

Obituary



PHILIP HENRY GOLDING-WOOD
1914–1997

Philip Golding-Wood left home at the age of 17 and, with a good grammar school education behind him, gained a scholarship and admission to University College Hospital to read medicine. There he won the London University Anatomy prize, enrolled as an external student at Chelsea College – where he gained a first class honours degree in Zoology – and distinguished himself as a track athlete as well as winning the British Universities Middleweight boxing title.

After graduation he worked as a surgeon at Hammersmith Hospital where he met Margaret Owens whom he married in November 1941. On joining the RAMC he saw service in North Africa, Burma, India and Northern Europe. In the western desert he sustained an injury in an incident which killed the rest of his surgical team and which forced him to operate upon himself under local anaesthetic. He subsequently survived typhoid, dysentery and a shrapnel injury to the chest and, at the end of the

War had treated over 8,000 battle casualties and had been mentioned twice in dispatches. Amongst the first to enter the concentration camps, he witnessed their horror and at the end of the war was Medical Officer for the occupying forces in Berlin where, among others, he treated Rudolph Hess.

He returned to Britain to an embryonic health service and, after time as a Senior Registrar in surgery and neurosurgery, entered ENT and was appointed consultant at the Kent County Ophthalmic and Aural Hospital, Maidstone in 1953. He quickly developed a particular interest in Ménière's disease which he treated with cervical sympathectomy, but it was his work with cholinergic rhinitis, which he treated initially with petrosal neurectomy

and then subsequently with vidian neurectomy, for which he will perhaps be best remembered. For this later work he was honoured as a Hunterian Professor of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1981. He was a founder member of the Joseph Society, helped to edit an international journal of Rhinology and, in spite of all these commitments, managed to continue to publish widely. His wife sadly pre-deceased him but his son (an ENT surgeon) and three grandchildren were a great source of pride and joy to him in his later years. His industry, enthusiasm and enquiring mind will long be remembered by those who knew him.

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Editorial

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that from this issue Mr Guy Kenyon, M.D., F.R.C.S. will be joining me as Editor of the Journal of Laryngology & Otology. He served as an Assistant Editor for 5 years and will bring his talents in the field of electronic publishing to the Journal. We shall be building on the information available on our Website (<http://www.jlo.co.uk>.) and are looking forward to placing more of the Journal on the Internet in the future. Welcome Guy!

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