

COLIN LIVINGSTONE TAPLEY 1909 to 1995

Colin Livingstone Tapley was the third son of Harold Livingstone Tapley (1875-1932) and Jean Brodie Tapley nee Burt. He was born 7-5-1909 in Dunedin, one of 6 children, 5 sons followed by a daughter.

Colin was educated in NZ and in the 1930s won a contest of which the prize was a Hollywood audition. He went on to be a supporting actor in several Metro Goldwyn Mayer and Paramount films during the 1930s but joined the air force in Canada when WW2 broke out, later moving to Britain where he was in a non fighting role. He had taken up flying before the war.

He returned to NZ to Wanaka for a short time but then resumed his acting career, appearing in "the Dam Busters," 1954.

In England he married socialite Patsie Lyon nee Hambro. He retired from Acting in 1983 and they lived in the village of Coates in Gloucestershire. He died on 23-11-1995 and is buried at Wanaka beside the body of his second son, Martin, who died of Leukemia in 1947

Filmography from Wikipedia

In the cinema

American period (1934-1949)

- **1934** : *Double Door* of [Charles Vidor](#) : *Dr. John Lucas*
- **1934** : *Wagon Wheels* by [Charles Barton](#) : *mountain*
- **1934** : *Rhymes of love* (*Murder at the Vanities*) by [Mitchell Leisen](#) : *director*
- **1935** : *The Crusades* (*The Crusades*) of [Cecil B. DeMille](#) : *foreign messenger*
- **1935** : *Intelligence Service* (*The Last Outpost*) by [Charles Barton](#) and [Louis J. Gasnier](#) : *Lieutenant Prescott*
- **1935** : *Henry Hathaway's Three Lancers of Bengal* (*The Lives of a Bengal Lancer*) : *Lieutenant Barrett*
- **1935** : *Baron Gregor* (*The Black Room*) by [Roy William Neill](#) : *Lieutenant Hassel*
- **1935** : *Becky Sharp* of [Rouben Mamoulian](#) and [Lowell Sherman](#) : *William Dobbin*
- **1935** : *My Marriage* of [George Archainbaud](#) : *Sir Philip Burleigh*
- **1935** : *Peter Ibbetson* of [Henry Hathaway](#) : *official*
- **1936** : *Too Many Parents* (**en**) by [Robert F. McGowan](#) : *Miller*
- **1936** : *The Preview Murder Mystery* by [Robert Florey](#) : *Studio Director*
- **1936** : *Twenty-five Years of Engagement* (*Early to Bed*) by [Norman Z. McLeod](#) : *Dr. Vernon*
- **1936** : *The Return of Sophie Lang* of [George Archainbaud](#) : *Larry*
- **1937** : *Bulldog Drummond Escapes* (*Bulldog Drummond Escapes*) by [James P. Hogan](#) : *Dixon*
- **1937** : *Maid of Salem* of [Frank Lloyd](#) : *friend Roger*
- **1937** : *The Crime Nobody Saw* by [Charles Barton](#) : *Dr. Brooks*
- **1937** : *Souls at Sea* (*Souls at Sea*) of [Henry Hathaway](#) : *Donaldson*
- **1937** : *King of Gamblers* by [Robert Florey](#) : *Joe*
- **1937** : *Night of Mystery* by [Ewald André Dupont](#) : *Chester Greene*
- **1938** : *Storm over Bengal* (*Storm Over Bengal*) of [Sidney Salkow](#) : *Hallett*
- **1938** : *The King of the Wretches* (*If I Were King*) by [Frank Lloyd](#) : *Jehan Le Loup*
- **1939** : *The Light that Failed* (*The Light That Failed*) of [William A. Wellman](#) : *Gardner*
- **1940** : *Women in War* by [John H. Auer](#) : *Captain Tedford*
- **1940** : *The Scarlet Tunic* (*North West Mounted Police*) of [Cecil B. DeMille](#) : *soldier Mountie*
- **1940** : *Arizona* by [Wesley Ruggles](#) : *Bart Massey*
- **1949** : *Richard Thorpe's Lassie* (*Challenge to Lassie*) *Challenge* : *Officer on horseback*
- **1949** : *Samson and Delilah* (*Samson and Delilah*) by [Cecil B. DeMille](#) : *Prince*
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British period (1951-1963)

