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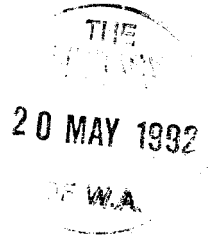
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MONTHLY LUNCHEON.

MONDAY 18 May 1992

VENUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House Perth.

TIME : Fellowship 1200 hours
Luncheon 1250 hours

SPEAKER: Mr P J Fitzpatrick AM JP.

SUBJECT: "Problem Areas in Australian Society Today"

Mr Fitzpatrick was educated at St Louis School Claremont. For twenty years he served as a Career Officer in the Australian Regular Army, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He has held a variety of Management positions and training appointments, including service in South Vietnam with the SAS Regiment and appointments with a Multi-National Force in Singapore and the British Army in West Germany. At present he is Executive Director of the Law Society in WA. Responsible for the day to day affairs of the Legal Profession in this State.

ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST: Another excellent occasion, a good attendance of members, well organised, and a good meal to start the day. The rum of course was purely for Medical Purposes. Our guests were the Consul Generals of the UK and USA, member Bob Pearce who is also the Honourary French Consul, Commodore Tony Wolstonholme RN who is the British Defence Advisor in Canberra, and Captain McLennan USN. The two Naval Officers looking very resplendent in their summer uniforms. Ron Stone invited our guest to "Sing For Their Supper", and this they did wholeheartedly. No doubt they left feeling there is still Life in the Old Dogs yet. Ron also announced that the collection taken covered the costs plus a small profit which was handed to the staff as a gratuity.

P.S. Ean McDonald has now returned his suit to Hock until next Anzac Day.

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VALE

COLIN NEWBERY CBE. ED

Colin was a Foundation Highgate member. Born 22 July 1911, he was commissioned pre-war in the 25th Light Horse. He served in the AIF from 1940, in the 2/28 Infantry Battalion at Alamein, Syria, New Guinea and Borneo, and commanded the 13 Infantry Brigade (CMF) from 1956-1959. By profession he was a chartered Accountant. Colin passed away in April 1992. The Sympathy of all our Members will be sent to Mrs Newbery and Family

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ON A BRIGHTER NOTE: It is reported that "Able" Dacre is making progress after his Coronary Bypass that was most successful, but complications from another source has prolonged his recovery.

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TO MEMBER M GRACE Thankyou for your donation and kind regards: SEC.

At the Committee Meeting held on 4 May the question of Social Events to be held this year was raised. It was decided no decision would be made until after May Luncheon Meeting in order to give you the Members the opportunity to have your say.

In response to the request for Anecdotes to make this Newsletter a little more interesting, here is the first received. It is from D (Nick) Smith.

"Towards the end of 1944, my unit was withdrawn to a site near Port Moresby, where we enjoyed the luxury of being accommodated in Huts. In order to enhance this unaccustomed sense of well being I thought it would be a good idea to tap into the water mains, about 100 metres from camp. Our formal request to the Engineers Stores Depot for the necessary Galv. Iron Pipe was unsuccessful, so I handed over the Project to our arch unit scavenger one Capt Merv Cameron. Merv was a Plantation Manager in Papua before the war, spoke fluent Motu and "Pidjin" and was in charge of a gang of natives allotted to the unit for various manual tasks. Early next morning Cameron and his dusky mates arrived at the unit in Jeep and Trailer complete with required pipe and fittings. By the end of the day the task was finished and Scheme Water was available to various parts of the camp. Particularly for showers and washing etc. I made it a policy never to enquire regarding the origin of any material acquired (his term was "Borrowed") by Cameron. However it was later revealed that he had noticed a nearby Yank Unit laying water pipe to their camp site and during the night he and his helpers has dug up the required lengths and carefully back filled the trench. I've often wondered what the Yanks thought when they finally turned on the tap and nothing issued forth!"

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WELCOME: To New Member Wally DeBruyn. Wally served with the Dutch Army attached to the American Army in Holland and later in the Dutch Indies.

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