



23rd Army Tank Regt (H.A.).
Camp Borden, Ont.
24th 1942.

Dear Uncle Sam:-

Received the copy of
the Camp M.O. letter - which incidentally
shouldn't do me any harm.

Am enclosing this
letter to add to the other copies I
sent you the other day.

Just came back from
a call on Major Trask and he told
me that he had had an appointment
with you for 2 P.M. the day he was
in Ottawa - but that he was
called back to Winfield's Office at
2 P.M. and never had a chance
to even call you. I said I'd make
his apologies for him.

Carl said that when
this matter came to Winfield that
he would probably pass it along
to Major Zimmon who is apparently
one of the A.C. in charge of this type of



problems. He immediately was talking about about personnel shortage.

Jim Linnham this matter will probably go through Col Lebbetter (1), the gentleman, whom hat your wearing.

Linnham is expected in Camp today and if he arrives Carl is going to arrange for me to meet him. Unless delayed he was to leave Ottawa last night.

Col Lebbetter and Col Winfield Smith are probably the best lines of attack - but you'll know best whom to see and what to do.

If it is necessary for me to go to Ottawa for an interview - or if it would do any good to go - I can get the time off at a moment's notice.



The paymaster is going
to take this letter to Toronto
in a few minutes so I'll
have to close.

Thanks again for your
trouble -

Barbara had a perm done
yesterday - so now has her
hair waved - with curls on the
sides etc. - You wouldn't know her
now.

Love from us both -

Henry

P.S.

Perhaps they'll transfer me to
Central Medical Stores - to help
alleviate your load - or do you think
that would increase your burden.

Winfield leaves for San Antonio, ^{WV} on the
2nd Nov.

C O P Y

23rd Army Tk Regt (Hal Rif) C.A.C.
Camp Borden, Ont.
22 Oct. 42.

Headquarters,
2 Cd Army Tank Bde.,
Camp Borden, Ont.

Transfer to R.C.A.M.C.
Lieut. Charles Henry Reardon
23 rd Army Tk Regt. (Hal Rif) C.A.C.

1. Attached hereto please find request for transfer of the marginally named officer.

2. This officer was originally commissioned in the Halifax Rifles, NPAM 9 Aug. 1940, while a medical student at Dalhousie University.

His subsequent service is as detailed in the attached memo.

3. Insofar as his service with the Halifax Rifles, C.A. and the 23rd Army Tk Regt (Hal Rif) CAC is concerned the following observations are submitted:

Qualifications

D. & M Class lll driver, wheeled and tracked.
Gunnery - Good 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
Wireless - Very good
Tactics - Average
Leadership - Average for his rank
Instructions Ability - above average for his rank
Energy and sense of duty - This officer is energetic and his sense of duty and responsibility are well above the average.

4. Since the promotion of Capt. G.S. Mahon, Lieut. Reardon has been performing the duties of Regt'l. I.O. and security officer in a satisfactory manner.

5. This transfer is recommended.

Sgd: (J.W. McMahon) Major,
Officer Commanding,
23rd Army Tk Regt.

C O P Y

Camp Borden, Ont.
23 Oct. 42.

Officer Commanding,
23rd Army Tk Regt (Hal Rif)
Camp Borden, Ont.

Sir:

1. At a medical board this date, it was seen fit to change my medical category from A to C1. As this change of category effects my status as an overseas officer, it is apparent that I shall be transferred from this unit.

2. At the time of my enlistment, July 22nd, 1941, I had completed three years of medicine at Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., and was serving as a junior intern at St. Josephs Hospital, Glace Bay, N S.

3. With this previous medical training and experience in mind and as I have but approximately one and a half calendar years (including one year of internship) to the completion of my medical course, I feel that I could be of service to the R.C.A.M.C., if my transfer to this branch of the service can be effected.

4. For your information I present a brief resume of my military training:

Five years Dalhousie University, C.O.T.C.
Three months at Officers Training Centre, Brockville, when 2/Lt qualifications (Active) were received.
One month #14 A.I.(R) T.C., Aldershot for qualifications of Lieutenant.
Two months #60 C.A.(B) T.C. as an instructor.
A month and a half at # 14 A.I. (R) T.C., attached to a company
Joined the 23rd Army Tk Regt (Hal Rif) CAC in March 18th, 1942.
Attached to A-9CAC (A)TC for a three months course to qualify as a C; a.C. Lieutenant.
Since qualifying as C.A.C. Lieut. I have been unit Intelligence Officer and Assistant Adjutant.

5. It is hoped that my previous medical training, military knowledge and my understanding of the men and their problems will prove sufficient grounds to warrant my transfer.

6. For your consideration.

Sgd: (C.H. Reardon) Lieut.
23rd Army Tk Regt (Hal Rif)

'PERSONAL'

23rd October
Camp Medical Office
Camp Headquarters
CAMP BORDEN, Ontario.

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Director-General of Medical Services
National Defence Headquarters
OTTAWA, Ontario.

ATTENTION: Col. G. A. Winfield

Lieut. REARDON, Charles Henry
23rd Army Tank Regt. (Halifax Rifles)

Appended hereto will be found copies of letters from the marginally named Officer and the Officer Commanding the 23rd Army Tank Regiment, concerning his transfer to the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

2. This Officer has a good record with his unit, but will have to be transferred from it soon, pending the District Medical Officer's and the Director-General of Medical Services' approval of his Medical Board Proceedings which categorized him "C1" for Chronic Otitis Media.

3. It is felt that he is a very valuable officer, and with his military and medical training would be valuable in the R.C.A.M.C. as an administrative officer. If this is concurred in by N.D.H.Q. steps should be taken to place him where his services would be most useful.

4. The other aspect that should not be overlooked is the advisability of effecting his transfer to the R.C.A.M.C., and sending him back to Dalhousie University to complete his medical course, which he would do in approximately eighteen months, (including internship).

5. Since this case presents unusual features, and this young officer has a background possessed by few, I have taken the liberty, Sir, of addressing this to you personally and confidentially.

W. I. Taylor
(W. I. Taylor)
Captain, R. C. A. M. C.
A/Camp Medical Officer.

Encl.

M E M O R A N D U M

Central Medical Stores,

27th October, 1942.

A.M.D. 3

Lieutenant Charles Henry Reardon
23rd Army Regiment (Halifax Rifles) C.A.K.

1. The attached correspondence is self-explanatory.
2. Would there be a vacancy on the staff of A.M.D. 3 for such an officer.

3. Lieut. Reardon was a leader among the students at the University. He has had considerable business experience, as well as medical training, in that he acted as business manager of most of the University publications and organizations for several years - earned sufficient money with a publishing company, a drug wholesale house, and advertising to support himself and pay his own fees for the past several years.

Reardon is sober, industrious, energetic and has good business sense along with his medical knowledge.

As Officer in Charge, Central Medical Stores, I would ask that Lieut. Reardon be attached here, but the establishment calls for pharmacists, and the latter cannot be amended until a period of six months has expired.

It would appear reasonable to transfer this officer to the R.C.A.M.C., since both his business training, and medical knowledge would be valuable in dealing with medical supplies and equipment.

(S.R. Balcom) Major,
Officer in Charge.

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Captain, R.C.A.M.C.
A/Camp Medical Officer.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 27th, 1942.

Lieutenant C.H. Reardon,
23rd Army Tank Regiment,
(Halifax Rifles) C.A.C.
Camp Borden, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received, and to-day the one signed by Taylor was received in time to send to Headquarters. I am attaching the letter for your information.

Unless something unforeseen occurs I think that you can be transferred. I think A.M.D. 3- that is the Branch headed by Lt.-Colonel Jenkins, which controls Central Medical Stores, will ask for you, as they have a new establishment, or are about to have a new one approved. Anyway, I will speak to Major Zinkann and also to Colonel Lebetter.

Pay no attention to what I said in my letter - Barbara knows what I think - I've told her two or three times, but I might be induced to change my mind. Really though, I would like to have you here, and unless a monkey-wrench is thrown into the works somewhere, I think you will be transferred.

Yours sincerely,

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Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,
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(S.R. Balcom) Major,
Officer in Charge,
Central Medical Stores.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor, Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 24th, 1942.

Royal Bank of Canada,
Cor. Quinpool Road and Oxford St.,
Halifax, N.S

Dear Mr. Murray:

Thank you for your circular
letter of October 17th, and for the wishes expressed
re my promotion.

I purchased \$2000.00 in
Victory Bonds and put it through your Branch, as I
did the previous one.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)

Board of Governors of Dalhousie College

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 19, 1942

There will be a meeting of the ~~Executive~~
Full Board

on Tuesday evening
the 27th day of October 1942
at 8 o'clock p.m., at The Morse Room

Business: General.

J. S. ROPER, Hon. Secretary.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 22nd, 1942.

Jeoffrey M. Brown, Esq.,
Department of Public Works (Canada)
Post Office Drawer-1417,
Saint John, N.B.

Dear Jeff:-

Thank you for your letter of the 16th. They saw this old man tottering around up here, so at last they thought they should do something for him. I did not like your crack about the old man's waist - I'm still good for several miles - they might carry me home in the end, but that is aside from the point.

You were right, we could do with a few weeks in our old haunts. Alf. O'Leary has been down shooting several times, and is coming for duck in November.

McAllister is a great one to say 'be careful' - I could learn a lot from him.

Ottawa is tremendously crowded - you can't find a place to eat, the shows are packed and everything is so expensive. However, I like Ottawa very much, and believe me Jeff, were it 1911 again, I wouldn't stay in Nova Scotia.

Who do you think I ran into the other day but Anna - we met without a blush. I still haven't quite forgiven you for the ten years you took off my life over the telephone. We did have a great time, didn't we. I still have a very soft spot for Anna and Freida.

Do you ever run into Chapman.

Allan will get along alright. Some day you will find him a full-fledged Mechanical Engineer if this dam war doesn't catch up with him.

Vera and the youngsters are as happy as can be in Wolfville - everything is ideal up there. The girls are just crazy about it - as they have been up a year now, it isn't just a passing fancy. Vera still misses Barbara very much, and we shan't soon forget the kindness of you and Jess during our trouble.

Please give my very best to Jess, and tell her I often think of her.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 22nd, 1942.

Mrs. G.W. Winters,
41 Lucknow Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Ethel:-

Thank you for your letter and your telegram with your wishes contained therein. You know, they just had to do something when they saw this old fellow going along the street - they felt sorry for him.

You must be very proud of your boys. Although the relationship is very, very distant, I must say that I am. You should be very glad that they are both married and to such lovely girls. They are both two great boys, and will make names for themselves.

How is the super George coming along. I miss seeing him, for -by heavens-he is hard to beat. Wouldn't I like to have him up here for awhile. He really isn't what the Pope said about him.

Ottawa is a very busy place-there is no room for loafers (don't laugh). Believe it or not, there is no choice - you just have to keep on digging in.

Ontario is a lovely spot, and
Ethel I hate to admit it, but this is where your
boys should come to settle down. There are many
more opportunities here - they have everything in
this country, except salt-water.

I do hope that you have been well-
haven't fallen down any back stairways lately. I
should love to see you - that lovely white hair would
look very grand coming out of the Chateau.

Please give my best to the Old Master.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 22nd, 1942.

L/Cpl. B.S. Pomeroy,
268 Avenue Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Corporal:

Thank you for your letter and the
list of Needles.

A Contract Demand No. 7202 is being
created to-day to cover the Needles as listed in your
letter. We have arranged with Department of Munitions
and Supply for these to be purchased from Ingram and
Bell Co. This will in no way interfere with Contract
Demand No. 6799, as we require all the Needles we can
purchase. We are attaching a copy of the Contract
Demand for your information, so that the Needles
covered by it can be shipped in.

Hoping that you and Mrs. Pomeroy
are having a good holiday - we all miss you.

Yours sincerely,

(S.R. Balcom)Major

P.S. Mr. Carruthers has asked me to enclose the form
for you to sign re the Victory Bonds. Could you
send it back by return mail, as we would like to
have the returns in by Monday. So far, the Stores
are 100%, so try not to break the chain.

268 Avenue Rd.
Toronto, Ont.

Major S. F. Balcom,
O/C. Central Medical Stores
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Sir:

Attached please find list of Needles
and a substitute for same, from
Ingram & Bell Ltd.

At the present time their stocks
of Needles, which we require are
completely exhausted, and the
only thing they have to offer is on
the attached list.

Our own stock of needles, is
not what you would call good
at the present, but if we could
have these needles it would certainly
help out.

If these substitution are permissible
could you please advise Mr. E.
McAroy at Ingram & Bell, and
he will see that they are shipped
immediately on receipt of your
letter.

Very truly yours
Blomey & Cpl.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 21st, 1942.

Captain W.C.N. Reed,
Officer in Charge,
District Medical Stores, M.D. 12,
Regina, Sask.

Dear Captain Reed:-

Do you know that I didn't really answer your letter. I called Mrs. Reed at the number you gave me, but she had been gone several days.

Major Holmes is now in Victoria. When he arrives at your place, I think you will get along very well with him. If any difficulties occur and you have any discrepancies, be sure and let us know.

The Recoverable Vouchers are still in the air. The meetings have been postponed several times, but there is one called for tomorrow.

Re Cylinders Oxygen - a Contract Demand has been raised to cover rental for all districts. While the new Contract Demand was let to Canadian Liquid Air, Toronto, Ontario, - I suppose that is the head office - but you would get your supplies in Regina. As your letter was written in August, you will probably have been enlightened on this C.D. Number 6466 in the interim.

October 21st, 1942.

McCallum is in charge of Medical Supplies at Petawawa. Carruthers is back here with me from Newfoundland, and Ernie Halpenny, of John Wyeth and Company, is coming in here on Tuesday.

Have you gone through orders yet as a Pharmacist.

There have been many changes around here since you were in Ottawa, and it is hoped that there will be more. While the new establishment has gone through, we have not received any men - we are actually short forty-five men, and with double the work, you can picture the situation.

My best to you.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 19th, 1942.

