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a bowl of watered soup. The amount of
rice per meal never exceeded a tea cup
if it was boiled, or a tin of rice. They
never get better than a small potato. Some
of the men in N.C. come have established
communication with the camps down
south in a very novel way. They work
in a railway yard unloading the cars & they
write their names etc on the sides of the
railway trucks. They have received a lot
of the names of the men down south in
the same way. Also the newspapers is still
going along. I got two notes from Bert
in which he says he got my parcel O.K. He
is feeling a lot of weight and is still as
cheerful as he ever was. They hope to
get back to camp very soon. In the
previous book No 14 you will find a
notice concerning a man named Sgt.
Fuller who was injured the day of the
Assault back. The notes tells its own
story. We received no further news
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from the hospital as they seem in more
straight than we are regarding this point.

We will have to omit Oct 7th as I
usually write my diary up in the morning, Oct 8th
I went to work. Shortly after lunch Washburn
came after me & told me to return to the
camp at once. This we did by stratagem. I
was taken into a rear room through a side
door & told to write a statement on the War
Sit. Affairs. This was done & I did not pass the hours
telling them all that I knew regarding the medical
set up in this camp. After I was finished I was
taken to the chapel, as what we use for funerals.
Here on one side of the Japanese were lined up
& on the other side the officers were lined up.
Nagasaki, complete with white gloves, was
standing behind a small table. He read
out a long speech in Japanese & the
Nicky interpreted. The net result was
that I was put into his unit for the
time being. It was arranged to get the 1st

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and 73^d nations which is might to them. Several
stood up at this point & said it would be better to
a formal complaint & to see a medical examination
& then proceed out to improve. Some persons
say of the patients as at the heavy list it would
find. Several have one the word that the scars
are swollen & stick it. It is left over one the
ticket both of the swelling. I am not allowed
to be alone except after all at night they
are a little time sitting at the table & eating
of my own & run a quantity at it to go
to prison with several others. They are kept
away from the house till the other &
when to walk & eat & sit out doors in
a best & walk. Several are in the long garden
& they were rejected in the cold room. The next
morning I managed to get a receipt & a
a bath. The Collier's company which are
now all in the wash house. There I was
able to visit in the morning. In the evening
I had a walk in the garden. I was
in a little time in the house.

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Kawachi's office the first morning & then
by means of leading questions I was told
what to say. From this sort of thing I
found that I am supposed to say that I
went every day to Kawachi to apologize. I
was suffering from Beri Beri etc & was very
excited. I told Kawachi that I had nothing to
lose & all to gain by pushing this thing
with the result that we did not get along
very well. The main point was that I was
being punished when it had not been proved
that I committed any crime. If I had done
wrong I should have been put into jail
at once but this had not been done. I asked
to see a representative from a neutral
country & this was denied. I then told
him all the things the Med. Det. had done,
withholding medicine, stopping sick men,
refusing use of the gas for water injection
syringes etc. I also told him a few
things that had gone on in this camp
such as graft etc & how this would

all have to be accounted for very soon. It
the end he wished me a fair trial & I told
him this was the only country where it is
necessary to say that. He then began to
the boys sent in the following letter (you
attached to the diary). By the way Ford & 26
of his fellow men returned from the hospital
on the same day & went to jail. Regarding
the receipt provided by the latter Hayashi had an
investigation into the hidden working conditions of
himself. He had them return £36. He was & just
so not to push this any further. They have destroyed
a lot of the amount in the other days by changing
which were a lot of his guilt. Orator was
called down to Hayashi's office regarding his letter
and he read the riot act to Hayashi. He
told him that in the near future Japan would
be beaten and when our troops arrived his
God help all the Japs who had abused us.
Hayashi was very worried about the backbiting
of his men in our charges as well as the
holding back of our medicine. He was not

has turned over all the medicines to us
an has become very mild. The next affair
has to do with the sick men returned from
Sohyo. The Nips said they are going to burn
these men as treatment & a course of action
refused to give permission to have it done.
After long argument we told them that we
only did this in our country to brand cattle
& we would consider it a form of punishment.
They determined to go through with it & picked
out 10 men. These men had beriberi, Malaria,
influenza, dysentery, S. B. etc & this burning
is supposed to cure all these things. We
walked out & was scalded 3 times only
to walk out again. It is pure barbarism &
nothing else. They get one burn per day
for a week but in some cases they get
as high as 10 burns per day. One case of
a man with a stomach ulcer. To measure
the distance between burns they measured
the size of his mouth. He gets 10 burns,
five on his stomach & five on his back.

