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Dec. 8 At 6:05 am Major Speth phoned me that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. Turned the radio on and at 6:15 the news was confirmed. Called Capt Calvert on the phone and told him to put into effect the 43rd Inf WPO-3, calling for immediate movement to Danortis. Radiced Gen MacArthur as to wether to follow WPO3 or to remain in CJH. At eight oclock ^{got} ~~no~~ official word that we were at war with Japan. Had an officers' call at eight oclock putting WPO3 in effect. All officers moved to put it in effect. At a quarter past eight received word from Hqrs, USAFFE to disregard WPO3 and to guard post installations. Sent word to each officer accordingly. At 8:25 Major Allen called me outside of Hqrs to see perfect flight of planes away up in air, 17 of them. When ^{overhead} ~~overhead~~ the leading plane dipped its wings and hell broke loose. Was hit on the head with a hunk of mud and ran inside. 128 bombs fell all around us but none of our group was hurt. A few minutes later a messenger from the Mess said several there were killed. Went up right away. The Mess was a shamble. Collected several wounded and sent them to Hosp. The Mess Sgt. was killed. Saw Mrs.---- lying in the road near Mess garage. Turned her over and found she was living and lying on her baby. Put them into Mess bus and sent them to hospital. Went up to scout Hill. Co A and east cpd was badly damaged. Many killed and wounded. Sent them to hosp. Back end of 58th badly damaged, and several killed and wounded. Sent them to hosp. Notified USAFFE. In afternoon went to hosp, and found eleven killed and 22 wounded, all sent to Notre Dame. Ordered killed to be buried. Ordered Mess abandoned and officers to eat at EMD. Ordered all guests to Country Club.

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- Dec.10 Japs internees moved into Mess. Allen cleaning up utilities. Lt. Worthington, Balatoc, offered to build dug out for radio. Put Fellows in charge. It functioned in fine shape.
- Dec.11 Fellows phoned Suyoc and Lepanto to help Distr. Engrs. demolish roads north of Baguio per USAFFE instructions. He has been very level headed. Moved the Japs to #6 Scout Hill and put up fence. Bombed again at 10:30 but no material damage. One empty QMC warehouse damaged and Sgt Cook injured. Put Lt Murphy on Naguilian road on out post.
- Dec.12 Mr. Hazewood, Balatoc Mine, started real work on dug out tunnel. Also on road demolition near Murphy's position on Naguilian rd. Calvert and I inspected position and went out to Mt. Trail to locate defensive positions there.
- Dec.13 First sleep for five nights. Feel a wreck and mighty dopy feel better now. Can think.
- Dec.14 Seven planes came overhead but dropped no bombs. Inspected Murphy's position again. Well located.
- Dec.15 Nothing much doing. A lot of radios. Civilian Engrs. doing a lot of damage up north.
- Dec.16 Visited outpost. All well. Had expected only 45 Jap internees. Have over three hundred. Hayakawa, Yamamoto and Nagatomi in charge. Good men.
- Dec.17 No change. Moved Mess to log cabin, #56
- Dec.18 Japs reported at many places along west coast. Placed all of Co A on Naguilian rd. and part of Co B on Kennon rd.
- Dec.19 Jap reported moving south from Vigan. Major Moses and Noble have bus at Bacnotan to meet them.
- Dec.20 Things not going well near Bacnotan. Troops reported surrounded by Japs and reinforcements reported coming up Kennon rd. to move down Naguilian.
- Dec.21 86 Japs transports visible in Lingayen gulf. Took USAFFE orders down to Naguilian to Col Bonnett to have him withdraw all troops to join USAFFE. Bombed again but no damage. Moved Mess to #14.

- Had hectic night. Informed that I had "been misinformed as to the situation". Went down the Kennon rd. at midnight on PR to find out. I was right. The gate was blocked by Japs per information from PA Engr officer and PA Trainee det. Six of their 16 trucks had been captured.
- Dec. 22 Upon return to camp at 7:00 AM learned that Maj Fellows had heard that parachute troops had landed at Trinidad. He ordered the post evacuated and all communication installations destroyed. Also ^{code} code books. Post was uninhabited when I got back. Brought the troops back from Itogan at night. Radioed the USAFFE by Bureau of Post radio in the clear but not answered.
- Dec. 23 Radioed the USAFFE several times but no answer.
- Dec. 24 Received word from USAFFE to "Save your command. Take to Mt. Trails" ordered Col Bonnett to take all PA troops with him to Bobok by motor, thence over the easy ten percent old Spanish trail to Aritao where buses would meet him. He should have arrived there by the 27th. Hope he made it. I personally took the CJH personnel to Itogan and thence down to the Agno River and up the Mt. to the Jorgensen saw mill on Mt Lused. I sent the Americans officers and Enlisted men ahead and waited for the 43rd to come in from Kennon rd and Naguilian trails. When Co A was ready and Co B distributing their loads I started off with Lt. Gasperini. The trail was not bad as far as the Agno. Then it was sure hell. Straight up an old Igorote trail. There was a ten percent easy new trail but it was pitch dark and we could not find it. Our group hiked until 6:00 AM when we reached the first pierce of the cable way from Station D. Reall Lumber Co. Here we found Maj Fellows, Lt Simpson, and Lt Jensen. They had been sleeping since midnight. (They went on and our group spent an hour or two sleeping.