Miss O.M. Hurrell,
Secretary,
Canadian Pharmaceutical Association,
100 Adelaide Street, West,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Miss Hurrell:

Further to the Chairmanship of the Military Committee. I have had a talk with Norman Campbell - he is a young chap, of good appearance, intelligent, a Captain in the Reserves and generally well-liked. On his own he has inquired re the status of druggists in the Army. Like so many others, he did not go to the fountain-head, but to the Officer Commanding of one of the local units. I believe that if you approached him that he would take this job, and do it well. I met him the other day at a well-attended meeting of the T.M.A.-Ottawa, at which Gordon Slemin, of the National Drug, gave a most interesting talk on "Sailemanship in War Time".

From inquiries made re our standing with the Air Force - a druggist can become a Warrant Officer, but only in certain-size hospitals. There would be very few of them in the R.C.A.F.

October 19th, 1942.

Positions calling for them
in the R.C.A.F., and the relative positions in
the Army, are held by non-pharmacists, and as it
happens, by Permanent Force men.

I must send you some notes on
what is going on around here re some of the
druggists.

Yours sincerely,

(S.R. Balcom)



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TO THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA. DR.
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TORONTO, ONT.

October 14, 1942.

Captain S. R. Balcom,
Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Ryan Sts.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Captain Balcom:-

This is just a short note to advise you that I am now on active service with the Personnel Selection Board. I want you to know that I much appreciate your efforts on my behalf in regard to the R.C.A.M.C.

The Personnel Selection Board was something which I had been investigating for some time and it materialized rather suddenly several weeks ago and as I am extremely interested in personnel work, I decided to join this unit.

Mr. Hogg has told me that you could have used me in your office and I am quite sure that I would have enjoyed the work.

Out of necessity, due to the fractured leg that I sustained earlier this year, I am forced, at least temporarily to place my services at the disposal of a non-combatant unit; the injured leg of necessity, precludes any marching.

I am hoping that I will be able to take an officer's training course within the next few months..

Once again I assure you that your interest was much appreciated and if the works of fortune bring me down to Ottawa, I will drop in and make your acquaintance.

Yours very sincerely,

Ced P. Haynes
Ced P. Haynes. *HS.*

CPH/HS.

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 17th, 1942.

R/183017,
A.C.-2 Fred J. Munroe,
No. 5 Manning Depot, R.C.A.F.,
Lachine, Quebec.

Dear Fred:-

Your Mother told me in a recent letter that you had joined the Air Force - good for you. Put the old nose to the grind-stone and see if you can't be a General before this war is over.

In the Army, Fred, you will have lots of temptations, but you will be well advised to forego some of the things that might be considered pleasures until you grow older.

John will miss you - he can only fight with Olga now, and that won't keep him in very good shape. I understand he thought he could beat you.

Fred, let me know if there is anything I can do for you - don't be afraid to call on me.

You can reach me at the office, Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts., - 2-8211, Local-7029, or at home - 159 Primrose Ave., telephone number 8-1331.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 17th, 1942.

Mrs. Frederick J. Munroe,
83 Cambridge Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Katherine:-

Thank you for your letter.
The promotion was a long time in coming and the
next will probably be as long.

You can't keep the young
fellows out of the Army. They have the urge and
nothing will stop them. Young Fred will do well -
he is a good boy and I am sure will remain so. I
shall write him.

Gordon is now at Goose Bay.
He'd better consider himself lucky and remain there.
No matter where you are, it's all the same in the
Army.

Vera and the children are
certainly happy in Wolfville. It's a great load off
my mind to know that they are out of Halifax.

How are all the men in your
life? I can't understand why an attractive widow
like you hasn't married a multi-millionaire. You
know you can't be afraid to get your hair tossed a
bit.

How's that fine lad John?

I am enclosing a dollar which he is to use buying cigars for himself for a week - doubtless he has become quite a man in the last year. He will miss Fred. - won't have anyone to fight with, but Olga is at home and he can go to town on her. Soon you will be losing her. Tell her to make Ottawa on her honeymoon trip.

Remember me to all my friends
and again my thanks.

Yours sincerely,

SRB/EM

October 17th, 1942.

Mr. William Murphy,
Cherry Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I would like to send Walter a parcel of some sort, but the Red Cross here tells me I must send it through you. Previously, before December 7th, parcels could be sent through the American Red Cross, but that is out now.

Would you give me an idea of the things most acceptable, that I could send to you for forwarding to him.

Yours sincerely,

(S.R. Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 16th, 1942.

Lieutenant M.C. McCallum,
Officer in Charge - Medical Stores,
Petawawa Military Camp,
Petawawa, Ontario.

Dear Mac:-

Reference your letter of the 8th.
Will the following information suffice;

Kits sent C.P. Express - 7.10.42.

Alcohol and Tr. Benzoin
Co. were shipped C.P.R - 7.10.42.

Pulv. Antacidus - we are still waiting
for Mag. Carb. Pond.

We are just as busy here as
formerly - seem unable to catch up.

If you know of any young fellows-
category B. or C., be sure and send them along to us
for enlistment, or if there are any good boys up there
that could be transferred to these Stores.

Expect you down any week-end now.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)

PAH Consumed

2655 Bloor St W. Apt. 303,
Toronto, Ontario,
October 13, 1942.

Major Sam Salcom,
% Central Medical Stores,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear sir —

Thank you, Major Salcom, for all your efforts to have me transferred to the Central Medical Stores, Ottawa.

As I mentioned in yesterday's telephone conversation, the local District Medical Officer can not transfer me until he is authorized by you directly.

The confirmation which you kindly promised to wire had not arrived by noon to-day. So Lieutenant Colonel Abbott, Colonel Haggerman's assistant, telephoned the Central Medical Stores, Ottawa.

The man he spoke to, knew nothing about it. Lieutenant Colonel Abbott ~~told~~ asked him to contact you regarding the matter.

Since I had to report to-day for my second "army call"; I am now in the Active Army.

I am still hoping you will be able to arrange my transfer to Central Medical Stores, Ottawa.

Yours sincerely,
Stan M'Gey.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 15th, 1942.

G.E. Halpenny, Esq.,
c/o John Wyeth & Brother, Limited,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Ernie;

That's the best news I've heard.

You won't go to Brockville, but
you may go to Camp Borden for the R.C.A.M.C. Course
for a month.

If you pass your medical examination,
I would say you should make arrangements for your
uniform and greatcoat. There are some new regulations
now regarding the officer's uniforms, but your tailor
will have that. The uniform will cost you around
\$60.00 and the greatcoat about the same.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

GEH

2109 OTTAWA STREET

WALKERVILLE, ONTARIO

*City
C. A. Crossman*

October 13th, 1942

Dear Sam:

Received a letter from Major Forbes of London this morning, as per attached copy.

I shall report for examination tomorrow morning, Wednesday, in London, and advise them that I could be available in Ottawa by Monday, 26th.

Do you know whether I shall have to spend a month in Brockville; whether I shall buy my uniform or make any such arrangements as yet? Will see you shortly. Regards.

Sincerely,

C. A. Crossman

No. L.91-1-41

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ARMY

HQ MD 1, London, Ontario, 12 October, 1942

Mr. G.E. Halpenny,
c/o John Wyeth & Brother Ltd.,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Sir:-

You have been selected by National Defence Headquarters for appointment to a commission in the Non-Medical General List RCAMC as a Pharmacist (3rd class) which carries the rank of Captain. Provided you are medically fit and available, there is a vacancy in No. 2 Section (Medical Stores) N.D.H.Q. Company, RCAMC, Ottawa.

It is requested that you report to this Headquarters (Corner Queen & Richmond) for interview and Medical Board at your earliest convenience. It is also requested that you be prepared at that time to advise when you can report in Ottawa.

(signed) Capt. K.F.....
for (D.G.P. Forbes) Major
D.A.A.G. M.D. No. 1

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SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 14th, 1942.

Mrs. G.V. Guy,
Waegwoltic Club,
Coburg Road,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Loretta and George:-

Thank you for the delicious sample.
I shall eat part of it and tonight will put a piece under
my pillow.

I also received your card from
Saint John. So sorry you didn't get up this far - I
would have enjoyed showing you Ottawa. The weather is a
little better than our own, in that they do not get the
terrible rain storms here - I haven't seen a bad one yet.

We are kept very busy and have
very few leisure moments.

I hope Tom does get his
Lt-Colonelcy - he should be a good soldier.

With every good wish to both of
you.

Yours sincerely,

(S.R. Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

13th Oct. 1942.

Major N. Henshaw,
Sheet Harbour,
Halifax Co., N.S.

Dear Major:

A year or so ago I endorsed a note for Joe MacDonald. At the time he appeared to be in need of the money and he promised to look after the note when it came due. He has neither looked after the note nor answered any letters from the Family Loan Corporation Limited. Do you know where he is, how I can find him, or any way in which I can extract the money from him, for the Company is now insisting on payment. I cannot afford to lose \$65.00, so perhaps you can help me in this case.

I know Jee has been making good money, and if necessary I will clamp down on him hard. I do not want his mother to know about it.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom), Major,
O. i/c Central Medical Stores.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 13th, 1942.

Captain D.W. Caldwell,
Officer in Charge,
District Medical Stores, M.D. 2,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear D.W.:

We had your note the other day
re Needles.

Our stock of Suture Needles is none too good. You might send me the list of the Suture Needles you require, and if you can procure them in Toronto, we might have you buy them on our Local Purchase money. This has been done for one or two of the other Districts, so you submit your requisition in the regular way, but send me the other information about their procurability.

Arrangements were made with the Ottawa Truss Company for you and M.D. 1, London, to draw your Trusses from their branch at Ottawa, as from September 15th. Has A.M.D. 3 informed you of this.

What about some men. We require thirty B. or C. category men right away - we can't begin to handle our work as it is. Any chance of you knowing any.

How did the Inspection come out - rather a prolonged affair, don't you think?

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)

O/c C.M.S.

Dear Major

Do you think it would be in
order to submit to you a
Requisition for -

Needles Suture # 8 of each
size in stock at C.M.S.

or if you prefer it. would we
have a list of needles available?

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The Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, Inc.

100 Adelaide Street West

Toronto, Ontario

Sept. 29th,
1942.

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Capt. S.R. Balcom,
Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Capt. Balcom:

I believe I wrote you a week or so ago explaining that so far we had been unable to get a suitable druggist to act as the Chairman of our Committee on Status of Pharmacists in the Armed Forces. No one seems to want to tackle this job.

Mr. Corbett will be in Ottawa next week on Thursday, the 8th, and intends, at that time, to see if he can get a suggestion from some Ottawa druggist.

I seem to recall that the name of Mr. W.R. Lowe, 307 Bank Street, was given to me at one time. I do not think he has had any military experience but he appears to have an entree in political circles. Do you know anything about him?

Mr. Corbett has asked me to send you a copy of letter he received from Bill Millie, a pharmacy graduate and a former traveller for Burroughs Wellcome. Will you kindly treat the matter as confidential.

Mr. Corbett has a heavy agenda for his day in Ottawa but I have no doubt he will try and get in touch with you.

Yours very truly,

O.M. Hurrell
Secretary.

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Sept. 26/42.

Dear Milton:

I have intended writing to you several times since receiving the Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal of two issues ago. In that issue there was mention made that the C.Ph.A. were going after the R.C.A.F. re a better status for graduate Pharmacists - after having succeeded to some extent in dealing with the Army. This would be a very noble effort indeed and greatly appreciated by all graduates of Pharmacy who are in the R.C.A.F. Medical Services.

In the first place it might be well to explain that originally there was only the trade of 'Dispenser' in the R.C.A.F. This included graduates of a recognized University as well as those who had served their apprenticeship but had not yet attended Pharmacy. About six months ago all Graduates were re-mustered to the trade of 'Pharmacist', those who were not Graduates remained in the trade of 'Dispenser'. The maximum rank attained by a 'Dispenser' was to be Sgt. with an A grouping. No mention was made regarding a Pharmacists' maximum rank, but at that time a tentative plan was drawn up and circulated to the Medical Officers attending the School of Aviation Medicine in Toronto during May or June.

That plan, as I remember the set up is:

- 1; In a hospital of 35 beds and under, there was to be one 'Dispenser' with the rank of Sgt.
2. In a hospital of over 35 beds and up to 65 beds there was to be one 'Pharmacist' with the rank of F/Sgt.
3. In a hospital of 65 beds and up to 125 beds there was to be one 'Pharmacist' with the rank of Warrant Officer, 2nd class.
4. In a hospital of 125 beds and over there was to be a 'Pharmacist' with the rank of Warrant Officer, 1st Class.

No doubt, when the C.Ph.A. representative calls on the proper R.C.A.F. persons he will be shown these diagrams illustrating the R.C.A.F. Hospital set up. These are fine to look upon but no action has yet been taken to place them into effect. To the best of my knowledge and from inquiring from other Graduates we know of no Graduate Pharmacist above the rank of F/Sgt. in the R.C.A.F.

My personal experience, which is perhaps one of the outstanding in the R.C.A.F. is interesting and to say the least mighty annoying. I have not received a promotion for over 26 months. Several men in other trades connected with the hospital and requiring much lower standards of education, and who were not even in the service when I received my last, promotion, have either the same rank or a higher one now than I have. In other words, having entered the service as a Pharmacist has been a hindrance to promotion. After having seen candy salesmen, used car salesmen, first aid men, office boys and cheese salesmen enter the R.C.A.F. with commissions one wonders if the profession of Pharmacy has any prestige at all.

A recommendation for promotion for me has been in Ottawa since April or early May. In a reply to a letter from this station inquiring why this promotion had not come through, the following was received -

"The Airmens' Promotion Board will convene shortly when the trade of Pharmacist will be reviewed and the granting of warrant ranks considered and the above mentioned N.C.O.'s name will be placed before the board" etc. That letter arrived here about six weeks ago now. From that letter one would judge that no warrant ranks have yet been granted to our trade.

I previously mentioned that the maximum rank for a 'Dispenser' was Sgt. with an A grouping. From personal experience I am bound to believe that the maximum rank for a Pharmacist is worth exactly 30 cents a day more to the service than a 'Dispenser' (non-graduate) is. Such being the case then I believe that the different Colleges of Pharmacy across Canada should close their doors as they are taking money under false pretences, and their prestige and that of their graduates must be nil.

From the facts presented you will readily see that the C.Ph.A. and the different Drug Associations across Canada have a huge job on their hands in educating the public that Pharmacy and it's Graduates should be held on a higher plan than they are at present. As stated in a letter in a recent Journal, if the same vim were put into this enterprise as is put into one cent sales and into price cutting then Pharmacy might have a better recognition.

