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K.C.S.J., M.B., B.S. (1ST CLASS HONOURS) M.S. (MELB.) F.R.C.S.,
F.R.A.C.S., D.Sc Punjabi (Hon). (1907 - 1993)

Ernest Edward Dunlop was born on 12 July 1907 son of James Henry and Alice Emily Maud Dunlop. His paternal grandfather and also great grandfather were both Presbyterian Ministers.

Between the ages of 7 and 12 he lived on his father's farm, Summerlea, about the Sheepwash Creek at Stewarton near Shepparton, Victoria.

He was educated at Stewarton Primary and Benalla High Schools.

This period coincided with the outbreak of World War 1. He saw four Dunlops join up and don Anzac garb to seek high adventure or death. To his bitter frustration his efforts were largely limited to the Young Gardeners League whilst in his heart he yearned for the romance of adventure in strange lands and the challenge of death. He joined the Cadets and later the Citizen Military Forces and trained with the Lee-Enfield Mark 3 rifle and Lewis Gun.

Later he was to reflect on the old Spanish prover - "Never wish for anything too much. It might come true."

After leaving school he was apprenticed to a Benalla Pharmacist and topped his first year. He then moved to Melbourne and worked for another pharmacist. He studied at the Victorian College of Pharmacy and was a Gold Medallist in his final year in 1928. Then, inspired by the example of Sir Thomas Dunhill, who had begun like as a n apprentice pharmacist and lived to become surgeon to King George V, he decided to become a surgeon. He enrolled in Melbourne University's Medical School and gained a scholarship to Ormond College. He knew no Latin, then a must for medicine, but in six months cramming at Taylor's night classes he learnt his Latin while at the same time studying medicine. He qualified as M.B. and B.S. with 1st Class Honours and Exhibition in 1934 and M.S. in 1937.

After graduation he was commissioned as a Captain in the R.A.A.M.C. and attached to the Coburg-Brunswick Battalion. He took this rank to England in 1938.

Edward Dunlop, it appears that he no longer used the name Ernest, was tall, 192cm, solidly built and a natural athlete. Whilst at University he won the Universities Heavyweight Boxing Championship, was awarded a Blue in Athletics and Rugby Union. He was capped to play Rugby for Australia in 1932-34 and played against the All Blacks. Later whilst studying and working in England he played for the British Barbarians.

It was during his undergraduate days at Ormond College, Melbourne University, that he cheerfully acquired the non-sensical nickname "Weary" - a name that was to stick to him for life. It was an appalling example of undergraduate humour and came from his surname Dunlop - tyres - tired - weary. In later life it was said to be an apt name - slightly stooped, heavy lidded eyes, quietly spoken and an expression reflecting inner peace.

In 1938 he went to England to undertake postgraduate studies and qualified as a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons after a 10 week course at St Bartholomew Hospital, London.

At the outbreak of World War II he was on the Staff of the British Post-

