

Vineland Ont., Nov. 25th 1918.

Nicholas Mafziger,
Brunner, Ont.

Dear Brother and fellow laborer in the vineyard of the Lord;- Greeting
in the name of Jesus, our Master.

Your letter of the 21st received and was glad to hear from you and especially to learn of the very generous spirit manifested by the Brotherhood at that place. The response from your congregation has certainly shown an appreciation on their part and yours of the needs of the hour. I think that our position should be such as has been shown by them, that now is the time for us to do something that will help to relieve the suffering that is so great in the world. We should not think that the Government is in need, and that we are working for some political favor, but that we are doing our share of taking up the burdens that have fallen so heavily upon many suffering ones and that we are sharing with them the blessings that the Lord has so richly bestowed upon us. The example of the sisters in your congregation is especially noteworthy and may God bless them for their liberality that they have shown and may their example be an inspiration to many others to help them to share in the blessing that will result to those who are ministered unto as well as to those that minister.

It will be necessary for us to send out another letter to the Congregations and the information that we have on hand will be of some value to encourage all to give and especially to help those who are able to give generously of the means which they hold as servants of the Lord. Some have taken the bonds that the Government has asked our people to take under the special provisions that the money will be used only for the purchase of food and for relief work. We are Glad that there may now be but little occasion to use any of the money for the work of destroying life and we pray that peace may be established and that may may do what the Lord tells in His Word. "Seek peace and pursue it!"

Will be pleased to send you a copy of the letter that will be sent to the Churches. Remember us also in your prayers that the Lord may use us in our place of helping the cause and the suffering in body and in soul.

Yours in faith

Unionville RR No 1 Nov 25th 1918

Mr Coffman

Dear Brother in faith

I will write you that they have transferred Joseph to The Base Boy instead of a coy on the 19th Nov at first I did not think so much about it then I got uneasy about it and maybe I should of wrote you sooner but hope it is not too late as you have not heard from Ed Windyga yet I dont no why they change him all the time

May the Lord be with us is my prayer

Your in faith
Mrs Jacob Smith

Vineland Ont., Nov. 27th, 1918.

Colonel R. C. Windeyer,
149 College St.,
Toronto Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Re. Joseph Smith, Pte. No. 3235665.

In my letter to your department, of the 13th Inst., I gave the address of the above young man as being in B Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ C. O. R., East End Barracks, Hamilton. Since that time he has been transferred to the Base Company. This may account for my not having received a reply to my inquiry.

Our Committee has had the assurance of the Militia Department that none of our young men, members of the Mennonite and Tunker Churches would be detained in any of the military units. I am taking this opportunity of learning what further steps may be necessary in order to carry out the decision of the Militia Council at Ottawa to give these young men "Leave of Absence." The said Joseph Smith has the proper credentials for such leave.

Awaiting your pleasure and the favor of a reply, I am,

Yours truly,

J. H. ...
For the Committee.

Vineland Ont., Nov. 28th 1918.

Benj. Wertz,
Wetaskiwin, Manitoba.

Dear Friend:- The grace of the Lord be with you.

Your letter of the 10th inst., with enclosures, was duly received. Thank you for the favors and I shall be pleased to comply with your request for a few copies of the "Memorandum".

I am not familiar with the prices of the booklet, our "Non-Resistant Service Organization" had a number of copies printed which were to be used in connection with our work with the Government in maintaining the status of our Non-Resistant people as exempt from all military service. There have been changes in the laws from time to time and the interpretation of the recent Military Service Act places our people in the Non-combatant service classes. We have intended that each of our ministers in our churches shall have a copy of these laws, so as to act intelligently with regard to any matters affecting them and their people and military service. You will be able to find out whether more copies are available or for sale by addressing the Secretary of the Organization, S. W. Heise, Cornsley Ont.

We are praying that we may find favor in the sight of the Government and be enabled to enjoy the liberties which have been ours in the past years.

Yours in faith

Unionville R R 1 Nov 30th 1918Mr S L Coffman
Wineland

Dear Brother in Faith

I will write you that our boy come home yesterday on leave for 30 days in civilian clothes and we are very thankful. Please except this small sum as a token of what you did in our favour and if ~~you~~ it cost you more than this why we will make it right with you. As you did not get an answer from Col Windeyer we believe it did some good for all. By the way things look now our boys will not be called for military service just now and we are very thankful too and pray that peace will come all right. hope to hear from you soon

Yours in Faith

Mrs Jacob Smith

Vineland Ont., December 2nd, 1918.

To the Secretary of
The Honourable The Privy Council,
House of Parliament,
Ottawa Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly favor me, if possible, with ^{Copies of recent} ~~recent~~ records
of Orders-in-Council respecting the settlement in Canada of Mennonites
or other religious bodies whose faith forbids Military Service.

Also, please inform me if the Government grants
permission to use, verbatim, copies of Orders-in-Council in publications
of a historical nature? If special permission is required to use copies
of Orders-in-Council in such records, please inform me how such permission
may be secured.

Thanking you for former favors, I am,

Yours Respectfully,

Vineland Ont., December 3rd, 1918.

