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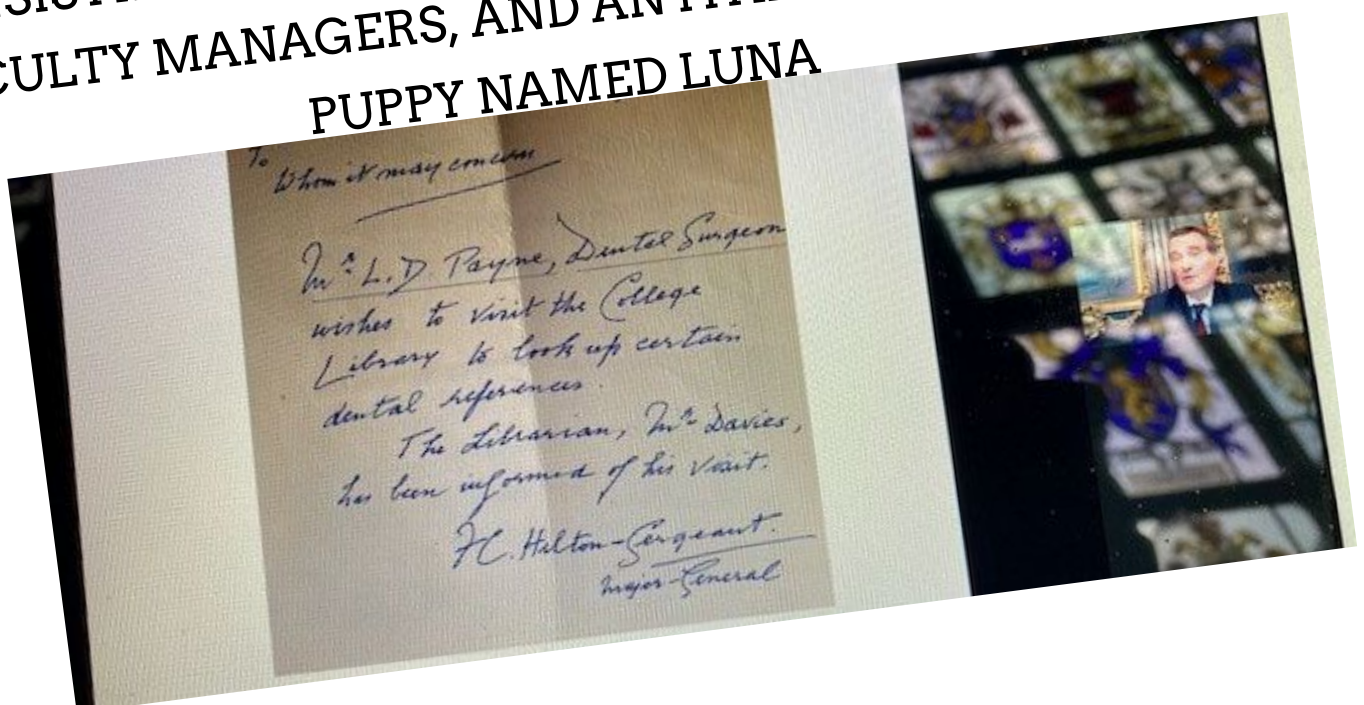
LESLIE PAYNE MEMORIAL LECTURE

