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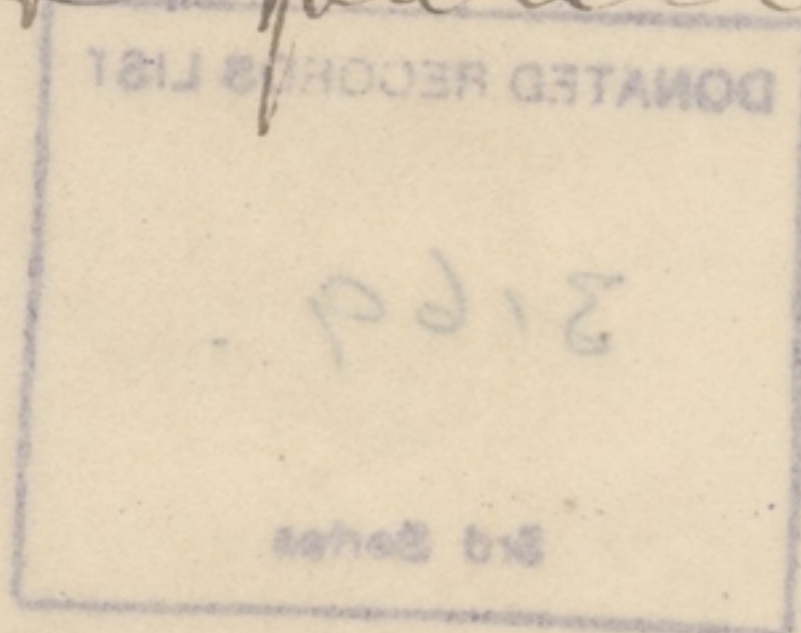
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My Dear General,

1 pm

We are all generally miserable this morning after leaving you and feel we must write and tell you how much we feel your loss to the A.I.F. It is possibly a good job we said Good bye to you in public! Might we few here assure you that you will always remain "Our General" whatever command you may have. May your new command be as successful as with the Diggers, who all love you. I will personally never forget your kindness to me. Please convey my sincerest regards to Lady Birdwood & love to Judith. For yourself - well I cannot write any more.

Yours ever sincerely
Reginald Ballin



H/1/38

11, Schomberg House.

Vincent Street.

Westminster,

S. W. 1.

My Lord.

No doubt you will be inundated with congratulations from your friends from all parts of the world. My Lord would you pardon the liberty and accept the same from one of your devoted and well wishing Anzacs who came into personally contact with you on two or three occasions in the far off days of Galipoli. I am confident that the action I am taking thousands of my fellow countrymen in Australia are wishing in their hearts.

you will remember, and when I explained you just laughed it off.

My Lord in conclusion please accept from me & my absent comrades our wishes that you will be spared long to enjoy your well merited Peerage, and ere you retire we all hope to live to see the day when you will come to our great Continent as our Governor General. Trusting my Lord that you will see your way clear to forgive this presumption. I beg to remain

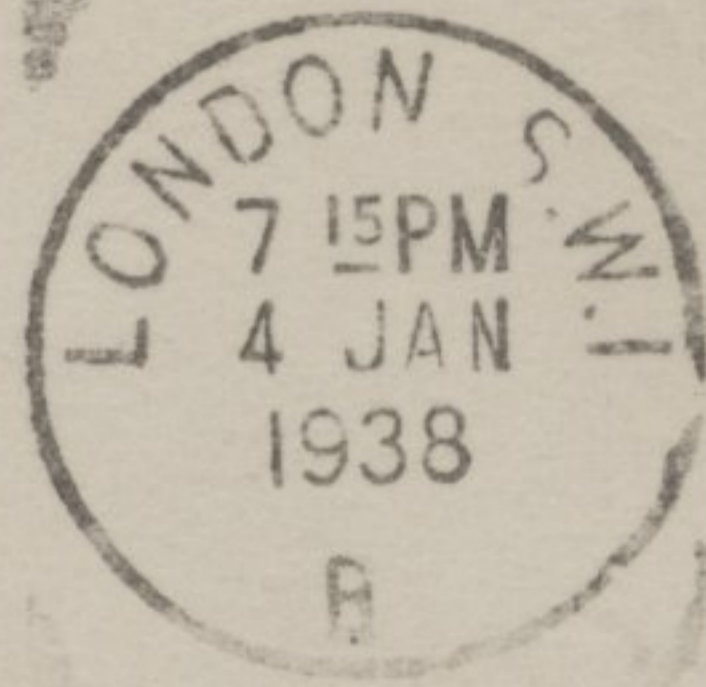
your Lordship's devoted, obedient, and humble servant.

John C. Molloy

Late Serjt. (174) ^{10 Aust.}
Light Horse

while the few remaining of the original Anzacs live your name will be sent down to posterity as "The Soul of Anzac" you were more like a Father to us than our G.O.C. On one occasion while you & some of your staff were going through "Schnapnel Gully", at one point where the snipers were very bad I yelled out to you not in guttery language, to duck your head, you did so, but one of your officers did not & he got hit. Col. J. Todd P.S.O. severely reprimanded me later but I did not mind that, all that pleased me you ducked your head. Another occasion I swore at you at Hill 60 thinking you were one of my own fellows, perhaps

Molloy
a.t.g.



To

Field Marshal Lord Birdwood
G.C.B. G.C.S.I. G.C.M.G. etc.

