

Farrell Street, Glenelg,

December 12, 1916.

Mr. C. R. Hodge,

Registrar Adelaide University.

Dear Sir,

As I have been absent from the State I must apologise for not answering your letter re my sons before.

My eldest son, Captain A. C. V. Melbourne, was with the first lot of forces sent from Australia, and was one of the men who landed on Gallipoli before daylight on the memorable 25th April, 1915. HE was twice wounded while there, and was invalided to Australia at the end of 1915. His wounds were of such a nature as to prevent him being accepted for further service, although he volunteered several times. He was captain and O.C. of D Co. 3rd Battalion. He is now engaged on transport duty, taking troops to England, and is about halfway there at present.

My younger son, Corporal H. E. S. Melbourne, is serving in the 11th Co. Field Engineers, and we had a cable from him last week stating that he was leaving England for France on November 28, so that he has been a fortnight in that country by now. He has not at latest advices been wounded. A letter received yesterday states that he was in the best of health.

Trusting that I have not inconvenienced you by not replying earlier,

Yours faithfully,

*W. C. Melbourne*