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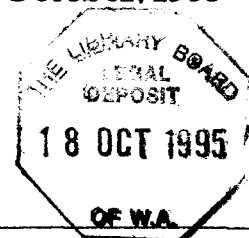
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## MONTHLY LUNCHEON.

MONDAY 15 October, 1995.

VENUE: GALLIPOLI ROOM, ANZAC HOUSE, ST. GEORGES TERRACE, PERTH.

TIME : FELLOWSHIP 1150 HOURS; LUNCHEON 1230 HOURS.

SPEAKER: Dr. E.R. (Dick) Reid

SUBJECT: "Nurse Edith Cavell - Pioneer and Patriot".

Born the fourth child of a country G.P. at Banbury, Oxfordshire on 1st February, 1924, Dick was educated at Epsom College, Surrey and at the London Hospital Medical College in the East End of London.

After graduation and resident training he accepted a "short term" commission in the British Army of the Rhine for five years. He attained the rank of Major in the RAMC 2nd Field Ambulance. Having migrated to Australia in 1956 he worked as a G.P. in Kalgoorlie Boulder for eleven years then transferred to Fremantle for a further seventeen years.

Dick was appointed Director of Medical Services, Department of Veterans' Affairs in 1984 and retired in 1989. Unable to "hack" retirement he has gone back to work as a "locum" and fills his spare time as: Chairman, Board of Visitors, Lemnos and Bentley Hospitals;

Member of the Boxing Commission;

Life member and Medical Officer, South Fremantle Football Club; and

(Sometime) member RSL State Executive.

Dick is well known to many of us through his regular attendance at Sub-branch luncheon meetings and the ready fund of humorous stories with which he regales his friends from time to time.

(Nurse Edith Cavell was executed in Brussels by a German firing squad on 12 October, 1915, just eighty years ago on Saturday.)

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### LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER.

It was with some trepidation that a speaker on the dreaded subject of cancer (especially that of the "PROSTATE"!!) was invited to address our luncheon group - but the fears were put to flight as soon as Mrs. Lumsden took the rostrum and began to speak. From the first words uttered it was obvious that Gretchen was not only a more than capable speaker, but that on this particular subject she has few peers. What was remarkable was that, having held us completely spellbound over the allocated time for her talk, she was kept in animated conversation by a band of members for quite a while after the meeting had closed. Thank you Gretchen for such a polished, professional and comprehensible presentation.

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### LADIES' LUNCHEON.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the ladies luncheon at the "Graduate Restaurant" at Carine TAFE Campus on the 27 September were treated to an excellent display of the hospitality trade. The preparation, presentation and service provided by the young trainees, under the watchful eye of their tutor Mr. Joost den Haan, left nothing to be desired. The meal (three choices for three courses with pre luncheon drinks and top class wines throughout the meal) could easily compete with that served at any first class commercial establishment. It is obvious that with people such as these being trained the hospitality industry in Western Australia will continue to be accepted as world class!! So, if you have a group of friends or acquaintances who would enjoy a great meal in very congenial surroundings you may be fortunate enough to obtain a booking for lunch on Tuesdays or Fridays by phoning (09) 246 - 8660.

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### NEW MEMBERS.

We welcome the following new members of the Sub-branch and look forward to enjoying their company at our monthly luncheons and other functions.

Joseph Owens, RAN; Ken Court, RAN; Herbert Ferguson, 2nd F/A, Army; and Andrew Marsden RAN.

SUB-WARDENS' DUTIES

Sunday 29 October 1220 hours for 1215 hours Consulate of Greece.

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VALE;

It is with deep regret that we advise the death of the following member:

Maurice Armstrong

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his loved ones at this time of great loss. The Sub-branch was represented by members who were present at the funeral service.

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POPPY DAY 1995 - FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBERCAN YOU HELP ??

Volunteers are urgently needed to man the Sub-branch's allocated posts at the Busport, Terrace Road and the Bus Station, Wellington Street between 0645 hours and 1300 hours. Tom Horton requires at least thirtyfive good men and true to assist him in this worthwhile task for around one hour between the above times. SEE TOM AT THE LUNCHEON OR GIVE HIM A BUZZ ON 390 - 9071 AND GIVE HIM YOUR NAME - PLEASE !!

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S MAILBAG:

**MELBOURNE CUP SWEEPS AND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** the Anzac club will be holding these events a little later in the year. Please give them your support when details are announced.

**THE AUSTRALIAN FLAG:** members interested in "saving our flag" can contact Phillip Kennedy on 386 - 7714 or Jim Wilson on 385 - 6131 for further details. "Flyers will be available for distribution.

**LEGACY CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS:** will be available soon. Please support. Cost \$6-50 each.

**ACROSS THE YEARS, ACROSS THE SEAS :** book by Mrs Kerime Kilicoglu will be launched in the Gallipoli Room, Anzac House by the Hon. Ross Lightfoot, MP.

Notify Anzac House (325 - 9799) by 25 October if you wish to attend.

**NATIONAL "AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS" FREEDOM PLAQUES:**

personalised plaques for mounting on a "Freedom Wall" in Brisbane are available @ \$9-95. Contact State Office if you wish to subscribe. Wall will be unveiled on 11 November, 1995.

**1945 - WAR & PEACE:** is a 100 page colour publication and will be available through National Headquarters. Cost \$ 9-95. Money with request to State Office.

**VIETNAM VETERANS' CONVENTION:** to be held in Tasmania 3 August to 1 September 1996. Further information is obtainable from State Office.

**ARMY AMENITIES HOLIDAY UNITS:** are situated at Kalbarri and Mandurah. For brochures and further information phone Defence Centre, Perth on 311 - 2222.

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## WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

### Health care arrangements for elderly Veterans.

The delivery of health care to Veterans and War Widows/Widowers is to be greatly simplified, with the number of DVA treatment entitlement cards being reduced from four (4) to two (2). Service Pensioner Benefit Card (SPBC - red card) holders and Dependant Treatment Entitlement Card (DTEC - lilac card) holders will have their entitlement upgraded to Personal Treatment Entitlement Card (PTEC - yellow card) level. The eligibility of holders of Specific Treatment Entitlement Cards (STEC - white cards) will NOT change. Service Pensioners' Benefit Card (SPBC - white card) holders will gain access to extended travel assistance and to the full range of pharmaceuticals under the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS). Dependent Treatment Entitlement Card (DETC - lilac card) holders will also gain access to the full range of pharmaceuticals under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) - they already have full travel assistance eligibility.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE - 1 JANUARY, 1996.

### Provision of chiropractic and osteopathic Services.

Access to chiropractic and osteopathic services will be available to entitled Veterans and War Widows/Widowers at Departmental expense on referral from Local Medical Officer. IMPLEMENTATION DATE - 1 SEPTEMBER, 1995

(Common question :

Q. What is the view of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) on the use of chiropractic and osteopathic treatment?

A. The AMA has publicly expressed some concerns about the general provision of chiropractic and osteopathic treatment.

(N.B. The Local Medical Officers' Advisory Committee has indicated that Local Medical Officers would, generally, be happy with veterans access to these treatments given the safeguards of referral by LMOs.)

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