

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.