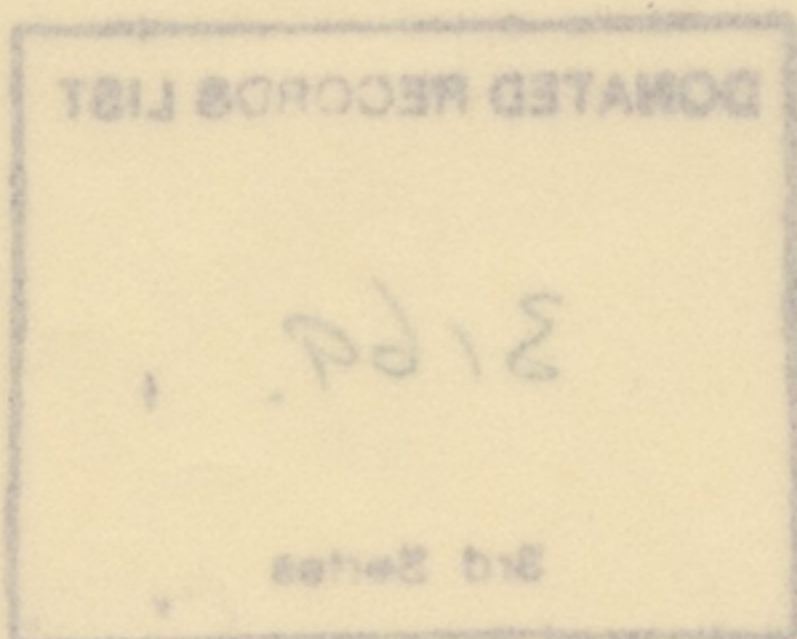
Captain of Deal Castle

"CLIFTON"
 ETON ROAD
 LINDFIELD
 N.S.W.

22 January 1938

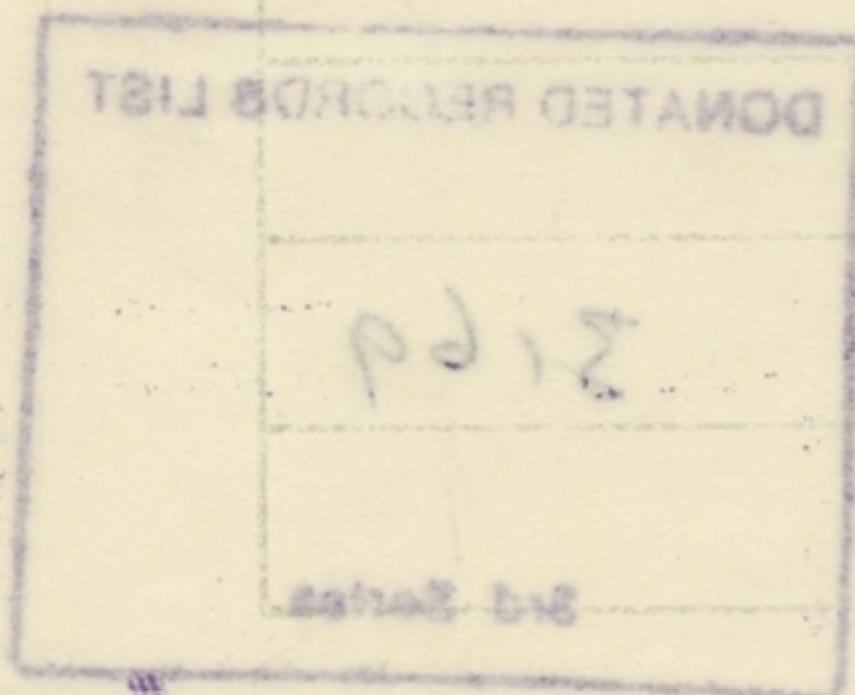
My dear Lord Birdwood,

you will have
 had before now plenty of evidence of
 how pleased your old subordinates,
 high & low, are at the title that
 has been conferred upon you. I
 heard it said, before the announcement
 of your actual choice came out, that
 "the boys" would be pleased if you
 chose something associated with
 Anyac. There is, of course, no one else
 whom they would have allowed to
 have that title — poor old Bridges,
 perhaps, or Simpson ("The man with the



"Donkey") would be the only other persons
whom they would ^{have} allowed, officially, to associate
themselves with it.

We hope that before so very
long you will be able to visit
Eastern Australia again, & Lady Birdwood
with you - Yours very sincerely
C. W. Bean.





Calvert House
St John's
Newfoundland
July 22. 38.

My dear Lord Birdwood:

As an old comrade - in -
arms I take the liberty of
writing to congratulate you
on the so well merited honour
which has been conferred
upon you this New Year.

If you are Scotch
enough you may remember
my name, but I do not think
for a moment you will
remember the officer who

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descended on you at Anzac
one Sunday Morning, ^{in June or July 1915} to lecture
all your officers on protection
against poison gas, and to look
over the terrain in order to
report to the C-in-C at Suez
on the possibilities of the Turks
using gas.

I'm not likely to forget,
though, the swim off the pier
that morning in which you
joined us, nor in the afternoon
- my first under fire - my
first lecture also - when what
officers could be got together
assembled in the "bomb factory."

Evidently the enemy were
aware of the mild concentration
and tried so hard to drop a

shell on us as
to cause many
casualties on the beach,
which caused you to send a
quick order which reached
us as "Get the hell up the
nullah out of that!"

Up the nullah, then, I
concluded my lecture and
sailed in the night for Cape
Helles.

Only 24 hours at Anzac,
but quite sufficient to
know the love, esteem, and
reverence in which you
were held by your entire
command.

And so I venture to join
that Company once again—
what are left of us— in
rejoicing that this honour
has come to you.