18 MAY 2021

PETER MAHONEY

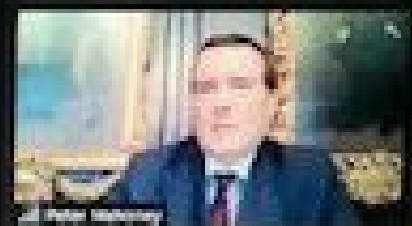
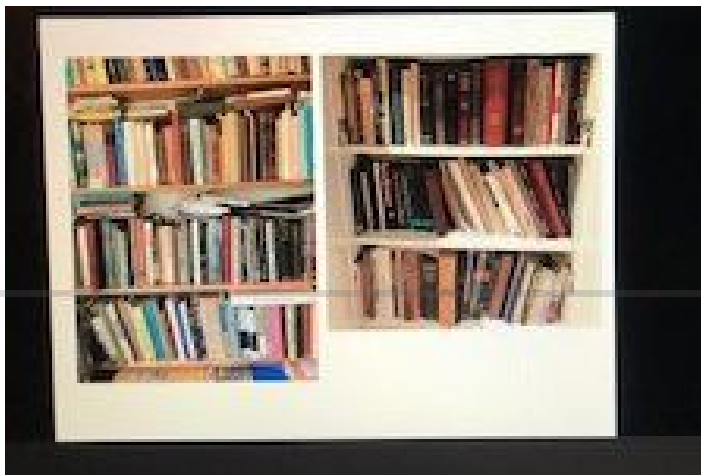
BOMBS, BLASTS,
BALLISTICS...THE BROAD
INTERESTS OF DR PAYNE

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR VIRTUAL
LECTURE GIVEN IN THE HALL BY
PETER MAHONEY, WITH A LIVE AUDIENCE
CONSISTING OF JANET PAYNE, HER DAUGHTER, THE
FACULTY MANAGERS, AND AN ITALIAN BOLOGNESE
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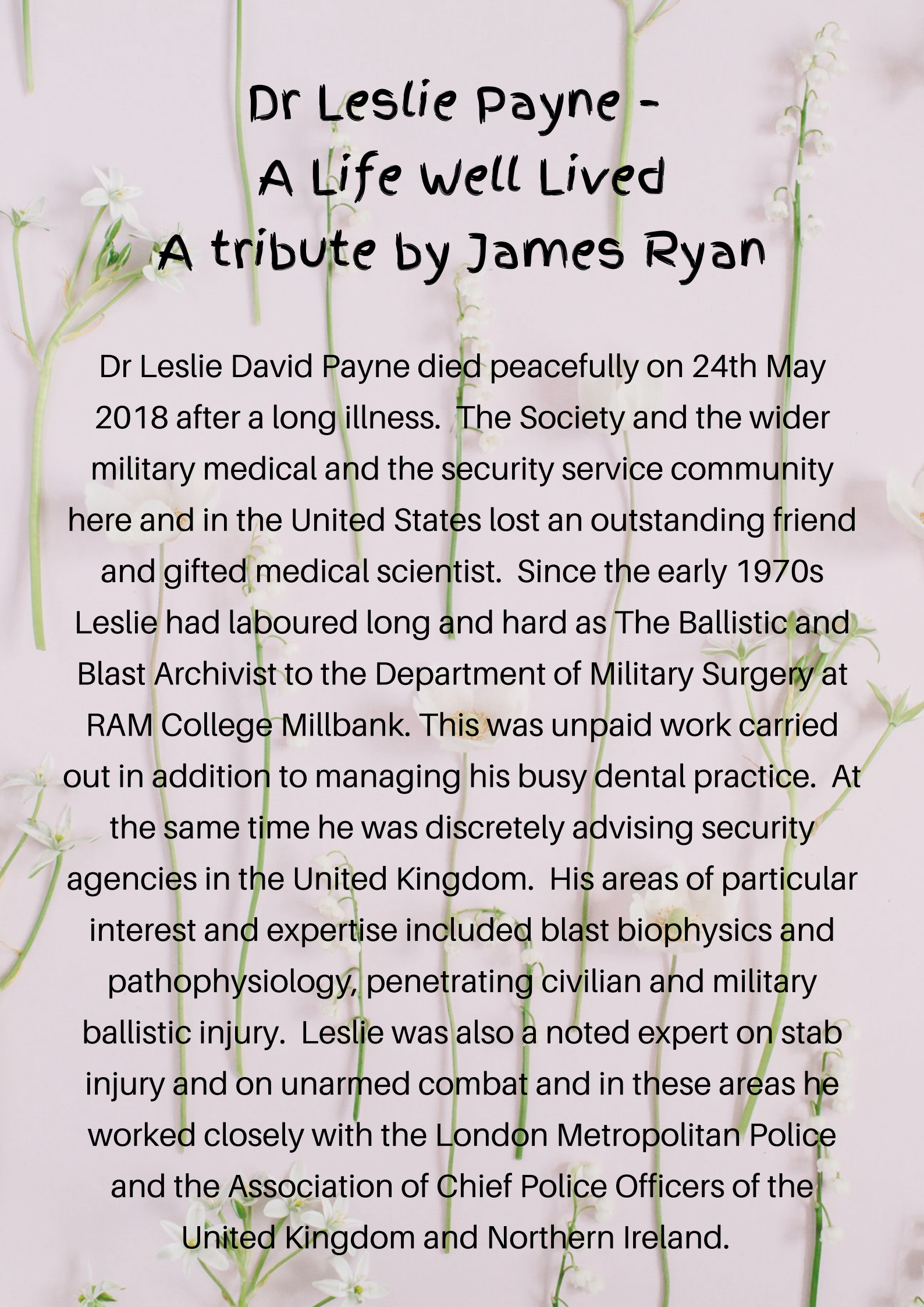




