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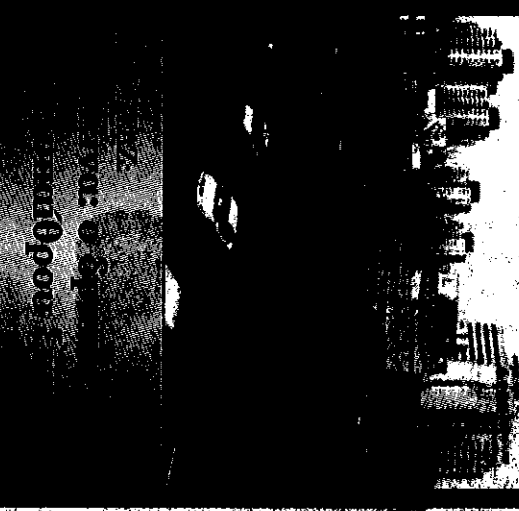
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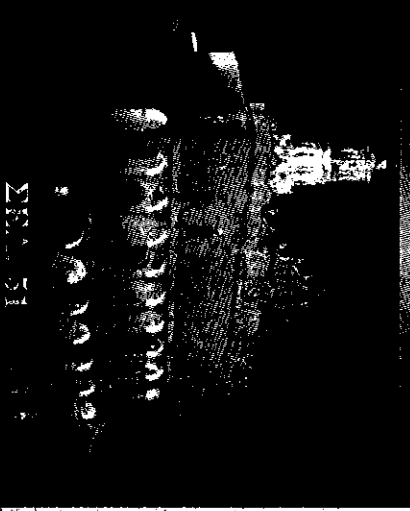
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# ΒΗΜΑΤΙΣΜΟΣ ΑΥΤΟΚΤΟΝΙΑΣ ΣΤΟ ΛΟΝΔΙΝΟ



Το παρωραμμένο βράδι ενός εκ των τριών σκημάτων, όπου σημειώθηκαν οι εσχίστες την Πέμπτη 7 Ιουλίου

τά το τρομοκρατικό χτύπημα από τα χείλη του αρχηγού της αστυνομίας του Λονδίνου, Ταν Μπέρ.

«Δεν χρειάζεται να γίνεσαι καμικάζι σε μια φιλαλεθέρη δημοκρατία. Αυτοί επέλεξαν να γίνουν», δηλώνει Περουτέρο, ανακρινόμενος ότι η αστυνομία γνωρίζει πλέον την ταυτότητα και των τέσσερων βομβιστών και εκτιμά ότι όλοι είναι νεκροί.

«Είμαστε όσο πιο σίγουροι μπορούμε να είμαστε ότι σκοτώθηκαν τέσσερις άνθρωποι και αυτοί ήταν που μετέφεραν τις βόμβες», εξήγησε ο Αρχηγός της Αστυνομίας του Λονδίνου. Ο αποκλιτισμός των νεκρών ανέρχεται πλέον σε 53, σύμφωνα με την

τελευταία ανακοίνωση της αρχηγίας.

Το τηλεοπτικό δίκτυο Sky News μετέδωσε ότι αναγνωρίστηκε ο τελευταίος βομβιστής των επιθέσεων του Λονδίνου. Πρόκειται για Βρετανό πολίτη, τζαϊκανής καταγωγής. Ονομάζεται Αντότσι Ζερμιά, ηλικίας περίπου 30 ετών.

Τηνή στη μητριά των θυμάτων Χιλιάδες άνθρωποι συγκεντρώθηκαν το βράδυ της Πέμπτης 14 Ιουλίου στην Τρεφάιλγκαρ Σκουέρ, στο κέντρο του Λονδίνου, για να τιμήσουν τη μνήμη των θυμάτων από τις βομβιστικές επιθέσεις.

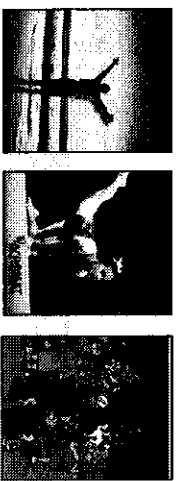
«Αυτοί που ήρθαν εδώ για να σκοτώσουν είχαν πολλούς στοχούς: ένας από αυτούς ήταν να μας στρέψουν τον έναν ενάντια στον άλλον, σαν ψάρα πουλιεμένα στο κλουβί, αλλά απέτυχαν πλήρως», επισήμανε ο Δήμαρχος του Λονδίνου, κ. Κεν Λιβινγκστον.

