon yourself in assuming command of the Canadian Scottish. It is the best thing that could happen to the regiment if you are able to stand it. The officers and men ought to appreciate your effort by giving you super-loyalty and support. I never had any confidence that Martin would do well. He was one of the most gallant officers we had, but he always had a very bad manner.

I had a letter from Fred Richardson who feels very badly that he has not been allowed to join the regiment, as he had been asked by Colonel Peck, so he says, to be its Musketry Officer. You may have met Richardson and possibly have regarded him as an unusual person. I have known him for more than 25 years, Urquhart, and despite all his oddities, I can say that he is a useful man in a regiment. No man could be more loyal and I know of no one in Canada his equal as a trainer of young soldiers in rifle shooting. I assure you he has a distinct manner and should not be lightly thrown aside. It may be, though, that you have a much younger man to fill the position.

All is going very well in Montreal.

Please remember me most kindly to my friends in Victoria, and wishing you the best of luck, I am, dear Urquhart,

Ever yours faithfully,

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16TH, THE CANADIAN SCOTTISHTHE ARMOURY, BAY ST., VICTORIA, B. C.
MILITIA AND DEFENCE

In reply please quote

No.....

31st January 1922

My Dear General,

I am very grateful for your letter of 16th January and would like to write you a long reply giving all particulars of the local situation, for I feel you look upon us as part of your larger family, as we certainly look to you as Head of this clan. I trust I am taking no liberty in stating the matter in this way.

There seems to have been an endless series of difficulties in the Regiment~~th~~ and the struggle to have them set straight has been trying, but I trust I can at any rate say ^{misunderstanding} has been to some extent cleared away.

on Monday the ~~20th~~^{20th} February, we are having our first combined mess dinner, that is of all active Battalion officers and NCO members regarding which latter I will give you details

in my next letter. I should be very grateful for some message from you on that occasion as I feel we have not yet got into the swing one would like and your encouragement would stimulate the officers to put forth greater efforts.

The reason why I delay writing at greater length, at present, is by reason of the fact that one or two matters are still pending and when they are cleared up I will be in position to definitely report progress or otherwise.

With kind regards and again thanking you for kind congratulation on my appointment as a. W. C. to the King. I feel sure that it must be your goodness who suggested my name for the honor and I can only hope such great confidence will never be betrayed.

Yours very sincerely
Sturges

1030 Cook Street
Victoria B.C.

16 December 1922

My dear General.

You may wonder why I have not written you long ere now to say how I fared with the doctors, but their opinion left matters pretty much as they were, so I deferred until I could give you all the news both about the Ballatin and myself. As promised, I let the doctors have their say, without any suggestion on my part that Ballatin responsibility be taken into consideration, and the outcome was that whilst Ridewood advised an immediate operation, was thought, in view of the decided improvement during the summer, that such should be delayed, and as Wace had the final say the matter stands there. One's mind gets sadly mixed by these various opinions - a certain doctor described the operation ^{to} which they proposed to submit me as "a hit or a miss"; but apart from Ridewood they all agree that if there is any chance of nature affecting the cure, it should be left to her, even if this means leaving the wound in its present state for months. However, I am very glad to say that I am unquestionably better in general health, even if there is no difference in the discharge and if this can happen during the winter months it may be that next summer we'll see me over the hill. For my own sake I earnestly hope so. The ordeal is getting very wearisome.

The Battalion goes along very slowly. Martyn ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~refused~~ ^{refused} to transfer to the reserves and I had to request that such transfer be made. I kept copies of all the correspondence so that I might send them to you and am now forwarding them under separate covers. They are extra copies so that they can be destroyed when pleased. I did my level best - to keep the discussion free from personalities and also to avoid being drawn into the disputes which went on previous to my assuming command, but it may be that Ottawa will delve into the past.

General Ross knows all the details of the unfortunate situation and I feel that if recommended action is immediate will be guided by him. I know it is very difficult for the G.O.C. but as far as I was concerned it was quite impersonal and I was really between the devil and the deep sea as unquestionably Martyn was not acceptable to either officers ^{or} NCOs, but - I felt that point, though confidentially known at District office from outside sources, would not be made by ~~him~~ me.

Smith (Gordon) I fear must remain as they are making a plea of political influence (so much I told me when he was out), but I am quite sure your advice would be for the benefit of the Battalion, if I only dared act.

The recruiting is very slow indeed, but the group we have are very enthusiastic. We have a ^{Rugger} ~~rugger~~ team and basketball team in the different leagues. Our programme is fairly ambitious monthly. Evening: Winter range. Swimming club social rooms are open. wednesday social evening (we are

going badly in the whole financial matter, at present being 170 to the
bad). Sunday, one open to 9.45pm. swimming bath 9.45
pm to 10.30pm club room are open after parade.

Both bands are running smoothly - that is as far as a Brass
Band ever can run smoothly - the pipes are all right, but the
you have only to give them a glass of whisky or two and the
difficult is to stop them. The sergeant mess is well organized
and we are getting the officer mess into shape. we had a very
nice dinner of the late-active Battalion members and attached
members - 35 in all - and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves
at least so they said although I must say it was very quiet
indeed in comparison with some Highland dinners. I was at
The Chief Inchee and General Ross were the only ^{main} guests - the
General unfortunately could not come he had a bad cold so Greer
took his place. Oh! Wm Baring Humble was there too.

I am sure you know Arthur Lane who was 20 of the 52nd -
he got married recently to a Mrs Booth and as he ~~was~~ is
an attached member of the mess we carried him round on the
shoulders of two of the statemen preceded by the pipes playing
the Highland wedding. It was amusing to see the old chief
Inchee gaily tripping round in the procession with his hands
on the shoulders of the men in front. Col Peck gave one of his "I
know and the Brigade Command know - and so on up to the Greater"
speeches, which our hymn reminiscence and told ~~me~~
not exactly drawing room stone. Paul of the Victoria College
said Lane's lab was a true "Iliad", but I hardly think
sir, you would permit it - at any rate uncorrected - in your classed
course.

The list of active officers now is
Major (of the me. com) adjutant: Heb: Gillespie, Pz: Will Pemberton, 2nd
lieut. Smith, Bate, Scotland ~~company~~ company commander
Sergeant (of the old 5th man) and several something 2 1/2 companies
are you plain and good I think.

I am very sorry indeed to tell you that the 16th History is practically at a standstill. I am plodding away at 1915 - Ploegheleest period - but it seems utterly impossible to mix active Battalion work and literary work. Then when I have my bad spells in health the brain won't function along any decent literary lines, outside of the mechanical. I am plodding at it turning up ~~some~~ pages upon pages, ^{the remaining} but if Battalion work got less - and I hope the need for such negotiation as the Maslin case entailed are now tapering - and my health continues to improve I will in the end get through with the task.

By foot is still in Victoria and as far as I know there is no change in his prospects.

That ran for mayor but only got 216 votes. I really cannot think what possessed the man

again General I must apologise for being so long in writing and trust you will understand, I am enclosing a memo with regard to the lad Alex Campbell whom I spoke to you about in Victoria. I had a letter from him in which he said he was getting on very well was acting C Ser of a company in the C.O.I.C. and had quite a lot of success in being passed rapidly through the different work in which he was specialised in coming from Manitoba. He is actually working himself through and if anything can be done to get him work in Montreal during the summer months, or in any release of fees because of him being a returned soldier I feel it would be merited. He is of such an independent turn of mind - he is an Aberdonian - that I think he would rather make his own way rather than act, but I trust you will allow me to mention his case confidentially.

He was prisoner during the two years he was

in Manitoba, and during the summer months worked in
 the Dominion Budget work and the Bureau for work, getting
 \$ 180 to \$ 200 a month so he must be well thought of.
 I feel a certain responsibility as I strongly advised him to
 go to Macleod even if he had to scrape to get through.

Please give my kindest regards to baby Annie
 and the family wishing them the accomplishment of the season.
 If any of my friends enquire mind you please say I am getting
 well and remember me warmly to them.

With best affection to yourself, and again
 thanking you for many considerations which are poorly repaid, but
 deep appreciation, especially at a time when weakness makes me
 just a little dependent. and those words of confidence are
 so helpful in the fight.

Yours very affectionately
 J. M. G. G. G.

P.S. Sunday morning.

my dear General.

I closed your letter last night, but opened it
 this morning to say that the news has just come through by wire
 from Montreal that John Macleod of the 75th Battalion, and representative
 of the Geological Survey in B.C. died on Friday at St. Ann's de Bellevue.
 He was brought East as a chest-case and operated on but never
 rallied. He was a splendid type from Nova Scotia. They had another man
 East from here and operated on him twice sending him back as cured
 but the wound has again broken down.

J. M. G. G. G.

January
Sixteenth
1923.

Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Urquhart, D.S.O., M.C.,
1030 Cook Street,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Urquhart:-

Thank you very much for your letter of 16th December and for your good wishes which I most cordially reciprocate.

It encourages me to learn that the doctors did not insist on the operation. If nature will only effect the cure it will be easier on you and more likely to be permanent. Operations are always such a shock to the system, though you have had so many that you must almost be accustomed to them.

The correspondence regarding the transfer of Martyn to the Reserve of Officers came to hand. I read it carefully and approve of your action in every way. You were patient but firm and I think Militia Headquarters should use its influence to help you. I do not know how the matter stands now, but if there is no change I think General Ross should send for Martyn and let it be known to that officer that Headquarters is behind you. Martyn is an exceedingly gallant officer and a very good fighting man, but he was never able to get along well with his brother officers.

The other officers in the Regiment ought to prove useful with the exception of Gordon Smith. I like Gordon personally and I think he likes me, but as an officer in peace or war he is absolutely no use at all. He does not look like a soldier, does not act like one, while I cannot think that he would have any influence at all with the men. He served a short time in the field with the 72nd, but that service was unsatisfactory. This information is, of course, confidential. It may be that

on the grounds of expediency you must let him remain, but I would bear it in mind and get rid of him as soon as I could. If I were taking a force to war again and Gordon wanted to come along I would refuse to accept him in any capacity.

Neville Armstrong is, I suppose, the officer we had at our Training Camp in charge of the Rifle Shooting Department. I hope his domestic affairs have all been cleared up. Have the relations between the two regiments become any more cordial? When I visited the messes on the evening when last in Victoria I tried to say something which would have a good effect. I hope I am not to be disappointed in that. There is plenty of room in Victoria for both an infantry regiment and an artillery regiment. The ranks of both ought to be completely filled, while the best of comradeship and good will should prevail. Of course, there will be rivalry, but that will be good for both. The officers are the ones to set the standard of co-operation and I tried to impress that fact upon my old comrades of the 5th.

I am sorry that Cy Peck is worried about his prospects. He deserved much better at the hands of the Government than he got. I had an opportunity of speaking in Prince Rupert on the way back and did not hesitate to tell them my estimation of Cy and my appreciation of the loss they had sustained in letting him leave the district. My remarks received a very fine reception and I think if the election could have been held over again that night Cy would have been elected. Some of his friends blame him for his defeat, stating that he allowed himself to receive open support from parties whose names are anathema to all the good people of Prince Rupert. However, he deserves a full measure of prosperity and I hope it speedily comes to him.

I shall always be very glad, Urquhart, to receive a letter from you. They are always so full of interesting news, while I fear that mine in reply are very much the reverse.

Please remember me kindly to your sister, and with all good wishes to yourself personally and to the regiment, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

No.....

Headquarters
The Canadian Scottish
Victoria B.C.

10th May

1923
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My dear General.

I received your letter of 16th January
in course of post and during the interval since the
as each special occasion ^{annually} -
has happened I will
not General Currie and report progress, but just as
after it seemed that the next event would be the
proper time until now I have reached May and
preparing to go out ^{tomorrow} for the summer month to sea
live, so unquestionably it is the end of a period
and therefore I sit down to write.

^{Replying to your letter.}
The health situation is not of the best -
although much better than the time last year. I went
before a Board three weeks ago and they decided before
recommending a further operation to allow the
summer month and nature has ~~affected~~ ^{another} by
but unless the wound is closed by October I think they
will advise 'the knife'.

The martyr matter still hangs fire.
I can't make out what they are doing. He turns up at
any special parade and I pointed out to General
how the embarrassment of the situation, as told
him since was acting as a ^{2 if} and that therefore while
the question of transfer was 'sub judice' martyr should
as a matter of courtesy keep clear of the issue, but

Marby still turns up and I hardly care to
 trouble him to refrain, if indeed I have the
 right to do so. as the negotiation commenced in
 December 1921 and we are now at May 1923
 I cannot but suspect the real issue is being
 shirked somewhere.

I entirely agree with your estimate of
 Gordon Lynch - it is expedient, Sir, that Campbel be
 to keep him.

Yes Reviel Armstrong is the officer who was
 at the Corp. Sniping school. I question of his domestic
 affairs or any, better the divorced wife married a
 Jew and the couple seem to live in the Shawmigan
 Lake area quite close to Reviel's place. That must
 be a pretty terrible situation for him. ^{It's not} ~~It's not~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{breath}
 of defiance. By the way Harold Matthews niece - a Miss
 Hardy is engaged to Dr. Boyd who has a place at
 Shawmigan Lake. She is 18 he is 42.

Yes I am perfectly sure that relationships
 with the 5th are very good. we seem to see very
 little of each other but I think this is because our
 methods differ as I suppose the ^{training} methods of Summer and
 the infants are bound to differ. we however work
 together in an absolutely harmonious way.

I don't know exactly what to say about G Peck
 He is moving out - just west to the neighbourhood of
 Sidney with a view I think to qualifying as a candidate

at the next Provincial Election for the Islands
Constitution. I think the mission is buckling at the
muzzle - that is I infer so from her demeanour and
I fear poor G is not too happy. Perhaps I shouldn't
say this. My friend I think agree that the mission
is an excellent one.

That finishes off any queries in your
letter.

So come to the Battalion we have made I think
fair progress but numbers are still small. Last
November the paper strength was 231 but it was
larger paper, I therefore had the temporary ammunition
so intimately with the domestic roll and it ended
up in our stocks, off 88 lbs - we also recruited
and the strength is now 180 all good talk.

The chief reason was fairly satisfactory the
inspection passed off well, we had an or two smaller
two marches and then a church parade on 22nd
April the order of service for which I enclose (3 copies).
It was really most impressive, General, and several people
told me afterward they were much affected. The church was
crowded and the Padre preached a real stirring sermon.

on the 27th April came the dinner a great
success in its way. Please accept our most grateful
thanks for your kind message in reply to our telegram
it was noticed to all concerned and much appreciated.
Everybody was in top form, both bands of course attended

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and as we had taken the precaution of giving them
all a cocktail to start with they played until we
could hardly stop them and very good stuff too.
The papers I must report to tell you what under and
when they were called up to play for our Fallen Comrade
they were beyond recall. The speeches were awfully
good. Robertson (5th) gave a most excellent speech
the Archie Gallie was most witty and the chief speaker
~~that~~ - who proposed the old 16th - spoke better than
I heard him speak. Our General Ross called
for his spouse about midnight or so, I understood
they had been so, but he forgot - I suppose - and the poor
lady I understand had to wait for something over an hour.
I can't see that these functions do any harm over in
a while.

Then on the 6th May we had a Battalion tactical
schemes went out at 10.30 ^{am} and got back at
5 pm. It was a glorious day we took our lunch with
us and picniced under the trees. 22 attended which
I think was quite satisfactory and they are all dead keen
on the matter. We worked out a ^{camp} ~~scheme~~ ^{started} ~~starting~~
with patrol work - reports - platoon attack - and company
attack. I referred to them in a list of 15 minutes ^{list}
before the 1st exercise the decisions the various higher Command
people had to make at the different hours during the morning
must at last be got down to where we stood. The young officers
seemed to get in the spirit of it and some reputation in a
remarkable way.

We hope to have a small Battalion camp from
1st to 13th June at various points, and the ^{arrange}
appearance of putting some fresh fellows through the tactical
schemes

16TH, THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH

THE ARMOURY, BAY ST., VICTORIA, B. C.

M. F. B. 440.

MILITIA AND DEFENCE

In reply please quote

No.

and a boat trip to Bellinham in September.
The shooting goes on nicely.

I am very sorry to say that all the activity
in the active Battalion has simply made work
in the kitchen impossible. I have not reached March
1916 but this is wrong and I hope during the
summer months to do my utmost work

This seems to be all my news my sister
is well and thank you for remembering her.
The weather is simply glorious and I shall be very
disappointed if the coming summer months don't
finally end up my trouble.

With kindest regards to Lady Annie and
yourself which I send personally with Bessie Smith.

Yours sincerely

Sturges

1030 Cook Street

Bellevue 136

17 December 1923

My Dear General Guine

My very best wishes to Lady Guine and yourself
for a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, may the
progress of Mac Gill afford you the deepest satisfaction and I
earnestly hope such results as are already evident give you the
definite assurance that the Cadets who were to so greatly needed
in the future are ~~now~~ ^{being} and fitted to take up their burdens.

affairs in Belina go along slowly. My sister and
myself went out to Deep Cove in May and we stayed there until October.
The weather was ~~good~~ ^{fine} and the quiet and rest did me no end of good
so that I feel entirely returning steadily. Unfortunately the wound
has not yet closed, there is a discharge and a daily dressing is required
on the 6th December I went before another Board and was ^{afterwards} X-rayed
and examined by the local doctor but they seemed to be still ^{wavering} ~~undecided~~
and decided to postpone any ~~future~~ operation until May.

