

A DEDICATION

With the death of Wg. Cdr. R. Arunachalam, this Society has lost not only an outstanding and able officer, but a true pioneer of aero-medicine in India.

He had the privilege of being the first Officer Commanding the School of Aviation Medicine in Bangalore. The School, its buildings, Organisation and Administration were started completely from scratch by him. The high standard of training achieved and the knowledge imparted in the past 2 years are entirely due to the tremendous efforts of the School's first Commander. The foundations that Wg. Cdr. Arunachalam has laid by his intense keenness to teach the fundamentals of Aviation Medicine to General Duty and Medical Officers of the Indian Air Force will be an everlasting monument in the history of Aviation in India.

Here was an officer who had dedicated his life to the building up of the basic traditions that must apply to the Medical Branch of an Air Force. He was ever enthusiastic by precept and example that Aviation Medicine must be practised in the air as well as on the ground; that the concept of this new humanitarian service should be impressed on the minds of our young doctors and that the Medical Services should support in every possible way the man in the machine.

On these foundations, that have been so firmly laid by unstinting effort and sacrifice, we are dedicated to build an edifice of which we may all justly be proud.