

Obituary



M. L. FORMBY, C.B.E., T.D., M.A., F.R.C.S.

Myles Landseer Formby, in his day, one of London's leading ENT surgeons, has died at the age of 92 at his home in Sussex.

An Australian by birth, he was educated at Adelaide University where he qualified in Medicine in 1924. He was Rhodes Scholar for South Australia and came to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he struck up what was to become a lifelong friendship with Lord Porritt, a Rhodes Scholar from New Zealand, who died a few days before he did.

After leaving Oxford with an M.A. and B.Sc. he qualified at Charing Cross Hospital and obtained his F.R.C.S. in 1930. Consultant posts quickly followed at the ENT Hospital in Golden Square and the Royal Ear Hospital (later to become the ENT Department of University College Hospital). After the war he became Consultant to the Royal Masonic Hospital and the King Edward VIIth Hospital for Officers in Beaumont Street.

He joined the Army (R.A.M.C., T.A.) in 1932 and served with the Middlesex Yeomanry, where his knowledge of horses stood him in good stead. When war broke out, he rapidly rose to the rank of Brigadier and was Consultant ENT Surgeon to the Army, having served in India, the Middle East, Italy and North West Europe.

After the war, he returned to U.C.H. and was a tower of strength in the hospital, becoming chairman of the Medical Committee. He was a member of the Council of

the Royal College of Surgeons and an examiner for the F.R.C.S. He was Treasurer of the Royal Society of Medicine and President of the Section of Otolaryngology as well as being President of the British Association of Otolaryngologists. He was Civilian Consultant in ENT to the Army. He became a C.B.E. in 1962.

He had a large private practice in Cavendish Square and will be remembered by thousands of patients for his skill and kindness. He helped to train many of the world's top ENT specialists and all who worked for him, and with him, held him in very high regard and affection.

A great sportsman, he rowed for his College at Oxford, captained the University Lacrosse team and was a member of Vincents Club.

It gave him enormous pleasure when his granddaughter captained the Women's Lacrosse team when she was up at Oxford. As he got older golf was his main relaxation; and he continued to play long after having had both hips replaced.

He was a great benefactor, not only to Medicine and the Royal Society of Medicine in particular, but to sport, and he frequently entertained Australian Rugby and Tennis teams when they visited this country.

He was married twice and leaves a son and daughter from his first marriage.

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