



KENNETH EDWARD HODGE, D.M.R.D.

1921-1972

WITH the death of Dr. Kenneth Edward Hodge on October 1, 1972 after a long and disabling illness, many of us lost a cherished friend and colleague and McMaster University and the Hamilton Civic Hospitals an exceptionally skilled and competent academic radiologist, teacher and administrator.

He was born on December 7, 1921, in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England and received his premedical and medical education at Guys Hospital Medical School, London, England, where he graduated with an M.B. and B.S. in 1947. He served as a House Surgeon and House Physician at the Kent and Sussex Hospital and at the Chase

Farm Hospital in England from 1947 to 1949, when he returned to Guys Hospital for postgraduate training in Radiology. He served as a Junior Registrar at Guys Hospital and then as a Registrar at the Radcliffe Infirmary Department of Radiology, Oxford, England, from 1949 to 1951 and received the D.M.R.D. (London) in 1950. In 1952, Prof. J. F. Brailsford, at the University of Birmingham, England, arranged for him a Radiological Fellowship to travel to the United States, which initially took him to Dallas, Texas to work under Dr. J. R. Maxfield, Jr. During the course of his travels and studies, Dr. Hodge first came to Toronto in 1953 and decided to make his home in Canada. He joined the Department of Radiology, of the University of Toronto as a Senior Resident in 1953. During the same year he was certified in Diagnostic Radiology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and obtained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1955. In 1954 he became an assistant radiologist at the Toronto General Hospital and a Clinical Teacher of Radiology at the University of Toronto. In 1956 he became First Assistant to the Director of the Department of Radiology, Hospital for Sick Children and Assistant Professor of Radiology at the University of Toronto. In 1957 he was appointed Chief Radiologist, Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, where he remained until 1960. In 1961, he moved to Hamilton, Ontario, and became Director of the Department of Radiology at the Henderson General Hospital, Hamilton. At the same time he joined the ranks of the Faculty of the new medical school at McMaster University as Associate Clinical Professor of Diagnostic Radiology, and held these positions until the time of his death.

Dr. Hodge spared no time or effort in the struggle to develop the Radiological Departments with which he was associated. Under his leadership, organizations and installations to meet advanced and modern radiological needs were emphasized. His keen interest in Obstetrical Radiology is

reflected in his publications. Since 1967 he pioneered the introduction of Ultrasound in Obstetrical Radiology at McMaster University and at the Hamilton Civic Hospitals and did extensive work to improve equipment, methods and accuracy of examinations. His efforts were eventually interrupted by his long and unfortunate illness. Even then, he continued his work up to the time of his death.

Dr. Hodge was a gifted and dedicated teacher. Beyond his academic appointments he was active as a faculty lecturer of the Section of Instructions of the American Roentgen Ray Society, where he served in 1956, 1957 and 1958. He served as a lecturer at the Annual Pre-Fellowship refresher courses of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto and was much sought after as a guest lecturer at the local medical societies. Since 1967, Dr. Hodge materially contributed to the establishment of an entirely new medical curriculum at the new Medical School at McMaster University.

Dr. Hodge was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; a member of the Canadian Association of Radiologists and of the American Roentgen Ray Society to which he was elected in October of 1958. He was a member of the British Institute of Radiology; the Toronto Radiological Society; a member of the Canadian Medical Association; Ontario Medical Association; the British Medical Association and was active in the Hamilton Academy of Medicine. During the years preceding his death, he joined the American Institute of Ultrasonics in Medicine, in which he took particular interest.

From 1940 to 1941, Dr. Hodge served in the R. A. F. and sustained injuries during wartime service, which in later years led to his disabling and terminal illness. From 1953 to 1960 he served with the R.C.A.F. Auxiliary as a Squadron Leader.

Dr. Hodge was an energetic sportsman during his active years. In his leisure time he was an expert and successful sailor who was keenly interested in keelboat racing

and also an excellent pilot and much interested in light plane flying.

In 1955 he was married to Annamarie Bakker. He was devoted to his family and it is characteristic that he listed the bringing up of his three boys as one of his favorite hobbies. He is survived by his wife and three sons, Derek, Hans and Robert.

We who knew him well, remember him for his enthusiasm, for his energy and for his unique and refreshing sense of humor, and all his colleagues will remember him for

his efforts in the practice of high principles and ethics of radiology, as a devoted teacher and as a man of dedicated interest in his specialty.

Dr. Hodge's many friends and associates join in offering condolences to his family.

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