

Halifax, N.S.,  
December 18th, 1920.

G.A. Bell, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister, Rlys. & Canals,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

In October 1915, under provisions contained in Can. Govt. Railway Circular No. 16, dated Moncton, N.B. Oct. 30-1914, we made application for leave of absence with pay while engaged on Military Service Overseas. Our application was granted and we took the oath of attestation at Halifax, November 4th, 1915.

On November 14, 1915, we received Can. Govt. Railway Circular No. 26, dated Moncton, N.B. Nov. 8, 1915, together with new forms to fill in re dependants and etc.

These forms we filled in under protest pointing out that we had enlisted for Military Service under provisions contained in Circular No. 16, and that those conditions alone should govern our case.

At Shorncliffe, England, on February 14, 1916, three months after our enlistment, we received a letter from Mr. Gutelius, then General Manager, Can. Govt. Railways at Moncton, N.B. in which he stated that the matter of receiving our salaries while on Military Service Overseas had been referred to Officials at Ottawa for consideration and they had declined payment of same; he further stated that the salary feature was therefore eliminated, and suggested we apply for leave of absence without salary, and gave some assurance same would be granted, and that we would be reinstated in our positions on our return.

In the course of time we furnished the Railway Department through Mr. F.W. Robertson, who was then Act. Supt. of Dining and Sleeping Car Service at Halifax, the names of several railway employees who enlisted when and where we did, and who were receiving their full salaries from the Railway in addition to their Military pay.

We returned from Overseas on April 23, 1919, and some time after we received Cheques covering the difference in our salaries between Military and Railway Pay. While grateful indeed for this we nevertheless could not accept it as a final settlement of our claim, as it in no wise fulfilled the agreement under which we enlisted.

We have before us as we write a copy of a letter bearing date March 4, 1916, and written by an Official of the Railway at Moncton, in which statements are made in regard to our enlistment which do not form contact with the truth, and this with other incidents brought to our notice, confirms us in our belief that our appeal to the Railway to fulfill its contract by carrying out Circular No. 16, as publicly circulated and interpreted, was never presented to any Official of the Railway at Ottawa for consideration, with a true statement of conditions under which we enlisted for Military Service Overseas.

We now take the liberty of presenting our claim to you, which briefly stated is this:- That conditions embodied in Circular No. 16, be adhered to, and that we receive our full Railway Salary for the time we were engaged on Military Service Overseas.

We trust you will give this matter due consideration and favour us with a reply at your earliest convenience.

Attached please find copies of Circulars Nos. 16 and 26.

Address reply to D.J.Strachan, Sleeping and Dining Car Department, C.N. Rys., Halifax, N. S.

Yours respectively and respectfully,

(Sgd) A.R.McPherson,

W.G.Jenkins.

G.E.Edgar.

W.J.Parkhill.

D.J.Strachan.

C O P Y.

28 South Street,  
Halifax, N. S.

I certify that, Mr.D.J.Strachan, of the Sleeping and Dining Car Department of the C.G.R., who enlisted in No.7 Stationary Hospital in November 1915, acquitted himself with distinction and gave every satisfaction while with me in England and France.

The experience he had acquired in his department of Railway Service was of great value in the management of the kitchens and messrooms of the Hospital.

(Sgd) John Stewart,  
Colonel C.A.M.C.,  
No.7 Stationary Hospital.

Dec. 18,1920.

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28 South Street,  
Halifax, N. S.

I certify that, Mr.W.J.Parkhill of the Sleeping and Dining Car Department of the C.G.R., who enlisted in No. 7 Stationary Hospital in November 1915, acquitted himself with distinction and gave every satisfaction while with me in England and France.

The experience he had acquired in his department of Railway Service was of great value in the management of the kitchens and messrooms of the Hospital.

(Sgd) John Stewart,  
Colonel C.A.M.C.,

No. 7 Stationary Hospital.

Dec. 18, 1920.

C O P Y.

28 South Street,  
Halifax, N. S.

I certify that, Mr.A.R.McPherson, of the Sleeping and Dining Car Department of the C.G.R., who enlisted in No. 7 Stationary Hospital in November 1915, acquitted himself with distinction and gave every satisfaction while with me in England and France.

The experience he had acquired in his department of Railway Service was of great value in the management of the kitchens and messrooms of the Hospital.

(Sgd) John Stewart,  
Colonel C.A.M.C.,  
No. 7 Stationary Hospital.

Dec. 18, 1920.

C O P Y.

