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# Obituaries

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**Reginald Boardman**, formerly *Psychiatric Specialist, Alberta Hospital, Ponoka, Alberta, Canada*

Reginald Hibbert – Reg – Boardman was born on 13 May 1919. He was educated at Mill Hill School, Christ's College Cambridge and the London Hospital. He

graduated MA, MB, BChir from Cambridge in 1944 and was awarded the DPM England in 1952. In 1956 his MD from Cambridge was granted for his thesis on 'The Effect of Chlorpromazine on Psychosis Associated with Epilepsy'.

General medical training included positions in neurology, neurosurgery, pulmonary tuberculosis, and working with malnourished prisoners of war. Training positions in psychiatry were held at Springfield Hospital, Roffey Park, Leybourne Grange Colony, Westminster Hospital, and Herrison Hospital, Dorset. Reg then spent eight years as consultant and Medical Director at Parkside Hospital, Macclesfield and part-time lecturer in clinical psychiatry at Manchester University.

His research during these years was published in the *British Journal of Radiology*, the *Lancet*, and the *British Medical Journal*, and included reports of early work on chlorpromazine and its association with toxic hepatitis, insulin therapy, and iatrogenic parkinsonism. His wide clinical interests included deep insulin therapy, ECT, narco-analysis, prolonged narcosis, rehabilitation, group activities, in-patient and out-patient psychotherapy, child guidance, occupational placement, drug trials, statistical evaluation, forensic psychiatry, and domiciliary visits. In later years his particular interest remained the inter-relationship of EEG patterns and clinical presentations.

In 1972 Reg worked for two years as the Medical Director of North Battleford Hospital, Saskatchewan where he is still remembered

for his clinical, administrative, and teaching skills and for his generous, down-to-earth and friendly helpfulness. Reg then moved to the neighbouring Province of Alberta where he spent the next 20 years. John Gibbs, former President of the Alberta Psychiatric Association, writes of Reg readily taking to the rural Alberta scene and of his captivation by the wide openness of the prairie as well as the ranching lifestyle about him.

It was while working in rural Alberta that Reg built upon his long-standing interest in community psychiatry, with him enthusiastically working to integrate hospital psychiatry with community services. He was one of the first to envisage a series of community mental health clinics which would collaborate with in-patient resources, a legacy which will long survive him.

Reg also came to share the Canadian passion for ice hockey. He was an enthusiastic parent in junior hockey leagues and the author of *Hockey First Aid* published by the Government of Alberta.

In the hospital he was always ready to take on extra responsibility including terms as president of the medical staff and its various committees. He is remembered with kind regard and affection by those who knew him and by those who yet sit beneath his portrait in the medical staff lounge of the Alberta Hospital, Ponoka.

On behalf of nursing, Dallas Steben speaks of Reg as always remembered for his excellence, the sharing of his wealth of knowledge, for his friendship, and for his appreciation of the support he received from nursing whose contribution he valued so much. His first care was always for his patients, whose names he always remembered.

His death came during his 48th year of continuous active medical practice. Besides his many friends, which includes a long list of patients and co-workers, he is survived by his wife, two sons, and one daughter.

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