

Families Here Get Hong Kong March Mail

Mail from Hong Kong and Japan arrived today, but it was not a large mail and the letters and postcards were written back in February and March of this year.

Relatives of the Winnipeg Grenadiers awaiting release at Hong Kong, however, are looking forward to later word soon. It was reported today that Mrs. John H. Price, of Montreal, had received a cable, dated Aug. 30, from her husband, colonel of the Royal Rifles of Quebec, a prisoner at Hong Kong.

Tone of several of the letters received here today was considerably more cheerful than earlier ones.

"Time's passing swiftly now," wrote L.-Cpl. Angus McRitchie to his mother, Mrs. D. McRitchie, 950 Ingersoll st. "The news must have been good even then—in February—to make him write that," commented his mother.

"He has been getting our mail, too, because he knew that his brother was married and had a baby son. He asked for snapshots of the family."

Mrs. D. H. Pollock, West apts.,

Alverston st., says she is "very excited" over the letter from her son, John, in Tokyo. "He writes 'Dear Parents,' but actually there is only me. He doesn't know that his Dad, a veteran of the last war, died two years ago. I thought he had enough to put up with without hearing that. . . . When the boys come home, I hope Winnipeg declares it a public holiday. I know my girls will be too excited to work."

Mrs. Pollock said she was saddened to hear that Americans already freed were suffering from

malnutrition. "One day we're buoyed up and the next cast down."

Mrs. Flora Folster, 36 Barrington ave., St. Vital, said her daughter got a card from a friend at Hong Kong. Her two sons were reported lost in the fighting.

Thomas Downie, 32 Victoria ave., got a card from his son written March 15, "which is the quickest any message has ever come. He said he was well and wanted some snaps of us."