

More Australians Rescued from Sunken Jap Ship

Eighty Australian prisoners of war, who were on the Japanese transport sunk on September 12, in the Pacific, when being taken from Singapore to Japan, were picked up by the Japanese and taken to Japan.

This brings the number of known Australian survivors to 172.

When the sinking occurred, 92 out of a total of 700 Australians, and 60 out of 600 British prisoners of war, were rescued by American submarines.

The 80 men now reported to be alive were previously classified as missing, believed deceased.

Announcing this yesterday, the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) said the next-of-kin had been officially notified.

Advice of the rescue was sent by Japan to the Commonwealth Government.

Unhappily, declared Mr. Curtin, there are no known grounds for the relatives of other missing men to build up hopes that further rescues may have been made.