Most sincerely yours

Cluny Macpherson

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Birdwood, 22nd January 1938

(PHONE 2 BIRDWOOD)

To Field Marshal

Sir Wm R Birdwood

"Peter House" Cambridge, England

Dear Field Marshal,

How delighted we all were here at Birdwood S.A. when we saw in the King's New Year's Honor List that additional Honor had been added to the many you have already previously received as shown on your breast in your Photo in your Field Marshal Uniform which Photo, hung in the Hall of our Home, is greatly prized.

We further noted in the Daily Paper that you have assumed the new high Honor under the Title of: Baron of Anzac and Totnes.

This we feel sure will please all the Australian and New Zealand troops, who served under you; and ^{it also} honoring your Home Town.

And who can feel more honored, sharing with you in this, than the Residents of Birdwood S.A. — the part of your adopted family in name, to whom you have become immortalized as our Patron in this restful, natural beautiful spot in our Adelaide Hills of S.A.

Please accept our most heartfelt congratulations. —
Looking back: the feeling has just come to me: when you wrote your first letter to us from Melbourne, a few days after you laid the Foundation Stone March 1920 for our Soldier's Memorial here, describing the character of the Boy for whom you wished to send a prize viz: "Who would develop physically, mentally morally (or spiritually) best, an honor to his Town, Country & Empire".

This has been, and still is, a wonderful inspiration to our High School Scholars. many of them have had their names added on the

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continued to Field Marshal ^{Sir} Birdwood, Cambridge, England

on the Field Marshal and Lady Birdwood Scholarship Boards in gold letters, now hung in our new High School Buildings; and I am pleased to say that many of them have made good in life and reached honorable positions. But what I really wish to say in looking back over this to now, is: the character of this Boy described for your prize, is personified in yourself since boyhood - through your long splendid & strenuous life to now up to 72 years, decked with honors, and much beloved.

Jan 24th I had to lay aside this letter for several days, because a weakness and giddiness attacks me now and then, and affects my memory somewhat, when I have to lay down and rest for a while. However I have still to be thankful for the comparative good health Providence still permits me to enjoy in the evening of my life, while everyone is very kind to me.

I just wish to add a request from you, dear Field Marshal, to let us know the correct manner in which we have to address you in future as Baron? which Title I trust carries a deserving, adequate Annuity during your remainder full age. — Now I just wish to add - modestly - that myself also was highly honored when as oldest Resident at Birdwood I was invited by the Local High School Council with consent of the Minister of Education (whose usual prerogative it is) to lay the Foundation Stone at the new High School Building here: a beautiful Marble Block with gold Inscription, being a Memorial to posterity of my name for Public Services during many years here, especially for School and Teachers. The Director of Education gave me the honorable Title: the "G.O.M." Wasn't this a nice compliment? I feel I must now close with kindest regards and respect to our Baron and Lady Birdwood & family from all here, and especially from yours

very sincerely
F. Pflaum

P.S. Forward your kind letter 14/1/38 to F. Pflaum also Lady Birdwood's - and your kind will speaking for children - thank you "Well thanks"



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An old friend of Field Marshal
Sir Wm R Birdwood

89 last April 8/1937

J. P.

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2nd March,

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Field Marshal The Right Hon. Lord Birdwood,
G.C.M.G., K.C.B., K.C.S.I., C.I.E., D.S.O.,
Peterhouse College,
CAMBRIDGE. ENGLAND.

My dear Lord Birdwood,

I have been directed to convey to you the congratulations of our President, Lieut. Col. B.V. Stacy, C.M.G., D.S.O., and of the members of the 1st Battalion A.I.F. Association, on the honour which His Majesty has been pleased to confer on you in your recent elevation to the Peerage.

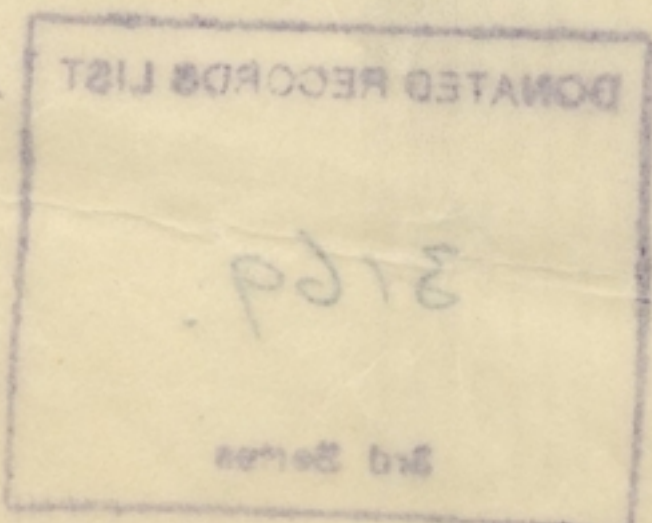
It is with pride that we note that your association with the A.I.F. is to be perpetuated in your Title and Choice of Arms.

In conclusion, might I express the hope that at some future time you may be able to visit the Eastern States of Australia, where you are assured of a warm welcome from all those who served under you in the Great War.

Yours sincerely,

(G.J. Howard).

HON. SECRETARY.



PETERHOUSE,
CAMBRIDGE.

11th April 1938.