As the merchant Miller had written me to go down to
Ottawa in April to the living dinner, and if I do that I can go a bit
further to Montreal and see the doctor there. From the beginning, as I
think you know General, I have left myself in the doctor's hands. His
reassuring I confess to have this so ^{on} and so on, but unquestionably nature
is definitely reassuring herself despite the discharge, and I presume the

theory is that in the end she may of her own accord completely conquer
the disease.

The Regiment goes very slowly, that is ^{as} far as recruiting
is concerned. our finances are in good shape our Bands give
very little trouble - I should say at the moment, few or never know
where their pipes will break out - and our Officers men and
sergeant men are on a fair basis. of the small group we
got together last year 30 go down to the mill at Bellingham
and Port Angeles. ^{W.S.G.} It is disappointing but disappointment
seems to sit too heavily on certain people, the wife, and I am
thoroughly convinced if our fellows would first let their bygones be
bygones and go right after new recruits we would soon retrieve
the situation. we are having small Regimental dances which would
well, they are popular and I think much preferable to the
large community dances open to the public. The small camp we
had in June was a great success. The band attended without fail
and we had an excellent spirit and got in good training.

The History gets along very slowly. we have completed the
substantive nominal roll ~~so~~ (6000 names) and it is now being typed. This in
itself was a labour as we had to wade right through the post II orders.
The story is finished to December 1916 (225 manuscript pages) and the
Appendices (Chronological table of events ^{with} extracts from war diaries, Personal
Diaries and Letters) running to 50 pages are also compiled to that date.
My idea is to unload entirely on to the latter not technical detail - particulars
of formation in the different attacks and ^{details} reliefs, thus leaving the story uncluttered
with mechanical matter. My respect and I trust I may say deep affection
to you Sir.

Yours very sincerely

W. H. H. H. H.

February 21st, 1924.

Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Urquhart, A.D.C., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
1030 Cook Street,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Urquhart:-

Thank you very much for your letter at Christmas and for the fairly satisfactory news it contained regarding yourself and the regiment.

I am very glad indeed that you are coming east for the Vimy dinner. All your friends here are delighted that soon they will see something of you again. I know "His Ex." spoke very kindly of your visit, while Bill Herridge also told me how much he and his wife were looking forward to having you spend some time with them. I hope that when you are in Montreal you will stay with me.

I feel very certain that all will yet be well and that you will in time get back a goodly measure of fair health. It has been a long, tedious experience and only your stout heart could have pulled you thus far. Charlie Martin brought from Victoria all your good messages and told me of the very enjoyable evening spent with you. There is a possibility that I may get to the coast some time in May, as the University of British Columbia has asked me to attend their Convocation ceremonies on the 8th of May. I am not quite sure yet whether it will be possible for me to go, so I would like you not to say anything about it in the meantime.

In a militia way, all the units seem to be doing fairly well in Montreal. The artillery, who were particularly backward in the first year after the war, are now steadily gaining strength. Billy Dodds is C.R.A., while Ned Cape commands one brigade and Alec Patterson another. A couple of weeks ago Creelman gave a little dinner to the surviving officers of those who accompanied the 2nd Artillery Brigade to France in February 1915. I think out of a possible attendance of seventeen, thirteen were present. We had a joyful time and while it may be true that the public are tired of hearing anything concerning the war, we talked of nothing else and everyone seemed happy about it.

A few weeks ago I went out to Westmount, which is a city within Montreal, where Basil Price commands the Royal Montreal Regiment. His unit is small but it is one of the best turned-out militia units I have ever seen. I think all his officers served overseas. He has been greatly handicapped in having no regular drill hall, but recently the Government made a proposition to pay a certain rental if a hall were erected. My business was to encourage the people of Westmount to grant the necessary land. We had a fine meeting of some 400 or 500 citizens, and a motion to put the necessary by-law before the people carried unanimously. It was a rather remarkable meeting, in as much as it is the first meeting I know of since the war where the public turned out to shew their interest in a militia project.

The Highlanders, the Guards and the Victoria Rifles are all doing very well. The Machine Gunners are having rather a hard time, but are pegging away. At the University we have a moderate-sized Officers' Training Corps, commanded by a most enthusiastic member of our staff

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who won his Military Cross when serving with the 52nd Lowland Division. Major Stuart Forbes, who is the Athletic Manager of the University, is second in command. He was a member of the Princess Pats and in the latter years of the war was an officer in a machine gun corps, to which he was attached in the permanent force of Canada until he came to us last summer. We also hope to undertake the necessary technical training for those officers whom Andy McNaughton wants for his Signal Service. When we get our new gymnasium I am looking for a great boom in the help McGill can render to the defence of Canada. The University had a very fine record during the war,- some 2700 men serving most gallantly, if the record of commissions, honours and casualties mean anything.

The life of the University goes on pretty much as usual. I have Colonel Bovey, whom you will remember on the staff of Corps Headquarters, in my office.

I have just had a telephone message from Victor Odlum who is coming to see me tonight. I saw him for only a few minutes when he was here last spring.

With all good wishes and looking forward to seeing you in April, I am,

Yours faithfully,

July 2nd, 1924.

Colonel H. M. Urquhart,
Government House,
Ottawa.

My dear Urquhart:-

I am delighted to get your note of Monday and to learn that the trip to Ottawa left no ill effects. I feel very certain that you will continue to improve day by day and that by the time you return to the coast in the fall you will be able to do a man's work.

I spent most of Sunday with Dr. Archibald and he was very enthusiastic concerning your prospects.

General Lindsay spent the last couple of days in town and left this morning for the Old Country. He was eminently well-satisfied with his negotiations in the United States. He believes that future prospects are very bright for himself and those with whom he has been associated.

Please remember me kindly to Bill Herridge and to His Excellency.

With kindest wishes and looking forward to your spending some time with us before you go to Victoria, I am,

Yours faithfully,

October 24th, 1924.

Colonel H. M. Urquhart,
1030 Cook Street,
Victoria, B. C.

My dear Colonel:-

I have been delighted to learn from your letters that you have arrived home in good health and spirits. I hope your condition continues to improve and that it will not be long before you will feel justified in attempting some more definite responsibility. You must remember, though, that convalescence from an illness such as yours must of necessity be slow. I shall always be glad of a letter from you telling me news of yourself, of my old friends in Victoria, and of things and conditions there generally.

I saw Odlum a fortnight ago and thought him looking particularly well. He seemed as full of energy and enthusiasm as ever. I have not heard of Bill's return from the Coast, but he surely must be back by now. I am going up to Ottawa next month to speak before some Club and I hope to see something of him.

Thank you very much for the return of "The Way of Revelation". I knew you would like it and I agree with you in the opinion that it is one of the best war stories which has appeared.

Please remember me to your sister and with all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,



16th June 1925

My dear General.

Bill and Inelis went down to see you tonight and the former asked me to go as well. I suppose I could have gone, the fiftieth wheel to the coach would hardly be missed, but somehow I feel I had better stick around, in case the old car should come for me.

I hope, however, to be able to make the trip before you go to the old country. Bill will tell me tomorrow what your arrangements are as if

Sunday since I might go down
the beginning of this next week. The
main thing is that you are much
better and I am quite sure that
progress will be uninterrupted now.

I am forwarding you herewith
a statement of reasons why a few of
us think a special ball known
"St. Helen's wood" should be granted
to the 10th and 16th battalions. If you
think favourably of the suggestion I
shall be very glad to have a letter
from you in support of the application

I need not enlarge upon the matter
 for the importance of the occasion
 is only too well known to you.

Also enclosed is a statement
 from Sarah referring to St. Julien
 in another connection. Sarah's two
 boys were with the 16th, are being
 killed and the other very badly
 wounded.

With kindest regards to
 Lady Currie yourself and the two
 young people, hoping to see you before
 you leave for England.

Yours very sincerely

John Wilson Croker

P.S. I shall tell you as to the progress
 I have made with the Bullator Station
 and nominal race when we meet.

Wm

June 22nd, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Urquhart, D.S.O.,
30 Goulburn Street,
Ottawa.

My dear Sandy:-

I have to-day written to the Adjutant-
General with reference to a battle honour - St. Julien
Wood - for the 10th and 16th Battalions.

Let me thank you again for your very
great kindness in coming down to see me yesterday. I
did enjoy seeing you again.

Yours faithfully,

Confidential



Ottawa

3rd December 1925

My dear General.

I was so sorry to miss
you at meet and you were in Ottawa.

