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SPRINGFIELD





CARTE POSTALE

Correspondance



Adresse

I SUSPECT THIS
WAS TAKEN IN
FRANCE. 1917

EMB ON LEFT





Somewhere in France.

22/7/18

My Dear Mr. Burton,

Excuse pencil but I wanted to write to you on a certain matter and I feel sure you won't # 730394 & Co. will not give you the full particulars of what really happened last week. He performed a glorious deed on the occasion in question & while I am not in his Platoon, I am in the Company. He has already won the M.M. and now he is deserving of another decoration & I sincerely hope he gets it.

The circumstances were as follows:—
His Platoon was moving forward to the front line on the evening of ~~the 1st~~ and suffered heavy casualties through shell fire. His platoon Supt. & Corporal were killed, his Platoon Commander & others severely wounded. He immediately placed the remainder of the platoon under cover & in safety, while he personally conducted the killed & wounded from the area to the Ambulance & dressing station. He then re-organized the platoon & proceeded on his way to relieve the platoon in the front line, though he did not know the ground, neither the position of his post, but he successfully reached the spot, carried out his relief under these conditions, for the ground had been gone over only by his Platoon Commander & Sergeant. He then reported to his Company Commander.

Truly a glorious deed under such drastic conditions and I am very proud of him and

² hope his gallant conduct will receive the
reward it deserves.

I thought you would like to know the particulars.

Yours sincerely,
Chas. F. Carlton Junr.

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Mrs. Button,

13 5 East Street,

Sittingbourne.

Aug: 11. 1918

I am away, but I have just
read of the account of your son's
heroic act. Please accept my
heartiest ~~congratulations~~ , & convey
the same from me to him.

Yours sincerely,
A. B. Parry-Evans.
Vicar.

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Certificate of Service

S.M.-1-37.

H.C.

ISSUED TO OFFICERS AND NURSING SISTERS

This is to Certify that (Rank).....Lieutenant.....

(Name in full).....Edward William BUTTON M.M.....

Enlisted in.....111th Battalion as No 730394.....(Private).....

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, on the.....Twenty-first.....
day of.....January.....191.....6 AND WAS APPOINTED to COMMISSIONED RANK
in.....1st Central Ontario Regimental Depot.....

CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE on the.....Twenty-second.....day
of.....November.....191.....8.

He SERVED in CANADA, England and France with the 111th
Battalion., 17th Res. Battalion., 35th Res. Battalion., 4th Battan.,
1st C.O.R.D., Witley., 3rd Res. Battalion., Att'd 2nd C.C.D.

and was STRUCK OFF THE STRENGTH on the.....Thirty-first.....day
of.....July.....191.....9 by reason of.....General Demobilization.....

Dated at Ottawa, this.....Twentieth.....day
of.....December.....191.....9.
Awarded-Military Medal, I.G., No 30573 dated 13-3-18.

J. H. Kaye

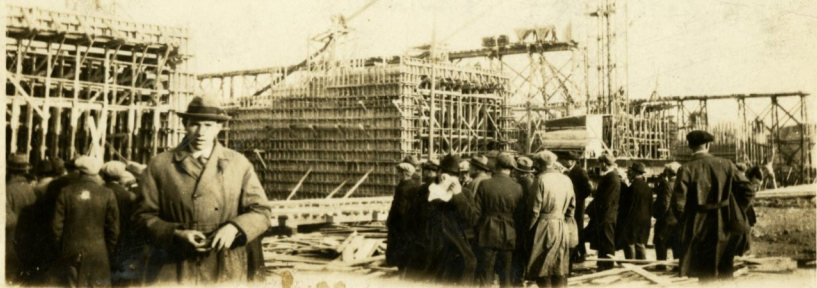
.....Lt-Col.
for Director of Personal Services.

Obligation

E. W. Burton

No. 409





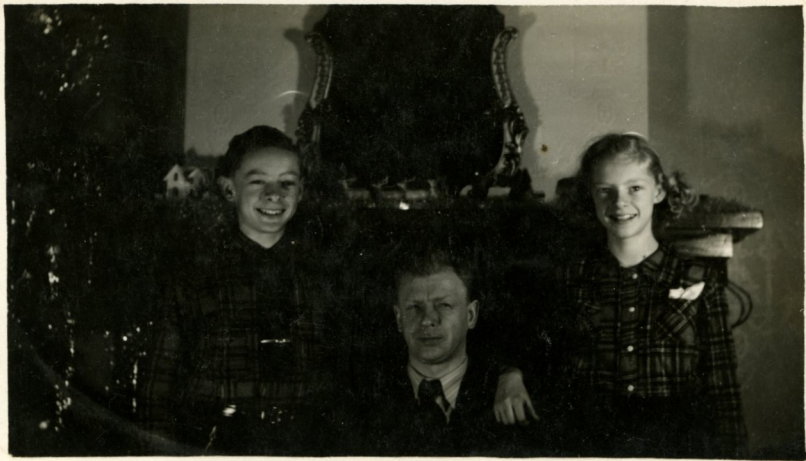
5 INTAKE TO THE CHIPPEWA POWER CANAL.
NIAGARA FALLS. - STUDENTS VISITING THE WORK.