28 South Street,  
Halifax, N. S.

I certify that, Mr. George E. Edgar, who enlisted in No. 7 Stationary Hospital in November 1915, coming from the Sleeping and Dining Car Department C.G.R., acquitted himself with distinction and gave every satisfaction while with me in England and France.

The experience he had acquired in his department of Railway Service was of great value in the management of the kitchens and messrooms of the Hospital.

(Sgd) John Stewart,  
Colonel C.A.M.C.,

No. 7 Stationary Hospital.

Dec. 18-1920.

C O P Y.

28 South Street,  
Halifax, N.S.,

I, certify that Mr.W.G.Jenkins, of the Sleeping and Dining Car Department of the C.G.R., who enlisted in No. 7 Stationary Hospital in November,1915, acquitted himself with distinction and gave every satisfaction while with me in England and France.

The experience he had acquired in his Department of Railway Service was of great value in the management of the kitchens and messrooms of the Hospital.

(Sgd) John Stewart,  
Colonel. C.A.M.C.  
No.7 Stationary Hospital.

December 18, 1920.

COPY

Halifax, Nova Scotia,

20th December, 1920.

This to certify that Cpl. W. Parkhill served with 7th Stationary Hospital, C. A. M. C., C. E. F., in Canada, France and England from the time of its formation October, 1915, until its demobilization in May, 1919.

During this time Cpl. W. Parkhill was employed in my Department and I always found him sober, diligent, and willing to carry on any duty I called on him to perform.

Signed / W. Taylor

Captain & Quartermaster C.A.M.C., C.E.F.,

7th Stationary Hospital,

Dalhousie Unit.



CO P Y.

Halifax, Nova Scotia,

20th. December, 1920.

This is to certify that Corp.D.Strachan served with 7th. Stationary Hospital, C.A.M.C., C.E.F., in Canada, England and France, from the time of its formation, October 1915, until its demobilization in May 1919.

Duringthat time Corp.Strachan was employed in my Department, and I always found him sober, diligent and willing to carry on any duty I called on him to perform.

(Sgd) W.Taylor,  
(Late) Captain & Quartermaster, C.A.M.C., C.E.F.  
7th. Stationary Hospital,  
Dalhousie Unit.

C O P Y.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

This is to certify that Ex.Corp.Parkhill, W.J. #522080, enlisted with No. 7 Canadian Stationary Hospital, in November, 1915. He proceeded overseas on January 1st, 1916, and served in England until June 1916. His service in France was from that date until March 1919, when he proceeded to England en route to Canada for demobilization. He was demobilized on April 24, 1919.

During Corp. Parkhill's long service with the Unit which I had the honour to command, his services were in every way most satisfactory. As Corporal Cook I felt that in having Parkhill, I and my unit were most fortunate and not a little of the success of the unit especially the happy relations that always existed between the staff and the patients were due to the skill, devotion and hard work of the cooking department, and Corp. Parkhill as second cook was always on the job.

During his long service, his conduct was exemplary and on his conduct sheet there was never a black mark.

It gives me much pleasure in handing him this testimonial.

(Sgd) E.V.Hogan, Lt-Colonel.

Lt.C.O.C.No. 7 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

Halifax, N. S.,

December 28/1920.

C O P Y.

Halifax, N.S., December 30th., 1920.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:-

This is to Certify that Ex.Corp. D.J.Strachan, enlisted in No.7, Canadian Stationary Hospital, C.E.F., on November 4, 1915, and served continuously with the Unit in England and France until his return to Canada for demobilization April 23rd., 1919.

During Corp.Strachan's long service with the Unit, he gave every satisfaction as an N.C.O. and his former training in the Sleeping and Dining Car Dpt.were most invaluable in helping to carry on the work of the Unit.

As N.C.O: in Charge of the linen and other stores, Corp. Strachan gave every satisfaction as his work was highly commended by his immediate superior officer the Quartermaster. If the Unit should again be mobilized for war, I only trust that if I have the honour to command, that Corp. Strachan's services may again be available.

(Sgd) E.V.Hogan, Lt-Col. .

Late O.C. No.7. Can. Stationary Hospital.

C O P Y.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: /

This is to certify that Ex.Lieut. G.E.Edgar, enlisted as a private in No. 7. Canadian Stationary Hospital, on November 4/1915. On January 1st.1916, he proceeded overseas with the Unit, serving in England until June 1916, when he proceeded to France. He served with the Unit in France for eleven months being employed in the Quartermaster's Department and being promoted Corporal for general efficiency.

