

THE AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

Annual Report Year Ending 31st March, 1943, Presented at the Annual Meeting held at the Commercial Travellers Club, Melbourne on Friday 30th July, 1943.

OFFICERS 1942.

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval the Twelfth Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council covering the operations for the year 1942.

The season opened at a time when our beloved country was facing the greatest crisis in its history, the enemy having advanced close to our shores and the threat of invasion was indeed real; In such circumstances it was evident that lacrosse so far as competitive games were concerned, would be impossible, as the majority of our players were with the fighting forces. However, three states - Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia - were able to arrange matches for under age and schoolboy players and are to be congratulated on keeping the game alive during this the darkest hour in Australia's history.

FINANCIAL The finances of the Council are in a healthy condition, and the Hon. Treasurer when presenting the balance sheet tonight will be able to report a credit balance at the Commonwealth Bank of £6 19 0. The Assets of the Council amount to £33 1 0.

CONSTITUTION The Sub-Committee appointed to revise the constitution of the Council has completed its labours and tonight you will be asked to give consideration to its report.

OBITUARY We regret to record the passing of Dr. L.O. Betts, O.B.E. and Mr. Frank Davidson both Vice Presidents of the South Australian Lacrosse Association. Both of these gentlemen rendered many years

service to lacrosse and the sympathy of this Council is extended to their relatives and the South Australian Lacrosse Association.

ROLL OR HONOR I regret that I am unable to append any additional names to the roll of honor as State Secretaries have experienced difficulties in collecting the necessary data. It is to be hoped that every endeavour will be made to obtain the necessary details so that a complete record of the great part played by lacrosseurs in the war, may be recorded.

DEATHS IN THE WAR Unfortunately the death roll is again extremely heavy twelve of our colleagues having made the supreme sacrifice. To their bereaved relatives the Council extends its sincere sympathy.

FAULL, S.W. Served with the R.A.A.F. Killed in aircraft accident 12th September, 1942. Member University High School Old Boys Lacrosse Club, Melbourne.

FRASER, Sergt. Pilot Harris. Killed in air operations overseas 6th March, 1943. Member Wattle Park Lacrosse Club, Melbourne.

GILL, Pilot Officer Robert Lester, Member of the Como Lacrosse Club, believed to have lost his life, June, 1942, in operations over Timor. This airman has been honoured by having an Airfield situated in the Northern Territory named after him.

HASKELL Private Ronald Eric, Killed in action in Papua 8th September, 1942, while serving with the A.I.F. Member of the East Fremantle Lacrosse Club. Represented Western Australia in 1936, 1938, 1939 in interstate and carnival matches.

HUTTON R. Served with the R.A.N. Lost his life H.M.A.S. Yarra or Perth. Member Malvern Lacrosse Club, Victoria.

JONES, Private Arthur, a member of the Perth Lacrosse Club, Western Australia. Killed in action in Papua on January 7th, 1943, while serving with the A.I.F.

MANDERSON Sgt. Pilot J.J. Killed in air operations Middle East while serving with the R.A.A.F. Member Williamstown Lacrosse Club, Victoria.

MARTIN, Sgt. D.T. Wireless operator Air Gunner. Killed 11th January, 1943. Member University Lacrosse Club, South Australia.

PARK, Private W. Killed in action in New Guinea 12th January, 1943.
Member West Torrens Lacrosse Club, South Australia.

ROBSON, Lieutenant Commander Dudley. Died of illness in England while serving with the R.A.N.V.R. A former member of the Fremantle Lacrosse Club and Eastern Goldfields Association, Western Australia.

TRUSCOTT, Squadron Leader Keith, served with the R.A.F. and R.A.A.F. Killed in air accident 28th March, 1943. Member Melbourne High School Old Boys Lacrosse Club, Victoria.

WRIGHT, Leading Aircraftsman Colin, Killed in aircraft accident at Geraldton on 9th February, 1943, was a member of the Como Lacrosse Club, Western Australia.

CORRECTION

HUGHES, G. Listed as lost H.M.A.S. Yarra or Perth, should have read R. Hutton. (see above).

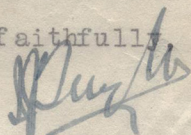
DECORATIONS The Council extends congratulations to:-

COOK, Lieut. (acting Captain) F.W. Awarded the M.C. and D.S.O. for conspicuous gallantry in the field. Member Sturt Lacrosse Club, South Australia.

LEE, Captain A.J. Member North Adelaide Lacrosse Club. Awarded the M.C. ~~and D.S.O.~~ and also bar to his M.C. for conspicuous gallantry in the field.

In conclusion I feel sure I am anticipating your wishes in recording the sincere thanks of the Council to those enthusiasts in all States who have contributed to keeping the game alive during these critical years.

Yours faithfully


I.J. TAYLOR.

HONORARY SECRETARY, A.L.C.