

# Hong Kong Men Wire "Safe and Well"

## 2 Messages Received Over Weekend

Two telegrams from Grenadiers reporting themselves safe and well in Allied hands were received in Winnipeg over the weekend.

Major John Crawford, medical officer with the Grenadiers, cabled his wife, 250 Elm st., and Pte. Jack Goodey wired his parents, 523 Walker ave. Both reported they were well.

Mrs. Crawford said her cable was slightly wrong but it gave her great hope. It was addressed to J. N. Crawford, 203 Oak st., and was signed J. Crawford. "Jack doesn't sign himself that way, but I'm going to believe it was from him, if not actually worded by him. The message was simply: Safe and well."

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Goodey moved from Winnipeg four years ago to Vancouver, but they are at present visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins, 524 Walker.

"The telegram was sent to them at the Coast, of course, but my brother-in-law, E. Crockett, wired me at the C.N.R. telegraphs here, where I work, to tell me about it. I was so happy I wanted to get home right away but I couldn't make it for a couple of hours," Mr. Watkins told The Tribune Sunday night.

The message was: "Safe in Allied hands. Hope to be home soon. Writing. Address letters and telegrams to Liberated Prisoners of War in care of Australian Army Base, Melbourne. All my love, dearest. Love to all the family, Jack Goodey, NR, POW, 453."

"Dearest" was always Jack's way of naming his mother. The family thought the last letters meant "newly released prisoner of war," and his number. Using that, they sent a cable to him Sunday morning.

Last March a radio broadcast from Japan, picked up in Vancouver and the American west coast, contained news of Jack Goodey, saying he was well.

"Thirty-eight different people wrote to me," smiled Mrs. Goodey, "and I answered them all myself. People have been wonderful over this. The record was also sent to us."

Mr. Goodey, an old Imperial army man who still has wax-like ends to his trim moustache, said Jack was his youngest son. He enlisted six years ago this month and went to Jamaica. His older brother, back from overseas, is now at Chilliwack; three grandsons and two sons-in-law also served.

Mrs. John Norris, 168 Arlington st., president of the Hong Kong auxiliary, thought the two telegrams might have originated from different sources, since one was long and personal, the other brief and official.

"It's roused everybody's hopes; we're all waiting happily now," she added. Her husband is a captain with the Grenadiers.