

"I'LL NEVER SAY GOODBYE AGAIN"

Grenadier Song Writer Returns to Canada

Pte. Elmer McKnight, the Winnipeg Grenadier who wrote the words and music to I'll Never Say Goodbye Again, has arrived in Canada, where his song was given wide publication.

He wrote the love song while suffering the misery and loneliness



McKnight

of a Japanese prison camp and the hardships of working in enemy coal mines. He was brought to Vancouver Military hospital Tuesday.

"I spoke to Elmer on the phone last night and he said he should be home in a couple of days," his mother, Mrs. G. W. McKnight, 785 Valour road today told The Tribune.

Reports had it that Elmer has a "little fortune in royalties to come home to."

"I doubt whether it would supply him with winter under-

wear," commented Mrs. McKnight.

This is the chorus of the song:
At the end of each day in my
dreams I drift away,
To the harbor where my
dreams will all come true,
And when the clouds roll by
again,
With rainbows in the sky
again,
I'll never say goodbye again
to you.

The song had its debut when Elmer and his twin brother, Gerald, and a third brother, Melville, organized a prison orchestra. One day when the Japanese were feeling particularly benevolent, the orchestra was given a chance to broadcast short wave from the Yokohama station.

The song went out over the air waves and the CBC's short wave receiving station at Ottawa recorded it.

Federal authorities copyrighted the song in Elmer's name. Later, Gordon V. Thompson, Toronto music publisher, added a stanza to the song and published it, again in Elmer's name.

Elmer has composed a new song which has not yet been published. It is a realization of his title.

It's called: "I'm Dreaming Of Home."