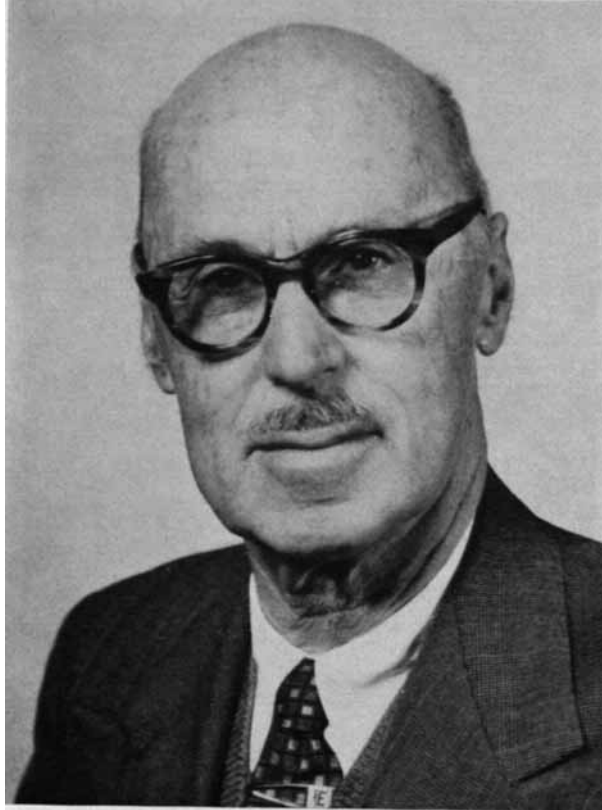


## Obituary



**Eric Wilfrid Frecker**  
**M.B., Ch.M. (Syd.), M.R.A.C.P., F.R.C.P.**  
**(Edin.), F.F.R., F.C.R.A.**

Educated at old Fort Street (Fort Street Model School) in 1908, he was Dux of the School and Medallist in English with Honours in Mathematics in the Senior Public Examination.

His University career was also meritorious. He was awarded the Henry Wait Medical Bursary in English in first year Arts; in first year Medicine he was the Renwick Scholar. In his fourth year he was awarded the Parkinson Prize in Pathology, and at graduation he was

a University Medallist, won the Sands Prize in Surgery, and obtained First-class Honours.

He was a Junior then Senior Resident Medical Officer at Sydney Hospital.

In World War I he was a Captain in the 14th Field Ambulance A.I.F., and served in France.

After the war, he obtained his Fellowship of The Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.

He then returned to Australia and commenced as a general practitioner in Kiama, N.S.W., where he remained for ten years.

In 1930 he spent twelve months in the United Kingdom, Germany and the United States studying radiotherapy and radiodiagnosis. In 1931 he commenced practice in Macquarie Street, Sydney, in these specialties.

He was an Honorary Radiotherapist at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Honorary Radiologist to the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, the Western Suburbs Hospital and Royal Hospital for Women, and Visiting Radiologist to the Masonic Hospital, Sydney.

In World War II, as a Major, he served in the Australian Military Forces, setting up and organizing the X-ray Department at the 113th Australian General Hospital at Concord, N.S.W.

His College activities were noteworthy. A Foundation Member of The Australasian and New Zealand Association of Radiologists, and later the College of Radiologists of Australasia, he was also Honorary Secretary of the N.S.W. Branch of the College for the first six years, and a member of the Council for many years.

Eric Frecker was an outstanding example of the high standard that can be attained in Radiology, with a wide post-graduate study as a physician. He had an extensive knowledge in medical diagnosis and a solid background in pathology. This made him an outstanding clinician in his specialties.

Eric was always interested in his patients, and showed a sympathetic and kindly approach to the problems of the patient.

His hobbies were rifle shooting in the 20's, sailing in the 40's and 50's, and latterly gardening, cabinet-making and the study of recorded music.

He had an extremely pleasant personality, and always greeted his colleagues, associates and patients with a cheerful welcome and smile.

