

TEN MORE GRENADIERS RETURN TO WINNIPEG

C.Q.M.S. Breakwell Beaten Up for Striking Guard

Serving with the 43rd battalion in the First Great War, and a Japanese prisoner of war in the Second Great War, C.Q.M.S. Frank Breakwell, 46, 28 Dayton apts. has a variety of stories to tell his family.

He can tell one story of how he hit a Jap guard and was beaten up for it. He can tell another of life in a Japanese coal mine or shipyard.

Breakwell is one of ten Winnipeg Grenadiers, who were recently liberated from Japanese prison camps, that came home to their families Friday night over C.N. and C.P.R. lines.

The other nine are: Pte. R. J. Preston, Pte. L. G. Garter, Swan River; Sgtn. L. F. Dowling, who is en route to St. Catharines, Ont.; Pte. G. Clark, Carman, Man.; Pte. T. W. Dwyer, Port Arthur, Ont.; Rfd. D. A. Cawthier, Toronto; Sgt. G. J. McCarthy, Pte. George Morgan and Pte. N. C. Galbraith, all of Winnipeg.

C.Q.M.S. Breakwell has two sons, Leading Seaman Melville, 21, and Glenn, 17.

Mrs. Breakwell, his wife, said that Frank didn't change a bit. "He looks a little thinner and a little older," she said. "His morale is wonderful."

C.Q.M.S. Breakwell was the first Grenadier in the station. The first to greet him was his grandson, Ken, six months old.

Other relatives that met him were: Mrs. H. Harley, Mrs. J. Speer, Leading Seaman and Mrs. M. G. Breakwell, and his son Glenn.

His wife, Ethel, went to the coast to meet him.

Pte. George Morgan, 301 McAdam ave., was met at the station by "all the relatives that he ever heard of." Proudest of all were his two sons, Ronald, 12, and Jimmie, 11. His wife met him at Vancouver.

Also at the station was a brother, Jimmie, two sisters, Mrs. Lila Blaine, and her daughter, Bonnie, two years, and Mrs. James Ryan. There was also his brother's baby, George, seven months, who was named after the Grenadier.

Pte. Morgan didn't wait for anyone to ask questions. He took his relatives and rubbed off.

Sgt. G. J. McCarthy will be a surprise packet when he gets to his home at 845 Maryland st. No one knew that he was to come home tonight.

Before he left the station, he told a Tribune reporter that he was camp carpenter at Camp 5B, where he lost 35 pounds.

Pte. Dwyer, who was with the dental corps, was met at Vancouver by his mother and father. Col. W. W. Wright, who was recently discharged from the army, was at the C.P.R. station to meet him.

It was Col. Wright who recruited and sent Pte. Dwyer overseas. He said that Dwyer hadn't changed a bit in four years.

Pte. G. Clark, Carman, wired his mother Oct. 2 to meet him at the Vancouver station. "I was there and quick too," she said. He was at Camp Oeyama 3 where he dropped from 162 to 95 pounds.

He said that 75 percent of the

time he was in the hospital. "When I wasn't sick I was shoveling coal," he said.

Pte. Nelson C. Galbraith, 1633 Elgin ave., was met at the depot by his cousins, sisters, aunts, brothers, sisters, nephews and friends.

His mother received a letter dated Nov. 3, 1941, from Nelson, one hour before her boy came in.

Mrs. Galbraith commented that it sure took a long time to get the letter. "That's damn good service considering that it came from the Japs," retorted Nelson.

He was a foreman at Camp Ceyama 3 in the nickel mines. "It was all surface work," he said. "I have only 30 pounds to regain now. I lost 60."

He talked highly of the Americans. "They're really swell. They couldn't do enough for you," he said.

The first Canadian he saw was a pay officer at Bellingham, Wash.

"The Red Cross was also there," he said. "They gave us the lowdown on Canada."

There were also six Royal Rifles of Quebec, who stopped over in Winnipeg.

They are: Rfn. B. P. Duplasiac, Upper Mills, Charlotte county, N.B.; R.Q.M.S. N. Henderson, Maniwaki, Quebec; Rfn. P. Bujold, Crasse Point, Quebec; Rfn. William MacKinnon, Escuminac, Quebec, who referred to Camp Senda as a "hell-hole," and Rfn. Karl Innes, St. John's, Nfld.

The Winnipeg Grenadier auxiliary was at both stations welcoming the boys to Winnipeg. They were also given cigarettes, coffee and biscuits.