

Obituary

The Council have to record with deep regret the deaths of many of its members during the year. Those who lost their lives in the R 101 disaster were recorded in the November Journal.

HARRY BOLSOVER, Associate Member

Harry Bolsover died as the result of an accident when the City of Washington, in which he was travelling, made a forced landing. He was elected an Associate Member in 1925 and was not only a very keen member of the Society, but a very active member of the Manchester Branch.

Mr. Bolsover was educated at Old Trafford Technical School, and served with the British Westinghouse until he was appointed in charge of engine work, engine testing and installation with Messrs. A. V. Roe, with whom he remained until his death. He had a very considerable flying experience, chiefly on test flights of new machines, and was a very able aeronautical engineer. Harry Bolsover was a very likeable man, popular with those who served with him, and with qualities which it will be difficult to find in another man.

HERBERT GUY FFISKE, Companion

Major H. G. ffsike, who died on July 3rd, 1930, had been a member of the Society since 1925.

Major ffsike had been connected with Boulton and Paul, of Norwich, since 1907, being manager of their London office. During the War he served in France, first with the Royal Field Artillery and afterwards with the Royal Flying Corps, subsequently in Mesopotamia and Egypt. He retired with the rank of Major and on demobilisation returned to his duties in London. By the death of Major ffsike the Society has lost one of its most esteemed members.

JOHN HENRY LEDEBOER, Associate Fellow

John Henry Ledebøer, who died on February 7th, was born on November 27th, 1883; the son of H. A. Ledebøer, of Manchester. He was educated at Tonbridge and Caius College, Cambridge, of which college he was a scholar. He took a first class in the Medieval and Modern Languages Tripos. From his earliest years he took a keen interest in aviation and on coming down from Cambridge he founded and edited "Aeronautics," of which he was editor from 1907 to 1916. In its pages appeared many important technical articles on aviation, and under Mr. Ledebøer's editorship the paper became an important publication devoted to technical questions.

During the war he rose to be a Major in the R.A.F. and continued to serve until shortly before his death. He became an Associate Fellow in 1908, and was the author or co-author of a number of books on aviation, and numerous technical and other contributions to various papers.

Major Ledebøer was widely known and liked. He was a man of great brilliance and by his early death aviation has lost one who had a wide grasp and an enviable knowledge of British aircraft, one who, as far back as 1906, foresaw that the world of the future was in the air.

PANDIA ANTONIO RALLI, Associate Fellow

Mr. P. A. Ralli, who died in a nursing home at the early age of 41, was an Associate Fellow of the Society.

Mr. Ralli, who had been ill for some months, was one of the most brilliant scientific men in aviation, and his death will leave a gap which will be difficult to fill. Educated at Lausanne as an electrical engineer, with a wide knowledge