

## OBITUARY

### MR. HENRY MEUN

Henry Meun, who died on 23rd. December 1986, is not one of the most well-known names in Shroud research, yet from his home in Northumberland he very unobtrusively conducted an international correspondence with Shroud scholars, building up a collection of photographic and other material that he hoped would one day find a worthy home.

Born in Amsterdam in 1920, Henry Meun served in the Dutch merchant navy as an officer cadet until the Second World War, when on the Netherlands' fall to German invasion, his ship sailed for Britain. Here he met and married his WAAF wife Dorothy, and while in action in Normandy with the Prinses Irene parachute regiment suffered hip injuries that would increasingly trouble him during the last years of his life. Becoming a naturalised British subject in 1958, his last employment was as librarian for International Research Development. On his retirement he travelled to locations of relevance to the Shroud, in March last year spending eight days in Turin with Father Rinaldi which he counted as "one of the highlights of my life". He also met and corresponded with the French Shroud historian and scholar Père Dubarle, o.p., of the Couvent Saint-Jacques, Paris.

Henry left uncompleted a Chronicle of the Holy Shroud, with the request that Ian Wilson should complete it in the event of his death. This and the other material he left behind has yet to be properly evaluated, but a full appraisal will be published in a later *Newsletter*.