These statements and facts presented in this letter are for your own information and are not to be copied into the Journal nor used in any way that might have a reflection on me. You have my permission to read this to members of your committee without disclosing who it is from.

Hoping these facts may be of some use to you in your attempted work, I remain

Yours truly,

(Sgd) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~.

October 12th, 1942.

Miss O.M. Hurrell,
The Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, Inc.
100 Adelaide Street West,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Miss Hurrell:

For the Military Committee someone suggested Norman Campbell, of Ottawa. He is a captain in the reserve, but that should not interfere with his activities. He is well spoken of here. I am endeavouring to contact a party in the Air Force regarding their new establishment.

2. Brigadier Gorssline was very favourable to having druggists in all the District Medical Stores. The new Director General of Medical Services is Brigadier Chisholm of Toronto. Professor J.C. Meakins is next to him. They both should be favourably inclined towards the druggists.

(S.R. Balcom), Major,
C. i/c Central Medical Stores.

The Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, Inc.

100 Adelaide Street West

Toronto, Ontario

September 10th, 1942

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Capt. S. R. Balcom,
Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Streets,
Ottawa, Ont.,

Norman Campbell

Dear Capt. Balcom:

I was very glad to get your letter of the 3rd inst., and to learn that you had talked to Lt. Mathews.

You will be sorry to hear that our effort to line up a strong Committee on Status of Pharmacists has had a set back. Col. Curry declines to act because of other duties and shortage of help in his store. R.D. Russell of Oxford has accepted, but so far we have received no word from N.A. Farrow of Calgary. These men are both too far away from the Capital to take charge. Do you know of any druggist who would be suitable as chairman of this committee? If so, will you send in your suggestion before our Executive Meeting on the 17th.

It is most unfortunate that our work in this direction has been delayed so much, particularly when you have urged us to take action promptly. By the way, I notice that Brig. Gorssline has been appointed Inspector of Military Hospitals and that Prof. J.C. Meakins is the new Director General of Medical Services. Do you think this change is going to be an advantage to the pharmacists?

It appears that the ~~Exam~~ Extension Course to which you refer is already completed, although so far I have been unable to get a copy of the regulations, and only know the brief details given in the paper.

Have you any comment to make, or advice to give regarding the suggestion that originally emanated from N.B. that the C.Ph.A. endeavour to arrange for pharmacy students in the army to continue their studies. At the moment we are corresponding with the different Colleges of Pharmacy to see what they have to say on the subject.

I am hoping that immediately after our meeting on the 17th., we will be able to start work in earnest.

Yours truly,

O. M. Hurrell

P.S. Thanks for letter from R. McArthur, which I return herewith. O.M.H.

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Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

Oct. 12th, 1942.

J.W. Rankin, Esq.,
Onodaga Oil Co.
P.O. Box 347,
Syracuse, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Jack:

Two weeks ago I wrote you, but perhaps
the letter was lost in the mail.

I am enclosing some more notes for you to
sign. You thought that you might be able to send me
a cheque. It would be much appreciated if you could
send any amount.

Encls.

(S.R. Balcom), Major,
O. i/c Central Medical Stores.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

Oct. 12th, 1942.

James D. Walsh, Esq.,
Spring Garden Road,
South Park Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear James:

It is taken for granted you are making so much money that you do not know what to do with it. Here is a suggestion I have. Look over your showcases and pick out three or four nice prizes for me to present to the members of the bowling tournament up here. I will present them in your name, and tell them what a hell of a good fellow you are - if a tory can be that. Jim, I do not want anything expensive, nor do I want you to open up your heart too much. Dan McNeil is sending a couple along also.

If I did not know what work was before, I do now. There are no 12 hour days in this business. It is from 8 A.M. to 11 P.M. day in and day out.

Are you not going to close your store at a reasonable hour. Soon you will be unable to get merchandise, so why not prolong your business as long as possible. The staff of all Drug Stores should be given the opportunity of doing some war work, and if the stores open at 10 A.M. and close at 6.30 P.M. this would give them the opportunity of doing something for the war, which they all wish to do.

Please remember me to Rosalie, Mrs. Outerbridge, (I suppose she is still with you) and Mr. Neilly. Why not spend a little of your money and come up and visit Ottawa? You and Gordon might be senators here some day on opposite corners as you are now.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Balcom.

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Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

12th October, 1942.

Miss Patricia Balcom,
19 Cherry St.,
Halifax, N.S.

My dear Patricia:

Thank you for the money order
received a week ago. I am so glad that you have
a job and are doing so well. Just stick to it
and get experience.

We shall just consider the little
debt cancelled. If you can save any money, put it
in the bank for yourself or buy a Victory Bond. I
know you have been very good with Barbara, so some
day perhaps take over a few flowers to her.

With much love.

Your uncle.

Oct. 12th, 1942.

Family Loan Corporation Limited,
128 Roy Bldg.,
P.O. Box 395,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of the
7th instant.

I am making one last effort to
collect that money from McDonald. If he does not
pay, I will send my personal cheque to cover.

Yours truly,

(S.R. Balcom), Major,
O. i/c Central Medical Stores.

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HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

October 7th, 1942.

S. R. Balcom, Major.
R.C.A.M.C.,
Detach. 9.,
Elgin Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

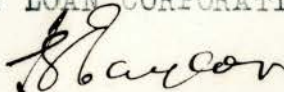
Dear Major Balcom:

Will you please write us in re
our letter of September 19th. (McDonald).

My personal congratulations
to you on your obtaining your Majority.

Yours faithfully,

FAMILY LOAN CORPORATION LIMITED.



FGT:DW.

Secretary.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 10th, 1942.

Lieutenant H.C. Reardon,
23rd Army Tank Battalion (H.C.),
Camp Borden, Ontario.

Dear Henry:

Some way or another I mislaid your
letter.

At the time I could see no way whereby
you could be transferred, but recently I understand,
that wherever possible Medical Officers are to be
relieved or assisted by those capable of handling the
job, so that there might be a possibility of you getting
in the R.C.A.M.C., if you applied. I would suggest
that you write your Officer Commanding, asking him for
consideration, so that your talents and previous training
might be used to the best advantage. Send me a copy of
your letter.

I wish you could return to college - if
it is finances that are deterring you, let me know and we
will try to arrange something for you.

Please give my best to Barbara.

Yours sincerely,

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 10th, 1942.

Divisional Registrar,
Administrative Division "E",
Transportation Building,
Montreal, Quebec.

E-143242 - Paul A. Soucy

The marginally named man of
196 St. Joseph Boulevard, Wrightville, Quebec has
enlisted in the R.C.A.M.C. and is now on duty at
Central Medical Stores, Ottawa. As he had apparently
received a notice from you, he wished you to be
notified.

(S.R. Balcom) Major,
Officer in Charge.

Ottawa, October 9th, 1942

Major Balcolm,
Central Medical Stores
Ottawa.

Sir,

When I applied for enlistment with your unit on Tuesday, you promised to notify the Division Registrar in Montreal of the date of my enlistment.

I took the oath on Thursday and reported to Sergeant-Major Patterson on Friday. I am working under sergeant Nichol.

Sir, may I take the liberty of reminding you of that promise, in the hope that it will prevent trouble with the draft board.

I have been unable to see you personally in this regard, and I do not want to let that matter go unsettled.

Private Paul A. Soucy R.C.A.M.C.
Central Medical Stores.

The address of the Division Registrar is
The Divisional Registrar
Administrative Division "E"
Transportation Building
Montreal, P. Q.

(over)

My draft number is E-143242

My address

Paul A. Sauer

196 St. Joseph Blvd.

Wrightville, Ore.

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 10th, 1942.

Willard B. Mahoney, Esq.,
21 Adelaide Street,
Saint John, N.B.

Dear Willard:-

The Journal said last week that you were not feeling your old self - it's only temporary, I hope.

What I would give to see you and Julie walk into this office. I often think of the wonderful trip we had across the continent, and how much I did enjoy really getting to know you two. If I could only remember one-tenth of the stories that you told me.

The other week I saw two of your old playmates of the "Lakeboat" - Henry Shade and Walker Whiteside. You three were good - Julie and I were an audience. Do you remember the night the woman chased you in the hotel in Victoria - Julie got mad. I could never make my wife jealous like that - never gave her the occasion.

Jim Wilson and John Hueston have been in Ottawa the last couple of days.

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Were you up at Mickey Mouse very much this summer? I haven't had a day at camp for three years. One of these days I am going down to Toronto to visit Hazel - any possible chance of the three of us blowing in on her?

Willard, if you get a moment, drop me a line.

With my very best to you and Julie.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 10th, 1942.

G.D. Scarborough, Esq.,
197 Germain Street,
Saint John, N.B.

Dear George:

Many times have I thought of
you, and as many times have I intended to write, but
always something delayed action.

I can tell you that you have been
missed on the road, although you have a darn good
substitute.

When I opened the West End Store in
1913, we spent the afternoon together. I think I had
what looked like a big order - about \$50.00. If I
remember rightly most of the day was spent telling
stories.

The good work you did with us is
having its results, for I understand the last shipment
sent from your firm was a complete carload. Were you on
the road now, they would be calling you "Carload
Scarborough".

Jim Wilson was in town and I had lunch with him along with Pete Ferguson, who used to be with your firm. Pete is now in Ottawa as Purchasing Agent with Department of Munitions and Supply. Another day I ran into Jimmie Dean who knew you very well. The old gang remember you at their meetings, and laugh at your frankness when it came to telling the General Manager off.

Foster Chittick was up to visit me, but had to get back as he is pretty busy.

Please give my best to Mrs. Scarborough, and with the best of everything to you, George.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 10th, 1942.

L.E. White, Esq.,
Armdale Pharmacy,
654 Quinpool Road,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Lou:-

Thank you for your letter and the
copies of the papers.

You must certainly have been in a
nice mess with your Store, and if you got away with
a small loss, you were very fortunate. I can hardly
picture such a rain and its results. I immediately
wondered what happened to the trout Hartlen had in the
brook up there at his house.

The other day I had a nice note from
Mr. Charman.

Are the new hours working out
satisfactorily? I do hope that the other druggists
fall in line, but I have asked Mr. Chittick not to
weaken nor be discouraged. Later on we should
endeavour to close at six o'clock.

The weather is ideal for hunting up
here now - the air is just crisp enough to make it nice
in the woods. Believe me, there is lots of game in
this country.

I many times wonder why we remain on that piece of land sticking out into the Atlantic - however, it has its virtues, hasn't it.

I am certainly glad to hear from you at any time and about what is happening to our boys.

My best to you and your staff.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

You have asked for details on the arrangements under which I rented the house prior to the Currys' occupancy.

The first time the house was rented was in the summer of 1939, (not 1940 as stated in your letter). It was rented only for two months (July and August) and the tenants were people who were recommended to us by a friend. They were stuck for accommodation. I had a room and access to the whole house at all times, use of the garage, and the garden. The only reason I wouldn't stay alone in it that summer, so soon after losing Barb. The MacIntosh's had a baby and we more or less took pity on them. The whole thing cost me more than twice the amount received in rent, because they scratched furniture, - the bills for re-decorating alone were \$130.00. They only paid \$40.00 a month because that was all they could afford. It could hardly be described as a commercial proposition.

I let Colonel Halkett have the house in the summer of 1941. He was my O.C. at Cogswell Street Hospital and at his wits end for a place to live. He and his wife were the sort of people who would take care of the furniture, garden, etc. They also gave me the privilege of retaining a room. They paid me \$75. a month. and I turned down an offer of \$125 from another Army man. Vera, of course, protested, but I wanted to do Col. Halkett a favour.

Neither of these little ventures were regarded as "renting" the house. The family was going to Hubbard's anyway and I would be spending a good deal of time there, so we felt a little selfish about keeping the house when we knew people who were hard up for accommodation. All kinds of people were after us for it at any price and we gave it to friends. When I left Halifax, Col. Hamilton would have taken the house at any price I named. He was paying \$100 ~~xxxx~~ a month for a small made-over apartment.

If Judge Smiley sees fit to reduce the rent I will have to take a loss on the thing. When the Curry's lease expires (January 15th) I shall give the house to some of my staff. There are several of them who need homes and would take care of the place. I'd rather lose money to them ~~xx~~ than to the Curry's. What's more, we have had complaints from the neighbours, as I mentioned before.

I would like to see some of our staff have the house and I am instructing Vera to give the Curry's their three month's notice on the 15th of this month. We have several on our staff hard pressed for accommodation.

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 for accommodation ~~and~~

BURCHELL, SMITH, PARKER & FOGO

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.

C. J. BURCHELL, K.C.

F. D. SMITH, K.C.

E. T. PARKER, K.C.

J. G. FOGO, K.C.

C. W. BURCHELL

CHRONICLE BUILDING

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Oct. 7th, 1942

Major S. R. Balcom,
Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sam:

I should have written you before this but my only excuse is I have been rather tied up.

I got your letter. Vera came up on Wednesday and we went into the matter and I told her that she would have to come back for the hearing. She did come back and we had a full dress hearing before Smiley, J. on Friday morning and afternoon. I got in touch with the Nova Scotia Trust Company and arranged with Geoff. Harrison to bolster up our evidence.

Curry had the assistance of McAdam, the young lawyer for the Rentals Board and he called Ferguson, their Rental officer, who gave evidence as to the rents charged for what he thought were similar accommodations, including the four properties listed in the application and mentioned in your letter. Ferguson was a little hard to handle but I think I got out of him on cross-examination that none of the properties were similar accommodations, although the Judge seemed to find difficulty in determining what is meant by similar accommodation as used in the Order-in-Council and the Order of the Wartime Prices & Trade Board.

Vera had told me that in addition to the refrigerator and Range, there were other articles leased to Curry, such as blinds, curtains, drapes, linoleum, kitchen cabinet, etc.

Vera did very well on the stand and stood her ground under cross-examination. Both she and the Real Estate man from the Trust Company said that the rental was fair and reasonable, having regard to similar accommodations.

