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WHILE INTERNED AT HUNKA CAMP, KANDA WARD, TOKYO,
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Nov. 30 - Fourteen names announced. Evening concert rushed. Philippine Island officers warned against Sgt. John David Provoe, USA. He has criminal record from Corregidor which is very interesting. At capitulation he quickly changed into civilian clothes and greeted Japanese soldiers with "doso irashai" (Come in - you are welcome). He was the only one there who could speak a little Japanese and was immediately made interpreter and put in charge of a certain area and galley facilities within Malinta tunnel. In his authoritative capacity he ordered officers up to the rank of general to tow the mark and respond to his commands. He was once heard shouting "kura" at a general. It is the crudest, rudest Japanese and means something like "hey you". Another time, he stepped into one of the galleys and ordered some biscuits baked for himself and the Japanese guards. His request was ordered disregarded by a U. S. Army captain who had been in charge of the area. His reason was the extreme shortage of flour and other ingredients. Sgt. Provoe ordered him to produce the biscuits anyway and be quick about it. The captain was considerably disturbed by that time and reminded our young sergeant friend that he was talking to a commissioned officer in the U. S. Army and that such conduct on the part of a sergeant was strictly out of line. Sgt. Provoe turned on his heel and left. A few moments later two Japanese guards appeared in the galley and removed Captain Thompson. He was seen the next day lying beside a road - dead. Later on word got around that Sgt. Provoe had gone direct to the Japanese commanding officer of Corregidor and made a report on one of his own officers. He is held responsible, by thousands of POWs, for the death of this man. According to T/Sgt. Newton Light, USA, his conduct in the Taiwan general's camp was rotten from the beginning. There too - as interpreter - he was given a great deal of authority, which he nearly always used to the extreme detriment of his fellow POWs. The other night, when he arrived here, muster was held up twenty minutes while he conversed in Japanese with the duty officer. At the end of the interview, Sgt. Provoe broke down and, according to bunkmates, wept bitterly far into the night. He failed to consider one important factor during the course of his interview with the duty officer - the fact that there might be someone else nearby who could understand what was being said. Fortunately that person did exist in a young lieutenant of the British Army, a young journalist who arrived several days ago with Lt. McLaughlin, British Army, Loyal Regiment, and party from Chosen. According to him - after much discussion about Sgt. Provoe's prewar experiences in Japan and training in Buddhism, Sgt. Provoe offered his services here in any capacity the authorities wish to assign, pledged his loyalty to Japan, etc. The duty officer was not receptive. Terminated the interview by asking Sgt. Provoe how he dared expect the Japanese to trust him when he was being a traitor to his own people. Hence the tears. Yes - we'll be extremely cautious of this man. Nicholas Shenk, Adj. Dutch Army, Surabaya, is to be cock and from what we can gather, he doesn't know the first thing about it. Oh well!

MINNA CAMP

Dec. 1 - British lads helped me pack, produced everything I was looking for from their own gear. Good boys. Wrote a note to Bob Valois and Dr. Guttleib at Shimoga Hospital Camp which will go out with the next work party. Ordered at last minute not to take our blankets. Turned them in to stores. Formation at 1000. Ordered to take blankets. Tried to get our own back, but failed. Don't know what we're getting with this new lot - bedbugs, fleas, clothing lice are the usual. Batted an hour for Farewell address by the colonel. Inspected. Lantangi scrub-brush caused the only sensation. Nothing else attracted their attention. Departed with Viscount Ikeda, Lt. Hamamoto and a hospital Sgt. Major in truck. The Lieutenant didn't like the way the boys were loading it and kicked everything off into the dirt. Arrived at Bunka - former school building. Inspected again. My Red Cross fund carefully noted by the lieutenant and Viscount, also large stock of tobacco. The Viscount was amazed that JMWs are permitted to smoke. Blankets were piled up in the court and reissued. I now have a third set and they are worse than the second. Larry W. Quille, civilian, tried to get back his own sheets and was slugged in the jaw by the Lieutenant. Nice people! Lunch quite good. More rice than we've seen in years, and a tasty sweet potato cake. The Lieutenant queried us regarding the size of the ration compared to Ours. Lt. MacNaughton and I - not knowing what to reply - assumed a very non-challant air about the whole thing, and said it was "about the same". Formation in the afternoon, at which a major from headquarters gave us our orders. Interpreted by a University of California graduate - obey all orders to help to restore peace between Japan and America. If we refuse to cooperate and carry out these orders, we will be severely punished, "even death!" Oases they mean business. The order was signed - SIND IJF. Edwin Kalbfleisch, Jr., 2nd Lt., USA, St. Louis, Missouri, Sgt. Provoc, and I were taken to the radio station. Additionally. Was told I sounded "like a baby crying for it's mother's milk". Viscount thought it a funny and let out a high-pitched giggle the like of which we've never heard from man, woman or beast. I was relegated to the turntable, my permanent job, where I am to be assisted by Viscount's brother until "you can be trusted to do it alone". Another giggle. Sgt. Provoc is Master of Ceremonies for whatever we're going to be doing, and Kalbfleisch is chief commentator. During the auditioning we met a smooth looking gent named Buddy Kawamuro Esq. famous for his book on "Corregidor". Viscount Ikeda and Lt. Hamamoto (Alina), in charge, Bunka Camp, dined with us in the evening, and gave us more orders. After each order, the Viscount would say: "If you do not obey - you will be punished", or "If you do not obey, nothing is guaranteed". Then he'd giggle and the Lieutenant would repeat some more. After an hour of this the Viscount described the high hopes of the IJF that through this group peace would be restored. Cigarettes were passed out and we were given permission to ask the Lieutenant questions. First query from Lt. MacNaughton: "Why are the officers quartered with the men?" The reply was quite unsatisfactory. It is to be discussed later. Viscount Ikeda praised himself as having been educated in England at Oxford, Balliol college. With this reflection, he turned on a very British accent and went on and on about his thorough knowledge and understanding of British and American psychology. He did diplomatic work in Australia prior to the war and was interned there and subsequently exonerated. He was treated very badly. Had to be accompanied to the dentist by an armed guard, and was not permitted to leave the embassy grounds. There, all they had to do was read, swim, and play tennis. He was bored stiff. Our distress can be imagined! He insists

the Japanese are extremely cultured people and tried to prove it by singing odd bits of Beethoven. It was almost too much to endure, but we managed to turn on a half smile and conceal our contempt. Sgt. Provoc was so enthusiastic about the work I was afraid for a while that he was going to commit us to a rather embarrassing situation. He will be given a definite schedule tomorrow. Until then - sleep well - and remember to carry out the instructions given us by the lieutenant; otherwise, "nothing is guaranteed!"

Dec. 2 - Slept about an hour. Fross the rest of the time. Have five thin woodpulp blankets and the bunkrack is hard as rock. We'll have to do something about it one way or another. Schedule announced. We are to rehearse scripts each morning, broadcast at 1:00 daily. Stephen H. Shattles and the three of us went to the radio station at 10:30 and after innumerable rehearsals did what they considered a "very smooth program". My records, however, were not faded in and out properly. I must watch that. At exactly one minute to one, Viscount, with one hand placed on the Master of Ceremonies' mike said: "Remember, if you say one word which is not on the script you will, of course, be shot." And with that, he let out a shrill gingle that made us tingle all over and left the studio to the control room. The material broadcast was ridiculous, and so long as it continues to be such incredible drivel, I knew that American reaction will be no more than a good belly laugh. We don't know who writes it and certainly don't care. All I pray for is that Washington files a strong protest against the use of POWs for propaganda purposes and that they ship us back to a regular camp quick. Daily schedule announced: musters will be at 7:00 and 10:00. Lunch and supper incredibly small, far less than Omeri ration. Buddy Kazumero Uno is to be directly in charge of our work under Viscount Ikeda. Latter presented us with escape lists. Men are divided into groups under each officer. Lt. MacNaughton gets shot if anyone does anything. Lieutenant and Viscount were in for supper again. Asked if we knew why ration was cut. No. Because Lt. MacNaughton and I lied yesterday when asked regarding the Omeri ration. Tried to explain we didn't know, and tried to be politely noncommittal. No soap. We were going to be given twenty per cent more, but now we're going to get twenty less until the Lieutenant has his faith restored in us. Nuts. Supply Man Shishikura, WO, Japanese Army, has asked regarding canteens in camps. He will try to get supplies we've been permitted to purchase in the past. Lt. MacNaughton is to voice personal message to his wife tomorrow. Viscount Ikeda ordered Kalbfleish to write commentaries asking for arbitrary peace on behalf of the POWs, but to state explicitly that unconditional surrender is out of the question. It would result in national suicide and death for all POWs. George Williams and Sgt. Provoc had a good row over the latter's enthusiasm over this work. Sgt. Provoc favors cooperation fully. Worried. If this man works true to form, Williams is apt to be reported and the consequences may be extremely unpleasant. Suggested to Williams that he handle this dubious character more cautiously until we know exactly where we stand, but he's quite firm in his convictions. More power to him. Kalbfleish read Sgt. McKown's message today, staff Sgt. USAF, rear gunner 325 downed in China. He's from Indianapolis, Indiana. Know the man. Met him in Omeri. He could never have written it. Met George Kumai, Japanese civilian, Foreign Office, who has been hired from the Foreign Office to do two commentaries per week. Said he hated it. Filthy work. Suspicious. Returned from radio

station to find orders from the Kempi that we're to mop entire building daily for a week. It's so cold the water on the hall floor almost freezes. So it anyway. No sleep or laying on tanks between musters. Smoke only around one ashtray. Blankets to be folded premaster. The Supply Man is sneoping around us constantly. Everyone is miserable except Sgt. Provoc, who is enthusiastic and predicts a bright future, and a strange boarded civilian POW from Shanghai (Waka) whom none of the other Shanghai civilians will have anything to do with. They say he cooperated with Japanese authorities in a former camp, wrote for Japanese papers, and that orders were given by Colonel Ashurat of China Marines, that if anyone saw an opportunity to put him out of the way, he'd take full responsibility. Another in our midst. Wow! Williams and Sgt. Provoc still feuding. Don't like it at all. Things look less guaranteed every minute!

Dec. 3 - Had a long discussion with Williams this morning. He insists he is not afraid of Japanese orders and threats, and will not participate in the program under any circumstance. We admire his attitude, but I don't think any of us are going to be so foolish as to risk our necks at this late stage. Viscount Ikeda issued orders for articles he wants different members to write. Subjects - Roosevelt foreign policy, and the story of each man's capture. Said he was planning to take us to concerts later on if we behave. He calls this special treatment! Huan - worse conditions than we've ever seen or heard of, work which couldn't be more dishonorable, and threats from morn till night of severe punishment and death if we don't cooperate. Special treatment! I'll say it is. Buddy Uno has a stunt which he thinks is very funny - a game - called the "Come on Knox" game. He plays it on the air with Sgt. Provoc - rattles dice into the mike, announces the enormous naval losses, and says "Come on Knox". Thinks it's very good. Don't get it, myself. He goes on as Mr. Kawai of the Nippon Times and presents news. Parkyn is assisting Nicholas Shenk in the galley, pinched a large number of spuds from stores. Advised they be consumed quickly. This reign of terror is enuff without deliberately asking for more.

Dec. 4 - Catching cold from daily mopping. Floors never dry. Japs have refused us more blankets. Tried sleeping fully dressed, but no use. Finished the requested article on my capture and turned it in. Viscount Ikeda thought it very bad as it ridiculed Japanese mannerisms and treatment. I do not have to do one on the Roosevelt foreign policy. He may assign me a topic later. Don't think so. He's not pleased with my writing ability. Lt. Hamamoto and Buddy Uno for dinner. Lt. Hamamoto says he's completely responsible for our welfare and will give us the world if we obey orders well. Buddy Uno left early and the Lieutenant was joined by Viscount Ikeda, who suggested general discussion with the group. Asked what we wanted. Cigarettes, vitamins, Red Cross. Promised all. They are also considering picnics. How nice - with them. He might be given more blankets if we work very hard. Christmas mass for Kalbfleish, Joseph Astarita, civilian, of 246 Avenue E, Brooklyn, New York, and self? Maybe. Had to read Lt. Ray E. Lucia's (Oswari Camp) letter today. Address Glendale, New York. Know him. O.K. The old Japanese couple who live in the basement and work here as caretakers, have been very friendly with the galley boys. He especially has been purchasing cigarettes on the outside and bringing them in. Charges no extra. Just seems to be trying to be helpful and sympathetic. Joseph Astarita and Donald E. Bruce, 1/4th Bersardier, British Army, Glasgow, Scotland, have joined Nicholas Shenk's galley staff. Buddy Uno said very

soon we'd be writing the entire program. Don't like that at all, but then I don't like anything else around here and can't do anything about it. Williams is livid because we don't make a definite stand against this whole atrocity. But Lt. MacNaughton and I prefer to proceed very cautiously. Why get ourselves shot, leave Sgt. Groves and this odd bearded fool, and simply have the Japs bring in another twelve poor bastards? Williams can't see it. I respect his stand, but cannot tolerate any such irresponsible action at the moment. The original orders our first day here, and subsequent threats by every member of the Japanese staff are sufficient for Lt. MacNaughton and me to make us take things slowly and intelligently. It's a diabolical situation.

Dec. 5 - Halbfleish did personal letter to his family. Two identified. Permitted play radio station piano, but hands so swollen with chilblains and beriberi, I couldn't get the old feel. Newspapers given us. Food slightly improved. Daily napping absurd and restrictions on going out of doors quite unnecessary. The only time we can leave the building is for the latrine and morning and afternoon exercise. The latter sessions are most unpleasant as we are much too cold and weak. Halbfleish asked permission to walk in the sun occasionally. We are granted permission to walk up and down in front of the building (forty feet) from five minutes to twelve, until noon. We are overjoyed with this generous privilege. Confinement is very oppressive. We have three rooms upstairs - bunkroom, dining room, and porch. Anyone caught in any other part of the building will be severely punished and "nothing is guaranteed". The odd bearded man, who has been writing prolifically under his own name and the additional title of "Ardent Post Patriot" today produced what he calls "An Ode to President Roosevelt". The Shanghai civilians cringed when it came to light. It was published months ago in all the English language papers in Japan, and caused an enormous sensation in the Shanghai camp. It was one of the points on which Colonel Ashurst vowed the destruction of this dubious character. Stephen H. Shattles has been ordered to read it on the program tomorrow. He is furious.

Dec. 6 - Day started with Stephen H. Shattles protesting to Buddy Uno over being assigned to read this incredible poem by Streeter. Buddy Uno immediately called muster and read such a riot act to the assembled group as I have never heard in my life. He threatened us with everything from a firing squad to the tortures of a gastepe dungeon if anyone ever dares question an order in this camp again. Told Shattles he would not only read it, but that he'd do a plenty good job or else suffer the consequences. Shattles was so nervous when broadcast time arrived that he was almost speechless. However, his presentation was apparently satisfactory as nothing more has been said. Mr. Marino, University of California man, a Japanese civilian censor, came over in afternoon to question Halbfleish and Williams on their political views. Williams gave him an earful. Korigishi - the only decent officer from Otori, inspected us. Said he would try to send us a few more warm clothes, and blankets, and will check to see if we have mail. Says civilian Red Cross clothes are coming, and from what he's heard, privileges to go out into town and buy things. Buddy Uno says tomorrow we will have a very distinguished visitor, an American "with whom you may talk freely". Hope no one takes that seriously! The strain of this horror house is really appalling.

Dec. 7 - 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Genevieve Topping was introduced to us at formal parade. She's been in this country since 1885 doing missionary work. She's well over eighty. She could have been exchanged, but refused in order to continue the work she and her husband started fifty years ago. Stupid old fool. Most of us were unimpressed, unsympathetic and did not "talk freely". She asked us to tell her everything. What did we think of the work, how were we treated, etc. We were careful. She was obviously sent by the authorities to pump us. She ended up in a real battle with Williams regarding the Japanese position in international affairs today. She asked for a written statement from the group regarding the war. Williams wrote it - quite noncommittal and representative of the majority of opinions here. Mrs. Topping didn't like it, but had to accept. Sgt. Provoo protested it, and suggested as long as we were so restrained, he'd state his views independently, but finally agreed to our statement. Mrs. Topping departed after gathering everyone together and reciting the Lord's prayer, in which Buddy Uno joined. How can he dare indulge in such blasphemous impertinence! The whole affair was ludicrous and rotten from start to finish.

Dec. 8 - Mrs. Topping on our program today reading a review of her visit to our camp yesterday. Broke down in the middle of it. Read our declaration which had been altered considerably by the authorities, but not too drastically, thank goodness. After the broadcast she let loose a tirade at Buddy Uno regarding our position - cold, poor clothing, bad food, no recreation, "they're all semi-invalids". Buddy Uno told her to be quiet and escorted her out of the studio. I guess we went to seeing her again, the poor, old gullible fool! After supper Lt. MacNaughton, Kalbfleish, Sgt. Provoo, and I discussed local situation in diningroom. We really lit hard on conditions in this camp as compared with others: lack of proper food, clothing, vitamin pills, and usual camp privileges. A few minutes later Buddy Uno walked in, and in the very order we had discussed them, asked what we thought of this camp in terms of food, clothing, medical attention, and privileges. We were struck dumb. There is no doubt the place is wired. We thought of it the day we arrived and made a careful inspection, but found no sign of anything. ^{Uno says Japs must starve, but not us.} They are obliged to feed and clothe us well so we'll return to our own countries after the war and speak well for Japan. He promised to do his best to improve conditions. Nicholas Shenk's beriberi is so bad it hampers his heart action. Subject to fainting spells. At 10:00 muster, he was given vitamin pills. Quick work on Buddy Uno's part. We were told that a major and captain, both prisoners, will join us soon. Got hold of Mrs. Toppings script and discovered the lines which had been altered by the authorities. "We believe the war could be ended by negotiating peace" changed to "We believe that Japan cannot be defeated". Several others - very minor.

Dec. 9 - My cold is much worse, running fever. Feels like flu. Supply Man Shishikura told galley boys that Red Cross boxes are coming in for Christmas. Coal arrived. Scheduled to have bath tomorrow. Sgt. Newton Light turned in with kidney trouble and beriberi. Lt. Hamamoto granted us an extra blanket each which must be returned in five days. That is the deadline for our illnesses. We must be well at the end of that time - Japanese orders. We're to have heat on the fifteenth. Lt. Hamamoto gave us each a package of cigarettes. He's sending us a teacher to give us Japanese lessons. Asked Sgt. Provoo what we lacked. Sgt. Provoo replied - food and cigarettes. Promised food will increase in quality and quantity if we continue to behave. If we don't - the old story - "severe punishment or death". The repetition of that charming threat by each

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member of the staff every day certainly does wonders for morale and the atmosphere of this hell hole. I'm quite certain that if anyone coughed or dropped a pin in the next room, my heart would stop beating. The officers are to move down the hall to a separate room tomorrow morning. Thank goodness for that generous recognition of rank. Overheard an interesting conversation between Streeter and Buddy Uno today. Streeter offered his services to the Japanese authorities to say anything against the Roosevelt administration which they would like him to say. Explained his hatred of the President, and how there is a suit pending in the supreme court in which he is the chief plaintiff of the people. That it is, I don't know. But he sounds a little creepy to me. He also insists he was editor and publisher of thirty magazines in America before he went out to work on Wake. Buddy Uno asked why he went to Wake if he was so prominent and influential. Streeter replied that he went there to check up on the base which was being built and see how Roosevelt was spending the taxpayers' money. With a full report, he intended to return to America and continue his suit - whatever the damned thing is. I strongly suspect that the poor old dock laborer is just a bit loco in the coco! Hope he doesn't get violent. We've enough to contend with at the moment. Sgt. Frowp has been behaving quite well, so far as we know, other than his enthusiasm for the program and endless stream of drivel about the benevolence of these people. Some supplies arrived today and we were ordered to help carry them in. Donald Bruce and Lt. MacNaughton accidentally dropped a bag of rice and while they were bent over, sweeping it up, Bruce was punched in the nose and Lt. MacNaughton backhanded across the face by our benevolent friend, the Supply Man. No explanation - just smack! How to win friends! But then, we shouldn't expect too much because "nothing is guaranteed". And so to these five thin blankets and hard, cold boards, where I shall try desperately to give the impression, to all who may be interested, that I am sleeping.