Ο Ικνιμά Σακρονί, Γενικός Γραμματέας του Μουσουλμανικού Συμβουλίου της Βρετανίας, απευθύνθηκε στους συγκεντρωμένους με τους εξής στίχους: «Αυτός που σκοτώνει έναν άνθρωπο [...] σκοτώνει όλη την ανθρωπότητα και αυτός που σφάζει μια ζωή είναι σαν να έσωσε ολόκληρη την ανθρωπότητα».

Οι κάτοικοι της Βρετανίας και των περισσότερων ευρωπαϊκών χωρών τίμησαν το μεσσηνικό της Πέμπτης (14 Ιουλίου) δύο λευκών οχημάτων ως ελάχιστο φόρο τιμής στη μνήμη των 53 θυμάτων των τρομοκρατικών επιθέσεων στο Λονδίνο.

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# Special Feature

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### Bridging two cultures and two homelands

By Ann Coward

The third of June, 2005, marked the end of an era in the history of Greeks in Australia, with the sudden and unexpected death of Queensland's Honorary Consul-General for Greece, Mr Alex Freeleagus. It also brought to a close an amazing history of service by a father and son, Christy Freeleagus and Alex Freeleagus. For over 90 years the two men, each in his own fashion, served the Australian Greek community, especially in Queensland.

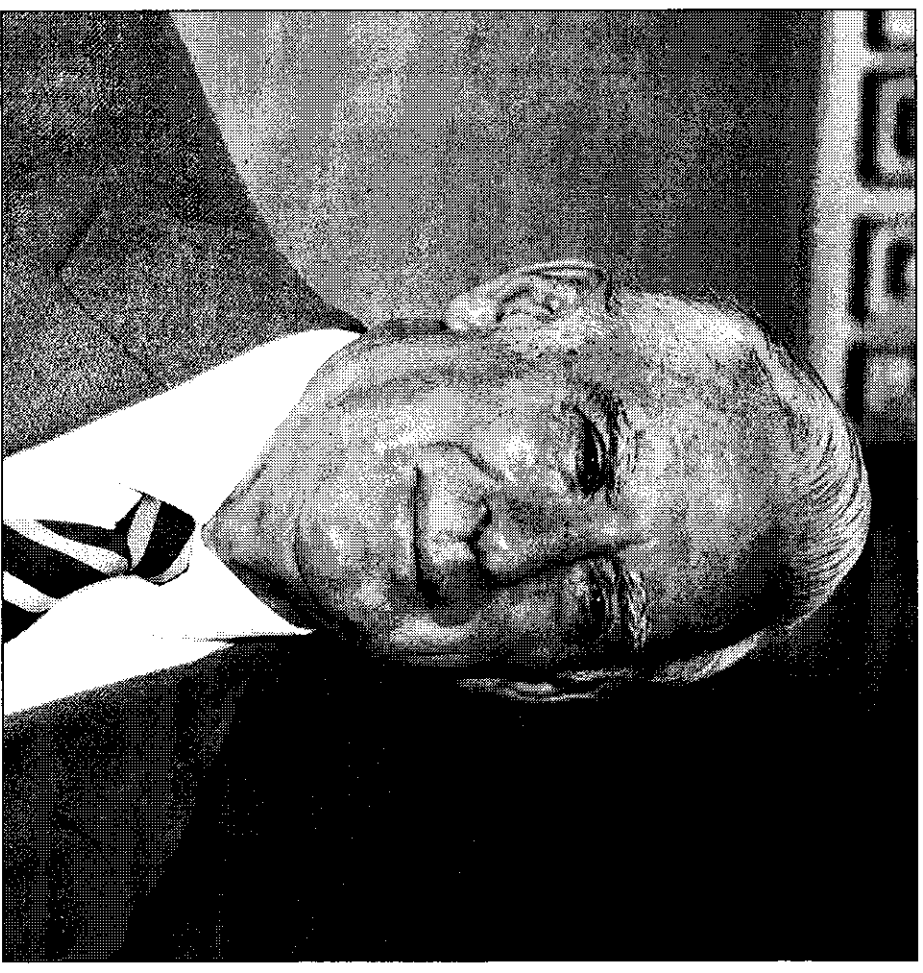
Christy, born in Kythera and having migrated to Australia in 1901, was appointed to the consulate in 1919. (He had earlier acted as Consul in 1916 for a brief period of time.) Historian Denis Conomos, in his book, "The Greeks in Queensland: A History from 1859-1945", outlines the role Christy played in the years that were to see the building of the South Brisbane Church of St. George, and the consolidation of the Greek community in Brisbane. Conomos also describes the professionalism and tireless determination with which Christy approached his consular role, in forging very real and fruitful links between Greeks and Australia (to the benefit of both). For his services to Greece, Christy was awarded the Silver Cross by royal decree of King George II in 1940.