Dear Mr Howard,

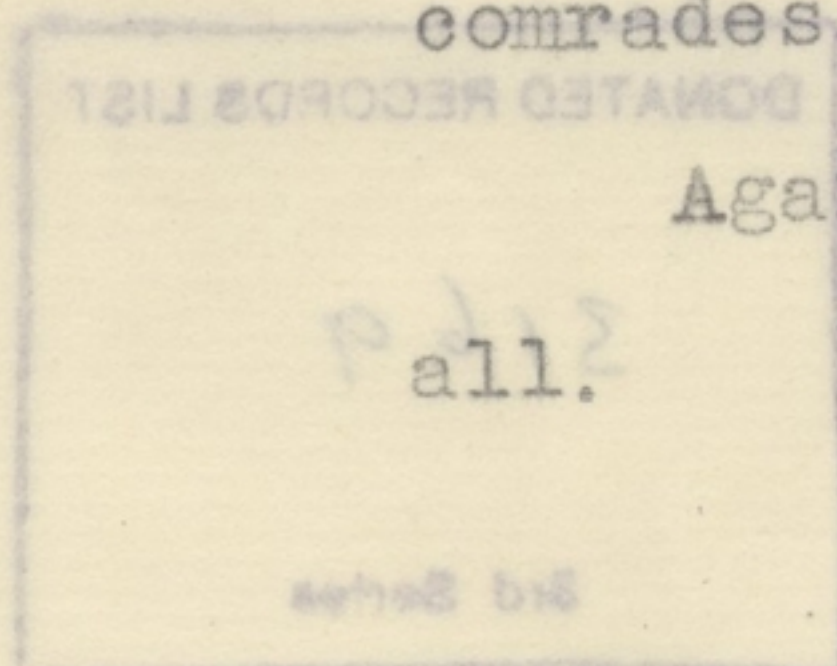
A line to thank you so much for the very kind letter you have just sent me on behalf of Colonel Stacy and my old comrades of the 1st Battalion, A.I.F. If you can kindly convey my thanks to all concerned, I shall be most grateful. I can assure them all that I value the kind thoughts of those best of fellows, my old war-time comrades far more than any honour itself, for I well know how sincere they are. Also I never forget the fact that I owe the many honours which have come to me to their loyalty, devotion and courage.

I am sure you will believe what a source of regret it has been to me to have been unable to visit the Eastern States when I have visited Australia in recent years. My time, however, has been so limited - never allowing me even a month in Australia - that had I attempted to go beyond W.A. it would have meant spending most of my time travelling and never really seeing anything of my old comrades anywhere.

Again many thanks, and the best of good wishes to you

Yours sincerely,

Birdwood.



ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Commander-in-Chief

26 May, 1943.

My dear Field Marshal:

Of the many kind letters I have received since the defeat of the Axis Armies in North Africa, none has given me greater pleasure than yours; no one, I think, has greater reason than you to be proud of this Allied achievement.

I should like you, as the Father of the British Army, to know how highly I value not only your kind thought in writing to me but also the honour of having under my command many officers and men of the British, Indian, and Anzac Armies, who have learned their soldiering and built up their military traditions under your personal guidance.

The magnificent steadfastness of these men, joined by their younger brothers in time of need, has brought us through many dark days; and I feel confident that their splendid spirit is shared by those of my own country who are now marching with them to victory.

I can only hope that the day may not be far off when our purpose may be achieved, and I can have the pleasure of meeting you and thanking you in person for all that your life's work has meant to soldiers whom I have had the honour to command.

My very best wishes to you, my dear Field Marshal.

*Very Sincerely
Dwight D. Eisenhower*

Field Marshal The Lord Birdwood, GCB, GCSI, GCMG,
GCVO, CIE, DSO, DCL, LL.D.

Hampton Court Palace,
Middlesex,
England.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower,

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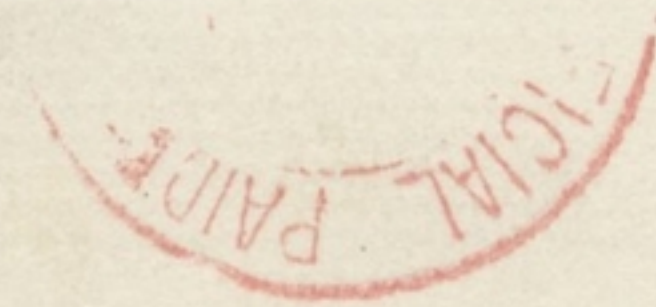
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Victoria.

7-6-43.

Dear General

I have the urge on me to night just to write & say "How do?" a la American. The years fly very rapidly & I did hope that some time I might walk in on you to express the How do in person. I enclose a cutting from to night's paper. & it gave me a shock to see how time had fled. I run across quite a number of the old coppers here in Melbourne. On 23rd May we held our South African Memorial service & General Channel, Paddy McElynn & Charlie Brand took part. General Channel is beginning to look frail but still carries on.

I hear occasionally of you through bits in the press. but at the present state of world affairs news is scanty. Apparently in Australia here politics are of greater importance than the war. One does get fed up with Government inaptitude. I have expressed the wish publicly, often, that it would be a good thing for the nation

if a few bombs were dropped on Melbourne or Sydney to
waken them up. I suppose I feel a bit disgruntled
that I cannot get away on active service, but I am
still trying. As I am too old, according to our Church
authorities, to go 'Padreing' I am at the present moment
endeavouring to 'whangle' to sea. more sweeping, covering
& boating, mystery shipping or any thing that offers. I
tell them if they wont take me they can win the war
themselves, I wont help them. I was on to something
at the beginning of the war but Dunkirk knocked it
on the head. Under the Bishop of Fulham's scheme I had
our War Council's sanction to go as a prisoner of war
to minister to the prison camps on the continent. At
Dunkirk about 40 padres were captured so the necessity
did not arise & I was done out of a job.

I do hope that when this war is over
we can meet again. You & Brudenell White were
the two men I admired & revered. White has
gone, so you I can still send my blessing which
I do, & pray that God will be with you & guard
you. I wont say yours sincerely but yours affectionately
(Padre) W E Dexter

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PRIME MINISTER,
CANBERRA.

22nd October, 1943.

