

## Obituaries

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## George Andrew Douglas Gordon



Former consultant radiologist Willesden General and Moorfields Eye hospitals (*b* Richmond, Surrey, 1909; *q*Edinburgh 1931), died of myocardial failure on 23 May 1997. He joined his father in general practice, but enlisted on the day that war broke out and served with the British Expeditionary Force, then in Egypt, Palestine, Malta, and Italy. He soon turned to his major interest, radiology, concentrating on research into techniques for identifying abnormalities in the brain, first with electroencephalography and then ultrasound. He carried out much of the early work on establishing safe levels of ultrasound for the diagnosis and treatment of Ménière's disease, opened the first department of ultrasonic radiology in Britain, and later worked on the use of ultrasound to detect pulmonary embolism. For a medical graduate he was unique in being able to build his own electronic apparatus, building x ray apparatus in Cairo out of bits left behind in Libya by the retreating Italians. The holder of over 20 international patents for medical electronic apparatus, he devoted much of his personal wealth to his research and travelled round the world giving lectures. After retirement he was appointed visiting professor in bioengineering at the City University in London. He leaves a wife, Muriel; a son; and three daughters.

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