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LEGATEE ARTHUR HENSON SMITH

(Died: 19/1/73)

His fellow Legatees and many friends associated with Melbourne Legacy were saddened when they learned, on Friday last, that Legatee Arthur Smith had passed away in a Toorak hospital at the age of 82 years.

Arthur was educated at Camberwell Grammar School and served overseas in both the First and Second World Wars. In World War 1 he enlisted on 31st August 1914, landed on Gallipoli on 25th April 1915, was promoted 2nd Lieutenant in March 1916, 1st Lieutenant in July of the same year and subsequently Captain then Major. His service throughout this period was with the 2nd Brigade A.F.A. and later, the 3rd Army Brigade Artillery.

On 1st May 1940 Arthur enlisted with the 2/9 Field Regiment of the 2nd A.I.F. with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and served in Syria and the Middle East. The date of his discharge from the Army on this occasion was 1st May 1945 and he later received the Efficiency Decoration.

In the post-war years, Arthur held several Secretarial appointments including the Emerald Country Club (10 years), Barwon Heads Golf Club (2 years), and the Stock Exchange Club (2 years).

It was in June 1935 that he was inducted as a member of Melbourne Legacy on the nomination of Legatee George Ekins and the late Legatee Dave Doyle. Throughout his years of dedicated service with Legacy, Arthur served with enthusiasm with many of our committees including Family Contact, Employment, Girls' Classes, Probation, Personnel, Comradeship and as Orderly Officer and Sergeant-at-Arms. Not until 1965 did he agree - on account of illness and his inability to move about easily - to accept transfer to the Reserve. Even so, over recent years he still continued to do a sterling job by way of organization on behalf of our Prahran/Malvern Branch throughout the period of our annual Legacy Week/Badge Day Appeal.

Arthur was a cheerful, gracious gentleman who was also endowed with a great sense of humour and ready wit. He was always most appreciative of any courtesies extended to him and until recently, when failing health prevented him from getting out and about, he knew how to and did really enjoy life. He was a member of the Naval & Military Club, Toorak R.S.L., and was a Past Master of Brighton Lowry Masonic Lodge.

Arthur's first wife, Ida, died in 1937 and his second wife, Eve, whom he had married in 1946, pre-deceased him in 1965.

The funeral of our Departed Comrade, who will long be affectionately remembered by his many friends, took place yesterday (Monday) afternoon at the Springvale Necropolis following a service at Christ Church of England, South Yarra, where the Legacy Service was conducted by our President, Legatee Ron. Foskett.

To Raymond and Jean (Mrs. H. Ogilvie), Arthur's son and daughter, and to their respective families, also to his brothers, Fred., Syd. and Bob., we join in expressing sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

"LEST WE FORGET"

- I.E.L.