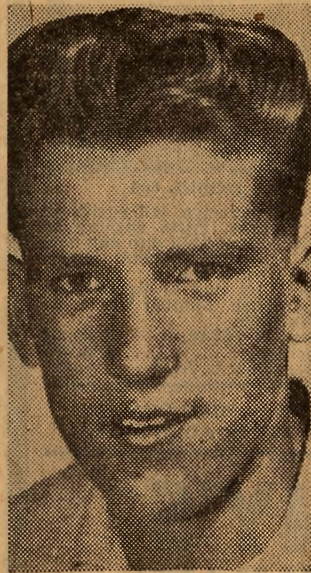


'Study in courage'

Scout troop's best

## *Deric wins Queen's badge—but he'll never know*



**DERIC HOYLE**

Deric Jervis Hoyle, 16, who helped keep himself alive striving to earn his Queen's Scout badge, died without knowing he had won it.

The son of a Vancouver policeman and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoyle, Deric was stricken with cancer a year ago.

David J. Stephenson, commissioner for Seymour District, signed the badge certificate a few hours after Deric's death unaware that the boy had died.

This Saturday there will be a Scout funeral service for the boy the people of Deep Cove found to be a study in courage. On Sunday, his brother will receive the badge as a posthumous award.

"He was a splendid fellow—if he hadn't battled along he could have died easily three or four months ago," said Dr. Alfred L. Thompson, the family physician.

A six-foot athlete who had played soccer and hockey, worked in the church and in Cubs and Scouts for eight years, Deric kept up his studies by correspondence and interest in Scouting to the end. He had been at Delbrook High School until too ill to attend.

"He just didn't recognize the fact that he was going to be defeated—he had tremendous courage," said the doctor.

To his scoutmaster, Dick Shaw of the 11th North Vancouver Troop, Deric "put

everything into his Scout work before he was ill and after."

"He worked right up to the end," said Mr. Shaw, who is a North Vancouver District fireman. "He was treasurer for the troop and kept the books.

"He completed all his tests for the First Class Badge which was on order and which he knew about. He didn't know he had passed the requirements and would receive the Queen's Scout badge."

Commissioner Stephenson said:

"He had been striving very hard and he earned it, but it was too late for presentation. His courage and cheerfulness and determination impressed everyone."

Rev. John Wolferstan, min-

ister of St. Simon's Church, said of Deric: "He showed tremendous fortitude. He never once gave up hope and he never complained. There's no doubt working on the Scout badges helped him. The young people here had always admired him and when he was sick, felt frustrated they couldn't do more for him."

Sunday at 7 p.m. Rt. Rev. H. R. Ragg, assistant bishop of the diocese of New Westminster, will present the religion and life awards to the Scouts in a ceremony planned some time ago. Deric was to receive his award also. Both it and the Queen's Scout badge will be presented to Geoffrey, a fellow Scout and one of Deric's two younger brothers.