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No. H.Q. 405-U-228
(A.P. 1b)

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ARMY

Ottawa, Ontario, 6th November, 1942.

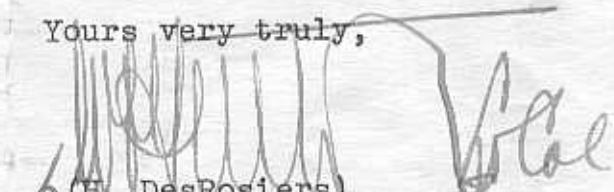
Dear Madam:

Information has been received at National Defence Headquarters that your son, No. K.70894, Pte. J. K. Usher, presently serving overseas with the Canadian Army, is seventeen years of age and it is regretted that representations regarding his correct age were not obtained in sufficient time to prevent his embarkation.

It is not the policy to return to Canada soldiers who have attained the age of seventeen years, but to employ them on less onerous and dangerous duties until such time as they reach their nineteenth birthday. At the time of his enlistment, this soldier declared his date of birth to be 9th July, 1923, indicating that he is nineteen years old, and until documentary evidence is produced to prove otherwise, his age must be accepted as stated.

However, if you will forward to the Secretary, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, Ont., your son's birth certificate, to verify that he is seventeen, this will ensure that steps are taken to utilize his services as outlined above.

Yours very truly,


(H. DesRosiers)
Deputy Minister (Army)

Mrs. C. Usher,
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New Westminster, B.C.



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OTTAWA, CANADA, 27th November, 1942.

Dear Madam:

Further reference is made to this Department's letter dated 6th November, 1942, regarding your son, No. K.70894, Pte. J. K. Usher.

A photostatic copy of this soldier's birth certificate, showing his true date of birth to be 9th July, 1925, is being forwarded to the appropriate overseas authorities for their information, and the original certificate is returned herewith.

Yours very truly,


(H. DesRosiers)

Deputy Minister (Army)

Encl.

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