

MILITARY HONORS FOR COL. MERRITT

Large Attendance at Funeral —Interment in Mount Pleasant

Full military honors were accorded the late Colonel William Hamilton Merritt, whose funeral took place yesterday to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Colonel Merritt, who was well-known throughout Canada because of his connection with the military affairs of the country for many years, died at his home, 90 Bloor street east, on Saturday, after a brief illness from Spanish influenza.

Companies from the C.E.F. forces in this district and the Royal Air Force, in which Colonel Merritt took a most active interest, and many officers from Headquarters Staff, under Major-General Logie, followed the gun-carriage to the cemetery. The pall-bearers were Brigadier-General H. M. Pellatt, Col. A. E. Gooderham, Lieut.-Col. J. H. Moss, Col. Albert Acheson, Lieut.-Col. C. C. Bennett, D.S.O., Col. L. E. W. Irving, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. Henry Brock and Major H. M. Mowat, K.C., M.P., were the honorary pall-bearers.

The funeral was one of the largest of a military character to take place since the outbreak of war.

Citizens from every walk of life attended the service at the residence, where Canon McNab of St. Alban's Cathedral officiated. Those present included: Col. H. J. Grasett, C.M.G.; Col. G. T. Denison; Mayor Church; Major Inwood, R.A.F.; Dr. H. Alger, R.N.; Major Ross Cockburn, as President of His Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans; J. H. Ingersoll, K.C., St. Catharines; Lieut.-Col. Alex. Fraser; Surgeon-General Fotheringham, and Mr. R. H. Cox.

Directors of the Aero Club present at the funeral included Capt. D. A. Cameron, Major O. Heron, A. E. Penton, Capt. James P. Beaty, and Major H. E. Fisher. Capt. E. L. Janney, the new chief recruiting officer at Ottawa, represented his unit, the Royal Canadian Naval Air Service.

There were many floral tributes from friends and organizations of which Col. Merritt was a member. They included wreaths from Dr. and Mrs. Spragge, Mr. and Mrs. Fano Sewell, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Broughall, F. and Harry Mickle, C. M. Aldridge, the President and Directors of the Niagara Railway Steel Arch Bridge, the Canadian Aviation Aid Club, J. G. Small, the Canadian Institute, the officers of the Governor-General's Body Guards, Brigadier-General Hoare and the staff of the R. A. F., Dr. H. Alger, and members of the Harman family.

The services at the grave were in charge of Capt. Frank Vipond, Chaplain with the Royal Air Force.