This short-note is well
nigh to another personal matter
which has cropped and which
candidly gives me the greatest concern
for I am asked to do something
which my judgement warns me is
the wrong thing to do.

There first I should say that
there is no place for me in the
Minister's office. There never was in reality.

I assumed my duties
 directed told me at the time, that
 L did not want me, but in
 deference to the opinion of others I
 came into his office and every day
 since then I am being convinced
 more and more that instinct was right.
 However "Harry" ^{read your} ~~had~~
 "You must be in it" is a sensible
 proverb and I determined to carry
 on until health permitted me to
 take advantage of any business offer
 that might come my way. I did tell
 the firm minister on an odd occasion
 I saw him some weeks ago that if
 was him I went, but strange as it

has seen to denounce ^{in explanation} ~~in explanation~~ ^{to something} which I failed to grasp the meaning of.

That is by way of preliminaries

Mr Rice Stenops and others including
wells have asked me to become
paid Secretary of the 'Lift' movement,
and they more or less decline to take
'no' for an answer.

They recently had a meeting ⁱⁿ
with a delegation in Toronto and
it was then decided they organize
a Headquarters in Ottawa.

Cannot tell you any more for I have
not even seen the ~~matter~~ minute

^{Even granted}

Granted that I had perfect health
and the capacity for such work.

Confess that I am quite a bit
"in the air" as regard the movement.

Their motive I deeply appreciate
and approve of, but in what way
they intend to relate this to the
realities of life I frankly, cannot
be quite sure.

The whole situation is
very different for me. As you know
General, I am endeavouring to fulfil
my duties as far as health permits
of the retaining command of the 16th
in Belgium, which ~~the~~ ^{is} the thing in my
spar time when energy permits and
carrying on the work assigned to me
in this office, which latter I acknowledge is
pretty much stuff, as of that I know
my God knows and therefore I would
fail in initiative and duty if I did not
accept such further responsibility as I am,
asked to assume provided I can be of service
to the men who asked me and to the ~~set~~ ^{sit} in
so doing. But in this instance, General, can I?



I shall leave it at that and
shall greatly appreciate your
advice. The matter as it stands
is on the basis of "no need not
take 'no' for an answer"
and you please hold the
matter as entirely personal.

My kindest regards to
Lady Curie and yourself.

Yours very sincerely
Stranahan

December 9th, 1925.

Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Urquhart, D.S.O., M.C.,
Rideau Club,
Ottawa.

My dear Sandy:-

I have given considerable thought to your letter of the 3rd of December and have come to the conclusion that you ought to accept the position urged upon you by Bill Herridge.

In the first place, I can well appreciate your desire to give up the work in the Prime Minister's Office. It was an association in which I knew from the beginning you would not be happy. You could have been of very great value to him, but his is a mind far more swayed by practical political conditions than some who consider him an idealist are willing to believe. For that reason my appreciation of the Prime differs altogether from that of His Excellency, the Governor General. Constitutionally King may be right in the course he has pursued since the election, but morally he is wrong, and I cannot forgive that kind of a wrong and I know you cannot, and therefore I think a dissolution of your partnership with him is a wise thing to bring about.

Now, as to this movement of Herridge's, I believe it has a future - a future which I hope will disclose that this organization will become not only a very useful but a very influential one. I think they must be reaching that stage when a Secretary is necessary. In my opinion you will make an excellent

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Secretary for a reason mentioned in your letter. You say you are wondering how the movement can be related to the realities of life. That is what they need to have kept before them and you will do that. You will not lose sight of the necessity of their keeping ever present in their minds that there must be a practical relationship between their intentions and the everyday world they find about them. On the whole, Sandy, I think you ought for the time being, at any rate, to accept the position offered you.

Now about the Regiment in Victoria and what should be your future relation to it, I am sure I do not know. If there was anyone there to whom you could resign the command without any misgiving I would think it would be just as well for you to do so, but I suppose Martin still stands in the way and I do not know whether you consider Wise satisfactory in all respects as a commanding officer. I think, on the whole, you might let that matter stand for a little while.

I am just away to have luncheon
with Harold Aikin.

With all good wishes, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Personal



11th Decembe
1925-
8.30am

My Dear General

Your letter was delivered to me at about 10pm last night, and I took this early opportunity of replying to thank you very sincerely for giving the matter such thoughtful

I found that a decision one way or the other was required by Tuesday last - and felt -

Considerably worried over the
whole affair

However, I did the best

I could in that perplexed
state of mind, and on Tuesday
morning wrote him to say
I would take over the post-
as Honorary Secretary for
three months as from the
beginning of January - and by
the time that period expires the
whole matter can be reconsidered.

I feel that in my present
state of health I cannot do
justice to the job - which to
my mind is a stupendous
one, and therefore if I
received pay I would be
so embarrassed that my
usefulness would be impaired.

I am glad in any case
that from the general standpoint
I have done as you would
wish me, the rest is in the
hands of fate.

I have promised to
retain command of the 16th for

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another twelve months.

No! I am not certain
about me forming a food
C.O., but there is nobody else
in sight.

Again, General, my
most grateful thanks.

I have not seen Eamer
for some time but I hope he
keeps well.

kindest regards to
Lady Annie Yourself and
Margie

Yours sincerely

J. H. H. H.



27th December
1925

Sunday

My dear General.

Will you please forgive the
delay in writing to wish Lady Curzon
yourself, Maryon and James all the
good wishes of the season. I intended
suddenly on Thursday that my card
post that day would not reach you
until after Christmas so I put off
writing until I could send a letter.

I do hope you all had a very
happy Christmas and that the New

From nice bring forth many blessings.

I had lunch as Christmas day with
Mellie and his little family and afterwards
went with all of them for a sleep
at. It was ^{an} ~~an~~ ^{idea} ~~idea~~ afternoon for such
a trip and we enjoyed it immensely.

In the evening we went up to
Government House for dinner. Just the
staff their wives and sons and daughters
was there. Did dinner with Mrs. Fleet.

I saw the Paris spec on the 31st
December having sent in my resignation
about a week ago. We have ^{held} ~~held~~ an
office in the Royal Court Building, Wellington
Street. With kindest regards and renewed
thanks for your many kindnesses. (The

Yours very sincerely

J. H. [Signature]

March 5th, 1926.

Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Urquhart, C.M.G., D.S.O.,
Victoria Chambers,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Urquhart:-

Thank you for your letter
of the 3rd of March asking about Garner.

He was quite happy coming down
on Monday morning largely because he would be so
much nearer to us here than in Ottawa. I was down
to have a look at him yesterday and he appears to
be very well. The reports from the attending
physicians are also satisfactory. Abnormal temper-
ature and pulse have gone and apparently it is but
a mild attack. One dreads the after effects of
scarlet fever much more than the fever itself.

I am sorry to say that Lady
Currie has been laid up ever since we came home.
She had, as you know, a bit of a cold last Sunday
and the worry about Garner has knocked her com-
pletely out. Garner has been ill so much that I
think she almost despairs of his ever being real
well.

Thank you very much for the
Bulletin of the Canadian Leggue and for the copy
of the No. 2 Circular. I am taking them home with
me tonight and hope to get a chance to read them,
which I promise to do carefully.

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The family will be glad to
have your message and join me in sending the
very kindest wishes.

Yours faithfully,

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URQUHART, H. M.

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September 4th, 1924.

Colonel W. D. Herridge, D.S.O.,
30 Goulburn Avenue,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Bill:-

This is just a brief note to prepare you for Sandy's return to Ottawa tomorrow. He is now with me, having come to-day and I am very sorry that he is to have such a brief visit with me. You know that several weeks ago he went down to George McDonald's summer place on Memphramagog and intended to come to me on his return to the city, but I had gone on to my old home in Strathroy after my visit to the British Association meeting in Toronto.

I got back last Sunday night and found that after his visit to George he spent some time with Clarke-Kennedy and that last Friday he had gone to Gavin Ogilvie's. The Ogilvies were out of the city on ~~xxxxxx~~ Saturday and Sunday and were anxious for him to stay with them until to-day. We all had lunch together at the Mount Royal Club and a very enjoyable party it was. Besides the two Ogilvies, Urquhart and myself, there were present Royal Ewing, George Cantlie, George McDonald, Bill Shaughnessy and George Currie.

When I got back from Toronto I found a note from Urquhart saying that he had seen Archibald, had been Xrayed and would tell me all about it when he saw me. In my anxiety I concluded that he had something of a disappointing character to communicate, a suspicion which was more or less confirmed by a talk I had with Ogilvie who told me that Sandy was a little depressed. I

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got in touch with Archibald who assured me that there were no grounds whatever for this depression, that Urquhart's condition was splendid and that he (Archibald) was most enthusiastic about it. Archibald advises that he return to the Coast and spend this winter quietly. He wants it impressed upon Urquhart that the convalescent period is likely to be long, which is to be expected after his long illness. Archibald thinks that Sandy is just a little neurasthenic and that his nervous tone is a little below normal, but he assures me there is nothing in his physical condition for any of us to worry about.

