

the Scottish Otological and Laryngological Society and the author of several papers in the *Edinburgh Medical Journal* on otological subjects. Dr. Darling had been a member of the British Medical Association for just over 30 years. He was a widower and is survived by two sons, one of whom is a medical man now serving in the R.A.M.C.

We regret to announce the death at Devizes on Aug. 4 after a long illness of Mr. JAMES THOMPSON at the early age of 47. He was born at Penrith, Cumberland, in 1895 and received his early education there at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. From Penrith he went to Edinburgh University, where he qualified M.B., Ch.B. in October, 1917. He served in France for the remainder of the last war, first as lieutenant and then as captain R.A.M.C. He was regimental medical officer to several battalions of the Bedfordshire Regiment, and it was while he was attached to them that he was awarded the M.C. After demobilization he took an assistantship at Taunton, where, in 1921, he married Miss Margaret Catherine Seaton. He then went back to Edinburgh University and in 1922 obtained his surgical fellowship. In the same year he acquired a practice in Devizes, where he lived until his death. He was the senior honorary surgeon to the District Hospital, Devizes, and consulting surgeon to the Wilts County Mental Hospital, Devizes; at one time he was consulting surgeon to the Wilts County Constabulary. He was also a borough magistrate. Mr. Thompson was a surgeon of outstanding ability and for some time had consulting rooms in Harley Street. Just before his illness began in January, 1942, he had been carrying out cancer research work along novel lines. He will be greatly missed by both professional and personal friends.

The Services

The Distinguished Service Cross has been awarded to Temp. Surg. Lieut. D. R. S. Howell, R.N.V.R., for bravery and enterprise in the successful operations which led to the surrender of the important base of Diego Suarez, and to Temp. Surg. Lieuts. J. W. Boland and R. Ransome-Wallis, R.N.V.R., for distinguished services in convoys to and from Murmansk, through the dangers of ice and heavy seas and in the face of relentless attacks by enemy U-boats, aircraft, and surface forces. Surg. Cmdr. W. F. Lascelles, Prob. Temp. Surg. Lieut. B. W. Davy, and Temp. Surg. Lieuts. J. B. Houghton, I. Miskelly, and J. W. J. Knowles, R.N.V.R., have been mentioned in dispatches for distinguished services in the Murmansk convoys.

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Col. WILLIAM WALKER, M.C., is included as "Died" in an Army Council Casualty List published on Aug. 21. He was born in 1890 and graduated M.B., Ch.B. at the University of Aberdeen in 1914, proceeding M.D. in 1932. In the war of 1914-18 he saw service in France and gained the Military Cross in 1918 for conduct described in the *London Gazette* as follows: "He proceeded to a village under heavy fire and succeeded in attending and evacuating several wounded. He only desisted when the enemy entered the village. Later, he succeeded in releasing a party of stretcher-bearers who had been cut off. Throughout the operations he has shown the utmost energy and courage." After the war he took a permanent commission in the R.A.M.C. and served in Palestine and India, in the Poona and Deccan Districts, and in 1931-2 he became deputy assistant director of pathology of the Northern Command, York. He contributed an article entitled "An Investigation into Cases of Cerebrospinal Fever in the Northern Command of the Army during 1931" to the *Journal of the Royal Army Medical Corps* in 1932-3, concluding with a plea for early diagnosis of the disease. From 1933 to 1939 he resided at North Shields, where he became assistant school medical officer to the County Borough of Tynemouth and honorary pathologist to Tynemouth Victoria Infirmary. On the outbreak of the present war he was recalled for service with the rank of lieutenant-col., being promoted full col. soon afterwards. He had been a member of the B.M.A. for 24 years.

Acting Group Capt. GERARD JOSEPH HANLY, R.A.F., died in Aug. on active service in the Middle East. A native of Elphin, Co. Roscommon, he was educated at the University Colleges of Galway and Dublin, graduating M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. of the National University of Ireland in 1923, also taking the F.R.C.S.Ed. in 1931. He entered the R.A.F. as flying officer in 1924, became flight lieutenant in 1926, squadron leader in 1934, wing commander in 1938, and was recently granted the acting rank of group captain. Before the war he saw service in India, Iraq, at Aden, and in Egypt. He leaves a widow. He had been a member of the B.M.A. since 1926.

