

Winnipeg Greets Them Tonight



These three Manitoba members of the Winnipeg Grenadiers looked happy and healthy when they arrived Sunday morning in Vancouver after the long ride from San Francisco. Left to right, they are: Pte. J. W. Campbell, of Winnipeg, and Pte. Sheldon A. Birse, of Dauphin, both of whom arrive at the C.P.R. here at 7.45 p.m. today; and Pte. Harry Gyselman, of 849 Spruce st., who arrives at the C.P.R. at 6.45 p.m. They'll be wearing new Canadian battledress, medal ribbons, battalion flashes and service strips of the fight at Hong Kong.—(Canadian Army Photo.)

Third Son Coming Home

Mother's Faith Rewarded Today With Return of Pte. Gyselman

Today a gray-haired mother awaits the arrival home of her third son from the war.

Outwardly calm, Mrs. Jean E. Gyselman must pass slow-creeping hours until the 6.45 p.m. C.P.R. train brings her son, Pte. Harry, home from a Japanese prison camp.

Mrs. Gyselman, who lives at 849 Spruce st., has had more than the average mother's share of worry and troubles. But she has reaped a long overdue harvest of happiness and rejoicing during the past month.

A month ago Cpl. Bill, who had been overseas five years and three months, arrived home. He fought with the Highland Light Infantry, and had been wounded. Three weeks ago Telegraphist Don, who had been away with the R.C.N.V.R. for three years, came home.

Today Pte. Harry, who was taken prisoner of war at Hong Kong with the Winnipeg Grenadiers, is coming home.

Like many women who have had all their sons engaged in the fighting, Mrs. Gyselman felt she would be lucky if they all returned safe. She steeled herself with the one thought—her sons would return.

"I had to think they would all come home," she said. "Otherwise I wouldn't have been able to carry on."

For one whole period of two years she received no word from Harry. She did not complain. She kept up the spirits of her two daughters at home. Her husband died before the war.

Recently she built a new home on Spruce street, as a welcome for her sons. She started working again.

"The neighbors have been absolutely wonderful," said Mrs. Gyselman.

She has lived in her new home for a year. One neighbor came in to offer shortening and butter

coupons. The manager of the bank with which she deals phoned to offer his car to drive Harry from the station.

Sunday at 3 a.m. the telephone rang. A friend phoned from Vancouver to say she had seen Harry and that Mrs. Gyselman shouldn't worry. It was Mrs. L. Singleton, an old friend who had moved to Vancouver.

Last night Mrs. Gyselman was busy at home at the usual housewife's tasks. She was ironing Harry's shirts, filling the cookie jar for him. She didn't expect to sleep last night. She probably won't sleep tonight either.

The public relations department of the army lists two Grenadiers arriving at 6.45 p.m. C.P.R.: Pte. Harry Gyselman and Rfn. J. F. Aumont. Two more arrive at 7.45 p.m. at the same station: Pte. Sheldon A. Birse, Dauphin, and Pte. J. W. Campbell, Winnipeg.

Birse is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Birse, Dauphin. He joined the

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LIBERATED PRISONERS

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Grenadiers just before the regiment left for Hong Kong.

Sgt. Cecil Whalen, former Winnipegger, is flying home, according to word received Monday by his wife, Mrs. Florence Whalen, 37 E. 11th ave., Vancouver. Sgt. Whalen was a member of the Winnipeg Grenadiers and was with them in Hong Kong when he was captured.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wharf, 74 Imperial ave., St. Vital, has received

word from Guam that her husband, Pte. J. J. Wharf, is enroute home. Pte. Wharf said he was "feeling fine."

Mrs. C. W. Harbour, 167 Sadler ave, St. Vital, has received word from Ottawa that her son, Pte. George William Harbour, is now safe in Allied hands.

Mrs. G. Peterson, 53 Fermor ave., has received word that her son, Cpl. George Peterson is safe in Allied hands. She has not had word yet concerning her other son, a twin of George, who is a prisoner of the Japanese.

J. Barnett, 471 Jubilee ave., has received word from Guam from his brother-in-law, Pte. Jack Aubert, a member of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, that he is en route home. Pte. Aubert was captured at Hong Kong.

Mrs. W. R. Coates, Melita, received word Monday that her husband, Pte. W. R. Coates, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers is reported safe in Manila. There were only two men from Melita and district who were held prisoner in Hong Kong.

Two other Manitobans, D. M. Cameron, Rosburn, and Peter Rollick, Portage la Prairie, arrived in Vancouver at 11.15 p m. (P.D.T.) Monday.

Nine more repatriated soldiers will arrive in Vancouver Wednesday from the south Pacific at 2.15 p.m. (P.D.T.).

The men are: E. N. Bergen, St. Andrews, Jamaica; B. J. Harding, Quebec City; H. P. Marshall, Lindsay, Ont; G. A. Temple, Winnipeg; R. J. Turner, Winnipeg; Neon Pajeot, St. Boniface, Man.; H. M. Winran, Neelin, Man.; Peter Ebanow, Sturgis, Sask.; K. J. Inkster, Weeks, Sask.