

Centenary education

Prime Minister letter – transcribed



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My dear Bishop,

I was both surprised and delighted to get your letter of the 31st July. I want to congratulate you on the spirit you have shown in enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force, and on the determination which has carried you through so many arduous days of warfare on the Western Front. I think that you must hold almost a record for the whole of the British Expeditionary Force from the point of view of age. I hope that you will be spared to return to Australia again and enjoy to the full, the repose that you will have earned by your spirited example.

Very best wishes to you and yours,
Yours faithfully,
Andrew Fisher

Per W. J. Bishop. No. 49

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The Prime Minister of the time Andrew Fisher wrote this letter thanking William Bishop for his war service at an advanced age. William fought in France at the age of 64 years old.

