

Grenadiers Happy With Messages; Keen to be Home

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GUAM, Sept. 29—"All well here."

When I delivered a message from his mother, Mrs. May Mathews, to Pte. Clifford Mathews, of Winnipeg, in a naval hospital at Guam, Friday, the soldier smiled happily.

"Tell the folks at home I'm feeling swell and will be home soon. Tell them I'm looking forward to that welcome."

There was keen anticipation in the hospital where the Canadians are billeted, when I produced a sheaf of messages. News from home has been scarce for the past four years and they were anxiously seeking latest news from their families.

It was difficult to tell them

that because of shortage of time before leaving Canada I could get only a few greetings to carry from families to the men of Hong Kong.

RSM. Oscar Charles Keenan, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, grinned when he noted that his message was signed by Mrs. Maude Keenan who was listed as his mother.

"That's my wife," he said. "Wait till I tell her that she's my mother now."

"Hope you are well," read a message to the Regimental Sergeant Major.

Well, Mrs. Keenan, he says he's feeling well and he certainly looks well. Along with the rest of the boys here he keeps wondering how soon he will be back to Canada.