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Major Gordon Hall,
Chief Staff Officer, Headquarters,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Major,-

I am very sorry to have to bother you at this time when I know you must have a very great deal to do. I now take the liberty of writing you for your personal advice in connection with getting a position on the Cavalry Brigade, which I believe is contemplated with the next Division. I have already applied several times through the proper channel and my application has been filed for future reference. If there is no possibility of a Cavalry Brigade being formed what are my chances of getting a commission with the Divisional Cavalry of the second Division when it is mobilized.

If there is to be no Canadian Cavalry Brigade and no second Division, as is now rumored in the press, would there be any possibility of my making an application through the Canadian Government direct to the War Office for a commission in some of the British, either permanent or voluntary Cavalry Regiments now either at the Front or likely to go to the Front. I make this suggestion as I notice that the casualties in a good many of the regiments have been very great, and feel that if it is out of the question to see service with a Canadian Cavalry corps this contingency might afford an opportunity of getting abroad.

As you are no doubt aware I have been faithfully connected with the Canadian Militia in the First Hussars for the last eleven years. I graduated second from the Royal Military College in 1903 and have kept closely in touch with military matters ever since.

I know that such a letter is a little bit out of order, but feel very badly about having been overlooked up to the present, as I think my qualifications and faithful identification with the Militia should have merited some recognition from the Department, especially when a great many of the Officers that are going have not the knowledge or training that I have, nor have they been as long connected with the Militia of this Country.

I hope you will be able to give me a little personal advice as to what you consider my best mode of procedure.

With kind regards, believe me,
Very sincerely yours,

