

WEAVER, Percy Thomas

Born 1919, son of Ernest & Liza [FAULKNER] Weaver. Died June 4 1981, interred Pinegrove Norland.

Served WW2 (from obituary) Prisoner of War 5 yrs Hong Kong

Siblings: Everett, Violet, June, Lillian, & Melville of Lakefield

Nephew of Gertie Sheldon of Coboconk

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At Sunnybrook Medical Centre, Toronto, on Thursday, June 4th, 1981, Percy Thomas Weaver, in his 62nd year. Veteran of World War II. Prisoner of war for 5 years in Hong Kong. Son of the late Ernest Weaver and the late Liza Faulkner. Survived by 3 sisters, Violet, June, Lillian, and 1 brother, Melville, of Lakefield. Predeceased by a brother, Everett. Nephew of Gertie Sheldon, of Coboconk. Friends called at the Bryant and Cameron Funeral Home, Coboconk, after 2:00 p.m., Friday, for complete service in the chapel on Saturday, June 6th, at 2:00 p.m. Interment Pine Grove Cemetery, Norland. (T2670)

Late in 1941, the Allies, hoping to deter hostile action by Japan, reinforced their outpost at the Crown colony of Hong Kong. Canada was asked to provide two battalions, and sent 1,975 members from the Royal Rifles of Canada (from Quebec City) and the Winnipeg Grenadiers. They sailed from Vancouver on October 27, 1941, and arrived in Hong Kong November 16.

In 17½ days of fighting, 290 Canadians were killed; 493 were wounded. Those who survived were imprisoned in foul conditions in camps in Hong Kong, where another 129 Canadians died. Early in 1943, 1,184 Canadians were taken to Japan for forced labour in industries, including mining. About 135 of them died. In all, more than 550 of the Canadians who embarked for Hong Kong never returned to Canada.