

active in the BMA in the cause of psychiatry, being not only a founder member and fellow of the Psychological Medicine Group, from 1937, but also its longest serving one 45 years!

Today's doctors will know her by the Doris Odlum Prize which she endowed in 1961, but perhaps an even more important but unseen contribution was the part she played as Chairman of the BMA Psychological Medicine Group in persuading the government that mental health services should be part of the proposed new NHS, and not under the control of local authorities as had been originally proposed.

Doris Odlum had the character, abilities and physique of a pioneer. She had an immense zest for life and sympathy with people, and she helped to create many things that her successors now take for granted.

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JOHNSON THEODORE ROBINSON, OBE, formerly Medical Director, Roffey Park Hospital, Warminglid, Sussex.

Brigadier Johnson Theodore Robinson was born on 2 March 1908 in Newry, Co. Down, Northern Ireland. He was educated at Wesley College, Dublin, where he was Head Prefect. He entered Trinity College, Dublin in 1925 to read medicine and graduated MB, BCh, BAO in 1930. He proceeded to the MD in 1934 and in subsequent years gained postgraduate diplomas in Tropical Medicine and Psychological Medicine. Throughout his academic career he succeeded in acquiring a fistful of prizes and medals.

He had an eminently successful military career achieving the rank of Brigadier. His major interest was in psychiatry: he served as Director of Army Psychiatry, Consultant Psychiatrist to the Army, as well as Adviser in Psychiatry to Southern Command and Headquarters BAOR. In recognition of his distinguished service he was awarded the OBE and appointed Honorary Physician to HM The Queen.

Robinson's career in 'civvy street' was equally successful. In 1957 he was appointed Medical Director and Consultant Psychiatrist to Roffey Park Rehabilitation Centre and Hospital, twin jobs which he filled with distinction until his retirement in 1973. He was elected a Foundation Fellow of the College in 1971.

Those of us who knew Robinson will remember him as a modest, kindly man who was invariably well groomed and well tailored. He was a good companion.

ELIZABETH ROBERTSON, Formerly Consultant Physician, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, Edinburgh.

Dr Elizabeth Robertson had an influence on psychiatric practice and knowledge which spread far beyond her Edinburgh clinical base. She came to psychiatry in 1946 armed with considerable experience in other branches of medicine obtained during pre-war hospital posts and a five year spell of army service. Her basic qualities had already been noted by a consultant who provided a reference for her following an anaesthesia post, 'careful and thorough, concerned herself with aftercare, tactful and kindly disposition'. In the testing and critical environment of

the post-war psychiatry scene in Edinburgh under the stimulating leadership of Sir Daid Henderson she soon demonstrated other qualities which were to ensure her impact on a large number of colleagues who worked with her and were trained by her in the next 25 years. She demonstrated a questioning attitude which encouraged her to pursue an active research programme even at times when she was deluged by the volume of clinical work. She did research, not to enhance her reputation, nor to build a list of publications, but because she wanted to know the answer. The questions she asked herself and others about the presenile dementias, about depression in its many forms, about the thought disorder of schizophrenia, led her to a number of carefully produced clinical papers but above all they led others to continue the search for answers. She was instrumental in bringing about the setting up of the MRC Brain Metabolism Unit in Edinburgh and was delighted with the contributions made to research in affective disorders and Alzheimer's disease. Above all she always emphasised the importance of the clinical base in psychiatric research, her clinical notes were a model for all of us. She was always on the look-out for the unusual features in a clinical presentation and taught that such observations are often the keys which open doors for further research.

Elizabeth Robertson will be remembered by her patients as a skilled and caring doctor, and by her colleagues as an exceptional teacher, and research worker. She remained a close friend to all those who had worked with her and as time went on her 'family' grew and grew with representatives in all parts of the world.

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The deaths of the following have also been reported:

NELLIE CRASKE, Retired, 106 Grand Drive, Raynes Park, London SW20.

KEITH DAWSON-BUTTERWORTH, Consultant Psychiatrist, North General Hospital, Sheffield.

MARGARET BERNADETTE GUCKIAN, Consultant Psychiatrist, Child Guidance Service, Dudley House, Albion Street, Leeds.

SYDNEY THOMAS HAYWARD, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Shenley Hospital, Radlett, Herts.

GAYNOR LACEY, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Child and Family Centre, Cardiff, Wales.

GEORGE MCCOULL, formerly Medical Superintendent, Prudhoe Hospital, Northumberland.

ALASTAIR KENNETH MACAULAY MACRAE, Emeritus Professor, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

ARTHUR POOL, formerly Medical Superintendent, The Retreat, York.

ROSEMARY PRITCHARD, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist; 8 Angel Lane, Blythburgh, Halesworth, Suffolk.

JOSEPH NICHOLAS RUNES, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Basildon Child Guidance Clinic, Essex.

WALTER SCHINDLER, retired, 56 Portman Mansions, Chiltern Street, London W1.