



NOTE BOOK

DIARY

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Feb 9, 44

assigned to 300 men detail leaving
Cabanatuan, supposedly with local
destination in P.I.

Feb 25

Multiple physical examinations and
arrangements of detail indicate that
it is anything but local. Much
speculation. Seven other officers are -

Maj A. D. Christenson, Capt W. R. Nealson,
Capt Chas C Underwood, Capt Eugene B
Conrad, Capt D. W. Robinson, MC, 1st Lt
R. D. Evans, 9 2nd Lt Ivan Renka.

Mar 6

Left Cabanatuan camp at 4:00 a.m. Truck
to Cabanatuan RR Station. 75 men
per box car approx 6' x 28'. Arrived in
Manila 11 a.m. Marched immediately
to Bilibid prison. Saw Capt's Tom Bell,
Dick Riddle for first time since
surrender - and many other friends.

Mar 15

Food very bad at Bilibid. Mostly cooked
corn and not enough of that.
Playing lots of bridge (Chris and I) with Tom

Bell and Jack O'Brien. O'Brien son of owner
of Robert Dairy Inc. of Omaha & Lincoln
Nice fellow. Some men need mail-
money for me.

Mar 23

Rec'd personal packages. Mine from Helen
200 vitamins, 12 oz. Thesafe, 1 Beullion, 1 towel
5 gum, 1 tooth brush, 1 tooth powder, bustle
all to bell & flavoring everything. NO CANDY
-NO CIGARETTES. Dying for sweets

Mar 24

Left Bilibid 7:30 a.m. marched to
Pier #3. Streets deserted. Not like old
times. Bearded old 5000 tonnes at 9 a.m.
sailed noon. 300 of us in one hold
63' x 42'. Corridor and Bataan look
some as when we left.

Mar 27

Calm trip-arrived. Tokyo, Formosa
Told we will remain on boat. Nothing
to do but wait. Food on boat very
good is better than Bilibid & Lab.

Apr 2

Sailed for Osaka

Apr 9

Arrived Osaka after wet, rough, cold,
miserable voyage 7 P.M.

Apr 10

Left boat w/new guards. St. car
across town w/shades drawn. To P.R.
station. Put us under a cold dark
viaduct to wait five hrs. for train.
Entrained at 4 P.M. for Tokyo. Gave
us supper of rice & seaweed in a
little wooden box.

Apr 11.

Rode all night. Bkfst same as
supper. Had to draw all shades in
stations. Changed train in Tokyo
about 7 a.m. Did not see much. Took
hr ride N.E. of Tokyo to Hitachi. Small
st cars up mt valley to copper mines.
Lunches wrapped in paper. One hour
walk to camp almost on top of mt.
2000 ft. C.O. of Camp is Capt. Nemoto.
Made speech - said Japan fighting great
war. Would never stop until America
is on her knees. Said prisoners of W

are to be treated fairly ^{and with pity} but never
womany or haressomy. Usual blah blah
about rules, regs, & escape.

Apr 20

Spent 10 days drawing up this, being
examined, filling in forms, hearing
lectures, and getting ready to go to work.
262 men went to work in the mines.
Officers do not have to work unless
they want to & the 8 of us do not
wish to work in the copper mines.
Food is good except for protein and
we fear that soon we will have
more deficiencies as a result. No
heat in bbs except about $\frac{1}{2}$ gal of alcohol
ea day at 5 P.M. Gets about 2 hrs. Suffering
from cold. Many men suffering from
cramps and diarrhea due to change in
food, water & climate. All in all
treatment is better than we
expected. Capt Namoto and his asst's
have done a good job. The regular
interpreter is an old school teacher
whose English is not so good.

A temporary interpreter is a fellow
named Sheraumbe aged 28 who
is with the mining Co. A fine
lad, intelligent, understanding, and
a big help to us.

Apr 30.

Yesterday the Emperors birthday, hence
our first holiday. As a special
consideration we were permitted
to purchase 1 orange (officers) each
at 6.6 sen. We are supposed to
be able to buy 5 cigarettes per
day (off 10). Saffar in 30 days
we have had 4 days issued. All
have been out for days. No pay
since last of Feb but still
have money because nothing
to buy. Eight officers - 1 CO, 1 men,
1 M.D. - the other 5 of us rotate on
O.D. duty. Sometimes Japanese keep
O.P. on the jump. Peth's thinning
broke out but we caught 2 men
& probably have it under control.
Chris & Robby have been working

on the calous values of our
ration - about 2800 per day &
very short on protein. I think we
will have vitamin deficiencies.
Ration consists of barley, rice,
soy beans, gobs, potatoes, some
meat, few green vegetables, fish,
soy paste, radish pickles, etc.
Considerable rain and still
quite cool.

May 6

Two years ago today we at
Eseregilar surrendered. It's been a
hard, very hard two years. Only about
half of the original prisoners are
still alive. Got 50 kys 4th. Mothers
gone now. Still no meat or meat
substitutes except a few soy beans. My
feet and hands are beginning to
tingle and burn with dry hair loss.
Helped carry a sick man down to the
mine hospital yesterday. Cherry
blossom set that 4 level are in
luxuriant bloom. Up here they

are just beginning. They gave
us 40 old books when we left
Belbid. Have finished Oliver
Wissell and am now on Rebecca.
Some letters have arrived in the
camp. Don't know how many or
whether I will get one. Since the
War I have had one ea. ten word
radiogram from my wife - dated
May '43 - rec'd Sept '43. Rec'd our
first pay yesterday since end of
Bel. My pay is \$122.⁵⁰ - 27.⁰⁰ de-
duction for food. I receive enough
to bring present holdings up to
\$50.⁰⁰ (index permitted) and must
deposit remainder in postal savings.

May 11

Arrived this camp one month
ago today. Seems an age. Still no
meat or fish since 1st. Had a
pleasant surprise on 9th. Some
Red Cross food and comfort kits
come in. Don't know how much
yet. We hear there is more to come.

The Japanese still have it in
their warehouse and I suppose it'll
be the same as always. Getting us
wait until they are jammed good
& ready to put it out. Started loading
the men in two shifts today. Late
shift 4 P.M. to 2 A.M. We may get
up at 4:30 A.M. Makes a hell
of a long day with nothing much
to do. Finished Rebecca. Don't
know what I will be able to get
to read next. In Cabanatuan it was
bed bugs. Here it's fleas. Our bodies
are raw from bites and scratching.
May 20

Received the Red Cross food and
comfort items to us ^{on 16th} out of
30 boxes of food (80 individual boxes).
The eight of us got fraction over
two individual boxes. We will
drink 1/2 carton cup of coffee ea
day for 12 days. Still no mail
from home since the war
started.

