

SOME EN ROUTE HOME

More Manitoba Men Freed from Japanese

Cables advising of the safety of still more members of the Winnipeg Grenadiers continue to reach the city. In most instances they tell of the liberation of the men from prison camps and report their health good.

One freed prisoner is reported in Australia. He is Pte. James Downie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Downie, 32 Victoria st., Kirkfield park, Winnipeg. Recently freed from a prisoner-of-war camp in Tokyo, he was flown to Manila and is now enroute home, via Australia.

Pte. V. T. Oke, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Oke, 433 Winterton ave., is flying home. He was held for a short time at Hong Kong after the capitulation Dec. 25, 1941, and was then removed to a prison camp at Osaka, Japan. Pte. Oke, whose wife lives at Hamilton, served with the Grenadiers in Burma and Jamaica before going to Hong Kong.

Pte. Sidney A. Vale was freed from a prison camp in Tokyo, Sept. 9, according to a cable received here. His health was reported as good. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vale, 47 Sadler ave., St. Vital, and a former Tribune carrier, he served in Jamaica before going to Hong Kong. While he was in captivity his parents received a letter and three cards from him.

Pte. James Alfred Moar, another prisoner of the Japanese, has been freed, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. J. A. Moar, Crane River, Man. He enlisted with the Grenadiers in July, 1941.

Pte. John D. Pollock was freed by Allied troops when they entered Tokyo. He is the son of Mrs. Jessie Pollock, Ste. 3, West apts., 858 Alverstone st., and the late David Pollock. The cable announcing his release followed two cards, both reporting that his health was good.

Another Grenadier reported safe and in good health is Pte. Arthur Schwartz, son of Mrs. Anne Schwartz, 304 Furby st. His wife and 4-year-old son, Gerald, live at Grosse Isle, Man. Pte. Schwartz was transferred from Hong Kong to Tokyo in 1943.

Pte. Fred Reich, previously a prisoner of the Japs, now is safe in Allied hands and his health is good, according to word received by his sister, Mrs. Lydia Osabchuk, ste. 1, Bloomfield block, 406½ Alexander ave.

Pte. Arthur Munn, 26, is another Grenadier now safe in Allied hands. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Munn, 382 Royal Oak ave., West Kildonan. After his capture he was held in a Jap prison camp at Batan.

Cpl. Joseph Rafferty, previously reported a prisoner of war at Camp 5, Tokyo, has been liberated, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. E. Rafferty, 524 Well-

wood ave., Elmwood. His condition is reported as good.

Word that Pte. Robert S. Block, member of the Grenadiers, was liberated Sept. 9, has been received by his sister, Mrs. H. S. Jacques, 220 Kilbride ave.