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The Secretary

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Dear Trevor.

Step Down, Co Patron

The highlight of my long term military service and indeed my life, has without a doubt been my appointment as co patron of our Association.

To share this privilege with a man of Padre Fr John Tinklers calibre is a rarity in itself and a measure of his generosity and kindness. A place to the right to accommodate a fellow soldier of the Regiment was very much appreciated. I step down now that someone else may share this pleasure.

Although I didn't contact everyone I enjoyed spreading the good word of unity, goodwill and mateship whenever and wherever I could and I was rewarded with friendship, sometimes long lost. Many young Regulars and National Servicemen were receptive to a call from Ye Olde Co Patron and I did not discriminate between Bty's.

Mate I value and have enjoyed this tour of duty and I would now like to share it with my family for posterity. Could you let me have a Regimental "Certificate of Service" as "Co Patron" please?

My Best Wishes to all Members, Yours Sincerely:

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