I was delighted to have this assurance from Archibald and I think what we all must do is to impress upon Urquhart that he has made a wonderful recovery and that his future is bright indeed. I have not yet had time to have much private conversation with him, but I am sure you will agree with me he looks extraordinarily well and that Archibald's enthusiasm is justified. I am very sorry he cannot remain longer with me, but the fault is my own owing to my absence from the city.

With kindest wishes, I am,
dear Bill,

Ever yours faithfully,

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PERSONAL.

December 22nd, 1921.

Major D.B.Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.,
1337. Bond Street,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Major Martyn,

On assuming Command, at the request of Lieut. Col. C.W.Peck, V.C., D.S.O., of the 1st Battalion, The Canadian Scottish Regiment, the understanding was that you were to transfer to the Reserve of Officers and I expected to hear from you in this connection.

As I have so far received no communication, I write this letter to state that it is my intention to apply for such transfer after the Inspection of Regimental Stores by the Ordnance Department on January 4th, 1922.

Yours truly,

Lieut. Col.
Commanding
1st Bn. (16th Bn. C.E.F.) THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH.

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THE ARMOURY, BAY ST., VICTORIA, B. C.

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In reply, ^{in reply please quote}

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Personal

From Major D.B. Martyn
16 Th. Bn. Canadian Scottish
Victoria B.C.

To Lt. Col. H.M. Urquhart D.S.O. M.C.
16 Th. Bn. Orderly Room
Drill Hall Victoria B.C.

Sir.-

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter dated Dec. 22. and received by me on the 27 Th. Inst. requesting my transfer to the reserve of officers as it was on that understanding that you took command.

Outside of press reports this is the first intimation I have had in respect to a change in command and Col Peck never failed to intimate to me, on the occasions we met, that he was ready to hand over command to me when ever I wanted. I considered it was up to him to say when he should retire but I joined the regiment and worked and spent my money in the interest of the men believing that, in accordance with Col. Pecks promise, that in the near future I would have the honour of commanding it. Your letter came as a very great surprise to me as also the press report of your appointment: Coming as it did at the very moment I had succeeded in equipping and organizing the unit with the able assistance of the officers N.C.O's and men.

On your suggestion made to me at our interview on

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on Dec. 27. I called on Col. Peck. in Vancouver and asked for an explanation. In the first place he stated that he regretted the whole circumstance and owed me an apology in that he hadnt taken the matter up with me . He claims that there was no understanding that I was to transfer to the Reserve . A report reached him on the eve of the election that I had trouble with the N.C.O.'s. and that they had paraded to me in complaint of something ; He was very much worried with political matters at the time and as he anticipated a change of government felt that he would have to act quickly if he were to be successful in changing command, on this account and believing me to be cognizant of the alleged trouble ; he wired Gen. Ross and Ottawa to expedite your appointment . He took this action without inquirey or in any way intimating to me that he had received such report.

The only matters that have come up affecting the N.C.O.'s was the letting out of the acting Sergt. Major and this was done at the request of all the officers who without exception were dissatisfied with him. and the only N.C.O.'s who paraded to me were two members of their mess to ask me to borrow on my personsl covenant at the bank an amount of five hundred dollars to purchase a billiard table for them this I did with the assistance of the finance committee.

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You will pardon me troubling you with all the foregoing explanation; I do so that you may understand my reason for refusing to be transferred to the Reserve of officers and also that in asking that your appointment be cancelled as having been irregular, I do so from no personal motives but merely to correct a wrong done me and obtain that measure of consideration that a Militia Officer is entitled to.

Assuring you of my warm personal regard

I have the honour to be

SIR

Your obedient servant

D. B. Martyn

Major

PERSONAL.

January 3rd, 1922.

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O. & M.C.,
1337. Bond Street,
Victoria, B.C.

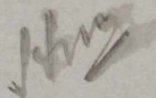
Dear Major Martyn,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter undated, and note that you do not acquiesce in the recommendation for your transfer to the Reserve of Officers.

I also note that you intend to ask that my appointment as Commanding Officer of this Unit be cancelled, on the grounds of same being irregular, and on receiving the communication regarding same from you, will forward it to the General Officer Commanding this District.

Please accept my thanks for the expression of your personal regard.

Yours truly,



Lieut. Col.

Commanding

1st Bn. (16th Bn. C.E.F.) THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH.

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From Major D.B. Martyn
16 Th. Bn.

To Lt. Col. H.M. Urquhart D.S.O. M.C.
O.C. 16 Th. Bn.
Victoria.

Re transfer to
reserve.

Sir,

In connection with my proposed transfer to the reserve of the Regiment I have the honour to say that I wish to remain on the active list and continue in my appointment as second in command of the regiment .

I know of no reason why I cannot work in harmony with the other officers as my relations have been such in the past, but in view of your previously expressed opinion I would ask that I be granted six months leave of absence and at that date my future in the regiment considered.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

D. B. Martyn

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January 27th, 1922.

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.,
1337. Bond Street,
Victoria, B.C.

Re Transfer to Reserve.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of
the 21st instant, and will reply in course.

J. Shaw

Lieut. Col.
Comdg.

1st Bn. (16th Bn. C.E.F.) THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGIMENT.

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11 M.D. 22-M-126.

March 8th, 1922.

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.,
1337. Bond Street,
Victoria, B.C.

TRANSFER TO RESERVE.

Referring to your letter of 21st January, 1922, and my formal acknowledgment of 27th January, I regret that owing to ill health it has been impossible for me to reply sooner.

In accordance with your wish I have granted leave for six months as from 31st March current, that is until 30th September, 1922, and written District Office asking them to confirm.

I wish to state however quite clearly that my view of the matter has not modified and I trust that before or on the latter date you will apply to be transferred to the Reserve.

In making application to District Headquarters for confirmation of your leave, I am forwarding copies of the entire correspondence so that the General Officer Commanding be posted with regard the situation and in order that your file may be complete a copy of such application is attached herewith.

Lieut. Col.

Comdg.

1st Bn. (16th Bn. C.E.F.) The Canadian Scottish Regt.

1. Enclosure.

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11 M.D. 22-M-126.

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March 8th, 1922.

The General Officer Commanding
Military District No. 11,
Victoria, B.C.

MAJOR D.B. MARTYN, D.S.O., M.C.,

I beg to advise that the marginally noted officer has applied for six months leave of absence and that subject to your approval I have granted same as from the 31st March current, that is from 31st March 1922, to 30th September 1922.
Please confirm.

So that you may be fully posted regarding Major Marty's position in the Battalion I am forwarding herewith for your information copies of correspondence (six enclosures numbered 1 to 6) which has passed with reference to his transfer to the Reserve of Officers.

In confirming leave - or otherwise - please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding

1st Battalion, (16th Bn. C.E.F.), The Canadian Scottish Regiment.

6 Enclosures.

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C O P Y.

Victoria, B.C., March 10th 1922.

O.C. 1st Battalion, (16th Bn. CEF.),
The Canadian Scottish Regiment.
Drill Hall, Bay St.,
Victoria, B.C.

Major Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst~~ant~~, addressed to G.O.C., M.D. 11, regarding the marginally named officer, and to inform you that the question of leave for this officer will be taken up with the G.O.C., who is at present in Vancouver, on his return to Victoria on Saturday next.

(Sgd.) H.C. Greer, Lieut. Colonel.
A.A. & Q.M.G., M.D. 11.

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11 M.D. No. 22-M-126.

C O P Y.

Esquimalt, B.C., 13th March, 1922.

The Officer Commanding,
1st Bn., (16th Bn. C.E.F.), The Canadian Scottish Regiment.
Drill Hall, Bay St., Victoria, B.C.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.

In continuation of this office letter dated 10th instant, relative to the marginally noted subject, I beg to inform that the General Officer Commanding has approved of the grant of three months leave of absence to Major Martyn, in accordance with Para. 1199, K.R. & O., Can., 1917. with effect from the 31st instant.

A further period of three months leave may be applied for towards the termination of the first period, please.

(Sgd.) H.C. Greer,
Lieutenant-Colonel.
A/A.A. & Q.M.G., M.D. 11.

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C O P Y.

15th June, 1922.

The A. A. & Q. M. G.,
Military District No. 11,
Esquimalt, B.C.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Extension of)
Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.

I beg to advise that the marginally noted officer has applied for extension of leave of absence for urgent business reasons, and that subject to your approval such can be granted as from the 1st July, to 30th September, 1922.

Please advise.

