

MANY AT FUNERAL OF COL. STANBURY

Tribute Paid Former Com- mander of Elgin Regiment

Many friends gathered here Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral of Col. Frederick George Stanbury, V.D., former officer commanding the Elgin Regiment and veteran of the Boer War, the First Great War and World War II, whose sudden and unexpected death occurred at his quarters at the Y. M. C. A. here on Saturday evening. Among the large gathering, which included veterans who had served with and under Col. Stanbury in all three wars, was a large group of his co-workers at The St. Thomas Times-Journal, fellow-members of the International Typographical Union and other Times-Journal employees.

The simple Anglican funeral service, conducted at the P. R. Williams funeral home, was in charge of Rev. John R. Thompson, rector of Trinity Church, of which Col. Stanbury was a member. Mr. Thompson made fitting and sincere reference to Col. Stanbury's lifelong interest and activity in military affairs. He was born at garrison headquarters of the British Army at Malta in 1880 and, as a child, had also lived at Gibraltar. As soon as he was of age, he had joined the 25th Elgin Regiment in St. Thomas and he remained actively connected with it throughout the remainder of his life.

Long, Honorable Career

"Long and honorable has been his career as a soldier," Mr. Thompson said. "How much the debt we owe to him may be we can never tell. His regiment, The Elgin Regiment, an honorable regiment, will always be proud to associate his name among its past commanding officers, as will his fellow workers at The St. Thomas Times-Journal. He was one of the family of men and women who make up the paper, which too might also be called honorable. Col. Stanbury's life is a story of unselfishness and service. 'When the trumpet shall sound, the dead shall be raised' is the story of victory. Many times Col. Stanbury had heard the trumpets during his career as a soldier and he knew how hard the victory was to be won. But the last sound of the trumpet for him was the victory of Christ."

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Boer War Veterans

A singular tribute to Col. Stanbury was paid him by the few remaining veterans here of the Boer War. They served as floral bearers and as part of the large guard of honor which formed up both at the funeral home when the flag-draped casket was carried to the hearse, and at the Old English Church cemetery. This group included Roy Palmerston, Lt.-Col. W. J. Green, Reginald Kidner, Fred Little, Allan Monteith and Bert Berry, all wearing the distinguishing armbands denoting their service in South Africa at the turn of the century.

Former officers who served under Col. Stanbury when he commanded The Elgin Regiment from 1929 to 1933 were his pallbearers. They were Lt.-Col. Hugh C. Cameron, M. C., who was his second-in-command; Major R. W. Rankin, Major F. O. Lewis, Major W. D. King, Major W. J. Balkwill (London), and Capt. R. F. Hunt. The guard of honor included Col. Stanbury's co-workers at The Times-Journal, members of St. Thomas Local No. 459 of the International Typographical Union headed by their president, Major Frank Greene; a large group of fellow-members of Branch 41, the Canadian Legion, St. Thomas, and fellow-members of the 91st Battalion Association.

Legion Service at Grave

At the cemetery, where Col. Stanbury was buried in the family plot beside his wife and son, Fred, the Canadian Legion graveside service was conducted by Air Commodore Reginald Collis, president of Branch 41. The sounding of Last Post and Reveille by Buglar Kenneth Barrett seemed particularly appropriate in the case of this man whose heart and soul were in the military service of his country for so many years. At the close of the Legion service, each Legionnaire stepped smartly forward to salute at the graveside and place a poppy on the casket.

Although present active officers and members of the Elgin Regiment did not participate in the funeral ceremonies on Wednesday, the regiment was represented by the present commanding officer, Lt.-Col. F. H. Medcalf, and a number of other officers. The active officers of the regiment paid their last respects to Col. Stanbury on Tuesday evening when they attended in uniform in a group at the funeral home.

The flowers included a pillow from Col. Stanbury's surviving son and daughters, Charles Stanbury, of Crystal Beach, Mrs. John Kerr, Windsor, and Miss Mary Jean, Orillia, and from the grandchildren; designs from other relatives and personal friends; and other floral tributes from the St. Thomas Times-Journal; St. Thomas Typographical Union No. 459; the employees of The Times-Journal; the staff and board of directors of the St. Thomas Y. M. C. A.; Branch 41, St. Thomas, the Canadian Legion; The Elgin Regiment; the active officers of The Elgin Regiment; the honorary and associate members of the Elgin Regiment Officers' Mess; the members of the Elgin Regiment Sergeants' Mess; the 91st Battalion Association; the veterans of the South African War; a flag from the Silver Cross Women of the British Empire; and the office staff of the Horton Steel Works.

Among those attending the funeral from out of town were Mrs. John Kerr and son, Billy, Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stanbury, Crystal Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Southern and Mrs. Bentley, Walled Lake, Mich., and Mrs. Edna Gillespie, London, Ont.