JANET PAYNE PRESENTS THE FACULTY MEDAL
TO THE SPEAKER.



MANY THANKS FROM FACULTY CC!



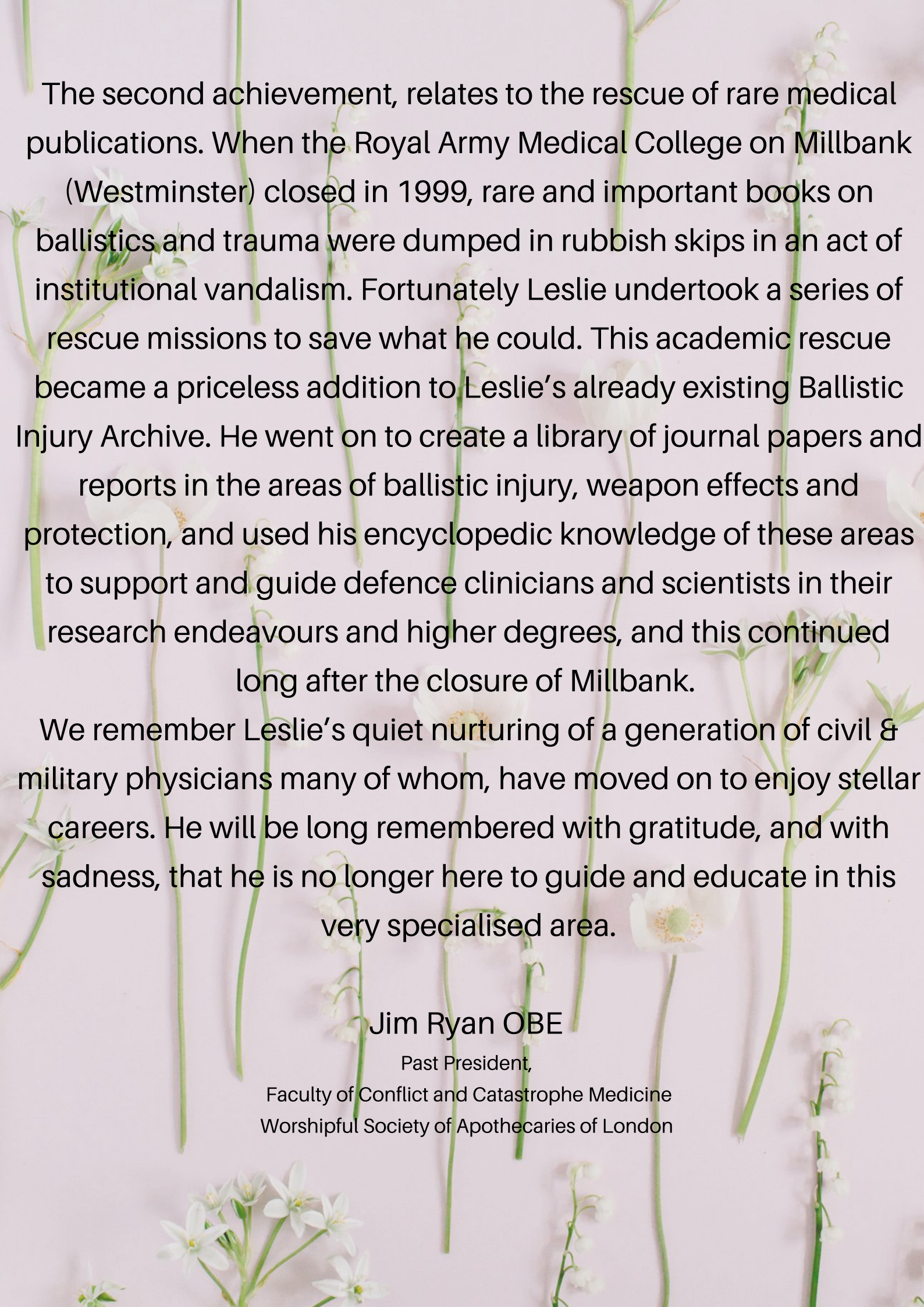
Dr Leslie Payne - A Life Well Lived

A tribute by James Ryan

Dr Leslie David Payne died peacefully on 24th May 2018 after a long illness. The Society and the wider military medical and the security service community here and in the United States lost an outstanding friend and gifted medical scientist. Since the early 1970s Leslie had laboured long and hard as The Ballistic and Blast Archivist to the Department of Military Surgery at RAM College Millbank. This was unpaid work carried out in addition to managing his busy dental practice. At the same time he was discretely advising security agencies in the United Kingdom. His areas of particular interest and expertise included blast biophysics and pathophysiology, penetrating civilian and military ballistic injury. Leslie was also a noted expert on stab injury and on unarmed combat and in these areas he worked closely with the London Metropolitan Police and the Association of Chief Police Officers of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

Most of his greatest achievements were never publically known and probably never will be. However, a few of his special achievements can be shared openly. The first relates to the establishment of Diploma in the Medical Care of Catastrophes (DMCC), taught and examined here at the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London. Few will know of Leslie's central role in establishing the DMCC.

In 1993 the Dean and Professors at the Royal Army Medical College were seeking a means of having the then Postgraduate Medical Officers introductory Course recognised academically by the Royal Colleges and Universities. Because of the multidisciplinary nature of the course no Royal