

JAPS BEAT GRENADIER WHO ASKED MEDICAL AID

Because he needed medical attention for a broken toe, Pte. Edmond Hobson, 381 Lipton st., a Winnipeg Grenadier, was beaten and sent back to the iron mines.

Pte. Hobson was one of four Grenadiers to come home Thursday night over C.P.R. lines.

The others are: L-Cpl. George Hallada, Port Arthur; Pte. Belcourt, St. Eustache, and Pte. E. Weibe, Fort Garry.

"I was in Camp Kowasaki working in the iron mines," he said, "when somehow or other I broke my toe. I asked one of the guards if I could get medical assistance.

"The Jap guard slugged me, and refused to give me any assistance. So I slugged him back. I was in pretty bad shape then but I still had to go back to the mine."

He was met at the station by his father, three sisters, two brother-in-laws, three aunts and six cousins.

"Ninety percent of the liberated Grenadiers want all the Japs in Canada to be shipped back to Japan as soon as possible." L-Cpl. George Hallada, Port Arthur, told reporters.

Pte. Belcourt, who lost 20 pounds, was working in the Nagasaki district coal mines. He has most of his weight back now.