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COMD 2/3 AUST INF BN

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It has served with distinction, and covered itself with honour and glory. Brave deeds have been performed: individual deeds: section deeds: platoon deeds: company deeds: battalion deeds: deeds that have moulded the Battalion into a unit rich in tradition, and worthy of an everlasting place in Australian Military History. Fitting and proper is it then, that the end should find us in the line, poised and ready for any eventuality.

In common with the peoples of the Allied Nations, we rejoice in this victory to which God has led us. Our thoughts turn to home, our loved ones, and our future. In this great hour, however, let us not forget that we are soldiers, and that each and every one of us still has a duty to perform - the maintenance of the good name of the Battalion until such time as it is disbanded, and we ourselves demobilised.

Officers, Warrant Officers, Non Commissioned Officers and men of the 2/3 Australian Infantry Battalion, it is with pride as your Commanding Officer that I congratulate you and thank you for your loyalty, devotion to duty, tenacity, gallantry and cheerfulness. Australia is proud of you.

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