

had happened to one of his field ambulances, and so, feeling rather pleased with myself I set off for Div H.Q. at Colleville and there found Col. R. D. Cameron. I told him what I had done, and proudly pointed out our quiet new spot on the map.

Roddy Cameron took one quick hard look at it, then said in a voice of horrified disbelief ' You know what you have done, don't you? You've not only moved yourself out of 9 Brigade area, but you've gone right out of the Division; you're in the Canadian Division now. What do you propose to do if a Canadian unit comes along and wants to set up in that field?'

Feeling completely deflated, I took myself off, but happily I didn't have to answer that awkward question, as no Canadian unit put in an appearance, or questioned our right to be there. But in such ways are lessons learnt, that are never forgotten.

The third field Ambulance of 3 Division was 223 Fd Amb commanded by Johnnie Johnston, now D.M.S., B.A.O.R., and on my tour around the area I was also able to spot the field in Périers le dans where his unit was located at that time, working, as I remember, under extreme pressure in very difficult circumstances.

We took off again from Deauville at 8.30 p.m. having spent an unforgettable day.

In addition to the purely personal recollections of places and incidents of twenty-five years ago, the very deepest impression was made on me by the sense of unity and purpose of the people of Normandy, and the continuing complete identification of them all, young as well as old, with those events which led to the final defeat of Hitlerite Germany and the liberation of Europe.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Infectious Diseases: Epidemiology and Clinical Practice. A. B. CHRISTIE. Edinburgh. E. & S. Livingstone, Ltd., 1969. Pp. viii + 1047. Illustrated. 120s.

This is an interesting book. It is individual in character and does not follow any of the usual patterns to be expected in texts on Infectious Diseases. It covers a wide selection of subjects though as the author warns in the preface the treatment accorded to each tends to be somewhat uneven. In spite of this one is impressed with the detailed treatment of the more important subjects and the long lists of references given. If one may make one criticism one would have wished rather more emphasis and space to be given to the prevention and control of infectious disease. In view of its size this is a reference book for the Army Medical Officer; though unfortunately its price is likely to limit its purchase to libraries.

T. C. R. ARCHER

A Handbook for Research in General Practice. Second Edition. Ed. by T. S. EIMERL and A. J. LAIDLAW. Edinburgh. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1969. Pp. xi + 155. Illustrated. 30s.

This is a useful primer for those interested in research in general practice. Written by a group from the Royal College of General Practitioners it deals with the subject in a very general fashion, describing how to set about starting a research project, on using a library and on writing up the results for publication. It also gives information on the ways in which the College may help in research.

Missing are any statistical techniques or details on research methods, but these can be obtained from other sources.

What this book sets out to do, and achieves with some success, is to whet the general practitioner's appetite and to lead those with no previous experience in research to the point where he can set about thinking on the many opportunities for research work in this field of practice.

JOHN FRY.

Paediatric Nursing Procedures. Second Edition. R. M. SACHARIN and M. H. S. HUNTER. Edinburgh. E. & Livingstone Ltd. 1969. Pp. x + 355. Illustrated. 42s.

This is a much needed book covering a wide field in the practical nursing in paediatrics, illustrating new methods and equipment.

Chapter 1, dealing with the child in hospital, I found most realistic in coping with this complex and difficult problem. Ward infection and how to combat such an issue is simply and sensibly explained in Chapter 3. The chapters on procedures relating to the various symptoms I thought easily understood being clear and concisely laid out.

As this is a book on practical nursing procedures I feel that on the whole there is a lack of illustrations which are always so helpful. Regardless of this minor shortcoming it is a book which should be in use in every paediatric ward proving of value to all staff.

B. SAWYER

Fractures and Orthopaedic Surgery for Nurses and Physiotherapists. Sixth Edition. ARTHUR NAYLOR. Edinburgh. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1968. Pp. xvi. + 393. Illustrated. 40s.

The overall opinion is that the book is very good, the print is nice and clear and easily readable. The diagrams are good and helpful, and so are the photographs.

The main nursing and other special points are dealt with very well. I feel this book would be a valuable addition to any nursing library.

E. J. MILLINGTON

May and Worth's Manual of Diseases of the Eye. Thirteenth Edition. T. KEITH LYLE, ALEXANDER C. GROSS and A. G. COOK. London. Bailliere, Tindall & Cassell. 1968. Pp. xi + 796. Illustrated. 70s.

The thirteenth edition of this well known text book has been thoroughly revised and several sections completely rewritten. The book can be recommended for medical students, but more particularly as an introduction to ophthalmology by those starting to specialise, and for post-graduates who need to know some basic ophthalmology. The section on optics is first class.