Dec. 25 At seven oclock Lt Gasperini and I started for the top of the Mt. The worst hiking I have ever done. Several times I was just all in. The old pump just would not work. Finally I sent Gasperini on. Told him to leave me and take care of himself. Ten minutes short of Jorgensens I gave up. Layed on the trail an hour when Capt Jacobs and two men came down to meet me. Was somewhat rested and went on Jorgensens, just seven and a half minutes away. Was just all in. realized that I was no longer a young man. Upon arriving there I found that I was nearly the first one of the 43rd there. The others were the Amer QMC det and WFPB boys. Maj Fellows, Lt Simpson, Lt Jensen went on right away with fourteen Americans. I told all American officers and enlisted men to go on ahead an I would stay with the IS det. The next morning Major Allen, Capt Jacobs and most of the Amer EK went on. Had Christmas dinner with Jorgensens that night, also Miss Bradley, Miss Chambers, Capt Fraegar and Lt Jones. We slept on the ground that night as we did the night before.

Dec. 26 The 42nd Inf began to come in during the day, completely tired out. It ~~was~~ night before they all got in. We slept in a native shack near the sawmill. All the troops except the 43rd had gone on ahead.

Dec. 27 Mr. Jorgensen put us on the trail but gave us the wrong one. He sent us to Dyaca inward of Kyappa instead of toward Kyappa Proper. By doing this we lost two days and failed to get to Isugan on the 25th as we should have. He even gave us the harder route to Dyaca. It aurely was hell. Even had to cut a new route from the trail we were on to the correct one to Dyaca.

Dec. 28 Slept at Dyaca mine. The other Americans had gone on ahead the preceeding day. Leaving Dyaca we went up hill o

on a easy ten percent trail for two hours when we hit trail of Col. Bonnett men, but two days later. Took this trail to old Kyappa now called Pampang. Were told how to get to our proper route to Kyappa proper. Met many PA men on their way back north. Said that Belete Pass was in the hands of the Japs and that Majors Moses and Noble had disbanded their units and had gone on horseback as civilians. Met so many of them and they all told the same story so guess it is true. We kept on to Pampang, the, It Justo and one Amer EM asked permission to go on, granted it.

Dec. 29 Capt. Praeger said his men were too tired to take the hard trail so let him follow Bonnet's route to Aritao. We continued on toward Imugan where our trucks were supposed to meet us. Surely was a terrible route. The worst I have ever taken. Got as far as Bonnett River where we spent the night.

Dec. 30 Left early for Imugan. The first four hours were very hard. Then it got easier. Arrived at Imugan about three. Found a note from Major Fellows dated the 27th. Said the Japs were rapidly approaching San Jose and that he was going on with his men. We left a lot of the older men at Imugan to go home as they could not keep up. Made a 64 KM forced march, in 24 hrs. Left Imugan at half past six at night after two hours rest. Hiked to Santa Fe where we found our trucks all ^{disassembled} sintained. Kept on up over Belete Pass. Capt. Glitter, Capt. Starnes, Pvt. Marshall and I acted as a point. Hiked until daylight, then slept until ten. Then hiked to Digdig Gate. Here we learned that the Japs had taken San Jose on the 28th.

Dec. 31 Turned east for Carranglan, hoping to be able to move around the Japs flank and join the USAFFE. Learned that four Jap tanks were at Estride the road just north of Pucton, North of San Jose.

Arrived at Carranglan at about six thirty. Capt. Glitter, Capt. Starnea and Marshall two hours later. Here we listened to the 8:30 KGEI program over the Judge's radio. Heard that the Japs had made a 100 km motorized movement from San Jose to Rizal, to Bongabong, to Cabaatuan to Gapan and that there was heavy fighting there. Spent the New Years Eve at Carranglan.