PAGE 2 DATE Oct. 7/42 TO Major S. R. Balcom

It developed on her cross-examination that you had leased the house during the summer months in 1940 to a Minister and during the summer months in 1941 to a friend of yours in the Army. Vera said that she did not know the details of these arrangements and the Judge asked me to obtain from you a statement with respect to them. Apparently your next door neighbor must have given the Board or Curry some information in this regard, as the suggestion was that the rent for the furnished house was very much less than \$100.00. Vera mentioned that you had the right in 1940 to stay in the house and that the arrangement in 1941 was to oblige a friend of yours. You will have to however let me have full particulars in order that I may comply with the Judge's request. ✓

The fact that the house had been rented before presents some difficulties as under the Rent Control Regulations a lessor cannot lease a house or any accommodation for rent higher than the maximum rental. Maximum rental means either the rental payable on the basic date, January 2nd, 1940, or if the accommodation had never been rented before the basic date, the rental payable under the first rental agreement made after the basic date. McAdam therefore endeavoured to make the point that in any event you had no right to lease the property to Curry at a greater rent than the rent charged to the Minister. I contended that this was not the application we had to meet as the ground for the application was that the rental was higher than similar accommodations, and in any case the arrangements made were merely seasonal and did not cover the same accommodation as you had access to the property.

The Judge is awaiting receipt of the information before deciding the application and therefore you had better let me hear from you as soon as you can.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

P.S.

I did not approach Curry about buying the property, as I did not think it was any use. The Rental Regulations make it very difficult for a landlord to terminate a lease. Even a lease for a term certain, as is your lease, cannot be terminated except in certain cases. The lease under normal conditions would expire on January 15th, 1942, The tenant may be required to vacate on that date in the

following cases:

- (a) Non-payment of rent,
- (b) Improper use of the premises,
- (c) Landlord's need of the accommodation for the use of himself, his family, his dependent or his employee,
- (d) Landlord's need of vacant possession to make major structural changes,
- (e) Sale of the accommodation.

As to sale, this is hedged in by all kinds of conditions. The actual words are "that the landlord in good faith has made an agreement to sell the housing accommodation under the terms of which he has agreed to give vacant possession to the buyer and that he has delivered to the tenant an undertaking in writing signed by the buyer that such accommodation will be occupied, for a period of at least one year from the date on which the tenant is required to vacate, as a residence for the buyer or for his parent or child or for anyone habitually residing with him as a member of his family or for any person employed by him".

You can only operate under (c) (d) and (e) by giving a notice to expire at the end of the term and three months previous thereto, that is to say, if you wish to avail yourself of any of these rights you would have to give notice before the 15th of October. This means you would have to have a sale made in good faith before that date if you wish to get Curry out on the 15th of January.

The only other way to get him out is under (a) and (b) which can be done at any time if you can prove your allegations.

F.D.S.

Home
rented 1934
basic period

Write
notes for
Tanner

Tanner
McCall

AMD

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 8th, 1942.

G.E. Halpenny, Esq.,
John Wyeth and Brother, Limited,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Ernie:-

Large bodies move slowly -
you don't have to be told that, but at last I think
things are moving.

Certain ones insisted that
any man coming in must be a 2nd-Lieutenant and take
his chances for further promotion. I just said we
were not interested as I could pick up a hundred men
like that in a week. So they called me today to say
positively that the recommendation had been forwarded,
so now I am hoping for results. The R.C.A.M.C.
Director-General was and has been all for it.

Do you know P.J. Bond of
Peterborough - he sold his store to Jury-Lovell and is
now thinking of joining the Army. Would he be an
acquisition to these Stores. I have held off doing
anything about him until I knew a little more of his
history. He appears to have taken a great interest
in sports in the province - could I have your opinion
confidentially soon.

I have so much work here that
I am sunk - if I don't get help soon I will be like
Mr. F.S. Chittick.

- 2 -

Should I ask for Skinner
to come in as a Private and have him medically examined
in British Columbia - what about Angus.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 8th, 1942.

N.F. Dahl, Esq.,
Lehn and Fink (Canada) Ltd.,
9 Davies Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Dahl:-

Thank you for your letter of
October 1st.

A week ago I asked to have
Gordon Broad medically examined, with a view to
coming in the R.C.A.M.C., so I am hoping that he will
be sent to Central Medical Stores at any time.

If you are in Ottawa I would
be very pleased to see you. My telephone number is
Local -7029, and I am available at any time.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 8th, 1942.

Miss Evelyn Foster,
c/o Mrs. Lewis Morash,
East Hubbards,
Halifax County,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Evelyn:-

It was very kind and
thoughtful of you to send me a pair of socks.
They are really lovely, and I will start in
wearing them very soon. I don't know when you
mailed them, but I just received them yesterday.
Some way or other they must have been mislaid in
the mail, as the parcel was pretty well battered
about.

The family missed you and
Granny very much this summer and I know they will
look forward to getting back after the war.

Please remember me to Grandma
and again my thanks for your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 8th, 1942.

Dean H.G. Grant,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Dean Grant:-

Thank you for letter of
October 3rd, but you were wrong - the Federal Government
will never awaken. In another few years I may become
a Lt-Colonel.

Be sure and let us know as near
as possible the date on which you will be coming to
Ottawa. A meeting will be arranged, but you will have
to be prepared for fifteen minutes at least.

So far I have not seen the new
Deputy-Minister, but doubtless he has fallen in the
Ottawa River before this.

Tom is here and doing a grand
job. I am going out to his place for dinner tonight.

Tell Mrs. Corry I may be a
Major, but I am still her "Sergeant-Major".

Yours sincerely,

(S.R. Balcom)

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N. S.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 3, 1942.

Major S. R. Balcom,
Central Medical Stores,
Corner Albert & Lyon Streets,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Major:

Congratulations on your promotion. It is about twenty years late, but however it does indicate that the Federal Government are slowly awakening. I trust that it will not be more than another few weeks before I shall have to address you by the title of Colonel.

Sincerely,

Pat

Good for the "Sergeant-Major"
M. G. E.

Maritime School of Social Work

Halifax, N. S.

OPENING OF 1942-43 SESSION

AT THE

PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE, MORRIS STREET

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 1942, AT 8 P. M.

AN ADDRESS WILL BE GIVEN BY DR. GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CANADIAN WELFARE COUNCIL,
OTTAWA.

You are cordially invited to be present.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 7th, 1942.

William Wright, Esq.,
c/o Farmers Limited,
Windsor Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Bill:

I was more or less surprised to have a letter from Mr. Fraser at the bank, informing me that you have made no attempt to look after the note which I endorsed.

I am sorry that you neglected to look after this, for you must admit the bank has been very reasonable.

The inspectors at the bank are now demanding that this note be settled.

I feel that you have more or less over-looked this note, instead of neglecting it. I am sure Mr. Fraser will be reasonable with you - \$5.00 or any amount you have will satisfy him.

Mr. Fraser has a new note ready for you to sign. Will you please look after this, Bill.

I hope that young Bill and Barbara are well, and that Bill is doing as well as ever in school.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

The Royal Bank of Canada

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE MANAGER

INCORPORATED 1869

ALMON & AGRICOLA STREETS

CABLE ADDRESS "ROYALBANK"

Halifax, N.S.

September 29, 1942.

Capt, S. R. Balcom,
Ottawa.

Dear Capt. Balcom:

It is with regret that I find it necessary to write to you regarding Wm. Wright's note which you endorsed and which he will not give his attention after several letters and threatening suit.

Will you please drop him a line with some harsh words and perhaps it will have the desired effect as it is high time something was done to collect the amount and we do not wish you to have to pay it out as he is now earning good money with Farmers Limited, with whom we were in contact but who are loathe to interfere in this matter.

Yours truly,

L. G. Fraser
(L. G. FRASER)
Manager.

*P.S. I received a renewal endorsed note
but Wright has failed to come in and
sign it.*

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Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 6th, 1942.

Matron Kathryn Ross,
Halifax Military Hospital,
Cogswell Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Matron:-

Thank you for your letter of October 1st. It was very thoughtful of you to write me. I miss the old hospital, the surroundings and the personnel very much.

I do hope that you receive the appointment of Principal Matron, and your past experience should be a considered factor in making the appointment.

You have lost several of your nurses, haven't you? Simpson, Butler and Morrison had been there some time.

George Morrison will probably be in to see you, as he has been given five weeks to work on the Victory Loan. I wish I had him up here as I need him very badly.

My best to the members of the Staff, and every good wish to you.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 6th, 1942.

Dr. E. K. MacLellan,
158 South Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Kirk:

Thank you for your letter of
October 1st. - it was very nice of you to write.
I recognized the hand-writing on the envelope.

Vera and the family are
enjoying Wolfville - I doubt if they will ever move
back to Halifax. Vera was in town the day of the
big storm, and drove home through it all.

I often think of you. Jean is
such a young lady now, and I heard that she was
working. I would love to see her.

They are keeping us very busy
up here in Ottawa. It is the last place to work,
as you are right under the big guns. It is quite
different from Colonel Hogan and the old "Number
Seven".

My very best wishes to you,
your Mother, Helen and the family.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 6th, 1942.

C.D. Hopwood, Esq.,
Acadia Stores Limited,
245 Hollis Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Clyde:

Thank you for your letter of
October 2nd. It took a long time to make it, but
eventually it came through.

Business is good now to what
it will be in the not far distant future. Isn't it
going to be difficult to get merchandise. You are
fortunate to be doing business in Nova Scotia. There
is a Loblaws, a Dominion Store or an Atlantic &
Pacific Co. on every other corner. The Retail Stores
are closing up here.

We are frightfully busy in
Ottawa, with very few minutes to ourselves. It seems
strange to be working so hard for \$6.50 a day - I
used to think I was imposed on by McLeod-Balcom.

I often think of Audrey and her
baby - she certainly had a very tough break.

Is Douglas still at school?
Please give my very best to Grace.

Yours sincerely,

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 6th, 1942.

Mr. Harold Coleman,
Canadian National Express Office,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Harold:-

Thank you for your
letter H-978 and the information.

No, the lobsters have not arrived. The story is that they delivered the lobsters to the Windsor Hotel. One of the Clerks at the Hotel accepted them, thinking they were for a guest and held them, and you know lobsters don't keep. I hadn't been at the Windsor Hotel for several months, and I didn't know about the non-delivery of the parcel until Foster asked me if I had received them. Your agent may hold the receipt for them, but it's from the Windsor Hotel. This was all explained to your man here.

I suppose Dorothy is out nursing and Barbara working, David getting anxious to get into the Army and Harold, Jr., also getting the urge to join up. Mrs. Coleman must be relieved without the noisy Balcoms in the neighborhood.

My best wishes.

Yours very truly,

(Sam Balcom)

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
EXPRESS DEPARTMENT

Halifax, N. S., September 30, 1942.

OUR FILE No. H-978

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Mr. S. R. Balcom, Capt. O/C,
Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear S.R.:

24-6-7
Replying to your letter of
August 31st, reference shipment one carton address-
ed Medical Officer in Charge. Same was deliver-
ed on August 21st, signed H. S. Awalt.

I am wondering about the lobsters.
What is the story? Agent Ottawa claims he holds your
receipt for same. If you did not receive them you bet-
ter let me know because Alan Dauphinee and Foster Chittick
are very much concerned.

Yours truly,

[Handwritten signature]

HC:C

AGENT

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 6th, 1942.

Lieutenant John Rover, R.C.A.M.C.,
District Medical Stores, M.D. 11,
Kamloops, B.C.

Dear John:-

Thank you for your letter
and your congratulations - do not forget your own.

Eventually the shipping for
the Districts must be revamped. Even those above do
not appear to know what is going on at M.D. No. 11.
If I hear anything I will let you know. I hope that
the arrangements that you have out there are not going
to get things mixed up, as we are shipping to you and
also to Vancouver.

Will you indent for the number
of taps you would require for the Drums, and we will
make a Local Purchase for them. By the way, the Alcohol
Drums are worth about \$8.00 - are you sure they are now
in your charge.

There are a great number of
Winchesters and Gallons in the hands of a salvage man
in Winnipeg, and if you are actually in need of these,
why not indent and we will endeavour to get them for
you. Doubtless the Boy Scouts have cleaned up your
District.

Regarding your Requisition No. 36 - we made a Contract Demand out for that, but for some reason or other, the Department of Munitions and Supply had it cancelled.

Holder, Needle and Scissors, Bandage were shipped to you 3.10.42.

Manometer U tube are on Central Medical Stores' Contract Demand No. 7114.

Let us know any time you are not getting your supplies, so it gives us an opportunity of checking up.

To make it easier for you, we have raised Contract Demand No. 7142 to cover an Agitator with two-armed propeller and two bowls, spun-steel, 80 quart, to cost about \$210.00. The shipment of this to you should not be delayed. The big Hobart Machine in Central Medical Stores' Dispensary is useless - it throws even the heaviest ointments all over the place.

What further can we do for you?

My best wishes.

Yours very truly,

(Sam Balcom)

1 Holders Muddie Mayo Hagar
4"

NO 48

Scissors Bandage 5 1/2

NO 100

Shipped 3/12/40

Manometer "U" tubes on G. D. 7114



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ARMY

District Medical Stores Kamloops 22/9/42 194

Dear Sam:

I have neglected replying to your welcome letter, so please accept my most humble apology.

First of all, I most gladly extend to you, sincerest congratulation on your promotion. For the great effort so well known, it was the least in the way of appreciation that could have been done.

Here's hoping that further recognition for your tremendous responsibility will be realized in the future.

I have heard rumors thru Army Grape Vine System of material changes to come in MD X1. Noting from all labels addressed here, as "Central Medical Stores MD X1", does it imply that this is to be a Base Depot, supplying Dist. Medical Stores? if so that means a separate establishment? We are all in the dark here, and would appreciate lending our ears to any news affecting the D.M. Stores.

We are just getting settled in this building, but again unofficial reports are now circulating that another move for the Medical Stores is anticipated, as apparently Ordnance are moving to Kamloops and are to take over all buildings in the Fair Grounds, and in which this one is included. It's like a "Merry Go Round", we seem to be moving in circles. Let's hope that it's going to be stationary this time.

Sam our issuing is increasing by leaps and bounds, making it very hard to keep up with obtaining sufficient stores to meet the demands. This particularly affects our manufacturing. As stated in my ~~previous~~ previous letter, the D.M. Stores is in a terrible dilemma, with the deficient equipment at hand, it's getting to be next to ridiculous to carry on, and meet the situation. Can there not be something done about it? We have made futile efforts to procure some of the equipment from Ordnance, always the same reply ~~not~~ no authorization for Dist. Med Stores. There certainly has been a lack of vision, and it would facilitate the manufacturing if many of the past oversights were remedied.

