

Dr Colin Hindson 1934 – 2001

Colin Hindson who died on 9th September 2001 after a short final illness was Consultant Adviser in Dermatology to the Army from 1971 until his retirement from the Armed Services because of ill health in 1977.

Born and brought up in the North of England he was educated at Durham School, St John's College, Cambridge and St Bartholomew's Hospital.

He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps as a national serviceman in 1960 whilst a house physician in dermatology at St Bartholomew's Hospital. Obtaining a regular commission in 1963 he was able to pursue a career in dermatology in the Armed Services and was seconded as registrar to St John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin. Subsequently he served in military hospitals in Germany, Singapore and Hong Kong becoming a consultant dermatologist in the Armed Services in 1968. A tour in Singapore was followed by a secondment as research consultant to the United States Army Letterman Institute of Medical Research in San Francisco. He returned to Europe as Command Consultant Dermatologist to the British Army of the Rhine before moving back to London to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital,

Millbank as Consultant Adviser in Dermatology to The Ministry of Defence (Army) in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After his retirement from the Armed Services he went to The Royal Infirmary, Sunderland as a National Health Service consultant dermatologist. He took early retirement in 1992 because his health had deteriorated. Subsequently he further developed an early interest in lasers and worked in this and related areas in the Birmingham area.

He made numerous contributions to the dermatological literature, in contact dermatitis, in relationship to the drug benoxaprofen and latterly in laser therapy but his main early interest was vitamin C treatment of prickly heat. He was particularly proud of the award in 1987 of the Wycombe Chair Award of the British Association of Dermatologists for research of outstanding merit published from a district general hospital.

He married three times. There were two sons of the first marriage and an adopted son of the second marriage.

Colin Hindson had many interests away from medicine. A good pianist, he was interested in music and he



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was an avid model train engineer with tracks in the garden and house. He was an enthusiastic golfer and angler on the River Wear. A wonderful mimic, he was an entertaining conversationalist, thoroughly good company, a generous host and a reliable friend.

He will be remembered by Royal Army Medical Corps contemporaries as an excellent clinical dermatologist and a far sighted, active and effective administrator who took great pains to promote the careers of others, who achieved much but would have achieved much more in better circumstances.

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