



U.B.S.S. NEW YEAR PARTY AT THE HUT, BURRINGTON, 31 DECEMBER 1956.
OLIVER LLOYD CARVING THE TURKEY; TRAT AND LEO PALMER TO THE RIGHT.

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F. LANGFORD (CENTRE) IN THE HUT AT BURRINGTON IN 1920. ADRIAN THOMAS IS
ON THE LEFT.

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FRANK LANGFORD (1899?-1984)

Dr Frank Langford died on 2 September 1984, aged 85. He studied medicine at Bristol and joined the Society soon after its formation in 1919. He was actively involved in the excavations being carried out, especially in Read's Cavern, Aveline's Hole, and the Tynings Farm Barrows, and was in charge of the excavations in Read's during 1922 and 1923. He was on the committee for 1921-1922 and wrote the third and fourth reports on Read's Cavern published in *Proceedings* Vol. 1 (3) and 2 (1).

He graduated in medicine in 1924 and, after resident posts at the Bristol Royal Infirmary and Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, he was made F.R.C.S. in 1926. His plans for a surgical career were tragically destroyed by the onset of pulmonary tuberculosis and this started his lifelong dedication to preventive medicine. He held resident posts at sanatoriums in Bath and Ashford before becoming deputy medical officer at the Westmorland Council Sanatorium. In 1936 he took up an appointment as assistant medical officer to Surrey County Council and in 1941 moved to Lewes as Deputy County Medical Officer for East Sussex where he spent the remainder of the war involved with civil defence. He became County Medical Officer in 1946 and was actively involved in postwar restaffing and reorganizing services during the beginnings of the National Health Service.

He kept up his ties with the Society, although his membership lapsed soon after the war. During the war he helped with sorting through the debris of the burnt-out museum and, as he wrote in 1968 for the Jubilee History of the U.B.S.S.: 'I probably enjoy the dubious distinction of being the only person to find La Tene artefacts twice over: a large bronze fibula and iron slave shackles in Read's Cavern and later, in the residue of the museum.'

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