In March 1917, Corp.Edgar volunteered for the combatant service and was transferred to the Royal Canadian Regt. in the front line. At the end of April, 1917, he was transferred to England to take a course and qualify as an Officer. July 1st, 1917, Corp.Edgar received his Commission as a Lieutenant and was attached to the 17th. Reserve. Mr.Edgar was taken ill and after two months in hospital was in December 1917, invalided to Canada.

On arrival in Canada after a Medical Board, Mr.Edgar was attached for duty with the transport department and served with them as a Conducting Officer until the Armistice.

After the Armistice he was appointed as Assistant Military Landing Officer and served in that capacity until he was demobilized October 27, 1919 after a total service of four years.

As a private and corporal in No.7 Canadian Stationary Hospital, Mr.Edgar's record was beyond reproach so that I had no hesitation in strongly recommending him for a commission.

After obtaining his Commission, his work especially after his return to Canada has been most favourably spoken of so that

I consider him a credit to the Unit which I had the  
honour to Command.

(Sgd) E.V.Hogan, Lt-Colonel,

Late O.C.No. 7 Canadian Stationary Hospital.

Halifax, December 30/1920.

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To whom it may concern:

This is to certify 2nd Lieut. Archibald MacPherson enlisted in No. 7 Canadian Stationary Hospital on November 4th, 1915, as a Private. After training in Canada, he proceeded overseas on January 1st, 1916, and served in England until June, 1916, when he proceeded with the Unit to France.

Mr. MacPherson served with the Unit in France for seventeen months until November, 1917. In that month he was recommended for a Commission in the Royal Flying Corps and left the Unit, proceeding to England to qualify for his Commission. On June 28th, 1918, he received his Commission as a Flying Officer and proceeded to France July 3rd, 1918. He served as an Officer of the Flying Corps in France and Germany until April 1919, when he proceeded to England en route to Canada for demobilization. He was demobilized May 20th, 1919.

During his service in the Unit I commanded, Mr. MacPherson served with credit to himself and the Unit and it gave me much pleasure to recommend him for a Commission.

As a Flying Officer, the reports received showed that he was still "Making good" and it was with much satisfaction that these favorable reports were received by his old comrades.

Signed / E. V. Hogan, Lt. Col. (Late  
O. C. No. 7 Can. Stat'y  
Hospital).

Halifax, December 30th, 1920.

C O P Y.

Halifax, Nova Scotia,

20th. December, 1920.

This is to certify that Sgt. W. Jenkins served with 7th. Stationary Hospital, C.A.M.C., C.E.F., in Canada, England and France, from the time of its formation October, 1915, until its demobilization in May, 1919.

During that time Sgt. W. Jenkins was employed in my Department, and I always found him sober, diligent and willing to carry on any duty I called on him to perform.

(Sgd) W. Taylor,

(Late) Captain & Quartermaster C.A.M.C., C.E.F.  
7th. Stationary Hospital,  
Dalhousie Unit.

C O P Y.

Halifax, N.S., December 30th., 1920.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: /

This is to certify that Ex. Sergt. W. G. Jenkins, enlisted in No. 7 Canadian Stationary Hospital, C.E.F., on November 4, 1918, and served continuously with the Unit in England and France until his return to Canada for demobilization, April 28, 1919.

During his long period of service Sergt. Jenkins not only did his duty conscientiously, but I can truly testify that much of the success of the Unit was due to the untiring zeal of Sergt. Jenkins in his capacity of Sergt. Cook.

It was with great regret that I and the rest of his Comrades parted with him and his kindness, energy and capacity for hard work have been appreciated by each and every patient who passed through our hands in our hospital.

(Sgd) E. V. Hogan, Lt.-Col.

Late O.C. No. 7,

Canadian Stationary Hospital.



COPY

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31st, 1920.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that Mr. Archibald MacPherson served with No. 7 Stationary Hospital, C. A. M. C., in Canada, England and France from November 4th, 1915, to November 11th, 1917, on which date he proceeded to England to take a Commission in the Royal Flying Corps.

During the time he served in the Unit, I always found him sober, diligent and willing to carry on all duties that he was called upon to perform.

After securing his Commission in the Royal Flying Corps, very favorable reports were received from time to time in connection with his services as a Flying Officer in both France and Germany.

Signed / W. Taylor.

(Late) Captain & Quartermaster,  
C. A. M. C. & C. E. F.,  
7th Stationary Hospital,  
Dalhousie Unit.