Jan. 1 Had the hardest decision in my life to make, -whether to keep on trying to get around the outer edge of the Jap swinging door and get to join the USAFFE or turn back. Here the WD had been paying my salary for twenty-four years to have no ^{ml} available for use when wanted. But it looked like a hopeless task to keep on. There was a good trail ahead thru Pantabangan to Rizal. But it was reported that there were 4000 Japs there. Evacuees from there said the town was full of Japs. It was reported that there were no north and south trails at the western edge of the Mts, no food and little water. We would have to go up and down many parallel east west ridges to Papaya about 100 kms away to get around the enemy flank. If we did not make it at Papaya we would have to go clear around the edge of the Candaba swamp and come in at SF Paap. Figured we could not do it. Decided to turn back as there were a lot of low flying aircraft around. Capt. Calvert, Lt. Murphy and two civilian Engre. asked permission to try it. Granted. Justo had already been given permission. I offered a hundred pesos to anyone who would furnish transportation for us back over Selete Pass to Bagabag. Two cars were furnished. Paid 110. for both. We got to Arisco and had walk to Bambang. Here we met Capt. Fraeger and his troops which fed us. Slept there that night in a large house, the whole Sn. together. (Calvert and Murphy never made it. See later entry)

Jan. 2 Left Bambang by truck, Sgt. Bowen driving. His foot was too bad for him to go to Imugan with us so he went with Fraeger. Three miles out we came to a damaged bridge.

Walked three miles to the destroyed bridge over the Nagat, a six span bridge completely demolished. Ferried the stream. Got to Bayombong by noon. Had lunch here and the Constabulary took us to Iamut River. We forded this and spent the night on the west side. Had to decide tonight whether to stay in the Cagayan Valley or move into the Mts. Considering that our Co. A was composed largely from men of Bontoc and Co B from men from Ifugao I decided to enter the Mts. If the worst came to the worst, they could be near home.

- Jan. 3 Moved on to Ibalao gate 33 km away. Here the men were fed by Detachment from the Kiangan Constabulary.
- Jan. 4 Arrived at Kiangan after two hours hike. Moved into the PC hqs. Lt. Estrella, PG, and Capt. Glitter made arrangements for messing and quartering together. There was a lot of room. Here I met Miss Metzger and Miss Spearard, with whom Mrs. Moran and I stayed upon a previous visit to Kiangan. Capt. Glitter made arrangements for us officers to eat and sleep at the Catholic mission. Maganelli and Marshall (privs) to have a special mess in a PG officers house.
- Jan. 5 Made arrangement to attach our men to PC patrols to reconnoiter the mountain areas.
- Jan. 6 Col. Green, PG, arrived and ordered us to keep going, he did not care where. Said he had never been sworn into Federal service and did not intend to take orders from me. Tried to reason with him. Said we could not stay at either Sandug or Kiangan. Said he had to leave Bontoc as there was no food there. I asked his advice as to where to go. He said he did not know nor care. I refused to move and said we would stay if I had to ~~be~~ cooperative. Did not interfere further. Am sorry, but am afraid I have made a bad enemy. Just could not help it the, had no other recourse. He had repaired all the roads from Bontoc to Ibalao gate that Gen MacArthur had ordered demolished, this in order to bring his family of eight from Bontoc to Kiangan.
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Hope we have no further contacts as I am afraid that he will inconvenience in if he can.

- Jan. 7 Looked over the area with a view of defending it when and if the Japs should come.
- Jan. 8 Two civilians, mining engineers, named Ordum and Sauter came in today. Wish I could have asked them in with us at the 'Padres'. But we were guests there. Like them both. Ordum has a mine with a Mr. Cushing at Saay. Sauter had a job at Batang near Lubuagan. Wish they were both officers. I could use men like that. Ordum is a natural leader, Sauter a diamond in the rough. They moved in with Marshall and Maginelli, - they have the money for food, the privs, will do the work.
- Jan. 9 Ordum and Sauter do not think much of Maginelli. Say he is too lazy, that he will not even help wash the dishes after the food is eaten. Marshall is OK the, a happy-go-lucky type, somewhat inclined to looking upon the wine when it is red. But not a lazy bone in his body. We all like him but do not dare let him know it.
- Jan. 10 Maginelli has been trying to get us all in Dutch by talking too much. He can lie as fast as a horse can trot. I told the civilian he carried me 30 kms on his back, -Lamut to Ibalao. Imagine that, my 200 lbs. Told high tales as to his fighting at Bacnotan. Never was in a fight. Sauter and Ordum are about to put him out.
- Jan. 11 The PA radio that was at Baguio, later set up at Bontoc, was brought in by PA and PC personnel for use here. But our power is only 32 and it takes 110. Advised them to take it to Bayombong where I understand Capt. Enriquez, PA, has group of men. He was cut off by the Japs and brought a group of men up thru the Belete Pass. He is a fine type of Filipino officer. Wish I had a few like him.
- Jan. 12 Had quite a talk today with Capt. Manalo, PC. He seems to be a chap with a lot of initiative. Said he understood that the PC at Bontoc was not going to try to resist any Jap advance up the Mt. Trail. Said he would like to