My dear Lord Birdwood,

It was indeed thoughtful of you to send me your congratulations on the results of the Commonwealth Elections and I am grateful to you for your message and your kind remarks concerning myself.

I and my colleagues appreciate the opportunity which the decision of the people has given us of serving the country for a further term. We are determined to use our utmost endeavours to ensure that the Commonwealth will make a maximum contribution towards the defeat of our foes. We look forward to the day when we shall be able to devote our energies towards the building of a new and better Australia.

I know what a keen interest you always take in the exploits of Australian soldiers and I am sure I need not assure you that they are maintaining the high traditions they established under your Command.

With kind regards and reciprocating your good wishes,

Yours Very Sincerely
John Curtin

Field-Marshal Lord Birdwood, G.C.B.,
G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G.,
Hampton Court Palace,
MIDDLESEX. ENGLAND.

Hampton Court Palace

BRASENOSE COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

20 Jan - 1944
London.

Dear Comrades - of
my old 1st. Battalion
it is always a real
pleasure to know you
do not forget me
in ^{the} thanking you very
sincerely for your
kind wishes I send
to you one tall got
only my thanks out-
best of wishes for year
to come. we have to do

much yet - defeating
G. armies in Germany
& sinking the Jap fleet -
before we get real peace
which we certainly
must. I will have, I
know that all of you
like me, would give
everything to be so
young & some way with
the boys at the front -
again kindest of
good wishes
Ever your old comrade
Bundwood of Amie

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"OAKLANDS,"

THYNNE ROAD,

MORNINGSIDE,

BRISBANE.

April 24th 1944.

Dear. Lord. Budwood.

I was very pleased to get your long letter, it was a surprise to me. The most I expected was a reply from your Secretary.

The War position has much improved here and we now feel comparatively safe. Thanks to Americas help. Tojo made a blunder when he attacked Pearl Harbour. The food position is very good here and one could honestly say we are living in luxury, but there are many who do not realise how fortunate they are.

Tomorrow is Anzac Day and is being honoured here with many church services and a big march through the City, of old soldiers to the Cenotaph. I am joining in the Parade. You will be pleased to know. You are still held in great affection and respect by your old Army and they would follow you anywhere. Time does

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"OAKLANDS,"
THYNNE ROAD,
MORNINGSIDE,
BRISBANE.

not-dim or weaken our regards for you
 I am sure you will still be our best-
 Ambassador in Great Britain
 Our P. M. John Curtin is now
 with you and I hope great results for
 our future will result. He is held in
 high esteem by the majority of Australians
 and has a true & sincere Australian outlook.
 We hope Great Britain will help us to increase
 our population rapidly, which is so
 vital to our future security. In an of
 the opinion we can best do so by increasing
 our manufacturing. We have about-reached our
 limits in primary production, we are too far
 from profitable markets. Our neighbours in
 the East have such a low standard of living
 they are unable to buy our goods. 50% of the
 people are behind the white Australia Policy
 and only those who worship mammon, wish
 to get rich quickly, favour its abolition
 I believe to predict what in the future we
 will see the mainstay of British ^{Race} ~~Stocks~~ as
 (over)

we are the only Dominion 95% British.

Southern Island, N.S.W. are now having a

severe drought and farmers are

having an anxious time, the position is

aggravated by shortage of man power.

The only way we will defeat these ever

recurring droughts is by high water conservation

schemes which we will be able to undertake

when our population increases. In Central

England we are having a splendid

season and all is well at my station,

"H.A. 1000". I am having a holiday of

have no military duties and have been

placed on the reserve list.

Should I visit your land.

I will be very pleased to meet you again.

With best wishes and hope

you have many more years in which to

enjoy your well earned retirement.

Yours Sincerely

G. I. Townsley

Mac. Jan. 1919

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JUDGES' CHAMBERS,
MELBOURNE.

18. 5. 44.

Dear Lord Bidwood,

Since I last wrote you in September of last year from New Guinea I have received your letter in answer, one written after you had heard of Sutherland's (my Cso) tragic death & has one of congratulation on my appointment as Chief Justice of Victoria. May I first of all thank you for them. My letter in September was written on the day an offensive against LAE was launched, 9 Aust Div landed on that morning some 20 miles East of LAE. Next day 8.7 Aust Div preceded by some American paratroopists started to arrive by air in the MARKHAM VALLEY at a place called NADZAB about 30 miles West of LAE. Meantime the battle for SALAMONA was reaching its final stages.



An attack there had commenced on the 1st July
they operated as we had hoped in drawing
down some of the LAR garrison & reinforcements
as they arrived. There was some hard fighting in
the terrible country South of SALAMAYA but we were
able to get a number of guns into action & supply
them with about 5000 r.p.g. One of our A.I.F.
Brigades did a magnificent job there. SALAMAYA
fell on the 12th I think it was & LAR was
entered from both sides on the 16th. Part of the
9th Div. landed at FINSCHHAFEN on the morning
of the 22nd & captured the place on the 2nd Dec.
A determined attempt by the Japs to recapture
FINSCHHAFEN involved the 9th Div. in some stiff
fighting during the latter part of Oct & during Nov
early Dec. meantime 7 Aust Div with the help
of the American Air Force drove up the MARKHAM
Valley into the RAMU Valley. It was an example
of perfect ground & air cooperation. These valleys

provide areas for airfields, which are quite unique & the engineers American & Australian quickly developed air fields there. The Japs though in occupation of this area for 18 months had done nothing in the way of airfield development, though it should have been obvious to them that an air base firmly established there would dominate Northern New Guinea & the sea approaches from the North & East, this of course is what has happened now with such disastrous results to the Jap garrisons in Northern New Guinea.

