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While a dance orchestra played softly and red-liveried waiters hovered nearby, the men ate inch-thick steaks in the Gold room of the Palace hotel.

City's Official Welcome

It was the city's official welcome for the 272 officers and men of Cabanatuan who arrived there last week from the Philippines aboard a transport.

One of the largest throngs in

Huge Frisco Crowd Welcomes 272 Men Freed From Japs

Sgt. Charles Quinn of Dayton is one of 272 men freed from Cabanatuan prison in the Philippines who received the plaudits yesterday of one of the greatest parade crowds ever assembled in San Francisco, according to a United Press dispatch.

Sergeant Quinn is the son of Mrs. Carrie Quinn of 311 Morton avenue. He is expected to arrive in Dayton within the next three days.

the city's history turned out for a motorcade parade that moved from the waterfront to the civic center. The great crowd was 20 feet deep in some places along the parade route.

Wearing new decorations, campaign stripes and insignia, the heroes filed into the Gold room with their mothers, wives, fathers and sweethearts.

During the luncheon Mayor Roger Lapham presented each officer and enlisted man with a gold lapel medallion after an invocation by Archbishop John J. Mitty.

Given Free Calls Home

The men were then provided with free telephone calls home, movies and scenic tours through the co-operation of business organizations and individuals.

Today's celebration included surprise promotions, for all men had been raised a rank.

Quinn SF Reception



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