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Dear Mr Nunn

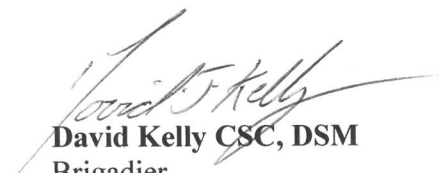
Thank you for your correspondence of 14 June 2022 to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, the Hon Richard Marles MP and the Minister for Defence Personnel, the Hon Matt Keogh MP, seeking a posthumous promotion for your grandfather, Sergeant David John McCullough. Your correspondence has been passed to me for a response.

Unfortunately, Army is unable to consider your request due to there being no legal basis for posthumous promotion in the legislation and regulations that govern such matters. While some nations do award promotions posthumously, this is not the case in Australia.

I am pleased to hear your family recently received correspondence dated 7 November 1945 from your grandfather's Commanding Officer, Major Keith Lawrence, to your grandmother. This is no doubt of great significance to your family, providing information on your grandfather's service and personal attributes. As outlined in Major Lawrence's correspondence, your late grandfather was clearly a man of exceptional character, well respected and admired by all those with whom he served.

I understand this outcome may be disappointing to you; however, it should not diminish your sense of pride in your grandfather's service. I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,


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Chief of Staff – Army Headquarters

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