

Corporal H. Bayes

From: Lieutenant-Colonel L.P.G. Dow, Commanding

1st Battalion The Cameronians
(Scottish Rifles),
Redford Barracks,
Edinburgh 13.

30 June 1967.

Dear Corporal Bayes,

The two letters in this folder are a special record of your service with the Cameronians in Aden.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Dow

FROM GENERAL SIR JAMES CASSELS, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.



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24 February 1967.

My dear George.

I enclose a copy of a letter I have had from John Willoughby which I know you will find very good reading.

I saw your Battalion in Aden in January, and everywhere I went there was nothing but praise for the way all the men had behaved and acted. I should therefore like to add my most grateful thanks and congratulations for the splendid work that they did.

I am sending a copy of Willoughby's letter to Leslie Dow and of course will add my congratulations to him.

With all best wishes.

Yours

Jim.

Lieutenant-General Sir George Collingwood, KBE, CB, DSO,
Lilburn Tower,
ALNWICK,
Northumberland.

HEADQUARTERS,

MIDDLE EAST COMMAND,

B.F.P.O. 69.

17 Feb '67

My dear General

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The men arrived in the heat of the summer with all the appearances and bearing of troops seasoned in the kind of half-war we wage here.

They went straight on patrols and escorts; and from the day of their first appearance they looked like business. They have never looked otherwise.

And in many ways a much less easy reputation to earn under these trying conditions, they have won a name for exceptional courtesy.

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