Received 150 bottles of multiple
vitamin tablets. Enough for 1 per
man per day for 50 days. Chris,
Bill & I still have enough
vitacaps from our packages for
over two months. Started issuing
Red Cross vitacaps 17th. Still no
newspapers. Chris deciphered
a Japanese newspaper and
found out for certain that
Pal Knox is dead. No war
news. We don't know if the
war will be over in one
month, one year, or five
years but I think it will
be over this year. Cold
damp, clammy weather persists.
We have had a few warm
days. Out of cigarettes again.
Seems we are always out of
cigarettes in Japan. To date
we have spent about 3 yen since
we arrived in Japan. Everything
is scarce. Still no mail.

Three times since 1³¹ we have had 4 dried sardines each.

May 21

Issued us 10 cigs (20 off) again today - just a teaser. Most of us are beginning to wish they would either keep up to date or quit altogether. Had logos with sugar milk and prunes (5) for breakfast this morning, a treat which I have been anticipating for two weeks - since last Yosemite. Heated water in canteens over clay coal fire & had 1/2 cup of coffee each just before lunch - was delicious.

Last night at seven the japs started chattering "Black out". Routed us out to check fire water tanks, black out curtains etc. Rumor from mines is that Tokyo & other areas were bombed. Hope we can verify the rumors. We are tired of bumping stewing, and everything that goes with it.

May 27

Ration continues to drop. More men are getting sick. Today 45 are unable to go to work. We have one point in our favor here. The Japanese contract doctor knows a sick man when he sees one and is trying to get us more food. As a result we had 35 kgm of sherk meat 25th. Yesterday they issued 65 kg of fair beef for 7 days. We have no refrigeration so will have to use it up in about two or three days - Oh well we would anyway. Hope the meat ration continues & increases & they start issuing Irish potatoes again - and more barley & rice. Had some onions which were good. The officers can get by on the ration as far as calories go but the men are getting weaker by the day. Average loss of wt on the trips here was 16 lb. and we have gained back only two of that.

Out of cigarettes again. Chris gave me the last of his the last one of which I am saving until after supper. It is now 4 P.M. We eat at six. Our only rumors come from the mines. Some of the civilians there have told about bombings of Japan. We hope they are as true as they are persistent. Ted wants to eat only part of his food. This is terrible food for sick people. They put a temporary filling in one tooth for Chris. We have been using one can of Red Cross food a day for the eight of us. Even with such economy it is about gone. Have enough coffee for one more time.

June 4, 44

Meat and fish in small quantities continues to be issued. Yesterday we had none but today we will each have

112 grams of spanish mackerel. The greens issue is very good now too. The men are always hungry but I believe they can live without any serious deficiencies on the present ration. They let Chris visit the mines yesterday. I hope to soon.

May 31st they issued us the remaining 10 Red Cross boxes of food plus some soap, 2th brushes, shave cream, blades & other sundries. Hope Red Cross comes again. It is completely worn most of the time now. Whenever we have Red Cross soluble coffee we make 4 full carton cups at 9 a.m. for the 8 of us. A bull session usually follows - yesterday it was dogs and today it was pugilists. Am studying a little Japanese.

June 9

Yesterday was Japanese Imperial Receipt Day. They celebrate the start of the war on the 15th of each month. Yesterday the war had been going on for two and one half years. A long time to go without sleeping in a decent bed, eating a decent meal or doing anything that seems worth while in ordinary times. We have heard from two different sources that England & America landed on the Continent. If such is true it shouldn't be too long now. Had 20 cigarettes on the 3rd. All gone long ago and am now in the midst of our long contentious nicotine fit.

June 17

I have now verified landing on European continent. Japanese claim 8 out of 10 divisions completely destroyed but we believe differently. I think they should fold up things

in Europe by Sept 15, 44. Don't know how long this will last after that is over. Hope not long. Spent several days getting ready for an inspection which was made on the 15th by Col. Sucoma, head of all prison camps in Japan. He made a talk which was the most cruel we have had to date. Ration remains passable. Five eggs per man yesterday. Black but there last two nights. Japanese say practice. We don't know. Have not heard any planes but were hoping. Some of the men received shot radiograms but I didn't strike. Maj. Berenberg, M.C. joined us from Tokyo a few days ago. There was she, the civilian interpreter who was transferred to duty in Tokyo was here to see us a few days ago. Said he would be back again around the end of July.

June 18.

Yorweay (holiday) today for 1st
time since May 21st. Head 3 loads
have been made on Saipan I.

June 27

Summer is here in earnest
at last. Today was the warmest
day to date. Our entire grain ration
(we have been getting 630 grains of
rolled barley or peterseth per day)
for the next three days was
replaced by an issue of soybeans.
Don't know how it will be yet.

June 28

No news - most anxious to know
what is going on in outside
world. Feeling bad today. Come
nearer not making lasting im-
tune than I have since being
a prisoner. Had 20 ligs on 25th.
Opt now. Next issue may be
today or next week - not at all regular.
July 4
Still on the soybean ration. Every

body has diarrhea. Two dysentery
inoculations may be
contributing factor. Tired as hell
of the flat tasteless beans - in fact
they're bitter without seasoning.
Had a small helping of plain
steamed rice this morning & it
tasted like cake. All of the men
are gradually losing weight &
getting weaker. Hesitate to
contemplate outcome of ration
doesnt improve. Several holiday
2nd. Working of 3rd while we
were standing hell call on parade
ground several tons of dynamite
exploded in valley below us,
about 400 yds. distant. Japs ran
like hell - some of our men
too. Broke about 1/2 of our windows
and pushed out some of the walls.
Knocked down power lines so no
work for 3rd. Today July 4th every
body working in the mine. Air
acid clown is on since about

10 This morning for 1st time since
June 15th. Hagel they're really
getting down to business. Another
year of this will drive me insane.
Found out we have Saigon I.
- Come on Youbs -

July 7. Still on the beans, though
they're not as bad as they were.
Some of the men who had
diarrhea, including me are
getting better. Every body is
constantly hungry - never enough
to eat to fill up. Consequently
morale is low as usual.
Cigarettes are now down to 3 per
man, 5 per officer & coming
regularly. Today the Corp got mad
& cut officers to 3 per day for
I don't know how long. Also
forbid officers to play cards or
key down in anytime. His
name is Mesone. We have
plenty of money but we can't
buy a thing except our cigarettes

which cost .23 sen for 10. Have
finished 3 more of the books we
brought from Bitbid. Noratio
Hornblower, Three Harbors, and
Men against the Sea, a sequel
to "Mutiny on the Bounty". The last
two I read aloud to Charlie
Underwood whose eyes have
gone bad on him due to vitamin
deficiencies. Sept 15th is my
guess for Germany.

July 20

No news for sometime. Had a two
day holiday 15 & 16th. Japs issued 20
cigs per man free. As a result no
cigs were issued 14, 17 & 18. Big hearted
huh! - They just informed officers
we will do fifteen hours of
manual labor a week or be
reduced to 390 grams of food per
day - We are now working.

July 22

Many men are still sick from
diarrhea & more are coming
down with beri-beri every day.