These 10 men refused to take the beans at which point they were told either they did or else they would be tried for mutiny which was up to five years in prison. Hence every day they got burnt. This is having a pill about on the spot & ignited. I imagine that after a week of this it will leave a signal's spot. All this time I am in my prison. I was allowed out to walk for 30 min. in the morning & 30 min. in the afternoon when the weather was good. This did not happen very often because of much rain. My food was very good as the officers managed to put part of M.V. in my soup occasionally & one night they got some corned beef to me in the Benjo. Every morning I had a wash etc in the same wash room with the officers & thus we kept in very close contact. Some of the Ners gave them sugar to put in my hot water & this was wonderful. I received me a small bottle of Vit. B. powder & I had some of this on my rice every meal. The guards were very much in sympathy.

with me & even offered me cigarettes. Once
on a trip to the Binje the guard offered me
matches as he thought I was going for a
smoke. The little room I was in had a
small table or shelf at the one end where tickets
used to be sold & here I could sit & read without
being seen through the barred window of the door.
There was no light in my cell except for
the daylight that came through the window
& the fresh air came through a vent 15" sq.
near the ceiling. After dinner I could lie
down as the guard never bothered me. My
bed was a wooden shelf 12" from the floor.
One of the blankets I was allowed consisted
of two small ones sewn into a bag affair
& I found that sleeping in this I was warm
enough. The mosquitoes must wear fur coats
in this country for it was very cold &
yet they were very active. I had to wrap
my head in a shirt to get away from
them. Mickey came down to ask me
questions from time to time. He said

that Hayashi gave three reasons for sending
 out the sick men to work. - ① It was bad to
 eat food & not do any work. ② It was better
 for their mental health. ③ To increase the
 working numbers. I agreed with the last one
 only. ① The men were sick from working
 on short food hence we tried to give them food
 & a rest to build them up. ② These men are
 in the best of mental health & it is better
 for their mental state to give a rest. ③ This
 is the true reason. I told Mickey. I agreed
 with this as the camp was guided by the
 working members. The more workers the more
 money got the food etc remained the same,
 hence the money was going somewhere. He never
 asked me another thing on this subject. All
 in all I did very well in my prison & the "pig"
 was the only one to cut my food down. We
 now move on to the morning of the
 15th Oct. just one week in jail. I had my
 exercise & was then returned to my cell. I
 sat down on the window table for a

read when in came Koshino & Hickey. I
ducked my book in time & then was told I
was released until further investigation. I
managed to get my bottle of vitamin powder
from under my bunk in the shuffle & home
to my room. This order must have come
in by telephone from Hayashi so he was
in Tokyo all day. I am never sure that
is all the matter. When General St. returned
from work all the officers were paraded &
Hayashi read out the official order granting
my release. He also read out the order in
the front of this chain (to be repeated to
troops at roll call). He was in a terrible
temper & one poor lad named Gladys
had to get into trouble at the Oil Factory
today. He is very impetuous & from what
I could gather he & another lad took two
cons of bootleg oil (\$100. each) through
sheer carelessness. When the Nip went to
tell him off, he threatened the Nip. The
Nip took him to the office. It's no

I was stuck still in all Hayashi's game
him 5 days in the jail I had just left. He has
no blankets, rice & water to eat, & must stand
up all day long. Sasaki asked if he would
put on warm clothing & Hayashi blew up. He
screamed "I do not like your personality"
several times & finally left him. We hear
to night that he was shipped as well as
Koshino & Ushioda by Suzuki.

