

More Than 1,000 German, Dutch Jews Freed By Canadians in Netherlands

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Westerbork, Holland, April 14.—
(CP Cable)—More than 1,000 Ger-
man and Dutch Jews have been
liberated from a concentration
camp near this northern Nether-
lands town by the advance of the
2nd Canadian Division.

From Westerbork, 120,000 Jews
have been sent during the last
three years to camps in Poland
and Czechoslovakia. The potential
horror of that transshipment was
replaced by the reality of freedom
when troops of the 8th Reconnaissance
Regiment, of Shaunavon,
Sask., and Medicine Hat, Alta.,
reached the camp Thursday.

Westerbork is the first Jewish
concentration camp liberated by

Canadian forces, and army intelli-
gence personnel who were among
the first soldiers on the spot found
conditions better than had been
expected.

"The greatest fear of the peo-
ple here was that they might be
sent to Poland," a captain from
Victoria, B.C., said.

I visited the camp Friday and
talked with about a dozen English-
speaking Jews. They agreed their
treatment had been comparatively
good, but emphasized the mental
strain of the constant threat of
atrocities or death.

"The penalties were not so
severe but the menace was always
there," said Otto Khan, a Nether-
lands underground worker whom
the Germans placed in the camp
six months ago.

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