his father's footsteps, and from 1951 (when first appointed as Vice-Consul, taking over the consular role after the death of his father in 1957), until his untimely death this year, proved his worthiness for the position. Born in Australia, and educated as a lawyer, Alex was, according to Denis Conomos, able to move between all levels of society. He was renowned for his approachability, whether dealing with politicians, public servants, or defence personnel at the highest levels, or with any other member of the community.

Both father and son saw themselves as belonging to not only the Greek community, but also to the wider Australian community. A major and important part of Alex' life was devoted, for example, to service in the Air Force Reserve. For his services to the country and the community, Alex received many awards, including an AO, a CBE and the Gold Crosses of the Patriarchates of Jerusalem and Constantinople.

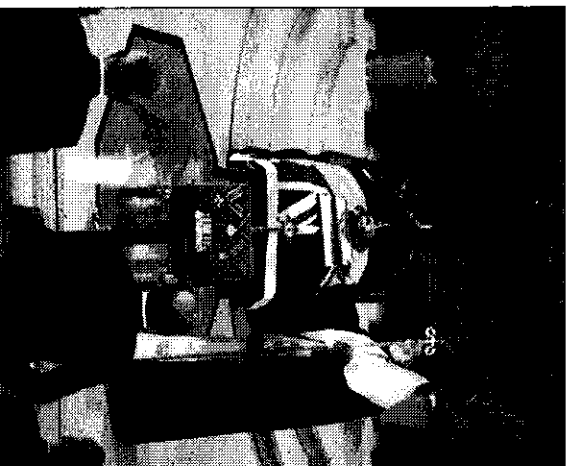
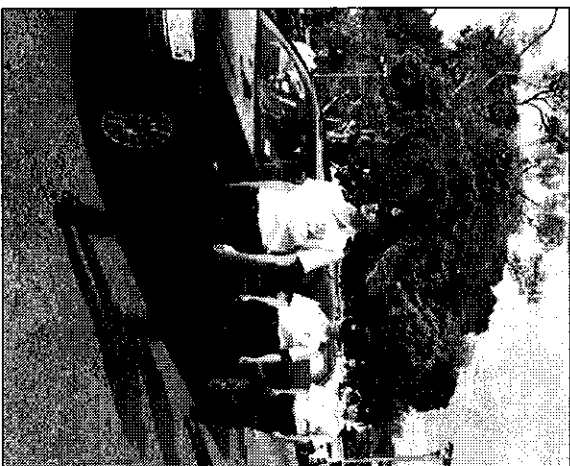
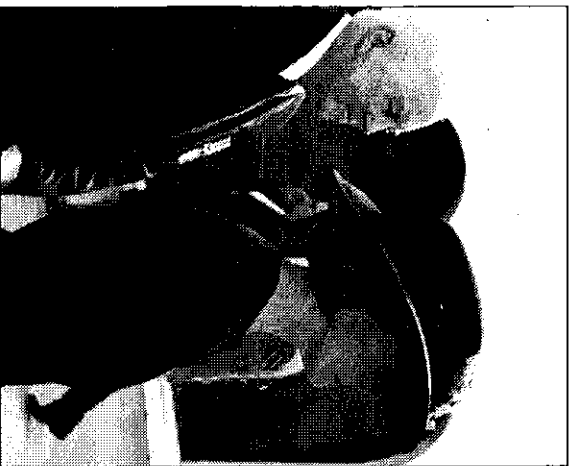
Alex Freeleagus, who was the longest serving Honorary Consul for Greece, not only of Queensland and Australia, but of any country, was a truly dedicated and greatly respected man, and will be sadly missed.

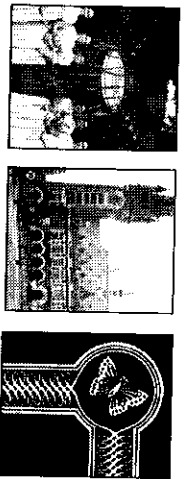
The Vema would like to thank Alex' sister, Mrs Rene Nicolaidis, also Mr Bico Athanasas, and Mr Denis Conomos, for assistance, with information and photographs.



