

## Grenadier Stole Food from Jap Railway Depot

Imprisoned in a Tokyo suburb, Pte. Herbert Fortune, Toronto, a Winnipeg Grenadier, on arrival here Thursday night at the C.P.R. depot with a small party of repats, told how he and his pals stole food from a railway depot near the camp for six months without being discovered. In spite of this addition to his "ration" from the Japs, Pte. Fortune lost 50 pounds in weight during his imprisonment.

"When war broke out," Pte. Fortune said, "I happened to be passing through Winnipeg so I joined the Grenadiers. And its a swell outfit, you can't beat it."

He is staying in Winnipeg till Sunday night with George Peterson, St. Vital, recently repatriated from Hong Kong.

Others who arrived on the same train were Pte. C. Marquis, 390 McDermot ave.; Pte. Joseph McLeod, 288 Langside st.; Pte. Reginald Leach, who stopped over on his way home to Dryden, Ont., and Major K. G. Baird, ste. 1 Debary apts.

Mrs. Baird and her daughter couldnt wait for the major to be brought into the waiting room. As soon as the train pulled in they rushed up to the platform and looked in every window of every coach.

Then all of a sudden, as though from a distance, "He—110." Their was a mad dash and both Mrs. Baird and daughter were in Major Baird's arms.

"I was in Camp Shamshapoo, the dirtiest camp of the Japanese prison camps," Pte. McLeod said.

"When I wasn't in the hospital with beriberi or malaria I was digging tunnels, loading gas or helping to build the airport."

He lost 50 pounds but says that he is in A1 condition. At the station to meet him were his mother, father, two sisters and two brothers.

"When I was taken prisoner I was put in the camp kitchen. I couldn't cook, but boy did I ever learn fast," Pte. Leach told the family group beside him.

He was in Camp 3D a few miles out of Yokohama. "The Japs went out for food and we cooked it. We ate everything, and I cooked almost everything, rice, greens, tops of vegetables and even carrot tops."

Pte. Marquis, who is staying at his home at 390 McDermot ave., is going to Marchand, Man., for a rest. He is going with his sister, Mrs. Pete Bartlett.

There were also 10 Royal Rifles of Canada who stopped off in Winnipeg en route home.