

31 WOUNDED GRENADIERS REACH CITY

The largest hospital train group of Winnipeg Grenadiers arrived home Monday night over C.P.R. lines. There were 25 stretcher cases and six walking wounded.

The train, due in at 6.45 p.m., was an hour late. By 7 p.m. the rotunda and waiting room was packed with mothers, fathers, wives, sweethearts, relatives and friends.

Some of the wounded were: Pte. Frederick Herity, 493 Maryland st.; Pte. Arthur Corbeil, 612½ St. Jean Baptiste, St. Boniface; Pte. George Harbour, 167 Sadler ave., St. Vital; Pte. W. J. Dube, Wynyard, Sask.; Pte. Albert Fleming, 396 Selkirk ave.; L/Cpl. A. L. Burch, Selkirk, Man.

Pte. Maurice Durrant, 832 Ellice ave.; Pte. Stanley Van Koughnett, 4 Willowbank, Brooklands; Pte. John St. Onge, 207 Dollard blvd., St. Boniface; Pte. Alexander Fortin, Clarkleigh, Man.; Pte. Duncan Benton, 733 Alverstone ave.; Sgt. Charles Watson, 274 Selkirk ave.; Pte. Jaenke.

Pte. Van Koughnett was imprisoned in Hong Kong. He told reporters from his stretcher that he went blind for seven months, and while recuperating he caught tuberculosis and pleurisy.

Van Koughnett was one of the first stretcher cases brought into the station Monday night.

As soon as he was put down he proceeded to get up. But it was no dice. One of the officials caught him in the act.

Pte. Juenke was also imprisoned in Hong Kong. "I was in the hospital practically all the time," he said. "What's wrong with me? This," and he pointed to the stub of his right leg.

Cpl. Burch was held at a Japanese camp in China and was later transferred to Oeyama.

Pte. Herity was held at Shamshupio, where the men dug tunnels and helped to build the airport.

He had his right leg amputated on Jan. 12, 1942, and was unable to do any work. He was in a British military hospital and a Roman Catholic convent turned into a hospital.

"I was behind the Jap lines for ten days before I was found," he said.

Pte. Benton had an extra big surprise from his aunt, Mrs. John Burns, who flew from New York to see him. His mother was there, too, but his father died while he was imprisoned in the Japanese camp.

The stretcher cases were sent to Deer Lodge hospital for rest and treatment. Mothers, fathers, wives and children were the only people permitted to see their boys. Others were not allowed in the waiting room.