My Corps HQ was relieved by Morhead's early in October we went back to a station in Northern Queensland. I was still there when appointed Chief Justice of Victoria.

was naturally very sorry to leave all my friends in the Army & found it a very difficult decision to make. It was a wonderful experience to see the 2nd A.I.F. grow from infancy into the magnificent fighting force it has now become, & to be privileged to play some part in its development. However, there is plenty to be done I find on the Home front & my judicial duties are an absolute

absorbing interest. And I hope that I may be able to help in the difficult days ahead when the time comes for our soldiers to return to their Homes.

Am sorry I am not the Herring you knew in the last war. He comes from Sydney and is some eleven years my senior.

I do hope you are well. It was my privilege to lead a march in Melbourne on Anzac Day of some 16,000 of the 1st A.I.F. The weather was unpropitious or we would no doubt have had more. I can assure you however that their affection for you remains very much alive.

With all best wishes & many thanks for your letters & your congratulations on my new appointment, which I particularly value as an indication that you approve of my transfer from the Army to the Bench.

Yours sincerely,

J. F. Herring

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FEDERAL MEMBERS' ROOMS,
SYDNEY.

43 Nelson Road
Randfield N.S.W

11/11/44

My dear Lord Birdwood
Many thanks
for your kind letter of
congratulations on my jubilee &
jubilee. And before I go
any further let me send you
Lady Birdwood my belated
but most sincere congratulations
on your jubilee I imagined
life + I wonder what they
would say in Hollywood
about it!!!)

I am very
sorry to hear of Lady Darnley's
death - and even more
sadd to know that such a vivid
spirit was dimmed & broken
before the end came + I

Liked her very much & she
 was my ideal of a woman.
 I have read your book
 "Khaki Gown" very much.
 & keep it as a bedside book -
 and always it brings back
 to me glowing memories of
 stirring days & the boys often
 speak of you - & then you
 are "Bitchie" & Gallipoli, France
 Flanders - with their pages
 but glorious events these
 names conjure up, surge up
 in their minds when your
 name is mentioned & I'm
 glad you chose "Anzac" as
 your name - none other would
 have fitted you half as well.

I have just returned
 from a 6000 miles tour of
 the Northern Territory - during
 which I motored 1600 miles
 through what is often referred
 to as the "Dead Heart" of
 Australia & I'm now very

Very much alive. The Army
 & the Allied Works Council have
 built a bituminous road from
 Alice Springs in the centre
 Australia to Darwin - 1000
 miles long - and on it cars
 may go 60 miles an hour -
 Every few miles meet great
 convoys of trucks going to
 from Darwin. I motored to
 over the Barkley Tableland -
 - over roads which the Devil
 on one of his worst days marked
 out to try the temper of poor
 sinners. A wonderful country
 which in the fullness of time
 will carry a big population.

Over a great part of
 N.S.W., Vic. & South Australia
 there is a drought - a bad
 one - however the churches are
 joining to pray for rain, &
 Mr. Mars the Government Minister
 holds out hopes of rain, so between
 them both, a change may
 come.



FEDERAL MEMBERS' ROOMS,
SYDNEY.

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The war goes as well as we have any right to expect & the Germans are fighting desperately - but they are doomed. In the Pacific the end is not in sight. - The Japs will fight fanatically - About them we must kill them & I suppose the Allies have at least one million German prisoners but I doubt if there are 10,000 Japa prisoners - and if there the great majority were sick or helpless when captured & the fight in the Philippines is raging fiercely. - It will be a long & bloody struggle. - It has taken Australia & America over 2 years to clear them out of New Guinea - and we haven't finished yet!! - And then there

are hundreds of islands - and
Burma and China - a major
 war in itself -

No! The end of the war in
 the Pacific is not yet in sight &
 But now that Roosevelt is in
 again - ~~the~~ end will come
 & Japan will be battered
 & her knees & Churchill,
 Roosevelt Stalin & Chiang
 Kai Shek - few amazing men
 when did the world throw
 up such leaders?

Australia stands here
 it did! We are a very potent
 people - beyond the bombing
 of Darwin - which is as
 far from Sydney as is Cairo
 from London - we have gone
 on our peacetime way, unshaken
 by the horror & terror of
 war. The Second A.I.F.
 is a chip of the old block -
 they fought well in the Middle
 East, and in New Guinea
 bore the brunt of the hand



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SYDNEY.

bloody work in the dense
jungle & swamps of that most
difficult terrain +

Curtin is ill -
- the strain has been too
much for his heart + in
the last war, he was one
of my worst troubles, but
he has done fine work in this
war: I pray for his
speedy recovery +

And now for
the time being
all rever:

Yours most sincerely
W. Whiteley

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Lord. Birdwood

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Hampton Court.

Sir.

Jawahar Lal

As a man who served
under you at Gallipoli I
beg to offer my congratulations
on your receiving the Freedom
of Twickenham. It could
not have been granted to
braver or finer General. I
say this from personal

experience. I had the honour
of standing next to you
in Anzac Gully & witnessing
the tragic sight of H.M.S.
Triumph going down after being
torpedoed. I was then a
Corporal in the R.C. Signals
at the bottom of the "Gully"
& was doing duty as four
orderly at the time.

Years have gone by but I still
have very very fond memories
of ——— pardon me four
Lordship ——— "Birdie as

You were fondly known amongst us boys.
May I express the hope that you will live
to see this Empire of ours in a more
prosperous position.

Sir

I have the honour to be
Your humble servant.
Jack. Webster.

HAMPTON COURT PALACE.

