

Those of us who were privileged to have served with her in the Royal Air Force will be especially saddened by the death of Jean Morton. In spite of her previous experience in venereology, her appointment to take charge of the main centre for the treatment of WAAF personnel was by no means automatic as, in view of her Diploma in Public Health, the "Administration" had other ideas for her employment.

A very frequent visitor to her department, as well as a colleague and a friend, I would like to pay my

tribute to her tireless work for those in her care. With high professional standards, she had also that exact blend of kindness and toughness, coupled with a keen sense of humour, which made her ideally suitable for her job. That in her middle age she was so well loved by the young, is an important clue to her character, and a touching tribute was the number of affectionate inquiries from her ex-patients who attended the writer's clinic for follow-up in the immediate post-war years.

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THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL

A new department has just been opened at the Middlesex Hospital, London, W.1, for the venereal and sexually transmitted diseases. It is the first completely new department of venereology at a London teaching hospital for over 25 years and is situated in a new five-storey building in central London.

The department is open between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Monday to Friday and between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday. Patients may attend without a doctor's letter or they may be referred to the clinics by their doctors. An

appointment is not necessary but patients may telephone direct to the department, MUSeum 8333, extension 666, to ascertain the best time to attend. Medical social workers and health visitors are available to help with the social, family, and personal problems.

In addition to the clinic service the new department also provides instruction for undergraduate and post-graduate medical students and for nurses. Facilities for research into the scientific, medical, and social aspects of disease are also available.