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COL. JACK T. ALLSTON

COL. JACK T. ALLSTON Passed peacefully away in St. John's, NL, on Sunday, April 1, 2007, Jack T. Allston age 83 years. Jack had a long and varied service to his community. He was a veteran of WWII with the Royal Engineers, and a C.O. of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. He was Aide-de-camp to the Governor General of Canada, Rt. Honourable Roland Michener, active with the Army Cadet League at all levels and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. In 1967 he initiated the Signal Hill Tattoo, a major historical attraction during the summer months, which continues to this day. He came to Newfoundland in 1954 with his wife and two sons. Jack first worked for the city of St. John's, later transferring to the province. His vision guided the growth of the cities and towns in the province for over 30 years. He was a founding member of the Atlantic Planning Institute and a Fellow of the Canadian Planning Institute. Jack retired as director of planning with the government of Newfoundland and Labrador in 1987. Since then he was a private consultant, but devoted much of his time to developing the Royal Newfoundland Regiment Museum and other worthy projects. He was a member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Historic Sites Association where he was active in the historic development of Hawthorne Cottage, the home of Capt. Bob Bartlett, in Brigus and other sites throughout the province. In 2001 he was recipient of the Manning Award for Public Presentation of Historic Places. He was active within his church community; until recently a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the R.C. School Board. He served on the Parish Council, the New Church Building Committee, was an advisor for the Papal Visit committee and a member of the Knights of Columbus, 4 degree. Leaving to mourn his loving wife Patricia (nee Riley); sons: David (Lynn), Mark and Peter (Pam); grandsons: Thomas and Michael; sister Mary Pearce; in-laws: Louis and Toni Riley in England; other relatives and friends in Canada and the U.K. He was predeceased by son John (Maureen) in Ottawa, 2006.