We have not had any fish or meat for six days now. Our last issue of vegetables was nothing but large white radishes - some as large as my lower leg - including the foot. I imagine eating nothing but radishes and maize for five or six days with nothing else, and not enough of that. Oh well.

July 23.

Strength of command slightly improved since potatoes ran out. They were issuing potatoes lb. for lb. with rice & grain. Spuds have 80 calories per 100 grams while grain has 350 per 100 grams. Today is vegetable issue day. Last time 5 days ago it was 100 per cent white radishes. Today we're hoping. Just finished reading "Arrowsmith" by Charlie Underwood - Good book. Latest rumor - Premier Tojo & entire cabinet resigned. Japan I is ours & Guam & Timor are being shelled

from the sea - air superiority?

July 30

Read "Obscure Destinies" to Charlie Underwood. Ration is better. More meat & fish and a little more grain. Capt Conrod, E.B. is being wounded in the mess. Last night we had sprouted soy beans with cabbage and a little pork. Almost chop suey & damned good. Christ's birthday was July 24th but there was not a thing we could do for him in the way of a party. Nothing is available. Spec're black out last night. Heard the Russians are on the Vistula river. Represents big gain in last 30 days. Hope this thing winds up this year. Aug. 2

Tojo out because of logs of Saigon we heard. Also heard that big naval engagement about that time but can get no details

Aug & Sept announced as special
special production months in
line with nation wide spirit
due to loss of Saigon & other
reverses. Say no holidays this
month. We also hear some of
us may go to other camps in
a big nationality mix up of
prisoners. So thwart organizing
I suppose. Ration about same.
Instead of radishes for vegetables
this time we get all cucumbers
& squash. More Irish potatoes
in store house. We are hoping
they will be issued on a
vegetable basis rather than a
grain basis. They let us each
write a 240 word card dated
July 31, 44 for 1st time
in Japan. Hope to be free
before it reaches its destination.
It's hard to make one out &
still comply with all the rules.

Aug 15th

Four more days until my birth day.
Nothing old - 32. Ration is still fair.
Enough to stay in pretty good shape.
Today we had fruit for 3rd time since
we've been in Japan - 1 orange in Apr -
strawberries in June - and now two
small peaches per man, FREE TOO.
Glee as are about to eat us up. Little we
can do besides sun our bedding.
On the 11th 230 of our men were
exchanged for 1570 Dutch & Dutch
subjects from Java and 80 British
subjects from Penang. The British
in excellent shape & the Dutch like
we were two years ago. We are
trying to snap them out of it and
the food here is better than they
have had so I believe they will
improve in health. Heard Pres. 3DR
is in Honolulu conferring. Also
that things are going well for us
in France & Russia. Epiph
birth day July 24th

Aug 24

Birthday uneventful as have been the two preceding. Food remains satisfactory. Dutchmen are improving. Everything going along OK except for signs of flu among British. Almost half down with flu due to alternately hot & cold working conditions. Nothing serious. Three officers Chris, Conrad & Evans ordered to Tokyo Camp. Hate to see them go, especially Chris. He has done a wonderful job here. They leave early tomorrow morning. Wish we had something with which to celebrate. Underwood goes in the kitchen. We had all thought I would be CO with Christ going but Japs put Maj Bahrenberg the doctor in as C.O. Complicates the situation but we will work it out.

Aug 25. Chris, Connie & Sox got away at 6 a.m. Had good lunches

fixed up but they wouldn't let them take them. So we 6 remaining ate them with our 9 a.m. tea. They revoked their previous order yesterday. I am now CO of Camp. Hope I can do as well as Christ.

Aug 30, 44

Practically no change. Siege of diarrhea & cramps. Many men off of work but now recovering. Starting today we get no rice, grain, or beans for noon meal. In lieu flour & soda - no salt or sugar. Not enough baking facilities so some of it will be steamed bread (flour). They say its to cure diarrhea. Rumor has it things still going well Europe. Nothing on this area.

Sept 3, 44

England at war 5 yrs today. Wedding anniversary coming up 11th. Nine years. Wish I could do something for the little angel this time but suppose will have to wait until next time.

practically no change here except
more men are getting well &
going to work. 201 today. Got
our pictures back. I seem to have
aged about 10 yrs in last 2 1/2 yrs.

Sept 10.

Flesh literally eating us to
pieces and we have nothing
with which to stop them.

Sept 11.

Married nine years ago today.
Have spent approximately
one half of that time with
Helen. Perhaps the next
anniversary will be different.

Sept 14.

Give us some flea powder
which helps considerably. Rumors
that we are leaving this camp
persist. Have heard nothing
officially. Expect Germany to
fall by Oct 5th but don't
know when we will forced
out about it.

The weather has already begun to
get cold. Now sleeping under three
blankets, lucky to have them. I
guess. Being up on this mountain
the sun rarely shines. Always
clouds & mist. Hope at least
to be able to communicate with
family by Xmas 44. Captain
Robinson and I visited the mine
on the 12th. Hell of a place to
have to work. Equipment and
methods have been obsolete
for 40 years and the place is
wet and dangerous!

Sept 20

Ration is dropping. Very seldom
get meat or fish anymore. Yesterday
received vegetables for five days.
All cucumbers except 20 K screwy
carrots and 5 K small bell peppers.
Nothing on a change yet.

Sept 27.

Ration no better. Had fish once
on 18th since 11th. Vegetables still

mostly all cucumbers. Capt
Robinson (MD) left for Tokyo
on 22nd. Certainly did hate
to see him go. He had been
with us since detail left
P.I. Are now having the
Norcasters similar to those
we had in New York. Still
hoping for 44. Last year at
Xmas Roosevelt is supposed
to have said the world would
be at peace Xmas 44. Heard
that a lot more of Amerigos
had recently been brought
from P.I. to Japan.

Sept 30.

No news. On 28th it was
discovered someone had broken
into Japanese storehouse &
stolen 12 Kilo sugar the night before.
They made officers search all
prisoners over & over again. I found
proof that the Japanese guards

were the culprits but they would
have none of it. We missed
our noon meal and got no
cigarettes for the day.
Oct 5th

Lots of rain again today. Went
to mine hospital today to have
my carabba tooth (the one I
made myself over a year ago
in P.I.) re extracted. Got a
new Japanese C.O. on 3rd.
His name is 1st Sient Watsono.
He succeeds Capt Nemoto. He
seems to be O.K. from what
little I've seen so far. Had our
1st serious injury in the
mine on 2nd. Oscar (Gregory,
a Chinese boy (British R.A.F.))
had a rock drop on his head
& crush a portion of his
skull the size of a silver
half dollar which was
removed. He seems to be
doing O.K. in the hospital

so far, however. Information
on the men is being
gathered by the Japanese.
Similar to that gathered
prior to the departure of
1230 Americans from
this camp. Maybe another
change is in the wind.
Oct. 16th

