



Fig. 2. A stereoview down *a* showing the molecular packing. Sulfurs are drawn slightly larger than carbons.

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### Obituary

**John E. Derry**  
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Dr John E. Derry, Deputy Technical Editor of the International Union of Crystallography, died on 2 September 1985. He was born in Birmingham in 1946. After graduating from Birmingham University in chemistry in 1967 he continued his studies there for a PhD in crystallography under Dr T. A. Hamor. He joined the Union in 1972 as an Editorial Assistant, being promoted to Assistant Technical Editor in 1976, a position which was designated Deputy Technical Editor in 1983.

He was responsible for the editing and production of Section B and Section C of *Acta Crystallographica*. He brought to this work considerable editorial skills and an enviable capacity for handling papers rapidly and with great accuracy on a wide range of complicated structure determinations. He was the Union's expert on chemical nomenclature and recently had been developing checking procedures with various crystallographic data bases for crystal structure papers submitted for publication in the Union's journals.

His other interests included literature, particularly science fiction, films, and hill walking. His quiet efficiency, his dry sense of humour and his concern for the editorial staff working under him made him popular with his colleagues, who held him in high esteem. He is sorely missed.