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669 CANADIANS FREED

102 MANITOBANS REPORTED SAFE

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MANILA, Sept. 8. — More than 600 of approximately 1,500 Canadian prisoners of war thought to be in Japanese hands have been recovered and are due to reach Manila within a few days. Names of 102 Manitobans in the list have been released.

Some 300 have been freed in Japan and are now on their way here. The total recovered at Shamshupo camp in Kowloon, near Hong Kong, was 369, of whom 30 have arrived in Manila aboard the hospital ship Oxfordshire.

Those seriously ill among the men freed in Japan will spend a few weeks in the Marianas islands before being brought to Manila because the climate there is more favorable to convalescence.

With 300 recovered from camps in Japan proper, about 800 are still to be located as the area of occupation is extended. The Canadian force at Hong Kong originally numbered 1,972 men and two nursing sisters, since repatriated.

Twenty-six Canadians, members of the Royal Rifles and the Winnipeg Grenadiers, were among 230 prisoners to arrive in Yokohama Friday from the Niagto prison camp. They are being sent to Manila from where they will be returned to Canada as soon as possible.

Among Western Canadians freed in the Hong Kong area:

Manitoba:

Lieuts. R. W. Queen-Hughes, H. E. MacKechnie, F. B. Dennis, J. E. Dunderdale, J. E. Park, R. A. B.

Campbell, all of Winnipeg; Maj. E. Hodkinson, J. E. Ballie, K. G. Baird, all of Winnipeg; L-Sgt. G. Everett, Beulah; Pte. J. Atean, Beaconia; Ptes. H. C. Atkinson, D. Baxter, P. W. Beckstead, Winnipeg; K. H. Campbell, Steep Rock; L. J. Casper, Neepawa; W. Kyrniski, Winnipeg; W. M. Mayne, Pilot Mound.

Ptes. O. J. Runnells, Winnipeg; A. R. Whitman, Ridgeville; Pte. R. G. Utech, Winnipegosis; R. H. Smithson, Eden; K. M. Stewart, Pilot Mound; Sgt. R. J. Routledge, Forrest; Pte. D. A. Benton, Winnipeg; A. J. Corbell, St. Boniface; E. W. Garbutt, Brandon; F. W. Herity, Winnipeg; J. E. James, Lac du Bonnet; R. Kuenke, Beausejour; E. J. Morrisseau, Pine Falls; I. Sanderson, West Selkirk.

Ptes. W. Siwik, Winnipeg; J. St. Onge, St. Boniface; S. Van Koughnett, Brookland; P. M. Williams, Winnipeg; Maj. J. N. B. Crawford, Winnipeg; Capt. J. A. Norris, R. W. Phillip, E. B. Walker, N. O. Bardal, D. G. Phillip, A. W. Prendergast, D. A. Golden, all of Winnipeg; Lieut. R. Maze, Transcona; C.Q.M.S. A. E. Seymour, Eriksdale; C.Q.M.S. A. H. McKinnon, Winnipeg; Sgt. R. A. Kerr, J. Kittkoski, R. W. Maybury, K. B. McCulley, J. W. Roberts, all of Winnipeg.

L-Sgt. A. E. Budd, Minnedosa; Cpls. R. A. Currie, D. L. Fisher, D. A. Jeffrey, D. J. Morrow, C. J. S. McArthur, W. H. Shieldow, all of Winnipeg; L-Sgt. A. McCorrister, Portage la Prairie; L-Cpl. S. W. Fox, L-Cpl. P. M. Moysey, Holland; Pte. H. Bourbonniere, Lorette; Pte. J. A. Boyer, St. Laurent; Pte. W. Chaboyer, St. Laurent; Ptes. A. Broadfoot, Fisherton; P. Campbell, Oak River; G. L. Chipping, Russell.

Ptes. A. Clements, J. R. Cooper, C. M. Corbett, D. A. Davidson, T. J. Dewar, F. A. Drier, J. A. Krog, A. G. Fleming, A. Fontaine, J. K. Fowler, C. R. Grieves, W. Harding, A. J. Hinkel, K. Hogarth, J. Hoo-sha, G. A. Humphrey, C. L. Johnston, B. Kohut, C. L. Matthews, R. H. McFee, J. McLeod, W. W. Muir, G. Plant, W. Rogers, C. W. J. Rutherford, W. J. Sarginson, A. Skininski, E. G. Smith, F. Smith, W. J. C. Smith, W. Thompson, all of Winnipeg.

Pte. William P. Derhak was reported safe in Allied hands, with no further word available, his wife, Mrs. Pearl M. Derhak, 208 Berry st., told The Tribune this morning. She received a telegram Friday night. She last heard from him a week ago, when she received a post card dated Nov. 21, 1944. "He sounded cheerful," Mrs. Derhak said. She has heard regularly from him since the fall of Hong Kong, "about every six months."

Pte. Derhak enlisted in Sept., 1939, and served in Jamaica with the Grenadiers.

Besides his wife, he has two brothers serving in the armed forces: Eddie in the navy, on the East coast, and Cpl. Pete, in army service at Fort Osborne barracks.

An unconfirmed report states that Pte. Omar James Runnells, 24, is safe in Allied hands. His mother, Mrs. Pauline Runnells, 303 Atlantic ave., received information this morning from Ottawa.

Pte. Runnells enlisted in September, 1939, with the Grenadiers and served 16 months in Jamaica before proceeding to Hong Kong, where he became prisoner. He has two sisters, Mrs. F. Munz, 730 Jefferson ave., and Shirley Runnells, 303 Atlantic ave.

Mrs. George Trist, 266 Queenston st., said a wire from Ottawa

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