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Private Cline

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1 sweater Coat — $3.00
1 suit Case — $3.00
4 pr. Socks $2.00
1 Military Shirt — $2.00
1 pr towels .60
2 Boxes of Talcum powder .60
1 Box of Almond Cream .50
1 suits summer underwear 3.00
Which amounts to. $14.60
Besides other small articles.

Mrs. L. Cline
365 Victoria St.
Kitchener Ont.

G 602 - 1811.

Camp Borden, Ont. Oct. 3rd, 6.

Mrs. Kline,
365 Victoria St.,
Kitchener, Ont.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Weichel, M.P. regarding some articles of kit that were left by your son when he deserted. I have made enquiry concerning this matter and find that the only articles that were left were such as were issued to him on enlistment and consequently returned to Government Stores.

I may say that your son, by deserting, has committed an offence which brands him as an undesirable citizen and as soon as he puts his foot on British soil, will be liable to be tried and put in prison.

I may also state, that it would appear, that you are in communication with him, and if that is the case, you would also be liable.

Yours truly,

Captain

IAF/WEB Adjutant 118th O. S. Battalion.

House of Commons

OTTAWA

WATERLOO, Ont., Sept. 26/16.

Col. W. M. O. Lochead,
Commander 118th Battalion,
Camp Borden, Ont.

My Dear Colonel:-

Mrs. L. Cline, of 365 Victoria Street, Kitchener, called on me to-day and handed me a letter containing a list of articles which she claimed were left in Private Cline's tent at Camp Borden. I enclose the list from the lady, and will ask you kindly to give this matter your consideration. She would like to have these goods sent back to her home in Berlin.

Yours very truly,

(Encl.)

D 303 - 1865.

Camp Borden, Ont. Oct. 18th 6.

O. C. 118th O. S. Battalion,

Camp Borden, Ont.

O. C. 9th Brigade,

Camp Borden, Ont.

Sir:

I have the honour to enclose a letter which explains itself. In connection with this case I have to say that the man in question has been struck off the strength of the Battalion as being illegally absent and after paying deficiencies in equipment and clothing would have no money left to payfor expenses in connection with his apprehension and since he is very likely to receive a term of imprisonment, the expenses would fall back on the Battalion.

I am forwarding this letter that this man's arrest may be carried out by the Provost Marshall Department.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Lieut.-Col.
O. C. 118th O. S. Battalion, C.E.F.

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(EC)

London, Ont., November 7th, 191 6.

From A. A. G., M. D. No. 1,
London, Ont.

To O.C. 118th Os. Battalion, C.E.F.,
London, Ont.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter to Mrs. Cline, 365 Victoria St., Kitchener, Ontario, written by your Adjutant. Will you please furnish a report in this matter for the information of the Officer Administering this District?

Walter James Brown,
Lieut.-Colonel,
A/A.A.G., M. D. No. 1.

ENCL.

C O P Y.

No. G.602-1811.

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Yours truly,

K.R. & O. Para 377

(Sgd) H. A. Fraser, Captain,

Adjutant 118th Os. Battalion.

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London, Ont., 18th November 6.

O.C., 118th O.S.Battalion, C.E.F.,

London, Ont.

A. A. G., M. D. No. 1,

London, Ont.

Communication;
Adjutant, 118th. O.S.Bn.,
to Mrs. Cline, Kitchener, Ont.

Sir;

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 17th instant regarding the matter marginally noted together with copy of letter from Capt. H. A. Fraser to Mrs. Cline.

For your information beg to state that Mrs. Cline was more or less a nuisance to myself and to other Officers while we were in Kitchener - she having some message for me regarding her son about every other day.

Originally her son was a Corporal in the Signal Section, was afterwards transferred to a Company on account of inefficiency in the signalling work, and still later was reduced to the ranks for breach of discipline. This was followed by desertion on his part, and, while we have no direct evidence that his mother helped him to get away, we yet feel assured that she has always acknowledged as to his whereabouts and that she has been in continuous communication with him.

On this account the Adjutant deemed it worth while to write this woman a rather unsympathetic letter and I think that the circumstances fully warranted same although I cannot see that there was any proper authority for making the statement contained in the last sentence.

To my mind however, a little scare in the way of a bluff will not do one of her make up any harm. That is, you may feel assured she is not entitled to much consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

_____Lieut.Colonel

O.C., 118th O.S.Battalion, C.E.F.