

May 24th 1944

One hundred and fifty (150) men were ordered to leave Mukden Manchuria: Army 107, Navy 12, Marine Corps 31. - 1st Sgt. J. Pass, Sig. Corps placed in charge, by Maj. S. H. Hankins, C. A. C. - Destination unknown - 2ND in Command M/Sgt. G. M. Smith, A. F. - Morale excellent - Average WT. 62.7 kils.

J. Pass

May 28th

Arrived Kyushu, Japan. entertained for unknown destination -

J. Pass

May 29th

Arrived Kamioka, Japan - Mitsuishi Lead Mine Area - Prison Camp occupied by two-hundred and fifty-two (252) Hollanders and five (5) English P.O.W. and 1ST Lt. G. H. Theunissen, N. E. I. Army in charge of Hollanders & English assisted by 1st Lt. W. A. Bedet and W. F. H. Semmelink, both N. E. I. Army.

J. Pass

June 5th

Selected men for camp maintenance, selection made by appointing men whom I considered would perform their duties honestly and to the best interests of the workers of the mine which group consisted of all remaining men.

J. Pass

June 19th

Pvt. Smith, James D., Army. - attempted escape but surrendered himself to Japanese 8 miles from camp. - Placed in solitary confinement on short rations by Japanese.

J. Pass

June 29th

Pfc. Dees, C. A., dislocation of right shoulder by fall in mine.

J. Pass

July 18th

Pfc. Dolson, J. C., transverse fracture of left radius (foam-dome in mine)

J. Pass

July 20th

Lt. Williams, Jack., fracture of left arm (mines)

Ext.

C. S.

J. Pass

July 23rd

Pvt. Warren, Jack., transverse fracture of left forearm (mines)

J. Pass

Aug. 3rd

One hundred and ninety-four American P.O.W. Commanded by 2ND Lt. Goldsmith C. A. C. - Lt. Ginsberg, Med. Corps. arrived in this Camp and were

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Aug 3rd (cont)

— designated "IInd American Company. P.O.W." by Japanese —

Pass

P.M.

This Company designated Ist American Company. P.O.W." by Japanese —

Pass

Aug 19th

Received from Japanese six (6) large Red Cross comfort parcels — these were divided equally among this Company (50 men). — signed receipt for parcels — requested more.

Pass

Aug 22nd

Put. Joslin, P.L., attempted escape from mines — apprehended by Japanese and placed in confinement in this camp.

Pass

Aug 23rd

Put Joslin placed on trial by Lt. Col. Mirata and Lt. Furushima — found guilty of violation of Jap. Army Code and sentenced to one (1) year solitary confinement in punishment camp. — left camp this date under heavy guard.

Pass

Oct. 8th

Sgt Mitchell, W.J., wounded in both hands and legs by dynamite blast in mines.

Pass

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Oct 19th

Put. Butler, F.W., laceration of left hand from falling rock in mines — amputation of little finger and ring finger washed.

Pass

Oct 20th

Put. Phyness, Sam. wounded hands, face by dynamite blast in mines vision of R. eye impaired

Pass

* Oct. 13th

Pfc. Schroeder, W., Marine Corps concussion of brain and strained back from fall in sand pit — working in Kamika.

Pass

Oct. 28th

Pfc. Robinson, R. dynamite blast in mines — loss of fingers — infected wounds on remaining part of hand.

Pass

Nov. 11th

Sgt. Lanning, J.L., med. Corp admitted to Hosp. with extremely serious appearing infection of legs

Pass

Ext.

C.I. Pass

* Dec 10th

Sgt Lanning's leg amputated

* Dec 12th

Put. Davis, Ben. wounded in hands and face by dynamite blasts in mines vision impaired

Pass

Dec. 13th

Protected 2nd line to Camp Commanders, Lt Parushima because of lack of safety precautions in mine - answer - "It is nothing compared with what you might suffer at front line" -

Dec. 21st

Sgt. Laning died this date - Christian services by Doctor C. F. Jackson. Military escort to crematory. - requested ashes - request refused - J.P.

Dec 22nd

Was requested by Japs. to sign receipt for 495 large Red Cross Comfort Parcels which would be delivered later - held conf. with other two Commanders - result was that none of us three would sign until delivery effected to our camp. J.P.

