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THE AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE COUNCIL

Annual Report Year ending 31st March, 1944. Presented at the Annual Meeting held at the Commercial Travellers Club, Melbourne on Friday August 11th, 1944.

OFFICERS 1944

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your approval the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Australian Lacrosse Council, covering the season 1943. Considering that the war is now in its fifth year it is very gratifying to be able to report that during the season under review, competitive lacrosse was played in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. All of these States report increased interest that augurs well for the future of the game. This happy state of affairs is due to the untiring efforts of a small band of enthusiastic officials in each of these States who are determined to keep the game alive during these critical years.

CONSTITUTION. It will be recalled that in 1943 a sub-committee was appointed to revise the Constitution of the Council. Your Committee appreciating the importance of their task devoted much time and thought to the subject. After several drafts had been submitted to the State Association inviting their criticism and suggestions, a draft was finally agreed upon which it was thought would be satisfactory to all concerned. This draft was unanimously adopted by the Council at its last meeting and was sent to the State Association for final ratification which it was anticipated would only be a formality. However, this was not to be, as Western Australia and Queensland have made further suggestions which will have to be considered and placed before the States. Both the South Australian and Victorian Associations have

have approved of the draft.

FINANCIAL. The Honorary Treasurer when presenting the financial statement tonight will report a credit balance at the Commonwealth Bank of £4 11 2. The total assets of the Council amount to £30 13 2.

CONGRATULATIONS The conferment of the honour of a King's Counsel on Mr. C. Lempiere Abbott K.C. B.A. LL.B. M.P. a past President of the Council is recorded with great pleasure. We also desire to congratulate Mr. Abbot on attaining Ministerial rank in the South Australian Parliament.

OBITUARY We regret to record the passing of Sir William Irvine K.C.M.G. for many years Patron of the Victorian Lacrosse Association, Mr. L. Humphris, South Australia and Mr. F. Delves Victoria. Both Messrs. Humphris and Delves represented Australia in the test matches against Canada in 1907. The Council extends its sympathy to their bereaved relatives.

DEATHS IN THE WAR: IT is with profound regret that I report the death of twenty of our gallant comrades during the past year. To their bereaved relatives the Council extends its deepest sympathy.

CAVENETT Private L. Member, West Torrens Lacrosse Club, S.A.

DUNSTONE C.C. Member Port Adelaide Lacrosse Club, S.A.

ELLIS, Flight Sergt. R. Member Port Adelaide Lacrosse Club.

FRANCIS D. Member Brighton Lacrosse Club, S.A.

FALLON Sgt. Pilot C. Member North Adelaide Lacrosse Club, Lost his life while serving with the R.A.A.F.

HILL R.J. Member Legacy Lacrosse Club, S.A.

HORSEMAN? J.D. Lieut. Alan, served with the A.I.F. Member Brighton Lacrosse Club, S.A.

JOSE G.A. Member Adelaide University Lacrosse Club, served with the A.I.F.

KEANE? Flying Officer, Peter, member of the Brighton Lacrosse Club, S.A.

KIMBER, F.W. Served with the A.I.F. Member North Adelaide Lacrosse Club, S.A.

LAMERTON, Flying Officer W.J. Member St. Peters (Glennelg)

Lacrosse Club, S.A.

LESLIE, K. Member Malvern Lacrosse Club Victoria.

MOBSBY, K. Member North Adelaide Lacrosse Club, lost his life while serving with the R.A.A.F.

MENZIES Lieut. D.C.(M.C.) Member Adelaide University Lacrosse lost his life while serving with the Black Watch Reg.

MILLER, Flying Officer F.W. Accidentally killed, Adelaide River Northern Territory on April 21st 1944. Member of Mt. Lawley Lacrosse Club, Represented Western Australia in the 1932 and 1939 Carnivals.

ROSS A. Lost his life while serving with the R.A.A.F. Member North Adelaide Lacrosse Club.

SMITH Warrant Officer K.F. Member St. Peters (Glennelg) Lacrosse Club.

WICKS Flight Sgt. B.P. Member Sturt Lacrosse Club.

WOOD Flying Officer J.R. Member Goodwood Lacrosse Club, S.A.

DECORATIONS

<u>MENZIES</u> D.C.	Military Cross (Posthumously)	(S.A.)
<u>LEE</u> A.J.	" " and Bar	"
<u>COOK</u> F.W.	" " Distinguished Service Order	(S.A.)
<u>LITTLE</u> M.	" " (Vic.)	
<u>BARRETT</u> F.C.	Distinguished Flying Cross	(S.A.)
<u>BOLITHO</u> K.	" " " "	
<u>COOPER</u> R.B.	" " " "	
<u>HARRIS</u> B.C.	" " " "	
<u>HORNER</u> Harold V.	" " " "	
<u>WEARNE</u> A.	" " " "	
<u>GROSS</u> R.W.	" " " "	
<u>JONES</u> E.L.	" " " "	
<u>HARVEY</u> R.J.	Mentioned in Despatches	(S.A.)
<u>GILL</u> R.A.	Airfield named after him	(W.A.)

(Posthumously)

REMEMBRANCE DAY May I be permitted to make the suggestion that the second Saturday in May in each year be set aside as a day of remembrance for those gallant lacrosseurs, who have been killed in the War? The death roll unfortunately has been very heavy, no less than sixty two of our colleagues have paid the supreme sacrifice. Should this suggestion meet with approval, a simple ceremony of assembling the two teams - either in the pavilion or on the ground-prior to the commencement of the game, the gathering could then be briefly addressed by some prominent official followed by two minutes silence. This could be carried out at every match as every Club will probably have suffered the loss of a comrade. The second Saturday in May has been selected as the majority of the States ^{open} upon their Season on this day, and it would be desirable to have uniformity.

CONCLUSION In conclusion I wish to thank State Secretaries for the assistance they have given me in carrying out my duties.

Yours faithfully,



I.J. TAYLOR

HONORARY SECRETARY A.L.C.