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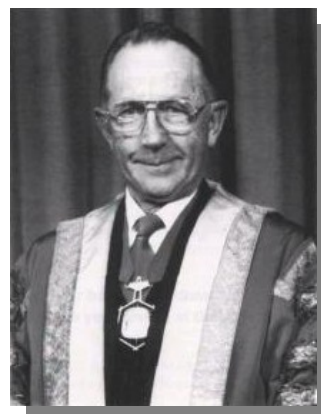
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Administrative/Biographical History:

Tom McNair (1927-1994) was educated at George Watson's College and Edinburgh University where he graduated MBChB in 1949 and later MD. His surgical training was under Sir James Learmonth, Mr T McW Millar and Sir John Bruce.

After obtaining his Fellowship in both Edinburgh (1955) and England he spent a year at the University of Illinois, USA, as Instructor in Surgery with Professor Warren Cole who was a much revered American surgeon and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. In 1961 he returned to Edinburgh on being appointed Consultant Surgeon to the Edinburgh Teaching Hospitals and worked first at the Eastern General Hospital, later transferring to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and Chalmers Hospital. In 1964 he instituted the Accident and Emergency Service in the Royal Infirmary. Though a general surgeon in the old sense of the term, his main interests were in colo-rectal and biliary surgery.

He was appointed Surgeon to the Queen in Scotland in 1977 and continued in this capacity until his retirement. He served the College in numerous offices for over twenty years, being member of Council, Adviser in Post-Graduate Studies, Vice-President and finally President from 1985 to 1988 when he was made CBE.

He was awarded the Silver Medal of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for his endeavours in furthering the revision of the Fellowship examination and in encouraging closer cooperation and understanding between the surgical Royal Colleges.

GD 18/1/1-4 Biographical information

[c. 1989]

1. Curriculum vitae produced by Mr T.J. McNair.

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2. Curriculum vitae produced by Mr T.J. McNair in College.

[c. 1994]

3. Draft of article written about Mr T.J. McNair in MASSON, A.H.B's "Portraits, Paintings and Busts in The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh".

[c. 1984]

4. Nomination paper, detailing Mr T.J. McNair's service to the College.

GD 18/2/1-Academic Papers of Mr. Thomas Jaffray McNair, CBE, FRCSEd.

1. 1944 Scottish Education Department. Senior Leaving Certificate awarded to Mr T.J. McNair on leaving school.
2. 1944, June 29 Scottish Universities Entrance Board Certificate
3. 1945, March University of Edinburgh, Faculty of Medicine. First Professional Examination Pass Notice.

4. 1945, June. First Professional Examination Pass Notice.
5. 1945, July 17. Letter to Mr T.J. McNair from the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine informing him that he had been awarded the John Aitken Carlyle Bursary.
6. 1966, June. Second Professional Examination Pass Notice.
7. 1947, July. Third Professional Examination Pass Notice.
8. 1948, March. Final Professional Examination Pass Notice.
9. 1948, June. Final Professional Examination Pass Notice.
10. 1949, July. Final Professional Examination Pass Notice.

The following are Certificates of Merit, Faculty of Medicine, University of Edinburgh.