CANAL COST. \$70,000,000.

H.P. GENERATED. 550,000

BUTTON—GREEN

First Methodist Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, when Gladys Rosa Maud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Green, 37 Burris street, was united in marriage to Mr. William Edward Button, B.A., Sc., of Welland, son of Mr. ~~W.~~ Button of Sittingbourne, England, and of the late Mrs. Button. Rev. **B** F. Green, B.A., of Arkwright, Ont., cousin of the bride, officiated, assisted by Dr. J. E. Hughson, B.A., D.D., pastor of the church. The church was beautifully decorated with masses of pink peonies, daisies, gypsophila, ferns and palms, and the bride wore a lovely beige georgette frock over satin of the same shade and French hat to match with pink roses. She carried Ophelia roses, lily-of-the-valley and gypsophila. The bridesmaid was Miss Rhena McIlroy, who wore jade green flowered georgette, with Leghorn hat, and carried Columbia roses, lily-of-the-valley and gypsophila. Mr. Fred Booz of Bridgeburg was best man and the ushers were Mr. Victor Green, brother of the bride, and



KEN

MARIE

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Mar 21 / 61.

Posthumous Lions Award To E. W. "Bill" Button

A 30-year charter monarch pin was presented posthumously to the late Bill Button by the Welland Lions Club last night.

President John George presented the pin and certificate to Ken Button, son of the deceased. "This award was due last June and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present it to you, Ken, in memory of your father," the president stated as members and guests from the Beamsville Lions Club gave a standing ovation to the son of the former Lion.

"It's a real honor to receive this," replied Ken.

Ken Gillespie, president of the Beamsville club introduced Cyril Lampman, candidate for deputy district governor to be elected at the spring rally in Merritton April 19. Mr. Lampman asked for the support of the Welland club at the rally.

Lou Whitaker Sr. notified the club that he will nominate Welland president John George for the office of Zone chairman for the 1961-62 season. Members approved this announcement.

CHALLENGE MATCH

A thrill - packed evening is promised for this Thursday evening at the Port Colborne Arena when the Port Colborne Lions play the Welland Lions in a challenge hockey match. Port issued the challenge last week and it was accepted last night by the Welland members (with some misgivings however). Game time is seven o'clock.

Alex McCrae, presiding over the first vice - president's meeting, announced that Easter lilies are ready to be picked up for the annual sale to Welland residents.

TRAVELOGUE

A fast travelogue of Europe was presented by Doug McMaster, recently back from a two-and-one-half week stay on the continent.

Doug told the members that he had little trouble with cur-

rency on the continent. "The only time I got confused was in England," he stated, pointing out that European countries are on the decimal system in currency "I note that England is considering it, too," he added.

His tour included Portugal, Italy, Germany, Austria, Holland and England.

The speaker praised the air travel in Europe stating that the service on short hauls is far better than domestic service in Canada or the United States. He noted that hotel accommodations were superb in all places he stayed.

NO IN-BETWEEN

In Portugal, Mr. McMaster described the people as either very rich or very poor "with no in-between". He said the tourist can live very well on the equivalent of \$4 a day.

In Italy the speaker witnessed an eclipse of the sun and an earth tremor while on his travels. He also visited cathedrals in Milan and attended La Scala (the Opera) where he saw a performance of Madam Butterfly.

He praised Vienna with its wide streets, underground stores, restaurants and other facilities, and noted that the night-life began at two o'clock in the morning. "People there go home after work, eat, nap and then go out for night-life," he remarked.

London was the biggest city the speaker had ever seen. He noted that it took one hour by bus to go from London Airport to the downtown depot.

One of the most interesting facts and observations of the speaker was the education of the Europeans. "Everybody goes to school. They are made to go by the parents and the young people do not quit to go to work as do many Canadian and American teenagers. Educationally they are far ahead of us," he said.

The speaker was introduced by Connie White and thanked by Manley Strawn.



Description Of Exemplary Citizen Fits The Man

At a retirement dinner held Tuesday evening at Rose Villa Inn Edward William (Bill) Button was described as an exemplary citizen. In this case, we are prepared to say that the description fits the man. Mr. Button was a success in his chosen profession, he gave valued service in public capacities to the community and he won preferment as a member of a service club.

All this was preceded by an honorable record in World War I. A native of England, he came to Canada shortly before the outbreak of hostilities. Enlisting as a private with the Canadian forces, he won promotion to the rank of lieutenant in addition to being awarded the Military Medal.

At the end of the war he entered the University of Toronto and graduated as a mechanical engineer. In 1923, he joined the staff of Electro Metallurgical Co. where his talents found ready recognition. He rose to the position of plant superintendent but was recently relieved of some of these responsibilities on

account of his health.

The Welland Water Commission, of which he was chairman for several years, and the Welland County General Hospital board, on which he served as finance chairman, benefited by his experience and administrative capacity. This efficiency in business did not reduce his enjoyment of social life and he has long been a popular member of the Welland Lions Club. But even here, though modestly displayed, his talents found recognition. He was elected to the position of president and was deputy district governor in 1935-36.