§Sgd.) H.M. Urquhart, Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding
1st Battalion, (16th Bn, C.E.F.), The Canadian Scottish Regiment.

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16TH, THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH

THE ARMOURY, BAY ST., VICTORIA, B. C.

M. F. B. 440.

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In reply please quote

11 M.D. No. 22-M-126.

C O P Y.

Esquimalt, B.C., 17th June, 1922.

The Officer Commanding,
1st Battalion, (16th Bn. C.E.F.), The Canadian Scottish Regiment,
Drill Hall, Bay St., Victoria, B.C.

Leave of Absence

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.

With reference to your communication dated 15th instant relative to the to the marginally named officer, I beg to inform you that the Colonel Commandant approves of leave being granted in this case until 30th September next, please.

(Sgd.) H.C. Greer,

Lieut. Colonel.
A/A.A. & Q.M.G., M.D.11.

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C O P Y.

28th September, 1922.

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.,
The Canadian Scottish Regiment,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Major Martyn,

With reference to my letter of 8th March, 1922, as your leave of absence expires on 30th of September, I shall be glad to have a reply to Para. 3 of the above communication.

If you wish to consult the General Officer Commanding direct, I have no objection whatever. Copies of all correspondence that passed between us is in possession of the latter, and I will forward a copy of the present Reminder to District Office so that their files will be complete.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) H.M. Urquhart, Lieut. Col.

C O P Y.

Oct. 6. 1922.

To Lieut. Col. H.M. Urquhart, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.
Commanding
The Canadian Scottish Regiment.
Victoria,

Dear Sir,

with reference to your letter of Sept. 28th. and your previous requests that I transfer to the Reserve, I beg to in writing put forward my case as expressed by me at our interview the other day.

At the request of Colonel Peck I took over second in command of the regiment on the understanding that he would soon retire and turn over the command to me. I did not seek this honour or appointment and always urged Colonel Peck to retain charge at times when he expressed a desire to retire as he did on several occasions, and even as recent as his last trip to Victoria a few weeks prior to your appointment. He always expressed his appreciation of the work we were doing and there was never, by anyone, an intimation that my efforts, in carrying out my difficult task of delegated authority, were unsuccessful.

As I stated to you, your letter was the first word I had that anyone considered my work as not efficient. Although I was disappointed at not being advised of your appointment until it appeared in the Press, I felt it my duty as a soldier to carry on and serve under you to the best of my ability. You can, perhaps, appreciate my feelings on receipt of your letter after the personal expectations that had been held out to me. I considered that you had full knowledge of Colonel Peck's arrangement with me and on that account I made haste to offer my congratulations on your appointment, so that you might know that while disappointed I was satisfied.

I could only conclude ~~xxxxxxx~~ that your letter to me was prompted by the most serious objections to me and that the very harsh treatment meted out to me was considered essential and for reasons I could not fathom.

As you know, I took the matter up with Colonel Peck making a special trip to Vancouver to see him and he apologized for the action ~~xxx~~ that had been taken and as I have already stated said that he had acted hurriedly under worry and strain on reports that he received and was not able to check up. He regretted the whole affair and said that he would make things right in that I was never obsessed with the idea that I wanted command. I was always quite satisfied and quite anxious to dig in and work under you as under Col. Peck.

I have waited now for almost a year for some expression of a desire to have me continue. Your letter shows that in so far as you are concerned you intend to stay by your previous decision to have me transfer to the reserve. On receipt of it I asked for our interview the other day to find out if you had anything against me personally, that guided you in remaining a party to, a grievous an injury, as has ever been done me. You assured me that you had nothing against me in any way.

I am very grateful to you for that assurance and were it not for the personal injury that the whole affair has caused to my standing with a large number of citizens and with the officers and men of the Battalion many of whom I personally induced to join I would gladly accede to your request. However under the circumstances as they affect I must insist that I be given the consideration that is due to me.

You took over command against your own desires and I am sure you are the last man in the world that would be a party to injustice to any one. I have put my case before as plainly as I can; if there is anything against me I would like to know it; If you approve of the treatment I have received and are a party to it I have very much misjudged you; If you consider that there is some justice in my case I look to you and Col. Peck to make amends as you can to reestablish me in my former position with your backing and support so that by our united efforts we can make the Battalion the success its record in France Warrants

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) Donald B. Martyn, Major.

10th October, 1922.

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.,
The Canadian Scottish Regiment,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

TRANSFER TO THE RESERVE BATTALION.
THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGIMENT.

1. Dear Major Martyn,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th October, and much regret you should think me guilty of inflicting a grievous injury in asking that you apply for a transfer to the Reserve. I cannot agree with you that there is any stigma attached to this request; personal reasons or requirements of the service have frequently compelled officers to retire from active battalions without there being any reflection on their capacity or honour.

2. Again, I would summarize the whole situation as far as I am concerned:--

(a) It was strongly represented to me that there was dissatisfaction in the Regiment, and that owing to this state of affairs I should allow my name to be forwarded to Ottawa to succeed Colonel Peck - who was unable to give personal attention to the Battalion - in the command.

(b) I ultimately agreed, but in view of the reported friction, I expressly stipulated - both to Colonel Peck and Brigadier General Ross - that you, the acting in command, be asked to retire to the Reserve Battalion. I had neither the strength nor the desire to be mixed up with differences or policy of the past, and wish to reorganize the Battalion in my own time and way.

(c) I quite understood this wish had been communicated to you, and waited from the 26th November until 22nd December, 1921, hoping to receive the expected application. As it did not come to hand I wrote you on the 22nd of December.

(d) Your reply - undated - enlightened me as to the position of affairs, and therefore so as not to be guilty of any arbitrary action, I refrained from pressing the matter at the moment. I asked that you be granted leave of absence as to 30th September, 1922, hoping that the fact that you remained on the strength of the 1st Battalion as 2nd in Command for so many months after Colonel Peck retired, would counteract any false impression, which may have got abroad, of disagreement with me.

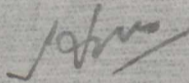
(e) If, in your opinion, such impression has not been removed, then I am quite prepared to apply on your behalf for further leave of absence; but in justice to yourself and myself I must reiterate my desire that you apply for transfer to the Reserve as soon as possible: Otherwise, as stated in my letter to you of 22nd of December, 1921, I must apply through Headquarters Militia & Defence to have same effected.

3. I wish to again say that any action which I take is prompted by no personal feelings. I was appointed to the command of the 1st Battalion, The Canadian Scottish Regiment, by the Militia Council and the Honourable The Minister of Militia & Defence: They hold me distinctly responsible for its policy and efficiency. In a voluntary organization, such as the Active Militia, this is a responsibility difficult to shoulder at any time, dealing only with problems and domestic troubles which arise from day to day; and in my present condition it would be unjust to add to these the anxiety that old questions of personal differences be revived within the Battalion. That would be unfair to the Higher Command, the Regiment and myself.

(2)

4. Please let me hear from you in course, with special reference to Para2, sub-Para. (e) of this letter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "John" with a flourish at the end.

Lieut. Colonel.

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16TH, THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH

THE ARMOURY, BAY ST., VICTORIA, B. C.

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C O P Y.

21st November, 1922.

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.,
The Canadian Scottish Regiment,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.

TRANSFER TO RESERVE BATTALION
THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGIMENT?

Dear Major Martyn,

I should be grateful for a reply to my letter of the 10th of October with regard to the marginally noted subject, for no doubt you will agree that it is undesirable that this matter be allowed to drag on indefinitely.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) H.M. Urquhart, Lieut. Colonel.

16TH, THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH

THE ARMOURY, BAY ST., VICTORIA, B. C.

M. F. B. 440.

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MILITIA AND DEFENCE

C.S. No.

C O P Y.

28th November, 1922.

Lieut. Col. H.M. Urquhart, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.
 Canadian Scottish
 Drill Hall,
 Victoria.

TRANSFER TO THE RESERVE
 BATTALION.

Dear Sir:-

My attitude in respect to the above has not changed since my previous letter on this subject. I have always been ready to discharge my duties and prior to your intimation that you wished my transfer to the reserve was quite prepared to forego any ambitions to command. Col. Peck at my last interview with him stated that he would make right the injustice that had been done me and I have awaited action by him or yourself to this end.

I do not intend to transfer to the reserve as I am confident that I may yet see active service and wish to be prepared to be of most service to my country. This I can only accomplish by remaining in active interest in Militia affairs.

Assuring you of my highest personal regards

I am Yours truly

(Sgd.) D.B. Martyn, Major.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

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1st December, 1922.

The Colonel Commandant Commanding
Mil. Dist. No. 11,
Esquimalt, B.C.

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.
2nd in Commd. 1st Bn. (16th Bn. C.R.F.), The
Canadian Scottish Regiment.

