

**SOURCE 2:** An extract from a letter from David Margesson, Secretary of State for War, to John Masefield, Poet Laureate, 1 January 1941 (CHAR 20/27/82-84)

	<b>On a scale of 1-5 how far do you agree that this source supports this inference?</b>	<b>Which extract(s) from the source support your argument?</b>
Margesson says that Masefield's book offers a completely inaccurate picture of the retreat to Dunkirk.		
Masefield's book suggests that it was easy for the BEF to get through France to Dunkirk.		
Masefield's book gives the impression that the evacuation itself was successful.		
Margesson believes that John Masefield has responsibilities to the British Government.		
Churchill was concerned about the impact of the book on the public opinion		

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of the Army's leadership and organisation.		
This source shows us that Dunkirk was a disaster.		