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No 2484

3 May 2013

Stu Lloyd

The Alexandra Hospital Massacre, 1942, in honour of ANZAC Day

Stu Lloyd was introduced as an enthralling story-teller, and based on the attention he received in recounting a horrific footnote from the World War II, it is a reputation he deserves.

His story, unfortunately non-fiction, described the events at the Alexandra Hospital in Singapore.

Stu gave a brief background to the building itself, and while recounting his story, left the horrors to our own imagination.

During the early morning of 14 February 1942, as the Japanese approached, water to the hospital was cut off and air activity became intense with shells landing nearby.

Japanese troops were seen for the first time at 13:40. As these troops were about to enter the hospital, Lt. Weston went with a white flag to indicate surrender. The Japanese took no notice and he was bayoneted.

Turning to the hero of this story, Stu described the events that transpired for Captain Smiley RAMC.

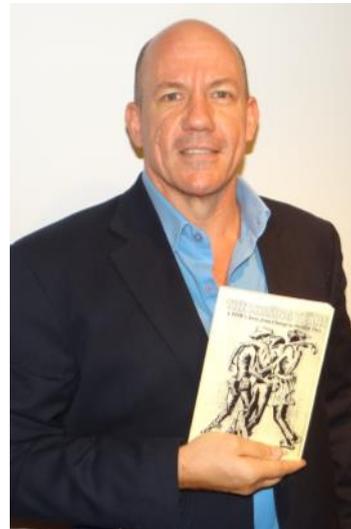
On seeing enemy troops, Captain Smiley pointed to the Red Cross

brassards, but they appeared excited and took no notice. He was lunged at with a bayonet but struck it aside and was then shot. Fortunately, the bullet hit his cigarette case in his breast pocket. He pretended to be killed and pushed Private Sutton, who was unharmed, to the floor, calling to the others to keep quiet.

Then, patients and personnel numbering around 200 were taken outside and marched to the Old Quarters, where they were herded into two very small rooms. During the night many died and all suffered from thirst and the suffocating atmosphere. Water was promised but never arrived.

By evening, shelling was at its maximum with shells bursting all around. One shell struck the roof injuring some prisoners and blowing open the door and windows. When this happened eight men tried to escape. Some were successful but others got hit by machine gun fire.

Prior to this, the Japanese had been leading small groups out of sight and



the ensuing screams, left little doubt as to their fate. Except for the few who escaped, none were seen alive again.

On 16 February, a Japanese Medical Officer entered the hospital and saluted the dead.

The next day, the Japanese SOC called and expressed his regret at what had happened and assured the staff they had nothing further to fear.

As Stu added to close his speech, to this day, it is difficult to understand the reason for this attack on the hospital. Rumor has it that Indian Sappers and Miners digging a tunnel at the rear of the hospital had presumably made a run for it and passed through the hospital building.



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A picture is worth...



Former Rtn Bernard and Rtn Jim catching up on the latest personal news...



Rtn Stuart and a very happy VP Ken



Visiting Rtn Hans and his lucky hug for Cosmos



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RCBS gives helmets to pre-school students in Bangkok



Despite national traffic laws mandating helmet use for drivers and passengers, only 46% of motorcyclists wear helmets on Thailand's roads. Among children, use falls to eight.

In early March, we donated motorcycle helmets to 175 students at two pre-school child development centers in the Rama IX Aeration Pond Community.

With this donation, Rotary Club of Bangkok South launched the Helmets for Kids partnership with the Asia Injury Prevention (AIP) Foundation to increase helmet use and reduce road traffic injuries among child motorcycle passengers in Bangkok.

Bung Rama 9 is an economically disadvantaged community in Bangkok that has received our support for many years. Both schools are close to roads that carry heavy traffic during rush hour, presenting a risk to these children.

Many families ignore the requirement due to a lack of concern about road safety. However, research demonstrates that helmet use can reduce the risk of death by 42% and of severe head injury by 69% in case of a crash.

All of the helmets proudly display the Rotary Logo which helps to display Rotary's commitment to the safety cause.

"Most of the children in Bung Rama 9 commute to and from school as passengers on motorcycles," said Mr. Jon Plate, Rotary Club of Bangkok South Board Member and Service Projects Director.

"However, as in much of Thailand, the helmet use rate is alarmingly low. Though they are young now, we recognize that these children are our future, and helmets are a simple, affordable, and proven way to protect their poten-

tial."

But the commitment runs deeper than simply providing helmets to kids. A year-long follow-up of education, monitoring and follow through, involving the families and community members, helps to make sure the safety initiative is as effective as possible.



"Helmets for Kids is a multi-pronged, proven approach to combat the epidemic levels of road traffic accident fatalities and injuries in many developing countries," said Ratanawadee Winther, AIP Foundation Country Director. "In Thailand, where more than 14,000 lives were lost to traffic injuries in 2011, widespread helmet use could save countless lives."

Article by Rtn Ben Ferguson



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Khun Khob's Club Almanac # 2484 – 3 May 2013

Wedding Anniversary Greetings

Mark Marshall May 5
Pichai Kanivichaporn May 9

Attendance for 26 April 2013: 61%

Present 40, Make-up 7, Absent 30,
Exemption 28, Total 105

Visiting 26 April 2013

From Local Club
RC Bangkok Brent Clegg
RC Bangkok Pascal Butel, Werner Kubesch

From Abroad

Hans Mannheim RC Minerva, Holland
Pascal De Corte RC Lottegem, Belgium
Per Dibber RC Bruxelles Versale, Belgium

Invited Guests

Bernard Colin
Chris Childs
Tim Dean Smith

Introduced by

Tim Cornwall
Stuart Baker
Doug Riach

Recent Makeups

E-Club of 3310, 22, 25 and 26/04/13: Peter Williams

Make-up Credits

Minerva Sponsorship, 22/04/13: Arie Bloed, Chris Thatcher, PE
Mike Schultz, Rakesh Sodhia

Incoming Board, 22/04/13: Adrian Topham, Chris Thatcher, Dana Edward Caron, Dean Outerson, Douglas Riach, PN Michael Doyle, PE Mike Schultz, Nathan Christoff, Rakesh Sodhia, Stuart Lucani, Tim Cornwall, Yod Tantaranunant

Club Delegation to RC Pathumwan, 23/04/13: AG Andrew MacPherson, Douglas Riach



Today, over 14 years since we left the Montien, their food vouchers still mention us...



Club Calendar

Friday, 10 May
Joe Cummings
Tattoos

Friday, 17 May
Khun Saranya
Protecting Your Spouse

Friday, 24 May
No Meeting

Friday, 31 May
DG Alex Mavro, District Governor
What it's all About

Friday, 7 June
Vuttiphol Wanglee
Rice Scheme the Real Story

Friday, 14 June
Hakan Skoglund
Mechai Foundation

Friday, 21 June
TBC

Friday, 28 June
No Meeting

For Bangkok South Events
[rotarybangkoksouth.org/
calendar-of-events](http://rotarybangkoksouth.org/calendar-of-events)

Important Date to Remember

Saturday, 29 June 2013
Installation Dinner
Dusit Thani Hotel



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