

COMING BY H.M.S. RULER

52 Australians

H.M.S. Ruler, British escort carrier, which is due in Sydney on Thursday, has on board nearly 450 ex-prisoners of war from Tokyo, of whom 52 are Australians.

The Australians include five naval officers, 33 A.I.F. officers, and seven other ranks, and four R.A.A.F. officers.

There are also 369 United Kingdom nationals on Ruler.

During the trip from Tokyo Ruler food for the passengers has been made as varied as possible, with emphasis on meat and vegetables, so much needed to make good deficiencies of their diet in the last few years.

Swings, see-saws, and toys have also been produced by the ship's carpenters for the children, all of whom have never had a toy since their capture more than three years ago.

Passengers have received a cash advance of up to £5 each, and have been able to draw a ration of bottled beer every day.

The condition of the passengers has rapidly improved.

Australians on Ruler are as follows. State of residence of next-of-kin being shown in parentheses:—

NAVY OFFICERS

CARR, Lt.-Cdr. Palgrave E. (N.S.W.).
GAY, Lieut. William L. (Vic.).
OWEN, Lt.-Cdr. (S) Philip O. L. (N.S.W.).
ROBBINS, S. Lt. (E) Thomas F. (S.A.).
WARNER, Lieut. (E) Willie C. (N.S.W.).

ARMY OFFICERS

ANDREWS, Capt. William M. (Vic.).
BATHGATE, Captain William H. (N.S.W.).
BEVERLEY, Capt. Frank G. (N.S.W.).
BYRNE, Lt.-Col. Leslie J. (N.S.W.).
CAMPBELL, Capt. Edward (Vic.).
CARRICK, Capt. Allan R. (N.S.W.).
CHISHOLM, Capt. James (N.S.W.).
CHOWN, Capt. Robert H. (N.S.W.).
CORNFORTH, Lieut. Roger G. (N.S.W.).
CRANE, Lieut. Russell H. (Vic.).
DIXON, Lieut. George W. P. (Vic.).
GERNY, Lieut. John S. (S.A.).
GIBBINGS, Capt. Cecil C. (N.S.W.).
HASTINGS, Lieut. Reginald (Vic.).
HEPBURN, Capt. Jack (N.S.W.).
HILEY, Lieut. Eric V. (N.S.W.).

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LANNAN, Major Leslie H. (Vic.).
LAWRENCE, Major Keith P. H. (Vic.).
LEVERETT, Lieut. George M. (Vic.).
McCALLUM, Capt. John T. (Vic.).
MATHESON, Major Gwynne (Vic.).
MILLER, Lieut. Henry (Vic.).
MOLLARD, Major John C. (Vic.).
MUDIE, Lieut. Jack V. (N.S.W.).
O'DONNELL, Lt.-Col. Ian J. (Vic.).
PAGE, Lieut. Arthur W. (Vic.).
PIIT, Lieut. Joshua (Vic.).
ROBERTSON, Lieut. Allan G. (Vic.).
SHIER, Capt. Frank E. (Vic.).
SLEEMAN, Lieut. Frank N.
STEVENS, Capt. Keith L. (Vic.).
WOODS, Lieut. Harold A. (N.S.W.).
YATES, Capt. Albert I. (N.S.W.).

ARMY, OTHER RANKS

CHAPLIN, S.-Sgt. Frank A. (N.S.W.).
CLINTON, Pte. Kenneth F. (N.S.W.).
LOWE, Pte. Robert J. (N.S.W.).
RIXON, Pte. Stanley K. (Vic.).
SCOTT, Pte. Allan (N.S.W.).
SKINNER, Pte. Amos R. (N.S.W.).
WRIGHT, Pte. Walter (N.S.W.).

R.A.A.F. OFFICERS

BROWN, F. O. Allan M. (N.S.W.).
GREENWOOD, F. Lt. Cyril A. (Vic.).
METZLER, F. Lt. Paul M. (Vic.).
STACEY, F. Lt. Brian Paul (N.S.W.).

MERCHANT NAVY

CROCKER, Herbert J., Cadet (N.S.W.).
ELSEY, David, Purser (N.S.W.).
STRATFORD, Harold C., Master Mariner (N.Z.).