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Canadian Second Divisional Cavalry,
c/o War Office,
London, England.

My Dear Ibbotson, -

I had not time yesterday to add a few words to our business letter, but I regret to say that your third daily record book never came to hand, you had best get in touch with the authorities on the other side, unless it went down in some of the boats when crossing the channel. Mails are now only leaving when wired to do so from Ottawa any old time at all, so that you must not expect to hear from us regularly, your mails are also very much behind at times, but this we may expect with the scarcity of boats crossing and the chance are enemies have crossing the channel.

I wrote Sarah a long letter the other day and hope it will reach her before she leaves on the 8th, we will be glad to see her before she leaves to return to England again, no doubt we will hear from her, her plans and act accordingly.

I paid \$173. Insurance money to the London Life due on the 31st of March and will pay \$250. as an extra war risk on the 8th of June, your other Insurance Premiums were paid regularly of last year, according to the memo that you left me. Yesterday I deposited your dividends from the Huron & Erie and to-day your salary cheque which leaves a balance of \$902. to your credit.

I want to thank you very much for the pleasure you give your mother and I in your promptness in writing us weekly including your daily routine of business, it is a great source of pleasure to us both and hope you will be able to keep it up during the summer. Recruiting here is going on very creditably and as I said before a much better class of men are presenting themselves, we are felling just now a little the scarcity of labor, but we will do the best we can if more people leave for the front.

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slightly increase.

We are getting pretty low in our stock of ready to ship Leonard & Clipper Engines and are now trying to arrange to finish a few of each. Mr. Morgan has been at his wits end to keep ordinary repairs done for our customers. The Petawawa camps have sent us three Leonard engines to be repaired, the result of a fire that they had recently, he is afraid that we will have to get some of the work done elsewhere. I will write you very shortly in answer to some of the points in your recent letter, have not time to-day.