

abroad; his temperament and his philosophy made it natural for him to seek guidance, especially in France, England and America. He crystallised these views by establishing a memorial fund, of which the interest is shared out among young orthopaedic surgeons to enable them to study abroad. One can scarcely imagine a finer memorial or better proof that in his work there was love, and behind his doings there were realities.

Paul Guildal was a good man for Danish orthopaedics, and we shall remember him as the leader of the hospital of this institution. S. K.

PETER GORDON ESSEX-LOPRESTI
(1916-1951)

Peter Essex-Lopresti, a consultant surgeon to the Birmingham Accident Hospital, died suddenly at his home on June 13 at the age of thirty-five. All that day and indeed throughout the previous night he had been hard at work meeting the busy responsibilities in his chosen field of accident surgery. He set his standard in surgery and in life itself at a very high level and his spirit and practical ability enabled him to meet that standard.

His contributions to surgical literature were many and noteworthy for one so young. "The Hazards of Parachuting" was based on his experience as a surgeon with an airborne division during the last war. His paper on "The Open Wound in Trauma" (Lancet 1950) will be read for some years to come. This year he was awarded a Hunterian Professorship for his paper on "The Treatment of Fractures of the Os Calcis," and it too will keep his name alive.

Mr Essex-Lopresti was a pianist of some brilliance and his interests were wide and varied. The organisation of his hospital's postgraduate teaching owes much to his administrative ability. Peter is dead, but the memory of the man, his happy comradeship, his loyalty, his work and his ideals will live. He leaves a wife and two young children.

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