

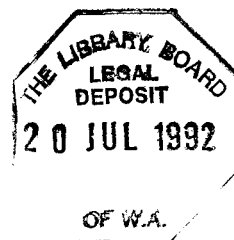
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MONTHLY LUNCHEON.

MONDAY 20 JULY 1992

VENUE: Gallipoli Room, Anzac House Perth.

TIME : Fellowship 1200 hours
Luncheon 1250 hours

SPEAKER: Dr Per Christenson: Senior Principal Research Scientist Department of Conservation and Land Management.

SUBJECT: "Desert Dreaming" Dr Christenson has 30 years of experience in Forestry and Wildlife Research and Research Management in Kenya (East Africa) and Western Australia.

LAST MONTHS SPEAKER: We extend thanks to Alex Campbell for a well informed, most enlightening and interesting talk on agriculture into the future. The subject presented was no doubt received with a good deal of interest and it gave members a more widening view of agricultural developments, both internationally and in our own spheres, into the 21st Century.

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STATE CONGRESS: Held this year in Geraldton seemed to me a newcomer to be very successful and well organised both from this end and the local sub branch and all the others concerned in Geraldton. Our Sub Branch President Les will be giving an outline report at the next luncheon and no doubt fuller details will appear in future editions of the Listening Post and elsewhere. There was no change in the top order. State President is still Jim Hall, Senior Vice President Len Keynes, and Junior Vice President Peter Firkins. For me the highlights of the week-end besides enjoying the Mayor of Geraldton's whiskey, was to see Dr Alan King devouring a slice of Black Forest Cake. If the extra calories are good enough for the doctor they are good enough for me.

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WELCOME: To new members Donald Blair and Percy White. Donald served for many years with the 16 Bn RWAR, and as an added plug for you larger gentlemen he is also the proprietor of King Size Mens Wear in Beaufort Street, Hay Street and Market Street Fremantle. Percy who must be known to thousands of Australian Soldiers as the RSM of many units has joined us as an associate member. I am assured there is no truth in the rumour he has come to us to put a bit of discipline back in the sub branch. It is not true frivolities such as fellowship will cease, and that instead we will form up in three ranks in St George's Terrace and march smartly into the Gallipoli Room where we will be seated strictly in order of seniority of service. Neither will the infantry because of their notorious bad habits have to eat in the kitchen.

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NEW PUBLICATION: After three years of research, member Max Shean has published "CORVETTE AND SUBMARINE". This describes his experiences in two phases of the war at sea 1940 - 45. The first is training and participating in anti-submarine warfare in HMS Bluebell. From September 1942 his role changed to the offensive, in special and hazardous service in midget submarines of the newly formed 12th and 14th submarine flotillas. All actions are included. This very readable book contains no exaggerations but deals thoroughly with technical and human aspects alike. It is available for \$20 including p&p from 2/6 BINDARINA PARADE CLAREMONT WA 6010 and net proceeds go to Legacy. It will also be on sale at our next luncheon for \$15.

VALE

ROBERT CLYDE FLETCHER: Bob passed away on the 8.6.92. He joined the RAAF as a Wireless Operator\Air Gunner and after training in Kenya and Australia, served in the Middle East, India and Burma from 6.7.41 to 18.10.45. Pre-War Bob was Vice President of the North Perth Sons of Soldiers League, and Post War an Instructor with the Air Training Corps and a member of Legacy. As a Freemason he was a Senior Grand Lodge Officer and Editor WA Masonic Magazine. Deepest sympathy to Yvonne and family.
News also received that an early member of Highgate Wykeham Perry, who has lived in Victoria for many years also has passed away on 14.4.92.

LEST WE FORGET

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SICK LIST: Good to see that Able Dacre and Geoff Russell felt well enough to attend the last luncheon. Keep up the good work. Phone calls also from Harry Noonan that after a triple bypass and two other operations now feels if not 100% rapidly approaching it, and from Fred Bannister who like wise has had heart surgery, and hopes to return to the fold pretty soon.

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ANECDOTE No 3: One day in New Guinea in 1943, my C O told me he had just received a message from an old Navy friend who was skipper of a Corvette which had berthed in the harbour and who requested our presence on board. We didn't need a second bidding and when we came aboard we found the ship was stacked with grog of all types. The ensuring ward room hospitality was most enjoyable seeing that the island was totally "dry" at that stage. Some time in the early evening the ships "Jimmy" (ie Exec Officer) asked for the loan of my 12 cwt utility so he could call on a nurse friend at the AGH (one in every port). He had been gone for a couple of hours and I was feeling the effect of the days unusual activity and keen to get to bed. Hence I was pleased to hear the sound of an approaching vehicle which, instead of stopping on the pier at the ship's side, continued on , to be followed seconds after by a loud splash. We rushed to the end of the pier in time to see a saturated Naval Officer emerge from the depths none the worse for his embarrassing error of judgement. Never trust Naval types when they operate outside their accustomed element.!

Thank you Nick Smith

SUB WARDEN DUTIES: Ceremonies to be held during the remainder of
July and August are:

SUNDAY 19 July 9.45am for 10.00am: Association of the Royal
Yugoslav Army Combatants

SUNDAY 26 July 11.45am for 12.00am: The Cyprian Community of WA

SUNDAY 2 August 12.45pm for 1.00pm: The Macedonian Co-ordinating
Council of W.A

Again if you can attend please notify Ron Stone beforehand.

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