- take me there to talk it over. Said I would go.
- Jan. 13 As going to turn the unit over to Capt. Glitter and going to Bontoc to see Gov. Peredo and Maj Esquijo about the defense of Bontoc if the Japs should come up. Glitter and Starnes will hold the fort. Had dinner tonight with Miss Metzger of the Ifugao Academy. Starnes is down at Bayombong to send messages over Enriquez's radio. Understand that Major Warner is assembling all Filipino trainees who were cut off from their units in the lowlands. Good idea. Since many of them are from Occidental Negros they would have a hard time getting food and cannot return home.
- Jan. 14 Left Kiangon this morning with Capt Mansalo. Took a car eight kms to Ibalao. Then had to undress and ford the river it was four feet deep. A Constabulary car met us in the north side and took us to the PG bks at Banaue, Mansalo's hqrs. Had dinner here and we continued to Bontoc. Met the Governor and had a conference with him and Maj Esquijo. Do not believe the Major will fight. He looks scared to death. Slept in the Governor's house.
- Jan. 15 Heard a lot about a Major and Capt. from GJH being at km 73. Wonder if it is Allen and B. Went to Sagada where I set the Klugges who are staying at the Dagada Mission. Also was introduced to the Grays who run the place, the Schaeffer from Brent School and other school teachers. They are still running the school on. Only hope and pray that the Japs do not come up and spoil things. Mr. Kluge said he understood that the Americans at km 73 were Sgt. Obrein of the EM Dorm and Mr. Ziegler of the GJH QMC civilian.
- Jan. 16 Left Bontoc at 7:15 this morning by car for Sabangan and 4 kms south thereof enroute to km 73. Met a chap by the name of Bauguan, said to be a fifth columnist. Since I was all alone and he had four cargadores I walked on with him. It was almost all up hill, about 25 kms. Arriving at Mt. Dana gate I telephone the Greers who are living at the lodge.

They were very pleased to hear an American voice. Was unable to take the time to walk to their lodge 2 kms off the main road. Telephoned Lepanto Mess. Sgt. Corien answered the phone. Was not at all surprised to hear me as the news of my presence and preceded me. Told me to move south across the demolished road to km 96 where he would pick me up in a car. He picked me an hour later at the line kiln and took me to Lepanto mine. Here I met a fine lot of mining engineers, -Peryan, Joels, Richardson, Sims, Elliott, Foster and maybe a couple of others. Also Ziegler. Boy, what a dinner we had, the best since leaving CJH.

- Jan. 17 Sunday, there being no church services was heathen and just read. Surely do have wonderful meals here.
- Jan. 18 Mr. Kluge and I took a car to the Buguyan Saw Mill and hiked down to Burgos and Kabayan. The chief reasons were to talk to the councilors and get them to get their people back into the rice fields and normal life. If no one plants any rice this year there will be no harvest. That would mean starvation for the people and maybe for us. Spent the night at the Presidencia at Kabayan. The next morning went to Aloway to locate a defensive position in case the Japs should try to come north that way. Then back the way we came to Buguyan locating good delaying positions. Spent the night at Buguyan at the Heald Lumber Co saw mill.
- Jan. 19 On the way back to Lepanto we stopped off at the Suyoc Mine where I met several more mining engineers, -Mr. Hierich I had met at "Iangan. He had also tried to get around the Japs east flank at Carranglan the day after we had. But he met the Japs at Pantabangan and had hurriedly withdrawn. This is proof that we could not have made it. If one man could not, certainly 150 could not. Also met Harrison, Crowe and Sizmie, engr. Back to Lepanto in the afternoon.

- Jan. 20 Mr. Scholey and Mr. Stephens, two Lepanto men, came in from a long trip they had made to Sontoc-Lubuangan-Baby-Lagang-lang-Angaki-Cervantes-Lepanto. Had been gone several weeks. All they could talk about was Mr. Cushing from the Rainbow Line near Baby and what he was doing with a lot of PA trainees scattered from their outfits. I then decided it would be a good thing to organize these trainees into fighting units, appoint the Americans as officers and be in a fine position to give Gen. MacArthur a lot of good help when he was ready to push out to Bataan. So I swore a lot of them in as officers. Of course it was illegal, but I was out of contact with HQs. At least it was better to do something than to just sit on my tail with the 43rd until war was over.
- Jan. 21 Went over to Suyoc this afternoon and swore the buch in in over there. Had another fine dinner.
- Jan. 22 Had my shoes tapped, they were almost gone. Also had a haircut in a real barber chair. Went thru the mill and machine shops. Quite interesting. Was measured for a new shirt and trousers. The ones I left CJH in were the only ones I had and were quite ragged. Sent to Kiangon for Co B, 43rd.
- Jan. 23 Several of us went down to Cervantes to talk to the councilors and to the local people about the general lawlessness. Told them that it had to stop. That I was sending a detail from the 43rd under an officer (Mr. Ziegler) to restore law and order. They all seemed pleased to have some one take charge since the LA Union Constabulary would not. Got back in time for dinner (Supper)
- Jan. 24 Went to km 95 to the store to get some underwear as I was almost out. None in stock my size so had to order it made to order.
- Jan. 25 Went over to Suyoc again to talk over probable officer details. Fine group of fellows. They all seemed to much more cheerful than when I first saw them. They had been about ready to go to Baguio to turn in at the inter-