We have on hand at the moment quite a number of empty Alcohol Drums. It has come to my mind that since we are unable to obtain 10 to 15 gallon enamel containers with taps, Alcohol Drums could be put to wonderful service in the Manufacturing section if taps could be procured. Do you by chance have any in Stores? These drums could be used for Stock Solutions of heavy demands. At present we are so badly handicapped that we can only manufacture sufficient in advance to fill Winchesters or Gallons available. These by the way, are next to impossible to procure any further through Salvage, as the price asked for, is prohibitive. At present we have many demands for 40 lbs and over, ~~of~~ from the Military Hospitals, in this case, ~~if~~ 5 gallon containers would be the answer, but here again there is a lack of them.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ARMY

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Looking over Requisition #36 forwarded last June, many of the items are still missing. Many demands are now on back order, the following items chiefly needed urgently,
Holders Needle Mayo Hager No.48
Manometer U Tube Spare for No.24
Scissors Bandage prs No.100
No acceptance of Tender has been received for these as yet, may be these are now at C.M.S.

How are things shaping up at C.M.S. any changes yet? Is your dream coming through, in any case I hope for your case that events will turn out to your complete satisfaction, and the next time I'm in Ottawa, your smiling face won't be adorn with greater quantity of Gray Hair, and your shoulder attained a more stooped condition. In my case it's not gray hair, its getting more bald as time goes on, and the furrows are deepening along.

Best regards to the lady friend.

May this note find you in the best of health,
Sincerely,

TO THE BELL TELEPHONE CO. OF CANADA DR.



EXCHANGE

Ottawa

TEL. NO.

A.P.

DATE

30/9/42

NAME

BALCOM S.R.

ADDRESS

159 PRIMROSE

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LOCAL SERVICE.....

3 45

LONG DISTANCE SERVICE.....

SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE.....

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BALANCE DUE ON PREVIOUS ACCOUNT.....

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P.A.M.

Piquash, Ont.
Sept 19th 18

S. R. Balcom Esq,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr Balcom:

I have been trying for some
time to answer your very kind
letter of some days ago, and for
allowing us to keep the sheep on
Oak Island. Shall I send the
money to you? We received a
wire on Saturday, saying my
son is now reported as killed in
action. Needless to say how my
heart is aching, but I must be
brave for his sake & try to carry
on & keep smiling, as he would
always say in his letters—

Very Sincerely
Theresa Mackay Macanlay
Mrs A. A.



A Social Telegram

Via
CANADIAN PACIFIC



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W. D. NEIL, General Manager of Communications, Montreal

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MAJOR S R BALCOLM
RCAMC OTTAWA 791

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GEORGE ETHEL WINTERS

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SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 22, 1942.

J.W. Rankin, Esq.,
Onondaga Oil Company,
Post Office Box-847,
Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Jack:

Did you enjoy your visit to
Ottawa - I am sure Lois and Kit had a good time.
I looked for you and even had 30 cents saved up to
spend on Lois and the old woman.

Everything is going nicely, including
the war.

My best.

Sincerely,

/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 2nd, 1942.

Miss Marjorie Smith,
25 Elm Street,
Truro, N.S.

Dear Miss Smith:

Yes, I certainly do
remember you and the pleasant days in the Store at
Oxford Street.

Next week I shall
endeavour to contact some one in the Department on
your behalf, and shall give you the results at a
later date.

Yours very truly,

(Sam Balcom)

25- Elm Street,
Truro. N.S.
24:9:42.

Maj. S. R. Balch,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Balch,

I doubt if you remember me, but when I mention Jane Segnone possibly you will remember Margie Smith - the Scots lassie who demonstrated at your stores at various times.

I am writing to see if you have any friends in the Immigration department at Ottawa.

I have been refused an exit permit because I came over here prior to the outbreak of war - and so at present I cannot get back to take care of my mother who is ill and needs me badly.

Just last week I received word
that my only brother was posted
as missing while on special duty -
and that increases my anxiety
for brother - who is now all alone.
There are plenty of jobs I can
do over home to further the war
effort and I feel that my duty
is over there.

I hold a valid British
passport and return ticket - if
there is anything at all that you
can do to help me obtain my
exit permit I would greatly
appreciate it - I find it difficult
to ask favours but I remember
how kind you were to me while
I was in Halifax - Thanking you
Yours sincerely - Marion Smith.

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 2nd, 1942.

Mr. Crawford Anderson,
116¹/₂ Windsor Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Crawford:

Thank you for your letter
of the 29th.

I have put an application
in for you to be medically examined in Halifax and
transferred to Central Medical Stores here in Ottawa,
so I am hoping you will get your call shortly.

Please give my best to the
girls in your store - I miss seeing them very much.

Yours very truly,

(Sam Balcom)

67 B

Dear Major Balcom:-

I thank you very much
for your sincere letter of sympathy.
These messages from kind friends
help to give me courage in my
great sorrow.

My husband's passing
was a terrible shock to me for it
all came so suddenly and so

quickly. I wasn't prepared for
this tragedy in our lives and the
only way to win through, is to
take one day at a time.

My husband's work that
he was privileged to do, was very near
his heart and he took great joy
in helping those who seemed to have
lost their way in life.

Thanking you and Mrs. Dalton
for your kind sympathy and words of
appreciation,
very sincerely yours,
Gertrude E. McKinley.

Sept. 24th 1942.

PA 3

68 Park Road
Dorchester 019
Sept 29/42

Dear Major Balcom:

I want to thank you very
much for your kind words of
sympathy. I am already missing Dad's
company & companionship. I sincerely
hope to see you soon and also
your family in Nova Scotia

Yours

John McKinley

P.S. I also want to take this opportunity
to congratulate you in receiving your
Majority
Jm.

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Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 1st, 1942.

Major A.W. Holmes,
Medical Inspection Officer,
c/o District Medical Stores, M.D. 2,
21 Lombard Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Major Holmes:

It took me some time to reply to your letters of September 17th and 19th, in that Mr. Packman was to let us know whether you had taken the items concerned on charge. He has now given us instructions to make a Certificate Voucher on all items you find surplus, and on which we have a shortage, so therefore there will not be any Issue Vouchers between Central Medical Stores and the Districts or hospitals, as the case may be.

While the new establishment has gone through for Central Medical Stores, we have received neither men nor officers, and we need both badly. Colonel J. has been down east for a couple of weeks. There have been no further changes since your last visit.

Did we mention that Wilson had received her Corporal stripes, dated back to June 1st.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)

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CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAM



D. E. GALLOWAY, ASSISTANT VICE-PRESIDENT, TORONTO, ONT.

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THE ANSWER IS DEFINITELY YES PLEASE FOLLOW THROUGH AND
ADVISE=

G E HALPENNY.

MEMORANDUM

Central Medical Stores,
October 8th, 1942.

A.M.D. 3

The attached letter passed
please.

(S.R. Balcom) Major,
Officer in Charge.

The Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, Inc.

100 Adelaide Street West

Toronto, Ontario

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August 19,
1942.

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Dear Captain Balcom:

We were very glad indeed to learn that you had applied for a transfer of three of the men whose names were given to you. We hope that they will prove satisfactory, in whatever position they may be placed.

At the moment I cannot recall exactly what was in your letter as I handed it to Mr. Corbett to read and he forgot to give it back to me. Unfortunately Mr. Fred Scott did not attend, and we had no representative at Quebec from B.C.

No doubt you are anxious to know what action was taken re: Status of Pharmacists in the Army. The Council decided to dismiss Col. Dunn and his Committee, and have asked the following to act as a new Committee: Lt. Col. F.C. Curry, Brockville, Chairman, N.A. Farrow, Calgary, R.D. Russell, Oxford, N.S., with power to add. We do not know yet if these men will consent to serve, but we are hoping they will, and that we will be able to make better progress during the coming year.

This morning we received a letter signed by Lt. J. Earle Matthews, and Sgt. F.G. Hopson, a copy of which I enclose. Personally, I have no idea what article in the Journal they are referring to. As they are stationed in Ottawa, I thought perhaps you might know something about them.

Yours truly,

O. M. Hurrell

Secretary.

OMH/HM
Encl.

Rideau Military Hospital.
Ottawa, Ont.
13/8/42
Dispensary.

The Editor,
The Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal,
The Pharmaceutical Publishing Co. Ltd.
Toronto, Ont.

Sir:

It is with great interest we have finished reading the July 15th edition of your fine publication but taking exception to an article therein, we are writing not to criticize but rather to implore you to omit any repetition.

The article referred to informs us of the enlistment of a druggist in the R.C.A.M.C. as a private mentioning at the same time his business ability and pharmaceutical degrees.

We are more than willing to admit that our first duty is to King and Country in spite of rank entailed but take exception to being constantly reminded our diploma from the college with the work and expense incurred entitles us to be accepted into service at the lowest rank.

Investigation will reveal we are certain the fault lies not with the Service but rather with our own pharmaceutical set up which has allowed us to become the bottom rung of the "Medical-Ladder" and we should not complain that because "They refused to sow, they cannot now reap".

It would appear the rest of the chain, Doctors, Nurses, Dentists etc. are much more valuable and commissioned accordingly. The druggist would be better advised at present to seek enlistment in the artillery or other fighting units and leave the dispensing etc to the apprentices and delivery boys since they cannot be accepted at a lesser rank than the present graduate, a private.

There are sufficient duties to keep all druggists at their profession in army laboratories, diet kitchens, dispensaries, research, manufacturing, medical stores, medical inspection, such as drug records storage of drugs and pharmaceuticals. Most of these are now filled by a percentage of non-medical personnel we understand.

As before stated we cannot reap if we do not sow and had we advertised the extent of our knowledge and a progressive committee of suitable men been appointed to "Talk Turkey" and sell our knowledge with the same vim we put on our "Two for One Sales" we might not now be standing on the dock gazing after the ship that has sailed.

A full Council meeting of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association having been held in Quebec City on August 4th and 5th, we will be looking forward to the progress made toward a better reception for the druggist entering the Armed Services.

Yours for continued success and a better understanding of Pharmacy by all.

Dispensers.

(sgn) J. Earle Matthews 2nd Lt.

(sgn) F.G. Hopson

Sgt.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,
September 3, 1942.

Miss O.M. Hurrell, Secretary,
The Canadian Pharmaceutical Association, Inc.,
100 Adelaide Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Miss Hurrell:-

Thank you for your letter of August 19. The letter you sent me by Matthews seems typical. They do not appear to understand the situation at all. Perhaps our propaganda and publicity has not been sufficient. However, I have had a talk with Matthews and he now understands the efforts you have been making in our behalf. I can say to you that we are not getting many trouble beaters in our ranks. What is the trouble? Is it that they have been behind the counter too long? So many of them do not appear to be able to grasp the fact that they are out of the little drug store and in the big things. So many of them have the idea that just because they are druggists that they should have a commission.

From the enclosed letter you will see that McArthur is happy. I had another letter from him yesterday. He is 2nd Lieut. Quarter-Master of Vernon Military Hospital.

The Halifax druggists are asking for a sixty-six hour wage. This is far too many hours. They should not be given more than fifty-six hours, and I am writing Mr. Waldruff to that effect. Every apprentice and civilian druggist should be giving a large proportion of his time to specific war work. It is rather difficult for us to claim that the pharmacist running a retail drug store is very essential to our war work.

I think you have a very strong committee looking after a status of pharmacists in the army. Will they start immediately working on the Air Force and Navy? I think something should be done at once on these two services, for one of them has an extension service in the back of their minds, and the pharmacist is not included in it. I think Mr. Powers and Mr. McDonald should be written and interviewed at once.

Yours very truly,

S.R. Balcom, Major
Officer i/c, C.M.S.

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HALIFAX, N. S.

August 12th, 1942

Captain S. R. Balcom,
Central Medical Stores,
Corner Albert & Lyon Streets,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Captain Balcom:-

Word filters down that you are swamped
with work in your Department in Ottawa.

It was very good of you to take so much
trouble about the Dependents' Allowance Board. Since
that time Jack Pembroke has been made Chairman and Dr.
Weir has gone on to something else.

When I attended the Conference in
Montreal I had a few brief conversations with Jack P.
The gist of it was, they wanted us to do their work in
Halifax, but did not want to pay the cost of it. While
in Montreal I went into the matter pretty thoroughly with
representatives from various agencies across Canada. It
was agreed that the family agency was the one which should
do the work, where there was one organized, and that it
was not the affair of the C. A. S. unless no family agency
existed. Therefore, the C. A. S. decided not to undertake
the extra work unless the D. B. T. paid for a full-time
worker and the necessary stenographic service. Miss Ogden
has resigned from the Halifax Welfare Bureau, and this
may change the whole situation.

The question I am writing about at this
time is tiresome, - you will, no doubt, develop a headache
immediately. However, the matter has been taken up by the
Canadian Welfare Council at Ottawa with Mr. Howe's Depart-
ment. The Council has a long list from across Canada, I
understand, and that in itself may spell defeat.

We wrote to Mr. Howe about six weeks ago
and a reply was received saying that the matter was under

#3 Temp. Building
Room 2111

21/8/42
Instructions
for approval
going forward
J. L. H. date
21/8/42

Captain S. R. Balcom

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consideration.

Our tires were purchased with the car in April, 1940, and we are told by Mr. Trainor that we should have new ones, as these are not safe. We have been driving as little as possible in the City, but there is no other way of doing our work in the country.

The following is a little memo re our work with soldiers' families, in case you need the information:-

August, 1942

Service to enlisted men and their dependents for the past year -

Number of families - 135

Involving adults - 228

" children - 210

Number of individuals - 438

If you are very busy forget about our tires.

Sincerely yours,

Gwendolen Lantz

Gwendolen Lantz,
Executive Secretary.

GL/M.

P.S.

I think it would be well not to take this matter up with Mr. Davidson of the Canadian Welfare Council but with the proper department dealing with tires.

S.L.

No. 21.

68 Glen Ave. August 30th 1942.

Received from

Capt. S. P. Balcom

Forty

⁰⁰
Dollars

rent for month of September

\$40.⁰⁰

100
Jean E. H. Wilson

PAB

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY
HALIFAX, N. S.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

September 4, 1942.

