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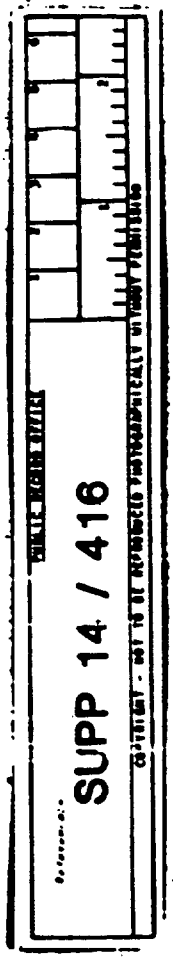

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Dear Mr. Brown,

I have investigated the cases of Bandsman J. Collins and Private I Perks former employees of Messrs. Partridge, Jones & John Paton Limited, Montgomery about whom you wrote on 5th April, 1940 (ref.179.7..), but I am afraid that there is nothing that we can usefully do to secure their releases.

As you know, the various "comb-out" and other schemes for the release of men have been completed and the men eligible for release have now returned to their civil employment. It is now only possible to secure the release of serving soldiers in exceptional cases of vital importance, and the circumstances of this case do not appear to be such that we could properly submit an application to the War Office on these grounds.

Yours sincerely,

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