New Camp C.O. is C.K. No
further information on a
move from this camp. Oscar
Gregory is recovering very
nicely. Had a very bad
storm on 7th. Preceded &
followed by several days
of rain. On 7th one barbed
wire was almost blown over.
Fence was all blown
down. Had to move all
men into two barracks.
Very crowded. Yesterday was
a general holiday and

the Japanese gave each
man who had worked
two months without
missing a day a prize
of 3 (three) cigarettes each.
Officers each get 10 cigs for
doing of good work - so say
the Japanese. Also had
a ship down yesterday and
found a lot of Central band.
No action against offenders
so far. Food has not improved.
No meat or fish since 18th
of last month. Peri-Peri is
increasing. Also general
weakness. Weather is now
quite cold. 40° F. yesterday
at 4:30 a.m. Many of the men
have no socks and we
have only rubber tennis
shoes to wear. It will be
a very hard winter unless
something unforeseen happens.
Still hoping for Xmas '44

Oct 17

Last night the camp got 70 Kilos of fresh salmon, 15 Kilos of good beef, and 40 Kilos of beef and pork guts (centrals & offal). The Japanese took half the fish, all of the meat for 13 men. Gave us half the fish and the guts for 293 men. My protests were to no avail. We are supposed to eat the same rations as Japanese in base camp according to the Geneva Convention. This is our first taste of meat or fish since Sept 11th.

Oct 19.

Just finished reading "The Sun is my Husband" by Margaret Steinf' and "My Friend Flicka" by Mary O'Hara.

Oct 21.

We have just finished binding up a lot of radish tops and gabi stems with rice straw & changed them up to dry under the eaves of the buildings. Our winter vegetables & greens. Beri-Beri and Edema increase. 199 men to work today. Made one man go who was very sick - had been vomiting and had had no sleep. Expect a crisis concerning work soon. Unless conditions improve we will lose some men this winter. They took one of our six thin blankets away yesterday. Each man has only one pair of rubber shoes which he gets wet in the rain each day. Very few have any socks left. - If you ever did anything like this do it now. -

Oct 28.

Had another issue of guts yesterday. Tasted fine. None of the other officers would eat them so I ate all 4 portions.

Had another flare up concerning officers working yesterday, we will work a little for a few days & then procrastinate again for another month or two. Just read a western novel "All your Tex", a pulp story one of the British boys had. Am now reading "My official wife", copy righted 1891. Don't know where it came from. They marked a lot of our sick men "duty". Now have 222 working in the mine but many of them should be in a hospital bed. One of the American Privates beat Hell out of a Dutch Sub Lieutenant yesterday - argument in the mine.

Nov 4th

Read Anne Morrow Lindbergs "North to the Orient" an account of their trip to the orient in 1931. Now reading "Street of the Fishing Cat" Two more days before F.P.R. gets his 4th term. Japan is looking for big day 7th (6th in U.S.) Had an air raid alarm on afternoon of 1st. Near there is mail personal packages & Red Cross supplies in Tokyo. We need it badly.

Nov 11th

Two more raid alarms. Temperature is around 40° F. every morning & when we get up at 4:30. We don't get any charcoal until Dec. Heard F.P.R. was reelected. Don't know who the vice is. Food is no better. No meat or fish. We are hanging radish tops and gabi stems ^{to dry} for our winter vegetables.

forward to 7 P.M. roll call
outside, barefooted, so that
we can retire to bed. Even
then the bedding is so flimsy
it's hard to keep warm.
Capt. Neilson and I sleep
together & thereby get along
very well so far.

Nov. 26

Had a few comparatively warm
days but it's getting cold again.
Still no meat or fish. Just
found out the wheat ration
is laid down by Tokyo.
40 grams per man per month,
part of which will be guts.
However they say fish will
be in season next month
and we will get it regularly.
I feel some times that I will
never see the end of the war
if it lasts more than six
months but something always
happens to give me a new lease.

Since being prisoners of the
Japanese we have experienced
all of the sensations to the
nth degree: Hunger, pain, fear,
hate, heat, cold, joy, etc. Found
out yesterday we have all of the
winter clothing we are going
to get. One suit each, under
& outer. Many are very thin &
in bad shape. If we get
thru this winter in these
cracker box houses, with these
clothes, on this food will be
tough enough for anything.
Dec. 2

Finally got started on the last
month of the year. Hope this is the
last Dec. of captivity. Spent Thanksgiving
eating maize & soy beans as usual.
Had a big surprise 29 Nov. 200
boxes (800 small) of Red Cross food
come in. Haven't released it to us
yet. 2 2/3 small boxes per man. Said

they will give us one box per man when they get the maize. We can certainly use it. It will check the beri-beri, achina and vitamin deficiencies.

Air raids are becoming more regular. General alarm about 12:10 a.m. Nov 30. Local alarm about 12:30. All clear about 3:10. Another local about 7:00 a.m. During raids they keep us all in one barracks. Very crowded. We haven't seen a single plane yet. Tokyo inspector is supposed to visit us 4, 5th + 6th.

Dec. 14th

Tokyo inspector finally arrives on 12th, 2 mo + 1 day after scheduled. Had to get ready set out to meet.

Weather is now down to 5th or 6th in the morning only. The air is very noisy & they talk when they get up.

ambles show what is a real emergency in the morning. The...
 reached. Had...
 arrived...
 reached...
 food with...
 have a...
 they will...
 I...
 show...
 get...
 they...
 can...
 I...
 He...
 had...
 old...
 every...
 had...
 can...
 to...
 take...
 stopping...

had to...
 can...
 to...
 take...
 stopping...

The other 509 pigs are to
be distributed to the other
largest work as well as
unemployed. I am certain they
prefer to assist in the distribution
of our most important.

Two weeks ago #48 was
a very different. The
most perfect specimen
I have seen. They finally
died. #18 had been found
of them. I had to cut off
legs for them. Both were
of 18. #48 was a very
fine weight 48 kilos. He
used to weigh 100 kilos & was
on the ground which took
exercise & exercise to land.
He is 6'2" tall, 100 lbs. He
died. He has 3rd in September
& 12 days the last. He
was in a very bad state
if we can get a few more
I would like to see. I will

flourish. Two more get some
more in a bed like sleep &
together with me. I'll be in
the state there in one way.

Every 24 hrs there are from
1 to 3 more and always more
sometimes they put us all in
one. Some of the pigs are again
all done - hundreds of the
sleep. The more for getting
the more for their part.
What hope.

Dec 19.

Had our first death on 15th &
2nd on 16th. #207 De Shoot a
Dutchman died at 3:07 P.M. on 15th.
I was present & saw him gasp out
his last breath. #97 Poornweerd
also a Dutchman died at 6:20 P.M.
on 16th. Both were cremated and
the ashes are now in my office.
We will lose many more this
winter if conditions do not
improve.

Japanese C.O. promised us a holiday Xmas and 1 Red Cross box per man. Then on 17th he retracted the promise. We get the box & the holiday on 31st, plus 3 more days for Japanese New Year.

