

# 20 From Captured Ship Head Home, \$1000 Richer

## Singapore

Bonuses in hand and capture by Cambodian Communists behind them, half the crew of the American freighter Mayaguez left the ship yesterday to fly home for leave.

The other 19 got ready for another voyage.

Lee Carroll, Singapore representative for Sea-Land of Menlo Park, N.J., owner of the ship, said 20 Mayaguez crewmen had decided to take the company's offer of a plane ticket home. Each Mayaguez crewman also received a \$1000 bonus.

Carroll said replacements for those taking leave were flown in yesterday and the ship is due to leave today for Hong Kong.

The Mayaguez and her 39-man crew, commanded by Captain Charles Miller of Fountain Valley, Calif., steamed into Singapore Saturday from Cambodia.

The 10,000-ton freighter, carrying a shipment of containerized cargo, was captured by Khmer Rouge Cambodians last Monday about 60 miles south of the Cambodian mainland.

The crew was held captive

until Thursday, and released about the time of a U.S. marine landing on small Koh Tang island, 30 miles from the mainland.

Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger said yesterday new figures showed three marines and two airmen killed, 16 missing and 70 to 80 wounded in the battle on Koh Tang island. He indicated the tally was not final.

Miller said Saturday that he saw the bodies of seven marines aboard a U.S. Navy ship. Until Schlesinger made his statement yesterday, the



CHARLES P. MILLER  
Mayaguez captain

Pentagon had put the casualties at one dead, 13 missing and 22 wounded.

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