11. 1944-45. Second Class Certificate of Merit in Zoology.
12. 1944-45. First Class Certificate of Merit in Medical Chemistry
13. 1945, Summer First Class Certificate of Merit in Practical Botany.
14. 1945, Summer First Class Certificate of Merit in Botany.
15. 1945, Summer First Class Certificate of Merit in Physics.
16. 1944-1946 First Class Certificate of Merit in Practical Anatomy.
17. 1945-1946 Second Class Certificate of Merit in Physiology.
18. 1946-1947 Second Class Certificate of Merit in the Combined Third Year Course.
19. 1947-1948 Second Class Certificate of Merit in Surgery.
20. 1948, Spring Second Class Certificate of Merit in Dermatology.
21. 1948, Spring First Class Certificate of Merit in Diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat.
22. 1948, Session First Class Certificate of Merit in Public Health.
23. 1948, Autumn Second Class Certificate of Merit in Clinical Surgery.
24. 1948, Autumn Second Class Certificate of Merit in Tuberculosis.
25. 1949, Spring Second Class Certificate of Merit in Child Life and Health.
26. 1949, Spring and Summer First Class Certificate of Merit in Venereal Diseases.
27. 1949, July 20 Diploma for the degree of M.B., Ch.B. awarded to Mr T.J. McNair by Edinburgh University.
28. 1947, November 15 Certificate from the Ministry of Health (London), enabling Mr T.J. McNair to be a public vaccinator.
29. 1948, April 7 Certificate from the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, stating that Mr T.J. McNair attended 20 deliveries.
30. 1952, October 8 Certificate granted by Edinburgh University certifying that T.J. McNair graduated M.B., CH.B. Ed. On 20 July 1949.
31. 1952, October 1. Letter of application by Mr T.J. McNair to sit the Part I Diploma in Anaesthetics of The Royal College of Surgeons of England.
32. 1952, November 6. Question papers for the Part I Diploma in Anaesthetics, Royal College of Surgeons of England.
33. 1952, November 11 Letter from Royal College of Surgeons of England informing T.J. McNair that he had passed the Part I Diploma in Anaesthetics of The Royal College of Surgeons of England.
34. 1954, January Question papers for the Part I Fellowship Examination of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.
35. 1954, January 8 Letter from The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh informing Mr. T.J. McNair that he had passed Part I of the Fellowship Examination.
36. 1955, January Question papers for the Part II Fellowship Examination of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.
37. 1955, January 18 Letter from The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh informing T.J. McNair that he had passed Part II of the Fellowship Examination.
38. 1955, January 21 Receipt issued to T.J. McNair on payment of his Examination fees.

39. 1955, May 11 Letter from The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh informing T.J. McNair that he had been elected a Fellow of the College.
40. 1954, January 1 Royal College of Surgeons of England Fellowship Examination Regulations.
41. 1956, May 1 Question papers for the Final Fellowship Examination of The Royal College of Surgeons.
42. 1956, May 8 Letter from The Royal College of Surgeons of England informing T.J. McNair that he had passed its Final Fellowship Examination.
43. 1955, May 11 Diploma of Fellowship of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh awarded to Mr. T.J. McNair.
44. 1956, June 14 Diploma of Fellowship of The Royal College of Surgeons of England awarded to Mr. T.J. McNair.
45. 1960, September MD thesis on observations on visceral pain, with special reference to the pain originating in the test submitted to the University of Edinburgh by Mr. T.J. McNair. Typescript. Carbon copy.
46. 1960, December MD degree diploma of the University of Edinburgh, awarded to Mr. T.J. McNair.