- ment camp. It shows that it pays to meet people when one is discouraged. They are all quite enthused now.
- Jan. 26 Capt. Cushing (as everyone calls him) came in tonight from Cervantes, to see me. He was afraid that he was called down for his previous actions. But soon assured him that I was glad to see someone take charge of things. He had picked up a group of American Service men (Lt. Arnold and 29 EM caught at Burgos when the Japs came in) He had organized them and had already fought several engagements. I swore him in as Capt. A real live wire with plenty of guts. A good organizer. Will be a valuable man in the field when USAFFE starts pushing out.
- Jan. 27 Capt. Joels, Capt Johnson, Capt. Stephens and I left this morning with two radio operators (Pennington and Arneo) for Bontoc. It was a long walk for Pennington as he had been shot thru the leg by the Japs in the scrap at Gandon. We spent the night at the Governor's home in Bontoc. Joels then went to Kiangon to report to Co A. After Gitterhas his broken in, he is to take over the Co. and Gitter is to go to Lepanto to meet the new officers and get a little relaxation. He is taking things too seriously and I am afraid will break. The rest of us kept on toward Lubuagan 70 kms to the north. At Essao gate we were met by a car and rode the last 40 kms. We spent the nights of the 29th & 30th in Bontoc.
- Jan. 28 Reported in to Batang Buhay, mine I had often wanted to see. Spent three nights here. Met Mr. Brown, the Supt. A fine fellow, quiet and reserved. Had come up here to swear him and Mr. Needham his predecessor into service.
- Feb. 1st Sunday, but no church. Just read.
- Feb. 2 Still resting, a beautiful, quiet place, -fine pine trees everywhere. Only wish I could just stay here until the darned war is over.
- Feb. 3 Back in Lubuagan. Am trying to contact USAFFE by the local radio.
- Feb. 4 Met Mr. Needham, a good live wire.

- Feb. 5 We are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Magle. He is the head of the Kalinga Academy. They are fine folks. He is as cheerful a chap under adverse conditions as one can find. She is as bright as a whip,--a neat little lady and a natural friend.
- Feb. 6 Johnson Stephens Sgt Bowen and I went down the road toward Bontoc to lay out delaying positions in case the enemy should come up this way. When we left BB on the 3rd we were going back to Bontoc. But upon arriving at Lubuagan learned that the japs had come in thru Cervantes and were now entering Bontoc. So we did not go down. Also learned that the japs were coming north on the Mt. Trail opposed by Co B with Lt. Sika. And that the Japs were coming in from Bagabag toward Ibalao opposed by Co A.
- Feb. 7 Reports from Co B show that the Co was broken into small groups when surrounded by the Japs on three sides and told to reassemble to Bontoc on call, their addresses having been taken. Also reports from Co A show it to have been driven back from Ibalao toward Ruyabayo. Too bad, but our troops had neither enough men for ammunition. And the "Old Man" was 100 kms away. Little did I think when I left Bontoc that the Japs were even thinking of coming in. Everything was so quiet and peaceful.
- Feb. 8 Our forces have been preparing the Bontoc Lubuagan road for defense. Went to church this morning, Sunday.
- Feb. 9 Another inspection tour. Lt Sika brought part of Co B to Lubuagan.
- Feb. 10 Still at Lubuagan.
- Feb. 11 Rumors that the japs are leaving the Ibalao valley area and Bontoc as there is insufficient food. Also they did not like the snipping our boys gave them. They burned part of Kiangan and a lot of Bontoc.
- Feb. 12 Contacted USAFFE. Lt. Col. Scheerer, with whom I used to ride a lot in Hawaii in 1920-24 recognized my name over the radio. We prayed our identity by mentioning

events of twenty years ago. Surely was glad to contact Gen. MacArthur as we had been out of contact since Dec. 24th. Went to BB.

- Feb. 13 Still at BB sent USAFFE a lot of dops.
- Feb. 14 Back to Lubuagan. Sent CM a long St. Valentine's Day letter. Gave it to (X) to mail when the proper time comes. About the tenth letter I have written since leaving CJH. Feb. 15-16-17 Lubuagan.
- Feb. 18 Left with Lt Walden for Salecseg. Walked 25 kms, mostly up hill.
- Feb. 19 Arrived at Balbalasang. Had often wanted to come here to see this beautiful place,--an Episcopal mission. It met my expectations. Met Father and Mrs Griffith and the nurse Miss Taverner. We stayed at the Griffiths as they were out in the Mts. But we ate with Miss Taverner. Mr. and Mrs. Morris of the Baby Mine were there awaiting the stork. All fine people.
- Feb. 20 Had conference with the councilors of the village about defense plans should the enemy come in from Abra. Went in swimming in a fine clear cool stream. It was too cold to stay in long. Water over 20 ft. deep.
- Feb. 21 Returned to Salecseg.
- Feb. 22 Returned to Lubuagan, dirty and tired.
- Feb. 23 Out to Batang Subay.
- Feb. 24 Still resting.
- Feb. 25 Left BB at eleven o'clock. Had a 3:30 lunch with the Nagels. Then picked up a cargador and left for Lubuagan, or rather Bontoc. Picked up two constabulary men as guards. Slept at the Montget gate. Somewhat dangerous, but we were not molested.
- Feb. 26 Arrived at Bontoc. Purpose of visit to swear in the officers legally as Gen. MacArthur had approved their appointments. None above Capt. Slept in the Governor's house.
- Feb. 27 Went out to Besac where I was quartered in the school bldg. Met, Father and Mrs Gowen of the Episcopal

