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## G. ARTHUR WELSH PASSES SUDDENLY

Col. G. Arthur Welsh, a decorated hero in the two world wars and a former Ontario cabinet minister died suddenly on Tuesday of last week at Hastings, Barbados, West Indies at the age of 68.

Mr. Welsh was born in Sunderland, and attended Lindsay Collegiate Institute and later the University of Toronto.

He was a veteran of two wars and enlisted as third-class air mechanic in the Royal Flying Corps in 1916. He became a pilot and was decorated with the Croix de Guerre. He received the Distinguished Service Order during the Sicilian campaign in 1943 and was awarded a bar for the Italian campaign.

Representing the Conservative Party he won the Muskoka-Ontario Riding from the Liberals in the 1945 election.

During his ten years as a member of the Provincial Government under premiers George Drew, Thomas Kennedy and Leslie Frost, Mr. Welsh held various posts such a minister of travel and publicity, minister of planning and development, provincial secretary and registrar. For three years Mr. Welsh was liquor commissioner for Ontario.

Ten years ago Mr. Welsh resigned the cabinet and accepted the position of Sheriff for Ontario County and local registrar for the Supreme Court.

Mr Welsh leaves his wife the former Ruby Miller, who was with him at the time of his death, a son, Thomas, a school teacher at Bancroft and a daughter, Constance (Mrs. Norman Wilson) of Omemee.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, February 20th from All Saints' Anglican Church, Whitby. Interment was in Sunderland Cemetery.

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### Aids Civil Defense

Veteran on two World Wars, Col. G. Arthur Welsh, DSO and Bar, examines different types of respirators in June, 1951, when Ontario's civil defense co-ordinator. A man of multi-interests, he is now Sheriff of Ontario County.