Still no soy beans & consequently little or no protein. Ben-Beri & ascarina are bad now & will get much worse.

I now have my first case of diarrhea since being a prisoner. For 5 days I have been having about 12 movements a day, mostly of blood & mucus. Hope to get it cleared up soon.

Temperature has been $+16^{\circ}\text{F}$ for several mornings and the men are suffering considerably. Xmas 7 more days. Wouldn't

certainly love to spend the holiday season with my family but will have to wait until the next one. Dec 24.

They issued us a Red Cross box per man on 22nd unexpectedly. Certainly made every body happy. Got my diarrhea under

control with some sulphaguanidine. Maj. Behrenburg had! Am now normal & feel well. Had a fine shipment of Red Cross mefacinex oil 22nd including enough multiple vitamins for 50 days.

Still no soy beans but meat, guts & fish are coming more regularly.

Today being Xmas Eve I got permission for some men to sing some Carols tonight & for a Dutch Salvation Army minister we have here to give a short sermon in the sick room. Men can stay up until

10 P.M. tonight but no
holiday tomorrow. Clear and
has sun out so we must
burn green wood in a pit
in the center of ea room.
Smoky as hell. Air readers
continue. For parade close
by we assemble on the
parade ground preparatory
to going to a tin mine. Haven't
seen any planes yet.

We have to turn in all
magazines & edis from the R.C.
shop & cig to the Japanese.
Had 3 sickly wound days but
its getting colder now. Six
more sick Dutchmen are
leaving 27th for Tokyo Hosp. Wish
to Christ they would send them
all. I was required to take
all R.C. Cigs & issue them out
at 5 per day w/o packs (low m)

Dec. 26

Xmas day spent same as

any other day. Men had to work
in the mine. We are
supposed to celebrate Xmas on
31st. Also have 1,293 ad (Jap-
anese New Year) off. Nothing
else of note.

Jan 5, 1946

Had holidays Dec 31, Jan 1, 2, & 3rd
we men did not work in
the mine. We five officers
had to work harder than on
regular work days. Dec 31st was
supposed to be for Xmas ^{and} we
got some extra fish (total 130 ^{lb} ^{meat} ^{meat} ^{meat})
and sugar (20 qms total). Had
funeral services at 12 noon 31st
for the two Dutchmen who
died 16th & 17th. Today sent their
ashes to Tokyo with 6 sick
Dutchmen who went to Tokyo
Hospital (Shinjogawa). Funeral
services conducted by Shintzism
Priest. Also supplemented by
one of our Dutchmen who

was previously a Dutch
Selvations Army Minister. He
also led an 8 man choir.
Other three days spent washing
& cleaning & trying to keep
warm. Then went back to
work yesterday 4th. We have
had no charcoal near for
13 days. Burn wood in the
rockers without stoves and the
smoke is terrific. Many of
the men are already, I almost
stare blind including
myself. Hope its only tem-
porary. Every day we cut
wood from the hill side &
now supply the entire camp.
Now heat the bath every day. The
bath is one of the few pleasant
things about this place. We
had two tarzanites per man
for 7 mos. Had waffles ahead
till end of March. Be glad
when its over.

Jan 23rd.

Most everything as usual. Still
cold. Temperature about +14°F
every morning. Warms up a
little with the sun. Eternog
water pipes often freeze. Had
two inspections, one on 16th
& one 20th for which we were
really chided around. Both
Japanese Colonels. First one
kind some good. Slight increase
in the ration, especially in
protein and an extra suit
of cotton underwear for
everyone except officers. They
are supposed to furnish
their own they said. Still
cutting all of our own wood
from surrounding woods.
Well of a job with the men
& tools available. We furnish
wood for all of the Japanese
stoves also. Long carry with
every stick.

Got our second Red Cross
box. also after the 16th,
inspection. One for every
body plus one for hard
& diligent workers. I have
protested the letter strenuous-
ly but to no avail as
usual. It Remba made
seven stoves from egg cardboard
Cans and abandoned pipe.
Work well & new Japanese
are having 10 larger ones
made. We will be
pretty well fixed by the
time winter is over & I
hope there won't be
another

Feb 6.

Temperature has been $14^{\circ}F$
for four days now. Consider-
able suffering of 3" of snow
on ground & nothing but
thin rubber shoes & 11 pr of

catton socks. Over 80 pr of
shoes are worn out & many
men barefoot one in the
snow. In spite of all this
we stand in roll call
formation morning & evening
for sometimes as long as 30
minutes for exercise & lectures
by Japanese Corporals. Fuel
shortage now. No bath for 4
days. Ken out of wood in kitchen
last night. No more wood
outside to cut. Water pipes are
freezing. Drains are frozen.
Have lost two men already &
another ready to go in sick
room. Have a few more stoves
in. Other rooms are still
using open fires. Men furnish
their own wood by bringing
scraps from the mine but the
guards take so much away
from them that they sometimes
have very little left.

Getting a little more fish
now but still getting only
around 2000 calories. They
have 35 men now on
bread ration amounting to
70 grams less per day than
the grain ration. Purpose
is to cure their beri beri.
What a lough. Just notified
of a big wind storm
coming up. Had one last
Sept & one byracks almost
went down. Don't know
what this one will bring.

Feb. 13.

Wind storm didn't materialize.
Had 10" of snow on 8th. Still on
ground. Cold persists. Another
Dutchman died on 11th. Pneumonia.
Sgt Bree, Dutch Navy.
Now have a grinder and we
have to grind all grain to
make bread of it. Some
Calories so I guess it does

matter. The men don't like it
& neither do I. Air raid
alarms almost every day now,
sometimes as many as 4 or
five. Haven't seen any planes.
Everything considered I believe
we can at least equal Valley
Forge but the winter won't
last much longer. Have had
14 Pneumonia cases in last
month but only one fatality.
Japanese started burning beri
beri patients with cotton &
alcohol to cure them. Actually
it's a torture to make them
forget their beri beri & go back
to work. Protest to C.O. to no
avail. Japanese assigned Lt
Kenba to relieve Capt Underwood
in mess. Said Charlie argues
too much & doesn't carry out
instructions. Hope it gets
from soon so Brains (ditch)
I'll throw & we can get away

thing cleaned. Latrines all
need emptying but can't
dig any ditches (holes)

Feb 18, 1945

Had six alarms on 16th. 3
during the day were all local &
on one occasion 10 American
carrier planes flew over. 1st
time we have seen them.
Were hoping it won't be
long. Snow of 8th still
with us.

Feb 27,

Had another 10" snow yesterday.
I was O.P. & had to clean it
all with 3 shovels and some
boards. Had another inspection
on 25th. Maj General from
Tokyo. He spoke good English
but asked no pertinent questions.
Was told today that separate
bldg will be built for our
quarters & office. Two Dutch
Sub Lieuts are to quit working

in the mine and will be
given responsibility of
handling all the Dutch on 1st.
Boon to American shops!

