

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## Veterans Affairs Canada and the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association

invite you to attend the

## DEDICATION OF JARDINE'S LOOKOUT MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Date: Sunday, September 30th

Place: Brookside Cemetery, War Graves Section, Winnipeg Manitoba

Time: 1330 hrs (1.30 pm)

The plaque is dedicated to the action of The Winnipeg Grenadiers who fought at Hong Kong in December 1941. The action at Jardine's Lookout was part of the Defence of Wong Nei Chong Gap, the key position on the Island of Hong Kong to the defence of the Island. The loss of Wong Nei Chong Gap would divide the defence in two. The defence cost the Grenadiers dearly with 16 killed in action, 112 missing in action and 333 wounded.

For this action, Canada's First Victoria Cross of WWII, was awarded to Warrant Officer Second Class John Osborn. Other decorations included 1 Distinguished Service Order (DSO), 3 Military Crosses (MC), 1 Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM), 4 Military Medals (MM) and 7 Mentioned in Dispatches.

Reception: A reception to follow at the Army Navy, and Air Force Veterans Association, John Osborn, VC, Unit #1 at Ellice and Empress approx 1500 hrs. (3 p.m.)

Everyone welcome to the ceremony – Reception adults only.

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