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LT. PEARSON, LESTER B.

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Min-10-P-86

245, Oxford Street,

9th July, 1917.

Dear Mr. Pearson,

I have your letter of June 6th in reference to the return to Canada of your son, Lieutenant L. P. Pearson.


The need of men is so urgent that we have had to reduce to the minimum the number returned to Canada, and the circumstances in which a man can be permitted to return must be very grave indeed. I am very sorry not to be able to accede to the request of a family which has given so generously to the Cause, and whose sons have done so splendidly, but unfortunately my personal feelings in the matter cannot be allowed to interfere with my duty.

I hope that the relief from anxiety which Mrs. Pearson will feel while her sons are in this country will result in her being restored to health.

Yours sincerely,

The Reverend Edwin A. Pearson,
Park St. Methodist Church,
18, Dufferin Avenue,
Chatham, Ont.

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Sir Geo. Perley
London

Chatham, Ont.



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5 - JUL 1917

FORCES OF CANADA
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1917

Dear Sir.

I beg to write you re my son
Cadet. L. B. Pearson with D.
Company 604 Officer's Cadet
Battalion at Wadham College
Oxford & formerly for nearly two
years at Salonica with The Toronto
University Base Hospital. I have
gladly ^{given} my three sons - all our children -
and they enlisted as Privates from
Toronto University. The youngest is
about to go to France; the eldest is
at Bexhill-on-Sea taking out a
Commission after a year at the front



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and a casualty which incapacitated him
for three months. Their mother is brood but
broken in spirit and by her urgent wish
I write to ask if you could have my
middle son, referred to above, returned on
furlough & returned to complete
training or assist in training &
revert to the Flying Corps and train
here. Can we not, in view of our sacrifice &
the fact that our boys are all overseas, two
for over two years & one a year, reasonably
ask you to show some special favor to us.

Believe Me

Yours Sincerely

Edwin. A. Pearson

6-P-375.

28th November, 1916.

A/Adjutant General,
Argyll House,
Regent St.,
London, W.



I enclose you for your information copy of report on No.1059, Private Lester Pearson, No.4 Canadian General Hospital. If it is desirable to recall this man for a commission and a course at the Canadian Military School, will you please take the matter up with the War Office.

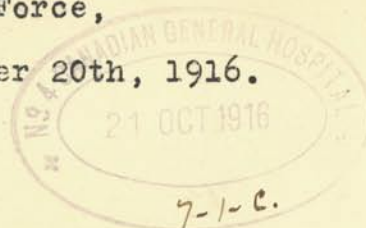
Major,
A/Director of Personal Services,
Canadian Expeditionary Force.

JSM/17.



Salonika Force,

October 20th, 1916.



Major-General J.W. Carson, C.B.,
Cleveland House,
St. James Square,
London, S.W.



Sir,--

In reply to your 6-P-375 of
of 26.9.1916, regarding #1059, Private Lester Pearson,
C.A.M.C., #4 Canadian General Hospital, I beg to
submit the following report,--

Private Lester Pearson has completed
his second year in the Arts Course at the University
of Toronto. He enlisted with #4 Canadian General
Hospital in March, 1915 and has been serving in the
Quartermasters' Department of that unit since that date.

At all times his work has been
of a most thorough, conscientious, reliable character.
He would have received promotion long before this time
had the opportunity presented itself but the health
of the men especially in the Quartermaster' Dept. has
been uniformly so good that we have had few vacancies
to fill. He is thoroughly qualified and competent
to assume commissioned rank in the Canadian service
both by education and social standing, but it would be
necessary for him to undergo a course of training.

I can unhesitatingly recommend
him for promotion to commissioned rank.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J.A. Roan

Colonel, A.M.S.
Commanding #4
Canadian General
Hospital.

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6-P-375.

September 26th 1916.

Officer Commanding,
University Base Hospital No. 4,
Salonika, Greece.

Pte. Lester Pearson, C.A.M.C.,
University Base Hospital No. 4, Salonika.



Stock Commission letter.

Lester Pearson



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MINISTERS OFFICE

OTTAWA September 11th, 1916.

6-P-375



Dear General Carson,-

In the absence of General Hughes,
I beg to enclose herewith copy of a letter which has
been received from Rev. Edwin A. Pearson, Chatham,
Ontario, with reference to a commission for his son,
for your consideration.

Yours very truly,

Charles Hamlin

Colonel,
Military Secretary.

Major General J. W. Carson, C.B.,
Cleveland House,
St. James Square,
London, England.



C O P Y.

Chatham, Ont., Sept. 6th, 1916.

Sir Sam Hughes,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir Sam,-



I have a second son Lester, with the University Base Hospital No 4, at Saloniki. He was a second year student at Victoria College when he enlisted in April 1915. He has asked me several times to write you re a commission in the Army Service Corps or if the need be greater in the Artillery. He prefers the former because he has been in the Stores Department of the hospital in Greece. I have thought that when all my family, viz. three sons have gone to the front, and all went at once as privates. I might fairly ask that after service for eighteen months they might receive promotion. He writes me that a number of his student friends from the Hospital have returned to England to train for Commissions and today he had gone so far as to cable me to intercede in his behalf. He is a son than whom there is no better and I should greatly appreciate your consideration of this request as in the case of my eldest Marmaduke with the 25th Battery at the front.

Does it not seem to you eminently fair that his ambition to do a bigger "bit" than he had been doing should be gratified.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Edward A. Pearson.

P.S.If there is any speedier way by which his unit could be reached than through a letter I shall be glad to meet the expense involved.

E.A.P.