Having joined the RNVR in 1939, he was mobilised in 1939 and did two years general service until posted as a psychiatrist to the Naval Auxiliary Hospital at Barrow Gurney, and after promotion to Surgeon Lieutenant Commander in 1942 he was placed in medical charge of the RN Detention Centre, Canterbury from where he obtained the DPM. The next year he was put in charge of the Naval camp at Kellder, a special unit established to deal with psychopaths and other seriously disturbed cases. He was awarded the VRD in 1946.

Returning to the Prison Service, he was posted to Parkhurst Prison in the Isle of Wight, and later he was put in charge of the nearby Camp Hill Borstal Institution. In 1948 he was posted to Lincoln Prison where he remained until 1955. While there he passed the Ll.B. (London), and took an active interest in the psychiatric services in the community, becoming an Honorary Consultant to the Louth County Infirmary, and a member of the Sheffield Hospital Regional Mental Health Advisory Committee. In 1955 he returned to Parkhurst on promotion to Senior Medical Officer, where he was to complete his professional career. During his time there he placed the prison hospital at the forefront of prison medicine. Apart from dealing with the most disturbed and dangerous criminal cases, for which he gained a worldwide reputation, he initiated a major surgical and ophthalmic service for inmates, and set up a training programme for hospital medical officers. In 1971 he became a founder member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and in 1974 was elected Fellow.

But Dick was much more than a prison psychiatrist. He was a part of the Island medical community and was president of the Isle of Wight Medical Club and a Marriage Guidance Counselor. He was deeply read in theology and the history of the 17th century, including military history.

In 1938 he married Margaret who predeceased him by some years. They leave behind four sons and a daughter, ten grandchildren and a happily united family.

Paul Hooper

Lord Ennals of Norwich, PC, former Labour MP and Secretary of State for Social Services

David Ennals, who died on 17 June, 1995, aged 72, had a lifetime interest in the health of the nation and was a passionate advocate of The National Health Service which came into being in 1948. He first entered Parliament as Labour MP for Dover in 1964 and it was only fitting that he should eventually be appointed to serve in the Department of Health and Social Security as a junior minister prior to his elevation to the Cabinet of James Callaghan in which he served as Secretary of State for Social Services from 1976–79.

His concern for the welfare of the mentally disordered became paramount as witness his position since 1948 as Chairman of the National Association for Mental Health (MIND).

In recognition of his contribution to the psychiatric care in the community the Royal College of Psychiatrists elected him to the Honorary Fellowship in 1991.

Henri Rollin

The deaths of the following have also been reported

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Michael James Raymon, retired, Sutton Hospital, Surrey
Christopher Reed, Consultant Psychiatrist, Royal Aberdeen Children’s Hospital, Aberdeen
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