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Eulogy for Brian Leslie Cornish AM 1924 - 2017

At the General meeting on Monday 7th August 2017, Ellis Wayland gave the eulogy for our much respected member, Brian Cornish, who died of a stroke in the Royal Adelaide Hospital on 28th July 2017.

Brian was born in 1924 and graduated in medicine in 1947. He joined the Citizen Military Forces (CMF) and spent a year in Japan as a doctor in 1 Australian Field Hospital which was part of the Australian component of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces (BCOF), at Kure, Japan.

Brian gave 36 years of service to the CMF.

After Japan, he spent time training in the UK and as a surgeon in Adelaide and Victoria before departing on two tours of Vietnam. His time in Vietnam was with a civilian group, and later with the Army where he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He was with the Royal Adelaide Hospital for many years and wrote major papers on his subject.

He was President of the South Australian Branch of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1983, "For significant service to medicine as an orthopaedic surgeon, to forestry and conservation, and to the community".

Brian was earlier awarded the Japan Medal and the Vietnam Medal.

After the death of his wife Betty, Brian befriended our member Jan Rundle who has been devoted to attending to him during his illness.

Ellis told us Brian was one of the finest people he had ever met.

Read more about Brian;

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/495533>

<http://australiansatwarfilmarchive.unsw.edu.au/archive/1086-brian-cornish>