M I D D L E S E X

27th November, 1947

My dear Old Comrade,

Thank you very much for your kind greetings, and I trust there are many prosperous years before you one and all.

I will not say more now as I write in great trouble, by the very sudden death of my Wife, who was my constant and beloved companion for our over fifty years of ideally happy married life. I alone can realize what a true saint she was in this world, and am confident that she is now at peace, where I look forward to rejoining her at no distant time.

With good wishes to you all,

Your old Comrade,

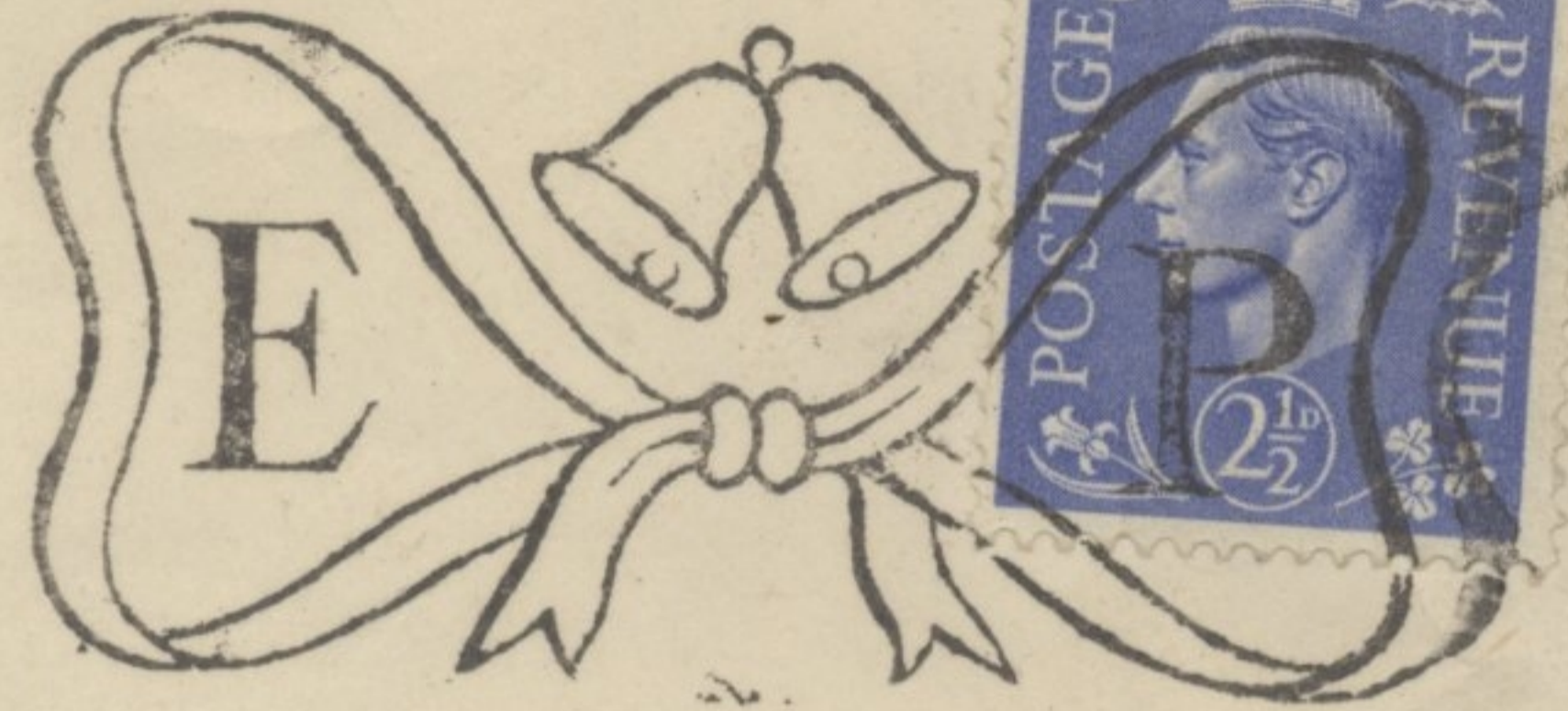
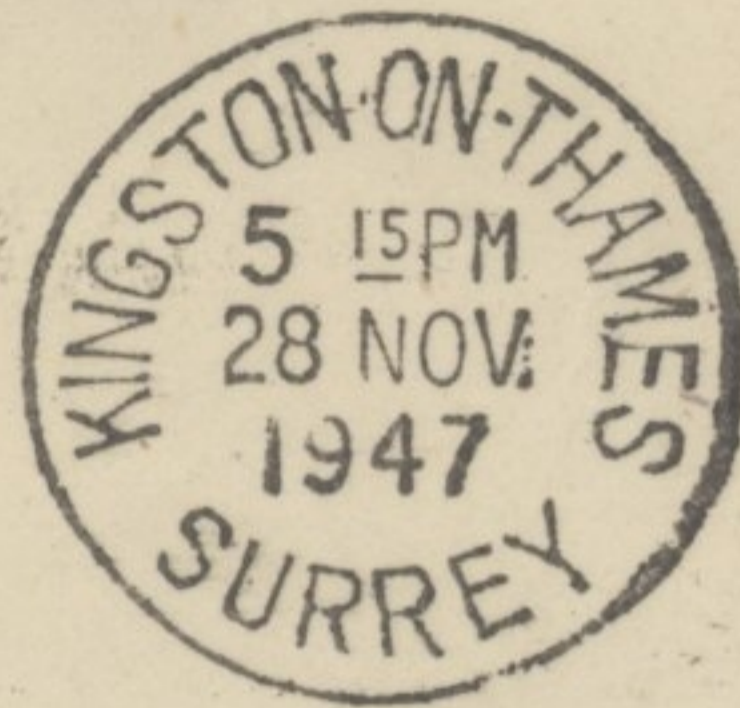
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10 April
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My dear old Comrades of
my old 1st. Bn of the A.I.F.
I very much wish I could
tell you how very deeply I
appreciate - not only the
magnificent parcel of food
things which I have just
received from you - but more
for the really kind thoughts
which actuated you in thus
remembering your old Comrades
from Dec 14 onwards. I really
am most deeply touched & happy

My most grateful thanks
can be conveyed to all old
comrades. I will indeed be
grateful - now I wish I
could come out to see you
all once again - but I fear
that can not be for not
only am I near on 83 but
but I have for some time

had nasty heart attacks
which make me keep
(for me) unusually inactive!
Again my real appreciation
thanks to all.