Captain S. R. Balcom,
Central Medical Stores,
Corner Albert & Lyon Streets,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sam:

I am glad to see that you and I agree on at least one thing. The General you have mentioned in your previous letter would not even be considered for a degree from the Medical School let alone an honorary degree from the University - you know the reason, nothing above the collar.

I am going to try and get in my annual education meeting, and if so, would like to take in Ottawa, either going or coming.

I am not a bit interested in the mechanical devices that the Upper Canadians catch fish with. You will remember quite distinctly that you and I caught twenty-nine trout one morning - I caught twenty-eight and I believe you got the other one!

Sincerely,

HGG/C.

Pat

I am ashamed to have to address
you as Capt. If the army had
any sense they would make
you at least a Colonel.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

October 1st, 1942.

Mr. Dan Campbell,
McLeod-Balcom Limited,
Kentville, N.S.

Dear Dan:

It is coming near apple season time, so get busy and send me a nice basket of apples. I would like a barrel of apples - they needn't be the very best, but a good eating apple that would be a credit to the Valley. Send them up by freight and charge them out as expense.

Are you still looking after Phyllis.

No doubt you miss Miss Ferguson. I am sure they appreciate her in Halifax.

Have you put the new hours into effect in your Store? I Hope so.

My best to Mrs. Campbell, the staff and yourself.

Sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

P.S. Do not forget Fred. Huntley.

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 30th, 1942.

Officer Commanding,
"A" Division, R.C.M.P.,
Justice Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

May a man be detailed
to investigate several petty thefts occurring at
Central Medical Stores, please.

(S.R. Balcom) Major,
Officer in Charge.

1942
From this date, Oct. 1st, you are responsible for
the stock in your Stores, as being ample to meet the
requirements for over a six month's period at least.

In other words, this will mean constant checking on
your stock with the actual stock, the ledgers, and the
C.D.'s. ^{and the amounts used over the preceding year} Under no circumstances are you to await ordering
until supplies are out or nearly out. ^H In addition you

~~are to have inserted in each ledger sheet, the ~~XXXXXX~~~~
~~stock, that has reached the danger point and at which~~
~~your stock is depleted to such an extent that you have~~
point the C.D. should be created. It is going to

take time, but it must be completed before October 31st.

This "reserve stock" must be based on actual facts and
future requirements. In addition, in the very near
future, probably the first of November, each and every
item in your stock is to receive a number, and if you have
any suggestions, re this, they will be appreciated.

This is going to mean a lot of hard work, but if these
suggestions are carried out immediately and efficiently,
they will considerably lessen the work in your department.

^{have noted}
Each item must be represented
on the ledger sheet ~~as~~ the Reserve
or minimum quantity required in stores.
~~of each and every article.~~
This Minimum ^{should} represent at least a
six, ~~more~~ and 12 months supply -
according to the item and the difficulty
obtained in procuring.
Ledger keepers will co-operate in
notifying the Q.M.S. when stock
has reached the danger point and
when goods must be ordered but
the responsibility ^{in any emergency} rests with you for
a complete stock.

IN ACCOUNT
WITH
**Scrim's
Florist**

191 Sparks Street,
OTTAWA, August 27 1942



M Captain S. R. Balcom
Central Medical Stores,

Albert & Lynn Streets

Store 2-1733
Sunday and Nights 3-3152

DATE	FLOWERS	DEBIT AMOUNT	CREDIT AMOUNT	TOTAL
Aug 21	Funeral flowers Blondeau	\$5.00		

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191 Sparks Street,
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M. Captain S. R. Balcom

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PHONES:

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Albert & Lynn Streets

TERMS:—Settlement in full each month. A carrying charge of 1% per month is
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Aug 21	Funeral Flowers Blomdeau	5 ⁰⁰		

PAID
J. H. H. H.
2642
SCRIMS

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 29th, 1942.

F.S. Chittick, Esq.,
Post Office Box-634,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Foster:

Thank you for your nice long letter of the 24th - you excelled yourself. When I heard about the awful rain you had, I thought it was just these Ontario people talking - it's nice to know we have something a little better than they have.

Actually money was saved by the new building in Debert. Neither Miss Baird nor Miss Geldert will have any difficulty getting a position in Ottawa.

The Department is hedging on the closing hours and why wouldn't they, with Waldruff the head of the retail chain heading up the committee. Stick to your guns - close and keep closed. You will have lots of complaints - I had one to-day from Mrs. Campbell - I met her on the street. She was wondering what the poor students were going to do for their breakfasts - too bad. It's the drug end that we were worrying about.

I have a letter in preparation to send Mr. Gordon. I still think fifty-six hours enough to work efficiently.

Re Bowling, for your information - the first week I was 4th highest - over 200. The next week I wasn't so good.

The lobsters haven't arrived yet, but doubtless will eventually. I must write Dan Campbell to send me up some apples.

What would you suggest in the general scheme of things - now don't tell me you would like to join the Army. Married men up to the age of forty are being called, but you are slightly passed that in years, and away passed it in strength and ambitions. If I had you up here, I would perhaps have to do a little less work. It could be arranged, mind you - so what do you say! When I hear anything in a civilian capacity, I will let you know immediately.

Angus L. is so busy keeping himself balanced on the fence, he has no time for anything. The Torys consider that he belongs to them.

You are certainly having your troubles with the help - I am afraid it's good now to what it's going to be. Your early closing hours may make some of the best clerks lean towards you.

So glad to know that Phyllis is happy - she will be a 100% and will be looking after you in your old age which, in spite of your alleged virility, is nearer than mine.

Foster, look after yourself, because we want to go places after this war. I will be farming in the Annapolis Valley, and will want you to come up on Saturday afternoon to help me shovel manure.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Thanks very much for articles sent for prizes - just received them. You did all right by little Nell. Were I to return all those I won myself, they will all go back.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 28th, 1942.

Major Harold Davenport,
Headquarters - Pacific Command,
Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Harold:

Had intended answering your letter earlier, but was trying to obtain what appears to be unavailable information.

There have been so many changes here recently, that I am afraid it will be a little while before anything in particular is done. The question of Trades Pay has been taken up, but so far without any results. It should be gone into, but I think that first we should establish a status for ourselves.

I am still sold on the Pharmacy Corps. The C.P.H.A. are now lacking a Chairman - the man they appointed, Col. Currie, was too busy to take over. I have made a suggestion. It should be someone in the vicinity of Ottawa, I think - someone with some influence.

Do you think you are going to be able to do anything for Angus and Skinner. Then there is Inrig, and, of course, many others. But haven't we lots of men who have been in the Army, who should receive first consideration.

If I hear anything, I will let you know immediately.

Yours sincerely,



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ARMY Headquarters, Pacific Command,
Van. Bks., Vancouver, B.C.,
.....September 18, 194.....

Major S. Balcom,
Officer i/c Central Medical Stores,
cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sam:

I have received letter and phone call from Mr. Angus Matheson, and also a personal visit from Mr. Skinner, both of whom are employed by John Wyeth. From their statements I gathered that there are to be changes regarding pharmacists in this District.

Seven weeks ago a recommendation was forwarded from this Headquarters asking for an establishment of a Base Depot of Medical Stores at Kamloops, B.C. To date no reply has been received on this subject. Any information you may have on the contemplated changes would be much appreciated.

The question of trades pay for commissioned pharmacists is a matter which, in my opinion, should be cleared up. It seems absurd that a Staff Sergeant druggist, on promotion to commissioned rank, should be deprived of his Group A trades pay; also, if the Medical and Dental officers are entitled to \$1 a day professionally, it seems to me that pharmacists should be entitled to the same treatment. Would be glad to know what you think of this.

A reply by return air mail on the establishment of this Base Depot here would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold Davenport

P.A. Personal

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 25th, 1942.

A.M.D. 3

Recoverable Vouchers

In May 1942, as per letter HQ-98-5-67, dated May 22nd, 1942, from Officer in Charge, Central Medical Stores, it was requested that some action be taken to eliminate or reduce the work and expense in connection with Recoverable Vouchers to the Navy and Air Force.

At present this work takes the full time of seven members of the Central Medical Stores' staff. It is considered that in the interest of economy and efficiency, suitable arrangements should be made between the Navy, Army and Air Force, whereby a certain portion of their financial quota may be set aside to cover equipment supplied by the Army to these Services. An accounting would be given, monthly or quarterly as required, to each service.

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Any extended delays in the past in the forwarding of supplies, have not been due to the Army Medical Corps. It is true that large requisitions may have been delayed one, two or three days due to inadequate staff at Central Medical Stores, but through the increased establishment just approved, such minor delays will be reduced to the very minimum. There have been delays in completing requisitions for non-expendable equipment because there was little, if any, estimation of future requirements by the Air Force. This matter has been righted, and the anticipated demands for the next eighteen months have been computed and ordered.

It should be remembered that all services depend on the Department of Munitions and Supply for their purchases, and in practically every instance where the Air Force have had to wait for non-expendable items, the delay was due to the inability of that Department to procure them on short notice, either in Canada or the United States.

R.C.A.F. units have been receiving preferred service. To simplify their work on receiving shipments and Issue Vouchers, Central Medical Stores is now listing items under the sections, numbers and nomenclature of the Air Force. Every effort has been made to see that these units receive their supplies as expeditiously as possible. The only demands receiving equal service are those for Overseas.

We feel sure that with the co-operation now existing between Central Medical Stores and the R.C.A.F., that there is no need of duplicating services already adequate. As materials have become increasingly difficult to obtain, it would seem unwise to duplicate stocks of surgical and hospital equipment in several depots across Canada.

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SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 24th, 1942.

F.D. Smith, K.C.,
Chronicle Building,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Frank:

Enclosed papers are
self-explanatory.

Is this not a matter for
Vera, as she was given Power-of-Attorney as regards
the house.

The house cost me, before
we moved into it, over \$10,500.00. In addition, I
built a garage which cost \$400.00. I put a new roof
on the house about two years ago, costing \$175.00.
It now needs painting, which will cost at least \$200.00.
The Electrolux refrigerator cost \$300.00, and the McLary
Range, I suppose, cost another \$100.00. The earth that
I had put around the house cost \$300.00.

There is no comparison with
our house and the houses noted on attached list. The
Kimball place is a \$4,000.00 house, for which you
wouldn't pay \$2,500. Its conveniences are nil. If
70 Walnut Street is the old Callahan house, it cost
about \$6,500.00 when built. If it is the White house,
I certainly wouldn't trade houses with them.

Then again Mr. Currie has had a boarder which reduces his rent. I understand, through outside sources, that the care given the house has been anything but good, and the neighbours might well like a change of tenant. I understand they do not appreciate yelling and roller-skating in the early hours of the morning.

My yearly mortgage interest is \$210.00, and the City Taxes are \$300.00 or more, the Water Rates, etc. accordingly. I think Vera pays the Water Rates for Currie.

I hardly think \$65.00 is worth renting the house for.

If Mr. Currie is not satisfied, I have suggested that Vera sell the house and invest in something in Wolfville.

Currie I understand, wishes to buy. He can have the house for \$9,000.00 - take over the mortgage of \$3,000.00 and Vera will give him the second mortgage for another \$3,000.00 at %5. Vera has been wanting to get out of the house since Barbara left us, so this might be a good opportunity of getting rid of it.

I received these papers the 22nd of September, and it is absolutely impossible for me to get away. Is it too late to give Mr. Currie warning, or should Vera have given him three months, and he three months warning to her.

wealthy landlord.

It's hell to be a

Thank you, Frank.

Yours sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

P.S. In the basement - built shower. Coal furnace with blower. The furnace room was shut-off and the basement generally made habitable as a play-room etc. The house was, in 1940, the best-looking place in that block - what it looks like now, I don't know.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 22, 1942.

Joseph MacDonald, Esq.,
MacDonald's Hotel,
Sheet Harbour,
Halifax County,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Joe:

Today I received a final notice from the Family Loan Corporation on your unpaid note. This now amounts to \$65.91. Apparently you neglected to pay anything off.

This doesn't just seem like you, Joe- is there any reason why you would not meet this obligation.

I remember at the time when I endorsed the note, that I explained I was on seventeen notes at the time, and could ill-afford to be stuck.

Could you not do something about this note, now?

Yours very truly,

(Sam Balcom)

FRANK PAYNE, PRESIDENT
D. J. WATSON, TREASURER
F. G. TAYLOR, SECRETARY

128-129 ROY BLDG.
PHONE B 6668
P. O. BOX 395

Family Loan Corporation

LIMITED

INCORPORATED N. S. COMPANIES ACT
AND BY
SPECIAL ACT LEGISLATURE OF NOVA SCOTIA
1934

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

September 19th, 1942.

S. R. Balcom, Capt.,
R.C.A.M.C.,
Detach #9,
Elgin Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Captain: Re Joseph Macdonald loan
 November 22/39, \$54.00

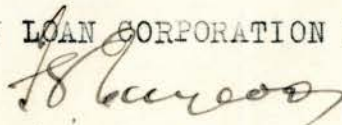
This note is still unpaid and we have failed to again contact him.

As it has been running for a very long time and is as dead (as far as he is concerned) as the proverbial ghost of Ceaser, we wish to get it off our books. There is overdue interest for a period of approximately two months short of three years and we have computed this generously at \$11.71. Total \$65.71.

Will you kindly let us have cheque for this amount?

With kind remembrances,
Yours sincerely,

FAMILY LOAN CORPORATION LIMITED,



FGT:DW.

Secretary.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 19th, 1942.

F.S. Chittick, Esq.,
Post Office Box-634,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Foster:

Two of our boys - Staff-Sergeant Dick Shaw and Staff-Sergeant Doug. Cone are on the way to Halifax, en route. They will probably call in to say Hello to you.

We have in our organization, a Bowling League, for which I wan some prizes, (I may win them all back, if I can break 100).

Open up your heart and send us along some things that might be useful to men and women. I am going to ask Dan MacNeil, Jim Walsh and Don Fry - can you do better than that?

Sincerely,

(Sam Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 30th, 1942.

Mail Clerk,
Chateau Frontenac,
Quebec, Que.

Dear Sir:

May the two letters
mailed to Miss O.M. Hurrell, Secretary, Canadian
Pharmaceutical Association, be re-addressed to
100 Adelaide Street, Toronto, Ontario.

