



OBITUARIES

Alexander Gordon Mackinnon

Colin Mackinnon



Retired consultant anaesthetist, Territorial Army officer, and Philharmonic chorister Alexander Gordon Mackinnon ("Alec") has died age 91.

Born in Liverpool and educated at the Liverpool Institute High School for Boys, Alec went on to Liverpool University Medical Faculty, where he qualified in 1948. During part of his national service in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he was medical officer on the troop ship *Empire Test*, making journeys between Liverpool and the Middle East. Afterwards, he specialised in

anaesthetics, leading to a career of over 40 years as a consultant anaesthetist, working in the operating theatres of various Liverpool hospitals.

He kept up his military association with the Territorial Army for many years and became commanding officer of the RAMC medical unit at the Chavasse Barracks in Wavertree, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Alec's main outside interest was music. A good classical pianist and occasional organist, he was a member of Elm Hall Drive Methodist Church choir for many years, and then St Peter's Woolton choir. But for more than 40 years he was a member of the Liverpool Philharmonic Choir. He developed dementia in recent years and was cared for at the Redcourt residential home in Mossley Hill. A widower for more than 30 years, he leaves a daughter, a son, and three grandsons.

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