

3 Feb '05

Dear John

Thank you for your letter and note of 16 Jan. I apologise for my delay in replying. I can only blame the madness of the holiday season and my new role!

Congratulations on reaching the magic break-even point with your book sales and thank you and your supporters (and Allison of course) for your generous help to Legay. Needless to say we are working on further sales!

Your Shrine 'reading' has been publicised in Melbourne Legay's "Bulletin" and I hope to be there. Alas Div will be in the U.K. - Nth. Ireland to be more precise - with her ageing Mother.

I look forward to our next 'meeting', whenever that may be. Meanwhile all the best to you and your family

Regards

Graham Kitcher

Dear Graham,

The enclosed formal letter is short & I hope sweet enough.

I thought it might be useful to mention the Shrine function in case legacy might get the idea that it was an opportunity for boosting sales, but I leave that to you. Naturally, I should be flattered should you &/or Vivian wish to attend but I don't think it's the sort of occasion that in your position I should feel any obligation.

Will be in touch,

Cheers,

John

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16 Jan. 05.

Mr. Graham Riches,
Vice-President,
Legacy Co-ordinating council.

Dear Graham,

You will be interested to learn that I have crossed the magic break even threshold and have already started to divert proceeds from sale of my book "Survival of the Fortunate" to Legacy. Cheques should shortly come in to Legacy House from Jas. Bennett P/L, Library Suppliers for \$47 (about) and the Aust Defence Forces Academy for \$30. These should be the start of a steady stream. There are about 300 books still to be sold so there is a possibility for Legacy to gain about \$7000 if we can market the remainder with equal success. In the meantime, I should be grateful for confirmation when the two accounts referred to have been paid.

Break even point was reached last week when I received a cheque for \$400 from the Shrine of Remembrance in anticipation of sales from a reading which I am scheduled to give there at 1100 hours on Wednesday, 16 March as part of Senior Citizen's Week.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for all of the help and encouragement you have given and especially for your initiative seeking and obtaining the grant from the Minister of Veteran's Affairs without which publication would not have gone ahead. It is my privilege to be able to return the compliment.

With kindest regards,

John McCredie

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1 December 2004

Mr J McCredie
7 Rathmines Street
TOORAK 3142

Dear Mr McCredie

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$100, being money collected for the sale of four books which were ordered by Newcastle Legacy.

I hope we continue to receive orders for your book to our mutual satisfaction.

Regards.

Yours sincerely

Barbara Brown
Executive Officer

It is probably unique that a book written by an Australian airman about his experiences during the Indian and Burma campaigns results in a gift to Legacy of \$500 from a Canadian whose father was killed whilst serving with the ~~author~~ ^{author}. However that is the strength of the wartime bonds and memories that the book "Survival of the Fortunate" evoke.

~~Launching of Book at Legacy House~~

John McCredie's new book "Survival of the Fortunate" ^{was recently} will be launched at Legacy House, 293 Swanston Street on 5 August at 4.30 PM by Ray Ward, ^{LegacyCC} Chairman of Legacy Coordinating Council. The ~~book~~ tells the story of a young man who didn't particularly want to fight a war but who, in the early 1940's, could find no acceptable option.

The book brings to life the personal commitment required by war largely through the description of the author's time in the air, that mere three per cent of his total service time. But the non flying hours, the friendships, the fun, the fears, the reflections and the desires are not neglected. Melbourne historian Peter Yule writes in his preface to the book; it "is a valuable addition to the literature of Australia's involvement in the Second World War and will appeal to both specialist military historians and the general reader."

This well preserved book

includes interesting photographs and maps and

The book is based upon letters written from overseas during the Vietnam War to a fifteen year old daughter at boarding school who had asked her father what he did in the war. The author takes the reader for a journey through his joining the ^{as a young man,} RAAF, his training as a pilot in Australia, subsequent operational training as a bomber pilot in England and culminating in his being sent to India where he served for nearly two years as pilot and captain of a Liberator bomber and later as Liberator transport captain.

Publication was assisted by a grant under the Commonwealth Government's ^{are looking for a good read and a sensibly priced present} "Saluting their Service" program. Those who attend the launching will have an opportunity to purchase the book at the discounted price of \$25 ^{through the Co-ordinating Council} and also to feel good about it since the proceeds will be donated to Legacy, ^{thanks to the author's generosity.}

Alternatively the book can be purchased directly from the author, ^{John DFC} RSVP. (regrets only to McCredie, 7 Rathmines St. Toorak 3142 or online to joramccredie@optusnet.com.au)

LOOKING FOR A ~~GOOD READ~~ SENSIBLY PRICED PRESENT THAT HELPS BENEFIT LEGACY?

P.S. The book has been greeted with much enthusiasm in Melbourne and Hobart.



LEGACY CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL		ACTION
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Mr Graham Riches
 Senior Vice Chairman
 Legacy Coordinating Council
 Legacy House
 293 Swanston Street
 MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Mr Riches

Thank you for your application requesting financial assistance towards the cost of publishing a book *Lives of an Australian Airman; Letters to a Daughter*, which will record the experiences of a young Australian airman during World War II.

I am pleased to advise that I have approved a \$4000 grant under the Australian Government's commemorations program, *Saluting Their Service*. This is the maximum amount available under the program to publish books.

Attached is a form for you to complete to formally accept this offer. Payment of \$4000 will be made in favour of the Legacy Coordinating Council as soon as this acceptance is received by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. I draw your attention to the disclaimer, the words of which are set out in the acceptance form, that is required to be included in your book. I have also attached an acquittal form that is required to be completed and returned once the grant has been used for the specified project. On completion, the Commemorations Branch would appreciate a copy of your book.

As your council has an *Australian Business Number* (ABN) and is registered for the *Goods and Services Tax* (GST), you are required to do one of the following:

- provide the Department with a Tax Invoice for the grant amount plus a 10% gross up; or
- complete the enclosed *Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) Deed of Agreement* and the Department will provide the *Tax Invoice* on your behalf.

Processing of your application cannot take place until either a *Tax Invoice* or the *RCTI Deed of Agreement* is returned with your acceptance form.

If you would like to clarify any aspects of this offer, please contact Jennifer Hollis in the Commemorations Branch of the Department on (02) 6289 6424 or *freecall* 1800 026185 (quoting G155437).

I wish you every success with your commemorative project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danna Vale". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

DANNA VALE MP

Encl

22 OCT 2003

ACQUITTAL FORM

Mr Graham Riches
Senior Vice Chairman
Legacy Coordinating Council
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The Secretary
Department of Veterans' Affairs
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Attention: Jennifer Hollis
Commemorations Branch
Ref: G155437

GRANT FROM THE MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS

I, Mr Graham Riches, Senior Vice Chairman of the Legacy Coordinating Council, wish to advise the Department of Veterans' Affairs that the \$4000 grant provided under the Australian Government's commemorations program, *Saluting Their Service*, has been utilised in full to publish a book *Lives of an Australian Airman; Letters to a Daughter*, which records the experiences of a young Australian airman during World War II.

Yours sincerely

Mr Graham Riches

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