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COLONEL FORD DIED TORONTO LAST NIGHT BURIAL MILTON EXPRESSED DESIRE MILITARY FUNERAL TRINITY CHURCH LIVERPOOL CAN YOU ARRANGE PARTICIPATION LEGION AND POSSIBLY ACTIVE UNIT NAVAL OR MILITARY WILL ADVISE DATE LEAVING FOR TORONTO TONIGHT.

R KIRKPATRICK

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PROCEDURE

Motor cars and other transport to be left parked and ready opposite the Parade School.

Legion members and other war veterans will meet at the Legion rooms at 1.30 p.m., and will march to Trinity Church, arriving there at 1.55.

Pallbearers will be drawn as far as possible from former members of Col. Ford's old unit. Other bearers, if necessary, will draw from the Legion.

At the conclusion of the church service the military escort and firing party will leave the church first and form up across the road. There will be a pause of one minute after the last soldier leaves the church. The padre will then come down from the chancel to the church door, followed slowly by the bearers with the coffin on the undertaker's wheeled stand. The Legion will rise and follow the coffin out of the church.

As the coffin emerges from the church door the firing party will present arms, and will remain at the Present until the coffin is in the hearse. The firing party will then take its place downhill immediately before the hearse. The military escort will lead the funeral procession.

Immediately following the hearse will be a bearer carrying the deceased officer's medals on a cushion. Next will be mourners in uniform, if any. Next will be the Legion, drawn up in two ranks. Finally there will be the civilian mourners.

On leaving the church the funeral cortege will proceed at SLOW MARCH for about 200 yards. It will then break into the QUICK STEP and march down Church Street to Union, down Union to Main, and along Main Street to the Parade.

At the Parade the cortege will halt, the escort will break off. The firing party, Legion and mourners will get into their motor transport and proceed towards Milton behind the hearse, up the west side of the river.

At Milton. Just before reaching the Milton bridge the motor procession will halt. The cortege will then form up for the final march in this order: Firing party - hearse - mourners in uniform-- Legion -- civilian mourners.

The cortege will cross the bridge at the QUICK STEP and continue to Milton corner. At Milton Corner, the Milton Masonic Lodge will swing in between the firing party and the hearse. The final order of march will thus be:-

Firing party
Masonic Lodge
Hearse
Mourners in uniform
Legion
Civilians

On arrival at the cemetery, the firing party will form a double file leading from the hearse to the cemetery gate. The Masonic Lodge will pass through the firing party and take up their station inside the cemetery gate. The clergy will await the coffin at the gate. As the bearers draw the coffin from the hearse, the firing party will Present Arms, and remain at the Present until the coffin has passed inside the gate. Led by the clergy, the bearers will carry the coffin straight on to the grave.

At the grave:- A space of 20 feet should be left on each side of the grave. The firing party will be drawn up facing one side of the grave. The Masonic Lodge will form up across one end. The Legion will form up across the other end. The other side of the grave will be occupied by the chief mourners and the clergy, with the public on the

As the coffin is placed on the grave, the chief pallbearer will remove the deceased officer's cap and sword, and the Union Jack.

At the conclusion of the religious ceremony, the firing party will fire three volleys over the grave.

The Legion president will then step forward and make the brief pronouncement laid down in Legion ritual. He will conclude this by drawing the poppy from his lapel and dropping it into the grave, followed in turn by all Legion members in single file, each dropping his poppy into the grave.

When the Legion have returned to their places they will stand at ease. The President will then call them to attention. At the same time the firing party will present arms. The buglers will then sound Last Post, followed by Reveille.

This concludes the military and Legion part of the ceremony.

The funeral will then be turned over to the Freemasons for their final rites.

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