

To Tell Story Of Hong Kong

Gordon Root, military reporter of The Vancouver Province, will accompany the Canadian military mission, charged with conducting liberation of Canadian prisoners of war in the Far East, as representative of The Tribune and associated Southam newspapers, it was announced today by John Bird, vice-chairman, Southam News Services.

Included in the party are 16 Canadian military officials, three civilian experts from the department of external affairs, three Canadian newsmen and a public relations officer.

Mr. Root, 35, was born in Vancouver, graduated from the University of British Columbia and entered journalism as police reporter for the Vancouver Province. He became political correspondent and covered several sessions of the British Columbi Legislature at Victoria. After war broke out he became military reporter and covered the Pacific command of the Canadian army.

Mr. Root applied for accreditation as a war correspondent in order to cover the Canadian Kiska expedition, but the story folded before special correspondents could get there. Now he hopes to fulfil his ambition to get to the Far Eastern theatre, though not in time for the fighting, then in time for the great story of liberation of Canadian prisoners of war captured at Hong Kong.

Mr. Root's dispatches will appear exclusively in The Tribune and the Southam newspapers of Canada which include the Vancouver Province, Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, Hamilton Spectator and Ottawa Citizen.