

Anthony Stedman ("Tim") Till



Former consultant surgeon Oxford (b 1909; q Cambridge/Middlesex Hospital, London, 1934; MA (Cantab), MA (Oxon), FRCS), d 31 August 2006.

Anthony Stedman Till ("Tim") qualified at the Middlesex Hospital and was later registrar and private assistant to Sir Gordon Gordon Taylor.

He enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1940 and was taken prisoner in Cos. In prison camp in Germany he operated not only on fellow prisoners but also the local population as he spoke fluent German. He was repatriated and later crossed the Rhine with the 181st Field Ambulance and was in the first party to enter Belsen.

After the war he went to Oxford, where he was appointed consultant surgeon and developed a special interest in thyroid and abdominal surgery. He was president of the Association of Surgeons and of the Section of Surgery of the Royal Society of Medicine, as well as an examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons.

He was an enthusiastic huntsman and a skilled fly fisherman. In retirement he became district commissioner of the Pony Club and served the St John Ambulance. On giving up hunting at the age of 80 he bought himself a mountain bike.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; three of his four daughters; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren. **[Joe Smith]**