

HONORARY PHYSICIAN TO THE QUEEN

The Late Surgeon Captain M. Brown, Tiree

The passing of Surgeon Captain M. Brown, Mannal, Tiree, has meant an irreparable loss to his many friends at home and abroad.

Eldest son of the late Rev. Alex. and Mrs Brown, Taynuilt, Captain Brown interrupted his medical studies in 1918 to join the Navy as a surgeon probationer, returning to qualify at Glasgow University.

His great love of the sea led him to follow a career afloat and he served in the Navy at home and abroad, always with signal devotion to duty and to the welfare of all under his care.

The Admiralty recognised his services by promoting him to the rank of Surgeon Captain and Honorary Physician to the Queen.

Happy boyhood memories of Tiree prompted him to retire there. At Mannal he farmed, sailed, fished and studied nature, keeping accurate records of visiting and migratory birds. On Highland history and legend he was an authority.

Captain Brown's warm and sympathetic interest in his fellow men rapidly won the respect and affection of the community. Today Tiree mourns the loss of one who was ever ready to help and whose hospitality was renowned. Those privileged to receive the gift of Murdoch Brown's friendship were fortunate indeed.

Captain Brown is survived by his sister Dr Catherine Brown, Taynuilt.

Another brother Dugald, died suddenly at his home in Selkirk only a few weeks ago.