

College, Cambridge, as an exhibitioner to read medicine. He qualified MRCS (Eng), LRCP (London) in 1931 and did his 'house jobs' at the General Infirmary, Leeds and the London Hospital.

He joined the RAF Medical Branch in the 1930s, in which he served with distinction. He was awarded the Viceroy's Certificate for his service in the Quanton Earthquake and in 1943 was mentioned in despatches.

In the late 1930s, when psychiatry was becoming a recognized speciality in the RAF, Tompkins was appointed a specialist neuropsychiatrist and obtained the DPM Eng. in 1938. He was elected MRCPsych in 1972 and proceeded to the Fellowship in 1977.

It was during the war that Tompkins, when stationed at RAF Medical Headquarters, Kelvin House, London, became interested in electrophysiology, an interest he pursued after his retirement from the RAF when he was appointed Honorary Consultant Neurophysiologist, Southampton and South West Hants Health District.

It was my privilege to have worked under Victor Tompkins, both as a medical student at Leeds when he was 'on the

house', and in the RAF when he was appointed a neuropsychiatrist at Kelvin House. His outstanding characteristics were his exuberant bonhomie and his total absence of side or prejudice. I have every reason to appreciate them all.

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#### The deaths of the following have also been reported:

**BERNARD CATES**, retired, formerly Physician Superintendent, Stone House Hospital, Dartford.

**THERESA D'ARCY**, Assistant Psychiatrist, Roundway Hospital, Devizes, Wiltshire.

**ALLAN BRUCE GARDINER**, Consultant Psychiatrist, Psychiatric Division, Basingstoke District Hospital, Park Prewett, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

**HAMISH GETHWYN HAMILTON-HISLOP**, Consultant Psychiatrist, Botleys Park Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey.

**VERONICA HERMOINE LONGMAN**, Consultant Psychiatrist, Tooting Bec Hospital, Tooting Bec Road, London SW17.

**GERTRUDE DOROTHY MARY SCULLY**, retired, formerly Consultant Psychiatrist, Our Lady's Hospital, Cork, Eire.

## Forthcoming Events

A one-and-a-half-day course entitled 'Child Psychiatry for the MRCPsych' will be held at the Institute of Child Health on 11 and 12 October 1985. The organizer will be Professor Philip Graham. Fee: £35; abstracts will be provided. Information and application forms: Miss Gillian Brown, Sub-Dean's Secretary, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London WC1N 1EH (telephone: 01-242 9789).

Two courses will be run in London by Bill O'Hanlon (Hudson Center, Omaha, Nebraska, USA): 'Advances in Ericksonian and Strategic Approaches: Couples and Families' (13 and 14 September 1985) and 'Hypnosis with "Psychosomatic" Problems' (15 September 1985). Information and application forms: Philip Booth, Co-Ordinator, London Society for Ericksonian Psychotherapy and Hypnosis, 18 Yarnells Road, Oxford OX2 0LY (telephone: Oxford 721597).

The 8th UK/Netherlands Workshop on Therapeutic Communities, 'The Windsor Conference', will be held at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, from 16 to 20 September 1985. Limited to 40 participants, the programme consists of brief academic papers grouped into related topics and allows much time for discussion. Fee: £125. Information: Dr J. Stuart Whiteley, Henderson Hospital, 2 Homeland Drive, Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey (telephone: 01-661 1611).

The Third Annual Conference of the British Holistic Medical Association, 'Holistic Medicine and the Health of the Carer', will be held at Kensington Town Hall on 19 and 20 October 1985. Topics will include: BMA Report on Alternative Medicine (Professor Linford Rees); medical and nursing education; mental and physical health problems of doctors and

nurses. Workshops will be held on various topics: cardiovascular care, stress reduction, pain relief, etc. Information: Cynthia Read, Secretary to Dr Malcolm Carruthers, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ (telephone: 01-703 6333).

'The Mind and the Brain'—this one-day symposium on recent advances at the psychiatry-neurology interface, sponsored by the S.W. Thames Division of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, will be held at the University of Surrey on 8 October 1985. Speakers: Professor R. G. Shanks ('Beta-adrenoceptor antagonists in migraine'); Professor R. Y. Cartwright ('The neurone—a viral haven?'); Professor D. A. Shaw ('Cerebro-vascular disease'); Professor J. W. T. Dickerson ('Down's Syndrome'); Professor A. Crisp ('Anorexia nervosa'); Dr S. A. Checkley ('Biochemistry of depression'); Group Captain A. N. Nicholson ('Pharmacology of sleep'); Professor M. Carstairs (*The Clouston Lecture*—'Obstacles to recovery in some social settings'). Information and application forms: Dr C. Speirs, 3 Heath Park Drive, Windlesham, Surrey GU20 6JA.

An International Congress on Rape will be held in Israel from 7 to 11 April 1986. Information: Congress Secretariat, Rape, PO Box 394, Tel Aviv 61003, Israel.

A residential conference on 'Rehabilitation and Community Support in Mental Health' will be held on 20 September 1985, preceded on the evening of 19 September with a poster session; both events will be held at Trinity College, Carmarthen. Information: Mr Tim Hooper, School for Nursing, Trinity College, College Road, Carmarthen, Dyfed (telephone: 0267-232076).