

WILTON Edward John (Jack, Buzz) (1915 – 1976)

Born 6 June 1915, Thames, NZ

Fourth child & eldest son of Edward John and Ellen Wilton née Smith.

Siblings: Maude, Olga (Polly), Cathrine (Cath), Herbert (Bert), Ronald (Ron), Dorothy, Valerie (Val).

Married Honor May Bright, 3 Sep. 1943, in Cairo, Egypt (both were serving military: Jack in NZ Divisional Signals, Honor in South African Womens Auxiliary Army Service)

Father of John Anthony (Tony) b. 11 June 1944
David Ronald b. 28 May 1952

Born and raised in Thames. Left school aged 12 (as was common in those days - the 1875 Education Act made school free and compulsory to age 12). Enrolled for one year at Thames School of Mines. Joined the Post and Telegraph Service and trained as a telegraph operator. Prior to WW2, worked as a telegraph operator in Waikato and the King Country and served in the Army Territorial Force. Enlisted for WW2 and deployed overseas with the First Echelon in 1940. Served Greece, Crete, North Africa, Italy, with 2nd (NZ) Divisional Signals Regiment. Commissioned during service overseas and returned to NZ with rank of Major.

After WW2, lived and worked in Thames.

Died 2 Sep. 1976; buried Totara Cemetery, Thames.



Honor May (nee Bright) and Edward John (Buzz) Wilton, married at Maadi Camp, Cairo, Egypt, 3rd September 1943
(Compiled by sons Tony and David Wilton, April 2020)