Dec. 10 - Program seems to go on, day after day, with some stupid stream of rubbish. The backers of it probably think it's having an enormous effect in America and helping them win the war. But we feel certain it's giving those who listen the biggest laugh they've had in years - especially Sgt. Frowp's "Voice of Greater East Asia, Strong, Determined, and Ever Victorious". Viscount Ikeda never stops coaching him on that particular line. Big day. Each man issued one package of cigarettes, two small buns, box of matches, black tea, and we noticed slight improvement in the rations. No bath yet as the tub leaks and must be repaired. We might have expected it. Japanese tub. Still feel like death, but was ordered out of bed to attend formation in the court and listen to a speech by another tough looking major from headquarters. He re-emphasized the original orders regarding this "special camp" and warned that the slightest infringement would result in immediate death for the person or persons concerned. He then asked if there was anyone who still felt he could not cooperate. Williams stepped forward. The major was so shocked he almost lost his samurai composure, and the atmosphere was so tense I could hear my own heart pounding. The major leered. "Anyone else?" No one moved. "The rest of you are dismissed to return to your quarters." Williams was marched into the front building between two kampi guards. Have a very uncomfortable feeling we may not see him again. Poor old George. I have all the admiration in the world for his remarkable courage. But Lt. MacNaughton and I have discussed this matter very carefully, and so help me God, I cannot see that sacrifice is required or that it will help the situation in the least. The Japanese can draw upon fifty thousand others from the camps if they need them to do this filthy job, and I don't

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think there are many who are more capable of handling the predicament than we are if we grit our teeth and act intelligently. There's no telling what opportunities the future may hold which will enable us to be of real service to our own people overseas - and in the camps. Then too, the whole show could be stopped if Washington decides to file a strong protest against this unprecedented violation of International Law. Whatever happens, we must be intelligent, and stick solidly together. Inspected in afternoon by Major Tsunehiko and Murayama, his official interpreter. Kalbfleisch escorted them through the barracks and complained endlessly regarding the appalling conditions which exist here. Result - two new blankets per man and evening muster moved up from 10:00 to 8:30. Buddy Uno says we must soon begin a definite work schedule. No details, but equipment is being brought in - stencil apparatus, typewriters, etc. Everything in future will be written by us. Must bow at entry to palace in gratitude for benevolent treatment. What next!

- Dec. 11 - Still weak, in bed. Williams has not returned, but his personal effects are still here. Perhaps he won't be needing them. I wouldn't put anything past them. Lt. Hanamoto was over in a rage. Kicked blankets off the bunkcracks, shoes, almost threw a cup of cold tea at Lt. MacNaughton. Said he found the barracks in filthy condition. Nothing was really wrong, but he lost so much face over the major's visit yesterday, that he had to do something. He didn't come around at muster. Ashamed! Three stoves installed. Still no bath. "Very difficult now to get repair man." Bread arrived.
- Dec. 12 - Lt. Hanamoto announces he's holding up the issue of bread as we were very bad yesterday. Nations cut again. General to inspect tomorrow. Sgt. Provo and I must write tomorrow's program and Kalbfleisch must type it. Articles are written - we must do continuity and select music. Hum. It will be regular daily routine. Three stoves were taken out. Streator to go on the air every Monday under own name. No word of Williams yet. Buddy Uno refuses to speak on the subject.
- Dec. 13 - Nations cut again. This is getting impossible. Why don't they just stop feeding us altogether, and get it over with. Obvious they're just doing it as a means of forcing the required work out of us. Supply Man walked out with half the bread which arrived day before yesterday. Sgt. Provo and I have decided to make a formal complaint about the desperate food situation. Lt. MacNaughton agrees we're the ones to handle it as our contacts with Buddy Uno are the best to date - due to this continuity business. We discussed the matter with the group and all agreed to back us 100 per cent in any complaint we decide to make. Got figures from the galley, and details on the Supply Man's thieving. Talked to Buddy Uno, explained what we've been used to getting in the camps, and how deplorable this situation is in comparison. He took the figures. An hour later he returned with Lt. Hanamoto and called mister. Lt. Hanamoto removed his sword, leaned upon it and shrieked. "We complained about the food?" Ten of us stepped forward. Only Sgt. Newton Light and AFP remained in line. We were then marched to the end of the hall and each was given a sock on the jaw. I was the first slugged and I won't forget it for a long time. Lt. Hanamoto then spoke for fifty minutes. Further complaints will result in immediate execution. Lt. Hanamoto says we have discredited his ability to run this camp, and there is no graver insult to a Japanese soldier than to question his ability to command. Too damned bad! After putting us in our places for the evening, Lt. Hanamoto proceeded to the galley to attend to Nicholas Shank who had not been able to attend the formation due to his

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cooking. He struck him several times, knocked him out cold, and left word with Lt. MacNaughton that Shank was fired from the kitchen. Sgt. Newton light was put in as cook and Nicholas Shank had to be carried upstairs, where I scared Buddy Uno half to death by telling him Nicholas Shank was so ill from beriberi that his heart action was almost nil. Lt. Hamamoto rushed back to see what he'd caused and sent out for a doctor. The whole affair has been extremely unpleasant, but at least we all know where we stand. Perhaps the food situation will improve. Heaven knows it can't get any worse. Buddy Uno ordered me into the script as "Turntable Duck" - so he can have another to play the "Knock" game with. Isn't that nice of him!

Dec. 14 - Lt. MacNaughton's watch was off this a. m. and we were two minutes late for muster. The Warrant Officer was furious and made us run around and around the court until we were so exhausted we almost collapsed. Bread was issued - and I divided my can of peach jam amongst the group. Nations today were the biggest we've had since we arrived. Lt. Hamamoto came over early and was in an extremely good mood. Brought us a bunch of maps to be used to decorate the barren walls, and ordered the Supply Man to go out and buy us vitamin pills. Got up for a while, still very weak. No bath yet, no word of George. Our little session yesterday seems to have cleared the atmosphere considerably.

Dec. 15 - At noon today two Chori guards came in for Williams' gear. Immediately after they left, Buddy Uno called formation in the officers' room, and in well chosen words which made one's blood run cold, emphatically explained that Williams was not returning, in fact "you will probably never see him again. His type isn't wanted here. They got his clothes. Yuh seen that, didn't yuh? Well, he went need 'em where he is. Not six feet under! And if any of you other guys think you can't cooperate with the Japanese, I can fix it so yuh can go right out that gate just like Williams did. O.K. He wants to go? Come on. Step forward. Who wants to go because he can't cooperate?" He and moved a muscle. Buddy Uno dismissed us. Called Lt. MacNaughton aside - guards reported during their visit two personal packages on way from Chori for members of this group. "And put the ashtrays outside the bunkroom doors at night, half full water. That's an army regulation and you'd better carry it out." An hour later someone broke a dish. The Supply Man tried to make some member of the galley force confess and no one would. Lt. Hamamoto called muster and with Buddy Uno interpreting read another riot act. He threw bowls on the floor as hard as he could. "You see - they went break. Japanese bowls do not break unless you deliberately break them. Now come on, who did it?" No one moved. Joseph Atarita said he's simply found the dish broken in the bottom of his wash bucket. Lt. Hamamoto insisted he must have a confession. It went on and on. Finally, thank goodness, Lt. Hamamoto started to laugh. He must have seen the terrified looks on our faces and it struck him funny. Everything ran smoothly after that. Whoever breaks anything in the future must write out a confession and accept punishment which will be fair but strict. Do not worry. He is a gentleman and an officer and we must have absolute faith in him about everything "including food". Yeah! What a day. Our nerves are shot to pieces.

Dec. 16 - The benevolent authorities have announced their intention to get us "a Christmas tree, with ornaments, and presents and everything." And we will have a party which will be photographed, and maybe even broadcast. Aren't we delighted? And Ma Topping will be our guest. Isn't that just fine! And it

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will make simply lovely propaganda. Might even mislead our people into thinking we're being treated like human beings by our charming captors. Nuts. Would we like a pot? Sure - but what the hell are we gonna feed it? We haven't enough to eat ourselves. Oh - very funny. Ha ha.

Dec. 17 - Buddy Uno outlined three Christmas programs we're to write. Party on 24th to be done by Lt. MacNaughton. Mrs. Topping will send in her script to be incorporated. Two personal packages arrived from Omari, but are being held for presentation by authorities at Christmas time. We may also be given Red Cross packages - "one for each and every one of you", at the radio station. We may even get some letters if we are very good. And they'll all be presents from our kind authorities. I can hardly wait to be granted my mail! Other programs for the 25th and 26th to include our personal reminiscences of past Christmases. I must do one of those. Supply Man says bulk beef will be given us - Red Cross. Lt. Hamamoto promises sake. Viscount Ikeda asked to see my letter from Archbishop Peter Uni, head of Catholic Church in Japan. Says he'll either send the three of us out to mass, or have a priest come here. Nicholas Shenk re-employed in galley. Got Murayama aside at radio station and told him he could tell his goodhearted major friend that the locals are actually saving our personal mail, packages, and Red Cross relief supplies to "give" us at Christmas time - as presents. Said I didn't like it - none of us do - the whole idea is a rotten violation of International Red Cross regulations and human decency. He agrees it's stinking and will try to do something. Says the major is in charge of us and he is his personal interpreter at headquarters. That's discouraging!

Dec. 18 - Murayama must have worked fast. Sgt. Frank Fujita, USA, Abilene, Texas, and I got personal packages. Formal parade at noon - Major Charles Cousens, AIF, and Captain Wallace E. Ince, USA, arrived. Both seem to be really fine fellows. Have definite orders not to talk to us regarding their work except for the fact that they are connected with a different show at the radio station and will be working independent of this organization. Lucky people! They will, however, be living with us from now on, and Major Cousens is commander of camp. Fine. I've heard of him before from the Aussies at Zentsuji. He was whipped out of Singapore, and rumor had it he was being made to broadcast in Tokyo. I'll try to get the story later. Lt. Taniyama, IJA, brought in by Lt. Hamamoto after master to work here occasionally. Seems O.K. Definitely not the face-slapping type. Major Cousens and Captain Ince gave us a lot of cigarettes. Have contact at radio station and will bring in all they can. Can't talk yet, but advise us to be calm and patient. They will tell us plenty later on. Don't blame them for keeping mum for a while. None of us can trust strangers under these incredible circumstances.

Dec. 19 - Major Cousens and Captain Ince brought us a lot of good books, magazines, and cigarettes. They're really being swell. Major Cousens said - "I've never seen a group of men so obviously undergoing a reign of terror". Lt. Hamamoto negotiated to get us bowling privileges at YMCA. They're going a lot of promising and negotiating, but we haven't seen many results to date. It's hard to keep account of all the promises. Captain Ince has terrible stomach trouble. He has eaten almost nothing for months, and they've never done anything for him. The only medicine is what he can buy in the way of vitamin pills. Looks bad. Lt. Hamamoto has certainly changed in the last couple of days. He handles Major Cousens with kid gloves.

- Dec. 20 - Guests are coming to Christmas dinner here. George Kumai is being very decent. He's still violently anti-Unc and Viscount and the articles he has to read - but his weekly commentaries on our program bring him 50 Y each. He has been clipping us cigarettes and vitamin pills. Still being very careful with him. He's a Princeton graduate - knows prominent people in Honolulu - the Athertons. The program goes on much the same as at the beginning. George Kumai, Buddy Uno as "Gaito" (name used by Uno when reading news commentaries on the Hinomaru hour), and an "Ewai" (name used by Uno when reading news flashes on the Hinomaru hour) playing "Toor" and talking rubbish with Master of Ceremonies and myself. He assigned me subjects for light dialogues each night, and always injects his own filthy jabs into the finished script. Major Gaussons and Captain Ince say they listen to us upstairs, and our programs give them the best belly laughs they've had in years. They say we're making an awful fool of Buddy Uno - good work. Someone asked Buddy Uno why he inserts such petty, bitter, below-belt lines into the scripts. He said he's been kicked around in America and hated the place and people. He will, however, treat us properly, but only because he's a Christian and has orders from higher-up as to treatment of POWs. Well - we'll be polite to him too, but only because we're under duress.
- Dec. 21 - Sgt. Provoc wrote short drama on MacArthur today. Am sure it will be well received. He's getting very friendly with Buddy Uno. They're always having private meetings and I don't like it a bit. We're still extremely cautious of what we say around him, and will be even more so in view of this new development: Buddy Uno has put him in charge of the program. Sgt. Provoc enjoys the authority, but so far has been quite tactful with it. He'd better be. Mrs. Topping came in to visit and rehearses the Christmas show. She thinks the "Cockeyed Mayor of Kaunakakai" (semi-Hawaiian song which we planned to use) is bad taste. She does her own eight-minutes worth, but fails to be touching. She has written a part for me in which I must advocate statehood for Hawaii "that we may someday be the Switzerland of the Pacific". Protested. Got permission from Buddy Uno to change the line to simple Christmas greeting and to delete my name. Thank goodness. After show Buddy Uno called formation and ranted for half an hour on the spirit of the programs. He said they are dull and that complaints have come in that we sound scared half to death. He says if we don't make the show sound happier and poppier, there will be serious consequences. And, if anyone feels he can't do this, just step forward. No one? O.K. I didn't think anyone wanted to go out that gate like Williams did. Now see that you pop up the programs or there's gonna be hell to pay around this dump!"
- Dec. 22 - Lt. Hamamoto read the riot act to Major Gaussons and Captain Ince for bringing in cigarettes and books. Says it must stop. Fifteen tins Red Cross beef and two looted British parcels arrived in stores. Copied shit out of an old New Yorker magazine for tomorrow's program. Buddy Uno thinks we wrote it and is delighted. It requires a female and he has promised to get us some new number from around the radio station.
- Dec. 23 - Skit O.K. Local belle used. Couldn't have been worse. She had no more animation than a wet dish rag. Small amount of bulk sugar and cocoa arrived from Onori. The Viscount came in with a tree and ornaments. Decorated messhall. Lt. Hamamoto ordered British and American flags placed one on either side of large Japanese rising sun. Buddy Uno announced many POWs killed in Rangoon

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bombing and says we must think out a way to tell it to our people. "It could happen to you, you know." Told him, of course it could. So what! "Well, think it over anyway. Ya gotta write about it in the program."

- Dec. 24 - Parcels "for each and every one of us" turned out to be two badly looted British parcels. One tin of beef per man. Bulk cocoa and sugar given us. Very little. Lunch at radio station. Program lousy. Mrs. Topping thought rehearsal was real thing, gave her all. She completely disregarded her script, danced, bowed, sang hymns, quoted poetry and the Bible. After she'd gone on for forty minutes, we managed to stop her. When she found out she hadn't been on the air, she fell into a chair exhausted. Final performance was stinking. Thank goodness. We deliberately drowned out Buddy Uno's line regarding the packages - "And a Red Cross parcel for each and every one of you." Successful. It didn't come out on the recording. Party incredible. Nations, after all the promises of a magnificent dinner, were very short. It was all we could stand to see them singing our Christian hymns and joining in the Lord's prayer, which they insisted we say. Lt. Hamamoto brought in a small bottle of lousy Shanghai gin - the sake he promised. No one is to go to church tomorrow. It's forbidden. "You've had your party here." In the middle of dinner, Buddy Uno yelled - "Hey, where the hell's that cocoa and sugar you guy's got?" Explained we were saving it to have later. "Aw - to hell with that. Go on fix it up. I want some now. Fix it up for everybody." Stinking cad. A piano was brought in - "a present from the Japanese authorities." But they've put so many restrictions on playing it that they might just as well have left it where it was in the first place. The entire day was completely miserable from start to finish. It's so typical of everything they do. We should have had brains enough to know ahead of time that this day wasn't going to be any different from all the rest.
- Dec. 25 - Buddy Uno, as Hanoi, read a message on the Christmas program from an officer in one of the camps. Buddy Uno says he knows the man, and it's a special favor. Obviously one of his own compositions. Got permission from Lt. Hamamoto to hold up our evening show until Major Cousins and Captain Ince came home. Opened our Red Cross stuff and had our real Christmas dinner. Nicholas stunk outdid himself. All day the galley boys, especially Joseph Astorita, swiped everything they could lay their hands on around the stores. They really put on a spread and no one came around to bother us or horn in and spoil it. Buddy Uno went home early to celebrate Christmas with his wife and child. Thank God for small favors. The boys fixed the tub themselves today and we had a hot bath - our first in twenty-seven days.
- Dec. 26 - The Supply men have discovered plenty of stuff missing in their department and have started their own reign of terror in the galley. They haven't made any accusations, as none of them trust the others, but the slapping is getting serious. Kalbfleish is in bed, headache and eyestrain. Sgt. Provoce announced that he had caught Kalbfleish three times stealing our Red Cross sugar which is kept in the officer's room. He was somewhat shaken when we asked what he had been doing in our room, which has been made strictly out of bounds to enlisted men by Major Cousins. He offered some feeble excuse. I talked to Kalbfleish. He says the accusation is preposterous. I know it is. We've got to be careful of Sgt. Provoce. He's becoming more and more friendly with Buddy Uno each day and more and more dictatorial with us. I frankly don't know what to do about him except to let him talk and write as he wishes and

let the show go on quietly. Am sure he reports everything to Buddy Uno and is being well paid for his efforts. He seems to get all the cigarettes he can smoke. As for Mark L. Streeter - he doesn't bother anyone. Just writes steadily all day and when drawn into conversation, preaches some weird doctrine he calls "emerjocracy." It's a special plan of his in which the entire world reorganizes itself into one large happy family. Everything is just too lovely. If you need money, you simply go to the main government and ask for it. There are no problems of any kind. Everyone has everything he wants. I believe there's something wrong with that old bearded goon. Buddy Uno thinks "he's nuts", but the Viscount thinks Mark Streeter's anti-Roosevelt articles are the finest things that have ever been written. Oh well, that is their problem, not mine. WO Keppi-Tai held a really startling muster this evening. He spoke in fluent English for the first time. Up until now, he insisted he could only speak French. Major Cousens met him there, as well as in Japan. But to hear English - wow! What the hell have I said in front of him during the past few weeks? He said we had been extremely discourteous to the Japanese here, have violated every order we have been given, and that if we aren't careful, he will punish us severely. Believe he's saving face in his resentment at not having been "invited" to the Christmas festivities. He hasn't bothered us so far. But perhaps Lt. Hamamoto and the Supply men are tired of their reign of terror, and this goof is taking over for a while. No one cares particularly one way or the other. We can take just about all they can give and still laugh about it after we climb into our sacks at night.

Dec. 27 - Kalbfleish may be used on a separate program at the radio station doing commentaries. Buddy Uno says Red Cross civilian clothes are being sent to us. He says we don't look like proper representatives of Headquarters in our present outfits. The fact is, we don't look like proper representatives of anything. Major Cousens and Captain Ince told us this eve of Buddy Uno's incredible broadcast to America in October. He posed as an American POW. "If you persist in prosecuting this futile war, I don't ever expect to get home. Japan will fight to the last. She cannot be defeated. I know the Japanese and they aren't such bad people. All I want in the world is to go home." When Buddy Uno first wrote the article he suggested to the radio station people that Captain Ince be made to read it. But Captain Ince protested, and was supported by many anti-Uno elements within the radio station. Uno finally had to read it himself. But no one worried about it. His accent is so definitely Japanese that it couldn't have made the slightest impression at home. He made a broadcast prior to his POW stunt, speaking for all the nicols in Japan, along the same lines. That is where he made his enemies. Major Cousens and Captain Ince say that the majority of them are very anti and will do anything to help the POWs. Major Cousens says he will tell us someday how valuable their assistance has been.

Dec. 28 - Served spoiled fish. WO Keppi-Tai ordered it thrown away, but Supply men insisted we be forced to eat it as punishment for our bad behavior (and his missing supplies). As a result, we had no lunch. Gave Captain Ince a small can of sugar from Red Cross supplies which we saved for the next on sick list. He still eats nothing. Think ulcers. Still no medical treatment.

