CAÑADIAN DRAFT LEAVES MANILA

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MANILA, Sept. 18.—A reduced draft of 25 Canadian officers and 80 other ranks, members of the Hong Kong garrison who were liberated after nearly four years in Japanese hands, moved out of a reception depot here today to board a ship for their homeward trip, possibly via San Francisco.

Earlier, it was reported some 300 would leave on the ship.

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Meantime, 100 other prisoners
were warned to stand by for air
passage home.

The prisoners, most of them wearing United States uniforms, some draped in waterproof ponchos, boarded trucks at the depot which took them some 18 miles to Manila docks where they were due to board the American ship Admiral Rodman.

All were in high spirits over their good fortune although the rainy day meant postponement of the departure of those due to fly home.

Their morale was boosted when they received their first Canadian army pay since they fell into Japanese hands. The officers each received \$200 in United States currency, the other ranks each received \$100.

A long line of prisoners formed outside the orderly room at the Canadian section of the reception depot here where the liberated men, brought from camps in Japan and in the Hong Kong area, are being housed. The names were called and the Canadians stepped up cheerfully to receive crisp notes which Staff Sergeant Harry McNaughton of Winnipeg, the poet of Sanshuipo camp at Kowloon, called "real money."

While the majority of the Canadians at the reception depot here are quickly gaining strength and pounds on the hearty meals they now are eating, a few have suffered relapses from the excitement of liberation and have been admitted to hospital for a rest.

OTTAWA. Sept. 18.—(CP).— Defense headquarters issued late Monday its sixth official list, containing 145 names, of members of the Hong Kong force now reported liberated from Japanese prison camps.

Today another list of 17 names was issued, bringing to 636 the [Continued on Page 2, No. 2]

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