

## 67 FREED GRENADIERS REACH U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Oct. 9—(CP)—Sixty - seven repatriated Canadian prisoners of war were among hundreds of American and other liberated Allied prisoners who lined the decks and cheered lustily as the U.S. Hospital Ship Rescue docked here late Sunday night. They disembarked Monday and are undergoing medical examination.

Among the Canadians were 22 stretcher cases.

The repatriates entrained Monday at Oakland and will travel direct to Vancouver. Twenty-five other Canadian soldiers who arrived recently by plane will accompany the group as far as Seattle and then go by boat to Victoria.

One of many incidents of Japanese cunning was related by Pte. K. E. Elliott of Stony Mountain, Man.

"During an inspection tour by Red Cross officials," he said "the Japanese evacuated all the skinny fellows.

"These they hid in surrounding bushes, but made the mistake of bringing them back to hospital too early. One Red Cross official spotted the under-fed men parading back to camp. We later learned that the Japanese responsible for the miscue got hell from his superiors."

Pte. Elliott said the Japanese considered any kind of food good enough for prisoners. "One day I came into lunch a little late and one of my buddies offered me a delicious looking piece of white meat. Later he informed me I had eaten part of a rat. But to me it tasted like chicken.

"Grasshoppers were also included in our slim diet. They went down good until the claws caught in your throat. Other food thrown at us included mice, snakes and beetles.

"The first winter after we were taken prisoner was the toughest. In the coldest weather we were forced to work wearing light clothing.

The Canadian group of arrivals included Pte. J. Pople, Cartwright, Man.; Pte. J. J. Stratton, Winnipeg; Pte. A. Peters, Lowe Farm, Man.; and Pte. R. L. Grant, Flin Flon.