Dec. 29 - Buddy Uno predicts additional arrivals. Says we must have a southern voice and an American major in charge. He hates Major Cousens because of latter's contacts at radio station and terrific hold over the group here. He resents

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his superior background and breeding. He asked Sgt. Proven if he didn't think we'd all prefer one of our own Majors in charge here. Don't know what he replied and certainly can't be responsible for anything he's apt to say. But ten minutes later Buddy Uno was preaching to Major Cousins against the crude Americans here. He's certainly trying to start something, but I don't believe he will get very far with the majority of us. Sgt. Frank Fujita, USA, Abilene, Texas, interviewed by Buddy Uno on the air today. Had to say how his officers deserted their troops in Java, and flew to Australia. Uno dictated the script to me yesterday. Sgt. Fujita objected. Uno called formation, reminded us of original orders to do what we're told or else. Asked if anyone wanted to "go where Williams went". He'd arrange it. Just step forward. Captain Ince returned the can of sugar. Says we'd better save it for someone else. Put it in my desk drawer in the office, and told those in the room at the time of what I was doing. Asked what the general opinion was as to how it should be used. West agreed it be kept in event of another illness in the group. I left it at that. Captain Ince finally told the officers this evening how he came to get mixed up in this mess. It's an interesting story. It all started with his being manager of the Manila station KZEE. When war broke the army took over all public utilities and put them under control for obvious reasons. This called for censors who knew and understood local conditions as well as being specialists in those lines, radio, telephone communications, overseas cable and radio telegraph, local Post Office. All were subject to orders from MacArthur's headquarters restricting them in interests of public service, and security. An old timer in the Philippines, Lt. Col. Harries, was called in from retired list to head the Board of Censors controlling local radio broadcasting. The Colonel, who had known Captain Ince for period of years, came up to KZEE and asked him how he's like to give a hand. Captain Ince was called in and commissioned First Lieutenant on 23 December. On the 24th Manila was evacuated and new Board Censors was left without much to do. First job came on the 27th when the Dept. Signal Officer, Colonel Akin, came over to Manila from Corregidor looking for transmitter and equipment to establish emergency broadcasting setup on Corregidor for the purpose of broadcasting the inaugural ceremonies of President Quezon. Captain Ince turned over his short wave stuff to the Colonel. On the 30th orders came through for rear echelon of USAFVS which had been left in Manila to proceed to Corregidor. This brought Captain Ince to the island with no job. Early in January he found out his radio equipment was on the pier and had not been used. Told idea to Colonel Miller, General MacArthur's personal aide, to establish a broadcasting station which would disseminate stateside news to the Philippine Islands. This was done and all went well - called "Voice of Freedom". News twice daily. In March Norman Boyes, Philippine Island POW, joined the staff on Corregidor. On capitulation Japanese propaganda corps came ashore looking for Ted Wallace. But he managed to hide out until 17 June (Capitulation on 6 June). Hauled up to headquarters for questioning. "You are Ted Wallace." "No. I am not." "Ah, but you are." "No. Ted Wallace is dead." "I am Captain Ince." "If you lie, no head." Usual threats. After questioned for twelve hours and threatened, he was taken to Manila on the 24th with the rest of the officers and men. Met at the pier by a Japanese truck and taken to a Manila club where Japanese propaganda corps made their headquarters. Was told he must do a broadcast. Refusal brought more threats. He decided to do it and told them he would do it providing he could say what he wanted to say. After writing it, they made minor revisions, he was taken to the radio station where it was recorded. On the 29th he was taken to Fort Santiago by WO Kempi-Tai and locked in a cell. On 3 July Boyle (pvt., USA) was so near death from

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dysentery that Ince and a Philippine Island man carried him out to a truck and took him to Bilibid Hospital Camp. Ince was made assistant warden of upper compound and remained in this job until 13 September, when he was told he was leaving for Tokyo. Arrived at Shinagawa, a POW hospital, Onori area, and four days later taken to the radio station and immediately requested to send personal message. He was allowed to do so. During the time he was at the radio station he did "One American to Another" and news on 0 hour. On the 12th, before going to radio station, he and Norman Reyes were taken direct to headquarters where Major Tsunetsuki gave them exact instructions and threats of death we were given. They didn't know what they were in for, but had no alternative but to obey instructions.

Dec. 30 - Amazing day. Issued soap, tooth powder, g-string, and tooth brush. Captain Ince has been making contacts for months in order to get mail through to his wife in the Philippine Islands. He succeeded in doing this, and a reply came back from her today - through unofficial channels. Delivered by Murayama. Tsunetsuki made the contacts for Captain Ince. Lt. Taniyama, IJA, and Viscount Ikeda were furious. Demanded letter from Captain at Muster. Lt. Taniyama says a local officer must censor all communications from outside. Any breach of this order in the future will result in severe punishment. Sugar stolen from my desk. Empty can found in piano room. All evidence points to Sgt. Provoe as the thief. First - we are reasonably certain he took Red Cross sugar and tried to blame it on Halbfleisch. Second - he was one of the few in the office when I asked the group what they wanted done with it. Sgt. Light and Sgt. Fujita would not do such a thing. They are real soldiers, both of them. Sgt. Provoe's past record as described to us by Sgt. Light indicates he is quite capable of doing almost anything of this nature. We'll be more cautious than ever with him. He was seen around my desk late last night. Everyone watching him, trying to listen to his regular talks with Buddy Uno. A lot of them are held in Japanese unfortunately.

Dec. 31 - Asked Buddy Uno today if we couldn't get more POW messages into the program. He agreed to get one if we'd promise to work a bit harder and pep up the show. Says he's being severely criticized on the outside for the strained presentation. "They say you guys sound like yer being knocked around or something." He finally brought over a message from a Lt. Jack Wisener, Wells, Texas. He says the man may be coming here soon - the southern accent. We're certain Buddy Uno wrote the message and made a definite point of telling him that whoever wrote it must have been almost illiterate. He said - "Well - go on and correct it if you want to." Lt. Taniyama returned Captain Ince's letter at muster and apologized for having taken it. Said he didn't know the circumstances of the communication or he wouldn't have asked for it last night. First time I've ever seen a Japanese lose paws and actually apologize. He's to be credited. WO Kempi-Tai has started parading the building all day carrying a bamboo stick with which he smacks the furniture and shrubs in the court. It's most disturbing. He hasn't swung on anyone yet, but he's certainly looking for an opportunity to do so. The terror is still on in the galley. One Supply Man smacked the tar out of Parkyns this morning and Parkyns nearly hit him back. When the Jap saw his intention, he quickly left the storeroom. Thank goodness it didn't happen. They'd have shot Parkyns, I'm certain. Buddy Uno is getting cruder and cruder every day. He hates me like poison and told Sgt. Provoe not to trust me. I can imagine how that idea got started. Major Consens is a marvel. Everyone admires the extremely clever

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way in which he handles these people; the tact and diplomacy he employs in his dealings with them. He has restored our hope and commands the respect and confidence of all - with the exceptions of Sgt. Provoe and Mark Streeter. He always says "just bat along quietly. Take things calmly no matter what happens". And predicts the time will come - as it has for him - when we can do something which is really worth while. He told us his story this evening, placing absolute faith in Lt. MacNaughton and me to keep these lurid details from every other living soul until the lucky day arrives when we're out of enemy hands. I have dared to record it and he was kind enough to check the accuracy of it for me. After Singapore surrendered, the Japanese offered AIF HQ the opportunity to make a recording of a special message to Australia announcing that Australia POWs were safe in Changi. General Callaghan accepted the offer and sent one of his staff officers, Captain Herbert Geldard, to see Major Cousens, as Cousens was the only man with radio experience amongst the senior officers. Major Cousens prepared the broadcast message under the supervision of a Japanese staff officer and interpreter and in the presence of Captain Geldard and Colonel Charles Anderson VC. Later in the day a sound truck arrived and Major Cousens made the recording of the message to Australia. After this, Major Cousens was repeatedly begged by the Japanese to make a broadcast from Singapore station, but refused. Ultimately he was put in solitary confinement and having finally refused to broadcast agreed to write an article on future trade relations in the Pacific. A copy of the article was lodged by Major Cousens with AIF HQ. Later on, Japanese intelligence officers from the navy tried to persuade Major Cousens to go to Tokyo with the promise that everything would be sweetness and light, lots of food, etc. Major Cousens refused and arranged to be sent out of Singapore with the first party of POWs leaving. He went with the first party of Australians to Mergui, in south Burma. After three weeks a radiogram from Japanese Headquarters in Tokyo arrived ordering Major Cousens to be sent immediately by plane to Tokyo. Major Cousens protested and asked Colonel Robertson to note the protest official. He was then taken by truck to Tavoy where a special plane came in and crashed on the waterlogged landing field. A month later he was put aboard a small coastal steamer and left Tavoy for Singapore. Upon his arrival in Singapore he passed on information regarding troop disposition in Burma to officers working on the Singapore docks. Then he met Hishikari, son of Gen. Hishikari, former head of I in Manchuria, who was acting as official interpreter and was taken out of Changi. Fortunately Lt. Osaki, in charge of Changi, was temporarily absent and Major Cousens had the opportunity for a few words with a British general whom he thought was General Simmons. He asked this general to pass on to AIF HQ the location of Australia POWs in Burma, the work being done there, and details of harbor defenses at Penang. Ten minutes later, Major Cousens was put under strict guard and not allowed to speak even to the Japanese. A day or two later he was allowed to send in to Changi Camp for clothes and again got information through that his destination was Tokyo. Clothing arrived, and the following day he left for Tokyo as solitary white man under guard of a Japanese lieutenant and sergeant on board the SS Arabia. Arrived Tokyo 30 July 1942. Slept at Kempt-HQ the first night and the next morning reported to IGHQ, where he was interviewed by General Namura, officer in charge of all POWs, who produced whiskey and asked if Major Cousens had any special requests. He requested an improvement of the shocking conditions in Mergui Camp, Burma, and the general promised an investigation. Said organization was being speeded up. Major Cousens was then passed on to a Japanese officer who turned out later to be Major Tsuneishi our commandant. Tsuneishi lost no time and said: "You will broadcast for the Japanese." Major Cousens replied: "My government will only allow me to broadcast names of men and messages." Tsuneishi answered: "You will obey the order

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of the IJA or be shot." Major Cousens: "I cannot broadcast Japanese propaganda. If that is what you want, then, as one officer to another, give me a revolver and one round of ammunition and leave me alone for five minutes." Tsuneishi, somewhat taken aback, but refused this request. Then he laughed and closed the interview. Major Cousens was then taken to the radio station. There he was interviewed by Mr. Sato, Board of Information, and explained again that he could only broadcast names and messages and added appeal for Red Cross supplies. This was agreed to. A few hours later he was presented with a violent personal attack on President Roosevelt and told: "You will broadcast this." He refused in writing and some hours later had a violent interview with two Board of Information men, who threatened death. He was then removed to Kempi Headquarters, where he was badly beaten up. He realized then that he had no chance of living, so decided to investigate possibilities of sabotage, and if he found none, to commit suicide by cutting his wrists. Within a week, he discovered that (1) the Japanese knew nothing about broadcasting; (2) that he had several sympathizers amongst the nisei elements in the radio station. He started experimenting by sending messages to his wife in the course of musical continuity. Got away with this so proceeded slowly to develop the process in news items and commentaries. He was joined by Captain Ince and Norman Hayes on 12 October. He explained the position to them and they agreed to act in the same way; i.e. make as many friends as possible amongst the anti-army elements sabotage all Japanese propaganda by false emphasis and distortion of news when rewriting. Kept all Japanese announcers in a flurry by insisting on personality work rather than clear diction. This successfully retarded the progress of the English announcing broadcasts. During January of 1943 Major Cousens was approached by three niseis who told him never to leave the building without them. A few weeks later they told him the reason for this precaution was that army elements felt they had got all they wanted from him and proposed to arrange that he have an accident. In March of the same year, this warning was repeated three times by different friendly Japanese who said on no account argue with anybody or give offense because "they are looking for a face saving excuse to murder you." Major Cousens asked if the same thing applied to Captain Ince and was told "yes". He then passed the information on to Captain Ince. About October Major Cousens and Captain Ince were interviewed by Viscount Ikeda who said: "You are under my orders now. And you will be joining a group of prisoners under my charge who are going to do a special program." Major Cousens protested vigorously against this as work of sabotage and other activities at the radio station were now progressing fast. The protest was apparently successful as nothing was done and on 2 December he and Captain Ince had the first belly laugh in years on hearing the first Hinomaru Hour program starring Streeter in an attack on all things American and Stephen Shattles' moving description of being chased by machine gun bullets. He was informed by Kempi-Tai guard that he and Captain Ince would be moved to join the Hinomaru Hour POWs and that Major Cousens would be camp commanding officer. Duly arrived and found thirteen POWs undergoing an obvious reign of terror. Here he was greeted by Ikeda, Lt. Hamamoto, and Buddy Uno. His compass was stolen from him by Lt. Hamamoto who explained that nothing was guaranteed here and that the slightest deviation from orders would result in an immediate death penalty. He then took over command and went cautiously to find out who was reliable and who was not. Asked him if he had any idea as to what the real purpose of the Hinomaru Hour is - what they plan to do with us ultimately - after we've become established on the air. He's not sure, but says it is common knowledge at the radio station that all of us are to be used as long as the Japanese think the program is useful and then we will be murdered. I suppose Lt. MacNaughton and I should have been checked

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at this load of dynamite, but a confirmation of what we have suspected all along had little or no effect. At this stage none of us have any real ideas of surviving the war. Surviving the day is as much as we can cope with.

- Jan. 1 - Uno ordered me to write a drama on what the New Year holds for all fronts - New York society, soldiers, prisoners, etc. Did a lot of words with a good signoff "bless 'em all" speech. Uno tried to alter it but failed to spoil the sincerity. Headquarters has ordered that the character Mr. Kawai (name used by Uno when presenting news on the Minomaru Hour) be dropped from the program. Given the life story of Major William M. Cox, Nashville, Tennessee, which Uno wants dramatized not later than Thursday the 6th. Wonder why the deadline for presentation? Meeting this afternoon. We are not to use Jap martial theme music anymore, and the name of the program is to be changed soon. We asked what radical change in policy is prompting all this. They won't tell us now - maybe later. Uno says that after certain new changes are effected - if they're successful - we may be taken on outings, shopping, etc. He then warned that if this happens, we must be cautious due to the extremely hostile attitude of the Jap civilians toward Americans. Mama is smuggling much tobacco to us, and supplies the boys with various necessities, medicine, etc. Warns that we must all keep quiet about it or she'll be caught and punished.
- Jan. 2 - Uno absent today. We were taken to the radio station by Murayama who insisted that we try "stardust" as a new theme, and open the program with "Are Yuh Listenin' America". We did and Headquarters was delighted with the new arrangement. Cousins and Ince listened in today and said they were pleased with the new feature "Three Missing Men" written by Prevoo. They say it avoids bad propaganda - takes up radio time with something which is innocuous. We wrote out the character Mr. Kawai as having "gone to Manila." At the last minute Headquarters phoned the studio and ordered it deleted. Murayama said we had hit on a touchy subject. It seems that Uno was to have gone to Manila several months ago and was done out of the job by dirty politics. Ince's stomach ailment is giving him severe pain.
- Jan. 3 - Uno returned this morning and is furious about the changes which took place in the program yesterday. Murayama, however, says that everything is O.K. Headquarters has given approval. I told Uno I could not possibly complete the Major Cox drama by Thursday. I have too much to do. He was mad but finally agreed I could let it go another week. Wonder why he's so insistent that it be presented on the 6th?
- Jan. 4 - In today's Missing Men script a plane roar was called for. As I was busy in another part of the studio, Uno ordered Kalbfleisch to work the turntable. When the plane was supposed to roar - there was no roar! Kalbfleisch had twisted the wrong dial. He apologized but Uno insisted it was deliberate sabotage and predicted serious repercussions. MacNaughton and Bruce were slapped today by the supplyman while moving stores. He turned to hit me too, but I found myself half way up the stairs by the time he turned around.
- Jan. 5 - This morning at exercises Captain Ince was tripped on to the court, kicked and slapped by Samamoto for "looking tired during calisthenics". Ince is so weak from lack of food and from his acute stomach disorder that he hardly has the

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strength to walk around, let alone exercise. But Hamamoto won't listen to that side of it. Provoe says Ince wasn't really struck for his lax attitude at morning exercises. He was really beaten because Hamamoto is made at Cousens and Ince for a different reason. He believes that Cousens and Ince are responsible for information getting back to Headquarters regarding the real conditions here - our food, general abuse, etc. A long list of prisoners interned at Rabaul has arrived. Met Mr. Matsui at the radio station. He was formerly connected with Bing Crosby. Kalbfleisch stumbled again in reading his commentary. Uno says he's definitely on the Jap's list as a saboteur. Larry E. Quille is to be tested to do commentary work to replace Kalbfleisch. Father Lopping visited us today. She wants a bunch of the letters we've received from home. From them, she says, she will take excerpts to use in her broadcasts to the mothers of America. The authorities have approved her idea. What nerve! Hamamoto lead calisthenics this afternoon to show us how it should be done. Sgt. Fujita has turned in with stomach trouble. Barrant Officer said at muster this evening that anyone else who looks tired at exercises, violates the formal parades, or the rules of the camp will be "thrown down!" Cousens and Ince say that the "throwing down" incident of this morning was reported through their special channels. Mame came upstairs this evening to visit Fujita and bring him medicine.

Jan. 6 - This afternoon Uno wanted some special continuity work done and told Provoe and me to stay in the office and work during exercise period. The Barrant Officer caught us - said that Uno had no authority to give such an order - hit us each in the neck and in the jaw - and we went out to exercise. Then he and Uno had a hot argument and the WO nearly hit Uno. WO said he didn't care a damn about the program work. His main concern is carrying out the orders of the camp administration. They say that every man must exercise for thirty minutes at three o'clock each afternoon - and exercise we will! He says he has his eye on Provoe and me as thinkers! This evening Provoe's Missing Men script was filled with his usual drivel about beautiful Japan. MacLaughton and I told him he was wrecking the purpose of the feature - to get away from Jap propaganda. He threw it at us - "Very well, then. You write it." He did.

Jan. 7 - Provoe asked me to return Missing Men to him. Promised he would write it properly after this. P.K. Hamamoto ordered all the furniture taken down stairs this morning. Guess we looked too comfortable up here. 2nd Lieut. Jack E. Wisener, Major William H. Cox, Harry Pearson, and Albert Hickert, ^{arrived.} Pearson brought me a letter from Gordon Braden in Suva telling me that he delivered two personal packages for me from the POW post office to the Jap interpreter's office. He asked that they send them to me immediately. I received one - but where's the other? Cox and Wisener unshaven, have no clothes, full of lice. They want talk - are very suspicious of us. Don't blame them. Charcoal issue was granted. We may light our stove when winter begins officially on January 15. Wisener was captured at Rabaul, Cox at Madang. They have just spent thirty days in the Suva brig. Uno says that in spite of their lack of experience in radio he will use them anyway. Also - he felt so sorry for them in the brig that he signed them up for this show as a real humanitarian gesture. Cox and Wisener wish they were back in the brig!

Jan. 8 - Dave finished the Cox drama and gave it to Major Cox to read. He was shocked. Said they must have gotten the information during his many interviews with them; some of the facts are correct but the elaboration is terrific. Pearson is to be written into Missing Men as a comic character. Now we know why Uno wanted the Cox drama produced by yesterday - so it would have gone on the air before Cox was brought in here. Visener looked over a message which we broadcast him on December 31. He never wrote a word of it. Says everyone at his home will know it's a fake. "Hope to see Sandra again." (He has never seen her.) "Dear Evelyn" (He calls his wife "Eve"). Uno admitted he wrote it as a kindly gesture. We thought so. MacNaughton, Shattles and I were invited to Hamamoto's room for a visit this evening. Presented with tea, cookies. He wanted to pump us regarding our living conditions - how conditions here compare with those at Omeri and other camps we've experienced. Told him bluntly that this place is the worst we've ever known. He was slightly offended, but we reminded him he's asked for it. He said we have "progressed" and if we progress more, we'll have every comfort. Cox and Visener still refuse to talk. Cox has malaria badly. Proves is furious that they were brought here. Handed Missing Men script over to me again.

Jan. 9 - Uno says that soon the program time will be increased to one hour. We told him it would be impossible that the whole thing is being written by only four people now. He says that more talent will be brought in, and that certain members of this group will be loaned to other programs around the radio station. The Zero Hour was written up in the short wave overseas news today. Uno asked if we didn't think it would be marvelous if we could be given a write-up too. He suggested that we ask William Hinton of KCMH to relay a message to the mother of a dying POW and broadcast us an immediate reply. He asked who the dying POW was to be. Uno suggested "Cox - upstairs". He told him it would be a dirty trick, and the whole group hit the ceiling. Uno dropped the subject immediately. Shank was caught this evening fixing soft rice for Ince. The letter was slapped by Hamamoto and denied any supper. The fact that he's dying of stomach trouble doesn't make the slightest difference.

Jan. 10 - MacNaughton has been ordered out of Missing Men as the character Jack. Visener will take his place - an American voice with a southern accent. Hamamoto came over after supper, brought sweet tea for us and announced that Ince must have soft rice every meal from now on. All of us are to have soft rice every morning for breakfast. Says that his temper is short, but he will try to control it in the future. Kalbfleisch cornered Murayama today and complained long and loud about our rotten food, lack of medicine, and appalling treatment. He told Murayama that Hamamoto's orders are so vague and the general policy is so obscure that they can't expect us to live according to any set plan. Murayama said it was typical of Japanese administrations.

Jan. 11 - Hamamoto came over for breakfast and calisthenics with us. He says Japanese classes will begin this evening. MacNaughton and I do not plan to attend. Uno has decided that Missing Men will put on a Jantones each week. It will be written by me. With five Missing Men scripts, one drama, and one Jantones to write each week I certainly feel that I'm carrying too much. Knew I won't be able to do it for long. Uno had lunch with us.

Jan. 12 - Major Cox drama was produced today. He was very upset about it. Uno says it was our best effort to date, and that Headquarters listened. Imagine! Kalbfleisch is to do some very confidential work for Murayama. Matsui is at

the radio station every day. Major Cousins says that Matsui has powerful connections - the general with the private floor at the Imperial Hotel.