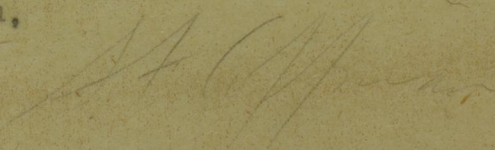
Mrs. Jacob Smith,
Unionville Ont., R.R.#1.

Dear Sister in Christ:- Greeting in Jesus' name and praise to Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. We are truly thankful to Him for the releif that he has brought to you and also to those of us who are concerned for the welfare of those of our faith who have been so sorely tried during these past months. We believe that He rules over all the powers of the world.

I am sending you a copy of the second letter which I sent to Col. Windeyer on the 27th of last month. I am glad to learn that they have at last allowed your son to come home, and we feel certain that they will not again call for him to return to the Barracks. He will likely have to report at the expiration of the time limited to him, but it may be possible for him to report by mail, and it would be well to note on his Leave of Absence whether or not permission is granted to report by letter or if required to report in person. It might be well to send a letter to his officer a few days before his Leave expires and inquire whether he will be required to report in person or whether his leave may be extended without his personal appearance.

Accept thanks for the gift which will be used toward the expenses in connection with the work which we trust will not be required so much longer. If we may be of any assistance further, we will be glad to be at your service. The Lord be with you all and keep you.

Yours in faith,



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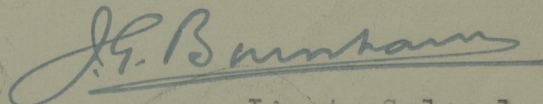
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149 College St.,
Toronto, Ont. December 3rd 1918

To: Mrs S. F. Coffman,
Vineland, Ont.

No. 3235665, Pte. Joseph Smith,

Referring to your letter of 27th ultimo, the marginally named man will be granted leave of absence without pay until further orders, and dealt with in a similar manner to those on leave of absence on account of extreme hardship.



Lieut.-Colonel
for A. A. G., M.D. No. 2.

CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



JUBILEE OF CONFEDERATION C A N A D A

	1867	1917
Provinces	4	9
Area (Sq M.)	540,000	3,729,665
Population	3,600,000	7,600,000
Railways (Miles)	2,250	35,500
Grains (Bu)	65,000,000	1,000,000,000
Postage Stamps Issued	\$669,000	\$23,000,000
Forestry	34,000,000	175,000,000
Mines	8,000,000	137,000,000
Fisheries	6,000,000	31,000,000
Manufactures	50,000,000	1,300,000,000
Foreign Trade	114,000,000	1,996,000,000

Since 1901 the total value of field crops has risen from \$195,000,000. to \$841,000,000.

The total value of live stock, in same period, from \$268,000,000. to over \$800,000,000.

Exportable surplus of agricultural products:—

1868-70—\$13,000,000.

1916-17—\$480,000,000.

Eld J. F. Coffman

Vineland

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Gornubly Dec 3rd 1918

Dear Bro,

Under separate cover I am mailing you 15 copies of Booklets, I have about 150 on hand yet, have had no inquiry from the west, the work of solicitation for Mr. F. I think ^{is} progressing nicely, but in some cases the response is not what we think it ought to be, but we are still hopeful.

Yours &c D. W. H.



Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 10th, 1918.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 7th December, last, in which you ask for copies of Orders-in-Council, one dated the 1st August; the other dated 1st October, 1918.

I can find no trace of the Order-in-Council, dated 1st August, on the subject of the education of the Mennonites. I am forwarding you a copy of the Order-in-Council, dated 25th October, last, which I think, covers the subject of settlement of Mennonites, referred to in your letter.

Yours very truly

Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Rt. Rev. S. F. Coffman,
Bishop,
Vineland, Ont.



AT THE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA

Friday the 25th day of October, 1918.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the 7th exception under the Military Service Act 1917, describes as excepted from the provisions of the Act "those persons exempted from military service by the Order in Council of 13th August, 1873, and by the Order in Council of 6th December, 1898;"

AND WHEREAS the former Order in Council relates to Mennonites and the latter to Dunkhabours, and there are in the country, especially of the sect of Mennonites, some who did not belong to or are not descended from the immigration of 1873, and others who, although descendants of that immigration, removed to the United States, where they have lived for years;

AND WHEREAS it is represented that some of these are now returning to Canada in order to escape military service in the United States, and claiming the benefit of the exception aforesaid;

THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice, and under the powers conferred by the War Measures Act, 1914, is pleased to make the following Regulation, and the same is hereby made and enacted accordingly:-

- R E G U L A T I O N :-

Mennonites in Canada who did not immigrate, or are not descendants of those who did immigrate to Canada pursuant to the arrangement evidenced by the Order in Council of August 13th 1873, or, who having so immigrated, or being descendants of the latter, have not continued without interruption to be members of the sect or denomination of Christians called Mennonites, or to reside permanently in Canada, shall not be deemed

to be exempted from military service or within the 7th exception to the Military Service Act 1917; and in like manner Doukhobours who did not immigrate to Canada pursuant to the Order in Council of December 6th, 1918, or are not descendants of those who did so immigrate, or who being such immigrants, or their descendants, have not continued without interruption to be members of the community of Doukhobours or to reside permanently in Canada, shall not be deemed to be exempted from military service or within the 7th exception aforesaid.

Ralph Audrey

Clerk of the Privy Council.