

Only good luck saved the life of Sgt. Kennedy Spence during a bombing raid on London, and resulted in his being able to greet his wife and three children upon his arrival home, here Saturday. The 40-year-old soldier was standing in the lobby of a London theatre when it was struck directly with a bomb. Partly stunned with the concussion he started running across when a Milk Bar to which he was going was also struck by a bomb.

Laying on the tram car tracks halfway between each building Sgt. Spence escaped injuries but hundreds of people within a hundred yards of each side of him were killed and maimed. "The screams of the women and children were terrible," Spence states, "and my own nerves received a shock from which I never recovered and resulted in my being invalided home to Canada.

Sgt. Spence worked for Purity Bakeries and in the locomotive shop of the CNR at Lindsay before enlisting with the 56th Field Battery in April, 1942. He received basic training at Peterborough and advance training at Petawawa, going overseas in August, 1943. "I enlisted because I thought it was my duty to do my own fighting for my wife and children," he said, "and I can honestly say that it is pretty difficult for anyone around 40 years of age to stand up to the shocks of the present method of warfare."

Like Veterans

"It is a battle between young men and I was amazed to see young chaps of 18 and 20 years bearing themselves like veterans and acting as if they did not have a nerve in their bodies. I was sorry to be invalided home for when you get so far with the prospects of being in at the finish you would like to see it through."

Commenting upon the attitude of British civilians towards colonial soldiers, Sgt. Spence especially praised the people of Scotland. "They could not possibly be more gracious or hospitable," he said. "They would stop you on the

street and ask if you had a place to stay for your leave although they were severely rationed they were only too willing to divide with spoke to said they received the same treatment and a trip to Scotland was considered the best leave possible.

“English people were also very good to us, he said “but they have so many troubles and sorrows of their own and see so many soldiers that they cannot look after them all There are great armies of Americans in England now and while they are regarded as fine fellows they are mainly distinguished for their wealth. The poorly paid English boy regards with envy the American displaying large wads of pound notes. Everyone is waiting for the invasion and it is the general feeling that it won't be long. There is no doubt in the people's minds as to the outcome of the war now but they would like to get it over as soon as possible.”

TWO BOMBS BARELY MISS

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