- Jan. 13 - Hamamoto over for breakfast again. Murayama and Matsui say they are trying to get permission to take us to a wrestling match. Matsui asked what our greatest desire is. He told him: Red Cross supplies, additional food and some sort of recreation before we all go nuts. Major Cox and Wisener are talking at last. They realize our side now, and feel sympathetic as we do toward them. Japanese classes are running smoothly except that the instructor was caught by Shenk looking the galley cupboard.
- Jan. 14 - Hamamoto came over for breakfast again. He says that McNaughton and Uno may go out shopping this afternoon to purchase condiments. The results of their buying trip were not exciting. Nothing is available anywhere.
- Jan. 15 - First Jamboree was produced today. The entire staff from the English department of radio Tokyo was present. Ludicrous. Winter officially begins today - proclaimed by Imperial Headquarters. Everyone is frozen stiff but the authorities say "it is not yet cold enough for you to use your stove." We may use charcoal in the evenings instead. Hamamoto then came over today that it was too cold to hold muster this evening. Told us to go to bed. He did. Then the Warrant Officer came over to hold muster. He told him that Lt. Hamamoto had said it was too cold to hold muster and for us to go to bed. The Warrant Officer said it was not too cold to hold muster and for us to get up immediately. We did. Muster was held.
- Jan. 16 - The Warrant Officer is in bed with a cold. Leibfleish has been ordered to write a commentary on how the American people can start a peace movement. We have five new cases of beriberi in our group. Major Cox checked through Uno's files and read a letter which was broadcast, - supposedly from him - in December. He was not in an Army hospital - he was in the Omori brig. The whole thing was ridiculous. Uno wrote it.
- Jan. 17 - Uno was called away from lunch today by a very hostile Viscount Ikeda. He sensed plenty trouble. Uno's constant criticism of Ikeda has probably gotten back.
- Jan. 18 - Uno visited Omori yesterday. Says there are tons of mail there. Murayama and Matsui were at the radio station and said they would go to Omori and get our mail for us. He told them how the Nanka authorities had promised us Red Cross parcels for Christmas and that they had never arrived. They said that if packages were available, they would get them for us. Small steaks were issued - a result of the new beriberi outbreak. Now that we've eaten them, we're supposed to be permanently cured. Taniyama is going to Rabaul to get a captured American officer who is said to know Washington's views on peace with Japan. The Warrant Officer is still very ill.
- Jan. 19 - Our ration has hit a new low. Proven overheard Matsui and Uno conversing about our treatment. Matsui says the Japanese policy is all wrong. He says they will never get anywhere until they treat us properly. The Russians have opened up on the eastern front.
- Jan. 20 - Streeter has started writing dramas, lousey stuff, but Uno says that after I

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write one more on the life story of Colonel Pike I can stop doing the Thursday work. It will be a relief to get rid of some of my load anyway. Had a long talk this evening with Halbfleisch about his food-grabbing.

Jan. 21 - Provoe was late to muster this morning. Major Cousens was extremely annoyed and reprimanded him before the entire gathering. After the parade Cousens and Provoe had a hot argument. Provoe complained about the compulsory exercises, insufficient food and called Major Cousens' administration lax. Provoe says that if something isn't done to improve conditions, he will take up the matter with the authorities himself. Says he has a means of handling it, that he has done it before. Yes, we know. Cousens says he will handle matters as he sees fit and will not be threatened by a sergeant. It was the first time Provoe has openly referred to his activities in the generals' camp. Namamoto slapped Shank and Parkyn. The reason: Parkyn's failure to clean the galley floors. Had a long talk with Matsui about our living conditions. Told him they were the worst I had ever experienced. Matsui says there are influential people working for us and that "Cousens' contacts are strong". He referred to the general with the private floor. Also advised that we are cautious in talking with visitors, and especially those who try to gain our confidence. Namamoto praised different individuals at muster for their radio work. Says that an increase in food is due shortly. He cut afternoon exercises from thirty to twenty minutes. Says that in order to cure beriberi one must do violent exercise. To keep warm, one does not need heat, but rather "stomach".

Jan. 22 - At breakfast this morning several members complained that the food which is left over from the Japanese mess is being eaten by our galley force instead of being distributed throughout the entire group. Shank said it was common policy in all camps that members of the prisoners galley crew reap the leftovers from the Japanese. Major Cousens decided that from today, all the remains from the Jap table will be added to our general mess. Returning from the radio station this afternoon the car broke down and we had to walk back to camp. Uno will be pleased to know that we were not attacked by the civilian population as he has predicted so many times, but rather bowed and smiled at by many of them. He announced this afternoon that he will form a prisoners' planning board to direct the program - an absurd gesture. He will continue to direct everything, but the responsibility for what goes over will rest a bit more heavily on our shoulders. He has promised to start a canteen for us, so that we can purchase the supplies made available to prisoners in other camps. Uno spent the afternoon in a huddle with Streeter. Feel that something is going on between those two. He told us that Headquarters had promised to see that we do not feel any serious repercussions from this work after the war. The Russians are going strong. Got a look at Uno's personal file. He's carefully underlining all stressed words. He believe Provoe is assisting him. There are too many of Provoe's own copies with comments in Uno's files.

Jan. 23 - The Jap planning board has ordered us to write out individual plans for restoring peace between Japan and America. Uno exempted me due to the heavy load I am carrying with Missing Men and the Jamboree. He brought us two bottles of Namamoto pills (Vitamin B) and a salve for my chilblains. Cousens predicts that we shall have an issue of Red Cross parcels soon. The Warrant Officer has recovered from his cold and is in a good humor. Says he will not

slap us anyone, but now he is carrying a kendo stick wherever he goes. It is a bamboo pole used in the game of kendo, and it looks as if he intends to use it. Major Cox is still flat with malaria and has had no treatment so far.

- Jan. 24 - Matsui brought in some vitamin pills to Kalbfleisch. The latter's commentary for Roosevelt's birthday is magnificent. Nearly had us in tears. Uno turned it down, as being too patriotic. Several days ago Cox was ordered to write an open letter to Senator Burton K. Wheeler. Pearson read it on today's program, and without thinking - read Cox's name and rank at the end by mistake. Cox is furious. Uno cannot admit the mistake or he will lose face. At the afternoon meeting Uno started in on Mr. Winter again. He is still trying to think of a plan by which he can draw an official comment from America on this program. Good or bad it will give him face at Headquarters as it will show that we are being heard. All members of the group protested his idea which was to appeal to Mr. Winters to assist in relaying a message to a mother from her son - supposedly dying in a Jap prison camp, and send us her reply which we will relay to the dying man in an effort to save his life. We all said it was thoroughly ineffectual. Uno got mad and said we'd do it anyway. He outlined the script, scheduled it for the 31st, and ordered me to go to work on it at once, and "make it good".
- Jan. 25 - At this afternoon's meeting Uno announced that the planning board was very displeased with the extremely patriotic tone of Kalbfleisch's Roosevelt article. Kalbfleisch defended his sentiments well, said they belonged to all prisoners. His arguments were rejected and he received new orders to do another script from a specific outline. Worked this evening on the appeal to Winters. Overemphasis with a touch of melodrama seems the best plan.
- Jan. 26 - The small boy, Hamamoto's orderly, ordered Quille to make a bath in the small tub. Quille has had so much trouble with the baths that he doubted the order from the boy and went straight to Hamamoto for verification of the idea. Of course he was slapped, a meeting was called, and Hamamoto announced that we must henceforth carry out all orders from any Japanese. This morning, while inspecting the grounds, Cousens found one of the latrine stalls locked. When he knocked, there was no reply. Afraid that someone might have passed out in there, he climbed up on the wash-basin to look in, and the basin fell into a million pieces. He went straight to the Warrant Officer and reported the damage in his perfect French, apologized, explained the circumstances, and offered to hand over as much of his monthly salary as might be necessary to replace the basin. Believe it or not the Warrant Officer accepted his apology, didn't hit the Major - but said that he needn't worry. Something's come over that man! Today Uno called the first meeting of the so-called prisoners' planning board. Of course all members of the Japanese planning board were present. Was asked what I thought of the program. Told them I thought their insertions into our scripts were bad stuff. Morino asked for a specific example and from the files I showed them a copy of a Kalbfleisch commentary of several days ago into which Morino had inserted something about - "but what of the time when Japan will push the Americans ever backwards across the Pacific". Morino was furious that I should dare protest his insert. "You don't think we can do it, huh?" He had me stumped for a moment, but finally I said - "It's not a question of whether I believe Japan can do this or not, Mr. Morino,

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What I am questioning is the advisability of your having war prisoners say this sort of thing on the air." Morino calmed and said perhaps I was right. Uno then announced that Headquarters had OKed the idea of our being given some of the overseas short wave news in order to help us in our work. After the Jap planning board had left, Uno gave us a lecture on the inferiority complex of the Japanese. Said that if we didn't assume a less dictatorial attitude at the board meetings, they would cease.

Jan. 27 - My drama on Colonel Pike was presented today. It is my last. Light and Rickert are in bed with beriberi. From today the library may be used until 11:00 at night, providing those who use it are doing work on the program. Read my "Mr. Winters" message to the entire group. Everyone agreed that it was a good job - under the circumstances - but they still think it is highly unethical and are dead against the idea. We have decided to appeal once more to Uno to skip the whole thing.

Jan. 28 - The first act of "Mice and Men" was presented today. I have flu again. Uno read us the first batch of overseas news. Very interesting. The Russians are really going places.

Jan. 29 - Am still in bed with flu. Jamboree on today. We were visited by Viscount Ikeda. Heard Provoc exclaiming to him over the program and offering him complete services. Provoc said he knew exactly what the Japanese wanted due to his pre-war training in this country. After Ikeda left, Provoc and Kalbfleish had a hell of an argument over who was an American and who wasn't. Kalbfleish pulls no punches with Provoc and we all feel that it will lead to serious trouble before long. Provoc threatened him that if he didn't get in the proper spirit there will be serious consequences. "Dear Mom" - new stateside son was introduced in the Jamboree today.

Jan. 30 - Rickert has replaced me in "Mice and Men". Still flat with flu. Can't get up again as I did yesterday. Viscount granted me every Monday off. Pearson and Bruce are to take over the Monday Missing Men script each week. My burden is lightened by one more. Have had no medicine yet. Hamamoto came over after muster, announced that charcoal will be issued daily. We all asked for Red Cross supplies again, or something to eat. Told him of the general health. The atmosphere was tense, Provoc did the interpreting. He's very pro-Jap today. Thank goodness Cousens can understand what's being said.

Jan. 31 - Kalbfleish's Roosevelt birthday message was broadcast today. It was so riddled with insertions by Uno that we were all disgusted with it. Kalbfleish cornered Murayama at the radio station and told him to bring us vitamin pills or something quick. Said I was sick, was carrying too heavy a load, and that we can't do this work on nothing. Murayama called Headquarters and the boys listened to his conversation. He asked for vitamin pills in bulk. They're to be delivered this afternoon. Kalbfleish asked for Red Cross. Murayama said he'd try to get it. At the afternoon's meeting Uno read the atrocity stories which have been released in America by prisoners who escaped from the Philippines. Uno laughed at them as an example of American propaganda. Kalbfleish flew into a rage, pounded Uno's desk and said that every word was absolutely true. Screamed: "I know, 'cause I was there!" Uno was furious. Light, Provoc, and Kalbfleish - all from the Philippine campaigns, then recalled far worse stories of the Death March than those Uno had read. Uno tried to make excuses for the Japanese. Failed miserably to impress anyone. The William Winters' appeal was

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broadcast today. It asked this commentator of KORI to act as go-between for us in relaying this message to Mrs. Jennie Prah of 16123 Huntmore Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, which we are sending for her son, Sgt. Frank S. Prah who is now lying in a Jap Army hospital with acute malaria. (Uno added dysentery, and that Frank Prah - in his delirium - was calling for his mother) We asked Winters to broadcast a reply from Mrs. Prah immediately which we will relay to the dying boy in an effort to save his life. We are all positive that we'll get no answer. But Uno said "that'll get 'em". Bulk messages have begun to arrive from different prison camps. Uno says that we'll get them regularly.

Feb. 1 - First vitamin "C" shots were given today by Uno. Prisoners' and Japanese Planning Boards held a two-hour meeting. No one in our group made any comment after the reprimanding we received for our frankness at the last get-together. Uno brought in more condiments. Still have flu. Third act of "Mice and Men" was broadcast today.

Feb. 2 - Uno informed us that today he was compelled to fill out a form for his local draft board. He is afraid they may call him into the service. Hamamoto was over after muster. Called a meeting of the entire group and announced that soon he will grant us "self-government" under Major Cousens. When Major Cox is well, he will take over from Cousens. (Sounds like Murayama has been at work for us again) Major Cousens will be authorized to punish us if we misbehave. Uno gave us a long talk this afternoon on how much he has done for us. No one spoke. We were too angry to comment. Said he was looking for an assistant so that he will be able to visit other prison camps and recruit new talent for this program. Murayama and Matsui have asked Kalbfleish and several other members to provide them with copies of our programs, and in the margins to mark and explain Uno's and Japanese planning boards inserts. We are to be quite frank in describing why such propaganda is objectionable. Secretly - our criticisms will be taken to the General who has the private floor.

Feb. 3 - Cousens brought home the startling news that our forces have landed in the Marshalls. Uno is locking up the daily charcoal issue which Hamamoto authorized. He only allows us to use it when he is in the office. The Harriet Officer is to leave soon. Mama heard of the way Uno is handling the charcoal. Said that in the future she will only deliver a partial issue to him, and that after he departs in the evening, she will bring us the remainder. We are to broadcast seven names each day - of prisoners who have died in the camps. We protested the idea to Uno, but he insisted it be done immediately. Says he wants our people to know that their prisoners are dying from such diseases as beriberi, pellagra, acute stomach disorder, and pneumonia! "Then -" he said "perhaps they'll end the damned war!"

Feb. 4 - Uno visited Omeri today. Returned with mail for us and the report that there are hundreds of personal packages there. Spring has been officially proclaimed by Headquarters as starting today! There is snow and ice all over the place. Viscount Ikeda is out as head of the program. From today, he is in charge of prisoners' welfare. Matsui brought us a bag of roasted beans. Advises we all take all the vitamin pills we can get. Said he was working constantly to improve our situation. We must be patient.

Feb. 5 - Uno has ordered that we announce tomorrow that on the following day we will have big news for all our Canadian listeners. The announcement will be the

prelude to the first group of seven dead prisoners. We told Murayama that we thought the whole scheme ill-advised. We think it is not only a dead give-away for Japan to admit that such diseases exist in POW camps, but worse than that - we the prisoners do not know that these men are dead and cannot be responsible for another of Uno's stunts. The Warrant Officer has gone. Hemanoto brought us some mail. Got none. Kalbfleisch had a long talk with Matsui regarding our inadequate diet and complete lack of medical supplies. The fact that almost everyone is ill substantiates his complaints. Ten Red Cross food parcels arrived and were immediately put into the Japanese storeroom. Hemanoto came over after muster for another talk. Says that at least he has complete faith in us. Our training course is finished. Cousens is to take over. He added that in the future we are to have no "guests" for meals unless a ration is issued. (This was brought about by the fact that Uno tried to stay for supper this evening. Shank told him that no ration had been issued for him and that if we fed him again from our group mess, the prisoners would be upset. Uno was furious and said he would see Hemanoto. We heard nothing more on the matter and Uno did not stay for supper)

Feb. 6 - Uno has ordered that a script be written pointing out how terrible it is that the war prisoners at Rabaul are being bombed by their own planes. Things must be getting hot down there. We are writing the script - a dead give-away that these people are holding war prisoners in a target area - a complete violation of international law. What a fool Uno is! The seven names went over today - four died from chronic stomach disease, three pneumonia. The food parcels have not been issued. We thanked Murayama and Matsui for having gotten them into camp anyway. Neither commented on the matter. Uno tried to tell us that they came here through his efforts. Ikeda came over later to tell us that he, as welfare director, had gotten the packages. Cousens and Ince came home this evening with the delightful report that the Japanese Ministry of Communications is in a complete rage over our having broadcast the seven names today. They asked who had ordered the script - which was thought to be in extremely poor taste - and Uno was named!

Feb. 7 - Uno deleted the second group of seven names from today's script. Says no more names of dead prisoners will be broadcast. Other than that, he did not comment on the matter. We were paid today, and one half Red Cross parcel was issued to each prisoner. It was Shank's first look at a parcel. He has been a prisoner since Singapore - Feb. 14, 1942. Nearly two years without relief supplies of any kind! Wisner is to alternate as Master of Ceremonies of the program with Provoe. The latter is furious about it. Kalbfleisch omitted a negative in the punch line of his commentary today. It changed the meaning of the entire script. Apologized, but Uno insisted it was deliberate sabotage. Kalbfleisch is to go without food for twenty-four hours! Uno said he did not approve of such punishment, but that it had been ordered by the "other side" (Japanese offices).

Feb. 8 - Kalbfleisch had more to eat today than ever before. The galley gave him large rations out of sympathy, and he had a field day with his half Red Cross parcel. Hemanoto came over after muster to announce that he was told nothing of Kalbfleisch's punishment and that he did not approve of it at all. Brought the culprit sweet tea and toast - plus some oranges. Then he went into a huddle with Cousens, McNaughton and Provoe until midnight. They reported that he had said - we, the prisoner broadcasters, are neutrals, not Japanese propagandists.

We are ordered to work for peace from a neutral standpoint. When told that no such stand could be taken as long as Uno is here, he said he thought Uno might go if found to be hindering our efforts. Word got back that Uno has told the supply men that Kalbfleisch sabotaged the program. Uno got hold of a revised script which Provoe had prepared for Matsui's General friend. He was extremely puzzled over the comments in the margins. He did nothing about it, but we know he'll be keeping his eyes open.

Feb. 9 - The entire group has decided to give Hemanoto a party from our Red Cross food. All made donations to Shank. Hemanoto has been invited for Sunday night. Murayama and Matsui are furious about Kalbfleisch's having been punished. Both apologized and gave Kalbfleisch their luncheon bread. They said it was Uno's idea and not that of the front office. Quillo's arm is swollen all out of proportion from the Vitamin "C" shot. Provoe's leg is covered with boils. Pappy Light is having severe pains from an old kidney ailment. Pearson is covered with boils. The authorities have ordered that the word "peace" be left out of future scripts. They believe it has been over-emphasized. "It might be thought obvious" We must think of another word!

Feb. 10 - Sitting with Sgt. Fujita on the upper porch this morning, Uno walked by, stopped, admired the badge on my RAF cap, ripped it off and put it into his pocket. I asked that he return it. He refused saying that he was a collector of insignias just as I am, and that therefore there should be an understanding between us which should make me glad to have him take the badge. I waited until we got to the studio and then - while Uno went to lunch - cornered Matsui and explained what had happened. Matsui was furious and when Uno returned demanded that he return the emblem to me immediately - that he had not conducted himself in a true Japanese spirit - that he had no right taking anything from a prisoner officer. Uno refused and Matsui elugged him several times in the jaw. There was quite a scene in the control room which McNaughton, Provoe and I saw and heard. Nothing was said at the studio about the matter. He went on the air - did the latest Streeter Drama called "A Glorious Victory" - a tirade against militarists, propagandists, gullible people, President Roosevelt, postwar unemployment, big taxes. Chuck Yoshii was in the control room listening to the production with Streeter. Told us afterwards that Streeter had commented: "Someone's gotta tell 'em what's what, eh!" The staff from the Burmese Embassy was also in the audience. After lunch, Uno called a meeting of the entire group. He placed the RAF emblem on the front of his desk and asked: "Who told Matsui about this?" I replied that I had told him. Uno asked: "Was that the only way you thought you could get it back?" I said - "Yes - I thought it was." Uno shouted; "Stand up!" I stood. He came over and slapped me as hard as he could across the face. Then he shouted: "Sit down." Back at his desk, he delivered a lengthy speech in which he tried desperately to justify his actions. No one said a word. Then he adjourned the meeting, put on his coat and went to town. Returned an hour later with a new watch strap for McNaughton - an item which McNaughton requested at least six weeks ago. Called McNaughton to his office and broke down completely. Said he'd been a fool to carry on the way he had - said he knew he could never expect the respect of the prisoners when he did such things, and asked if McNaughton would tell me how sorry he was. Reggy Hollingsworth sent a lot of cigarettes to the whole group by Major Cousens. Quillo's arm is enormous and full of puss. A Jap doctor was here - called me in to ask what treatment we would prescribe in America. I said I thought we'd use hot compresses. The Jap said I was wrong. We must keep cold

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compresses on the swelling until tomorrow when Quille will be taken to the hospital for an operation. I feel completely responsible for Quille's ailment as I am the one who gave him the shot.

