

pleasant and cheerful bearing. The affection and high esteem with which he was regarded were demonstrated at his funeral, which was attended by representatives of all the various organizations with which he was connected.

C. J. P. writes: Leslie F. Wilson was one of 4 medical students who were closely associated throughout 5 happy, if arduous, years. He set out on a medical career under a heavy handicap which would have deterred all but a resolute soul such as his. Several years older than the majority of students and fresh to study after 4 years on active military service were not the only difficulties he faced and overcame. L. F. had no pretensions, and if he won no prizes his knowledge was sound and of practical value. Despite his handicap he took each examination fence as it came and graduated in due course without a single fault. He was a staunch friend and ever a cheering companion. A rough diamond, may be, but he had the diamond quality. He was the right man to have at hand in a tight corner, for he was never afraid of heavy odds. It is no wonder, therefore, that his work in Civil Defence gained him the M.B.E. He would be at his best, and be one of the best, in charge of a busy first-aid post. His patients were fortunate in their doctor. There will be many who know of his untiring zeal and complete unselfishness, without thought of gain, on their behalf. His 3 fellow students will remember his energetic example and stimulating companionship with gratitude.

We regret to announce the death on August 4 of Dr. STEVEN LONGMORE BUTTERWORTH WILKS, a familiar figure in the life of Colwyn Bay, where he had practised for 33 years. Dr. Wilks received his medical education at the University of Leeds, qualifying M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1892. In the same year he took the M.B., B.S. of London, proceeding to the M.D. in 1900. He also took the M.B., Ch.B. of Leeds in 1905. Wilks first began practice at Grassington, Wharfedale, where he often used to visit his patients on horseback. From there he went to Colwyn Bay, where, in addition to a busy practice, he was attached, in one capacity or another, for all his professional life to the Colwyn Bay and West Denbighshire Hospital. For over 30 years he was physician and anaesthetist, for some years senior physician, and later honorary consulting physician and honorary consulting anaesthetist to the institution. His hospital work was, perhaps, dearer to him than any other part of his professional life. He took an active interest in all that went on there, and for years the Board of Management benefited by his far-sighted views and sound advice. Dr. Wilks was most sought after as an anaesthetist; he had given thousands of anaesthetics at the hospital, and his surgical colleagues had come to place reliance on his judgment. For many years he was an active member of the B.M.A. and in 1935-6 was chairman of the North Caernarvon and Anglesey Division. A colleague writes: "Dr. Wilks had a sunny, cheerful nature and it was a privilege to be his friend. He was of a modest and retiring disposition, and men are rare who are moved so little by a mercenary motive. He was not ambitious in the ordinary sense of the term, but his ambition was to do good work all day in the service of his fellow men, and as a result he was an exceptionally happy man."

The Services

The Military Cross has been awarded to Capt. R. E. S. Lewis and C. D. Weir, R.A.M.C., and to Capt. A. G. J. P. Fernandes, Capt. R. D. Scriven, and Lieut. D. J. Burnett, I.M.S., in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East.

The R.N.V.R. Officers' Decoration has been awarded to Surg. Cmdrs. W. H. Butcher, J. B. Oldham, and H. M. Petty, R.N.V.R.

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

An Admiralty Casualty List published on July 28 gave a list of the ship's complement lost in H.M.S. *Hermes*, aircraft carrier, sunk by enemy action in the Bay of Bengal in April. Among them was Surg. Cmdr. JAMES MICHAEL McNAMARA, R.N. He was educated at the National University of Ireland, in Dublin, where he graduated M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. in 1923. After a period in practice he entered the Royal Navy as surg. lieut. in 1929, became surg. lieut.-cmdr. in 1934, and surg. cmdr. in 1940.

Lieut.-Col. HOMI RUSTOMJI CURSETJI, I.M.S., is included as "Died" in an India Office Casualty List published on August 14. He was born on August 13, 1890, and graduated M.B., B.S. of

the University of Bombay in 1916 and also took the D.O.M.S. of the English Royal Colleges in 1937. He entered the I.M.S. as temp. lieut. in 1917 and in 1922 received a permanent commission, being ranked as capt. from 1920. He was promoted capt. in 1923, major in 1928, and lieut.-col. in 1936. He served in the war of 1914-18.

