

My object in writing this letter is to emphasize the fact that whole blood can be supplied even under very difficult conditions and that every effort should be made to do so before deciding that plasma alone can be provided.

Yours faithfully,

J. S. K. Boyd.

*The Wellcome Laboratories  
of Tropical Medicine.*

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**Notices**

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**Reviews**

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**FITNESS FOR GAMES.** By F. A. Hornibrook. London: Research Books Ltd. 1949. Pp. 39. Price 2s. 6d.

The author's intention in this pamphlet is to help adolescents who are keen on games and lack the advice of a trainer. The text and layout are appropriate to the intended readers. The advice offered is well tried and sound, although some of the specific treatments suggested are of doubtful value.

For the enthusiastic it is hardly full enough, but the average lad would benefit greatly if he could integrate his reading of the book with the practice of what he has read.

J. M. M.

FUNDAMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN ANÆSTHESIA. By Charles L. Burstein, M.D.  
The Macmillan Company. 1949.

Here is a small book of great interest and value to the student of anæsthesia, in that it contains a simple, clear and concise account of certain fundamental physiological and pharmacological reactions, which are likely to confront the anæsthetist.

The application of such reactions to clinical anæsthesia is described with accuracy and detail, supported by excellent diagrams and tracings. It seems all the greater pity therefore that the complex pharmacology of curare, with its wide clinical application in these days, should be dismissed in a matter of little more than one page.

Dr. Burstein is to be congratulated upon making so difficult a subject appear relatively so simple, and this book is particularly recommended to the aspirant to a higher qualification in anæsthesia, who will be saved much vain searching through the larger textbooks of physiology and pharmacology.

K. F. S.

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*Extracts from the "London Gazette"*

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

(1) *R.A.M.C.*

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the British Empire Medal (Military Division) in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya during the period 1st January, 1949, to 30th June, 1949, to the undermentioned:

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