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OBITUARY

Thomas Ferguson Rodger*

Thomas Ferguson Rodger, Emeritus Professor of Psychological Medicine in the University of Glasgow, died on 1 June 1978 at the age of 70. A native of Glasgow and a graduate of its university, Ferguson Rodger's early interest in psychiatry was encouraged by Sir David Henderson in Glasgow and Edinburgh and by Adolf Meyer in Baltimore.

He was deputy superintendent of the Glasgow Royal Mental Hospital from 1934 until 1940, when he entered the RAMC. He had a distinguished service career, attaining the rank of Brigadier and becoming consultant in psychiatry in South East

Asia Command and India. He helped to pioneer techniques of personnel selection and to establish psychiatry as an important branch of military medicine.

After the war he was for a time a Commissioner of the General Board of Control for Scotland and in 1949 he was appointed to the new Chair of Psychological Medicine at Glasgow University. He rapidly

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