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Relief Shipments to the Far East

DISTRIBUTION REPORT

Preliminary reports have now been received on the distribution of the relief supplies for prisoners of war and civilian internees in the Far East, which were loaded, by the American Red Cross, on the diplomatic exchange ship, *Gripsholm*, at Jersey City last September and transshipped at Mormagoa to the Japanese ship, *Teia Maru*. These reports, which came by cable from the International Committee of the Red Cross, are summarized below:

	Philippines		Japan Korea Manchuria Formosa	Shanghai	Java	Malaya	Sumatra Thailand Burma Borneo	Total Reported Dis- tributed
	To War Prisoners	To Civilian Internees						
Special 13-pound food packages	44,648	24,204	32,712	13,976	10,672	2,616	10,924	139,752
Medical supplies—cases	1,297	685	507	188	137	25	46	2,885
Clothing, men—sets	1,260	1,535	7,505	1,565	—	5	—	11,870
Clothing, women and children—sets	—	4,270	15	950	15	30	45	5,325
Overcoats	—	—	2,070	1,800	—	—	—	3,870
Shoes—pairs	6,996	1,560	11,664	1,872	816	204	864	23,976
Toilet sets, men	14,130	1,050	12,330	900	30	—	30	28,470
Toilet sets, women and children	—	4,270	15	950	15	30	45	5,325
Shoe repair materials—cases	263	73	101	28	26	6	28	525
Tobacco assortments—cases	143	69	73	—	—	2	3	290
Bed sheets—cases	10	41	—	—	—	—	—	51
Recreational supplies, YMCA— cases	63	42	103	—	—	—	—	208
Religious materials, NCWC—cases	—	—	20	5	—	—	—	25

At all the points listed, distribution of the supplies to prisoners of war and civilian internees is understood to have been completed.

Detailed reports have also been received on the distribution made to many of the camps in Japan. The Osaka camps, for example, received 8,000 of the special 13-pound food packages, 137 cases of medicine, 1,875 sets of heavy clothing, 525 overcoats, 2,916 pairs of shoes, 25 cases of shoe repair materials, 3,900 comfort sets, and 18 cases of tobacco. At Zentsuji, where the camp strength is much less than at Osaka, the men received 1,600 food packages, 22 cases of medicine, 375 sets of clothing, 105 overcoats, 588 pairs of shoes, and 600 comfort sets. Distribution on approximately the same basis was made to all the camps in Japan proper.

British and Canadian Red Cross Supplies

In addition to the supplies sent by the American Red Cross, the Canadian Red Cross sent 24,240 standard food parcels, 60 cases of miscellaneous food, 74 cases of medical supplies, 13 cases of miscellaneous supplies, and the British Red Cross sent 891 cases of medical supplies. These supplies were off-loaded at Singapore for distribution in the surrounding areas and Netherlands East Indies, and at Yokohama for distribution in Hong Kong and Japan. The supplies for Hong Kong are still being held at Yokohama awaiting opportunities for shipment to Hong Kong.