Service doctors have often to become Jacks-of-all-trades and anyone finding themselves having to see ophthalmic cases would find this an admirable book of reference. There is a section on "Ophthalmology on the Tropics" which would be of considerable value to those who may need to attend local populations in those areas.

The index is good, an important matter when the book is used for reference by non-specialists.

As seems inevitable with new editions there are several minor printing errors, but none that this reviewer found which would cause real confusion.

One wonders whether pruning of old material could not have been even greater; for example, is it really necessary to take a whole page to show enucleation scissors?

This book can be thoroughly recommended.

K. L. BATTEN

Diagnosis and Treatment of Cardiac Arrhythmias. J. P. P. STOCK. London. Butterworth (London) Ltd. 1969. Pp. x + 234. Illustrated. 75s.

The increase in monitoring and intensive care in recent years has focussed attention on the importance of the diagnosis and treatment of disturbances of cardiac rhythm. It has been difficult for the general physician to keep pace with the consequent advances but frequently he, rather than the cardiologist, has to treat the acute case.

This book gives a clear, concise, up-to-date and unusually readable presentation of the basic anatomy and physiology followed by an account of the individual arrhythmias. There are sections on electrical treatment of ectopic tachycardias; on arrhythmias complicating myocardial infarction and on digitalis toxicity. Advice on the controversial and difficult subject of management is sound and practical without over-simplification.

One has no reservations in recommending this book to all physicians and it should be available for reference in all hospital libraries.

IAN C. CRAWFORD

Guide to the Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox for Smallpox Eradication Programme. Geneva. World Health Organisation. 1969. Pp. 47. Illustrated. 16s.

An immense amount of effort and activity is being directed in present times by the World Health Organisation in an ambitious undertaking to eliminate smallpox on a world-wide scale; to this end WHO has helped in setting up international and regional reference centres as well as national diagnostic laboratories.

This booklet, printed on good quality paper and profusely illustrated (60 photographs and 3 coloured plates) sets out the basic technical details for the diagnosis of smallpox by laboratories where neither sophisticated apparatus (electron microscope) nor complex procedures (tissue culture isolation) are available. It limits itself to three relatively easy but reliable tests, namely stained smears, gel diffusion tests, and use of the hen's egg which can give a reasonable answer in one hour, two to twenty four hours, and seventy-two hours respectively.

Medical officers might be interested to know what goes on behind the laboratory diagnosis of smallpox and they will certainly find the chapter on the collection of specimens very useful; to the laboratory worker this booklet is invaluable.

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JOURNALS RECEIVED

The following Journals/Publications have been received and are available in the Royal Army Medical College Library.

Archives of Surgery; Australian and New Zealand Journal of Surgery, The; Annals of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology; Annales Chirurgiae Et Gynaecologiae Fenniae. Annales Academiae Medicae Stetinensis.

British Medical Journal; British Journal of Surgery, British Medical Bulletin; Broadway; Balance, British Journal of Psychiatry, The; Boletin Oficina Sanitaria Panamericana.

Canadian Journal of Public Health; Central African Journal of Medicine, The; East African Medical Journal, The; Fire; Forsvars Medicin; Giornale Di Medicina Militare; Hellenic Armed Forces Medical Review; Indian Journal of Medical Research, The.

Journal of the Royal Naval Medical Service; Journal of the Irish Medical Association; Journal of the Oslo City Hospitals; John Hopkins Medical Journal, The.

The Lancet; Leprosy Review; London Hospital Gazette, The; Leech.

Medical News; Medical Digest; Medical Journal of Australia, The; Medicine Today; Medicine Science and the Law; Medico-Legal Journal, The; Medicine Tropicales; Military Medicine; Military Review; Militarmedizin; Medical Research Engineering.

Newcastle Medical Journal; North Wing; National Defence Medical Journal, Tokyo.

Practitioner, The; Proceedings of the Royal Society of Medicine; Polish Medical Science and Quarterly Journal of Medicine, The; Royal Engineers Journal, The; Royal Society of Health Journal; Revue Des Corps De Sante Des Armes; Revue Internationale Des Services De Sante; Revista De La Association Medica Argentina.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal, Soldier, Scottish Medical Journal; South African Journal of Medical Sciences, The; South African Medical Journal, The.

Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene; Tropical Diseases Bulletin; Ulster Medical Journal, The.

WHO Chronicle, Wish Stream, The; Wehrmedizinshec Monatsschrift; Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine, The.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

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