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Dr. George Gregg, OBE, TD, MD, FRCPI, DPhysMed, DL

Dr. George Gregg, formerly Consultant Physician in charge of the Physical Medicine Department of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, died on February 13th. He graduated from the Queen's University, Belfast, in 1938, but soon after qualifying joined the RAMC, in which he served with distinction, attaining the rank of Major, and was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm of Belgium and Chevalier of the Order of Leopold II. After the war, he continued his interest in the Territorial Army, and commanded in turn both a Field Ambulance and the 204 General Hospital, TA, and being Honorary Colonel until the end of last year. He was a pioneer of physical medicine in Northern Ireland, being largely responsible for the formation of the department in Ulster's main teaching hospital. He retired about five years ago, but continued to take an interest in rehabilitation through his work at the Mater Infirmorum Hospital, Belfast for a further five years. His interest in rehabilitation was shown by his association with the Order of St. Lazarus, devoted to the alleviation of the ravages caused by leprosy. He was Vice-President of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and a Knight of the Order of St. John. He was a physician to HM the Queen, and one of her Deputy Lieutenants.

Besides his professional, Army and St. John commitments, George Gregg was a keen athlete, especially in field events. In his student days, he held the javelin record for the University for several years. He was one of the first doctors in Northern Ireland to join the British Association of Sport and Medicine, travelled to England on a few occasions to attend meetings, and he contributed an article to *Brit. J. Sports Med.* Vol. 8 1974 on injuries to the 3rd lumbar disc. We offer our deepest sympathy to his widow, and know that he will be missed throughout Northern Ireland.

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