



From the President of the Association.  
Major Derrick J. Coupland, OBE.

17th April, 1985

H.E. Mr. Hamilton Whyte  
High Commissioner  
British High Commission  
Tanglin Circus  
Singapore 1024

*Your Excellency,*

Thank you for your letter of 10th April, 1985.

You are most generous in your remarks which will certainly be conveyed to all those concerned. We do our duty and the Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP will be remembered for many years to come in our Members' hearts. Her courage in meeting with us so warmly when I requested them with her concurrence to "break ranks" irrespective of her safety (despite the tragedy in Brighton) was remarkable. She will also be recalled for many years hence for her gracious affability, charm and sentiment. She did so much for Great Britain to cement relationships with Singaporeans.

You too are to be complimented as it has all occurred at the outset of your tour of duty here, which I hope will continue to be happy and successful.

With regard to Remembrance Sunday on 10th November, 1985, our usual invitations will be issued comprehending the delegation from the U.K.

We invariably welcome all ex-Servicemen and their ladies especially from the ASEAN countries and the Commonwealth. In fact we have a substantial party about thirty strong arriving from Australia next week and have just said "Selamat Jalan" to a smaller contingent from that country.

I have already addressed Col. M. T. O. Lloyd on the subject of the British delegation which will be given a memorable sojourn. In fact unique plans are afoot for them to enjoy social refreshment and rest in the centre of the City. These facilities will set a precedent.

Ex-Services personnel from the constituents of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League are very special people to us.

With best wishes,

*Yours, in Service to our Veterans and their Dependents,*  
*Derrick J. Coupland*

12 BRANSCOMBE GARDENS  
WINCHMORE HILL  
LONDON N21 3BN  
Tel: 01-886 6865

CDP  
26/4.

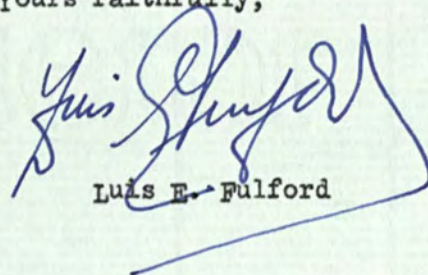
24th April 1985

C. D. Powell, Esq.,  
Private secretary to the Prime Minister,  
The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP,  
10, Downing Street,  
London. SW.

Dear Sir,

Major Derrick J. Coupland, President of the  
Ex-Services Association of Singapore, has asked me to forward  
to you the enclosed copy of his letter to His Excellency the  
High Commissioner in Singapore.

yours faithfully,

  
Luis E. Fulford