Thanking you.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)Major,
Officer in Charge.

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Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 19th, 1942.

Miss O.M. Hurrell,
Secretary,
Canadian Pharmaceutical Association,
Chateau Frontenac,
Quebec, Que.

Dear Miss Hurrell:

In answer to your recent letter, I think I have the right man to act as Chairman of your Military Committee - Len. Coulter, Ottawa Druggist. He is an Alderman in Ottawa, and while I have not met him, every one speaks very highly of him, and I believe that he would do things.

The time is ripe now for action - there have been many changes at the Medical Headquarters, and there really is an opportunity now for a druggist being placed in the position that was recommended by the Nova Scotia Committee.

While we are in the subsidiary position to the Medicals, it is difficult to get anywhere. However, I am more firmly convinced than ever that we should have a Pharmacy Corps, and that we should immediately go to our Members and Minister.

We would service the Navy, the Army and the Air Force as is being done by the Dental Corps.

The enclosed editorial from to-day's Ottawa Journal is timely.

I can't say too much, due to my position, excepting that the time is ripe for some action.

Yours sincerely,

(S. R. Balcom) Major,
Officer in Charge.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 18th, 1942.

F.S. Chittick, Esq.,
Post Office Box - 634.
Halifax, N.S.

Intended, when writing you yesterday, to mention Victory Loan. I presume we will buy about the same as last time. I would like it divided as we did previously, and put through the same bank branch, excepting that this time, make mine increased at this end, as this is apt to be put on any time now. Will you send me the cheque for the first payment.

It is, perhaps, better not to increase the total, as the shortened hours may make a distinct reduction in sales. Mr. Waldruff has said that in the store they closed early, the sales are as good as last year. I don't see how that can be.

Winnfield leaves tomorrow for home. Be sure to give him a call to see if he is coming back, so he can talk to Rotary. Possibly Kiwanis could use him this week.

When does Miss Warren get married. Be sure and give her something nice. She has been with us a long time, and been very faithful. How would you like to be marrying something as young as that. Would you risk it?

Yours sincerely,



CANADA

THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

720 Metropolitan Building,
Toronto, Ontario,
September 16, 1942.

S. R. Balcom, Esq.,
No. 9 Detachment,
R.C.A.M.C.
Elgin Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

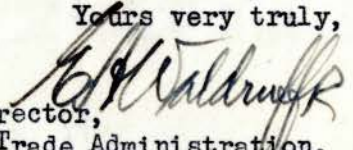
Thank you for your letter of September 3rd expressing your views respecting Drug Stores and shorter hours for sale of goods and services at retail. Simultaneous with the arrival of your letter we received a letter from Mr. F. S. Chittick, of MacLeod-Balcom Limited, Halifax, enclosing advertisements announcing schedule of shorter hours.

Many suggestions and resolutions respecting the proposed Order have been received from various Drug and Pharmaceutical Associations. We consider it very advantageous to have some of these resolutions adopted voluntarily for in this way we are in a position to know of any repercussions and to make adjustments when deemed advisable.

We adopted shorter hours for our store in Guelph, opening from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. without any loss in business compared with the same week of last year. However the same procedure may prove otherwise for stores in larger centres. We consider it advisable to experiment of our own accord in order to ascertain the advantages or disadvantages.

May we say the suggestions contained in your letter will be perused carefully. The proposed Order is still being studied by the Board and a definite decision has not been given to date.

Yours very truly,


Drug Director,
Retail Trade Administration.

E.H. Waldruff:BC.
GSR.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,
Sept. 14, 1942.

W.R.O. Bowie,
Iymans Ltd.,
P.O. Box 1050 Place D'Armes,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Will:

Some weeks ago I meet Gordon at the Chateau. He is a bright young chap and should do well wherever he is placed.

It is pretty hard right now to say with whom to get in contact. Our own branch is in a state of flux. There has been at least a dozen changes within the last two weeks and it leaves one rather wandering. Did you know Cpl. Conlolly in Halifax? He is now at Navy Headquarters, Ottawa and possibly might give some action. Did you know Jack Jenkins in Charlestown? He is now Lieut. Col. J.S. Jenkins, Elgin Bldg., Ottawa and is in charge of A.M.D. 3. It might pay to contact him for quartermaster job in a hospital. Gordons experience in a wholesale house should be valuable.

If he would like to come to Medical Stores I would ask for him although at the moment there is no prospects of promotion or commission are slim just now but you never know when they may develop. They are keeping us very busy with very little relaxation. Please let me know if there is anything more I can do or if you have any suggestions to make. You know I will be only too glad to do anything I can.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom) Major
Officer i/n C.M.S.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,
Sept. 11, 1942.

Capt. D.W. Caldwell,
O. i/c, District Medical Stores,
21 Lombard St.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear D.W.

Thank you for your note received yesterday. It was just 26 years in coming so there is hope for all of us. I was replaced on number 27 hospital by a Major and I replaced a Major in Halifax but cannot make first base myself. There is no doubt but yours will be coming through as well as several others. I hope that they are just starting.

I have been hoping to get time to write the several officers in charge of District Medical Stores so that there might be a better understanding between you and the Central Medical Stores. It is so difficult to straighten out matters through correspondence so if you are up this way soon please call in and see us.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom) Major
Officer i/c, C.M.S.

SRB/DB.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
CANADA

Dear Major.

Mr Sabourin has
brought me the good
news of your promotion.

So accept my
very heartiest
congratulations.

Best Wishes
H. W. Caldwell

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

September 17th, 1942.

G. Russell Hogg, Esq.,
Lambert Pharmacal Company,
(Canada) Limited,
245 Carlaw Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Russell:

You have, doubtless, before this,
received the sample of Triple Dye mailed you last
week.

The attached list includes a few
of the things that we make, and that might be made
by you.

What further can I do to be of
assistance?

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)

LIQUOR ANTISEPTICUS:

Acid Boric	lbs	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Acid Benzoic	ozs	3	grs. 128
Thymol	ozs	3	grs. 128
Eucalyptol	Min.	320	
Ol. Mentha			
Piperita	Min.	640	
Methyl. Salicylate	Min.	320	
Ol. Thyme	Min.	120	
Alcohol 95%	lbs	50	
Talc	lbs	4	
Aquam q.s. ad	lbs	200	

LIQUOR ANTISEPTICUS ALKALINUS:

Potassium Bicarbonate	lbs	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	
Borax	lbs	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Thymol	ozs	5	
Eucalyptol v/w	ozs	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Methyl Salicylate			
v/w	ozs	6	
Alcohol 95%	lbs	30	
Tr. Cudbear	lbs	9	
Glycerin v/w	lbs	72	
Talc	lbs	6	
Aquam q.s. ad	lbs	600	

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 Ung. Galli cum Opio
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THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

Name

Capt. S. R. Balcom



Address

*National Defence
(No. 9 Det. Prison)*

29 July 19*42*

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OF *One* DOLLARS \$

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AS A *For Russian Medical Aid* TO THE SOCIETY

Ottawa Branch

Per *[Signature]*

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 29, 1942.

Dean H.G. Grant,
Dalhousie Health Club,
Morris Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Pat:-

Sometime ago, you will recall, I wrote suggesting that a certain General be considered for an Honorary Degree. I have changed my mind - I have been fooled. I thought women were the only ones who could fool me, but now I find I am open on all sides.

I doubt if this party could run the West End Store successfully. So please forget my request.

We have been hoping that you would be visiting Ottawa, as we want to show you some of the devices the fisherman use to catch fish. They cast with an imitation whale on the end of the line - it weighs at least two to four ounces - two, three or four inches long, and has attached four, six, eight or ten hooks. Even I have never resorted to such tactics.

School will soon be open. I hope you have another successful year.

Sincerely,

Miss. Merkle

MemorandumDepartment of National Defence
- A r m y -To Officer i/c C.M.S.H.Q. 650-M-1265 (Meds)Ottawa, 20th August, 1942Miss Eileen Merkley

Having reference to your memo of 17th August, 1942, regarding the regrading of the marginally named typist at present employed at Central Medical Stores, information has now been received that approval has been granted by the Civil Service Commission for Miss Merkley to be regraded as a typist, Grade 1A, and action has been taken accordingly to effect this change in status.

J. C. Luscombe
(J.C. Luscombe) Major,
Officer Commanding,
N.D.H.Q. Company.

Central Medical Stores,

August 29, 1942.

A.M.D. 3

Miss Eileen Merkley

Reference H.Q. 650-M-1265 (Meds)
dated 20.8.42.

It would appear that is was not understood that Miss Merkley has been a typist in the employ of the government for almost three years. It would, therefore, seem that the marginally noted typist should be entitled to her Grade Two, same to be back-dated.

Miss Merkley is doing very important work in attending to Movement Control correspondence, which in itself calls for care and detail, and in addition is typing and surveying Contract Demands, Ordnance and Engineer Indents, and doing general correspondence.

May this be passed for further consideration, please.

(S. R. Balcom) Captain,
Officer in Charge.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 29, 1942.

F.S. Chittick, Esq.,
Post Office Box -634,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Foster:-

The attached letter is
self-explanatory.

I have not only gone stale
on this proposition, but cold. It would not be any
good unless it were a real bargain. His prescriptions
are worth next to nothing - he probably has some old
stock, and his location is not the best. Any one of
the latter two is enough to discourage any one.

Have expected to hear from
you, but not a bloody word.

Are you looking after the
women in Halifax. I tried that but was unsuccessful,
so if I couldn't do it, how do you expect to.

Sincerely,

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 29, 1942.

C. Wray Townshend, B.A., LL.B.,
Windsor, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter
of August 14th, 1942.

We were very much interested
in Windsor, but due to conditions and the uncertainty
of things, we have become somewhat cold on the
proposition.

I am tied up here in Ottawa,
and while my furlough is overdue some months, it looks
as though I will not have the opportunity of visiting
Nova Scotia for some time.

I have passed your letter on
to my partner, Chittick, and asked him to get in touch
with you.

Yours very truly,

(Sam B. Balcom)

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 29, 1942.

Mrs. Florence Macauley,
Pugwash, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mrs. Macauley:

Your letter of August 17
received.

I am indeed very sorry to hear that your son has been reported as missing. It seems such a shame that the youth of the country must be lost to us. You Mothers are really doing the suffering. I hope that Alex remains on this side of the water. You have a very fine boy there.

As regards the sheep - I am glad you put them on the Island, and if it is worth anything to you, you may pay accordingly - two, five or six dollars, or what ever you think its worth. The Island belongs to the estate, and it has been nothing but a bill of expense to us.

With every good wish and the hope that you will receive some good word from England.

Sincerely,

(S. R. Balcom)

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Piquash N.S.
Aug 17th - 142

Mr S. R. Balson
Halifax N.S.

Dear Mr Balson:

I trust you will pardon my
Seemingly presumption in writing
you at this time, but I will try
to explain the position I am in -
We bought a flock of 75-sheep a few
weeks ago & the man delivered them
before we expected or were ready -
Alex was home from St John's on
leave & he called you, to find
out if we could put them on
Oak Island, but they said you
were in Ottawa, & he left word

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to have you call him on your
return, a few days after we got
word that my son in the Airforce
in England is reported missing, so
I was in bed for a week & Alex got
an extension of a few days, but
just stayed sick - now we put the
sheep in one of our own pastures but
they kept getting out, so Saturday I
told Donald (my son) to take them to
Oak Island - now will you please
let me know how much you will
charge me & if you will allow him
to keep them there a couple of months.
Donald said when he took them
down the hay had not been cut. Mr
Macaulay & Mr Ed Balcom were
such friends I do not feel I
am writing to a stranger & then

I have heard a lot speak of you
so often. Please introduce me to
Agnes - & I trust you will
understand, altho I have not
made my self very clear and
afraid - Thanking you -

Very Sincerely Yours
Florence Mackay Macaulay
Mrs G.F.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 29, 1942.

Matron Louise McDonald,
Halifax Military Hospital,
Cosgrove Street,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Matron:

No less than four of your pictures did I receive through the mail, and three of them just in the envelope without signature or other markings. They must have known my feeling for you, and certainly I can't now go back to Cogswell Street. It was one of my best anticipations to drop in there and say Hello to you.

You will be missed by Officers, Nursing Sisters and the men, for the latter appreciated you as much as anyone.

For your service, you should welcome respite from military duties. Enjoy yourself. You have done a splendid job.

My very best regards to you and the Staff.

Sincerely,

(Sam R. Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts ,

August 29, 1942.

Mr. Arthur B. Balcom,
Woolaston, Mass.

Dear Arthur:-

I was very pleased to have your letter the other day, but very sorry to hear that your Father is not well. Puzzles me to know what to do about him - I would like to help, but as you know, we cannot send money out of Canada. Will you write me further particulars.

How capable is he of working now. Would he be better to be taken home - there is nothing much for him to do there of course, but if he is able to work, I might be able to find him something. I would certainly be glad to do anything I can.

Last year I sent him a cheque to sign, as I did the year before, which he ignored. These cheques are for Taxes on Cumberland County. I paid them myself, but don't feel like continuing to do so. He signs these cheques with your Uncle Jack. If they are around, would you have them returned. Mr Keating from the office, will be forwarding one for this year's taxes, part of which I have paid for myself.

It is too bad that there are no farmers in our family, for there is a lovely farm going to waste in Wallace.

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It was lovely for your
Mother to have a trip - she deserved it, for she has
been a very wonderful Mother.

So glad to hear that Doris
is well, and the children are doing so well in school.

Sincerely,

/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 29, 1942.

G.E. Halpenny, Esq.,
John Wyeth & Brothers Company, Ltd.,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Ernest-

Thanks for your wire.

I followed through on this -
have had an interview and have written a letter giving
further particulars, and off-the-record, I have been
assured that my wishes to this will be granted.

If the assurance is worth what
I think it is, then you will be asked to report within
the next month.

I have written Skinner through
your office.

Yours very truly,

(Sam R. Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.

August 29, 1942.

Dean G.A. Burbidge,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Dean Burbidge -

Thank you for your letter
of August 9th, 1942, re representing Dalhousie
University on the Board of Trustees.

I appreciate the honour,
and I am pleased to continue.

Sincerely,

(S.R. Balcom) Captain,
Officer in Charge.

