

Obituary

AIR VICE MARSHAL W J CRISHAM CB, CBE, RAF (Retd)

Air Vice Marshal W J Crisham, CB, CBE, RAF (Retd) who died on 24 July 1987, took over as General Secretary of BELRA in July 1962, a post he held until October 1971, following a very distinguished career in the RAF. His latter appointments included those of Air Officer Commanding Royal Air Force Levant, Middle East Air Forces, and Royal Air Force Germany, 2nd Tactical Air Force.

Bill Crisham was a very friendly Irishman who had a warm personality and a deep love for India and its people. He also took a detailed interest in those concerned with fundraising for LEPRO and visited a large number of LEPRO Committees throughout the British Isles.

It soon became apparent that the eradication of leprosy was the Association's goal, and to this end, all the activities of the Association were directed. In the Air Force, Bill had learned to concentrate his attack on the vulnerable spots, and he used this rewarding method on his attack on leprosy. *M. leprae* was his enemy.

During his leadership, LEPRO became once again an active association working and respected throughout the world. The Malawi project, now world famous, was always his main interest. Leprosy in India, and especially children suffering from leprosy were his other great interests.

Bill was a very kind and generous person who up until his death never lost his interest in LEPRO, and was delighted with its achievements and the expansion and success of its work.

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