LSE Literary Festival event

Based on a True Story with James Owen

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He rejected claims that chivalry had a scant relation to the realities of war and the movements of men.

Keen, who lived from 1930 to 1995, is remembered for his contributions to medieval history and his role in shaping the study of the Middle Ages. He was a member of the College for over four decades and continued to teach and write until his sudden death in 1995.

Lives remembered

Lord Chalker

Seonaidh Maclean writes: Lord Chalker’s death on September 10, 2015, was a great loss to the world of political science. He was a brilliant, erudite, and responsive scholar who made significant contributions to the field.

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A SERPENT IN EDEN

‘The greatest murder mystery of all time’
Erle Stanley Gardner, creator of Perry Mason.

‘Nailbiting’ Daily Mail

JAMES OWEN
Dearest Mr. Powell,

I wanted to write anything I could have not suddenly you for if it will remind you of my own sorrow for that a nothing is of the world can redeem. Yet if a soldier you are in your own life's never to forget life it will take long, kindly a wonderful night.

Mr. Powell,

Elk Horn

Wills
apart from his new forming & speeding them into soldiers. None is born a soldier; he has to be hardened into one. This Jocelyn did superbly well. It cannot be done by kindness or brute force or a mixture of the two. It is done by leadership.

I have said that he had a romantic attitude to soldiering & he brought to the Commandos all these ambitions. He wanted to be a splendid leader of shock troops who would be able to carry out whatever tasks they were given. This was his ambition & here he succeeded. He landed at Bardia and blew up the guns.
JUST DO IT.
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