



## **Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Ernest WIGLE**

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Frederick Ernest Wigle was born on 11 July 1913 at Hamilton, Ontario as son of Gerald William and Mary Olga Wigle. He came to Tata Consultancy Service in September 1929 when the Senior School was at Woodstock and left from the Sixth Form in June 1932. Throughout his career at T.C.S. he revealed exceptional qualities of mind and heart which led to his being awarded the Bronze Medal for "steady perseverance in courtesy, industry and integrity". An honour he shared with the Head Prefect of his year. Because of his general standing in the School and unusual leadership ability, he was appointed a Prefect. He took an active part in sports, being one of the strongest football and hockey players ever to play on T.C.S. teams. He was also a member of the second eleven in cricket. Entering McGill, he did well in course and starre don the University football and hockey teams. He was picked for the Eastern Canada all star football team. After graduation he entered business in Montreal and in 1937 married Margaret Wilmot Holton of Hamilton. He received his commission in the Armoured Corps in May 1941 and was promoted to Captain on proceeding overseas in November 1941. In England he was selected for a staff course and in September 1943 he was promoted to Major, later being appointed General Staff office, grade 1, 4 Armoured Division. In February

1945, he was appointed to the command of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and in March he was awarded with the Order of the British Empire "for gallantry, efficiency and devotion to duty ". He fought with his battalion through the Hochwald battle and then led his men across the Rhine. It was during this period the he was awarded with the Distinguished Service Order for complete disregard for personal safety in going forward to rally and inspire his men under heavy German counter attacks. On 14 April 1945 he had moved his headquarters into a building in a little town west of Bremen and had one officer and ten other ranks with him. At four in the morning another battalion drove eighty Germans from a strong point a mile and a half south of the town. They retreated to this town arriving about seven a.m. Half of the men in the building were on the ground floor and half on the second Floor. The Germans closed in, surrounding the house, and fired at point blank range. Colonel Wigle was killed instantly while attempting to reach his men on the second Floor. Frederick Ernest Wigle was 31 years old.

