

(C O P Y)

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Department of Defence.

MELBOURNE.

17th. April, 1920.

Dear Mauldon,

I am glad to have your letter of the 1st. instant which has been forwarded on to me from West Australia and which only reached me this morning. I am only too glad to be able to add my small contribution in acknowledgment of the splendid service rendered to our men by the Y.M.C.A. representatives in the front areas generally, and by yourself in particular. I can confidently say that while you were with my Brigade you took the same risks and were as much under fire as the average soldier. The enterprise always shown in pushing your canteens as far forward as possible and always well into the front line trenches, in my opinion, constituted while we were merely holding the line a more constant risk than the average.

I have frequently met yourself and other Y.M.C.A. representatives in my daily rounds in parts of the line subjected to heavy enemy barrage. The value of the work of the Y.M.C.A. representatives in helping to maintain the moral of the men by adding greatly to their comfort and wellbeing was very great, and I am glad to have the opportunity even in this small way of showing some little appreciation of your really solid help.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E.A.WISDOM.

(Brig. General. C.O. 7th.
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