He contributed a great deal to medical practice and to the College of Radiologists.

He leaves a respected and honoured name both medically and socially.

He is survived by his wife, daughter and twin sons.

A. R. COLWELL.

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### Dr. O. Moller

Dr. O. Moller gave early indication of his future ability when after a year as House Surgeon at Christchurch Hospital he left for England and within six months had obtained his M.R.C.P. As a medical registrar in Dunedin Hospital following Sir Charles Burns, he was of great assistance to the house physician, who respected his highly intelligent and sympathetic approach to their medical problems. In Hastings as a consultant physician he came to

feel that the basic necessity of medicine was a thorough knowledge of the pathological physiology, and made the decision of turning to radiology as a branch of medicine that could furnish him with a diagnostic aid that, coupled with his extensive knowledge of medicine, would furnish a key to many problems. He felt that radiology would bind the slippery slope to diagnostic medicine into a more stable and concrete whole. He therefore established a

radiological unit in his rooms at Hastings and gave himself up to an intensive study of this discipline. A study of some years, first in Australia and in Wellington Hospital, ended with his appointment as Radiologist to Hutt

urgent problem. Subsequently he became Radiologist-in-chief to the Wellington Hospital Board, which he served with distinction until returning to private practice in Hutt. Even then he still retained his connection with the



Hospital at its commencement. Always willing to correlate clinical and radiological evidence, his room became, at this time, a meeting ground for the discussion of problems—never was anything too much trouble. One could be certain of a warm welcome, dragging films along to his private home in the evenings to elucidate an

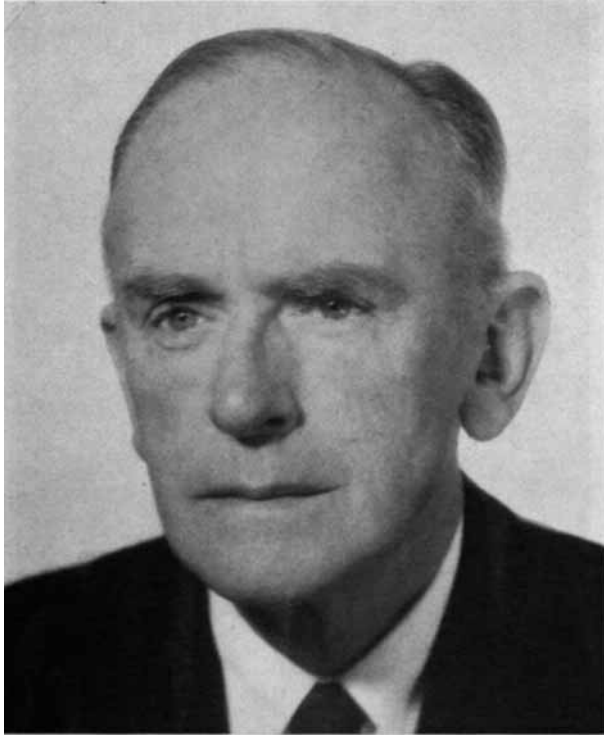
hospital as a consultant radiologist. Nobody has ever worked more conscientiously and with unbounded enthusiasm at the ever-widening avenues that radiology threw open; and certainly we who knew him intimately had a boundless respect for his knowledge and help so freely given.

W. S. Fogg.

### Arthur Bernard Sullivan

Arthur Bernard Sullivan, a retiring and modest man went quietly and unexpectedly out of life on 5th March, 1968. He had just completed man's allotted span. It is characteristic of him that the information he had supplied for the Medical Directory says no more

Cape Town. He returned to resume his course and then in the late twenties decided to complete his training in London and qualified with the conjoint diplomas of the Royal Colleges in 1928. On returning to Sydney he became a resident at St. Vincent's Hospital and then went



than that he was M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. Lond. D.M.R.E. Cantab., and F.C.R.A., and then his address.

To a circle of friends constant over many years he was a lot more than this. He was a man of broad experience and culture, having lived a full life and travelled widely and with an appreciative mind.

