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Lieut. Col. Ibbotson Deonard,
Second Canadian Divisional Cavalry,
c/o War Office, London, England.

My Dear Ibb,-

Please find enclosed a letter from Miss Armstrong of the Advertiser in which she appreciates very much what news we have sent her about the Second Divisional Cavalry. I am also in touch with Mr. Carty of the Free Press who is very courteous and nice about anything that I am able to give him. Please destroy the letter. Please also find enclosed a post card from W.H. Wood in which he has still on hand the secondhand Vertical Hydraulic Pump that we were thinking of buying two years ago. If the boiler business was not in such an uncertain state I should certainly go in for buying it, as the steam pump we have here is nothing but a fuel user.

Mr. Morgan received the piece of shell sent by you which landed along side of Cockshutt and will answer your letter at the very first moment. He has an extremely busy time, I heard indirectly on Saturday that for two months he has had his supper brought down to him, and he confessed to me that he is in the shop from nine to eleven nearly every night, we can hardly catch him at all in his office. I think his work from now on will be getting lighter as the men are becoming more accustomed to what is required by the Inspectors and are certainly doing better. We still have to buy a few gauges, which it is impossible, seemingly to get from the United States they are so busy furnishing them to the different firms manufacturing munitions.

I am pleased to say that we shipped on Saturday our first car to Montreal which makes it fully six months since the Shell Committee wired us our first order. If you remember Mr. Morgan thought at the outside it would be only three months, so much can be placed in calculations of delivery made by this business. From what we can learn Waterous has not shipped yet and he had his order a month before we did. We are going to make a special effort to get off two carloads by Saturday next, one car load is practically ready except for the details of inspecting. We are receiving boxes now for our next size, 60 lbs. High Explosive (5").

I met Chief Atkins of the Fire Department last week and he says that his son who was in the machine gun section of the 7th Mounted Rifles is still in England, has made several efforts to get into France, would like very much to get into your Division, could you not do something for him to please the Chief, and if not write to the Chief direct. His son writes home how much he likes the work and is well pleased with his commanding officer.

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I received your letter of congratulations on Friday, and will answer it more fully later. I had a good game of Golf on Saturday and have arranged another one with Mr.Skey tomorrow, but it does not look much like it to-day as we are having our first fall of snow, we are also putting our fan on in the shop, as the men are feeling that winter is coming. I hope to write you and Woodman a general letter on business very shortly.

I beg to enclose a general statement of orders, sales, and cash receipts for the month of October which I consider very fair indeed under the circumstances.

Yours affectionately,

P.S. Part of the shell sent Mr.Morgan is in Mr.Sumner the Jeweller's window and has attracted a great deal of attention. When Mr.Sumner hears anything down town he always telephones up to me.