For you devoted old
Comrades,

Bridwood of Anzac.

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Hamilton Court Palace
East Molesey

26 Aug. - 1948 Surrey -

Dear Old Comrades of our
great. 1st. Bn. A.I.F.

Another very nice parcel
of many good things
has just arrived from

You & I write to thank

You once more for your

Continued kind thoughts

for me which believe

we do indeed

fully appreciate.

My daughter who arrived
some time ago from
W. A. to look after me
yours in grateful kind
best of wishes to you
one still for years to
come.

Your old Comrade
Brindusud of Anzac

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The Palace,
Hampton Court.

19th December, 1949.

Dear Mr. Davidson,

This is just a line to thank you so much for your kind thoughts for me and for sending me the very welcome Christmas present which I am so glad to have and which you will realise is especially the case as I write from bed after being laid up for some little time with nasty heart attacks, not to be wondered at at my age of nearly 85, which you will see in my book "Khaki & Gown" exceeds the "age of beatitude".

With all good wishes to you,

Yours sincerely,

Bidwood

Mr. J.S. Davidson,
38, macarther parade,
Dulwich Hill,
New South Wales,
Australia.

TELEPHONE: Cent. 859.



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26th January 50.

Dear Lord Birdwood,

I desire to inform you that, at the annual meeting of the above mentioned Legion, an amount of £5. ^a was granted to the appeal for memorial chapel dedicated to all Australian sailors, soldiers and airmen, who died in Britain in the two world wars.

Wishing your appeal every success.

Yours faithfully,

C. K. Thrower
Hon. Secretary.

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2 July.

1950
Dear Mr Davidson -

Once again I have to thank

you very much as indeed I do for
your very kind thoughts for me
for sending me still another of
your ever welcome lovely nice
Australian luxuries which are
really hardly obtainable here &
consequently all the more welcome.
I trust - all is well with you &
Yours, Mine & the dearest

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I wish for many a year
to come.

Yours very sincerely,

Bridwood of Anzac.

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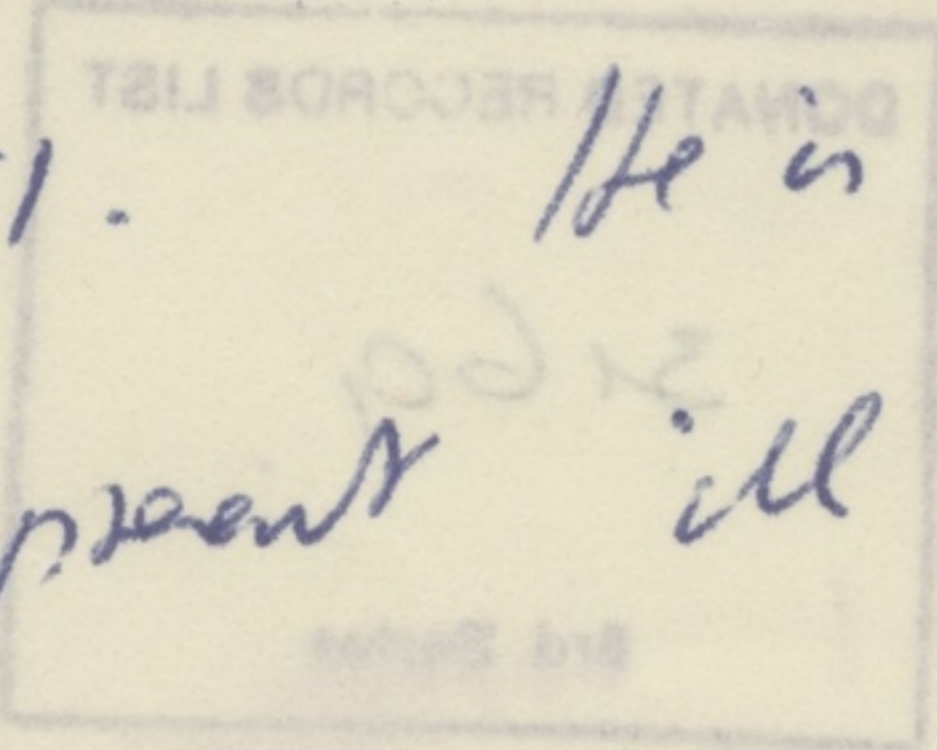
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26th December, 1950.

Dear Mr President

I am writing to you on behalf of my Father
F.M. Lord Bidwood to thank you, the Committee & the
Members of the 1st Battalion A.I.F. Association, so very
much for your Christmas & New Year Greetings to
him. My Father was delighted & touched at your
remembrance of him and asks me to write & send you all
his most sincere thanks & warmest good wishes for
1951. He is unable to write himself as he is
at present ill in bed, but he was so very



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pleased at your card & asked me to answer for
him & explain that, through illness, he could
not write to you himself.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Mossel.

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