He was educated in Sydney at St. Aloysius and Riverview Colleges and then started a medical course at Sydney University. This was interrupted by enlistment in the first A.I.F. when he left Australia as a gunner, but fortunately the war ended and he got no further than

back to England where he spent three years qualifying for the D.M.R.E. of Cambridge.

Returning to Sydney he was appointed to the honorary staff of St. Vincent's. After a short time he decided to practise in Newcastle where he served as Honorary Radiologist at the Mater, Maitland, Kurri and Cessnock hospitals.

He enlisted early in the Second World War and saw long service in the Middle East until after the battle of El Alamein where he served in a C.C.S. Later he was one of the first party that went to Singapore to collect our prisoners of war.

On demobilization he joined the radiological staff of the Repatriation Department in Sydney and worked there until retirement, except for a period of eighteen months spent in Rome with the immigration department.

His quiet sense of humour, understanding and tolerance of human frailty won for him a warm place in the regard of all who were associated with him in Army and civilian life. He was never aggressive and never scheming, and would only chuckle over such qualities so common in others. His was a varied life and his appreciation of people and events made it full and enjoyable.

He was unmarried and for many years lived with a devoted sister enjoying the simple pleasures of home life and genial friendships. Those who knew him will realize that they had never known anybody quite like him for such people are rare indeed.

DOUGLAS MILLER.

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I first met Arthur Sullivan at the X-ray Department at the Prince of Wales Hospital when this Hospital was the Out-patient Section of the Repatriation Department of N.S.W.

It was early in 1948. He was then the radiologist-in-charge at the Out-Patients Department for Repatriation. During the next 20 years I had a close association with him through the Repatriation Department, and later also in the college of Radiologists of Australasia when, in 1952, he was co-opted as the Honorary Secretary of the College and I was the Honorary Treasurer. Shortly afterwards, he was elected to the Council of the College and continued to serve as the Honorary Secretary until, in 1957, he took up an appointment in Rome, and was obliged to resign from this position.

It was whilst in Rome that he had the first warning of some vascular trouble, in the form of a minor cerebral "accident". He returned to this country and was soon well enough to resume work.

When, in 1962, he retired from the Repatriation Department, he began assisting me in my private practice on a part-time basis. This he continued to do until the day before his death on the 5th March, 1968.

Thus, over the last 20 years, I was almost continuously, one way or another, in close contact with him and we became very firm and close friends.

He was most kind to me in the early days, after I returned from Army Service. He helped me considerably in setting up my private practice, with his kindly counsel and advice, and I greatly respected his advice and help in my practice over the last six years.

Whilst he was Honorary Secretary of the College of Radiologists he initiated a very sound office procedure and his five years of service in this position saw the college develop to a stable organization for the betterment of Radiology.

He will be remembered for many years with gratitude by countless radiologists who profited by his wise administration of College affairs.

His service in the Repatriation Department was also of tremendous help to the Department and innumerable servicemen who passed through that Out-patient Section at Grace Building. He was responsible for the planning and organization of the Department of Radiology in Grace Building and he devoted himself most unselfishly to this task, in spite of the many frustrations and annoyances of managing such an organization.

It is perhaps from the personality point of view that I feel the greatest loss with his passing, however. He was a distinct personality. He had a shy, but warm and friendly nature with a delightful sense of humour when one got to know him. He was a sensitive man and could easily be hurt by the thoughtless and unkind actions of those with whom he came in contact.

He was in every sense a gentle man, and much preferred to be kindly and considerate to those with whom he worked rather than adopt a belligerent or blustering manner in achieving his purposes.

Ever since he returned from Rome, after that first upset, he had suffered indifferent health. However, he was always reliable and dependable in his work. He thought of others, often to his own detriment.

He made many monuments for himself through Repatriation and the College, but I feel that his greatest monument is the memory of his own pleasant, humorous and lovable self, so sadly missed by the large circle of people who were pleased to call him their friend.

E. A. BOOTH.