

OBITUARIES

GEORGE TALBOT (1882-1952)

On 13 April 1952, GEORGE TALBOT died in England after several months of illness. He was born in October 1882. N. D. RILEY (*Entomologist*, vol. 85: pp. 191-192) reports that TALBOT was employed in curatorial capacities successively by HERBERT ADAMS, a wealthy amateur Rhopalocera collector, the well known dealer, W. F. H. ROSENBERG, and J. J. JOICEY, a famous and wealthy amateur lepidopterist with whom TALBOT collaborated in publishing several papers. During the first World War TALBOT worked with ARTHUR BACOT at the Lister Institute on the transmission of trench fever and typhus by lice. After working at the British Museum and Oxford following JOICEY'S death TALBOT finally took a position during the second World War with the British Pest Infestation division.

Captain RILEY notes: "Talbot o suffered many vicissitudes. Handicapped, too, by a defect in the sight of one eye, and with none of the initial advantages given to most entomologists, he yet won for himself a position of eminence and respect in his own sphere o"

TALBOT published about 150 papers, nearly all on Rhopalocera and several of them very substantial generic revisions. Some of his best known works were in JOICEY'S *Bulletin of the Hill Museum*. His *Monograph of Delias* is a major work, and he also revised several smaller genera of Pieridae and certain other families. Long specializing on the pierids, it was natural that TALBOT should write the three Pieridae parts of the *Lepidopterorum Catalogus*, published by W. Junk in the early 1930's. His largest publication was the revision in two volumes of the *Butterflies* in the series on the Fauna of British India.

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CORNELIS DOETS (1894 - 1952)

On 15 June 1952, died CORNELIS DOETS, 58, the eminent Dutch microlepidopterist, in Hilversum, Holland. DOETS was a musician by profession, and studied Lepidoptera in his spare time. Notwithstanding, due to his extraordinary energy and enthusiasm, in a few years he became an authority on the Dutch "micros", brought together an excellent collection, reared thousands of specimens, and recorded many new species for the Dutch fauna.

Although DOETS did not publish much, through lack of spare time, he cherished great plans for the future: he prepared the compilation of a new hand book on Dutch Microlepidoptera, that would have been illustrated with photographs, and with drawings of the genitalia of every species. Alas, he was not enabled to carry out this most needed work. His decease is a great loss to the Nederlandsche Entomologische Vereeniging, and to his numerous friends.

Plans are being made to divide DOETS' important collection between the Zoological Museum of Amsterdam, where the Macrolepidoptera will be deposited, and the Museum of Leiden, that will receive the Microlepidoptera.

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