- Feb. 11 - Hamamoto was over this afternoon for a meeting with all of us. He used Uno as interpreter and reviewed what he told Gausens, Provoc and McNaughton the other night about our working for peace from a completely neutral stand. Uno looked furious about Hamamoto's interests in the program and was quite in the dark about the new policy. Said nothing. Uno had another talk with McNaughton today regarding the insignia episode with me and his standing with the group. Quille's trip to the hospital has been postponed until tomorrow. Why always tomorrow?!
- Feb. 12 - Quille was taken to the hospital this morning by Ikeda. This afternoon they reported the operation had been successful. Quille has a private room with a nurse! Uno read us some short-wave news. Bull! He stayed for dinner again. No one spoke to him during the meal. Hamamoto, coming to the Red Cross feast tomorrow night, has ordered the supply man to provide Shank with all the Japanese supplies he might require to make the party a real success. Just what we wanted. Shank has drawn lots of flour, oil, vegetables, etc. We're going to have prunes pies. Oh joy!
- Feb. 13 - McNaughton visited Quille at the hospital today. Hamamoto took him over. He reports Quille is O.K. Murayama came to lunch with us. Was not issued a ration, so brought his own food. Provoc and I had a talk with him about getting rid of Uno, the RAY emblem incident and the way we're abused in general. Murayama said he and Matsui will work on it. Our dinner was unbelievable - nasi goreng (a Malayan dish made of white rice, oil, onions and corned beef), salmon patties, corned beef rissoles, vegetable soup with beef in it, a half prune pie, Koscate, Old Golds, salted cheese sticks. Shank did well! Could see Hamamoto was about to get sick. He left as soon as dinner was over, looking slightly green. Shank said he fed the Jap night staff the same supper as a goodwill gesture. Uno was the only member left out. Want he be furious?!
- Feb. 14 - Wisener broadcast a letter to his wife today. Poor kid broke down and cried on the air. Murayama says they're hard at work on our number one problem - UNO. Said that Matsui won't be around for a while. Several of us took Quille's party ration to the hospital with Uno as guide. His eyes nearly popped out of his head when he saw it. It was the first he'd heard of the party. Soap, toothbrush, tooth powder, a G-string, and a pipe was issued to each member of the group. Fappy Light's pipe blew up when he lit it.
- Feb. 15 - Cornered Murayama today and blew my top about everything. Told him he had promised us the world, food, clothing, medical supplies, etc. over a month ago. Every member of the group is sick, and we have nothing but promises of relief. Murayama said that Uno backs his efforts to improve conditions for us. Says he is working on Faunishi to oust Uno and put Morino in his place. We don't like Morino, but feel that any change would be acceptable.
- Feb. 16 - Jamboree today. Pearson and group introduced "Is Everything Just As It Was Before" - a swell song written by a British lad just a few weeks before he died in the Keijo Camp in Korea. And Quille's message went over to his mother.

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Uno has refused to let him send one so far, but when I requested permission to send this one, - and with Quille in the hospital - even Uno couldn't refuse. Kalbfleish wrote an excellent detailed account of general war prisoners' treatment for Murayama. The latter promises to deliver it to Matsui who will take it to the private floor General. The report covers four camps and all the reports Kalbfleish has filed on other camps. Well done. Heard meeting this afternoon. They think we should change the name of the program. Headquarters orders a new feature, to be called War on War. It will describe the personal experiences of prisoners during their most horrifying moments in war, the loss of friends, etc. It will appeal for aid to such tragedies. Uno and planning board assigned it to me - as if I haven't enough to do already with four Missing Men and one Jamboree each week. The written accounts, of which hundreds have arrived, are amazingly frank. They were all obviously written by war prisoners, and many attack the Japanese bitterly. Also - this program must start informing America of the Indian problem and the work of Chandra Bose. Rickert has been given this job. Stopped at a store on the way home and bought more condiments. Uno is still extremely shy around me - after the emblem incident - but had the nerve to assign me the new feature in front of the planning board.

- Feb. 17 - Kalbfleish has written an article for Murayama and his private floor General on what America's reaction will be to the recently published atrocity stories. In it he has plugged hard for relief supplies for prisoners. He all helped him with it. Murayama brought in a large quantity of vitamin pills. Says that his General friend is in full agreement with Kalbfleish's views - and those of Provoc - on the program. Also - he believes our policy will be altered soon. (What is it now?) Supply man has announced that if we collect and turn in all the empty cans from the recent Red Cross parcel issue, we'll get more next month. The Vladivostok Red Cross story is out. Our people are trying to use that port to get 1500 tons through to us. Murayama says Matsui may visit us next week.
- Feb. 18 - Kalbfleish is getting innumerable boils on his backside. Quille is much improved. Captain Takata visited the studio today and returned to the camp for lunch. Hamamoto and Uno did a great act at the table about the food. Asked us if we'd had enough, passed us their oranges, etc. We said nothing, deliberately looked glum, wolfed down our food as if we'd never seen anything to eat before. Had everything we could to contradict the impression they were trying to make - that we are well fed. JP looked starved, wore his overcoat during the meal, inhaled his ration. Wisener grabbed oranges when they were offered and ate skins and all. The rest of us never spoke. Takata didn't miss a trick either. He was head of prisoners' welfare in China Area and handled Red Cross relief supplies for the Shanghai camps. Rickert and the civilians who were there when he was active say that he did a marvelous job and the prisoners like him. Faunishi addressed us at four o'clock this afternoon to introduce a new man - Michikari - who takes Ikeda's place as number one man around here. Michikari made a speech in which he reviewed the usual - cooperate voluntarily or else. He says he will interest himself primarily in our living conditions, which - he has been told, need attention. He will be our "Guiding Light". After the formal parade was over, Uno commented on the new man. He is the first man who slapped General Percival after the surrender

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of Singapore. Uno says he is the one who told Hishikari about our needing food and a general improvement in living conditions. Hishikari will only be here for one hour each afternoon. The rest of the time he will be at Donsai. When Major Cousens returned from work this evening, we told him of the new man. He recalls the name and thinks that Hishikari may be O.K. from the work he did at Singapore as official interpreter for the General in charge.

Feb. 19 - Uno wants Missing Men to discuss inflation in America. The whole thing was inspired by a short wave report which described the rise in cost of an average factory worker's lunch. Formerly - two hamburgers, soup, dessert, coffee, each cost five cents. Now all these items except the coffee are ten cents! Also, clothing is up seventy-two percent, and green peppers are up three hundred percent! I am to emphasize how this sort of inflation will make it tough going for working classes, and that the rise in cost is due to shortages which are a natural result of this futile war! Dear me!

Feb. 21 - Wrote the arrival of rabbits into Missing Men as a hint to the front office. The script drew an immediate reply from Hishikari. I have told America that this camp has rabbits and we don't have rabbits. Therefore - he has ordered rabbits for us! It worked beautifully.

Feb. 22 - The first sample script of War on War is ready. Uno has made a lot of absurd insertions and punch lines. He has deleted the term "Japanese invasion" and does not allow me to refer to the Japanese as the "enemy". Morino added the introduction. The line read - "these protests are against this monstrous evil which today threatens all mankind". Morino tacked on one word - "war!" In explaining his addition, he said he had done it to prevent our listeners from thinking that "this monstrous evil which today threatens all mankind" might be the Japanese! How clever of him.

Feb. 23 - Hatanoto is going to get married, and - of course - must leave us. Taniyama is scheduled to take over the military administration of this camp as soon as he returns from Nabeul.

Feb. 24 - Shattles dropped and broke three cups while carrying them down to the galley. The small supplyman hit him in the face six times - and never even allowed Shattles to remove his glasses. Lucky they weren't broken. A complete report on the incident and a formal protest was made by Major Cousens. Result: nothing, and a new order from the supply man. The next man who breaks anything will be compelled to shave his head in addition to being knocked around.

Feb. 25 - Murayama brought in a short letter from Matsui to Provo, Kalbfleisch and me. To each of us he assigned a verse in the Bible which carried the message he wished to convey. Murayama said to study them carefully. And they were very appropriate. Mine was Matthew, Chapt. 7, No. 15 - "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravaging wolves".

Feb. 26 - Ikeda is removing all the books and bookcases he loaned us. Uno says not to worry. More will come.

Feb. 29 - Congress has passed a new tax bill over the President's veto, after Barkley delivered a tirade and resigned. Uno ordered a Missing Men in which the prisoners' attitude was to be anti-President. Wrote a completely noncommittal

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review of the incident. Uno made numerous insertions but failed to effect the general tone of the script. He thought it was a chance to take a sock at President Roosevelt, but found it a bit too deep. So he let it go through rather than display his ignorance by asking questions. Today - finally - in desperation to get the other personal parcel of which Gordon wrote in the letter Pearson brought to me - I arranged with Pearson that I tell Uno I heard of it through a verbal message which Pearson brought to me when he came here from Mori in January. Uno said he'd investigate. Hatanoto left today. But he will be brought back someday - by us!

March 1 - Uno absent today. No reasons given.

March 3 - Ikeda had his piano removed. Hishikari is furious, said he doesn't think much of people who give things to helpless prisoners and then take them back. He'll try to get another for the camp. Unconditional surrender script went on today. It was taken from a commentary written some time ago for Radio Tokyo but which they had not used. Theme: The Russians and the Finns are holding peace conferences despite the term "unconditional surrender" - therefore the phrase is incorrect. They are talking terms! Null recently said the State Department was working on terms for Germany. Numerous sacrifices and worry over tremendous postwar taxes are all due to the fact that someone thought up the expensive slogan "unconditional surrender". The local Japanese are constantly complaining about the phrase as making any sort of peace negotiations between Japan and America impossible. We think the script might help to impress these local fanatics. It was well received by the front office. Uno is still absent. Morino visits us daily to issue orders and make assignments. He believes that Uno's absence may be a test to see if we can operate without him. Perhaps we have Murayama to thank for this. McNaughton, Kalbfleisch and I have decided to outline a weekly schedule for the prisoners' script department. If we keep up a steady flow of material, perhaps Uno won't be required. Provo is furious that we, the officers, have dared to assume such authority in connection with the program. Told us very emphatically that he is running this show. Told him to go jump in the lake; but he assumed a different tone and asked if he might join the so-called board. We had no alternative but to allow him to do so.

March 4 - Uno returned today. He has only been ill. We were not being tested for anything! Our so-called board is through and we're back in the old groove. Are we disappointed!

March 5 - Provo's opening lines in the program drew a strong protest from the front office. He had described the prisoners - far from home - lined up in the morning sun doing their calisthenics. Uno went into a rage. Said we were trying to give a weather report. Headquarters says we must not make mention of weather in future scripts. At a meeting this afternoon, Uno asked that we recommend a high ranking American officer to be brought here merely to act as senior prisoner officer. (He hates Cousens. Provo has helped bring about a feeling in the front office that we all resent having an Australian in charge. Cox is too ill to take over) Provo recommended that a Colonel Moore be brought here from the senior officers' camp in Taiwan.

March 7 - Uno presented me with an outline for a Missing Men script based on a daily

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announcement by KMX in Hollywood. Their script says - "buy more bonds! The war is costing America ten million dollars an hour". In other words, I'm to say "stop the war - it's too expensive!" Not a fellow named "Bucky Harris" at the radio station. Don't know why, but he was permitted to talk with us without any member of the local staff present. He's half white - Cousens says be careful of him. Doesn't know why he's being sent around us. Cousens believes he is the official interpreter for Matsui's General with the private floor.

March 8 - Broadcast a long message to Mother today. Red Cross clothing has arrived for us from Omeri. Hishikari announced that on Saturday, after we make our 100th broadcast, he is giving us a special party! Uno says more Red Cross food parcels are coming.

March 9 - Uno says that the newly arrived Red Cross clothes will be given out at the party - as rewards to those who have worked hard. Told Murayama that the Japanese authorities have no damned right issuing our relief supplies as rewards for anything. They should be issued to everyone as was intended by our own people. The whole principle is wrong. Murayama said he'd see Tsuneishi about it immediately. Major Cousens is furious about the matter. Says he will lodge a strong complaint about it tomorrow.

March 11 - The Red Cross clothes were issued this morning. Uno decided who was to get what. He refused to give Kalbfleisch and Ince GI blankets. They are not in favor this week. It's obvious that many items have been stolen. One of each article was sent into camp, but one of each did not exist when Uno made the distribution. Morale dropped a foot when he announced that no Red Cross parcels could be obtained for us. The party this evening was indescribable. Tomorrow, Hishikari announced, the first group of four prisoners may be taken on an outing by Uno.

March 12 - Provoe, McNaughten, Shenk and Pappy Light were taken to the zoo, to an art exhibit, and shopping. I was scheduled to go but Shenk went in my place, as I have gotten flue again. McNaughten said Uno was furious when he commented how strange it was that they weren't being attacked by angry civilians. No one paid any attention to them. The animals in the zoo were all thin and dying. The exhibit was awful, and the shops have nothing anyone would want to buy.

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March 13 - Ozaki was introduced today. Seems O.K. He is to be Uno's assistant. Will work here part time and in the afternoon at his regular Omeri job. Los Angeles born. To make room for him in the office, Uno has permitted Kalbfleisch and me to move upstairs. Thank goodness.

March 14 - This morning Shenk complained to me that every member of his galley crew was scheduled to go to the studio, and would I see Provoe and remind him of the agreement made several weeks ago that no more than one cook would be used on the program at a time. I took the problem to Provoe who drew back from his desk, and in a most disrespectful and dogmatic tirade informed me - "You may tell the galley that they will adjust their schedule in accordance with the requirements of the program!" I'm sure that the new Mr. Ozaki was impressed. I said nothing in reply. Did the script assigned by Tsuneishi asking that

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America send radio messages to the prisoners here. Uno inserts: "I don't see why our people can't have at least one program without a lot of sword-waving propaganda." (The very words we have used in commenting on domestic propaganda in the local paper) For some reason the authorities want us to establish a direct radio contact with our own people.

March 15 - Provoe is requesting American replies in his introductions and sign-offs to the program. Bruce's commentary on "Mamasan" has jolted the Japanese in the front office. Tsuneishi heard of it and through Mammoto sent ten yen to Mame. Some Generals are due to visit our camp and the radio station on Saturday. Uno has outlined a special super Jamboree. Hishikari promised to get us some baby chicks.

March 16 - A little man from the front office told one of the boys that Mame has been ordered by Tsuneishi to do anything for the prisoners which she thinks necessary to our welfare. Her fraternization with us has been given the official O.K. For several days now Ince has been bringing us good swing recordings from his department to our studio. I have enjoyed them as they help us endure the long hours before we go on the air. Provoe heard me asking him to bring some good stuff down today, and called me aside after Ince had been taken to the studio. He warned that if Ince gets too interested in our program Uno may take him from the zero hour and put him in with us. If that happens, Provoe says, there will be a clash. He hates Ince. (Ince knows too much about him from the days on Corregidor) If they have a fight Provoe says he will not be responsible for his actions. Kalbfleisch and Provoe had a real session this evening. Provoe is always late with his continuity and Kalbfleisch is tired of having to wait 'til all hours to cut the stencils. The matter was settled. From now on the continuity and features will be stenciled separately!

March 17 - Wisener gave Provoe a long lecture on what he thought of Provoe and his personal motives in doing this work. Provoe was remorseful and apologized to America in his introduction for tomorrow. Uno says my personal packages at Omeri lost their labels in the interpreters' office. The contents were distributed amongst the American officers. Like hell!

March 18 - Special Jamboree went on with no generals present.

March 19 - Cox, Wisener, Bruce and I were taken on an outing by Ozaki. Went to the zoo and then shopping. Ozaki deplored the physical condition of the local people. Said that America's plan for the rehabilitation of Japan would be the best thing that ever happened.

March 20 - Uno says he's sorry the generals couldn't come last Saturday. They'll definitely be here this week. Says we must think up gags to pep up the program! Hishikari had a long talk with Provoe regarding our living conditions. Provoe said he was very emphatic about the need for better food and the effect of the present shortage on morale. Hishikari said it would be improved immediately. He then asked Provoe if he thought Uno should be discharged. Provoe said no - he should be "schooled" instead. Hishikari then sent for Wisener - obviously at Provoe's recommendation - and consulted him on conditions here. Wisener said he tried to be completely noncommittal on most points - except food. Provoe announced tonight that he talked with

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Hishikari - and that due to his power position in Japan, and his knowledge of the Japanese language, he is now to act as number one go-between this group and the authorities. We all believe that he and Hishikari discussed a great many more points than Provoe revealed to us. Wisener thinks we're right due to the strange references Hishikari made while talking with him. Hishikari visited Kalbfleish this afternoon and told him to take it easy and nurse his boils. Poor kid is covered with them and has no medicine or bandages. Uno brought me one, sealed, properly labelled personal package. "They looked around and found it for yuh." I asked what had happened to the other one. Uno said the label had come off and that the contents had been given to the American officers.

March 24 - Hishikari requested a script on the issuance of Red Cross winter clothing. That fools these people are! Winter clothing in March! Provoe called me aside this afternoon to inform me that he is now head man around here and that I must carry out his instructions or else. He said that Hishikari asked him if Kalbfleish and I were trying to do double meaning stuff in our work. Of course Provoe assured him we weren't. However, Provoe said, Hishikari intimated that several of us would be removed if we didn't develop a more spiritual cooperation with the Japanese. Said that Ince, Kalbfleish and I were under suspicion in the front office, and predicted a horrible fate for us at the hands of the Kasei-Tai. Kalbfleish, Provoe said, has been outwardly arrogant, has refused to attend the meetings, and lies in bed all day nursing his boils. He eats in bed, is anti-social. Provoe hates Kalbfleish for his brutal frankness in everything. My nerves are completely shot. I told Major Cousens of the interview with Provoe, and together we cautioned Ince and Kalbfleish.

March 25 - After muster this evening Major Cousens was called aside by Sgt. Provoe who informed him of his new position as head of this group. Major Cousens told him he could think anything he wanted, but that until an official appointment is made, he, Cousens, is boss around here and Provoe had better not forget it. Provoe was furious. No one has dared buck him before. Cousens warned that he too has a few aces up his sleeve and that if Provoe wants to see them played all he has to do is keep right on acting the way he's been acting. When Provoe saw he was licked, he broke down and wept. Pledged his complete loyalty to Major Cousens. The Major, however, was not fooled for a minute. He recognized a good act and predicts trouble in the future. Today Provoe read his latest commentary - "Dirge to Your Son". No generals came today. This is beginning to look like a gag!

March 26 - Several of the boys were taken on an outing today by Uno. He says that Parkyns and Quille will never be taken out again - that their conduct was unbecoming. All day I have kept away from Provoe. I really believe that if he gives me another earful I shall have to approach the authorities myself. Cousens says he'll do it for me at the earliest opportunity. The shopping group bought an old victrola, and a few records. We must play them quietly, however, for western music is banned in Japan. The Japanese people like swing, and if they hear it, it might give rise to pro-American feelings. What next!

March 27 - After calisthenics this morning I was given a stern lecture by Provoe. He

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says I am lacking in spiritual cooperation with the Japanese and that unless I make a strong effort to develop it - "some people will go". Told Major Cousens. More victrola records were brought in.

March 28 - Hishikari called a formal parade this afternoon and read a Headquarters order which required Kalbfleish's removal to "another camp". McNaughton and I helped him pack, but couldn't talk as the supplyman, Uno and Ozaki were present inspecting each item as we threw his gear together. I carried one bag to the gate with him, and as we said goodbye, Kalbfleish said "Don't worry, Buck. We'll straighten this out later!" There was not room for all his baggage in the Headquarters' car. He was only allowed to take one sack. I returned with his other gear, and must have looked upset for Hishikari sent for McNaughton and asked him to "take care of Benson". The whole group is tense, speechless. All fingers point to Provoe as responsible for Kalbfleish's removal. During dinner we described what had happened to Major Cousens and Ince. After muster nearly everyone in the group went into the messhall to talk with Cousens. Finally the Major turned to Provoe: "Obviously, Sgt. Provoe, you are felt to have been the cause of what happened today." Provoe said he realized it. Cousens asked if he had anything to say for himself. Provoe then took the floor and made a futile speech trying to justify his actions of the past weeks. Said that he had been officially appointed liaison between our group and the Japanese. Said that Hishikari had suggested that due to his advanced understanding of the Japanese and their psychology that he give talks to the prisoners. Cousens said he thought it would be very interesting if Provoe would lecture occasionally, but that until an official order was published naming Provoe head man, he would not be considered such by any member. Provoe said O.K. - he will speak once a week, and will behave himself under Cousens. THEN - after the meeting adjourned and we all started to relax, Joe came into our room to say that Provoe - while getting ready for bed - had announced to the entire mess' room that he had been directly responsible for Kalbfleish's removal and that anyone else showing disrespect, lack of cooperation, etc., would suffer similar removal!