Saw 16 planes at a distance on
25th. Believe they were American.
Next month it is supposed to
start getting warmer. Surely do
hope so. This winter has been
hell on the men.

March 3

Another Dutchman (#88 named
Edwards) died at 6:20 a.m. 1st. Took
him down the previous day for
suspected appendicitis but turned
out he had gangrene throughout
his stomach. Now have him
back in a small box. The Dutch
Sub Lieuts are in charge of the
Dutch but still have to work in
the mine. The system isn't working
& all sorts of complications are
arising. Tomorrow is a holiday
& today they brought 10 music

instruments to us & told us
to arrange a 1/2 hr musical
program for tomorrow. Men
haven't played for over 3 yrs.
Bill Nelson surely has his
hands full. Very warm today
& snow & ice is going fast.
Began last night with a
heavy rain. 1 1/2" this yr. They
put out the rest of Red Cross
food today. 10 boxes for 11
lives. 24 boxes I can't
account for. We are going to
get a lot of R.C. clothing too
tomorrow now that winter
is over. Supposed to heat
the bath tomorrow 1st time for
two weeks. No air raids for
several days. Bad weather
I suppose. Got enough pipe
for rest of stoves now that
winter is over. All our coffee
is gone now but we have
pot positioned our R.C. food to

last 5 weeks yet.

Mar 8, 45

Holiday 4th. Had praise ceremony.
Diligent workers get 3 cigs. Bill
got together a good program
considering everything and then
the Japs took charge and ruined
everything. S.O.P. Finally got some
of the R.C. clothing. For 300 men
20 handkerchiefs, 60 ps socks, 30 ps
gloves, 30 sweaters, 30 suits heavy
underwear, 25 towels. Typical R.C.
issue. I am certain the R.C. sends
enough for every body but we
never get it. They are saving 60
O'Coats, 35 blankets & 25 O.P. shirts
for next winter. Brought one
of three appendectomies back from
the hospital today. We have
certainly had a high rate in
that respect. One officer now
has to take the light duty detail
down to the mine & supervise
them all day. started 5th. One week
at a time.

Mar 15

Snow and ice mostly gone now. Foggy + rainy. We now heat the bath about every four days. Each man gets about 4 gal of warm water. Had another love affair at tempo (roll call) on 13th. 3 Dutchmen were discovered to have traded something with Koreans in the mine for flour and paycocks. All three were slapped + beaten soundly + stood at attention in the cold for two hours. One of them became unconscious soon after + remained so until next day. Had several other beatings in the mine, all of which I have protested. May do some good but in another week someone else will probably be beaten. On 19th I will start taking light duty

detail to the mine for 1 wk. I rotate with the other two duty officers Neelson + Bluderwood. Had another Shinto funeral on 12th for two Dutchmen, Bree + Edwards #88. Lost 4 men during winter, all Dutchmen. However we sent some bed cots to Tokyo hospital some of which would probably have died here + may have died there.

Mar 24

One more day w/ Karo detail. A bore some job. Yesterday all together 7 men were beaten up. Ration has recently dropped. What little meat + fish we were getting has dropped to almost nothing. We are having grasshoppers today for 1st time. We have eaten some strange things since the war began including, snake, lizard, monkey,

horse, mule, cabbage, cat, dog,
civet cat, silk worms, gubs,
blood fish heads, & raw
grasshoppers. It can't get
worse. Prisoners of War
(Hokies) in Japan are fed
& treated far below the
standards required in the
U.S. by the F.P.C.A.

April 4

Have had several warm days
already but today we are
having a cold rain. Had a
holiday on 1st. Every body got a
good bath & washed some of
their winter clothing. Rumor
has it we are going to
Korea or Manchuria. Fish &
& vegetables have picked up
slightly. Charlie Underwood sick
w/flu for several days. Bill &
I did his work. Have started
cultivating the garden plots
already.

April 12

Cultivating rocky garden plots in
a big way now. Fertilizing
with human feces. Quite warm
now & we don't need fires
except early morning & evening.
Yesterday we finished our
first year in this camp. Don't
expect to put another one here.
Local alarm for 2 1/2 hrs today.
Will complete 3 yrs a prisoners
next month. It's been like
a life time. Can't stand
another year.

April 18

Nothing to eat but grain and
greens for over two weeks now
& not enough of that 2700
calories per day. Every body
always hungry. Took all
stoves out on 15th but its
quite warm now so no
matter. Hoping for war to end
this summer.

Apr 19

Receipts remitted to date for
879 Individual Red Cross boxes
received in Camp

Dec 14, 44 4

" 22, 44 - 298

Jan 18, 45 - 328

Mar 3, 45 - 232

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Apr 19.

From news we have been
able to get it appears that
the show will be over this
summer w/o fail. There are
also indications that we
may leave this camp and
all papers will probably be
taken so will sign off
& bury this and other papers
& records - so long.

P.S. - Understand from news

returning from Tokyo Hosp
yesterday that all P.W.s
from from P.F. started to
Japan in 11 ship convoy
& 9 of the 11 were sunk
off Singapore. 4 survivors
from one ship carrying
1800. Certainly hope the
info is false. Many of my
best friends would be
included.



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May 3, 45

On 28th Bill, Charlie & I got a severe beating because the O.V. Charlie intervened in the beating of one of the Chinese (British) boys. Bill was grounded once and had one tooth broken. We were all slugged in the jaw about six times. Next day my right jaw was puffed up & bore a strawberry. Every body still hungry. Calories around 2800 but better balanced. Considerable greens & have been averaging about 2oz of fish per man per day. Rumors from mine indicate a move for us but there is nothing to substantiate them. Weather is warm off & on now. They are installing an electric unit to heat the bath

water. Quite a surprise. Hope it works. Men
have been bringing in scrap wood for that
purpose

May 10

Treatment seems to be getting worse. More
harassing. Twelve to twenty men are slapped
or beaten every day. Got in some more Red
Cross, as usual not near enough. 72 tooth
brushes, 88 tooth powder, 5 playing cards etc.
Almost enough food packages for $\frac{1}{2}$ per man.
but they havent issued that to me yet. Got
a y.m.c.a. basket ball at least 10 yrs old. Hard
as shell & w/a punching bag bladder. We have no
time or energy to use one any way. Also got a very
cheap y.m.c.a. valley ball and net. ∇

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May 13

Now the men have to play volley ball before or after work. Also they can't lie down or sleep until 8:30 at which time they must retire. Must keep hats off inside & on outside. Also many other petty annoyances.

May 22.

Electric unit installed in bath & working O.K. Had a holiday on 20th. (Two days off per mo - 1st & 3rd Sun). Had a religious service by Lippe (Dutch Salvation Army - non-denominational) at 8 a.m. Attendance was voluntary & 4 men attended. Most of this crowd has become non-believers. At 9 a.m. had a praise ceremony. Diligent & regular workers for last month got 3 eggs each. After that they had a shake down of the barracks & everybody. Took away a lot of junk & some more knives.