- **1951** : *Cloudburst* by [Francis Searle](#) : *Inspector Davis*
- **1952** : *Wings of Danger* of [Terence Fisher](#) : *Inspector Maxwell*
- **1952** : *Wide Boy* of [Ken Hughes](#) : *Mannering*
- **1953** : *Strange Stories* by [Don Chaffey](#) and [John Guillermin](#) : *Charles*

- [1953](#) : [Three steps of the gallows](#) (*Three Steps to the Gallows*) of [John Gilling](#) : *Arnold Winslow*
- [1953](#) : [Noose for a Lady](#) by [Wolf Rilla](#) : *Major Fergusson*
- [1954](#) : [Special Investigation](#) (*The Diamond*) of [Dennis O'Keefe](#) and [Montgomery Tully](#) : *Sir Stafford Beach*
- [1955](#) : [The Dam Busters](#) (*The Dam Busters*) by [Michael Anderson](#) : *Dr. WH Glanville*
- [1955](#) : [Barbados Quest](#) of [Bernard Knowles](#) : *Lord Valchrist*
- [1955](#) : [Little Red Monkey](#) by [Ken Hughes](#) : *Sir Clive Raglan*
- [1957](#) : [Stranger in Town](#) by [George Pollock](#) : *Henry Ryland*
- [1958](#) : [The borer chests](#) (*The Safecracker*) with [Ray Milland](#) : *Colonel Charles Mercer*
- [1958](#) : [Innocent Meeting](#) of [Godfrey Grayson](#) : *Stannard*
- [1958](#) : [The Blood of the Vampire](#) (*Blood of the Vampire*) of [Henry Cass](#) : *Commissioner of Prisons*
- [1959](#) : [High Jump](#) by [Godfrey Grayson](#) : *Guard*
- [1959](#) : [Man Accused](#) of [Montgomery Tully](#) : *inspector*
- [1960](#) : [An Honorable Murder](#) by [Godfrey Grayson](#) : *Casca*
- [1960](#) : [Horizons Without Borders](#) (*The Sundowners*) by [Fred Zinnemann](#) : *Palmer*
- [1961](#) : [So Evil, So Young](#) by [Godfrey Grayson](#) : *Inspector*
- [1962](#) : [Strongroom](#) of [Vernon Sewell](#) : *Haynes*
- [1962](#) : [Emergency](#) of [Francis Searle](#) : *Dr. Lloyd*
- [1962](#) : [The Lamp in Assassin Mews](#) by [Godfrey Grayson](#) : *Inspector*
- [1963](#) : [Paranoiac](#) of [Freddie Francis](#) : *vicar*
- [1969](#) : [Fräulein Doktor](#) of [Alberto Lattuada](#) : *General Metzler*
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On television

- [1957](#) : [Knight Lancelot](#) (*The Adventures of Sir Lancelot*), episode 16 *The Ruby of Radnor* of [Lawrence Huntington](#) : *Everard* ; episode 29 *The Thieves* by [Bernard Knowles](#) : *Lord Vanton*
- [1958](#) : [Ivanhoé](#) (*Ivanhoe*), episode 13 *The Ransom* (*The Ransom*) by [Bernard Knowles](#) : *Gerald*
- [1955](#) - [1960](#) : [The Vise](#) , seasons 1 to 5, 68 episodes: *Inspector Parker* (except the first three episodes)



STORM *over* BENGAL

Patric KNOWLES • *Richard* CROMWELL • *Rockelle* HUDSON

DOUGLAS DUMBRILLE • COLIN TAPLEY
GILBERT EMERY • HALLIWELL HOBBS



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