Alexander Christy Freeleagus AO CBE RFD AE DUnit  
1928 - 2005

### Brisbane: 1000's attend funeral of Alex Freeleagus, Greece's envoy





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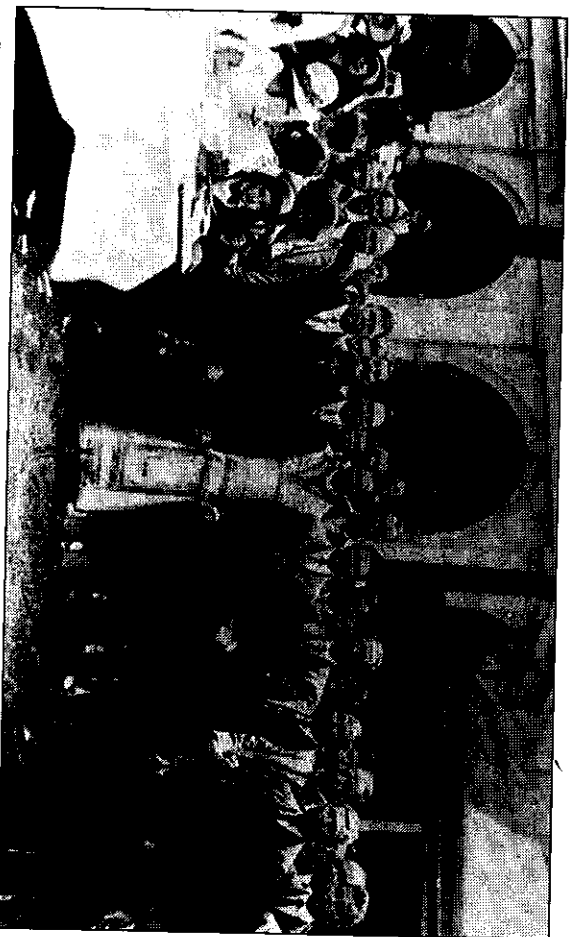
# Christy and Alex Freeleagus:



Organising committee for the Greek Community picnic, Brisbane, 1912. Christy Freeleagus is second from the left, back row.



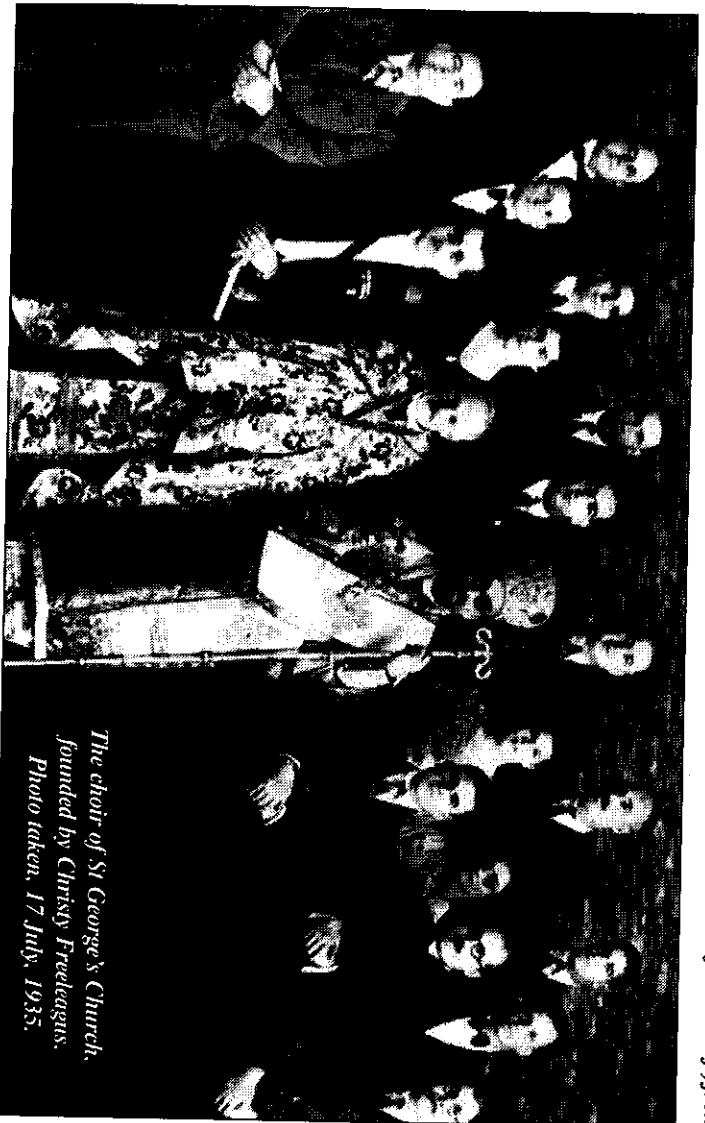
The Freeleagus family, Kythira, 1922. Christy is on the right end, back row.