May 22 cont.

Have been having a lot of cold foggy weather. Seems as though warm weather is now coming. I am really becoming an accomplished daydreamer. I can sit for hours when I have a chance & build air castles. Hope the war is soon over. I have had enough of this. Want something better or nothing at all.

May 27.

Weather now nice and warm and we are really getting things cleaned up. We are now planting greens, soy beans, and pumpkins. Fertilizing with feces from the latrine. Men are all still hungry & will always be I suppose as long as we are under these conditions.

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June 14, 45

Had another inspection by Col Sakaba, Chief of Tokio Camps on 7th. We worked very hard in preparation & according to the camp administration made a very good impression. Weather is very warm now but we still have a lot of rain & fog. Heard bombs and A.A. fire on 10th for 1st time since Corregidor. Hope they don't drop any in our laps here. These men have gone thru a lot to be rubbed out now by one of our own bombs. Some of the men are almost barefoot now and apparently no more shoes can be procured. Fish comes in now in large quantities about every ten days. On 9th we had over one lb of fish per man & it all had to be used that day & all stewed into soup. None since.

June 22.

Second day of summer & were still hoping something will happen before the next season. Forgot to mention new C.O. & 1st Sgt we got on 8th. Big improvement over their predecessors. C.O., 1st Lt Nobamura spent 10 yrs in U.S., graduated from North Western & speaks good English. 1st Sgt also speaks English & is level headed & not unamiable.

June 24.

Now that weather is really warm my beriberi (dry) is really causing my feet to burn again. Also my hands to a lesser degree. We now have flies, fleas, lice and rats.

July 12

We have had a lot of rainy, foggy weather. It's raining now. Everything about the same. No meat or fish for several weeks. Many cases of beri-beri, oedema, & general

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weakness among the Dutch which are not improving.
Can't get any more rubber shoes. Many men are
practically barefoot. We are now making straw
sandals. Saw many American aeroplanes on 10th,
Aug 1

Still no meat or fish. Bon-Bon increasing. We are
now cutting wood for the winter. Weather hot now
but I like it hot. Now picking all of our greens from
the mts. wild. Poor stuff but all we can get. Another
Dutchman #141 Heidecooper died in Tokyo hospital on
29th.

Aug 10

Had 21K meet yesterday which must last for 1 wk. My feet
& hands are burning & aching like in Caberatuca days. Fleas
practically eat me alive every night.

Aug 16

Had word yesterday afternoon that war had ended. No demonstrations or display of feelings either from us or Japanese *v.e.* nothing drastic or strong. Slept only two hrs last night. Couldn't stop thinking. Next experience will come when we see first outside Americans.

Aug 23

Japanese now very friendly. Issuing clothing & giving us everything they have. Men in turn are giving them winter clothing & everything they don't want to carry away with them. Butchered the pig (140 lb) yesterday & had very good gravy & bean soup. Our first meat for 3 months. J.C. says we

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may butcher his ox on 26th or 27th. Fleas, bed bugs
& mosquitos are now combined to make
sleeping miserable for us, or rather I should say
lack of sleep. Now that war is over time is
dragging more than ever. Eight days since
war ended seem like a month. We still have
no legitimate means of obtaining news but we
do very well. Hope I can go to P. I. & pay debts
acquired while in Cebonatan. Japanese still
have the rifles at this particular spot so we have
to continue to do their bidding. C.O. (J.C.) has been
calling all the officers down to talk with him
every day. Subjects are wide & varied & he knows
them all. Have been getting 6 cigs a day for
several days. Celebrated my 33rd birthday on 17th

St Renke & Sgt Whitney fired a cke w/ candles &
the men took a collection, also robbed my safe
& booklegged in 2 ducks & 1 chicken @ \$80. each.

Aug 24 -

Instructions to make several big yellow P.W.
marks by 6 P.M. today for planes to make drops
& food & clothing tomorrow.

Aug 25,

Foggy - no planes - Siren 4 times today to denote
state of peace

Aug 26

Still Foggy - no planes - every body getting
impatient. More Jap supplies. 70 gal of lard.
More than entire camp has had in 16 months

Aug 27.

This a.m. 6 navy planes buzzed the camp & dropped 2 tin canes, 36 cigars & 1 emergency (indiv) emergency ration kit (center). They come in low & then soared back up into the sky. P.W.s were swarming onto the roofs with towels & sheets. They literally went wild. All previous times we had seen them they were destruction bent & chased us to our shelters with M.G. fire. Empty shell cases & bullets dropped in our camp. On these occasions my state of excitement was low because I had work to do & because I have long since learned to disregard danger. Today with the planes coming low & the pilots waving I could barely hold a match to a cigarette, my voice was unsteady & a huge lump came to

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Aug. 27 (cont)

my throat. It is hard to realize that 3 yrs & 8 months of misery, privation, sickness, starvation, & death have past & left me here. This P.M. Navy planes again dropped Cigs & Candy - much more this time - and addresses of flyers. Americans landing on airports today! The steers got sick so we got permission to kill it before it died. I took 1 hind quarter. Will eat the meat tomorrow. Except for 24 kilos of rotten meat 3 weeks ago this is our first meat for about 3 1/2 months.

Aug 28.

More Navy planes w/ more cigs, candy & this time many recent newspapers & magazines. Nothing could have been more welcome. We are having a field day with papers, Time, Life, Navy & Army mags etc. Especially reading about we & many others were mistreated by Japs & Germans. B 29's dropped several tons of food & clothing in 55 gal drums. Much of the food was destroyed because ^{some} parachutes failed to open but we got full of American food for the first time in many many months. One 55 gal drum w/o parachute dropped thru a building

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in the Korean camp next door & injured one Jap. When he complained to me I laughed in his face & gave him 3 cigarettes. I am now running the camp w/o interference from the Japs. They are saluting us & complying with every request. Theoretically they are still in charge but not actually. Japs have given up administration and have burned all records to try to avoid prosecution

Aug 29

More Navy planes & cigs & candy. We always turn out & give them a big show with sheets & towels. They still give us a thrill. More Americans land in Yokohama.

Aug 30

Gen'l MacArthur lands today. And more troops. 4 B 29's come over today & dropped 10 or 250 lb parachutes with food, candy, chewing gum, & cigarettes. Took us a long time to retrieve it all from the various mountain sides but we were damned glad to do it. More Navy planes w/ more supplies & a ships news paper, U.S.S. Essex. ^{Day before} Yesterday Lt Renba went to the Chinese camp about 800 yds from here (634 Chinese forced labor)



to get some yeast starter. He come back & reported that that camp was in a sad state. Today I went over to visit the camp with a view to assist them in some way. The latrines were filthy & running over. Feces running across the paths & being walked in. Men were filthy & had no bath facilities (lost 200 men in less than 1 yr). Kitchen & barracks beyond description. Ration was flour only. Skin diseases rampant. Several consumptives not isolated. I sent for tools & set them to work with a promise that if they complied with my recommendations I would send them food after two days & also bring pressure to bear on the Japanese in their behalf. Selected some of my men to supervise the place for me. Disregarded the Jap guards entirely. Am so full I could pop. Dry beri-beri still bothering my feet & hands but this food will fix it up in about a month. Feel bad as ever. Bought a young heifer tonight for \$1500 and one new over coat. Will butcher it tomorrow & have steaks the next day.

