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Colonel Victor A.S. Williams,
Camp Commandant,
Valcartier, Que.

Dear Colonel,-

When in Valcartier last Thursday, I endeavored to see you, but unfortunately you were engaged when I was there. I wished to find out if there were any possibility of my getting a commission with the Divisional Cavalry of the Second Division about to be formed or better yet, with a cavalry brigade which I heard was also contemplated. I do not like bothering you about this matter, when I know you must be in receipt of numerous communications daily of a similar nature. At the same time, I would deem it a great favor if you would intimate if there is any possibility of an independent cavalry brigade being formed to go abroad with the next division.

As you are no doubt aware, I have faithfully remained connected with the Canadian Militia for the last eleven years, in hopes of an opportunity of seeing some active service. This opportunity has now arrived and I am naturally most anxious to remain connected with my own branch of the service if at all possible, which is my reason for bothering you on this occasion.

If there is no possibility of a cavalry brigade being formed, what are my chances of going with the Divisional Cavalry belonging to the Second Division and what is my best method of making application, as apparently our regiment is not going to be called on as a cavalry unit.

Again regretting having to trouble you and with kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,