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Treatment by Chinese Not Too Good, First Released Canadian PoW Asserts

By BILL BOSS

MUNSAN (CP) — Cpl. Joseph Pelletier of Chatham, Ont., first Canadian prisoner released in the post-armistice exchange, said Wednesday he killed four Chinese before he was captured May 2.

Grinning broadly, the Canadian was in the second truck reaching Panmunjom. He had been listed as missing and believed a prisoner.

Recovered from burp gun and grenade wounds in both legs, Pelletier told interviewers he was in C Company of the Royal Canadian Regiment's 3rd Battalion the night of May 2 when a Chinese barrage hit his position. He was alone in the trench as his two Canadian comrades were on patrol.

"Hundreds of Chinese came over our position, at least they seemed to be hundreds," said Pelletier. "I know I killed four who came into my trench."

BANDAGED WOUNDS

"Then three Chinese grabbed me and took me down the forward slope into the valley. There were nine other Canadians there. They bandaged my wounds. Then we had to walk through their positions into the area behind. We spent the night there."

"Next day they took me on a stretcher to a camp about 35 miles behind the lines. I stayed there until May 26 but it was May 12 before they changed the dressings on my legs."

Previously, Pelletier told officers his treatment by the Chinese was "not too good."

Pelletier said that he was

taken to a camp near the Yalu River in northernmost Korea on May 26 "but on June 12 they took me to a hospital outside the camp where a Chinese doctor operated on my legs, removing shell fragments."

"The treatment there was ok. I was there until Aug. 1 when I was started south—I was there when the armistice was signed. They announced it over the hospital squawkbox but the fellows took it quietly. That night we got extra rations, including chicken, to celebrate."

"Before we left, the Chinese wanted us to have a party. They put out tables for us and gave us extra food and six beers, and two bottles of wine for every eight men as well as 10 packages of 20 cigarettes to last up for the journey."

RESCUES TIE

Pelletier sported his regimental tie when he emerged

from the Communist truck in Communist prison garb. When he appeared for the interview in a Canadian uniform he still had it.

"The Chinese took it from me once," he said. "But I found it was in the camp commandant's office. So I went in for some books and stole it back."

Major L. H. Edwards of Three Hills, Alta., an army doctor who examined Pelletier here, said he had superficial wounds in the right arm and right thigh, both perfectly healed. He said the returned prisoner's general condition is good.

MEALS ADEQUATE

The 26-year-old soldier, released almost exactly three months after he was taken prisoner, said the meals his captors provided were adequate. They consisted mainly of potatoes and rice but were well cooked by three U.S. army prisoners who had been cooks.

A taxi driver for five years in Chatham before enlisting, Cpl. Pelletier said today he intends to remain in the army.

From Munsan Pelletier will go to Britannia camp for a complete medical check, documentation and re-outfitting. The Munsan formalities simply were to make sure he was fit to travel and be interviewed.

Picturesque Welcome Awaits Queen Elizabeth

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Reuters) — When the Queen visits the Crown colony of Fiji and the protected state of Tonga during her forthcoming Commonwealth tour she will be the first reigning British sovereign to set foot upon that tropical and semi-tropical empire of island set in the vast sweep of the blue Pacific ocean.

Details of the festivities taking place during the Royal visit have not yet been announced but the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh can be assured of the warmest and most picturesque of welcomes from these Pacific islanders.

The Fijians are noted for their melodious singing, their artistic performances in the traditional Meke dance, and their age-old Kava drinking ceremony which is a colorful feature of all important functions.

At the installation of a new governor, Fijian chiefs always pledge their loyalty and allegiance to the crown at a ceremonial Kava drinking, and the Queen and the Duke may well take part in the custom.

The Fiji islands, lying at the crossroads of the South Pacific, are mountainous and of volcanic origin. The peaks rise abruptly from the shore to higher than 4,000 feet.

Palm trees abound in the main parts of the Fiji group which comprises 320 islands of varying sizes, ranging from the great island of Viti Levu, where Suva lies, covering 4,011 square miles, to mere rocks a few yards in circumference.

About 105 of the islands are inhabited.

Much of Fiji's early history is soaked in the strife of tribal wars and bloodshed, but with the spread of Christianity the "ferocious and dangerous, habitual and determined cannibals" as one writer referred to the Fijians less than a century ago were subdued, and their energies bent to the more peaceful pursuits.

MANCHESTER, England (CP) — Ben Leech, long-time reporter for the Manchester Guardian died in his 80th year. Leech started newspaper work 65 year ago with a free-lance agency working 12 hours a day.

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