1. Referring to my letter of 8th March, 1922, and enclosures contained therein numbered 1 - 6, I now forward further enclosures numbered 7 - 16, and respectfully request that the marginally noted officer be transferred to the Reserve.
2. My letter to Major Martyn dated 10th October, 1922, (enclosure 14) summarises the situation as far as I am concerned, and again I desire to repeat that it is no wish of mine to act in an unfair or arbitrary manner towards this officer, and if it would have eased the situation as far as he was concerned, then I was prepared to apply for further leave on his behalf. From Major Martyn's last letter to me, dated 28th November, 1922, (enclosure 16), I note, however, that I may have misunderstood his motives, and if it is a desire to be available on the Active List in case of eventualities rather than a sense of injustice which influences him in the matter, then perhaps District Office can arrange a transfer. This will be entirely agreeable to me.
3. In paragraph 2 of my letter of 10th October referred to above, I stated the circumstances ~~the~~ leading up to the point where I allowed my name to be recommended as successor to Colonel Peck. I should like to amplify by stating that in the autumn of 1920 Colonel Peck twice asked me to accept command of the Regiment and I refused. The matter was broached incidentally during 1921 but my attitude was such that it never reached the stage of discussion. During the latter part of November, 1921, and whilst I was a patient in the Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, two officers of the 16th Battalion visited me and represented that it was essential in the interests of the regiment that I take command; and I, with the consent of my doctor, ultimately agreed to my name going forward. On Saturday, the 26th of November, as you perhaps recollect, you called at the Hospital, I signed the necessary papers and expressed the wish to you, as I previously did to Colonel Peck, that the 2nd in Command, in fairness to himself and myself, transfer to the Reserve. I was under the impression this would happen.
4. As the details of the situation were then familiar to you and I have since forwarded copies of any correspondence which passed between Major Martyn and myself, I do not propose to further elaborate them; but in case ~~you~~ there should be the suspicion that I am unwittingly being used by a cabal of officers I ~~thought~~ ^{thought} it well to mention that of those who served actively with Major Martyn in the 16th only one now remain.
5. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Major Martyn.

J. H. M. Stewart
Lieut. Colonel.
Commanding

1st Battalion, (16th Bn. C.R.F.), The Canadian Scottish Regiment.

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1st December, 1922.

Major D.B. Martyn, D.S.O., M.C.,
Parliament Building,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Major Martyn,

I received your letter of the 28th ultimo expressing your intention not to transfer to the Reserve: In connection with the same I have this day written the Colonel Commandant, Military District No. 11, a copy of which I herewith enclose.

Please accept my thanks for the assurances of your personal regard.

Yours truly,

Lieut. Colonel.

DOCKET ENDS:

URQUHART / MARTYN

DOCKET STARTS:

URQUHART / RICHARDSON

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July 19th, 1922.

Lieut.-Colonel H.M.Urquhart, D.S.O.,
O.C. 16th Canadian Scottish,
The Armory, Bay Street,
Victoria, B.C.

My dear Urquhart:-

I am sorry that I have not acknowledged before this your letter of the 23rd of May, but it arrived when we were exceedingly busy with closing exercises at the University and then I went away for some three weeks or more.

I am sorry that I gave you so much trouble regarding Richardson. He has nothing of which to complain and I am sure you will always have his good wishes.

The old regiment seems to have a stiff time getting going, but I am sure you will always keep pegging away and that success will come. Difficulties occur only to be surmounted and once the local regiment catches the spirit of the Canadian Scottish in the field success must and will come.

I wouldn't worry about young Hill. He was a very fine and gallant soldier and I cannot recall more stirring tales than are related of his fighting at the time he was so badly wounded. You must remember that the boy was wounded in the head and is, consequently, more prone to retain impressions which may be wrong. I should imagine that under stress of great emotion he might blow up, as it were. I am sorry for his own sake that he has gone.

I join you in regretting that Cy Peck was not made a Senator. I consider the late Government treated him very shabbily indeed as he was much more entitled to the Senatorship than Crowe. The trouble was that they expected that he could carry Prince Rupert

Lt.-Col.H.M.Urquhart - 2 -

again, whereas they knew there was no chance for Crowe. Cy fell between two stools and I am sorry he did not insist on the Senatorship and retire. I imagine Pack will find considerable difficulty in settling down in Victoria, for I do not suppose he is any too well off.

Militia affairs in the East seem to be going not too badly. I sometimes see the Highlanders here on parade and it looks to me as if quite 500 or 600 men were out. Waddy Burland is O.C. of the Victoria Rifles (the 24th) and says he is satisfied. Basil Price is O.C. of the 14th (Royal Montreal Regiment) and while the numbers are small the regiment always turns out exceedingly well. In Montreal I see a great many returned officers. The University Club is full of them and to go there is almost like attending a reunion. We have now started a Returned Officers' Club and with some 300 or 400 members enrolled have hopes of being able to carry on successfully. Colonel Regan is the President, Rykert McCuaig is Vice and Leslie Haynes, formerly Major of the Seventh) is Secretary. I am the Honorary President.

I am disappointed that I could not get to Victoria this summer, but work requiring my presence here during July cut down the time at my disposal so much that it was not worth while to go and furthermore the cost of travelling is still high.

Somebody told me not long ago, Urquhart, that you will have to have another operation. I most earnestly pray that it will be completely successful and that after it you get a real chance to recover fully. I believe your sister is with you. Please remember me kindly to her and with all good wishes, I am, dear Urquhart,

Ever yours faithfully,

TRUE COPY.

301 Union Bank Bldg.,
Victoria, B.C.
Dec., 16th 21.

To the Officer Commanding
1st Battalion, (16th) Canadian Scottish

Sir,

Will you kindly accept my resignation as
Musketry Officer of the Batt,n, and have me placed on
Reserve Battn,

Yours truly,

(Sgd) F. Richardson

Major

P. S, If I can be of any service to the Batt,n at any
time please command,

December 20th, 1921.

Capt. F. Richardson, O.B.E.,
133. Cook Street,
Victoria, B.C.

Re. Appointment as
Musketry Officer.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your memo of 16th inst. intimating that you wish to be placed on the Reserve of Officers, and have asked District Office to have the necessary entries made in connection with this transfer.

I thank you for your kind offer to be of service to the Battalion at any time in the future.

Lieut. Col.

Comdg.

1st Bn. (16th Bn. C.E.F.) THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH.

A further letter was received from Richardson
on the 20th. As it he says
"will you kindly acknowledge receipt of my resignation
and protect any drill pay from the date of formation
of the Battalion"

December 20th, 1921.

A.A. & Q.M.G.
M.D.No.11.
Victoria, B.C.

Captain F. Richardson, O.B.E.
Musketry Officer.

I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter from
Captain F. Richardson of this Battalion, and shall be
glad if you will transfer him to the Reserve of Officers,
from this date:

Lieut. Col.
Comdg.
1st Bn. (16th Bn. C.E.F.) THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH.

301 Union Bank Bld, 3
Victoria B.C.
Jan 14th 22

Col Urguhart D.S.O.,-M.C. etc
16th Canadian Scottish,

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your request of this date I beg to submit the following,

On my return from OVERSEAS Dec 1919, I received a telegram from Col Peck, V.C, D.S.O etc, that I was appointed to the office of Musketry officer of the 16th Bn and was instructed to go ahead and form a Rifle association to help along the recruiting and keep the B,n in front of the public, this I did, as evidence of same you have on file, Capt S, Johnson M.C, adj at that time gave me the necessary instructions which were followed out, I might state at that time there was no recruits, and the association was formed of old shots that were to be put on the strength later as they one and all did not wish to be tied down to Service, I succeeded in bringing them into the B,n since that time you were given a winning team, which holds the premier position in B,C.

From time to time I made enquiries as to ratification of appointment through Daily orders, and was given to understand that none had been ratified, later I noticed that certain officers were listed, my name was not amongst them, I again made enquiries and was informed by Major D,B, Martyn that I was put through, this was not apparently correct as on repeatedly asking Capt Hills that gentleman stated that he had no record of such, in the meantime I was informed that another officer had been appointed, I willingly worked under this officer at the Ranges during the summer months and assisted the younger shots, and gave all the assistance possible, I again spoke to Capt Hills who again stated that I was not on the strength, two days ago I received a message from Capt Hills stating that I was on the strength but had been delegated to the Reserve by Capt S, Johnson, I think that you would have exasperated at such treatment, and so sent in my resignation,

I can assure you that I have never treated Capt Hills other than an officer and a gentleman and fail to understand his treatment of myself under your signature, I have been a regular and Volunteer soldier since 1888 continuously, and have in my possession commendation from the highest authority for my work extract below,

truly,

Signed,- F Richardson

Note If I was ever appointed as M.I. for the Bn will you be kind enough to protect my pay during the period of Dec 1919 to date of resignation

Signed,- F R

January 16th, 1922.

