

## **GENERAL C.F. PAHUD DE MORTANGES**

\* Career officer in the cavalry, General Charles Ferdinand Pahud de MORTANGES was born on May 13th 1896 in The Hague. Speaking both French and English with as much ease as he did his mother-tongue, he became a member of the International Olympic Committee in 1946, succeeding in the long



line of eminent leaders, who were able to make their country one of the first Olympic nations.

He retired from the army as General of the Army Corps at the same time requesting honorary membership of the I.O.C. in 1967. It is known that Jonkheer Herman van KARNEBEEK, currently Vice-President, succeeded him as representative of the Netherlands at the I.O.C.

From 1924 in Paris, he gained Olympic gold medals for the team three-day event (equestrian sports), repeating his success at the Games in Amsterdam (1928) and in Los Angeles (1932) where he won the individual title. He competed again in the Berlin Games (1936) with his national team for the three-day event.

He has also won medals on the field of battle, receiving the "*Croix de Guerre*" from Belgium, France and Holland, during the Second World War.

Secretary General of the Dutch Equestrian Federation, member of the Committee of the Dutch Military Equestrian Circle, President of his National Olympic Committee from 1946 to 1951 and again from 1959 to 1961, General Pahud de MORTANGES was loved and recognised by everyone as a great sportsman and as a man of sincerity.

