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I have known Lieutenant and Adjutant Deane for many years, a part of which time he served under my command as Adjutant of the Chatham Division of Royal Marines.

I have never met an officer more thoroughly acquainted with the details of the service in every respect, and in whom I could place more implicit reliance in the performance of his duties, more particularly those attached to an Adjutant. I consider him a young officer of unusual administrative ability, and one in whom the greatest confidence can be placed when command, responsibility and trust are of the utmost importance. His manner and private character have always been such as to win for him the esteem of those who have been in any way connected with him in the service.

(Signed) PEREGRINE HENRY FELLOWES,

Major General, R.M.L.I.

Royal Marine Barracks,

Chatham, 27th June, 1879.

During the 18 months of my command of this Division, Lieutenant and Adjutant R. Burton Deane has been Office Adjutant. I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to his zeal and ability during that period, and in thus stating my opinion of his very high capacity as an Officer—he is capable of conducting correspondence and is of very sound judgment, possessing a surprising knowledge of the service, and a great gift of conveying a very great deal in few words, and those always to the point.

As my confidential Officer, he has been at all times reliable, and as my friend and brother Officer, I cannot speak too highly of his upright and gentlemanlike bearing.

(Signed) E. L. PYM,

Major General,

Royal Marines.