

# Planned Guerilla War

## Hong Kong Prisoners in Japan Were Ready for Allied Invasion

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MANILA, Oct. 6.—A fantastic plan of 180 Canadian prisoners in Japan to aid the Allied invasion of Nipponese home islands by breaking out of camp and launching guerilla warfare failed to materialize only because the enemy surrendered before an invasion was launched.

C.S.M. F. B. Cauldwell, of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, one of the leaders in the sabotage plan, was out looking over the Philippine countryside when I visited the repatriation camp near Manila today, but other men from the camp explained details of the scheme.

For months the men had been completing arrangements for the breakout that was to coincide with invasion. From a coal mine near Nagasaki, where they were working, the prisoners had filched sticks of dynamite until they had 800 of

the explosive charges cached around the camp.

Maps of the district were prepared, and the plan was that the prisoners would take to the hills, coming out to blow up railroads, bridges, and vital industrial plants.

Although the Japanese guards never did discover the plan, they stumbled across the maps one day. Seven of the prisoners, including C.S.M. Cauldwell, were forced to stand at attention in a courtyard for 31 hours. If a man collapsed he was beaten, then dragged to his feet and placed alongside the others again.

Most of the 119 men from the camp who arrived here Oct. 1, and are now awaiting transportation home, are members of the Royal Rifles of Canada.