March 29 - The supplyman appeared this morning in a Red Cross winter shirt! That might explain the shortage of several items. Uno says the generals are definitely coming on Saturday and the program must be excellent. He outlined another Jamboree. We're sure it's a gag now - to better their program.

March 30 - Cousens had a talk with Hishikari this morning regarding my work here. Cousens said that word had gotten back to me that the Japanese were suspicious of my efforts and that it was quite impossible for me to do anything worth while for them with a constant threat hanging over my head. He told Hishikari my nerves are shot and that I need a rest. Hishikari said that Uno and Morino were terribly suspicious of my work, but that he, Hishikari, has implicit faith in all of us! Cousens then asked that if any member of the group is implicated in any way during months to come that he, Cousens, be consulted before any definite action is taken. Hishikari said that he would certainly do so. Cousens then asked that the food be improved and that medical supplies be brought in.

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April 1 - Sat. "Humanity Calls" with new theme music began today. Special program. The generals were due but didn't arrive. Provoc read his latest commentary - "Man is a Fragile Thing". From now on our show will be rebroadcast around midnight (Tokyo time). It is being recorded during the initial broadcast at one o'clock.

April 3 - Cousins asked Murayama to try to arrange that we be taken out to Easter services. Murayama said he had contacted Archbishop Doi and told him I was here. Doi may send us a priest. Our being taken out to services was refused by Headquarters.

April 7 - From now on we are permitted to use more prisoners' messages on the program. Uno changes the wording or writes inserts into almost all of them. "Hope to be home soon" is always changed to "Hope to be home someday", or "Hope to be home someday is my nightly prayer". A new piano arrived.

April 8 - Script went on today describing last year's Easter at Zentsuji. We had no services - no priest arrived from Doi. Pappy Light told his story of the fall of Bataan. The lines "whatever happened on Bataan either before or after it fell is something old Pappy wants to forget. What's been done can't be undone", were questioned by both Morino and Uno. They were furious but made no alterations. The script was pencilled before they saw it!

April 11 - Uno is excited about the predicted invasion of Europe. He has ordered a script based on a recent short wave broadcast from the States which predicts casualties, discusses Russia's impatience, and comments on the American majority in the invasion forces. Uno and I had an argument on the subject so he ordered Pearson to write it. Uno riddled Pearson's rough draft with inserts - likened England to a "death chamber". Of course, Uno is determined to stop the invasion! Pearson took over the writing of War on War. Bless him.

April 13 - Provoc seems to have gone mad. He's turning out one commentary after another. His latest - "The Moon and I" tells how he's been in the dark and now he's found himself. Pointless. One day he's very anti-Jap and tells them so. The next day he's scared stiff and does a great pro-Jap act, secret conferences with Uno, etc. Then he rants "spiritual cooperation".

April 14 - Provoc's latest - "Hold the Moment", -- another convulsion. It's causing a sensation in the front office. One of the new censors questioned the interpretation of the commentary and Provoc informed him that if one word is altered he will stop writing! That such a move on the part of the authorities would express their mistrust of him. He says that mutual trust between himself and the authorities must exist or the inspirations for these commentaries will not come. Cousins says that Provoc's recent outbursts are being caused by his attraction to Wisner. Shattles birthday.

April 15 - Major Cousins spoke during breakfast on what he termed a "tendency toward sexual perversion". Provoc appeared unmoved - outwardly.

April 16 - Uno is furious at former Ambassador Grow for his latest speech in which he advocates smashing Japan or expecting another war in twenty-five years' time.

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Ordered a script in which we're to ask how any man can predict anything of this nature, and stating that America has no war aims against Japan.

April 17 - Wisner has agreed to take over the writing of one "Missing Men" script each week - to lessen my burden. His first assignment was on the negro vote. Uno instructed him to plug for the abolition of racial discrimination. Wisner, however, took the opposite view and got by with it. Uno was furious. Today is my day off. Michikari asked for a private interview with Cox and myself. Asked us who we thought was Captain Ince's best friend here in camp. I said I was. He then explained that there was trouble at Radio Tokyo. Ince is hated by certain members of the Japanese staff there. They say he is arrogant and difficult to work with. Michikari says that I must caution Ince, that a similar situation occurred once before. Tsunetschi wants it corrected this time or the consequences will be terrific. Said I'd talk with Ince. Then we suggested to Michikari that in future he not make judgements on camp personnel from interviews with persons unqualified to represent the group. Reference: Kufbleish's removal at Provoc's request. No names were mentioned, but Michikari understood the reference perfectly. Provoc and Uno had another conference. Reason?

April 18 - My birthday, third in captivity. Had supper of pancakes, fish livers, cigarettes - all stolen from Jap supplies. Boys and Mana gave me flowers which she brought in from the outside.

April 19 - Script on birthdays - Shattles', Pearson's, mine. Had boys present me with personal package from mother. Hope she was tuned in. Can't send her the news any other way. Uno deletes references to number of parcels received in our letters. Provoc's introduction today again cited Japan's determination to fight to the last, an obvious result of his talk with Uno.

April 20 - Uno called me aside today to discuss Major Cousins. Some people, he said, can't get along with him. (Provoc) Cousins has been described as "too dogmatic" in handling the group. Is this true?

April 21 - Told to ask for radio replies to the messages we broadcast. Finished new song - "Your Last Aloha". Will dedicate to to Babs on Saturday's program.

April 23 - Authorities have again accused me of writing double meanings. The script in question dealt with a recent assignment on a blunder made by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The statement described Australia as not participating fully in the war - as they recently demobilized ninety thousand men. Made hareless comment on it - backed Australia as making a worthy contribution, and filled the script with praise for American production. "Nothing can stand up to American production." -- "American production is the greatest thing the world has ever seen." We expected a lot of deletions by the front office but nothing was touched. Uno presented us with a dog. Gee, thanks. He can't feed it either! Provoc's latest commentary - "Winter Figs" was cancelled. Even the Japs couldn't understand it! He was terribly hurt - told Uno the cancellation was a breach of mutual trust. Provoc now thinks he's slipped as the number one commentary writer and will undoubtedly do a great act to regain his lost prestige.

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April 24 - Pearson's birthday.

April 25 - Drama group presented "Bury the Dead". Scored big hit with the authorities. Uno Oked my dedicating a song to Babe on Saturday.

April 26 - Formal meeting called by Hishikari. Uno, Ozaki and Taniyama were present. The old orders still hold, but Ince is through at Radio Tokyo and will join our group officially on Monday, May 1st. Major Cousens, however, is to continue on with his work at the station. Provoe is furious about Ince joining this group, predicts a clash and says he will not be responsible for his actions. I warned Ince, and he's agreed to play it smart. He's already made several friendly gestures toward Provoe. Believe things may be alright. Major Cox is to take over Cousens' job as camp commandant.

April 29 - Dedication to Babe went over O.K. Cousens and Ince confided that the so-called dirty work at the radio station against Ince is only half of it. Local efforts on the part of Provoe have had a great part in bringing about this readjustment. Ince says he is delighted to get away from the station, but hates having to work under Uno. However, he feels better working with us - safety in numbers.

April 30 - A small chocolate cake was sent in to Cousens and Ince by Mr. Ni's wife. (Ni is Radio Tokyo employee, born in Hawaii, educated at McKinley High School) According to Major Cousens, Ni has always been helpful to him and has extremely powerful contacts in Tokyo. Streeter has started a radio serial called the "Old Woodcutter". Backwoods chatter - first came thing he's ever written. Good news! Cousens brought in word from Radio Tokyo this evening that at some time during the past month the emperor issued a rescript ordering the lives of all war prisoners spared! Cousens says he is reasonably certain that the Japs will not do away with this group when the broadcasting is finished. Also - he expects conditions in the camps will improve from now on.

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May 1 - Ince officially joined the Humanity Calls group today. Major Cox took over Cousens' job as senior prisoner officer in charge of camp welfare plus additional duties of filing all prisoner messages. With I had his job. Bruce's Missing Men script was criticized by Hishikari at this afternoon's meeting as "too much obvious propaganda". The script says that American authorities have just made it possible for German war prisoners to send and receive photographs, whereas the Japanese have allowed us that privilege since the beginning. Lauds our benevolent treatment and magnificent physical condition. Hishikari thought it was laid on a bit thick. Uno refrained from commenting as he wrote that particular part himself. Hishikari wants us to ask constantly for reply message broadcasts from America. All messages from prisoners held in Rabaul have been stricken from the files. Guess they're all either dead or recaptured.

May 2 - We must ask for reply message broadcasts daily, saying that we will receive them gladly at Radio Tokyo and forward them immediately to the camps. Oh yeah!

May 3 - Wiscner read a riotous article on today's Jamboree called "It". McNaughton and I read Bruce's dialogue called "The Cub Goes West". Pearson sang his pet number - "They Have a Much Better Time When They're Naughty". The whole program was definitely on the risqué side. Results: The Foreign Office called in to complain about the censorship. The Radio Station has forbidden its stenographers to listen to prisoners' broadcasts in the future. Red Cross food parcels arrived. Uno says that they are a special issue obtained through Tsuneishi's influence. We have all agreed that this time we will make no gifts of Red Cross food to the authorities, especially to the Japs in the supply department.

May 7 - Frank Knox died. Provoe read his lengthy commentary on Corregidor. No mention of an issue of Red Cross supplies. Sixteen boxes are in the storeroom - for eighteen people. This is the second time we have missed getting a full issue. Someone must take his cut! Australia has announced that they will broadcast messages to war prisoners held in Japan through a station in New Delhi. No date has yet been set for the initial broadcast.

May 8 - Still no mention of the Red Cross packages in the storeroom. Wiscner broadcast a message to his wife today.

May 9 - The Red Cross parcels were issued. Uno supervised the division by Cox, and just before we drew numbers to collect our individual portions. Uno ordered us to line up in the messhall for a speech. Hishikari, he said, has been extremely good to us. Therefore we must give him a party with our Red Cross food, in order to show our gratitude. Then he asked if anyone disagreed with his idea. (Of course, no one dared) Uno then said he'd heard of the party we gave for Hamamoto (to which he was not invited) and that it was very nice. Now we must do the same for Hishikari (and Uno, of course). Parkyn's Missing Men script today raised America about Australia's proposed message broadcasts from New Delhi to war prisoners in Japan. Why can't America do the same thing. The MC of the program said we are still standing by for a similar arrangement. The group is speechless with rage over Uno's order to give a party for Hishikari. Nothing we can do but put on a lousy lunch - and it will be lousy. That people!

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May 10 - Announced we're still standing by for the messages Australia has promised to send her prisoners. Held the luncheon for Hishikari. Sherk made some measley cheese sticks and served coffee with a little Elm and sugar in it. Consens gave his corned beef to the officers' table just to make things look a bit better. We all shared it with Ozaki, Uno and Hishikari. One pound split nine ways! Ince deliberately served everyone except Uno. Left his portion on the plate in the center of the table. He had to ask for it! Uno was furious about the inadequacy of the luncheon. Says it was an insult and a very bad effort on our part. Says he will definitely see to it that we don't get anymore Red Cross food in the future, that we didn't give freely - after all they've done for us! The supplyman asked Sherk if we'd like to have pies again. "You want pies? I will give you flour - if you give me a pie like before." Sherk said it was a deal providing no pie was given to Uno. The supplyman agreed. Pay, pay, pay!

May 13 - Today's Jamboree fell flat. No audience. Morino has ordered Provoo to cease writing lengthy introductions to the program. Sarker gave all his cigarettes from the Red Cross issue to the supplyman and other Japanese. As a result the supplyman cut our group rations - annoyed because we all didn't contribute. Hishikari says Taniyama is definitely against us, that he objected to our getting the Red Cross supplies, that he objects to everything. He believes a word of it.

May 14 - Finished the ordered script on the Montgomery Ward strike. Uno approved it. I said that strikes were a hindrance to the American war effort - down with strikes. Morino said it was full of double meanings and put forth the opposite view from that of the Jap authorities toward strikes in America. Uno and Morino argued about it. Uno would have lost face if he'd backed down. The result: the script went into the waste basket. Ozaki told me that the authorities are afraid of my scripts on political subjects and advised me to try to steer clear of such topics or I'm apt to end up in the hands of the Kemptai. Asked him what the hell I can do when I'm ordered to produce them. He said - object on the grounds that I know I am being suspected by the authorities. O.K. Uno ordered me to tackle Shigemitsu's statement regarding the shipment of Red Cross relief supplies for Japanese-held Americans through Russia. Refused to do it - following Ozaki's advice. Uno did not deny I was being suspected of sabotage. He simply insisted I write this particular script, then I can quit the political issues and stick to more innocuous stuff. After my talk with him he closeted himself with Provoo. Then Uno left. Provoo called me into his office, warned that I must be very careful. He quoted Uno: "Half-bitch was a piker compared to Henshaw when it comes to writing double meaning stuff." Uno said that he deliberately riddled my writings with inserts in order to break the continuity. He thinks I write in code pattern and therefore breaks it up. Provoo says that Uno is doing everything in his power to get me out of this camp but that Hishikari objects, thinks I'm valuable. Obviously, Provoo wants me to relay this interview to the other officers so that when and if I am removed, he - Provoo - will not be held responsible. I have relayed it! Taniyama called Uno to his quarters this afternoon to ask why he is not consulted more often on problems concerning the prisoners. He said that he was interested in our welfare but was constantly ignored. Uno said that he would take up the matter with Hishikari. We know, however, that

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Hishikari will not permit Taniyama to have anything to do with us - Taniyama or anyone else. Hishikari wants to be the boss around here. We don't trust him an inch.

May 16 - Hishikari called me on the carpet regarding my script on the foreign minister's recent statement about Red Cross relief. He asked where I had gotten the information. I told him that I had received some of it verbally from Uno, and the rest from an article on the front page of the local paper. Hishikari still insisted that the dialogue reflected a knowledge of more information than I had been given. He tried to make me say that I had access to more short wave news than Uno had given me - in other words that Major Consens had brought me important points from the radio station. Both he and Uno failed in their efforts to trap me. Provoo also must have been disappointed when I was dismissed. Ozaki warned me again to lay off such assignments. Says that Hishikari is getting rid of Taniyama.

May 17 - Ozaki confided this morning that New Delhi has been broadcasting messages to Australian prisoners of war interned in Japan, and that no one here is paying the slightest attention to them. He asked us why this is happening when we have announced so many times that we were standing by. Later he asked Uno the same thing. Uno said: "To hell with them. We're not interested in Australia anyway. Only America." One member of the group suggested that Australia might be testing the channel for America just to see if Japan is sincere in proposing this exchange of messages. Uno looked concerned.

May 18 - Provoo's introduction today said that we are still standing by for messages from America. That a laugh! Uno says we'll monitor American messages but can't bother with Australia. He believes that an exchange of information between the prisoners and the States will help restore peace. Preposterous! Uno has ordered me to do another script quoting official predictions of losses in the coming European invasion. Wants it pointed out as doomed. Huts.

May 20 - Sarker's friendship with Uno looks peculiar. Uno knows far too much about our private conversations and views.

May 21 - Provoo says we're still standing by. Halls! Uno has riddled my pre-invasion script. He told Provoo that I had deliberately injected a tone of encouragement and confidence. Uno stayed for supper and afterwards called a formation in the courtyard. Did his pet generalissimo act and formally announced Taniyama's leaving. He has suggested that we write Taniyama a letter saying how sorry we are to lose him. Provoo afterwards warned that if we write the letter we'll be playing right into Uno's hands. Hishikari hates Taniyama and is therefore getting rid of him. If we show a fondness for Taniyama it will annoy Hishikari - destroy what little faith he has in us - give Uno more power. Can't quite see it, but then we'll have to figure it out for ourselves. Both Uno and Provoo are so thoroughly unreliable.

May 23 - Must do a Missing Men script entitled "Glut will not last." What a beauty! America Food Administration has too much food. It's rotting. What waste. What bad organization and administration - when people are starving in Europe and Asia (Asia deleted!). Uno inserted jabs all through it and gloated over

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the finished product. He doesn't remember that just a few weeks ago he had me do a script deploring the fact that America is suffering from an acute food shortage. He doesn't remember the "appalling" cost of the average factory worker's lunch; hamburgers ten instead of five cents, and green peppers up three hundred percent! Major Cox has written the farewell letter to Taniyama - clever - expresses appreciation of Taniyama's gentlemanly attitude in all dealings with us.

May 24 - Discovered Uno's desk covered with letters to him from Shattles. Dr. Mr. Uno: I think this poem is beautiful and I can read it as it has never been read before. What rot! (Provo has Shattles scared half to death that he may be sent out of here at any minute. Shattles is trying to carve a niche for himself in the dramatic department). Major Cox delivered the letter to Taniyama. Hishikari will never see it. Uno was going to make the delivery - via Hishikari's office, of course, but Major Cox "misunderstood" the instructions!

May 26 - Another commentary went over by Bruce honoring Namasan. Blas her. Hishikari is livid about our writing to Taniyama. We were right. Uno wanted to create friction between this group and Hishikari to secure his own position in this camp.

May 27 - Shattles' letters have produced results. He starred on today's program reading "My Blue Velvet Band" with Pearson playing soft music in the background. Veins stuck out on his forehead, perspiration and wild gestures at the mike impressed the audience. Uno thinks he's marvelous. We think he stinks. But Shattles is happy. He isn't worrying about being turned over to the Kempi-Tai - at the moment, any way. He has earned himself a position, and it isn't hurting anyone. What an outfit.

May 30 - Taniyama left this afternoon. The boys voluntarily lined up outside the building and did a lot of farewell saluting. No departing Jap has ever been accorded a ceremony like that before. Taniyama was O.K. and we'll miss him and his fairness.

May 31 - A script of mine went on today called "Pete's Address Book." It described Padre Turner, Comdr. Keene, and others. Uno deleted the addresses but allowed the names of states to go through. Sincerely hope that as long as I must write this feature that I am allowed to do more scripts such as this one. Transmission of such information is worthwhile all around.

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June 1 - Drama group presented "Journey's End" today. Well done. Hishikari announced that Japanese and British propaganda are patterned along the same lines. His reason: BDO did "Journey's End" two weeks ago! Amazing deduction. There is a great feud on between Hiskert and Shank in the writing field. They seem to be trying to outdo each other with commentaries sent up from the galley. It might be better if they'd try to outdo each other in making something tasty for a change. It is rumored that even "Dismal" Quille is about to enter the commentary-writing contest.

June 2 - Provo has been ordered again to do a daily plea for reply broadcast messages from the States. Shank's commentary "Joep" went on today - a different article from the original due to Uno's insertions and deletions. Synopsis: Joep had faith in America to free his country, but unfortunately he never lived to see that freedom. A prisoner being transported from Java to Japan, his transport was sunk enroute by an American submarine. The closing lines about Joep's faith living on in the hearts of the surviving Dutch prisoners was changed by Uno to - "Joep lies at the bottom - thanks to you." (America) Both Shattles and Provo refused to read the altered script. Shank was forced to do it himself - with Uno's ending. Perhaps this will teach Shank not to volunteer articles and to stick to his bad cooking. Uno called a meeting this afternoon and produced a commentary written by Quille. After tearing it apart he announced that in the future he expects members of the galley force to stick to their cooking and quit bothering the script department with their offerings.

June 3 - Shank's commentary "I Have Rated" went on today. Story about how he, a prisoner, removed a thorn from a little Jap girl's foot and in so doing found her as human as anyone else. Stupid trash. Why doesn't he do more cooking and less of this?

June 5 - Wisener was ordered to do a Missing Men script on the lynching of American airmen in Germany. Thank goodness they're avoiding me with that sort of thing - for the moment. Wisener wrote well. Said the "act was unpremeditated", and could be forgiven if an apology were sent through proper channels. (Inference: that the execution of American fliers in Japan was premeditated) Uno saw through it, unfortunately, and deleted the part I have quoted. The final presentation was only three minutes long and quite meaningless.

June 6 - Uno called a meeting at three o'clock this afternoon and was wildly excited. Announced the invasion of Europe had begun. Screamed at Sgt. Light: "Light, get me the atlas!" Light asked: "Which one, Sir - the one with the maps in it?" Uno announced that Imperial Headquarters has predicted that the invasion will be a flop. Eighty percent of the initial landing forces have been wiped out - according to local announcements. All prisoners tense, quiet, non-committal. McNaughton, head of the so-called drama department, was scheduled to announce today the cast for Streeter's latest radio play. He has been unable to get anyone to participate in it, and reported the situation to Uno. The latter called a meeting, and instead of threatening us for refusing to do the drama, told Streeter he didn't blame us for disliking the script. Told Streeter to get along with his fellow men or else, and to stop filling his writings with ridicule of President Roosevelt, service officers, the American flag, uniform, etc. Ordered him to represent the true feelings of prisoners or turn in his resignation. Cancelled Streeter's play and ordered me to dramatize Parkyn's capture story and have it ready for presentation tomorrow.

