

Unofficial Figures

Hong Kong List Names 451 Dead And Missing

OTTAWA, Sept. 5—(CP). —Defense headquarters Tuesday night released tentative, unofficial figures of Canadian casualties in the fall of Hong Kong in December, 1941, showing 104 Canadian officers and men killed or dead of wounds and 347 others missing. In addition the figures showed 238 wounded among the 67 officers and 1,555 men of the Canadian force who were taken prisoners-of-war by the Japanese.

The figures were given out by Maj.-Gen. C. M. Maltby, former British commander of Hong Kong, who has now reached India after three and a half years as a prisoner of war.

Figures he brought back to an R.C.A.F. base in India and gave to Sqdn.-Ldr. Joseph Crampton, R.C.A.F. public relations officer, were compiled by him from smuggled information during his captivity and he stressed they were in no way official, were only approximate and were not free from error.

In addition, Gen. Maltby brought back a nominal roll of three officers and 39 men known to have died in hospital between Dec. 19,

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1941, and March 14, 1943. He said, however, that this list could not be regarded as complete as many others may have died between these dates and subsequently from malnutrition, dysentery, beri beri and other causes.

Gen. Maltby said that the Winnipeg Grenadiers lost six officers and 31 men killed or died of wounds, eight officers and 106 men reported missing and 27 officers and 729 men reported prisoners of war in the fall of the Hong Kong bastion on Christmas Day, 1941. Of the prisoners, 12 officers and 56 men were wounded.

(Col. R. S. Malone, director of public relations, Canadian Army, reported different figures from Yokohama Monday after talking with liberated prisoners. He said members of the Winnipeg Grenadiers reported that according to a check by their officers after the surrender, 136 Grenadiers had been killed in action and a little more than 200 died later in a diphtheria and dysentery epidemic.)

Gen. Maltby's figures showed the Royal Rifles of Canada lost three officers and 42 men killed or died of wounds, six officers and 157 men reported missing and 32 officers and 764 men taken prisoner. Of the prisoners, his reports gave four officers and 160 men as wounded.

Canadian staff casualties, he said, including Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps and others, were two officers and six men killed; four officers and 10 men died of wounds, eight officers and 62 men reported missing. Of prisoners among this group, three officers and three men were reported wounded.

Following are some of the names on the nominal roll of officers and men Gen. Maltby said were known to have died in hospital between Dec. 19, 1941, and March 14, 1943, with official numbers, units and home towns:

OFFICERS

Lt.-Col. John L. R. Sutcliffe, Winnipeg Grenadiers, Belmont, Man., died April 6, 1942.

Lieut. George B. Harper, Winnipeg Grenadiers, Regina Beach, Sask., died Nov. 5, 1942.

OTHER RANKS

G18468, Rfmn. John R. Post, Winnipeg Grenadiers, Arcostok Junction, N.B., died Dec. 4, 1942.

H6883, L.-Cpl. George MacFarlane, R.C.A.P.C., 163 Arlington st., Winnipeg, died of wounds, Dec. 22, 1941.

H16774, Pte. Lawrence B. J. Kelly, R.C.A.P.C., 55 Sadler ave. E., St. Vital, Man., died of wounds, Dec. 24, 1941.

H6129, Cpl. Albert R. Green, R.C.A.P.C., 39 Bannerman ave., Winnipeg, died Feb. 24, 1942.

H6599, Pte. John A. Moffatt, R.C.A.P.C., 130½ Berry st., Norwood, Man., died Sept. 2, 1942.

H.6901 L.-Cpl. C. Whillier, R.C.A.P.C., 1108 First st., Brandon, Man., died Sept. 9, 1942.

H.6371 Pte. Douglas H. Moore, R.C.A.P.C., 544 Clifton st., Winnipeg, died Sept. 18, 1942.

H.6837 Pte. Douglas Hawkes, R.C.A.P.C., 492 Sherbrooke st., Winnipeg, died Sept. 20, 1942.

H.6219 Pte. William Harkness, R.C.A.P.C., 982 Strathcona st., Winnipeg, died Sept. 21, 1941 or 1942.

H.6898 Pte. Edward Raites, R.C.A.P.C., 581 Pacific st., Winnipeg, died Sept. 29, 1942.

H.6271 Pte. James E. Chapman, R.C.A.P.C., Belmont, Man., died Aug. 15, 1942.