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## V. HERBERT DEIGNAN: ORNITHOLOGIST

It is with much regret that the Society has learnt of the death of Herbert G. DEIGNAN, a Free Member and for many years the leading authority on the birds of Thailand.

Born at East Orange, New Jersey, U.S.A. on December 5th. 1906 and educated at Princeton University, he died after a long illness on March 15th. 1968 at Lausanne, Switzerland.

Herbert Deignan arrived in Thailand in 1928 and took up the position of English master at Prince Royal's College, Chiangmai. During his ten years in Thailand he visited almost every part of the northern provinces and wrote numerous articles on the birds there—articles that were published in this bulletin and others that were published in the United States. In 1938 he joined the staff of the U.S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington. When he retired from there in 1962 he retained the positions of Ornithologist Emeritus and Honorary Research Associate of the Vertebrate Zoology Department of the Museum. Nearly two hundred papers and books were the results of his studies; amongst the most important were his contributions to Peters's Checklist of Birds of the World, his "Birds of Northern Thailand" (1945), his "Type Specimens of Birds in the U.S. National Museum" and his "Checklist of the Birds of Thailand".