

SPECIAL ORDER

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Major-General Sir JOHN MONASH, K.C.B., V.D.

Commanding, Third Australian Division. -

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TO ALL RANKS OF THE THIRD AUSTRALIAN DIVISION:-

As I am about to take up other duties, the time has come when I must relinquish the command of the Division. -

Closely associated with you as I have been, since the days of your first assembly and War Training in ENGLAND, and, later, throughout all your magnificent work during the past nineteen months in the war zone, it is naturally a severe wrench for me to part from you. -

I find it quite impossible to give adequate expression to my feelings of gratitude towards all ranks for the splendid and loyal support which you all have, at all times, accorded to me. - I am deeply indebted to my staff, to all Commanders and to the Officers and troops of all Arms and Services for a wholehearted co-operation upon which, more than upon any other factor, the success of the Division has depended. -

It is my earnest hope, and also my sincere conviction, that the fine spirit and the high efficiency of the Division will be maintained under the leadership of my successor, Brigadier-General GELLIBRAND; and if the men of the Division feel, as I trust they do, an obligation to perpetuate for my sake the traditions built up by them during the period of my command, they can do so in no better way than by rendering to him a service as thorough and a support as loyal, as I have been privileged to enjoy at their hands. -

In formally wishing the Division good-bye and good-luck, I wish simply, but none the less sincerely, to thank each and all of you, for all that you have done. -

Divisional Headquarters,  
30th. May 1918. -

*John Monash*  
Major-General. -