

Canadian Captives To Get Supplies

MANILA, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Allied planes on a mercy mission will shower supplies Saturday on Japan's detention camps, where an estimated 32,000 Allied prisoners of war—1,000 of them Canadian—are held.

Tokyo messaged General MacArthur that Japanese Red Cross workers and aides from the Swiss and Swedish legations would leave today for seven major camps to help move internees to designated embarkation ports.

Keystone of the program of evacuation is speed. Shortly after the surrender is signed Aug. 31, ships and planes will begin carrying the evacuees to the Philippines.

In the first wave of the occupation forces will be 100 American Red Cross workers and medical teams to attend those suffering from long confinement and malnutrition.

The Red Cross reported recently

that all internees throughout the Orient were underfed but in general the conditions in Japan were better than those in most areas.

The care of British Empire nationals, the most numerous among the prisoners, will be in charge of the Australian Red Cross and representatives of the Australian Comfort fund.

The initial care of Canadians who eventually will come to the 5th American Replacement depot, near Manila, will be in the hands of the Australian section at general headquarters.

Canadian groups are en route from Canada to relieve the Australians.