

(1860-1955)

Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh 1919

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Title: Papers of Celestin Sieur

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Edinburgh

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Name of Creator: Célestin Sieur

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Administrative/Biographical History:

Colonel Marcel Sieur, medical officer, donated photographs and obituaries relating to his father to The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1957, in recognition of the honour conferred by the College on his father in electing him an Honorary Fellow in 1919.

His father was General Inspector **Célestin Sieur** (1860-1955), medical officer, who was born December 27, 1860 in Charente, France, the son of a peasant farmer. He was educated at the School of Medicine, Bordeaux, and entered the Military Academy at Lyon in 1881. He later specialised in ENT. In 1914 he was chief medical officer of Val-de-Grace and, on the outbreak of the First World War, he entered the army medical corps where he made vaccination against typhus obligatory. In 1916, with the Director of Health Services of the military government in Paris, he reorganised the Parisian hospital service.

In 1919, Sieur was nominated to the presidency of the Consultative Committee of Health and was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Sieur was elected to the Academy of Medicine in 1918 and became its President in 1939. He was noted for his work on the anatomy of the face and the treatment of tetanus. He was awarded the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour in 1954.

Eponym: Sieur's test also known as Sieur's sign.

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1954, May 22nd

Photographs of Célestin Sieur wearing the sash of the Legion of Honour. (2 items)

Each has ink notes in French on the reverse with details about the photograph. Vale de Grace May 1954.

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1955, June 16th

Photographs of the coffin and funeral of Célestin Sieur. (2 items)

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"Eloge de Célestin Sieur" delivered by Médecin Général Inspecteur Henri Rouvillois.

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"Centenaire de la Naissance du Médecin Général Inspecteur C. Sieur", reprinted from Bulletin de la Société de Médecine Militaire Française.

