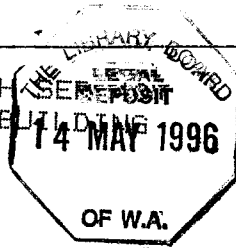


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**MONTHLY LUNCHEON**  
**MONDAY 20 MAY, 1996.**

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

TIME: FELLOWSHIP 1150 HOURS; LUNCHEON 1230 HOURS

SPEAKER: GEOFFREY MILLAR JP FPS

SUBJECT: "MALEFACTORS AND MEDICINES"

Geoffrey Millar is a distinguished pharmacist who has made a considerable contribution. First through the Pharmaceutical Society of W.A.; being a long serving committeeman, president for the period 1983/85 inclusive and Life Member. After being a councillor of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia from 1988 to 1994 he was elected Chairman in 1995 which position he still holds. He has also been a member of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Remuneration Tribunal since 1990.

In addition to being proprietor of Jacobsons Pharmacy 1959 - 1988 he has had a number of business interests and has served on the boards of Rumbles and Sigma W.A.

(Don Meredith)

"The Trenches in the Sky" by Dan Conway.

With the advance of winter chills now is a great time to add an excellent book to your library for the bleak days ahead. Dan Conway's "The Trenches in the Sky" is just such a book. Written in the comfortable manner of the true story teller Dan takes through those memorable days when we were young and daring and ready for anything - up to the moment of truth when we discover that we are not indestructible and that life is not always "a bowl of cherries".

Joining the RAAF in 1942 Dan was trained at Pearce, Cunderdin and Geraldton before further training in England prior to joining the famous 467 Squadron where he was captain of a "Lancaster" Bomber participating in the "battle of Berlin". In his book Dan has kept rigidly to his aim to tell what it was really like flying in Bomber Command. In 1944 he was awarded the DFC and in 1982 the MBE (Civil). (Available from :- D T Conway, 27 Lisle St., Mt. Claremont WA 6010. Price \$25-00 plus \$1-50 p&p.)

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR.

Without doubt the recent Anzac commemoration was an outstanding success. Commencing with the Dawn Service at the State War Memorial and continuing through the Jewish service at the special memorial nearby, the march through the city and the very touching service on the Esplanade it would have thrilled even the toughest Digger. Sincere thanks to those members of Highgate who participated in any way, especially those who braved the chancy weather to present themselves for Sub-Warden duties at the memorial. As an aside, the breakfast was also excellent, with members of the services, the scouts, the Diplomatic and the Consular Corps being present.

Apropos last month's par concerning our monthly luncheons: a subcommittee comprising Tom Horton, Alan Saville and yours truly met with Anzac Club management last Monday, 6 May for a very informative and, we all hope, successful discussion. Suggestions from members were a great help and it is expected that the improvement will be obvious. Any (constructive) suggestions will be listened to by Tom Horton and will be voiced in the appropriate forum.

Thanks to the very observant member who helped us locate the new address of Mr R S Hamilton!! I hope that he now receives his Highgate "News" along with the rest of our members. While being aware of the trauma of moving residence, it is a great help if you can drop the Secretary a short note containing your new address- it helps to "keep in touch".

"Home for Christmas", a book written by Mr. Bob Mutton, former POW of the Japanese is a factual record of Australians in Japanese POW camps. The Secretary still has two copies of this excellent account of bravery and deprivation for sale @ \$10-00 each. These will be available at the Reception Desk at the May Luncheon.

### WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT.

#### RESEARCH PROGRAMME FOR YOUNGER VETERANS:

Three research studies will be undertaken during 1995/96 which will expand on the thrust of current Vietnam Veteran's mortality study (VVMS) and provide the basis for research on Australian veterans from post-Vietnam conflicts.

The VVMS due to be completed later in the current year is establishing a "nominal roll" of all people who served in Vietnam. This will be used as a basis for further research into causes of death among Vietnam veterans.

Briefly the three research studies focus on:-

#### MALE VIETNAM VETERANS:

to extend the VVMS to include a control group against which the mortality rates of Vietnam veterans can be compared.

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**SUB-WARDENS' DUTIES.**

SUNDAY 26 MAY, 1996 1045 HOURS FOR 1100 HOURS  
16 Btn CAMERON H'LANDERS OF WA ASSOC.

SUNDAY 26 MAY, 1996 1415 HOURS FOR 1430 HOURS  
DUNKIRK VETERANS ASSOCCN.

TUESDAY 28 MAY, 1996 1315 HOURS FOR 1330 HOURS  
WOMEN'S AUX. RSL STATE EXECUTIVE

SUNDAY 2 JUNE, 1996 1145 HOURS FOR 1200 HOURS  
CONSULATE OF GREECE, PERTH

MONDAY 10 JUNE, 1996 0945 HOURS FOR 1000 HOURS  
LABUAN LANDING REUNION COMMITTEE

(Preferred dress for Sub-Wardens - Navy or black blazer, grey slacks, white shirt, beret and armband).

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**FEMALE VETERANS:**

to extend the VVMS to examine the feasibility of a study of the morbidity rate and mortality of females who were in Vietnam.

**POST VIETNAM CONFLICTS:**

to establish "nominal rolls" similar to that for Vietnam for veterans of later conflicts, including those who served in Namibia, the Gulf War, Somalia, Kampuchea and Rwanda.

As with Vietnam veterans, the "nominal Rolls" for post Vietnam conflicts, will provide basic demographic data that will enable health and mortality studies of these veterans. These studies will also assist the Department of Veteran's Affairs to better tailor and target its services to areas of greatest need.

Q. Will the result of these studies be made public?

A. Results in the form of statistical analyses will be released. It is planned to present the "nominal rolls" to the Australian War Memorial to form part of its collection.

Q. Will ex-service groups participate in the studies?

A. Ex-service organisations have been represented on the "steering" committee for the Vietnam Veteran's Mortality Study and their continued participation will be sought. The compilation of the "nominal rolls" for post-Vietnam conflicts will be completed in 1996.

(Bob Smith).

(From the desk diary: If Moses had been a committee the Israelites would still be in Egypt !!

J R Hughes.)

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