Major Fred Richardson, O. B. E.
133. Cook Street,
Victoria, B.C.

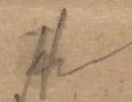
RE. TRANSFER TO
CORPS RESERVE.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant with enclosure, which is returned herewith.

At an early opportunity I will go into the matters raised in your letter and reply in detail in due course.

Will you please return the forms sent you in connection with the transfer to a Reserve Battalion which you have asked for, after having made such alterations as you desire. District Headquarters are pressing us with this matter.

Yours truly,



Lieut. Col.

Comdg.

1st Bn., (16th Bn. C. R. F.) THE CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGT.

1. Enclosure.

HMU/PLH

March 8th, 1922.

Captain & Brevet Major F. Richardson, O. B. E.,
133. Cook Street,
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir,

1. With reference to your letter of 14th January and my acknowledgment of 16th January, I much regret that owing to ill health it has been impossible for me to reply in detail sooner.
2. As regards any understanding between yourself and Colonel Peck I am unable to speak, for although I have carefully gone through your file, there is no record whatever of such, there.
3. As far as your appointment as Musketry Officer is concerned, it appears to have been the subject of misunderstandings which are incapable of explanation by anyone not personally involved in the negotiation and therefore I can only detail to you the various entries which appeared in the Official Militia List of Appointments, Promotions & Retirements, as far as they apply to yourself.
viz:-
 - (a). A.P. & R. No. 10. dated March 10th, 1921.
The Canadian Scottish Regiment.
To be Captain: Captain and brevet Major F. Richardson, O. B. E. with effect from 1st December, 1920.
To be Musketry Instructor: Captain and brevet Major F. Richardson, O. B. E., with effect from 1st December, 1920.
Memoranda.
To be brevet Majors: Captain F. Richardson, O. B. E., The Canadian Scottish Regiment. 3rd May, 1919.
 - (b). A.P. & R. No. 11. dated March 17th, 1921.
Memoranda.
L.P. & R. No. 10. dated the 10th March, 1921, under "The Canadian Scottish Regiment," in so far as it relates to Captain and brevet Major F. Richardson, O. B. E., is hereby cancelled.
 - (c). A.P. & R. No. 15. dated April 14th, 1921.
The Canadian Scottish Regiment.
Captain and brevet Major F. Richardson, O. B. E., is transferred to the Corps Reserve. 1st December, 1920.

(d). A.P.& R. No.27. dated July 7th, 1921.

Memoranda.

L.P.& R. No.11, dated the 17th March, 1921, under Memoranda and L.P.& R. No.15, dated the 14th April, 1921, under The Canadian Scottish Regiment in so far as they relate to Captain and brevet Major F. Richardson, O. B. E., are hereby cancelled.

4.

I would comment on paragraph 3. above as follows.

(a). The date of organization of The Canadian Scottish Regiment was 1st December, 1920, therefore you were one of the original officers of the reorganized Unit. Any conversations or communications to and from Colonel Peck previous to such date - you ~~remember~~ ^{recall} to December 1919 - could have no reference to your standing with The Canadian Scottish on these dates - the Battalion did not exist.

(b). Consequent upon this no pay can be claimed from December 1919, only from 1st December, 1920.

(c). You will note from para. 3. sub. para. (b) and (c), that on the 31st March, 1921, date on which pay list for drill season 1920/21 was closed, that you were not officially on the strength of the Regiment; not until 7th July, 1921, was cancellation entries reversed, (see para. 3. sub. para.

(d)). Therefore your name could not be included in the pay list.

(d). I have however made personal representations to the District Paymaster, that in view of the reversal entry of A.P.& R. No.27. dated July 7th, 1921, he agree to grant pay to you for drill season 1920/21, and pay sheets are sent herewith on which please fill in number of drills you attended and sign where marked, cheque will be sent you in course.

5.

To come to my personal concern with this matter there is little to detail. In December 1921, whilst in hospital, your letter of 16th December, 1921, was shown to me by the Adjutant. In that letter you asked me to accept your resignation as Musketry Officer, and to be placed on the Reserve Battalion.

I asked the Adjutant for your file but as this letter perhaps indicates it was impossible for me in my then condition of health to in anywise appreciate the situation.

Whilst I was endeavouring to grasp the case, you again wrote on the 19th December, 1921, pressing for the acknowledgment of your resignation and as this conveyed to my mind the impression that you were intensely eager to sever your connection with the Active Battalion for reasons unknown to me but which at the time and whilst in hospital, I could not enter into, I asked the Adjutant to signify that I agreed to your wishes.

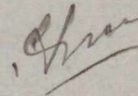
Beyond a subsequent telephone conversation, that is the

5.(continued).

only communication I had with you, and I was under the impression that your urgent wishes had been met in every way.

6. It is difficult to follow your remarks with regard to Captain Hill when you say, "fail to understand his treatment of myself under your signature". I can only find copies of purely formal letters on file, and the Adjutant assures me the file is complete.

7. This letter I trust makes the matter quite plain and satisfies you that every effort has been made to put your case on a correct footing.



Lieut. Col.

Comdg.

1st Bn. (16th Bn. C.E.F.) The Canadian Scottish Regiment.

301 Union Bank Bld,g
Victoria B,C.
Mfh 9th /22

O,C,Canadian Scottish
City,

Dear Sir,

I have your of the 8th to hand and noted,
please allow me to thank you for the splendid manner in
which you have cleared up everything to my satisfaction

I can assure you that if I had been able to glean
such information when I frequently asked Cap,t Hill,
and Johnston re the various items mentioned ,and of which
I could never get any satisfaction, all would have been
well, however I do wish to impress on you that if I can
serve you in any capacity please command me,

Will you kindly allow me to comment on the new life
that seems to be instilled in the Battn since you took
charge, and I earnestly wish that the greatest success
attend your great efforts,

very truly, yours

(Signed) F Richardson
Major

P.S. I hope & trust that you will allow
me the privelege of using the same Rifle
(turned in recently) for range practice.

(True Copy.)

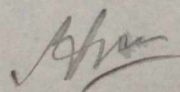
4th April, 1922.

Captain and Brevet MAJOR Richardson, O. B. E.,
133. Cook Street,
Victoria, B.C.

Referring to my letter of the 8th March, 1922, and your reply of the 9th March, I beg to forward herewith cheque in your favour for \$72.00 being pay as Musketry Officer of the 1st Battalion, (16th Bn.C.E.F.) The Canadian Scottish Regiment, from 1st December, 1920, to the 31st March, 1921. Please acknowledge receipt.

I find the rifle you enquire about in your foot note, has been turned in to Ordnance.

Adverting to your letter of the 18th January, 1922, your rank on the Corps Reserve, (3rd Battalion, The Canadian Scottish Regiment), is that of Brevet Major.



Lieut. Col.

Commanding

1st Battalion, (16th Bn.C.E.F.) The Canadian Scottish Regiment.

DOCKET ENDS:

URQUHART / RICHARDSON

DOCKET STARTS:

URQUHART / WACE



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

Post Office Building
Victoria. B.C.

19/5/24.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie:

I am very grateful to you for the good news you send me of Lt. Myer's fate. I was confident that there was dead bone still in the wound & the removal of that & the surrounding damaged tissue will, I feel sure, lead to a closure of the wound.

With my thanks to you for so kindly keeping me informed as to the Colonel's progress

Yours very truly
P. Hall



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DEPARTMENT OF
SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

Post Office Building
Tribuna, V.I.

7/5/24.

Dear Sir Arthur Currie.

Please accept my sincere thanks for
your most letter of May 6 telling me of the
operation & satisfactory progress in the case
of Col. Wm. Desjardis
I trust he will now make a rapid & complete
recovery.

Yours truly
P. Mac

May 13th, 1924.

Dr. C. Wace,
Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment,
Post Office Building,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Dr. Wace:-

Your note of the 7th arrived
this morning.

Urquhart continues to make excellent progress, while Dr. Archibald is very confident that the wound will heal entirely. His temperature is normal and Urquhart tells me he is eating and enjoying his food better than he has at any time since he was wounded. I believe the Surgeon found some rotten bone, rotten tissue and a substance made up of bismuth and other compounds used in former treatment. He also found that the lung had retracted leaving a hollow space. I believe he removed some more rib, giving a chance for the muscles to fall in and fill up the cavity.

Dr. Archibald believes that with the removal of the rotten bone and tissue and such other things as he did that Urquhart will enjoy much better condition of health than he has for some years past. I am sure that you and all his other friends in Victoria will be delighted if this proves true.

With kindest wishes,

Yours faithfully,

DOCKET ENDS:

URQUHART / WACE