OBITUARY

Surgeon-Captain Peter de Bec Turtle
OBE, VRD, MA, BM, BCh, FRCP, DPH, late RNR (ret)

Peter Turtle, who died suddenly in August 1983, did a great deal to foster friendly relations between the BASM and the Medical Officers of Schools Association, of which he was the dynamic Hon. Secretary from 1961 until 1974. He was a member of BASM from 1961 until he resigned on his retirement in 1978. After service in the Royal Navy and private practice in London he was appointed Medical Officer to Haileybury in 1954, and this led to his passionate interest in MOSA which lasted for the rest of his life. In 1975, during his term of office as President of the Association he was awarded the OBE “for services to MOSA”. He strove constantly to inculcate high standards of medical care in schools, and sports medicine had a central place in his work. He attended most of the meetings of the International Union of School Health and Medicine, of which he was an officer, and presented a survey of 20 years' sports injuries at Haileybury at its meeting in Mexico City in 1975. An extremely friendly and hospitable man, his cheerful presence at gatherings of school doctors is greatly missed.

Dr. T. Hoskins, Christ’s Hospital, Horsham, Sussex.

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Dr. William Courteney Marshall, PhD., MD., FRACP., MRCP., DCH.

It is with regret that we heard of the death of Bill Marshall on October 24th, 1983 at the age of 54. He qualified in Sydney 30 years ago and came to London in 1958. Subsequently he achieved an excellent reputation as a caring and outstanding paediatrician. He succeeded Dr. Alan Bass as Medical Officer to the Arsenal Football Club, then to Chelsea Football Club meanwhile helping with the care of the England Amateur International football team. He joined BASM in 1966. Pressure of clinical and research work led to his resignation from the Association ten years later and we missed his sound and outspoken Australian commonsense.

In 1977 he was appointed Consultant Paediatrician to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street and Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Child Health. His main interest was the infectious diseases of children and the value of immunisation. At the Institute he was a colleague of Dr. William A. Marshall (now Professor of Human Biology, Loughborough University).

Bill’s considerable contributions to paediatrics have been described in detail elsewhere and I know he will be missed sadly. Football, both amateur and professional, will also miss a knowledgeable and enthusiastic medical adviser.

H. E. Robson.