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Directions: After reading the background information and examining the source, answer the questions below.

Background Information: World War I Training

Prior to entering combat, Canadian and allied troops typically received their military training in Great Britain. The source below is a letter sent from Canadian Allan Hager to his sister on November 12th, 1915.

Directions: Use the following source to answer the questions below.

Dear Sister:

You'll excuse me if this letter is a wee bit short to-night. I only have a few minutes to spare and I am very tired. I have had a very trying time these last two weeks. They have made a musketry instructor out of me. I don't know how long the job is going to last, but I hope it won't be long. It is no joke to get up in front of a bunch of men, and lecture them for six hours every day, and then take them to the ranges and have the responsibility of them shooting at the targets and watching to see that they don't shoot themselves. You would think there was not much to learn about handling a rifle but just a bunch of green men and put them at target shooting without any training and you would find a great many dead men before the day was out.

Source: Allan Hager (1915), Letter to His Sister

Your Task: Examine the inferences below and use two different coloured highlighters to note evidence which could be used to support each inference.

Alternative Inferences	
Person 1:	The author of this letter found his role exhausting and stressful.
Person 2	The author of this letter is does not enjoy his job and wants to retire from the military.

Short Answer: Which inference is most plausible? Person 1 / Person 2 (Circle One) Explain your reasoning below.