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IN MEMORIAM: GORDON DURYEA SHELLARD

GORDON SHELLARD'S career in operations research spanned three decades. In 1943 he was one of a group of actuaries called by PHILIP M. MORSE and GEORGE E. KIMBALL to wartime service in the Navy's Anti-Submarine Warfare Operations Research Group, and his activities in operations research continued until his death on July 13, 1973. His contributions embraced not only work in the military context and on problems in the insurance industry, but also efforts in behalf of the profession as a whole. A Founding Member of the OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AMERICA, he served it in many ways, including acting as its Secretary from 1961 to 1964.

With JOHN S. MCGUINNESS, he recently helped to organize a session on "Actuarial Science, Insurance, and Risk Management" for the April, 1972 meeting of the SOCIETY in New Orleans. Not knowing that Gordon had been ill, I sent him several of the papers from this session to review for possible publication, along with our usual request for a prompt response. Dated less than four months before his death, his immediate reply told me of his illness, but assured me that he was "feeling fine," and responded to my request for early reviews with the promise: "This I shall try to do . . . I'll do my best." He lived up to his promise, with time to spare, thus completing his last service to our profession.

In recognition of his contributions to operations research—and to the spirit with which he made them—we dedicate this series of six papers on operations research and insurance to the memory of GORDON DURYEA SHELLARD (1910–1973).

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