

# Relatives Race To Greet Repats

A tall, good looking girl was the first person to reach, kiss and hug her Grenadier brother, Pte. Emil Bertulli, 605 William ave., Monday night at the C.P.R. depot. It was like a 50-yard dash among the Bertulli family to see who would reach Emil first.

Bertulli was one of the many Winnipeg Grenadiers recently liberated from Japanese prison camps, to arrive home Monday night over C.P.R. and C.N.R. lines.

There was much confusion as to who was coming in since there was no official list. The boys supposed to come home were: Sgt. A. E. Mawson; Pte. A. E. Oakford; Pte. G. E. Williamson, suite 3 Rio apts.; Pte. M. Soroka, 816 Strathcona ave.; Pte. M. Osadchuk, suite 1 Bloomfield block; Pte. E. Bertulli; Pte. A. Wagner; Pte. A. McIntyre, Kenora, Ont.; Pte. A. Stevenson; Pte. J. A. Wineburg and Pte. W. L. Irwin, 154 Hill st., whose mother had died before he reached this continent.

The Mawson, Oakford and Wineburg families were all down at the station, but the boys were not on the train. Officials checking their lists said that Mawson stopped over in Vancouver, Oakford in Edmonton and Pte. Wineburg in Chatham, Ont.

Pte. Bertulli was stationed at the headquarter camp in Tokyo where he worked in the iron mines and shipyards. He lost 50 pounds, most of which he has now regained.

"The Americans," he said, "are swell. You couldn't beat them."

Pte. William Harding, 142 Dunraven ave., St. Vital, was met at the station by his wife and four boys. The last time his wife received a letter from her soldier husband was in March, 1945, and it was then a year old.

Pte. Gordon E. Williamson, ste. 3 Rio apts., was met at the station by "the works." There was his wife, two children, Gary, 6, and Darlene, 5, his father, two sisters, two brothers, another brother and a sister-in-law, nieces, cousins and friends.

Pte. Williamson was held in Camp Shamshapu. He lost 80 pounds while digging tunnels and helping to build the airport.

ton said that the last time he saw McIntyre was in Yokohama, Sept. 9. "I flew and Alfred went by boat," Harrington explained.

Pte. McIntyre was in Camp Sendai 1 where he worked "hundreds and hundreds of metres underground in the coal mines. I only lost 25 pounds," he said, as he strolled off with relatives and friends.

Pte. Osadchuk worked in the nickel mines at Camp Oanka. He lost 47 pounds but says that he is now overweight. He mentioned Dr. (Major) Crawford as being "a swell guy."

Pte. Mitchell Soroka was met at the depot by his wife and small son, Dennis, 5. He was a car mechanic in Tokyo. "We were treated a little better than the boys that worked in the iron, coal mines and ship yards," he said.

"I only lost 30 pounds but I'm right on or above par now." He also spoke highly of the Americans.

Three sisters, one brother-in-law, one sister-in-law and one brother were down at the station to greet Pte. Alfred McIntyre, Kenora, Ont.

Pte. Wallace Harrington, also of Kenora, who was with the Winnipeg Grenadiers and returned home last week, was there too. Harrington