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Dear Friends of Cebu people:

The enclosed letter from Lucy Brown arrived yesterday. The postmark was blurred - probably intentionally - and it was impossible to determine whether it was mailed from East Africa or London but probably it was the East Africa letter of the two she mentions. It had been opened and passed by the censor. Not a thing had been cut out so Lucy did a marvelous job in writing within the rules of censorship. Perhaps there is something to be read between the lines. What can we do other than reach the International Red Cross?

Our college facilities are being used to duplicate this letter. This is the first thing that my mother and I have been able to do for our Cebu people and though it is very little we are glad for the opportunity. We hope there will be more communications from them to distribute. Lucy's note to me follows on this page.

Very sincerely yours,

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C O P Y  
(Lucy's note)

Lourenço Marques, Portuguese East Africa  
September 7th, 1942

Dear Mabel:

I shall mail this from here, and send another copy by air mail from England, "just in case"---. Maude says your mother will mimeograph and mail it to the people whose names and addresses follow. I think it would be well to make a number of extra copies, too, in case I think of other people who should have them. But don't let them get in circulation beyond this list.

You are one of those who can and must take up this undertaking to get help to them. Understand that it must be told only to people who will act, not talk. We are so afraid of the possible repercussions of ill-advised publicity.

May and Brooks Roebuck: Were with me in the cave. All their clothes were burned in an army warehouse, but everyone helped them out, as they did me. May and I did much of the cooking in the cave. They were both grand to me; we had fun and certain hardships, and they have been real friends.

Sally and John Heine: Were at Camp 88. John went in a couple of times a week and was fortunately up there when the invasion began. All are well including Margaret.

Lucy and Charlie Goebel: There was talk, before I left, of Lucy's being released on her Swiss citizenship. However, that did not include Charlie, so as far as I know, they are still in. Lucy Ann is well, too.

Marie and Jack Laurence: All well. The children are fine, Gail such a darling.

Maude and Myron Brink: Maude is monitor of her dormitory. Myron's health is better than one would expect. The children are fine. Myron is teaching math to some of the kids. All taking it wonderfully.

Mrs. Doner and daughters: She has been marvelous. She, Mom, and Grace Rigby managed the kitchen while we were at Bogo. Now, I believe, Mrs. Doner teaches some of the kids, I taught Katherine (8th grade) for awhile, and Latin to Jane.

Bob and Grace Rigby: Have taken charge of two-year-old Marcia Fee, whose parents were saved when the Corregidor was sunk. Bobsie is fine, lively as ever.

George Ewart: Hearty and cheerful. Spends hours playing cribbage with my mother. Asks his brother to continue efforts to get money to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson: Were grand to me at Sudlon. It was the cave near their shack where the gang of us took refuge. Mrs. Hudson is a fine little girl, and he is a grand fellow. She could have stayed out of the camp, being a Filipina, but chose to go with him.

Victor McAdam: Hope the cable I sent on arrival here has reached you. Be sure, your mother says, to notify the Mullaney's, and your Uncles Aura and Ray. Both the Mullaney's are O.K., also the children. Your father did perfectly marvelous work for the Army, in the P.R.C. machine shop, making rifle ejectors, machine gun carriages, etc. I heard the highest praise of him from the officer in charge of such things. Your mother and father are both well and both taking it all very pluckily.

Al Fensch: Was at Sudlon, now in Cebu. He stayed over at Mactan through all the bombings but never got a scratch. Very well and cheery.

"Red" Zigler: A newcomer to most of Cebu. He, with Doc Marsden, ran the kitchen at Sudlon. Stayed up in the cave with my gang, and showed us snapshots of his family at Long Beach. The well was blown up by themselves before they left it.

Mary and Morrie Cleland: I wish I could report haveing seen Morrie safe after the invasion. We were allowed no news of the military prisoners, but I feel sure, as well as Morrie was known in Cebu, that we would have heard if he were not O.K. He was invaluable to the Army Transport Service, in which, as I suppose you know, he held a captain's commission. He was with his outfit in the forest beyond Sudlon-- I do know that---and it can be very safely assumed that he came in with the rest for the surrender. We have a hunch that the military prisoners are at the Provincial Jail. Mary is fine, and so are the children. Mary Lou and Margie help her so much, doing laundry and taking care of Maureen, doing a turn on the dish-washing squad,--no grown-up could be better than they are. Dad's house in Opon got a bomb right through the kitchen, this along in January, but he was O.K. The Japanese picked him up when they moved in, asked how old he was, told him to report daily at six p.m. Dad says "Thank you Colonel"---and walks right over to the far side of Mactan and shoves off in a banca! to Bohol, I believe. We all feel sure he is all right; interned, no doubt, but all right.

Martie and Mildred Sands: Mildred was in Manila when war began. She tried to get back on the Corregidor, which hit a mine and was sunk, but she was saved and is interned at Santo Tomas in Manila. I was able to get a message to her from Martie. Martie stayed in Cebu until the invasion, and was at Sudlon. He now puts in his time learning Spanish.

P.S. (One more item)

Doctor Hawk: Taken prisoner at the military hospital. We have all seen him, and he is all right. Have not seen him since the surrender, but no reason to think any change in treatment. They seem to be very decent to doctors.

(And others)

Mr. and Mrs. Ireland: Joined the bunch at Camp 88, after blowing up everything at the well. They are at the American camp in Cebu now, and want you to know they are all right.

Dave Affleck: Joined Army (2nd Lieut., Q.M.C.) Safe after invasion; without doubt a military prisoner in Cebu.

Earl Baumgardener: Came down from Bataan with a bunch of Navy men. Took charge with Comdr. Grove of the coding section, where I worked. Saw him at Sudlon after the invasion. He and eight other Navy men got away to Negros. They were trying to get to Australia, but I am sure they were too late, and so are sure to be rounded up, either in Negros or Mindanao. R.C.A.: please notify his wife.

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