

HOME AFTER HONG KONG

Married in Jamaica, City Couple Reunited

Capt. E. Butler Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Walker, 183 Yale ave., came home from Hong Kong Thursday evening and saw his son Thomas for the first time when the train pulled in at the C.P.R. station. Mrs. Walker went to Vancouver to meet her husband.

They were married while Capt. Walker was in Jamaica with his regiment early in the war. She was Mary Duquesnay. She came to Winnipeg with him. Their son was born here while Capt. Walker was in the Far East. When the baby was six weeks old he flew to Jamaica with his mother. In August he returned, a sturdy little boy, as excited as his mother about the prospect of meeting his father soon.

At the station he was wearing his first suit. He told reporters, "My name is Thomas Butler, but

my Daddy calls me Joe." He was lifted into his father's arms as soon as the train stopped.

Capt. Walker's father and mother were surprised to see how well he looked. "His skin was clear and firm and his teeth good—he had one tooth put in while he was in prison camp. We were surprised, too," added his mother this morning, "at how well informed he was about the war. He said it was because the Red Cross parcels received were well wrapped in newspapers. The underground, too, was informative."

When the news got around in the Jap prison camps that atrocity stories were spreading horror through America, Capt. Walker wondered what effect it would have on his own family. "We told him we went through terrible experiences thinking of him," his mother said today.

In Shamshupoo prison, where he was quartered, non-commissioned officers had to work digging tunnels and building an airport. Officers were not required to work, said Capt. Walker, but they took over camp duties to relieve the men when they came in tired from their day's work. They also worked in the gardens.

Besides his parents he was met by his sister, Mrs. George H. Ryan, whose husband, Dr. Ryan, is at the Pacific coast locating a new home for them. Capt. Walker, his wife and son are at the St. Regis hotel till they can find a house or apartment. Before the war he was a salesman with the T. H. Estabrooks Co. He was a member of the Fort Garry Horse Cadets and the Grenadiers non-permanent unit.