Dec. 23rd

2ND Lt. Goldsmith signed receipt for the aforementioned parcels without first making known his intention of doing so to we other two leaders. - in return for his signature he was promised special consideration for his Company. - it is needless to say, we are at odds because of this act. - the Japanese have - at an unknown location - 495 large parcels (believed to be in Punatou) for which they have been relieved of responsibility for delivery by signed receipt for same. J.P.

Dec 24th

My leaders consider themselves betrayed by 2ND Company and relations are strained between the two groups. and from my own observations I believe that an open conflict between the Hollander and 2ND Company is inevitable - such a clash may result in needless sacrifice of personnel and since Lt Goldsmith and the Hollander Leaders are not on speaking terms I will take the responsibility of promoting an understanding.

P.M.

I have called a meeting of all Leaders (American & Dutch) who consider themselves betrayed by Lt Goldsmith's signature on receipt - to hear his explanations and accept any apologies he may have to make. - (to take place tomorrow morning). J.P.

Dec 25th

Meeting proved to be great success, explanation and apologies made and accepted by all Leaders. - We three Commanders, in the presence of our Leaders, reaffirmed our intention of support to each other - considering the potentialities of the situation, I feel myself justified in adopting this method to relieve the situation and in the interests of the service. incident considered closed. J.P.

P.M.

Signed receipt for 148 small Red Cross Comfort Parcels after receiving them this date. J.P.

C.F.
C.S.

Dec 31st

We then Commanders were called before Japanese and informed that of the 495 large parcels originally signed for 21 small parcels have already been stolen by unknown Japanese -

[Signature]

Jan 1st 1945

All War. Records will hereafter be contained in separate record book sent New Year with following figures:

Total Company - 148 P.M.	62	45.0%
Working in Mine 45.2%	67	45.0%
" " Kanaka 11.5%	17	11.5%
" " Camp 8.1%	12	8.1%
" " S.D. 14.25%	22	14.25%
Sick & stop 20.2%	30	20.2%

Approx. ave. Cal. value of food per day: 200 to 2200 per year month
2300 to 2500 just week of current month
Meal: Excellent

Jan 2nd

Signed receipt for 19 Red Cross parcels for Hoop. - Was forced by threats by Lt. Brumby & Sgt. H. Hiron to sign (jointly - 3 Commanders) for receipt of the 21 stolen Red Cross parcels.

[Signature]

Jan 20th

Signed for and received 148 small Red Cross comfort parcels - 1 person -

[Signature]

Jan 28th

The following ration are received daily by all hands:

115 lbs. rice	111 lbs. butter	111 lbs. meat	122 persons
9 lbs. of flour	43 lbs. milk	7 lbs. sugar	275 lbs. bread

[Signature]

Feb 3rd

Pvt. Meyer, Louis writes working in Bulletin Shop adjoining Jap Headquarters advised H. Gilbert to promise Japs that if they would remove me from my command and join me over with him he could increase the number of men working in Mine Command. - Later I was called to office and informed that this move would take place at once - I declined and advised the next move - My reason for declining: practically every member of my command are worried their disappearance of any such change taking place. - Interim Day - My brother and ranking N.C.O.'s were called to my office and informed of the situation - they ~~requested~~ ^{requested} me to voice their objection of to such a change - requesting not to continue as they would under such time as I could place them under a capable Commissioned Officer of the United States - None of these N.C.O.'s may be found on reverse side of the report.

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Dec 31st

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Jan 1st 1945.

All Med. Records will hereafter be kept in separate record book.

Start New Year with following figures:

Total Company -	148 E.M.	62 N.C.O.
		86 P.V.Ts.
Working in Mines	45.2 %	(62)
" " Kanaka	11.5 %	(17)
" " Comp	8.1 %	(12)
" on L.D.	14.85 %	(22)
Sick & Hosp	20.2 %	(30)

Approx. ave. Cal. value of food per dem: 2000 to 2200 previous month
2300 to 2500 first week of current month.

Morale: Excellent

Jan 9th

Signed receipt for 19 Red Cross Parcels for Hosp.
- Was forced by threats by Lt. Parashima & Sgt. Mas. Miwa to sign
(jointly - 3 Commanders) for receipt of the 21 stolen Red Cross Parcels.