Prisoners of War.—Capt. E. F. M. Caraher, R.A.M.C., Capt. A. F. Murray, R.A.M.C., Major J. M. Officer, R.A.M.C., Lieut. A. C. Price, R.A.M.C., Major L. F. Richmond, R.A.M.C., War Subs. Capt. R. L. Sanderson, R.A.M.C., War Subs. Capt. D. B. Watson, R.A.M.C.

Wounded.—Acting Col. D. V. O'Malley, O.B.E., I.M.S.

DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

Colonel WILLIAM RIACH, C.M.G., late R.A.M.C., died at Chula Vista, California, on May 29, aged 70. He was born in Edinburgh on May 24, 1872, and graduated as M.B., C.M. in 1894 at Edinburgh University; he proceeded M.D. with commendation in 1899, also taking the D.P.H. of the Scottish Colleges in 1898. After filling the posts of resident physician at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and clinical assistant at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, he went to South Africa as a civil surgeon to serve in the war of 1899-1902. After about eight months' service in that capacity he took a permanent commission as lieutenant in the R.A.M.C. on Nov. 29, 1899, reaching the rank of lieut.-colonel in Feb., 1918. In the South African War he took part in operations in the Orange River Colony and in Cape Colony, receiving the Queen's medal with two clasps. He also served throughout the war of 1914-18, being mentioned in dispatches in Jan., 1916, and receiving the C.M.G. and a brevet colonelcy.

Medical News

The annual general meeting of the British Orthopaedic Association will be held at Nottingham on Sept. 25 and 26 under the presidency of Mr. G. R. Girdlestone. On the morning of Sept. 25 a clinical meeting will be held at the Harlow Wood Orthopaedic Hospital; in the afternoon a discussion on rehabilitation, followed by a demonstration, will be held at the Rehabilitation Centre for Miners, Berry Hill, near Mansfield. On Sept. 26 the meeting will be continued at the General Hospital, Nottingham.

The Home Office announces that Major John Gilmour, C.M.G., M.C., Department of Health for Scotland, has been appointed to fill the vacancy for a temporary Inspector under the Cruelty to Animals Act, 1876.

The committee of award of the Norman Gamble Fund and Research Prize will consider applications for the prize and for grants in aid of research work in Oct. Applications for the prize and for grants in aid must be received by the Secretary of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W.1, not later than Sept. 30.

Dr. P. Gorer of Guy's Hospital will give a lecture entitled "Experimental and Genetical Study of Leukaemia and its Relations to Cancer Research" to the Association of Austrian Doctors in Great Britain on Sunday, Sept. 6, at 11.30 a.m., at 69, Eton Avenue, N.W.3.

Since the beginning of the war over 300 field medical units have been raised in India and are being used in the United Kingdom, the Middle East, and other areas where there are British and Indian troops, while ambulance trains, fully equipped and manned by personnel from India, have been provided for the Eastern theatres of war. These field units did not exist in peacetime, but had to be raised and staffed on the outbreak of war. Although there has been a rapid increase in the number of medical personnel there are not enough to meet future commitments, and many new training schools have, therefore, been started and the existing ones expanded. Consultants from the United Kingdom are helping India in this work. A new, centrally controlled Army medical store organization has been created in India, which is not, however, confining its services to the Army, but is also supplying the Royal Indian Navy and the Royal Air Force. It has, on occasion, provided medical assistance for the American, Chinese, and Russian Armies.

A hospital for the wives of officers and men in the Forces has been opened at Adlington Hall, Cheshire. There is a resident medical officer with special experience in obstetrics, and the consultant obstetricians of Saint Mary's Hospitals, Manchester, pay regular visits and attend whenever required. The fee of £5 5s. a week, which, in a few special instances, may be reduced, is inclusive of medical attention (including visits by the honorary staff), drugs, dressings, etc.