

MAJOR HOOK DIES IN JAP CAMP

Major Henry W. Hook, 45, commander of "B" company, Winnipeg Grenadiers, died July 7, 1945, in a Jap prison camp, according to word wired Mrs. Hook from the director of records, Ottawa. Mrs. Hook was informed her husband died of spinal meningitis.

An employe of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company when war broke out, Major Hook, a member of the militia, went on active service. He had been connected with the Grenadiers for 15 years, considering it his favorite hobby. He commanded the guard of honor at the Royal visit here in 1939.

He was a member of the Winnipeg Rowing club from 1919 to 1925, and secretary for several years.



Born in Winnipeg Feb. 17, 1900, Major Hook enlisted at the outbreak of the First Great War when he was only 16, and served with the Canadian Scottish Regiment. He remained in Germany with the army of occupation until May, 1919.

He went to Jamaica with the Grenadiers for 16 months after enlisting in September, 1939. He accompanied the regiment to Hong Kong and was taken prisoner.

Mrs. Hook, the former Jean Eulloch, of Winnipeg, has served as vice-president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, Hong Kong group. Robert, 20, their only son, returned from overseas last July after completing a tour of operations from England and Iceland.

Soon after his return, FO. Hook received a letter from his father written the previous November. Major Hook sent his son his best wishes on his air force career. Robert enlisted for Pacific duty, but was not required to go.