Jan 27th

Signed for and received 148 small Red Cross Comfort Parcels - 1 person -

Jan 29th

The following rations are received daily by all hands:

115 gr. rice	111 gr. butter	111 Cornmeal	122 peacans
9 gr. flour	45 gr. misc	9 gr. sugar	275 gr. bread.

Feb. 3rd

Pfc Myers, Louis while working in Cobbler shop adjoining Jap. Headquarters overheard
Lt. Boltsmith promise Japs, that if they would remove me from my command
and join his men with him he could increase the number of men working
in Mines considerably. - Later I was called to office and informed that
this move would take place at once - I declined and awaited the next
move - my reason for declining: practically every member of my command
has voiced their disapproval of any such change taking place.
- Later in Day - my leaders and ranking N.C.O.'s were called to
my office and informed of the situation - they unanimously unanimously
voiced their objection to such a change - requesting me to continue
as their leader until such time as I could place them under a capable
Commissioned officer of the United States - Names of these N.C.O.'s may be found
on reverse side of this report:

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E. H. Oil
Jan

M/Sgt. Smith, G.M.
 T/Sgt. Reid, G.P.
 S/Sgt. Pitts, Enoch
 " Ruck, R.V.
 " O'Neil, John
 " Mitchell, W.
 " Hartman, S.R.
 Sgt. Lee, Lewis
 M/Mr. Lewis, Charles
 Cpl. Evans, Charles
 " Smith, Nobel
 " McBee, James
 " Vogler, R.
 Sgt. Conner, R.
 " Thompson, F.E.

JP

C. St.

C. L.

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Feb 3rd P.M.

I informed Lt. Goldsmith of the reactions of my men and the affair was dropped - relations between the Japs. and my men are not so good - they miss us opportunity to make us uncomfortable.

J.P.

Feb 4th

No baths for 16 days - Japs will not issue fuel.

J.P.

Feb. 14th

Sgt. Herring in poor physical condition after falling in mine yesterday evening, was marked etc and conf. to bed.

J.P.

Feb 15th

Sgt. Herring admitted to Hosp. 8⁰⁰ AM. - died at 11⁰⁰ AM. Heart failure Christian Services by Doctor Jackson - Military Escort to crematory.

J.P.

Feb. 16th

Protested to Japans of heavy increase in forced labor - poorly heated quarters - no recreational facilities - stale bread once daily - were completely ignored by Lt. Rurnshim and was finally dismissed with the statement that the Japans could not consider themselves responsible for deaths of prisoners -

J.P.

Feb 26th

Requested issue of Red Cross Parcels - request granted only on condition that the contents would be rationed out according to plans set forth by Jap. supply, Sgt. Maj. - had to accept or do without - the men need them badly - accepted.

J.P.

Feb. 27th

Recd 1/2 parcel per man and began issue of contents on ration plan. Signed receipt

J.P.

Mar. 2nd

Pat Smith Died of T.B. 1300 this date, Christian Services - Military escort to crematory - ASN. 1901174 - JAMES H. SMITH

J.P.

Mar 4th

S/ser Moss, Harry. - 6298045 - died 0130 this date - heart failure & mal-nutrition - Christian Services by Dr. Jackson - Military Escort to crematory. - Moral Low

J.P.

Mar 5th

Req. permission from Japs. to purchase medical instruments - refused P.M. Recd P.O.W. info. Bulletin - revised Apr. 1944 re-allotments, insurance Govt. Bonds.

C.P.
C.I.S.

J.P.

Mar. 6th

Concussed entire company, those who cared to take advantage of authority granted in the Bulletin of yesterday were given that opportunity - requests made out and delivered to Japans to be forwarded -

J.P.

Apr. 7th

Requested that Swiss Legation in Tokyo forward copies of W.D. pamphlet "personal affairs of Military Personnel and aid to their dependents" Japs. refused to convey my request to that legation.

Apr. 23rd

Signed for & received 116 1/2 Red Cross parcels (small) — have just been informed that all requests for allotments, insurance & Govt. Bonds given to Japanese for delivery have been destroyed by Mr. Takaochi - Jap. Hdqrs.

