

# 300 Canadians Quit Hong Kong

## May Be Home in Five Weeks After Stay in Manila

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HONG KONG, Sept. 11—(CP).—More than 300 Canadian prisoners of war sailed from Kowloon, near Hong Kong, aboard the Empress of Australia, Monday, on the first leg of the long voyage home.

Escorted by the Canadian anti-aircraft cruiser Prince Robert, the huge transport was scheduled to lie off Camp Stanley today in order to take aboard several hundred civilian internees and thence pro-

ceed to Manila where all intended repatriates will be placed in receiving centres for classification prior to boarding other ships bound for their respective countries.

It is expected that all the Canadians will return to Canada together and within five weeks they should be with their families.

There were no signs of regret when the order came through Sunday to quit the dread Samshuiipo camp where men of the Winnipeg

Grenadiers and the Royal Rifles of Canada have languished during the greater part of their imprisonment since the fall of Hong Kong, 44 months ago.

With Col. W. J. Home, of Quebec City, in command of the brigade remnants, and Lt.-Cols. Jack Price of Quebec City and George Trist of Winnipeg leading their respective regiments, they fell in and received a mighty cheer from the men of other Allied countries who had shared the ordeal with them under the Japanese and now were waiting their turn to go aboard.

Upon reaching the ship, 80 Canadians were ordered into sick bay for treatment.

Quarters are crowded due to the fact that the Empress is carrying more than 4,000 repatriates, but the food is "very good," the Canadians said. They are most happy at the thought of going home.

The Empress is expected to arrive in Manila late Thursday. Yesterday Canadian officers visited the Prince Robert to extend their thanks to Capt. Wallace Creery, of Vancouver, and his men for the treatment accorded them aboard the cruiser since their liberation nine days ago.

The men thought at first the Prince Robert was going to take them home since she had brought some of them there on the ill-fated expedition, but due to the fact that the ship now is an anti-aircraft cruiser, it is impossible from an accommodation standpoint.

Today at Samshuiipo, about which Canadians will retain grim memories, destiny was working out its own vengeance as plans were being formulated to incarcerate within the wire entanglements thousands of Japanese, many of whom had inflicted brutalities on Allied prisoners. Many of them are camp guards or bosses of the working parties. They were rounded up after the Japanese capitulation and now are about to receive a dose of their own medicine.