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- June 7 - Worked 'til all hours last night on Parkyn's story. O.K. Hishikari called a meeting today and ordered me to do a script on the invasion to be presented Friday. Wants me to submit an outline to him from certain facts which he will give me. He refused, however, to provide me with information when I requested it. Told him under such circumstances I could do nothing. He then said that what he wanted was a group reaction to the invasion news. Told him I couldn't do it. Finally, he agreed to give me news from shortwave, local papers, translations from the Asahi, and warned me to be extremely cautious in what I write. O.K. Wrote it, and merely quoted all bulletins from both sides.
- June 8 - Parkyn's drama presented and was lousy. Uno has made many alterations in my invasion script. Where I said "God Bless them" he wrote "God have mercy on them". Where I had written "Roosevelt's prayer was beautiful" Uno added "but not very encouraging". Don't get it, and doubt if anyone else will either. Argued with him about it but got nowhere.
- June 9 - Presented the invasion script. Captain Takata was at the studio, and called Proveo and me aside after the broadcast. Told us that the Japanese were keyed up and if we weren't cautious we might get ourselves and the entire group into great difficulty with this sort of program. "Don't err now," he warned, "or the consequences might be severe." A meeting was called by Hishikari this afternoon at which Proveo described the conversation with Takata. Hishikari was furious. Said that with due respect to Takata, he had no right to make any comment direct to us. Hishikari says that he alone is responsible for what we do, and that Proveo and I - in becoming concerned over Takata's remarks, have denied Hishikari's authority and shown disrespect! Proveo tried to talk himself out of it but only got in deeper and deeper. We have been ordered to listen to comments from no one but Uno and Hishikari in the future. "What to do?" I stopped Uno and Hishikari after the meeting and explained in my most sincere tone that all we wanted in bringing the Takata conversation before them was a "vote of confidence" from them. Not! But it worked. Both seemed soothed. Told Major Cousens what I had done and he said it was an absolute stroke of genius. Expects a reaction.
- June 10 - My first commentary went on today. It was about Mr. Herman P. Haveron, Bureau of Budget examiner, captured on Wake with us. Not one word was altered by Uno. Hope it's well received and does some good for a grand old man. Hope he's still O.K. A formal parade was called by Tsuneishi this afternoon and we got our reaction. He announced that we had our "vote of confidence" and presented me with forty cigarettes for the invasion script to be split among the writers in the script department. The script pleased him immensely! It was exactly what Headquarters wanted! It was the true prisoners' attitude! (Obviously he knows nothing of Uno's insertions, or anything else that goes on around here) Mama left today for the home of Tsuneishi's secretary to act as midwife in an expected blessed event!
- June 11 - Uno called Major Cousens aside this morning and told him we were all nuts! Says we've shown no reaction at all to the stupendous news of the second front. Says we should be glad, laughing, screaming. It's another step nearer our freedom! Said that my invasion script was nothing but a lot of quotations and encouragement - "false encouragement". Cousens asked him what else he expected. Uno didn't seem to know.

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- June 12 - Uno has given McNaughton the story of Lt. Gibson to be dramatized. It describes the sinking of the "conschoon" en route from Colombo to Padang. There were 135 survivors who suffered incredible hardship for ninety-odd days before land was sighted. Only two of 135 lived to tell the story - Lt. Gibson and a Chinese girl. Uno likes the idea of dramatizing suffering. It will be a complete condemnation of the Japanese for not rescuing the survivors of the ship they torpedoed! Hishikari has announced that the authorities will give us another party on the 17th to celebrate our 200th broadcast.
- June 13 - Gibson drama was good. It accomplished Uno's purpose, but also another: An unarmed ship was sunk, and no survivors were rescued by the Japs.
- June 14 - Must do a Missing Man on Hull's receiving Japan's foreign minister's note regarding the shipment of Red Cross relief supplies through Vladivostok. Japan has encouraged an agreement on the regular exchange of relief supplies. (We know that our government put forth a similar proposition earlier this year)
- June 15 - Proveo did a lengthy introduction on today's program explaining the purpose of our broadcasting. Not, and will impress no one. The party was held tonight. Tsuneishi proposed a toast to peace and asked that today's Jamboree be performed in the mess room as he was unable to hear it. Food was good. Cousens returned home at 7:30 this evening, collapsed with a heart attack. Local maternity hospital doctor was called in and Mama assisted. The Jap doctor advised complete quiet, rest. Hishikari is expected to call in a different doctor tomorrow.
- June 16 - Proveo read a special commentary today on Wisener - the father from Texas - interned in far-off Japan - who has never seen his baby daughter. It is Fathers' Day. Hishikari arrived with a doctor and advised Cousens to take a week off! The doctor says he must not move around at all. Streeter was detailed to make him a portable latrine from a wooden firebucket.
- June 17 - Kyushu was raided. Hishikari wants a Missing Man script which will show that war prisoners are given the news. He and Uno made out an outline for the script in which prisoners will protest such raids. I asked that I not be required to do it; that it was up to Japanese propagandists to make such comments, not the war prisoners. Do it or else! Cousens isn't eating. Requested special food for him. Got 100 grams of sugar. In the afternoon the supplyman took 80 grams of the Cousens' sugar in order that members of the Jap office force might have sweet tea. Asked Hishikari to get me a duck and bedpan for Cousens. They can't be obtained. Ruga (employee of Radio Tokyo - co-worker of Cousens) visited Major Cousens this afternoon and smuggled in a small package containing several waffles, two eggs, and a little butter. Good boy. Uno and Hishikari don't know that anything was brought in.
- June 18 - Submitted my script on the Kyushu raid. Uno made a lot of absurd insertions. Quoted overseas short wave which commented on a banner pulled by the BBC. They had announced that the raid was on Tokyo instead of Kyushu. The prisoners replied: "Oh, yeah? We were here and didn't see anything of the kind." Uno also added that such raids only serve to boost Japanese morale, just as German morale went sky-high as a result of Allied bombings. Blind raids at night are as bad as indiscriminate bombings. "To say such raids will continue is like saying prisoners of war will never live to see their homes again." I protested

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the inserts and asked Uno to present my arguments to Hishikari before the script goes on the air. Uno says he will do so, and that if Hishikari agrees with me, the inserted lines will be thrown out. Oh yeah!

June 23 - Hishikari approved Uno's insertions - as Uno says. Had my first real showdown with Uno. Told him I would not be responsible for any local repercussions, nor will I allow it to be said that I have written any of this drivel "voluntarily". Uno said not to worry. He'll straighten everything out with Washington after the war! Like hell he will. The bombing script went on the air. Uno paged at me afterwards that I had deliberately sounded forced and nervous. Really?

June 24 - Doctor Fuji from Onori Camp arrived today to give us typhoid shots. Examined Major Cousens who hasn't moved since his attack. Have been trying to nurse him, and Shenk has been trying to cook him something edible. It's almost impossible, however, as we have nothing to cook.

June 25 - Major Cousens got up and moved around a bit today. Was cornered by Uno out in the court and told what stinkers the Americans are. Something is going on. Uno is probably trying to split the house again - British and Aussies from the Americans. It's right up their alley, but for what purpose? They probably don't know either.

June 26 - Uno called a meeting and read us a drama he wrote based on the personal story of a war prisoner. He wanted our comments. Frowco questioned several points, but the rest of us said nothing. Uno made the alterations Frowco suggested. We were amazed at Uno's brazen dialogue in which he referred to the Japanese as "Japs". We've never dared refer to them in such manner. It just isn't done. Major Cousens was sent to work at the Radio Station this morning but was brought back in a special car at three o'clock this afternoon after having had another heart attack in his office. What a mess. They should send him to a hospital where he can get proper attention. He'll go crazy in this place with the constant noise - piano, victrola, people yelling, thumping wooden clogs - not to mention the Jap kids from the front office and the noise they make.

June 27 - Uno's drama was returned from front office censors this morning covered with comments in red ink. Morino's comment: "You might have the decency to refer to your own people as Japanese instead of Japs!" Major Cousens is unable to move. He has nothing to eat but our regular unpalatable ration of boiled millet, and vegetable soup, a combination which we of comparatively good health can hardly stomach. He again requested that they issue him special food, but expect nothing.

June 28 - Today's was the second Wednesday script in which I have used nothing but music and messages. I started doing this because Uno was gradually cutting down the number of messages in our broadcasts and replacing them with too much rot. He summoned me after our return from the station and warned me not to write such a script again. Asked Hishikari to please give Major Cousens something to eat. Both he and Uno said that it was impossible to give Cousens anything other than our regular ration and that if I request special food again they will send him to a hospital. I told them that Larry Quille nearly starved to death in the hospital. Uno then suggested that instead of sending Cousens to a civilian hospital, as they did Quille, that he be sent to Shinagawa POW hospital. Don't

dare tell Major Cousens about the conversation as I don't believe he would want to leave our hands when he is in such a terribly shaken condition.

June 29 - Uno's drama was presented today and unfortunately it ran smoothly. Hishikari said he has definitely decided that Major Cousens must be moved to a hospital as soon as possible. And Uno commented - "Yeah - nobody dares move in the place because he's lyin' there. He's affecting the morale. He'll wreck the program. Better if he's sent to a hospital." I objected again to his being sent and gave as my primary reason the inadequacy of civilian rations for patients. (A patient is a non-productive and therefore is only granted half-ration!) Hishikari says that Tsuneishi will leave it up to Major Cousens to make his choice. He may select either a civilian hospital or Shinagawa POW camp.

June 30 - The head of the Radio Tokyo English department to which Major Cousens was attached visited us this afternoon with a thermos of ice cream for the patient. He pleaded with the authorities not to admit visitors. (Cousens hates this man) He was admitted anyway. Uno informed Ince and me that we must break the news to Cousens of his being moved to a hospital and get him to make his decision. Cousens took it calmly and left the matter to us. I recommended Shinagawa as I know the head prisoner doctor there - Doctor Max Gottlieb, New York heart specialist. Uno added: "And they feed the patients Red Cross food there!" Cousens asked that he be permitted to send a special message to his wife in Australia before he leaves. I wrote it out for him and had it approved by Hishikari personally. Major asked for the assistance of his Christian Science practitioner in Sydney. Said he was having a "little heart trouble". At the studio Uno changed "heart trouble" to plain "illness", and deleted Cousens's closing words - "keep smiling". Cousens serial number was also taken out. I cannot understand why Uno will never permit a serial number to be broadcast. He must think they're code. What a lousey mouth!

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July 1 - A new file of prisoner messages arrived in which Uno discovered one from Frank - the Army Sergeant over whose make-believe illness we appealed to William Winter of KGHZ. (See January 31, 1944) Uno removed the message. Poor kid. It will never be sent.

July 2 - We were amazed to learn today that Parkyns has been going over the fence every night to "visit" a Korean nurse in the maternity ward next door. Major Cox called him up before the officers. Parkyns insisted that his relations with this nurse have been strictly on the "up and up". She only buys him cigarettes on the outside. It's strictly platonic. Yeah - that's why he produced lice a few weeks ago! Cox warned him that if he "visits" over the fence again, we will have to report the matter to Hishikari - for our own protection. Major Cousens is scheduled to leave for Shinagawa hospital tomorrow. I am to accompany him in the ambulance, with Uno as interpreter, and will be permitted to have a talk with Dr. Gottlieb to explain the details of the case. Will ask that Robert Valois, PFC 3/c, formerly attached to U.S. Naval Hospital at Guam, be assigned to Cousens as attendant.

July 3 - Uno and I took Cousens to Shinagawa. I was not permitted to talk with anyone. The Japanese doctor who admitted the patient said that he had received no instructions from Headquarters regarding the case and that until specific orders arrived, Cousens would have to be left in the general ward. He was dumped in a filthy room full of dirt, bugs and foul air. Saw Valois from a distance and asked Uno to give him a handful of cigarettes. The request was granted. After seeing me with Cousens I know that the corpsmen - whom I knew months ago at Bentzuji POW Camp - will see that Major Cousens is properly cared for. Saw Lieutenant Rankin whom we all knew at Smori before we were sent to Bunka. I believe he deliberately snubbed me! Guess they all have some peculiar ideas regarding our work and don't blame them. Am not worried as I know that Cousens will get the whole story to them - somehow. Major Cousens has 30 yen and more cigarettes which he will slip to Valois at the first opportunity.

July 4 - Hishikari was over to see me this afternoon and to get my version on how Major Cousens was admitted to Shinagawa. Told him exactly what had happened and asked that Headquarters expedite their report in order that Major will be made more comfortable. Also discussed Uno's maddening habit of writing insertions into my scripts. Asked Hishikari if he wouldn't take a more personal interest in our work and prevent the altering of personal messages and our scripts. He said that he'd have a talk with Uno. Major Cox called Parkyns on to the carpet again. His neglect of his assigned job - the general upkeep of the camp - is drawing complaints from Hishikari and other Japs. Parkyns seems to do his job well for a day or two and then lets things slip into an unpleasant state of filth. He's impossible.

July 5 - Two guinea pigs arrived! No one can explain why this additional drain has been imposed upon our rations. Also - the supplyman brought in a hen and nine chicks. That's more like it. Hishikari gloated over the new arrivals as he said - "Now we'll have our own eggs!" (with emphasis on the "our") And, of course, in our scripts - which have just been ordered on the acquisition of these animals - nine chicks will be made to sound like hundreds of prize layers! Uno called another meeting and ordered a renewed effort to get the States to send reply

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messages. I wonder what he'll do if they do broadcast replies?

July 7 - Five new men arrived in camp: Frederick Smith, PFC 1/c, whom I knew at Bentzuji, Frederick Hoblitt, Corporal, USMC, Darwin Dodds, Wake Island civilian, James Martinez, PFC, USA, Mason Martinez, PFC, USA, and Staff Sgt. Walter Odlin, USA. The two Mexicans were selected and brought here by Mr. Ryasaka who plans to use them on a special program beamed to South America. Smith was suggested by Parkyns and his recommendation was endorsed by me when the authorities asked us several months ago to submit names of typists. He recommended this man because both of us knew he was dying of tuberculosis in an Osaka work camp. Hoblitt has been in a Kobe work camp and speaks far more fluent Japanese than Provoe. Dodds was prominent in his Shanghai camp as an entertainer. He was in radio work before the war. Odlin was in general's camp in Formosa. Known Provoe well.

July 9 - The Missing Men script which I wrote on the arrival of our guinea pigs brought Hishikari over to see me in a rage. I had said that we planned to eat them! Hishikari asked: "Do you eat guinea pigs in America?" We told him we'd never heard of anyone eating a guinea pig. "Well then," he replied, "you must not say this on the air." "But why not?" we asked. "We're going to eat them, aren't we?" "Of course," replied Hishikari, "but you must not say it. America will think the Japanese are barbaric and inhumane or something!" One of us argued that point.

July 13 - An old article written by Kalbfleisch was put on today's program - an excellent bit of research on Japanese culture. Don't know why Uno dragged it out and put it on the air at this particular time - but it was a clever piece of work. Pearson and I have been growing tomatoes according to Sgt. Light's instructions. He's supposed to be an expert on the subject. He showed us how to prune them, to pick off all the blossoms so that the second blossoms will produce bigger fruit. Now we find that no more blossoms are appearing and we've got nothing but yards of anemic looking vines. We're rather suspicious of Hoblitt who seems entirely too friendly with Provoe. I now recall that it was Provoe who recommended that this man be brought here. He said that Hoblitt was an expert boogie-woogie artist, a singer, and an exceptional radio personality. So far the man hasn't fit any of that description. Guess there's more to it than meets the eye! Hoblitt speaks Japanese like a native. Smith is upset about our rations. Says he was getting double rations in his Osaka TS ward, with milk and proper medical attention. Major Cox says he will ask Hishikari to have Smith given a checkup at the local hospital and improved rations. Uno called a meeting at which he told the new men to lay low for a few weeks and simply observe what's going on here. Parkyns has been taken off the upkeep job, given a desk in Uno's office, and assigned the job of writing War on War. Hickert has been taken from the galley and put into the office as a typist. James Martinez, newly arrived Mexican boy, has been put into the galley in Hickert's place. He will work there until the Spanish program starts. Uno stayed for supper this evening and made a lengthy speech in which he welcomed the new men. At the end of it he made the usual threats - "If you don't like it here - well, we know how to handle you! Two men have already been sent out because they couldn't fit in, and the Kempi can handle as many more as want to go. Do what you're told or else!" Charming man!

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- July 14 - Had a long talk with Smith today. Explained how I had endorsed Parkyn's recommendation to get him out of his Osaka work camp, with the hope that this place with its so-called "special treatment" might save his life. Smith was appreciative but explained how very much conditions had improved for them in their 7B ward since Parkyns had left. He asked me if I wouldn't try to get him special food and permission to rest, etc. He has no clothes. Was stripped of his entire sashbag with which he left Bentenji in the early days and given a woodpulp suit in its place. In Osaka they weren't even allowed to use metal spoons. Had to use bamboo sticks. He told me stories of boys who deliberately broke their arms, smashed toes, or cut themselves in order to get off the strenuous working parties. It was a real horror camp - outside the 7B ward. I think perhaps he's better off here anyway. My second commentary was read today after a plenty hot session with Uno. He had made several stinking insertions at the ending of my tribute to Bill Longmeyer, and - of course - failed to check the boy's death with the Red Cross as he had promised to do. He says that local officials have never heard of the Yamagawa Camp in which Bill died. Of course they haven't. As glad the information went over. It will accomplish its purpose.
- July 15 - Today was my last Jamboree. Uno has turned over this job to Smith. However, I still have four Missing Men scripts to write each week. Too much.
- July 18 - Pearson's Missing Men script today introduced Hoblitt, Smith and Bodds. Smith's place of capture was changed from Guam to the Houston - sunk in the Java Sea. Bodds was made a PFC from the Philippines instead of a Wake Island civilian. A bit of dialogue about the Mexican boys was deleted. Uno says they are Kiyasaka's property and we can't mention them.
- July 19 - Have been ordered by Hishikari to do a Missing Men on the fall of Saipan and the self-sacrificing spirit of the Japs. I must write speeches into the script for a member of the Japanese staff whose radio name will be Lt. Yamamoto. Hishikari suggested that he play the role himself, but Uno told him his English wasn't good enough. Uno then suggested that he himself do it, but Hishikari objected on the grounds that Uno's radio work is notorious in America and he might not be well received. Both men then jumped Osaki who said he wanted no part of it. Wrote the script which quoted the local paper word for word. Uno and Hishikari throw it out as a lousey job, saying that domestic propaganda for local consumption and wouldn't impress overseas listeners. They're telling us! Hishikari then dictated the script to Uno who gave me a rough copy with instructions to make it suitable for radio presentation. In the script a prisoner must ask: "Why did the commanders on Saipan commit suicide rather than surrender?" Yamamoto will answer: "It is not suicide. We believe that although the body is no longer living, the spirit fights on in its place." Then we ask: "What happened to the civilians there?" (We know that 800 of them surrendered) Yamamoto: "There is no difference between a civilian and a fighting man in combat areas. All are imbued with the spirit of sacrifice for their country." Prisoner: "What is the significance of the loss of Saipan to the Japanese people?" Yamamoto: "Militarily speaking, I am in no position to say. But I can say that it has served well to intensify the fighting spirit on the home front." Uno wrote a classic signoff to the script describing how the war prisoners are in such an advantageous position. They are able to discuss matters such as this with their captors and thereby learn the other man's point of view. And his punch line: "This is far more sensible

than war - don't you think?" Not. The whole script is a lousey mess. I rewrote Osaki's lines in typical misel dialect and fixed up the prisoners' lines so they could be read. The job was accepted.