Apr. 28th

Wife permitted to purchase 50 gallons of ground grasshoppers — to be divided with entire camp — Cost ¥1600 — tent put up

May 3rd

Put. Johnson, R.F. - 1905 4316 - died this date - Christian Service by Boston Jackson - Military Escort to Cemetery

Apr 6th

Put. Lane, G. H. - 1905 4518 - died 0245 (pennonia) Christian Service by Boston Jackson - Military Escort to Cemetery.

Apr 13th

Officially informed Prof. Rowlett died — held short program service and lecture on duties & obligations to our country & to our families

Apr 14th

Receipts shown personal funds — all had been looted and practically lost. — two with names address beyond recognition delivered to sick men in camp.

Apr 16th

Applied for wife for sending two of my camp to work in mines after Doctor had pronounced them sick — applied successful by wife

Apr 18th

The three members of Camp have drafted a letter to Swiss Legation requesting an investigation of conditions prevailing in the camp — food situation and general treatment are becoming unbearable

Apr 24th

Have started working on machinery for grain thresher to cost \$24000 per day. to procure food for the 600 prisoner Camp.

Apr 25th

Put. Johnson was caught trying to trade a shirt for a pair of pants for food — wife had been visited on occasion by Mr. Blawie, stepped aside and begged to surrender, Conf. wife clothes, food or water (on particular)

Apr 26th

Wife finally permitted 200 gals rice & a little water to begin but still in camp

Apr 30th

Put. Johnson already very poor physical condition, believed to be mentally affected & treated.

July 14th

Cpl. Sheya, Smith, Pats Warren, Morris, Robinson, Lippert all beaten severely and conf. in Guardhouse w/o clothing - officer - lost or misplaced some articles of clothing.

J.P.

Aug 1st

Cpl Sheya, Melvin, Main Corp, P. Johnson, Morris Jr., USMC., Pfc Sparks, Gold, USMC., Pvt Morris, Army, Army, Pvt Phillips G, USMC., departed this date for unknown destination - Cpl Sheya in charge - Physical condition of Pats Morris & Phillips - poor.

J.P.

Aug 14th

Called to Jap. Hq. with other U.S. group commanders (St. Goldsmith) and beaten over head with wooden club (Reason not given)

J.P.

Aug 17th

Called to office and informed that armistice signed and P.O.W. status continued until turned over to U.S. Troops - at coast -

J.P.

Aug 18th

Men are anxious to obtain revenge on Japs. for past treatment in the past and are slightly difficult to retain established Combined Islanders & U.S. Guard over food storehouse.

J.P.

Aug 19th

Friend relations have improved slightly

J.P.

Aug 21st

Relations doubled by request. Demanded return of Pats position to my command if still living

J.P.

Aug 25th

Informed that Pat's position was still alive under J.P. returned next day. Sent men to Capt. Hill asking advice on whether to place my self and my men under J.P. Goldsmith or to continue my incision at Colmud. - were ordered to continue as in the past until execution of late Camp.

J.P.

Aug 26th

Was informed that Pat's position refused to return to Samick - was given choice of all clothes in go-down for my group - Camp bought cows for \$1300.00 -

J.P.

Aug 27th

Camp purchased horse (for transport) - cost \$1700.00

J.P.

Aug 28th

Camp presented with 2 yrs old Bull - gates - rec'd first info. on execution

J.P.

Ext. C.I.

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Aug 18th

Men are anxious to obtain revenge on Japs. for mal-treatment in the past and are slightly difficult to restrain. Established Combined Hollander & U.S. Guard over food storehouse.

J.P.

Aug 19th

Strained relations have improved slightly

Aug 21st

Rations doubled by request. Demanded return of Pot Jelin to my Command if still living

J.P.

Aug 25th

Informed that Pot Jelin was still alive and would be returned next day. Sent msg. to Capt. Fiere asking advice on whether to place myself and company under 2nd Lt. Goldsmith or to continue my individual Command. - was ordered to continue as in the past until evacuation of this Camp.

J.P.

Aug 26th

Was informed that Pot Jelin refused to return to Kamioka - was given choice of all clothes in go-down for my group - Camp bought cow for \$1300.00 -

J.P.

Aug 27th

Camp purchased horse (for commutation) - cost. \$1700.00

J.P.

Aug 28th

Camp presented with 2 yrs. old Bull - gratis - rec'd first info. on evacuation

J.P.