

READ NEWS IN TRIBUNE

Relatives of 9 Freed Grenadiers Thrilled

Good news about the safety of nine Winnipeg Grenadiers officers caught most of their relatives by surprise. "We read it in the paper," many of them said.

The nine Winnipeg men released as reported by William Stewart, Canadian Press correspondent, were:

Majors E. Hodgkinson, J. A. Baille, K. G. Baird, Lieuts. R. Queen-Hughes, H. E. Mackechnie, F. V. Dennis, J. E. Dunderdale, J. E. Park and R. A. H. Campbell. Capt. J. C. M. Spence, of Fort William, and Capt. G. Porteous, of Saskatoon, were reported liberated, as were Capt. U. Lait and Sgt. T. O. Jacobson, both of Vancouver.

At Ottawa the defense department listed three other Grenadiers now reported safe in Allied hands. They are:

Soroka, Mike, Pte., H6697, Mrs. Frances Soroka (wife), 643 Sherbrook st., Winnipeg.

Fletcher, Frank, Pte., H6893, Mrs. Vina Fletcher (mother), Lakeland, Man.

Goodey, Jack St. Julian, Pte., H6762, William R. Goodey, (father), 523 Walker ave.

"It's wonderful no matter how we get it," said Mrs. R. A. H. Campbell, 201 Niagara st. "I'm starting out apartment hunting now—you don't know of anything, do you? I do think the Grenadiers should have first choice if any vacancies occur," she added fervently. She is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Neilson. Lieut. Campbell was born in Calgary. Before joining up in 1939

he was employed by Hudson's Bay Co.

Mrs. Ernest Hodgkinson, 755 Spruce st., said she just read it in the paper. "But I don't care how—it's wonderful news." Her two sons, Sidney, 11½, and Spence, 10, are already making plans for outings with Dad.

Major Hodgkinson was born in Manchester, England, and was brought to Canada as a small child in 1911. He was stock foreman at the Ford Co. assembly plant before enlisting. He worked with the Boy Scouts and young people's organization at St. James Anglican church.

Mrs. Kenneth G. Baird, Dubary Apts., said, "I can't realize it yet . . . It's awfully hard for the others who haven't heard and must go on waiting for their message to come. Of course there was nothing personal yet, just the cable by the C.P. correspondent, but it's marvellous." Her daughter, Harvelyn, 14, just came back Sunday from a summer spent at Vancouver.

Major Baird was born in Woodstock, N.B., and came to Winnipeg just in time to enlist in the last

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war. He became lieutenant. After the armistice he continued active in military circles. He was employed by the Sun Life.

Mrs. Frederick Dennis, 1033 Dorchester, said, "The last two or three days have been the longest of the whole four years, it seems, when we knew that word might come any minute. It's grand." Her three children are with her: Margaret, 11; Barbara, eight, and Roger, six, who just started school Tuesday. "This is going to be a big year for him," his family agreed. *

Lieut. Dennis was born in England. He served as a clerk in the Yokohama Specie Bank—his first connection with the Orient. He drilled with the Honorable Artillery Company of London. He came to Canada to work for the Bank of Montreal; the Winnipeg Grenadiers then became his militia interest. He has a brother in the Indian Territorial Army and a married sister in Singapore who escaped ahead of the Japs. "They've been living in South Africa but are looking forward now to going back to Singapore," said Mrs. Dennis. "I don't suppose my husband will meet her—he'll want to come back home as fast as he can."

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mackecknie, Bellcrest apts., were overjoyed to hear about their son, Lieut. Hugh. He was born at Portage la Prairie, went to Kelvin school and is not married.

"It's been such a long time," sighed his mother. "We've all been so anxious. Now I have so much to be thankful for—getting this news, because many mothers will not be hearing that happy word, safe. I think the last few days have been the most tense of all."

Hugh was with James Richardson and Son.

John Queen, 114 Ruby st., ex-mayor of Winnipeg, received the cable for his daughter, Gloria Queen-Hughes, saying that her husband, Lieut. Queen-Hughes, was safe. "She's in Germany now with U.N.R.R.A. I cabled her right away," he said.

Gloria was once a Tribune reporter. She organized the Women's Volunteer Corps in Winnipeg and joined the CWAC when it was organized, rising to commander of a company. She was overseas.

Her husband was a transport officer, first battalion, Grenadiers. He was with the Winnipeg Electric Co. before he joined up.

Mrs. J. E. Dunderdale, 114 Lenore st., hadn't had a letter for two years from her husband. "As for our son, Jimmie, 13, there's no holding him," she laughed.

Lieut. Dunderdale was born in Montreal, went to school there, trained as an architect and came to Winnipeg in 1921. He was with the architectural firm of Green, Blankstein & Ham before he enlisted.