College of University would agree. Leslie, an Apothecary of long standing was working in the department of Military Surgery at the time and he suggested the Dean and Joint Professors should approach the then Master and Members of Court at the Society of Apothecaries to see if they could help. With Leslie taking the lead the RAM College senior academics met with the Master and Members of Court early in 1993 and they agreed to establish the diploma. In less than a year the DMCC was up and running with the first examination being held in the autumn of 1994. The DMCC is the jewel in the Crown of the Society's portfolio of diploma examinations and all credit must go to Dr Payne.



The second achievement, relates to the rescue of rare medical publications. When the Royal Army Medical College on Millbank (Westminster) closed in 1999, rare and important books on ballistics and trauma were dumped in rubbish skips in an act of institutional vandalism. Fortunately Leslie undertook a series of rescue missions to save what he could. This academic rescue became a priceless addition to Leslie's already existing Ballistic Injury Archive. He went on to create a library of journal papers and reports in the areas of ballistic injury, weapon effects and protection, and used his encyclopedic knowledge of these areas to support and guide defence clinicians and scientists in their research endeavours and higher degrees, and this continued long after the closure of Millbank.

We remember Leslie's quiet nurturing of a generation of civil & military physicians many of whom, have moved on to enjoy stellar careers. He will be long remembered with gratitude, and with sadness, that he is no longer here to guide and educate in this very specialised area.

Jim Ryan OBE

Past President,

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