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I.T.

Ottawa, 10th October, 1914.

My dear Ibbotson,

Just received your letter. With regard to the second contingent - this has been accepted by the Imperial Authorities, but the nature of its composition we are not yet aware of. It will, undoubtedly, be organized within the next few weeks, but the organization is being left entirely to the Officers Commanding Divisional Areas so far as their quota of the 22,000 men is concerned, therefore, you should be able to arrange something satisfactory to yourself with Colonel Hodgins.

As regards cavalry I am, of course, unable to state anything definitely, but I am rather of the opinion that any mounted troops will take the shape of Mounted Infantry. If I can be of any service to you whatever you, of course, know that I am only too pleased at any time to do anything I can for you or yours.

We have your dear sister Elaine in

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my wife's corps of Red Cross workers, but, of course,
as I am now down here I won't see very much of her.

With kindest regards to you all,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

Septimus D. Lewis

Major E. Ibbotson Leonard,

London, Ont.