

LT. J. McCARTHY, JAP PRISONER, REPORTED SAFE

VANCOUVER, Sept. 8—Lt. James Norman McCarthy, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, is safe in Allied hands, according to an unconfirmed report received by the army at Ottawa from Hong Kong. Ottawa notified Lieut. McCarthy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo McCarthy, formerly of Winnipeg, and now of Vancouver.

Lieut. McCarthy joined up with the Cameron Highlanders but transferred to the Grenadiers six weeks before that unit left for the Orient.

"The news has made us very happy," said Mr. McCarthy to The Tribune. "We were excited about six weeks ago when we had a report from Winnipeg that he had escaped from prison camp, but it proved seemingly incorrect. There may have been an attempted escape, of which we will probably hear directly from him.

"We last heard from our son in December, when he was reported well and in good health."