



3rd. Battalion
The Royal Australian Regiment
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Dear Mr Mance,

We have just learned that you have been awarded the Military Medal, and if ever a soldier deserved an award for good leadership and gallantry it was you. We are only thankful that the system works, and you have received recognition for your work in D Company. Congratulations on receiving this honour, because you earned it.

The role of an infantry section commander is not easy, but you were a man who mastered it, and set a fine standard for your National Service colleagues and us Regulars to follow. Good luck for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Shelton