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Editorial

The history of aviation, while being in the main a record of great achievement, has on several occasions been marked by tragedy. Rotary wing development has been hitherto comparatively immune from fatal accidents but the recent crash of the "Air Horse" shows that the price of technical advance must still be measured in human lives.

The death of the three occupants, two of whom have been such eminent Members of our Association, is a tragedy which all concerned with aeronautics will feel very keenly. ALAN MARSH, who at the time of his death, was the Chairman of the Executive Council, had made, in the rotary wing field, a mark which can never be obscured. To him the Association owes such a great deal that no tribute can ever really express our debt. "Jeep" CABLE who after a long period on our Executive Council had just retired from it, will always be remembered as one of our most able and skilful pilots. His efforts on behalf of the Association were great, and his death apart from the sorrow it gives his many friends, will leave a gap which will always remain.

In this issue readers will find much to remind them of the deceased. Apart from formal obituaries, the Report of the Executive Council presented at the Annual General Meeting bears their mark, while the Chairman's Address to the Association is the last communication the Members received from him. Those who attended the Meeting will possibly read it again to refresh their memories, while to those who were unable to be with us on that occasion it will be a tragic reminder of our great loss.

To the relatives of the deceased we extend our deepest sympathy. Their loss is also ours, and to us, like them, the memory of those who have gone, will be always cherished.