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Lieut. Col. Ibbotson Leonard,
Canadian Corps Cavalry Regiment,
B.E.F., France.

Dear Son,-

I have put off writing you as long as possible regarding the necessity of your getting at least a three months leave to attend to your interests in your brother Woodmans Estate which are dragging along for some reason.

Another very important reason is that we are facing an entire change in our Engine and Boiler business owing to war conditions. Even our output of shells has been reduced to less than 25% of our capacity. If you can be spared from your duties I would like you here as soon as it can be brought about. It is absolutely necessary that you are present and consent to the changes we now propose by entering into a new field of manufacturing. Please see your commanding officer and give him the reasons personally if he desires same. The sooner you are here now the better. I understand from a letter recently received from Sir George Perley Canadian High Commissioner that a pass for your plucky wife will be forth coming at the proper time.

Yours sincerely,