Flight Lieut. IAN GORDON LENNOX, R.A.F.V.R., died in Westminster Hospital on Aug. 8. He was born on Aug. 16, 1914, and was educated at the University of Glasgow, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1938. He held the post of resident medical officer at Paisley Infectious Diseases Hospital from May, 1940, until the following Sept., when he entered the R.A.F.V.R. as temp. flying officer, being promoted war subs. flight lieutenant a year later. He was a brother of Mr. D. K. Lennox, F.R.C.S.Ed., of Blackpool.

Lieut. DONALD SEYMCUR SCOTT, R.A.M.C., is now presumed to have died of wounds received in May, 1940, while attending casualties at Cassel. He was born on June 27, 1911, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Scott of Maidstone, and was educated at Felsted School, at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and at the London Hospital. He qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1935 and took the degrees of M.B., B.Chir. two years later. He followed his 2nd Class Tripos (pathology) with a number of hospital appointments and obtained the M.R.C.P. in 1939. He entered the R.A.M.C. as temp. lieutenant in Jan., 1940. He leaves a widow.

Prisoners of War.—Temp. Major E. G. Collins, R.A.M.C., Capt. A. W. V. Eley, R.A.M.C., Capt. H. Houghton, R.A.M.C., Major W. R. Hunter, R.A.M.C., Capt. J. A. Learner, R.A.M.C., Temp. Major J. R. A. Martin, R.A.M.C., War Subs. Capt. W. Milburn, R.A.M.C., War Subs. Capt. G. F. R. Parker, R.A.M.C., Capt. W. L. Petter, R.A.M.C., War Subs. Capt. T. St. J. H. Silvester, R.A.M.C.

Wounded.—Capt. L. G. Hannah, R.A.M.C., Capt. A. B. Waters, R.A.M.C.

DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

Col. THOMAS ARTHUR GRANGER, C.M.G., I.M.S. (ret.), died at Exmouth on Aug. 4, aged 70. He was born on Aug. 12, 1871, and was educated at the University of Edinburgh, where he graduated M.B., C.M. in 1892. Entering the I.M.S. as surg. lieutenant in 1894, he became lieutenant-col. after twenty years' service, col. in March, 1922, and retired four months later. He served in the Frontier expedition in Mekran in 1898 and in the North-West Frontier campaign of 1898-9, against the Chamkannis (medal and clasp). From 1911 to 1914 he was A.D.M.S., Army Headquarters, India, and from 1914 to 1919 was Honorary Surgeon to the Viceroy. He served in the war of 1914-18, and in 1915-16 he was A.D.M.S. at the headquarters of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force and the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force and from 1916 to 1918 was A.D.M.S., 4th Cavalry Division, in France. He was twice mentioned in dispatches and was appointed C.M.G. in 1918. He was the author of a small book on *The Art of Sailing*, 1933. He had been a member of the B.M.A. for 25 years.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL NOTES

Discussion of Table

In *England and Wales* a rise in the notifications of whooping-cough, diphtheria, and acute pneumonia—172, 85, and 27, respectively, in excess of the previous recorded number—interrupted the general trend of a falling incidence of infectious diseases during the past few weeks. For the sixth consecutive week there was a sharp fall in the notifications of measles, the total being 636 fewer than in the preceding week. There were 31 fewer cases of dysentery, and the lowest weekly total for 12 months was recorded.

The rise in diphtheria notifications was due mainly to two counties—Lancashire and Durham, with increases of 34 and 35 cases. In the former county the chief centre of infection was Liverpool C.B. 42 cases, and in the latter it was Easington R.D. 23.

A small rise in the incidence of whooping-cough was fairly general throughout the country. In Yorks West Riding there was a total of 184 cases, compared with 127 in the preceding week.

In *Scotland* the incidence of diphtheria has increased for the fifth consecutive week. The chief centres of infection are Glasgow, Dundee, and Lanark, where 57, 25, and 13 cases were notified during the week.

Typhus

In *Eire* 5 cases of typhus were notified in the rural district of Kanturk, Co. Cork. This is the third outbreak during this year, the two previous ones being in Westport U.D., Co. Mayo, 5 cases, and Shillelagh R.D., Co. Wicklow, 3 cases.

Returns for the Week Ending August 22

The notifications of infectious diseases during the week in *England and Wales* included the following: scarlet fever 1,332, whooping-cough 1,235, diphtheria 629, measles 4,089, acute pneumonia 346, cerebrospinal fever 68, acute poliomyelitis 19, dysentery 59, paratyphoid 8, typhoid 15.