

Grenadier Due Tonight—Not in Asia

Wife Didn't Know He Was on This Side of the Pacific

Sgt. Stella Varcoe, a stores-woman for ordnance with the C.W.A.C.'s at Fort Osborne barracks, was visibly taken aback when The Tribune told her this morning her husband was coming home tonight from Hong Kong.

Pte. S. E. Varcoe is scheduled to arrive at the C.N.R. station at 6.45 p.m. His name was given by the Grenadiers' headquarters; they had been unable to communicate with his wife.

The Tribune tried first at 305 Assiniboine ave., where Mrs. Varcoe had once lived; she was traced from place to place and from army office to army office until she was located at Fort Osborne.

The reporter called through a screened window, "Is Mrs. Varcoe here?" A young woman with black, curly hair came to the window. Told the news in brief, she got out her handkerchief and looked upset. Then she came round to the door, wearing her hat now and looking official.

"That's the first I've heard he was even on this side of the ocean. I had a wire saying, Safe and well in Allied hands. Oh, thank you for coming out!"

Before her marriage she was Stella Taylor, of Dominion City. They were married in Winnipeg. She went to Jamaica when her husband was stationed there. She joined the C.W.A.C. three years and eight months ago, just a month after the news that Hong Kong had fallen.

In a story from Mount Vernon,



PTE. S. E. VARCOE

... arrives home tonight



SGT. STELLA VARCOE

... Wife didn't know

Wash., Monday. The Tribune learned eight Grenadiers were on their way to Vancouver and home. One of them, Pte. Robert Dalzell, 733 McGee st., had already wired his family when The Tribune called to see if they knew the happy news.

"Oh, yes," smiled Mrs. Dalzell; "he must be as excited as we are. He keeps on sending letters and telegrams. And our neighbors have been so good to us—we've had nothing but company since the first word of his safety arrived."

A second Winnipeg man on his way home is CQMS R. A. Wold, 215 Centennial st. Mrs. Catherine Wold, his wife, wasn't home. Neighbors said she worked at the C.P.R. In the local freight office she was found.

"His father is a veteran of the last war—Peter Wold, and he's in Deer Lodge hospital; a brother, Sgt. E. Wold, was a prisoner in Germany, but he's home safe now.

There's another brother, Henry, in Eaton's," she said.

She had had three letters from her husband, the last in 1943.

The third Winnipegger en route is Pte. N. Zytaruk, 1200 Manahan ave., Fort Garry.

The others, now in Vancouver, are: Pte. P. Wright, MacGregor; Pte. I. Zopera, Molson; Cpl. F. Neufeld, Morris; Pte. H. L. Berry, whose next of kin is in Toronto, and Sgt. C. I. Whalen, whose next of kin is in Vancouver.

A wife from Bellingham, Wash., says Pte. James Furey wants his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Furey, Sidney, Man., to know he is all right and is fast gaining weight. A brother died in a Jap camp; another was killed in Italy.

Mrs. Baird, Dubary apt., received a letter recently from her husband, Major Kenneth Baird, written before the fall of Hong Kong.