Mr. Button is the type of person who impresses his capabilities on his fellow men in a quiet way. Success never made him arrogant or too demanding. As he climbed the ladder of success he helped others along with him and was ever ready with a word of guidance or advice. Always logical and sometimes plausible, in presenting a case, he has demonstrated the qualities of a firm friend and a good companion. Hundreds will wish for him continued usefulness and contentment in the less strenuous years of his retirement.



EWB RETIREMENT DINNER

DON MACINTYRE & EWB

Long

Prominent Wellander, E. W. Button Dies At 68

Edward William (Bill) Button, 156 Edgar St., former plant superintendent of Union Carbide Canada Ltd., Metals and Carbon Division, died at the Welland County General Hospital on Sunday, March 5, in his 69th year after a lengthy illness.

A veteran of the First World War, Mr. Button had been active in civic and community affairs and was a prominent member of the Welland Lions Club.

Born in Sittingbourne, Kent, England on April 27, 1892, Mr. Button came to Canada in 1913 and settled in Welland in 1923, joining Electromet at that time after graduating from the University of Toronto as a mechanical engineer.

He held the post of works engineer at the plant until 1945, when he was appointed plant superintendent. He retired in May, 1957, after serving with the company for 34 years. He was a member of the Association of professional Engineers of Ontario, and a former section chairman, Industrial Accident Prevention Association.

He enlisted in the Canadian Army in World War 1, serving with the 4th Canadian Infantry Battalion. He rose from the rank of private to lieutenant, and was decorated with the Military Medal at Passchendaele in 1917. He was a director of the Fourth Canadian Infantry Battalion Veterans Association.

CIVIC SERVICE

Mr. Button was a member of



E. W. BUTTON

the Welland Water Commission from 1930 to 1944 serving as chairman in 1934, 1939 and 1944. He was also a member of the board of the Welland County General Hospital from 1947-52, serving as chairman in 1951.

Prominent in Lionism, Mr. Button was a member of the Welland Lions Club for over 30 years, serving as president from 1931 to 1933, and being district deputy governor for District A2 from 1934-1936.

In a tribute to the fellow Lion, Lou Whitaker, International counsellor, said: "We are all indeed saddened to learn of the death of our esteemed friend. He was intensely loyal to every true principle, and we shall miss him and his counsel more than words can express. All his friends will cherish the thoughts of his many acts and kindly deeds. We all join in extending our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Button and the members of his family in their sad bereavement."

FRATERNAL LINKS

Mr. Button was active in Masonic circles, being a member of Cope - Stone Lodge, AF and AM and a former member of Orient Lodge, IOOF. He was also a member of the Welland Stamp Club and was a member of the board of sessions, Central United Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Gladys Green of Hamilton; a son, Kenneth of Welland; a daughter, Mrs. C. F. Wilson (Marie) of Brampton; four grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. C. J. Ruck and one brother, Frank Button, both of England.

The body is resting at the Sutherland - Thorpe Chapel of Davidson Funeral Homes, 152 Hellems Ave., where Rev. Howard Pentland of Central United Church will conduct services on Tuesday, March 7 at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Fonthill cemetery.

Many Attend E. W. Button Final Rites

Largely attended funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon for Edward William Button, of 156 Edgar St., who passed away at the Welland County General Hospital in his 69th year.

Mr. Button was a former plant superintendent at Union Carbide Canada Ltd., Metals and Carbon Division, former member and chairman of the Welland Water Commission, and had been active in many associations in Welland.

Rev. Howard Pentland of Central United Church conducted the services which were held from the Sutherland - Thorpe Chapel of Davidson Funeral Homes, 152 Hellems and also at the graveside in Fonthill cemetery.

The pallbearers were Louis Whitaker, Dr. L. R. Pattison, J. M. Trott, N. R. Wightman, R. L. Beattie and Dr. S. Lee Honey.

Representing Union Carbide from out of town were G. O. Loach of Union Carbide Canada Ltd., Metals and Carbon Division, Toronto; and G. L. Lardie, A. E. Smith and K. Beamer of the Union Carbide plant, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Among the many floral tributes and Central United Church Memorial cards were those from The Session, Central United Church; Union Carbide Canada Ltd., Metals and Carbon Division; Supervisors of the Electrode Department, Union Carbide; Engineering Department, Union Carbide; The Reading Club; Walker Bros.; Jaycees and Jaycettes; Cope Stone Lodge 373 AF and AM; Orient Lodge 134, IOOF; Jantzi-Brown Ltd.; and Welland Lions Club.

On Monday evening Cope Stone Lodge held a memorial service at the funeral home with WM J. H. Williams conducting the service assisted by W. Bro. W. B. Martin; VW Bro. Harold Headington; W. Bro. F. Watt and Bro. G. Farr.

On Monday evening also the Welland Lions Club attended in a body.

Mr. Button is survived by his wife, the former Gladys Green; one daughter, Mrs. C. F. Wilson (Marie) of Brampton; one son, Kenneth, of Welland; four grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. C. J. Ruck and a brother, Frank, in England.



W. Clifford Sealey