GD 18/3/1-34 Journal Articles by Mr. Thomas Jaffray McNair, CBE, FRCSEd

1. A clinical trial of the "hanging arm" reduction of dislocation of the shoulder. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.3, 1957, pp.47-53.
2. Plastic bags for storing and transfusing blood. *Lancet*, v.1, 1958, pp.294-296.
3. Intestinal pseudo-obstruction. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.3, 1958, pp.206-217.
4. Flexor tendon degeneration with calcification. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.3, 1958, pp.225-229.
5. Aneurysm of the hepatic artery. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.4, 1959, pp.327-337.
6. The results of haemorrhoidectomy. *Scottish Medical Journal*, v.4, 1959, pp.571-574.
7. The local complications of intravenous therapy. *Lancet*, v.2, 1959, pp.365-368.
8. Axillary lymph-nodes in patients without breast carcinoma. *Lancet*, v.1, 1960, pp.713-715.
9. Palpation of the lower common bile-duct and the head of pancreas. *British Journal of Surgery*, v.49, 1961, pp.198 + 199.
10. Torsion of the hydatid of Morgagni, with special reference to the site of pain. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.7, 1961, pp.48-54.
11. Excretion urography in the acute abdomen. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.8, 1962, pp.70-75.
12. Induction of resistance to sarcoma 180 tumour in mice. *Archives of Surgery*, v.86, 1963, pp.196-198.
13. Antitumor action of several new Piperazine derivatives compared to certain standard anticancer agents. *Journal of Surgical Research*, v.3, 1963, pp.130-136.
14. Some aspects of abdominal pain. *Res Medica*, v.5, 1964, pp.19-24.
15. Availability of surgical patients for clinical teaching: an Edinburgh survey. *Lancet*, v.2, 1964, pp.463 + 464.
16. Emergency urography and cholangiography in the acute abdomen. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.10, 1964, pp.67-71.
17. Preparation for the bowel for radiography. *Scottish Medical Journal*, v.9, 1964, pp.536-538.

18. Studies in renal pelvic function. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.10, 1965, pp.220-227.
19. Urinary tract infection in a general surgical unit. *Scottish Medical Journal*, v.11, 1966, pp.356-359.
20. Death following gallbladder surgery. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.12, 1967, pp.139-148.
21. Resuscitation room survey. *Scottish Medical Journal*, v.14, 1969, pp.29-35.
22. Operative cholangiography. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.15, 1970, pp.111-123.
23. The Waltman Waters syndrome. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.17, 1972, pp.185-189.
24. A study of cholecystectomy. *Surgery, Gynecology & Obstetrics*, v.138, 1974, pp.752-754.
25. Cholecystectomy leaves patient happy. *Modern Medicine*, v.91, 1974, pp.25.
26. The operative cholangiogram: its interpretation, accuracy and value in association with cholecystectomy. *Annals of Surgery*, v.80, 1974, pp.902-906.
27. Intermittent compression for lymphoedema of arm. *Clinical Oncology*, v.2, 1976, pp.339-342.
28. Certification, licensure, staff qualifications and the changing roles of health professionals. *250th Anniversary, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh*, 1979.
29. Abdomino-perineal resection – a 15-year review. *Clinical Oncology*, v.6, 1980, pp.231-236.
30. Case report: obstructive uropathy after pan-proctocolectomy for ulcerative colitis. *Gut*, v.21, 1980, pp.809 + 809.
31. Colonoscopy in the detection of polyps of the large bowel. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.26, 1981, pp.150-152.
32. Polydioxanone: a new synthetic absorbable suture. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.26, 1981, pp.170-172.
33. A comparison of the use of povidone-iodine and chlorhexidine in the prophylaxis of postoperative wound infection. *Journal of Wound Infection*, v.3, 1982, pp.55-63.
34. Peristomal cutaneous tubular adenomas following proctocolectomy for polyposis coli. *Journal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*, v.28, 1983, pp.108-111.

GD 18/3/ Honours and Awards Presented to Mr. Thomas Jaffray McNair

1. 1977, December 20
Certificate of appointment to Mr. T.J. McNair from St James' Palace, appointing him as Surgeon to H.M. the Queen in Scotland.
2. 1987, December
Certificate of Honour presented by the Association of Surgeons in India, with accompanying citation.
3. 1987, December 26
Diploma of Honorary Fellowship of the Madras Medical College.
4. 1987, December 31
Grant of the award of CBE to Mr. T.J. McNair, made by HM the Queen.
5. 1988, May 1
Diploma of Honorary Fellowship of The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.
6. 1988, July 30
Diploma of Honorary Fellowship of the Association of Surgeons of India and programme for the occasion.

7. 1989, May 4 Diploma of Honorary Fellowship of The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.
 8. 1989, November 2
Diploma of Honorary Fellowship of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.
 9. 1994, May
Order of Service for Mr. T.J. McNair's funeral.
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