Mission. Fine folks as one can find. They have a beautiful new stone church. Its beauty is its simplicity, of vice versa. Sent messages to a lot of officers. Met Capt Heinrich at the Presidentia at Sagada. His Junior officers were at Mainit. He sent for them to join us and to be sworn in.

- Feb. 28 Still waiting for Harrison, Crowe and Simmie. Heinrich and I went to a native wedding canao. Got tired of it by noon.
- March 1 Swore Harrison, Crowe and Simmie in as 1st Lt. They surely were pleased as their Suyoc pay had dropped.
- Mar. 2 Capt. Heinrich went in to Bontoc this morning. I am still waiting for word from Cervantes as to the other officers.
- Mar. 3rd Lt. O'Brien sent me word that the officers were scattered all the way from Kabayan to Laganilang. So I went back to Bontoc.
- Mar. 4 Left this morning for Kiangnan, by car to Ibalao. Then crossed the stream and biked to Kiangnan. Mighty tired when I got there. The place looked deserted. But finally a few people recognized me and came out. The Japs had come in on the 1st and 6th. On the 6th they burned the Presidentia and the Catholic High School. Since the PC had been disbanded when the japs approached there was no one to guard the town when the Japs left. The town had been thoroughly looted. There was no law nor order. Every one was afraid. I rounded up several PC EX and two officers and put them back on the job. Promised an American in charge soon.
- Mar. 5 Left Kiangnan early with Capt Manriquez of the PC. Got out a car at Ibalao and rode to Binsue. Here the Japs burned every building except the Convent in retaliation for the deaths Co A had caused. It was a very desolate sight. We picked up several PG soldiers and took them with us.

Manriquez

- Spent the night at Ducligen, half way to Muyaoyao where I was going to see Co A and Col. Green. Spent the night in a poor type rest house.
- Mar. 6 The boys of Co A surely were glad to see me when I arrived at Muyaoyao. But Col Green had gone on to Isabel. Capt Gitter had taken 12 men for Matunin to restore order there. Tribal warfare had broken out.
- Mar. 7 Took Capt. Joels, Sgt Fuxman, Capt Manriquez and two other PC officers I found there with me and left for Ducligen where we spent the night.
- Mar. 8 Hiked on to Sanaue where I sent Joels and Fuxman, to Kiangan to take charge. He took Lt. Carlos, PC, with him. I took Manriquez with me back to Bontoc to take over the PC there.
- Mar. 9 Still in Bontoc having conference with Gov.
- Mar. 10 Everything going OK here. Have placed Capt Heinrich in charge with Capt Johnson and Stephens to help him.
- Mar. 11 Rode to the first demolition at km 3, then hiked one km. Then caught a BPM car to km 21. Had to hike from here for the next 15 kms where Sgt Bowen met me at the Bessac gate and took me to Lubuagan. Then Mr Nagel took me to BB.
- Mar. 12 Have about two dozen messages for USAFFE.
- Mar. 13 Nothing new. Waiting for answers.
- Mar. 14 Same
- Mar. 15 Ditto
- Mar. 16 Feet beginning to itch, want to move on.
- Mar. 17 Plan on leaving for Lubuagan tomorrow.
- Mar. 18 Radio reports Gen MacArthur and Dick Sutherland flew to Australia. MacArthur to take command of all the allied forces on land, sea and air.
- Mar. 19 Important radio from USAFFE. They will radio my future actions tomorrow. Wonder what they will be.
- Mar. 20 Back in Lubuagan making arrangement for our organization. Gen MacArthur now in Australia to command all allied forces in the Far East.
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Gen. McInright in command at Bataan. Mr and Mrs Green
from Mt. Data and Klondykes arrived at Lubuagan. Stay-
ing with Nagel's.