Maritime College of Pharmacy

IN AFFILIATION WITH

Dalhousie University

MEDICAL SCIENCES BUILDING, COLLEGE STREET
HALIFAX, N. S.

August 19, 1942.

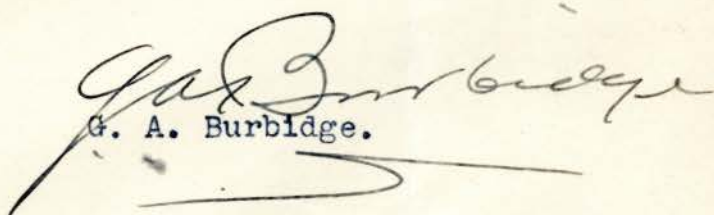
Captain S. R. Balcom,
#9 Detachment R.C.A.M.C.,
Elgin Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Captain Balcom:

President Stanley has asked me to inform you that your appointment as a representative of Dalhousie University on the Board of Trustees of this College has been re-affirmed; and it is his request and that of the Committee of the University Board of Governors that you consent to continue as such. The President believes you are doing good work for Pharmacy at Ottawa.

I need not add that it will greatly please the Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society Council and College Faculty as well, if you will consent.

Sincerely yours,


G. A. Burbidge.

GAB/BS.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 25, 1942.

Mr. F.S. Chittick,
Post Office Box - 634,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Foster:-

Thought to hear from you before that
you had instituted the early closing.

Times are so serious and becoming so
much more so every day, that everything has to be done
to conserve man-power and goods. Time is not far
distant when there will be a severe curtailment.
Show the way - do not have to have the government force
us.

This morning I went down to breakfast
at eight o'clock. The sign in Murray's window - "open
only from 11 A.M. to 9 P.M. Other stores here are
cutting down their hours accordingly.

You are doing well in your liabilities,
but Oxford St. store and Debert are certainly not doing
anything to help. I should say there was something
rotten in Denmark in both cases.

In the case of Debert, their drug sales
are ridiculously low and their deposits on the fountain
certainly show there is something wrong. Have you
McLeod up there now? In any case, I think you should
take a day off - it will be a change for you - and go
up and see what is going on, or give one of your boys
a break- Hardwick, Nicks or Butts. Why, they owe the
Atlantic Drug \$2,800.00, and their deposits have
certainly not been in proportion.

As regards Oxford St. store, unless there is some explanation, I consider Jack's showing disgraceful. Imagine a loss in sales at this store- the best appointed store we have. Why, Richmond, open just three or four months did \$300.00 more business and the overheads are not similar. It means one of two things, and one being that they are not giving the service to the public. I am certainly disappointed in Jack.

Best of everything.

Sincerely,

SRB/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 25, 1942.

Registrar,
McGill University,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Sir:

As Mrs. Corsi is in
Montreal, Mrs. James will know her address.

Mrs. James is the wife of
the President of your University.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)
Captain.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 25, 1942.

Mr. C.E. Keating,
Post Office Box-634,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Keating:

Comparison returned, also
Income Tax Form and Victory Loan.

I made some comments to
Mr. Chittick on Oxford and Debert, which I think on
the face of it, called for some drastic action.

If that is all the business
Oxford can do now, in prosperous times, what will it
be like after these thousands of surplus people leave
Halifax - and mark my words, just as soon as this war
is over, the people will rush from there.

I signed the T.D. 1 Form.
You know the history as well as I do. I pay seven
per-cent on the \$3000.00 mortgage. Am paying \$50.00
a month (you receive the receipts at the office, you
know) on two, ten-thousand North American Life
Insurance Policies. What else is there that would
constitute for savings.

That \$50.00 on the old income
tax account was old tax from away back, charged to me,
and, which I thought was all cleared up by the
McLeod-Balcom Company, as it was to be paid by
McLeod-Balcom, so you might as well start in paying
\$50.00 a month and mark it on your account, so that
Mr. Kent will know.

I would suggest that you find some way of reducing my income tax, and that of the firm. We do not want a repetition of last year. This should be done before it gets into Croils' hands, for it is too late then. Last year, they took away what we had endeavoured to accumulate over several years.

Retail Stores are closing here, and you can see a great increase in vacant stores in the last several months. Other severe cuts are being made in the hours that retail stores remain open, and we should do something before we are forced to.

With every good wish to you
and Mrs. Keating.

Sincerely,

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 24, 1942.

Ernest Halpenny Esq.,
John Wyeth & Brother (Canada) Ltd.,
Windsor, Ontario.

Dear Ernie:

When we were talking the other day, were you serious about joining up if you could receive a Captaincy.

I went a little further on this and have been more or less answered, that if someone such as yourself came in, that provision could be made. So think it over.

There is always a chance for a slip-up, but if I am successful in wangling - thats not the word, procuring is better - the recognition due such as you, would you accept?

My best.

Sincerely,

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 19, 1942.

Mrs. Edward Corsi,
Mount Royal Hotel,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Em:

My writing being so poor, I
thought I had better type this.

Every day I have been expecting
a call from you. I wired John in New York before you
left, and then I received your post card. I also wrote
the Mount Royal Hotel, so there is another letter there
for you.

We are looking for you to spend
several days in Ottawa before your return. We have no
entanglements or other alliances - the whole twenty-
four hours of every day are mine for you.

As an after-thought, I am going
to send a copy of this in care of Mrs. James.

Much love.

D R A F T

confederation Building
E.M. Little, Esq.,
Director,
War-time Bureau of Technical
Personnel
Ottawa, Ontario.

It was understood by us that a man could not be enticed to leave his position for an identical one, and be given an increase in salary. We are prevented from increasing an employees salary unless we give him a better ~~salary~~. *position*

Henry Barkhouse, a certified drug clerk of Nova Scotia, in our employe, and receiving thirty-five dollars per week, was induced to leave his position for one with Jeffrey Stevens, Retail Druggist of Dartmouth, N.S. We understand that he is receiving an increase of ten dollars per week. A certified drug clerk in Nova Scotia cannot operate a drug store, and Mr. Barkhouse was in as high a position with us, as is possible for a drug clerk to be ~~legim~~ legitimately, according to our Pharmacy Act. *that*

It would appear only fair ~~for~~ those who have ~~seen~~ fit to enlist, along with the merchant or employer, ~~whould be~~ given some protection.

It may be stated, that 45 per week, which it is understood Mr. Stevens is paying Barkhouse, is 15 to 20 dallars above the price ceiling of certified drug clerks

in Nova Scotia.

The average certified drug clerk in Nova Scotia is not receiving more than 20 per week.

Does not your legislature cover instances as cited above.

P.A.
Personnel

Exhibition Barracks.
No 2 District Depot.
Toronto
Aug. 11th, 1942.

Capt. S. R. Balcom.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your advice I am now enrolled as a trainee at the above address. I have informed the authorities that I am only awaiting the call from you to turn active and that you have given me to understand that (under normal circumstances) my transfer will arrive in the near future.

I also desire to thank you very much indeed for all you have already done for me and am eagerly awaiting my transfer so that I may have the opportunity of serving under your guidance.

I remain.

Sincerely yours.

Gordon E. Pronger.

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R. C. A. M. C.

R. Wing

8 Coy.

Reserve

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 17, 1942.

Mr. Earl I. Rodgers,
Bank of Nova Scotia,
St. Catherine Street,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Earl:-

Just for that I'll type this letter. Did you know that I got a prize once for Spelling and Writing - I might add, though, that it was in Grade Three.

I have been intending to get up to see you, but for a change they have me working.

You know these youngsters dislike our referring to the time when they were kids, but to think that Joyce is working and a B.Sc. It is a long time since she said "Go way, French, your bret is dredical".

Vera and the children love Wolfville, and I doubt if they ever will wish to return to Halifax. I shall grow a beard myself - and retire there.

So Franklin has been moved to Montreal. He is a bright young chap and takes an active interest in things in Halifax.

I will look you up one of these week-ends - providing you have Phoebe available.

Yours sincerely,

Central Medical Stores,
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August 17, 1942.

Secretary,
Laurentian Club Incorporated,
233 Metcalfe Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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LAURENTIAN CLUB INCORPORATED

April 10, 1942.

NOTICE RE CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION

The Board of Directors recently reclassified the several types of membership in the Club, as follows:

As and from April 1, 1942, the membership classification is to be determined as follows,

1. Honorary members. - Elected by the Board and confirmed by the shareholders at the annual meeting. No dues are payable by this class.
2. Retired members. - Elected by the Board. No Club privileges permitted. Annual fee \$5.00.
3. Ordinary members. - Passed by the Board. Voted for by members. Annual fee \$60.00. Initiation \$100.00.
4. Out of town members- Passed by the Board. Voted for by members. Annual fee \$15.00 a year. No initiation fee.
5. Active Service members -Passed by the Board. Voted for by members. (See definition below) \$60.00 a year, payable in advance.

To qualify for an active service membership, the applicant must be:

- (a) a member of the Canadian Active Service Forces residing in Ottawa, or
- (b) engaged in special war time Government position in Ottawa.

Active Service members will be required to pay the fee of \$60.00 or pro-rata portion thereof in advance with their application.

In the event of an Active Service member retiring from membership because he ceases to be a resident of Ottawa, he may be granted a refund for the unused portion of his fees, provided an application for such is made in writing. Such refund shall be limited to an amount of \$5. for each complete month for the balance of the year during which the membership is cancelled.

It was further resolved that all other classes of membership not defined herein and presently existing shall be terminated as of April 30, 1942, after which such other class of member may apply for transfer into the appropriate class i.e., Ordinary, Out of town, or Active Service member as the case may be, and that in the meantime no further applications for such other classes will be accepted.

The Directors hope you will avail yourself of this opportunity to maintain your Association with the Club, and in order that they may ascertain your wishes and determine the limit of accommodation available in the new quarters, it would be appreciated if you would advise us in writing before April 30th next.

By Order of the Board.

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 15, 1942.

Mr. F. S. Chittick,
Post Office Box - 634,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Foster:

Doubtless you are all settled down to regular routine after your days of dissipation in the Capital.

There is a Flight-Lieutenant Robert Langille who left last night for the "Y" Depot, Halifax. He is on his way overseas. If he does not give you a call, will you call him and take him out to lunch, and show him Halifax from Citadel Hill, and Water Street from Water Street.

We are still on the go up here, but enjoying it - not knowing any better.

Remember the first of September - we are not paying more than five or six thousand dollars income tax. Keating can fix this up, and personally yours and mine can be reduced as well. I do not even feel the necessity of making a temporary loan as you suggested. Arrangements should be made right in our own office.

I hope Phyllis is coming along and is happy.

Yours sincerely,

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Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 11, 1942.

Mr. H.G. Nicks,
Cor. Robie Street & Spring Garden Road,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Nicks:

Please fix up the attached note.
I think this should be a demand, as this renewal is a
nuisance.

I am hungry for some more of
your chocolates - poor as they are now. Will you please
express to me, and charge in your petty store ledger,
the following:

Three, One pound boxes of Moirs
A few nut bars
A bottle of some kind of After-Shave,
say Italian Balm
1/2 dozen Bottles of Toilet Water - like
Lentheric
A few small packages of cigarettes
Anything else you think I might like.

I hope that the announcement that
Mr. Chittick (confidential) is going to make, will please
the staff. It will give you more time for those bad boys
of yours. That's what boys should be - I always regretted
that I was so good myself, when young. Perhaps I'd
better not go further.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 11, 1942.

Captain D. W. Caldwell,
Officer in Charge,
District Medical Stores, M.D. 2,
21 Lombard Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Thank you for your letter of
the 4th instant and the wish expressed in it.

Since speaking to Mr. Sabourin, we
have taken on several druggists which fills us up fairly well
as far as they are concerned.

We will require accountants and other
recruits, but up to to-day, our new establishment had not been
approved, although I was told on Saturday that it had gone
through. We need the latter in the worst way, for we find that
a girl who has been doing kitchen work does not make a very
good ledger keeper, and as to her other qualifications, must
be able to add above one thousand and subtract seven thousand
from seven hundred and ten thousand and not leave seventy-one
thousand - if you understand me.

Speaking of Majorities - what about
your own? In the shuffle, see that you are not left out.

We are in the wrong Corps. There are
young men in Halifax who joined up as 2nd Lieutenants, after I
did, and are still in Halifax, some in the Provost Corps, others
as Sports Officers and such important positions, and who are now
Majors and Lt.-Colonels. Too bad we are not policemen.

With every good personal wish.

(S. R. Balcom) Captain.



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ARMY

District Medical Stores,
21 Lombard Street,
TORONTO, Ontario. 4th August 1942.

Captain S.R. Balcom,
Officer i/c,
Central Medical Stores,
Albert & Lyon Streets,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Captain Balcom;

Mr. Sabourin has informed me that you have need of a few graduate pharmacists, and possibly some accountants in your department. If you would care to advise me as to what I might offer these pharmacists by way of future possible advancement, I am sure that I can direct some very good men to you.

As a matter of fact, we have a number of the above mentioned dropping in daily of "A" or "B" Category who are desirous of getting in the Army in almost any capacity.

Very best personal wishes. (How about your Majority?)

Yours truly,

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Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 11, 1942.

Mr. Colin H. Keating,
Post Office Box-634,
Halifax, N.S.

By this time Mr. Chittick is
back at work, knocking them cold, I presume, in his
usual blase manner. Thats what he did up here too.

Will you please deposit enclosed
money orders in the usual way.

I have not heard from you regarding
the various payments you were making and other things.
Please understand that my Income Tax is not to be large
this year - you can make out of that what you will.

I know that you will be very sorry
to lose Miss Warren, as I have been to hear that she is
going. Please see that she gets a wedding gift to
equal in part her many years of loyalty to you and the
firm.

Yours very truly,

(S.R. Balcom)

/EM

Central Medical Stores,
Cor. Albert & Lyon Sts.,

August 11, 1942.

Mr. F.H. Keating,
44 Cobourg Road,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Mr. Keating:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in returning our business comparison to me. It is the only contact I now have with my business, so it would have been quite a loss to me.

I see you are enjoying a holiday in Maders Cove - what a lovely place it is.

Again my thanks, and with every hope that you and Mrs. Keating are enjoying the best of health.

Yours very truly,

(S. R. Balcom)