

# First 12 Grenadiers Safe in Allied Hands

## Families Here Overjoyed

OTTAWA, Sept. 4.—(CPI)—Defense headquarters Monday night released a list of 26 non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian force captured by the Japanese at the fall of Hong Kong on Christmas Day, 1941, who, according to official information, "are now safe in Allied hands."

Twelve of these men are Winnipeg Grenadiers:

Bamending, Sgt. Charles Robert; wife at Wyman's Beach Duplaga, Pte. Stanley; wife in East Kildonan.

Grigg, Pte. Peter; mother at Lt. A. Fort Garry. Harding, Pte. Frank; father, 21 Lyon st., West Hill station.

Lynch, Pte. Paul; mother at Charlisle, Man.

Mackintosh, Pte. John; mother at Rosedale, Man.

Moyle, Pte. George; wife (Miss) at 11 Warkleigh ave.

Munster, Pte. John; mother at Glenside, Man.

Olsen, Pte. Stanley; Gustaf Carl, no address.

Stephens, Pte. John; wife at 2 King George street.

Stewart, Pte. Guy; father, wife at Bragg Creek, Alta.

Vennola, Pte. Stephen; father at Nelson, Man.

Mr. G. C. Meagher, 11 Parkville ave., 2000 ave., got over her excitement of receiving official word Monday night that her husband, Pte. Stephen Cyril (Tim) Meagher, was safe and went to work this morning as usual.

"I'll stay home and celebrate when Tim comes home," she told her mother, Mrs. M. L. Hill, who stayed home to take care of little Judy Meagher, five.

Tim, as his friends all know him, was born in Russell, and brought up there and in Winnipeg.

"We sent him letters but apparently he never got any; we sent, not the shape, from the message we received from him," said Mrs. Hill, picking up a photo of him.

"This happy notice of his was taken in Jamaica, where he served with the Grenadiers," Mrs. Meagher said. July was there, too, the mother is at South River.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harding, 21 Lyon st., West Hill station, said she has heard from Pte. Frank Arnold Harding in December.

"We asked for a parcel and all sorts of things—not knowing we couldn't send them. We did get one parcel, in the spring of '44, that we sent when we first got the news that Hong Kong had fallen.

"He joined up with the 24th when he was just 16. When the Grenadiers came back from Somalia and were preparing to go to Hong Kong, he transferred to that regiment, answering the call that went out for 200 volunteers. He had his 10th birthday on the boat crossing the Pacific. . . . We're so glad he's alive and well. We got the news Monday night when we had just

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PTE. FRANK A. HARDING



PTE. JOHN STEPHENS



PTE. STANLEY OLSEN



PTE. PETER M. GRIGG



PTE. GERHARD C. MEAGHER



PTE. CHARLES BAMENDING



PTE. GUY D. STEWART

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come in from a holiday at Ingolf, Ont.," said his mother.

Mrs. John Stephens, 2 King George crt., Cockburn st., said her husband, Pte. John Stephens, was in the Grenadiers before war broke out. He went to Jamaica. Since he was taken prisoner she has heard intermittently from him. She has one little son who will be six in November. "We hope his daddy will be home for his birthday."

Mrs. Stephens lives with her mother, Mrs. E. Ouelette. Her brother, Alfred, was also in the Grenadiers and was killed in December during the defense of the fortress.

Mrs. Guy Jackson Stewart is living at Bragg Creek, Alta., said her pretty young sister-in-law, Mrs. G. Clarke, 506 Ingersoll st. "The telegram that her husband, Pte. Guy Stewart, was safe came here last night and we've sent it on. She's been out there with her little girl, who is five-and-a-half, for the past 18 months. The people are friends of ours.

"Guy was born in Pilot Mound. He must have got very few, if any, letters from us from the messages that have come from him."

Mrs. Stanley Duplaga and her nine-year-old daughter, who formerly lived at 690 Redwood ave., have moved away. "The telegram that her husband, Pte. Duplaga, was safe came here last night, but I couldn't tell the boy where to deliver it. She's my sister-in-law, but I don't know where she moved to, except that it was in East Kildonan. She wouldn't tell us," said a young woman at No. 690. "I never met her husband," she added.

Mrs. C. G. Bamendine, who formerly lived at 296 Burrin ave., has moved to Winnipeg Beach, said a neighbor. "I'm so glad to hear Sgt. Bemindine is safe. They have two children, a little boy and a little girl, and Mrs. Bamendine lives now with her father."