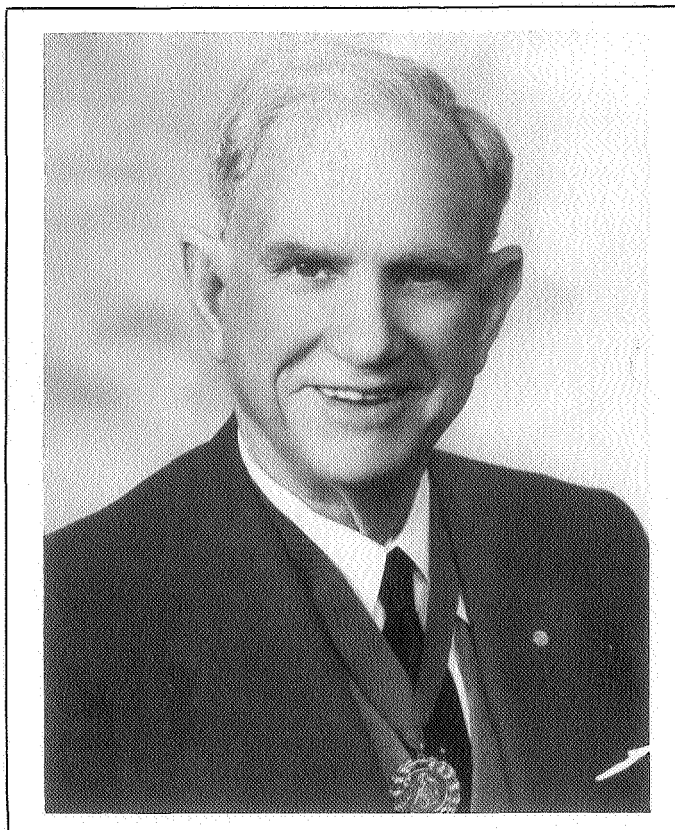




John Berry Moffatt

(January 1913-June 1985)

On the 30th June, 1985, John Berry Moffatt, an Honorary Life member of the A.S.O. died in Greenslopes Hospital, Brisbane after a long illness.

John graduated from the Queensland University in Dentistry in 1941, after which he enlisted and served for four years as a dental officer with the R.A.A.F., including overseas service.

After demobilisation, he entered private practice in Maryborough where he was the driving force in forming a sub-branch of the A.D.A. He became Honorary Secretary of the sub-branch and later President.

In 1953 he was appointed Senior Dentist in Orthodontics at the South Brisbane Dental Hospital, and in 1957 he entered private practice in Orthodontics.

On his return to Brisbane he interested himself in A.D.A. affairs and served as Queensland President in 1963. He was Convenor of the Bundaberg Quadruplets sub-committee, and was a member of the the Board of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Queensland for 3 years. He served as President of the Dental Discussion Study Group of Brisbane. He was elected an Honorary member of the Queensland Branch of the A.D.A. in 1977.

John Moffatt was an inaugural member of the Queensland Branch of the A.S.O., and a Past President of that branch. He was elected Federal Honorary Secretary of the A.S.O. in 1964 and also Honorary Secretary of the 3rd Australian Orthodontic Congress at Surfers Paradise in 1966.

As Federal Secretary of the A.S.O. he recognised the need for a Journal within the Society and set about reorganising the format of the Australian Orthodontic Bulletin. *His aim was achieved in June 1967 with the publication of Volume 1 No. 1 of the Australian Orthodontic Journal.* He remained editor until 1975, by which time the Journal had achieved international status.

As Editor of the Journal he continued to be a member of the Federal Council of the A.S.O., and was Vice President of the Society from 1972 to 1974. At the General Meeting of the A.S.O. held in Sydney in August 1974, John was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Society.

Due to ill health John retired from practice in 1974, but continued to serve the A.S.O. As a service to its members John set about the difficult task of writing a brief history of the A.S.O. — "The First 50 years 1927-1977". This was completed in 1977 and distributed to members at the 7th Orthodontic Congress at Surfers Paradise in 1977.

The A.S.O. has lasting symbols of John's love of tradition and ceremony. He designed the President's badge of office, our Congress flag, which he presented as a gift, and also the small flags which the A.S.O. President or his representative can present to a National President when visiting an International Congress.

John Moffatt is survived by his wife Thelma and children John, Rosemary and Robert, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

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