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## DEATH OF LIEUTENANT-GENERAL E.L.M. BURNS

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today paid tribute to the late Lieutenant-General E.L.M. Burns, C.C., D.S.O., O.B.E., MC LLD, distinguished Canadian soldier, engineer and diplomat. Expressing his deep regret at the death of General Burns, Mr. Clark cited his outstanding contribution to Canada in war and peace, and his dedication, perseverance and wise counsel as an Adviser to the Government of Canada.

Lieutenant-General Burns, a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada, was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1915 and won the Military Cross in World War I. Between the wars he was involved in experimental work in the field of air photo survey, and was President of the Canadian Institute of Surveying in 1936-37. He rose to high rank in World War II and commanded the First Canadian Corps during operations in the Liri Valley in 1944.

In the Department of External Affairs, General Burns' distinguished contributions in the fields of peace-keeping and disarmament will be specially remembered.

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He was loaned from the Department of External Affairs to the UN in 1954 and was appointed Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO).

In 1956, following the Suez crisis, General Burns became the first Commander of the UN Emergency Force in the Sinai, serving in this capacity until the end of 1959. In 1960, General Burns was appointed Special Advisor to the Government of Canada on Disarmament and represented Canada at the 18 Nation Disarmament Conference. In 1981, Lieutenant-General Burns was awarded the Pearson Peace Medal. His career embodied the finest of Canada's commitment to international peace and security.