

Manvora.

11th Dec: 1916.

Dear Sir,

University Graduates Students and the War.

I regret that your Memo of 4th inst did not reach me until 4.30 pm today, having been addressed to ~~my~~ ^{my} previous residence, Port Pirie, and forwarded from there.

My youngest son Donald Augustus Dowling who was in his first years study at the University in the Science Course, enlisted as a private in A.I.F. in Sept 1914 and reached Egypt 1st Feb 1915 - Landed at Gallipoli End of April and remained until the evacuation in Dec. - was back in Egypt from early in Jan 1916 till early in June, and was at the ~~Summer~~ ^{in France} till early in Sept last when he was sent to England and entered a Training College for Officers at Balliol, in Oxford, and took his final Exam on Oct 25th Oct last.

We had a Cable from him dated London 23rd Nov stating that he had obtained a Commission as Lieutenant. We suppose he went back to France soon after his final examination, notwithstanding the Cable message was from London.

He was attached to the A.M.C. and was in B Section, 43rd Field Ambulance, 4th Infantry Brigade, until the 4th Division A.I.F. was formed

in Egypt, when I believe his Ambulance was attached to that Division. He was promoted to Lance Corporal early in the doings at Gallipoli and remained without further promotion until he gained his Lieutenantcy some time last month - when was we last heard from him his letter was dated, Balliol College, Oxford 9th Octr, he was in splendid health, was six feet high, and weighed 12 st 10 lbs, and during his stay at Balliol he obtained eight days furlough, and had a very enjoyable run to a few of the big English Cities also a trip to Edinburgh in Scotland.

He recently met at Salisbury Plains some of his late fellow students at the 'Tavistock' in the persons of Dr J. M. Sweeney and one or two others whose names I cannot now think of, in the 11th (S.A.) Field Ambulance. He had not been wounded up to our latest advice -

I hope some of the above items may be of some interest at your Commemoration, yin time
Yours faithfully

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