- July 21 - Osaki starred in the Saipan script but all hell broke loose when we got back from the Radio station. Uno insisted I had deliberately written in a lot of slang for Osaki to read in order to make him a laughable character. Hishikari blamed Uno for not having censored me when I first wrote the script. Both of them jumped Osaki for not having rehearsed his lines so he could read them intelligently. They said we made him sound illiterate. Hishikari then published a new order: No Japanese characters will appear in Missing Men scripts in the future.
- July 22 - Papasan says that Mama may not return. Says he has not been permitted to visit her, and thinks she has been permanently removed because of her loyalty to us - the way she has smuggled us cigarettes, medicine, food, and the way she helped nurse the sick prisoners. We certainly hope he's wrong. He was wonderful to us - our only real friend in this country from the day we walked into this vile place.
- July 24 - Provoe has started doing what he calls a "new type" of commentary. He now addresses America in the first person and presents autobiographical sketches. His ego knows no bounds! He has prepared a whole series describing the Provoe past, present, future. He pleads for sympathy and understanding. He professes his profound loyalty as a serviceman, etc. Prisoner's coaching MAY have done him some good. Provoe no longer plans to dictate the peace terms to America and Britain from Tokyo. He no longer tries to run this group or order the officers about. This new role is a good one, but he'll soon get tired of it and do something else. We're still on guard - never fooled by him for a second.
- July 25 - Parkyn is absolutely nuts. He sits at his big desk all day turning out reams of commentaries, dramas and War on War scripts. He's even asked for the turntable job at the radio station. I wish Uno would give it to him, but I'm afraid I'm a bit more reliable. Parkyn's is certainly welcome to it.
- July 26 - Mama returned this evening and visited with us for about an hour. She was introduced to the new men as the Queen of Bunks. What a reception she got when they spotted her coming through the gate. Everyone screamed at once and went toward her on the run - all at ninety degree bows. She asked if we had cigarettes. No one had any. Papa can't get as many as she could. She produced eight packs from her bag and passed them around. Promised us she'd return soon. What a swell old gal she is!
- July 27 - Uno and Hishikari visited Shinagawa today to check up on Major Consens. Uno says he has not been permitted to see the American doctor I recommended, but is being cared for by a competent Japanese doctor. The Jap doctor considered my request for Gottlieb an insult. Therefore, Hishikari says, Gottlieb will never get near Consens. The Major is supposed to be getting Red Cross medicine. I asked if he had been moved from the stinking room where we left him. Uno said yes - "he has very good quarters." I'm skeptical. I know from Gneri how terribly corrupt Shinagawa is. All we can do is hope that Major Consens makes the grade.

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- July 29 - Rickert is a bit too friendly with Uno. I'm afraid he's doing a bit of "stooling" to secure his own position here. Uno scares some of these people and they're so yellow they'll tell anything to save their own necks. It's too bad, but they're damned weak after two years of this horror. Poor bastards. They're so far gone mentally and physically. Can't hold it against them. Organized three volley ball teams!
- July 30 - Mama returned today to stay. She was given a grand welcome which Uno says shocked the Japanese staff in the front office. To hell with them! Uno warns us to be careful or we'll lose her altogether. Our initial volley ball match was a complete flop. Incredibly poor sportsmanship displayed by young Wisener. Everyone, including Cox, his best friend, were quite surprised at his conduct. Provoe turned out another commentary about himself called "Disillusioned". Brivel. Tells what a wonderful normal person he is - how he once had hopes - but they were shattered by the circumstances of war and prison life. Sheer rubbish! Uno wrote the introduction for it. "This is the true story of an American sergeant, John David Provoe, now a POW in Japan". He repeated the identification in the signoff. Provoe turned scarlet when Uno read it to him and begged him not to put the name on the air. Uno refused to alter a word, saying: "If you are sincere in what you write, then you shouldn't be ashamed to have your name put to it. But if you are not sincere, how can you expect us to believe the reports you bring us from time to time?" Provoe quickly glanced around the room to see if the conversation had been overheard. Of course, all eyes were glued on him. Provoe then became very nervous, and talked rapidly - in Japanese! Later in the afternoon he cloistered himself in the other office with Wisener, and according to the latter, cried all afternoon. Wisener reported that nothing of importance had been said. Provoe just can't explain his stooling.
- July 31 - Provoe read his commentary today - with the byline. We're delighted for him. If the FBI ever had any doubts, they're all cleared up now, and Kalbfleisch will clear up a few more someday - - - if he's still alive!

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- Aug. 1 - Rickert has written a commentary entitled "I'm Tired", and instead of showing POW life and how tired he is of it, it turned out to be a rather crude attack upon his fellow men and his own complete inability to get along with them. Several of us read and criticized it for him. After rewriting parts, he went into a huddle with Uno.
- Aug. 4 - Meeting called by Hishikari at which he rebuked Provoe for having talked too much at the radio station yesterday. It seems that Provoe was permitted to talk with a visitor, Mrs. Iwata - a Jap woman he knew years ago in San Francisco, and in the course of conversation Provoe complained about our diet and peculiar position. Iwata, of course, made a full report to the authorities. After explaining all this Hishikari said that he was disappointed in us; that he has tried to do everything in his power to make things pleasant for members of this group; that after all he has done for us he thought that by this time we would have been able to rise above the physical discomforts of our life here and "cooperate voluntarily" with the Jap administration. Ince jumped to his feet and said that if Hishikari's remarks represented the opinion of Headquarters and the local front office they are sadly mistaken; that he, Ince, has never done one single thing on the Jap radio which wasn't compelled by threat of death and that he never will. We nearly applauded. All officers rose to support him. Hishikari and Uno were so taken aback by this unanimous outburst that they backed down completely, said that - after all - as long as we know we must do the work, we might as well make the best of it. Told them that's exactly what we've been doing since we were brought here. This evening Major Cox and Wisener decided to get out of here by writing a formal resignation to Tsuneishi. The letter was written and rewritten, and we all discussed it.
- Aug. 5 - We have all agreed upon the final draft of our letter of resignation. All the officers signed it this evening.
- Aug. 6 - Major Cox delivered our letter requesting transfer to a regular camp. It stated that Hishikari and Uno had intimated we are no longer working under duress, that we now have the choice of "cooperating voluntarily" with the Japanese in their propaganda effort or requesting removal from this camp. We therefore ask to be returned to a regular camp. Tsuneishi arrived at one o'clock this afternoon and called a meeting of all prisoner officers in Hishikari's office. There were cigarettes placed before us and both Hishikari and Tsuneishi went into their "friendly" act. Tsuneishi said that we obviously thought the war was going to end soon and were therefore anxious to get out of this "peculiar type of work". He then reviewed the Pacific war news and tried to show us with a lot of ridiculous lies how the war couldn't possibly end for a long time. Hishikari said "And we will win! I know we will win!" Ince then explained that Tsuneishi had completely misunderstood our letter - reviewed the meeting which Hishikari held on August 4th. Quoted the latter as having suggested that he had sheathed the bayonet, and now expected us - out of gratitude for all he has done to improve conditions here - to cooperate voluntarily with the Japanese. We will not do this and wish to be sent back to normal prisoner of war life. Tsuneishi smiled. We had all misunderstood Mr. Hishikari, he said. The original orders are still in effect. What Hishikari meant was that he had purposely kept them in the background, stopped beatings, etc., in order to make life more pleasant for us. The original orders, however, still stand. Hishikari said he had used

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the word "voluntary" merely to put our relationship on a more friendly basis. Didn't we agree that daily threats, use of Kampi-Tai, etc., would make it difficult for us to produce the required work? He agreed. Tsuneishi then announced that the matter was settled and the interview closed. No one spoke. Finally I asked that as long as we had settled one important matter, would the Major mind if we presented two more. O.K. What were they? I said that the first concerned Mr. Uno and the second would be presented by Lieutenant Wisener who had just returned from the studio and was eating lunch. They excused me to summon Wisener, who described the way Sergeant J. B. Provoc has been pursuing him for several months, how he has written him love letters and poetry, how he has begged for sexual relationship. Tsuneishi again misinterpreted the entire meaning, thought that Wisener was confessing an abnormal act and wanted Tsuneishi's forgiveness. The Major then went into a long reminiscence about a prominent member of the present cabinet - an admiral - who during his youth had possessed such tendencies. Now, however, he had outgrown them and the whole community overlooked his past conduct as having been merely youthful indulgence. Wisener squirmed and reiterated the facts. This time Tsuneishi got the idea, apologized for his gross misinterpretation. Asked what we wanted done about it. He went Provoc removed from this camp! Would we like some sort of association with Japanese women? Perhaps that would relieve the situation. Wisener said he didn't believe Provoc would be interested. Tsuneishi said they had thought very seriously about bringing us women, but it was very difficult. Hishikari then told Wisener that if Provoc made any further advances he could use force, if necessary, and any action he chose to take would be OK'd by the authorities. Says Tsuneishi will report the matter to Imperial Headquarters. Then to me: - "Are the complaints about Mr. Uno the same as those lodged by Major Cousens before his illness?" I said they were and that Uno made life and work at Bunka almost impossible. Tsuneishi will consider Uno's removal. The meeting was adjourned. Tonight, after supper, Uno called a meeting in his office and lectured us on the importance of the samurai sword - that one killed his enemies with it and then killed himself. He said that a "horio" (war prisoner) was the lowest thing in Japan and that our lives weren't worth two cents. It was the first time he ever mentioned specifically that Williams and Kalbfleish had been turned over to the Kampi-Tai. Therefore, he said - it is quite useless to send Kalbfleish his clothes - which are still here. Uno is furious about our having been in conference with Hishikari and Tsuneishi - a meeting which he tried in vain to attend.

Aug. 8 - McNaughton and Ince were called to Hishikari's office this morning for a private interview. They were told that Uno will be discharged sometime in September. Provoc may go later. McNaughton and Ince have been ordered to make up an outline for a new program. Provoc kept Wisener cloistered in the other office until all hours last night trying to find out what had taken place yesterday at the meeting with Hishikari and Tsuneishi. Wisener, of course, refused to tell him. Today, just as we were leaving for the studio, Provoc approached Wisener and returned the latter's ring - announcing that their relationship was finished. When we returned Provoc asked Wisener for a private talk. Again he asked what took place yesterday. Wisener was very firm with him - told Provoc that from now on he will be regarded as just another prisoner. Provoc was furious, jumped to his feet, screamed: "Do you love me?" Wisener was speechless. "Did you ever love me?" Wisener said - "Emphatically not!" Told him to go to hell and left the room. Provoc was hysterical. Cried all afternoon. Ince has been ordered to

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write Firday's Missing Men from now on. I am now only responsible for two scripts each week - a far cry from the original seven. Parkyn and Bruce are quite friendly with Mr. Go.

- Aug. 9 - Reblitt and I were taken to town today by Ozaki to buy Namasan's birthday present. The boys had collected a hundred yen for the purchase. We got a vase at Mitsukoshi and several other items. Parkyn has been playing the game of kendo with the small Jap office boys. We don't like this fraternization!
- Aug. 11 - Had Namasan in to supper this evening. Received two 25-word letters from Mother acknowledging receipt of a message from me. I assume it was my Christmas radiogram.
- Aug. 12 - Namasan went with us to the radio station today. After supper this evening, she and Papasan were rased by the Jap kids and Mr. Go for their fraternization with the prisoners. They were called "unpatriotic". Nearly came to blows and there was much screaming in the court. After the row had quieted, Mr. Go came up to see us - asked that we say nothing of the matter to Hishikari. We said that we intended to make a full report. It is Mr. Go's job to keep the kids in line. They have been bothering us and we will not tolerate their abusing the old people. Mr. Go said that he would see that they behave in the future if we will only forget about the incident. Reblitt did the talking in his fluent Japanese and really turned in a good performance. He'll skip it! Ramon Martinez performed on the Jamboree today. He sings well. George Kumi came into the studio for a moment to say goodbye. He's leaving for Manila. Parkyn and Bruce were severely reprimanded by the officers for their fraternization with the Japanese. They say they are only doing it to learn the language and get a little black-market feed. Told them to quit it anyway. We are to fetch Major Cousens from Shinagawa tomorrow. He's ready to come back.
- Aug. 13 - Uno and I went to get Major Cousens. He seems much better. Was confined to the brig, not allowed to talk with other prisoners. He did see Valois, however, gave him the money I sent, cigarettes, and explained the whole setup here. He was not treated well!
- Aug. 14 - Count Mabayama was introduced to us today - very British. Uno is absent. At three o'clock this morning the house next door burned down. They wouldn't allow us over the fence to help put it out and by the time the antiquated fire truck pulled up, the entire place had burned down. So - the firemen had nothing to do but steal all the tomatoes out of the garden.
- Aug. 17 - A young Seattle-born nisei named Hiyoichi was introduced today. It is rumored that Ozaki may be leaving. Uno is still absent.
- Aug. 18 - Hiyoichi told some of the boys that he's heard we may get an issue of Red Cross feed soon. Major Cousens says that it was rumored at Shinagawa that two ships were unloading in the harbor - tons of Red Cross! There have been no reports on Vladivostok recently. Wonder what's up? Uno returned and has gone mad altering messages. We must get hold of Hishikari and put a stop to it. Uno should not be permitted to make insertions. Deletions are alright but he shouldn't write in sentiments for helpless prisoners. He brought us his majong set - his last effort

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to win the support of this group.

- Aug. 19 - Meeting with Hishikari. Complained about the way Uno has been altering prisoners' messages. No satisfaction. George Kumai's plane crashed and he was killed.
- Aug. 20 - Uno called a meeting today and announced that a new program will start soon based upon a plan submitted by Ince and McNaughton. We played majong all day.
- Aug. 21 - Odlin's commentaries are incredible! His latest is a tirade against the maltreatment of prisoners of war and the repercussions it will bring after the war. And after describing accurately the conditions which exist in Jap camps - he concludes with something like: "Therefore I hope that the policy of the American authorities towards interned Japanese will be altered before it is too late!" And it was passed! Major Consens has been sent to a nearby civilian hospital. He is still a very sick man and can't stand the noise and confusion here. Hishikari appointed a committee headed by Ince and McNaughton to organize the new program.
- Aug. 22 - Odlin's classic commentary will not be broadcast. It was cancelled. Parkyn is writing profusely - harmless drivel, but I think he's a bit swell-headed over his new position.
- Aug. 23 - There was quite an uproar at breakfast this morning over the preparation of our food. Shenk simply will not give us soups. He prefers vegetable mashes which are not adequate for getting down all the millet. Cox refused to quell the riot. I got up, asked for a vote as to how many wanted soup for at least one of the two meals - lunch and supper. Everyone except Shenk raised his hand. The latter then tried to tell us it was impossible to provide soup unless the supply man OKs the idea. Lies and excuses! Shenk has complete control of the cooking and can do it if he wants to. Provoo then sided with Shenk! The whole thing began when several protested the fact that Major Consens was given all the special food we could find, and that persons who have fallen ill since Major Consens' attack have not been provided. Fujita and Smith have had diarrhea for six weeks, but because Shenk does not like them they have had nothing special. Hishikari approved our request that Smith be given a special ration. The new program committee met at nine o'clock this morning. Approved McNaughton and Ince's idea for thirty minutes of straight prisoner messages with music. Nothing else! No propaganda of any kind! It will be called "The Postman Calls". Had a hell of an argument with Shenk this evening after he informed me he had completed arrangements with the supply man to give us soup three meals a day. I repeated our request to him - for soup at least one of the two meals (lunch and dinner). He insisted we'd have soup three times and like it. Ince joined me and we really turned on the heat. Shenk closed the argument by saying: "Well - I see dot my enemies are here, not in der udder building!" I warned him he'd go on record for that remark unless he came through with the daily menu which the group had requested. He said "We'll see about dat!" Shuttles read another poem on the program today - Owen's "Disabled". Veins and perspiration!

- Aug. 24 - Provoo read a new commentary today entitled "Lost Love". It was about the good in the Japanese people, not Wisener. McNaughton told him he'd never heard such trash. Provoo cried - "I must tell them, there is good in these people".

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McNaughton then told him he had no real love or understanding for anyone or anything but his own neck. And that he'll protect that at the expense of his fellow men and his oath of office! Met with Uno this afternoon and Ince presented the decision of the Committee regarding the new program. Uno was furious about our refusal to schedule commentaries - propaganda. Says there is no purpose to such a program.

- Aug. 25 - Uno announced that he has accepted a new job in Manila and will be leaving us. No one said a word. Hishikari then called a meeting over the committee's report which Uno had given him. Many minor points were thrashed out. Ince is standing pat on the omission of all propaganda.
- Aug. 26 - Went out with Hiyoshi to a neighborhood store and bought us a majong set. It was a bad buy. We'll return it Monday. Hishikari told Ince that Postman Calls may be accepted as set down by the prisoners' committee. Provoo, in the bathhouse this afternoon, told several of us that "Uno is not leaving alone!" He has it from reliable sources that Streeter may go too. The Japs had a farewell dinner for Takahata this evening, one of the office boys who has been called into the service. Sweet beans were cooked for them in our galley. While the supply man was out Mama instructed our boys to stand guard while she swiped us a whole bucket. What a gal!
- Aug. 29 - Uno assigned me one of Streeter's commentaries on today's program. I objected to reading it on the grounds that my voice was too young to refer to "my wife and kids." Uno was furious. Told me to stay home. Early this evening Shenk was struck by Mr. Go who caught him making sample bread. Go then summoned the Warrant Officer who also struck Shenk. The Warrant Officer then lectured us at muster. (1) We are discourteous to the Japanese. (2) We must not play majong after muster anymore. (3) Asked me where I obtained the ration he has seen me eating after muster on several occasions. Told him it was my own, saved from supper. Why do I save? Because I can't get the vile stuff down all at one sitting. Do American soldiers eat parts of their meals at all hours of the night? No. They don't have to. Well - if I'm caught doing it again, I'll be punished. Major Cox will report the matter to Hishikari. Shenk's bread experiment was a complete flop. We've been begging for bread for months and if Shenk fails to make it properly and ruins our chances to get it, we'll report him to Hishikari. The real trouble is he doesn't know how to bake it, and is so stubborn he won't accept advice from anyone else as to how it should be done.
- Aug. 30 - A meeting was called by Hishikari this morning. He said that the occurrences of last evening had been reported to him by both Mr. Go and the Warrant Officer, and he has decided on new orders. We may play majong after muster, until ten o'clock. I may eat at any time I wish, but must do my eating in the messhall, not in the office. Peace has been restored. We've won every point, but the Warrant Officer has lost a lot of face!
- Aug. 31 - Ozaki and Ince had an argument on the train en route to the studio today. Ince told him that America was going to flatten this place, that American steel would be met only by Japanese flesh, spirit, and a few bamboo spears. Ozaki was furious, and reported the incident to Hishikari. Ince shouldn't be so damned blunt. It never fails to get us all in trouble. Uno is delighted with the incident. He'd like to stir up a lot of trouble here before he leaves. Ince and

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I both used the same theme for Friday and Sunday Missing Men scripts, going home and post-war plans. Uno told the front office that something was going on. My script was thrown out. Dramatized Streeter's life story called "Three Times a Prisoner of War". McNaughton says skillfully done!

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- Sept. 1 - Had an attack of asthma last night, and as I sat in the window until all hours - trying to get some air - I overheard a strange conversation. Streeter went over to the Jap quarters, called out Mr. So, and presented him with a package for young Takahata - the Jap kid who has been called into the service. It contained, Streeter said, a farewell present for the boy, with his congratulations and best wishes. A flat out today for the count. Uno - also an asthmatic - sympathized with me and suggested I take a good rest! Then he made several peculiar references to "Streeter's letter writing ability". Said that Streeter had written letters to almost all the authorities telling them that he is not like the rest of us; he should have special treatment! Uno's words were passed on to several of the men who went through Streeter's gear this afternoon. They found several copies of letters he has written to the authorities. Some of them do not read very well - for us! This evening Streeter was called before the entire group and really given the third degree. Fujita threatened to kill him if he writes anything more that might bring harm to his fellow men. Despite the threats and rapid-fire questioning, Streeter was unmoved. After the meeting he called Major Cox aside and informed him he planned to ask for protection from the Japanese authorities. He are out of coal again. The galley will have to use paper for cooking, and we probably won't have a bath for weeks!
- Sept. 3 - McNaughton received a letter from Proves in which the letter said that he will be slightly anti-social for some time to come. He has found himself unable to get along with other people, and he has "perverted tendencies". Therefore he must restrict himself and take hold. Proves is writing constantly and yet turns in very few commentaries. Letters to the authorities!
- Sept. 4 - Shenk, as we expected, is having a terrible time making yeast for our bread. He will not take advice on how it should be done - even from the Encyclopedia Britannica! Visited Major Cousins in the hospital. His nerves seem completely shot. He complains endlessly about the noise, nurses, crying babies, slamming doors. He isn't getting vitamin injections. The doctor says we must bluff him - tell him he looks marvelous, etc. Says he is a sad case of neuroasthenia.
- Sept. 5 - Streeter's letter to the Japanese authorities asking for protection from his fellow prisoners was received by them today. Uno thought it was a big joke - told Streeter that if we prisoners "court martialed" him the Japanese would probably support us! Count Mabayama, however, cornered Major Cox and ask that he take particular care of Mr. Streeter. Streeter has written another drama in which the corpses in Arlington cemetery rise from their graves and curse their senior officers and government. McNaughton told him it was lousy and refused to have anything to do with it. A half bag of flour has been stolen from the supply room. Michikari says he doesn't know who to believe - both the supplyman and the prisoners steal so much! Streeter took his play to Uno with McNaughton's comments. Uno just looked at Streeter and said: "Yer diggin' yer own grave!" Uno announced he is leaving for a ten day vacation before he departs for Manila. Our boys are through Belgium to the Moss River in Holland. Patton is in Germany!
- Sept. 6 - Miyoshi brought us the latest Lucky Strike Hit Parade which one of the local listening posts recorded. Too much static. The supply man left a note for Shenk in the galley. "We feel sorry for you people who are slaves to other nations. You have scorned the Nipponese by calling them Japs. You must renew