

All Crewmen of Pueblo Released from Hospital

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)— All Pueblo crewmen except the intelligence ship's skipper have been released from the San Diego Naval Hospital and assigned to limited duty at a nearby Navy air station.

A Navy spokesman told newsmen yesterday the men will remain at their new station at least until a court of inquiry has had a chance to review events surrounding seizure of the ship by North Korea.

The court is scheduled to convene next Thursday at the Coronado naval amphibious base near here.

THE 32 MEN of the Pueblo, who spent 11 months in captivity, have been at the San Diego hospital since their return Christmas Eve. They have been treated for injuries and ailments and have undergone intelligence debriefings.

Debriefing of the captain, Cmdr. Lloyd Bucher, has been delayed by his weak-

ened condition, a Navy spokesman said.

Cmdr. E. Donald Kaufmann, senior medical officer, said the limited duty assignment at the nearby North Island Naval Air Station is "highly desirable medically."

HE SAID THE Navy wants to "medically follow these men closely for an additional period to insure there is no recurrence of previous symptoms or appearance of latent illness or disease such as hepatitis occurring as a result of internment, which has not yet manifested itself."

Kaufman said the health of all generally is good; all are gaining weight and are in good spirits. A few, he said, have eye problems which he attributed to nutritional deficiencies.

A Navy medical board has recommended that the expired enlistments of 25 crewmen be extended for three months, on a limited duty status, for medical reasons.