

# All Canadians Back From Far East by Friday

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 15  
—(CP)— Approximately 800  
Canadian soldiers repatriated  
from Japanese prisoner of war  
camps have passed through this  
port to date en route to homes  
throughout Canada, Captain C.  
Thompson said Saturday, estimat-  
ing that all returning repatriated  
Canadian soldiers will have arrived  
back in North America by Oct. 19.

Three more United States ships  
carrying liberated Canadian sol-  
diers are scheduled to dock here  
within the next week. The General  
R. L. Howze is due here today, the  
Joseph T. Dickman, Oct. 16 and the  
Catron, Oct. 19.

Twenty-one members of the Win-  
nipeg Grenadiers and the Royal  
Rifles of Canada, part of a group  
of 70 veterans of the 1941 battle  
of Hong Kong, which arrived here  
Thursday, entrained Sunday night  
in a special hospital car for Van-  
couver.

An R.C.A.F. warrant officer,  
Frank Golab of Brandon, Man.,  
said the treatment accorded the  
men at the Japanese camp was  
both good and bad depending on  
how the Jap in charge happened  
to feel that day.

"At first the food was good, then  
it got bad, then it got scarce," he  
said. Finally there was practically  
none except for a little rice.

Howard Thornton of Port Reeve,  
Sask., and Cecil Fines of Neelin,  
Man., said most of the men worked  
in Japanese coal mines on 12-hour  
shifts. Fines lost 43 pounds but  
has regained most of it.

Richard Wilson of Virden, Man.,  
lost 50 pounds in a coal mine. Last  
word he received from home was  
two years ago when he received a  
year-old letter from his parents.