

NO. I AUSTRALIAN COMMAND DEPOT.

Sutton Veny, Wilts.
30th March. 1918.

My Dear Dooley,

In handing over the Command of the Depot I want to let you know how very much I have appreciated the valuable services that you have rendered, not only to the Depot, but to myself, during the time that you have served under me as the Adjutant.

If you will cast your mind back and review the vast numbers of men who have passed through this Depot, you must appreciate the fact that it has taken great management and skill in organisation, not only to clear the Depot of men to make room for the reception of new arrivals, which has been our primary function, but to properly control the many details of administration connected with a Military Institution such as this. To your energy, capacity, and ability to control big affairs, the success of our work, and the efficiency of the Depot is largely due, and I would not be playing my part if I did not record to you my sincere gratitude and thanks for your loyalty and co-operation, and for the great help that you have given me, since we have been associated together in running the Depot.

I feel sure that you will render the same loyal service to Lieut-Colonel W. O. Mansbridge, D.S.O. in the future. In fact I know that he is relying largely on your energy and experience to properly control the work for which he has assumed responsibility.

Quite outside our Official Duties, you and I have become close friends, and believe me, I value this friendship very much indeed. I sincerely hope that, at not too distant a date, we will renew that friendship in times of peace, cemented as it has been during the days of war.

I want to wish you every possible success and good fortune in your future Military and Civil career. Please regard me as a friend who will, with the greatest pleasure, be proud to render you any assistance within his power, should you require it.

I will not say any more just now,
But remain, Yours most sincerely,



K/C.

Lieutenant-Colonel.

To:- Lieut. Raymond Dooley. P.S.L.
Adjutant. No. I Australian Command Depot.
SUTTON VENY. WILTS.

P.S. Regarding your Rank, as you are aware I have on several occasions recommended your promotion which you would have undoubtedly received ere this, had it not been that, unfortunately, promotion at present in the A.I.F. is non-existent, except for the purposes of Command. I feel sure that you will not have many months to wait until you receive the step in Rank to which you are justifiably entitled.

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To:- Headquarters.
A.I.F. Depots in the U.K.
Bhurtpore Barracks.
T I D W O R T H.

Sutton Veny, Wilts.
8th April. 1918.

In handing over the Command of this Depot I wish to bring under your notice, and to place on record, the very efficient services rendered by Lieut. R. Dooley. P.S.L. Adjutant of this Depot for the last nine months.

This Officer has shown great administrative ability, and the efficient working of the Depot in the particular Departments under his direct control, prove his unquestionable capabilities. On account of his rank he has, on many occasions, had to display the greatest tact in dealing with the numerous Senior Officers who are continually passing through the Depot.

I also beg to bring his age under your notice, (22 Years), and I feel sure that you will realise that the responsibility he has shouldered combined with his efficient administration, fully justify me in bringing his name directly before you.

I have the honour to ask, and to recommend, that some form of award be granted to Lieut. Dooley in the near future.



Lieutenant-Colonel.
Late Commandant.

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R/C.