

More Hong Kong Men Return; Only "Odd Straggler" Left

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22—(CP) —First glimpse of North American soil in nearly four years brought loud cheers from 58 liberated Canadian army prisoners of war who arrived here Saturday aboard the United States transport U.S.S. Catron.

Capt. C. M. Thomson, Canadian army representative here, said that the bulk of Canadian army personnel now has returned from the Far East but that there is still the possibility that the odd straggler may land here en route to Canada.

The men who arrived Saturday entrained for Seattle, where they were to be transferred to a coastal service ship for Victoria.

Taken prisoner by the Japanese at Hong King, the men now look back on the inhuman brutality and wonder how they ever survived nearly four years of torture beatings and starvation in the prison camps.

L.-Cpl. W. A. Rodgers, of Winnipeg, said "I think it was our

tremendous will to live that eventually enabled us to laugh right in the Nips' face, even after an almost unbearable beating. They couldn't under-our unbreakable spirit. We used to sing and laugh while marching to work, but they made us stop it."

The group includes: Cpl. W. A. Hall, Kenora; Cpl. G. A. Haner, La Valee, Sask.; Pte. J. S. Hogkinson, Winnipeg; Rfmn. W. H. Holstock, Sutton West, Ont.; R.S.M. O. C. Keenan, St. Vital; C.Q.M.S. W. E. Laidlaw, Winnipeg, and Pte. M. A. Pa, Portage la Prairie.

CSM. F. Logan, Norwood; Pte. J. Maruschak, Senkiw, Man.; Pte. G. E. McKnight, Winnipeg; Rfmn. J. H. Miller, Moose Jaw; Sgt. J.

Milloy, Wawanesa, Man.; Sgt. C. A. Newcomb, Windygates, Man.

Cpl. R. Robinson, St. Vital; L/Cpl. W. A. Rodgers, Winnipeg; Pte. T. Schultz, Langham, Sask.; L/Cpl. R. R. Sellers, Lac du Bonnet, Man.; Sgt. T. H. Sinclair, Lockport; Pte. A. W. Sissons, Winnipeg; L/Cpl. G. W. Stevenson, Norwood; CQMS. R. H. Trembeth, East Kildonan; Pte. D. Turk, Winnipeg; Sgt. C. Watson, Winnipeg; L/Cpl. E. J. Whitfield, St. Vital.