

2 Sets of Grenadier Brothers Safe

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Purses and Petersons Well, Says News

Two sets of brothers, all Winnipeg Grenadiers, are reported safe and well in notifications received here today.

Two brothers are Cpl. Purse and Cpl. Ross Purse, whose mother resides at Roland, Man., and Pte. Morris Andrew Peterson and Pte. George Peterson whose father, Cpl. A. F. Peterson, resides at 53 Fernor ave. St. Vital.

Ross Purse's cable was addressed to his mother, Mrs. C. Purse, at Roland, Man.

Once before the Purses were in the news, says Mrs. John Norris, president of the Hong Kong auxiliary. "Mrs. Claire Purse got a letter written by her husband before the fall of Hong Kong. It was brought to America by the United States vice-consul in the Crown colony, Walter Hoffman, who was repatriated on the Gripsholm, and passed on by him to Lt.-Col. G. F. Dudley of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, whom he met in Washington."

The letter, the American consul explained, was found with a quantity of Grenadiers' supplies. At that time there was no word as to whether Claire Purse was alive.

Mrs. Norris also had a letter from Col. Dudley concerning her husband, Capt. Norris, who was in charge of the quartermaster's stores. He and the American consul had been in the same house together. "Relations were of the pleasantest," he said.

"It wasn't much news but it was the kind of message that kept hope alive for all of us," says Mrs. Norris now.

Cpl. Donald Macpherson has wired his mother, who lives at 584 Sherbrook st., that he is coming

home soon. He was liberated Sept. 10 from Osaka.

"We formerly lived in Miniota," said a brother Alex. "Done was one of six Miniota pals who all joined up together. He's the only one to come home. The others have all been killed."

Mrs. D. H. Pollock, West apts., received a wire from her son, Pte. John Pollock, saying, "Leaving Honolulu Sept. 20."

Another Grenadier, Pte. P. Rollick, Portage la Prairie, is on his way home. He will arrive today at 7:45 p.m. at the C.P.R. He may get off the train at Portage.

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At 6:45 p.m. on the C.P.R. today Rfn. D. Wellman, Bonar Law, Ont., will be a passenger. At 7:45 p.m. on the C.N.R. Thursday Pte. D. N. Cameron, Rossburn, Man., will arrive.

Lieut.-Col. E. S. Russenholt, reserve battalion commander, received from Ottawa Tuesday night an official wire saying 50 men who had arrived at Manila were in good shape. No names were listed.

Mrs. O. C. Keenan, 12 Elm Park Rd., has had no official word about her husband, RSM. "Paddy" Keenan, but she got personal news about him Tuesday night from a Quebec Rifleman who passed through Winnipeg on his way home.

"He said Paddy was well when he left Niigata. I thought he was at Yokohama. That was something," Mrs. Keenan said gratefully.

Mrs. W. J. Tuckett, 763 Pacific ave., had a wire from Colombo from her husband, Pte. William

Tuckett, saying he was safe and well. She has a small daughter, Clare Mildred. The soldier's parents live at 692 McDermot ave.

L/Cpl. George H. Harrison, 26, is fine, his mother, Mrs. Rachel Harrison, 78 Hart ave., has heard. He was freed from Osaka. She has heard from him six times, the last in January.

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L/Cpl. Ford Martyn wired his wife, Mrs. Edith Martyn, 184 Rupertsland ave., Saturday from Guam: "Well, flying home." A second wire was received from Ottawa stating he was liberated Sept. 10. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Martyn, Jasper, Alta., formerly of 695 Nassau st.

Pte. Robert Lloyd Younger is reported safe in Allied hands, according to word received from Ottawa by his father, Mr. D. Younger, 426 Roberta ave., East Kildonan.

Mrs. M. Tugby, 255 Inglewood st., St. James, has received word from Ottawa that her son, CSM. Marcus Charles Tugby, is safe in Allied hands.

Two Portage la Prairie Grenadiers were reported safe Wednesday when Mr. and Mrs. J. Denton received word that their son, Pte. Ralph Denton, had arrived in Guam from a Japanese prison camp and Pte. Maurice Kowalchuk was also reported safe in Allied hands. His mother resides at Austin, Man. and he has a sister, Marie, in Portage.