Dedication of the site of the new Greek Orthodox Church of St George, Charlotte St., Brisbane on 28 October, 1928. Christy Freeleagus is on Fr. Elias Kotiadis' left.



Cast and special guests at a Variety Concert held by the Greek Community at Hellenic House, Charlotte St., Brisbane in about 1937. Christy Freeleagus is second from the left, front row.



The choir of St George's Church, founded by Christy Freeleagus. Photo taken, 17 July, 1935.



Christy Freeleagus, while serving in the Greek army, 1921.



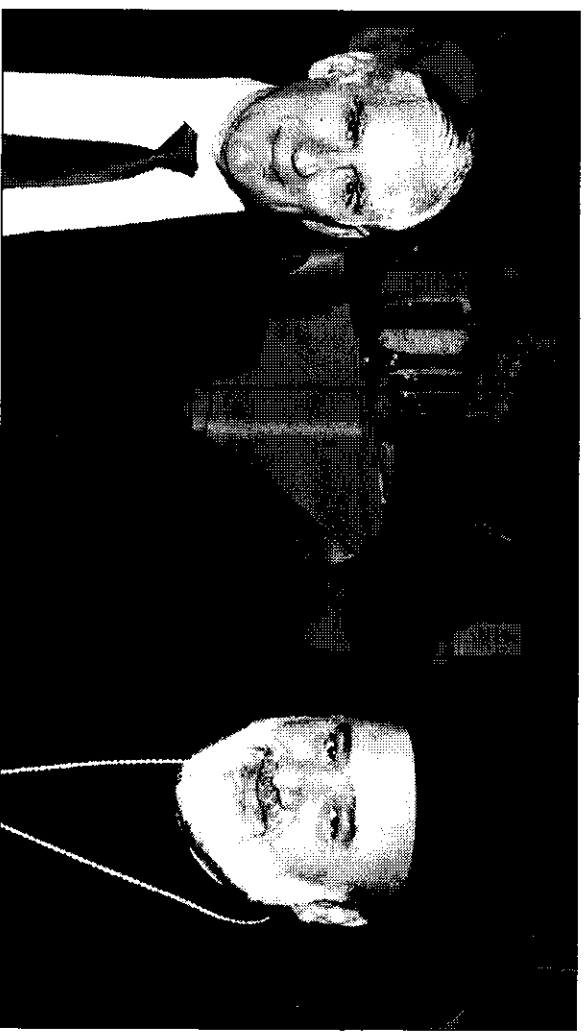
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# 90 years of Service



Back Row: L to R: Emmanuel Castrosos, Dennis Conomos, Archie DeGrafts.  
Second Row: L to R: Nicholas Tsiblas, Alex Freeleagus, Florence Veneri, Jim Logos,  
Denetre Diacaris. Front Row: L to R: Helen Kococokos, Spiro Dragano, Archi-  
machie Chrysostomos Boyatzogh, Jim Kococokos, A. Kalaf



Alex Freeleagus with His Eminence, Archbishop Stylianos.



RIGHT...  
Battle of Crete celebrations,  
with the Hellenic Chief of the Com-  
bined Forces in attendance.  
Mr Alex Freeleagus, flanked by  
members of the Greek Presidential  
Guard, on the balcony of the Greek  
Orthodox Church of St. George,  
Shh Brisbane, early 1990s.



LEFT: Alex Freeleagus delivering a vote of thanks to Dr Stavros Vizios of the  
Benaki Museum, at the Greek Club, May, 2005.



Alex Freeleagus with a visiting Senior Member of the Hellenic General Staff for the Commemorations of  
the Battle of Crete. With them are members of the 6th Australian Division AIF who fought in the Cam-  
paign. The lady sitting in the back row is Mrs Aspasia Papoutsakis, who received the Medal on behalf of  
her deceased Husband, Dimitrios Papoutsakis. Mrs Papoutsakis is the mother of Rev. Father George  
Papoutsakis (Parish of St Paraskevi, Taigum, Brisbane)



Alex Freeleagus with residents of St Nicholas Nursing Home on  
Easter Sunday in the 1980's