

Health Department

Vancouver, B. C. June 29th, 1916.

No S-361-16-2.

Lieut. R. McDeugall,

Acting Adjutant, 11th Regiment, I.F. of C.

Vancouver, B. C.

Sir:-

I have the honour to inform you that I left Vancouver on June the 18th for Knight's Inlet on work in connection with mineral claims. Your letter, dated the 14th inst., did not come into my possession until my return on the afternoon of the 26th. Evidently there was some irregularity in the postal delivery for I should have received your letter before leaving, in which case I would, of course, have presented myself for examination.

On the 27th instant I called twice to offer my personal apology for my unavoidable absence. Not finding you present at Headquarters, I called again on the 28th, and at your request am now placing in writing the reasons for my absence.

I wish to inform you that it will be necessary for me to leave Vancouver on Friday, the 30th inst., for at least two weeks, on Government work in connection with mineral claims, but I will, of course, report to you immediately upon my return.

Trusting that you will accept this humble apology,

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John F.C.B.Vance.,

City Analyst.