Aug 31.

Rain & fog. No planes. Queen of Holland's



birthday. Dutch party had a ceremony at 6:30 a.m. Sang their anthem, God Bless America, & God Save the King. Americans & British were spectators. Butchered the beef. Sent representatives to Chinese Camp, Report remarkable progress. Had Subishi & hot sake with J.C. & heads of mine at 2:30 p.m. Got in some good looks re improvement of Chinese camp. Thought I would meet a lot more opposition but they consent to my taking over the Chinese camp.

Sept 1

Still rainy & foggy. Worked cleaning up camp for possible visitors from U.S. Tomorrow the Japs sign the surrender & I think we will take over the rifles but don't know for sure. Inspected the Chinese camp & found improvement almost unbelievable. Got a lot more food from the Japs for them & from our supplies gave them cigarettes, candy, gum, matches, beef insides, bones, head & some meat. Also canned bean soup for two meals & other things. Talked 1/2 hr with supt. of mine & supply mgr. & got many more concessions for Chinese camp including a sick room.



Sept 1 (Cont)

The silk parachutes the planes dropped were in different colors so our tailor is making one troop flag $4\frac{1}{2}' \times 9'$ for each nationality here. American, Dutch & British. It is now past midnight & he is still working on them. Have one Dutchman in the mine hospital near death from malnutrition.

Sept 2

Armistice signed today. Had details by radio in Japanese. Took over arms about 8 P.M. Great satisfaction. Took squad to Korean Camp next door & picked up 15 old rifles. Displayed our home made flags for planes & got big show.

Sept 3

Conference w/ J.C. between 12:30 a.m. & 2:30 a.m. re seizing of arms in Korean Camp. Navy planes dropped 3 more packages. Had group pictures taken.

Sept 4

Took 6 more pictures today. Rec'd word we leave by train tomorrow morning for Anahome where we will be rec'd by ship. Made one last



Sept 4 (cont)

inspection & effort on Chinese Camp. Sent all excess clothing and food to Chinese. Also made arrangements for some additional equipment etc for them. The Chinese said goodbye in typical oriental fashion.

Sept 5

Left camp at 7 a.m. Marched 7 km with colors flying & head of each column. Picked up 344 more men (55 Americans - 9 Norwegians) at camp #7 on our way out. I took command. Entrenched at 8:30. Detained at 11:00. No boats. At 5 P.M. (still no boats) took over school house & several other bldgs & arranged for food from nearby P.W. camp

Sept 6.

Still no boats. Dispatched Capt Chas Underwood, 1 ^(Boats) marine, 1 ^(Boats) soldier, 1 ^(Sings) R.A.F. interpreter, & 1 Jap M.P. to Tokyo to acquaint them with our plight & make arrangements.

Sept 7.

Still no boats. Men ready to leave on their own. Assembled all & talked. Made arrangements to establish own kitchen and assemble all 634 in one place. One Dutchman married a Japanese. Men running everywhere but no trouble. I have



Sept 7 (cont)

taken stes in one & only hotel. Work during days. Drink beer & sake & eat raw fish at night. Have averaged about 2 hrs sleep per night since arrival. J.C. procures drinks & food & arranges parties. We give all orders. ~~It~~ Have been searching for a sea worthy boat in which to send Mr Collins & some of the Navy boys out out to contact patrols for proceed to Yokohama. At 5 P.M. was talking to a Cal Japanese Marines re boats. Had one 20 tonner very bad shape. He had info one large US transport in Sendai 30 miles north. Sent telegram. Beer was good. Then come call Charlie back from Yokohama & all OK. Leave via train with one

Sept 8.

Entrained at 6 am. Charlie stayed to bring out Camp # 1 & 2 Sendai next day. Tokyo burned out shambles. Marvellous reception at Yokohama station. Bond, beautiful nurses & wac, St Gens Eickelburger & Hall. Talked to both. Went to dock area ate & were processed. Talked to Genl Macguat. Capt Orris, M.D. very nice & helpful

Sept 9.

Talked to Genls MacArthur, Sutherland, Casey & Willong



(Sept 9 cont)

Bril. Sutherland said he would be glad to have me come back to work after leave. Charlie came back w/ Cony's #142 & we immediately went to Atyuki air strip to enplane for Okinawa. Weather was bad & couldn't leave tonight.

Sept 10th.

Took off at 9am in a C-54-E #49049. Capt Francis of San Francisco pilot. Arrived 2:30 Okinawa. Gave us coffee, doughnuts, & Coca-Cola for 1st time. Assigned us tents. Okinawa still bee-hive of land sea, & air activity. Again saw many friends and learned fate of many more

Sept 11.

Bad weather. No planes out to Manila. Taking it easy. These damn lousy Dutch are going crazy among plenty, apparently for the 1st time in their lives. Trying to take every thing to Java. One had 12 pr new shoes, another 6 shoes 12 uniforms, one had 70 lbs rice. Army set 15 lb limit & were damn glad - The dirty bastards. My 10th wedding anniversary. Would like to send cable but unable to do so yet.

Sept 12.

Sgt Wilkinson, our ~~sp~~ ingenious ex-orderly



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got into a kitchen & took over. So we moved to his kitchen today. Food is better & he takes care of us. He is also in with the office & is trying to expedite our evacuation.

Sept 13

Left by B-24 at 6 AM. Arrived Clark field about 11 AM. Train to Alabang at 6:30 P. What we could see of Manila certainly looks a wreck

Sept 14

Physical exam today & signed host of papers. ~~writing for administrative exam & procedure.~~

Drew clothing

Sept 27

Whirlwind stay in Manila (Alabang). Rain and mud at the camp terrific. Saw Sen Marshall & got a car to use for duration. Looked up friends in Manila whom Japs didn't kill. Saw Pedada, Geymons, Wright, Parsons wife, Joe Mc Miching, Mrs Bewley & others. Manila certainly a wreck. Tried to go home by air but couldn't make it because! of all things) that Filipinos going to school in U.S had 1st priority. Finally boarded Pyckman, U.S.S. on 25th, sailed 26th. Now some where between P.I. & Guam.

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Sept 27th cont.

Still with Charlie & Bill. Lost Behrenburg +
Jen in P.I. Ran into Chris, Connie, Tex,
Pray & many others at Olibang. Many others
I didn't run into & never will. Promoted
to Major as of Sept 2nd.

