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Sir, Thinking over the
events of the last 2 month
We have come to the con-
clusion that we left the
country too hastily. We
are sorry we ever got
out of the Battalion and
We would like to know
if you would transfer
us to some other battalion
if we can get back and
did our little bit for

our country.

Oscar Schalock. 28 L Barr
Louis J Albrecht. 1st Inf. 12 Co L
General Delivery
Detroit Mich.

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London Ont. Dec. 7th 6.

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

London, Ont.

Pte. Oscar Scharlach,

General Delivery, Detroit, Mich., U.S.A.

Your letter of the 6th inst., written on behalf of your self and Louis J. Albrecht, has just come to hand and you may be assured that I was very pleased to see same, showing, as it does, that you, like a great many other young men, retain a desire to serve your country and that you regret having done as you did.

Under the terms of the General Amnesty, granted by the Governor General, all deserters are pardoned, providing they return to their units before Dec. 15th 1916.

You state that, if you return, you will be desirous of being transferred to another Battalion. In this regard, I have only to state that on your return, if you remain of the same opinion, I shall do my best to induce Headquarters to transfer you to the battalion of your choice. I think, however, that you will change your mind in this regard when you get back, as we are now in better shape to carry on to the satisfaction of all ranks than we have ever been. Some of the other boys are also returning and have expressed their willingness and pleasure to again serve in the 118th. With them, you may feel that you are not disgraced or even thought ill of on account of your going away, as there certainly was ground for dissatisfaction.

At the same time, if you can persuade your two younger brothers to return, you will be doing an act that will afford you cause for self congratulation in the future. I know there are several other boys in Detroit and I hope you will do your best to induce as many as possible of these to also return. All returning before the date stated, will be fully pardoned and will only be required to make good any deficiency in kit or clothing.

The Battalion is going on monthly leave today and will return on Monday the 11th inst., but Lieut. J.V.Mc.Kenzie will be in charge of the details left behind, to whom you may report if you get here before the Battalion returns.

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I shall hope, therefore, to see you both and many other boys within the next few days, particularly since our prospects of going overseas in the immediate future are very bright.

I presume that you know that both your younger brothers left the Battalion early in October and I also presume that you also have knowledge of their present whereabouts.

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

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De Detroit Mich Dec 21-16.

Col.Lochead,

O C 118th Battn, Queens Park,

London.

Was laid up with rheumatics will it be all right

to come back today.

O.Scharlach,

Care Mr Ferguson Dickoffs Saloon,

Cor Randolph and Monroe Detroit

1143 am

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London, Ont. Dec. 21st, 6.

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

London, Ont.

Pte. Oscar Scharlach,

c/o Mr. Ferguson
Diekoff's Saloon
Cor. Randolf and Monroe Streets

Detroit, Mich.

Your wire just received. In reply beg to state that the D.O.C., M. D. No. 1 is prepared to permit of your resuming your soldier duties, providing you return at once and are physically fit so to do. That is, since you wrote before, expressing your willingness to return and were prevented from doing so by sickness, Military Authorities are prepared to give you this special consideration.

If you can induce Pte. L. Albrecht to return with you, the pardon will also be extended to him. I shall therefore hope to see you before the New Year.

Lieut.-Col.
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