- Mar. 21 No change.
- Mar. 22 Japs back in Lepanto and Suyoc. But we have destroyed
concentrate, by sluicing it down the river. Burned
power house and generators.
- Mar. 23 No change.
- Mar. 24 No change.
- Mar. 25 To BB to arrange reorganization.
- Mar. 26. Rode by auto to Besao. Then hiked 15 kms to Km 21.
Then by car to Bontoc. Had quite a conference with
Capt. Heinrich, Johnson and Stevens. Sending
Johnson and Stephens to Jones with some captured docu-
ments. Also to get Warner's organization. Chief
reason for trip. Broke off a tooth and will have it
pulled at Sagada, the only dentist in place around.
- Mar. 28 Drove over to Tolubin to see Co A with Glitter and
Starnes. Found them both low in morale. They figured
they had been forgotten. Made arrangements for Co A
to move to Lubuagan area. Back to Bontoc.
- Mar. 29 Drove to Bauko to see Co B. Harrison is doing a fine
job. The morale is quite high. Had fine dinner too.
- Mar. 30 Went out to Sagada this morning. Dropped in the hospi-
tal to see the dentist. He is not a dentist, just
a tooth puller. He wanted to smoothe off my broken
tooth with a rat tail file and a triangular file,
small size of course. I told him I would be back
after dinner. I hardly wanted him working on my tooth
with those tools. No drills, or anything but extrac-
tion tools. Had dinner with Grays. Then back to the
dentist. He pulled the tooth without much trouble.
But slightly loosened adjacent teeth. Hardly hurt
at all.
- Mar. 31 Harris, Ellet, Eucey and Crooby (all Suyoc miners) came
in from the lowlands yesterday. They had stick to
the back trails because of the japs.
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- April 1 Back to Lubusgan.
- April 2 Still no orders from Estaan back to BR.
- April 3 Still waiting.
- April 4 Additional scope wanted by Gen. W.
- April 5 Still waiting. Rather monotonous.
- April 6 Nothing new.
- ✓ April 7 Received my Coloney today. No more pay, tho. ✓
- April 8 Still waiting.
- April 9 Glitter, Harris, OBrien, Nagel and Greer came up this afternoon. Had a large crowd for dinner.
- April 10 Here it is. Received word from Gen. Wainright authorizing us to assemble our PA trainees into the 12st Infantry PA. This gives us something definite to work on. Leave tomorrow for Lubusgan to rest my new Bn Comdrs. to give them their instructions. Hope they get there.
- Interference from Bataan*
- April 10 Contd. Bad news. Almost upon receipt of orders to organize the 12st Inf, came the news of the fall of Bataan. Had we only had a few weeks of intensive training for the Regt. we might have had a fine outfit for the USAFFE big push. But now it looks as if there might be no help for us for a long time. As long as Bataan held out we had hopes of a relief expedition. But now Luzon has no tactical nor strategic value until we can gradually wrk north from Australia. This will take a long time. But we will still try to organized the units to be ready when the time comes, i. e., if the enemy will let us alone.
- April 11 Back to Lubusgan. Phoned Capt Heinrich with the school at Bontoc to get the Bn Comdrs. together as I would come down immediately to make arrangements for the final organization.
- April 12 Back to Bontoc. Had conference with Heinrich, Stephens and Johnson about the organization. Johnson takes the 1st Bn. in the southern part of the Mt. Prov. Stephens has the 3rd Bn around Lagangilang

Peryan will have the 2d Bn around Angaki. Will probably raise only the Hqrs. and Serv Co in Kalinga, with Capt Brown in charge.

- April 13 Capt Stephens left this morning for Angaki to give the dope to Capt Peryan and then on to Langangilang to organize his own unit.
- April 14 Made final arrangements for Heinrich to carry on with the forward echelon. Have a lot of messages I want to sent to USFIP.
- April 15 Back to Lubusagan. The road is in very bad shape. There have been a lot of lides that were only partially removed. As soon as the rainy season starts this road will be well blocked. Hope it starts soon.
- April 16 Back to Batong Buhay.
- April 17 Keep rather busy send the dope to the General.
- April 18 Gen. Wainright says to carry on with our organization and to harper the enemy all we can wither by direct attack, by destroying transportation routes or just by harrassing threats.
- April 19 Engel, Ziegler, McShail, Bowen, OBrien, Ziaga, Harris, Crosby, Ellett, and Sucey were made 2d Lts. A great many of the Airwarn Co. were made Sgts and Cpls.
- April 20 Capt Calvert and Lt Murphy are reported to have escaped from within the enemy lines and are now enroute north to join us. Thanks heavens they were neither captured nor killed. I could never look Rilla Calvert in the face again if I felt that I was even indirectly the cause of the Cpt's death by letting him try to get thru the lines to the USAFFE. Capt Jacobs and two Amer soldiers reported in on the 10th at Jones. He has been directed to report to me as our surgeon. Maj. Fellows, Lt Simpson and eleven WPPS boys are believed to have gotten thru to USAFFE. So are Lt. Jensen, Lt Gasperini and five Amer. Soldiers. Nothing has been heard from Major Allen and his fourteen Amer QMC soldiers. Nor from Lt. Justo and his one Amer Soldier.
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*147th Reg
Raid on Tapani
14 April 42*

All the rest are accounted for. Heard over the radio that an American force near Mativada, Pang. had attacked the Japanese in that area. Am trying to finish my work here today.

