

# HONG KONG MEN MAY ALL BE HOME IN MONTH

MONTREAL, Sept. 26—(CP).—Col. R. S. Malone, head of the army public relations branch, said in an interview Tuesday night that the hospital ship SS. Letitia now is en route to the Far East to repatriate Canadian liberated prisoners of war, and "I would say that the great majority of our men will be back in Canada within a matter of weeks, perhaps in only a month."

Col. Malone, who recently returned from Japan, said that the Canadian and United States governments were pooling their hospital ship facilities in order to expedite return of liberated prisoners of war ready to come home. Any Canadians ready to embark on an American ship that was not filled would be placed aboard for return to Canada.

Everything possible, he said, was being done to speed the return of the men "who battled so gallantly at Hong Kong." But medical attention had to be considered and in many cases a long period of hospitalization would be necessary before the men would be fit to travel.