

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

### ERIC LILJENCRANTZ (1902 – 1942)

Commander Eric Liljencrantz, (MC) U.S.N.R., was killed in an airplane accident at Pensacola November 5, 1942. He was engaged in war research at the moment of his death. He was on leave from this Medical School, with the rank of Assistant Professor of Medicine (Radiology).

Eric Liljencrantz was born in Oakland, California, in 1902. He was educated at University of California, Williams and Stanford, getting his A. B. here in 1925 and his M. D. in 1929. He spent his intern year at Alameda County Hospital and entered practice with his father. In 1929 he left for graduate work in surgery at the University of Kiel and later at University of Berlin, being gone more than a year. He was appointed Assistant in Medicine at Stanford in 1931, but returned to practice with his father. In 1934 he came here as Instructor in Medicine and devoted himself to therapeutic radiology. He organized the Tumor Clinic and was its chief. He was also Visiting Radiologist to San Francisco Hospital and Consultant in Neoplastic Diseases to U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, and to U. S. Marine Hospital, San Francisco. He was surgeon to William Beebe's Oceanographic Expedition on Templeton Crocker's yacht, Zaca, for the second cruise (6 months).

In 1932 he entered the Naval Reserve becoming one of the early Flight Surgeons. He organized the Oakland Naval Base Hospital Unit. During his later years at Stanford he gave part time to Pan American Airways, developing their first Medical department, and setting the pattern for the medical departments in their other divisions. He was certified by the American Board of Radiology in 1940. He edited the Cancer handbook, published by Stanford University Press in 1930. In October 1940 he asked for active duty and was sent to Bureau of Aeronautics at Washington, where he prosecuted and directed essential research in flight physiology and acted as a close link between the Navy and those of the National Research Council who were working, in this field. Later he was transferred to Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, but with the same duties, which he discharged with unusual tact and success. His father and mother live in Oakland. His brother is with the Army (Artillery) in Alaska. His wife and seventeen year old daughter remain Washington.

Eric Liljencrantz was loved and admired by all his associates. Stanford will be much the poorer that he did not live to come back and take his place again in the Medical School. We deplore and mourn his untimely death. I move that copies of this be sent to his widow and daughter, to his father and mother and to his brother.

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