April 21 Tues. Finished my work at BB and back to Lubuagan. Brought a dandy cook back with me to help out in the Mess. Sgt. Brazelton came along with me for overnight. First time out since three months ago.

April 22 Radio announces somewhat ominously "Corrigido still holds". Sounds somewhat dubious as it they expect soon to fall. Brazelton back to the Mts.

April 23 Chaplain Nagel and I went down to Besao to spend the night in conference with Major Gitter. He had heard that Lt Col. Warner had left ones and wanted to go over to take over the end.

April 24 Gitter and I had a lot to talk about as to future plan of operation. He went back to Bontoc and I came on here. Received a radio from Gen. Wainright that Lt Col Warner had pulled out and had left for parts unknown. His departure was unauthorized. He was sent for by runner, but failed to return. The General's radio sounded so somewhat peeved at him. It is understood that Capt Sxholey, Lt. Nicholson and all Americans had gone over to the east coast. Makar has been promoted to Lt Col and has taken over command. Radio says that American planes have bombed Manila, Cebu and Clarke Field.

Promoted to Major

April 25 Everyone seems rather optimistic over conditions. American planes have bombed Tokyo and several other cities in Japan.

April 26 Sunday again. Fr. Nagel preached a fine sermon this morning. Quite a few people present including many Americans. Had a dandy dinner. The new cook is worth his weight in gold.

- April 27 Word received that the enemy is pushing north over, Belete Pass enroute into the Cagayan Valley. Hope he stays there.
- April 28 The Japs at km 102 Mt. Trail attacked our force at Mt. Data. Still holding. Big victory parade in Manila. Japs promise to immediately occupy all of Luzon. That is probably why they are attacking at Mt. Data.
- April 29 This is the Emperor's birthday. Our outpost at Mt. Data has been forced back to Mabay Gate, km 114. Major Heinrich lost his personal files at the Lodge. So the Japs probably know all about our organization and plans. Too bad but still think a lot of him. Just hard luck. Word received that the enemy is moving east from Tagudin over Del Pilar pass, an advance detail going ahead and a large road crew following and repairing the highway for auto traffic. Guess they decided the demolition at Mt. Data was too hard to repair.
- April 30 Our troops at Mabay Gate still holding. Tagudin force now reported at Cervantes. The bridge here is out so they will have to build ferry, but that is easy. The Japs are the best carpenters and road builders in the world. The public officials at Bontoc are evacuating to Lubuagan. Guess it wont be long now. We all feel that the Japanese were somewhat forced into this thing by a few of our diplomats. But now that we are in it we will have to fight it out to a finish. They have won the initial rounds and will have things their own way for two more months. But after that we will have our innings.
- May 1st This is a heck of a May Day. Last night we learned that a large Japanese force was moving east from Lagangileng toward Balbesng, probably got there yesterday. This is only about 36 miles from here. With one half of Co A, 43rd Inf (PC) at Hanning and one half at Balbesan we will probably not be able to hold them back so very long. It is not numbers that worry us so much as it is our woeful lack of ammunition. Guess we will

have to take the 43rd Inf. to the hills and try to
hole in for the rainy season. The 121st organization
is so scattered that I will have very little control
over what it does. That will be up to each of the
Bn. of Co Cdrs. Do not know whether or not I will
ever make another entry in the diary, or whether I
can keep it.

Bontoc, Mt. Prov.
April 13, 1942

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This is to indicate that I have received from Colonel J. P. Horan five hundred pesos P500.00, in the form of Mountain Province War Notes. I further certify that I have turned over to Captain S. S. Starnes, Commander of Company H, 43rd Infantry, three hundred pesos P300.00. The difference of two hundred pesos was used by me in purchasing supplies for the Officers Mess in Lubuagan, Kalinga, Mountain Province.

(SGD) Lt E. J. Nagel 121st Inf.
(t) Lieutenant, E.J. Nagel
Lubuagan, Kalinga, Mt. Prov

I certify that the above amount of three hundred pesos has been received by me.

(SGD) C. S. Starnes
(t) Capt C. S. Starnes

To whom it may concern:

This is to indicate that I have received from Colonel J.P. Horan five hundred pesos (P500.00) in the form of Mountain Province notes. I further certify that I have turned over to Captain C. C. Heinrich, Executive Officer, Bontoc Mountain Province, two hundred pesos (P200.00). The difference of three hundred pesos having been used for the Officers Mess in Lubuagan, Kalinga, Mountain Province.

(SGD) Lt E. J. Nagel 121st Inf
Lieutenant, E.J. Nagel
Lubuagan, Kalinga, Mt. Prov.

I certify that the above amount of two hundred pesos has been received by me.

(SGD) Capt, C. C. Heinrich

I certify that all of the above transaction are correct.

(SGD) JOHN P. HORAN
(s/ Colonel J. P. Horan

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