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Colonel George E. Renison

Renison, Colonel George Everett Bristol DSO, ED, UE, LLD, CLJ - Suddenly, on Tuesday, June 30, 1998, in his 80th year, George E. Renison. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Nancy Stirrett, Son of the later Most Reverend Robert John DD, and Elizabeth Maull Bristol. Father of Carol Anne, Katharine Elizabeth, and Michael Barry; father-in-law of Ted Freeman-Attwood, Charles Kosa and Judy Renison; loving grandfather of Russell and Nicki Hazard, Nancy and Andrew Trimble, James, Sarah Daisy and Patrick Kosa and Noah Renison.

He had a distinguished record in the Second World War, going overseas with the 48th Highlanders of Canada in the fall of 1939. He served in the United Kingdom, Sicily, Italy where he was gravely wounded and in north west Europe, in which theatre he commanded the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment and the first Canadian Infantry Brigade. He was mentioned in Despatches, was instructor at the Staff College, Camberley (psc and Dagger). He was particularly proud of the role played by his regiment in the liberation of Holland. He was the found and Chairman until his retirement in 1982 of W. H. Smith Canada Ltd., which under his leadership grew from one to close to 200 stores. He was Chancellor Emeritus of Renison College at the University of Waterloo and formerly the Honorary Colonel of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment.

The funeral service will be held on Monday, July 6, 1998 at 1:30 pm at Grace Church on-the-Hill, 300 Lonsdale Road, Toronto, Ontario. No flowers. Donations if desired may be made in George's memory to Renison College, Waterloo, Ont., N2L 3G4. Arrangements under the direction of Humphrey Funeral Home - A. W. Miles, Chapel, Toronto, Ontario. 1-800-616-3311.

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