Here is how I interpret the whole
affair. Hayashi himself told me that he had
hoped the affair was finished but someone
reported it to H.Q. This is the reason given for
not putting me in jail sooner as Hayashi
explained. One of Hayashi's friends in H.Q. gave
him the tip that Suzuki had heard about
it & by then the story probably was that I had
assaulted a top. Sgt. Hayashi in the flap to
get things underway immediately put me
in jail for appearances. Once he had me
there he had to keep me there but he
soon realized as it all came out how

little to had to stand on. By the time
he had all the reports etc. & went to Suzuki
he was finished. This accounts for the
phone call to relay me & not to wait
until he returned at night. Suzuki is
supposed to visit us soon & I think the
sparks will fly then. We have been told
by some of the Nips in the office that
Suzuki has ordered no stopping & thus
we are going to see how this works
out. Now for war news. We are having
fun down south. The Nips sent 30 bombers
down to the Solomon. 2 more returned. The
Americans have recalled all their submarines.
& even the Nips are now talking about when
Germany gives up. There is fighting in Iceland
now & we have it on fair authority that
Odesa is ours. The Americans have made a
statement that we now have enough aircraft-
carriers etc to start on Japan. They have
taken an island between the Aleutians &
Siberia which means we should be hearing

the books in the near future. I am starting
my diary for the Nips in the near future & I
am certain they will not publish it. I might
comment & say that when I was released all
the guard as well as the guard commander
came up & congratulated me. They were very
happy to see me free once again.

Oct 16th - I spent a terrible night as I
was so excited about it all. We got the
news in a roundabout way that Suzuki has
really stopped all slapping & thus I told
the men it was the jail from now on. I
might say that last night Mr. Coo came in
to say good-bye to us. He is on his way to
the south area & he did not seem too
pleased about it all. The Russian Boek was
off to-day but they decided to start
hiding food supplies etc. in view of Suzuki's
coming visit. We hid 100 lbs of soybean
soy, 15 tubs of meat paste & 600 loaves of
barley. We shifted all this & about 12:30
noon we had the inspection by the "Big".

He was as good as gold & has even
started to chat etc. Since he must have
really had a meeting from Suzuki. Right
after lunch Hayashi came around & he
started an awful row. He noticed that the
ashes from the hitcher which we use to
spread on the path had some pieces of
coal in it. He had all the men picking
up the coal as he thought Suzuki might
see it & give him Old Nick. We had a
hctic time for a bit but he eventually
cooled down about supper time. We then
gave us permission for each working
man to buy one package of beans each. The
system now is that they give a ticket to
each working man & he then takes this
to the hitcher with his money. The rips
then take this & give him a bar in
exchange. I had an interview from one
of the vigilantes with a complaint about
the cooks selling food for cigarettes. I
told him I could not stop this but that

they had my full permission to do as they wished so I expect to see the fur fly. I did all my laundry to day as well as to see a bit of old Blanket to the bottom of my sleeping bag of sorts. I am trying to get this bag thing fixed up as we are not going to get any coal or stores this winter.

Oct. 17th - Gasas & I went to work to day & gave Jimmy a rest. The weather was terrible raining off & on most of the day while we worked outside all day. The news to night was that we were 40 km. inside Poland & 110 km. inside Rumania. This was another wild one about our having landed in France. We tried to verify this but could not do so. There is heavy fighting in Burma & the Americans seized Chaka. This was all but we hope to get another newspaper in the near future. I got to bed early as I was very tired.

OCTOBER 18TH - Beaver - I stayed in to - day
and what a time. We worked until 9:00
& then I had to go into the kitchen office to work.
I was relaxed for lunch & just as I finished
lunch I was told that I was going to N.C. shortly.
I started to get ready but Kayashi, Mr. Eno &
Wicky came in to see it. It turned out that
they wanted to get a few statements straight.
Mr. Eno was very fancy about us getting it correct
that Ushiohla was always present when Mr.
Eno made his inspection. I corrected him
on this & told him that was not true on
the day previous to my affair. He then told
us that he waited until Ushiohla came
back to camp. Kayashi & he were both on
hot beds but eventually Ushiohla, a
guard & myself set out. It took us
about 1 hour by motor train. The N.C.
camp is built on a sand spit that
may be reclaimed land. It is all modern
buildings and new. I was taken into
this office building and set down in

what may have been a medical inspection room.
Major Kimoda, a military interpreter & an
elderly civilian interpreter gave me the
going over. It started out by asking me about
the occurrence. I finally noticed Kimoda was
getting mad & then I also noticed that the
interpreter was not telling Kimoda what I said.
I called him on one shot which caused him
to get a little mad. Kimoda also wanted to
know what the trouble was. We all got mad
at this point. They kept insisting that Hayashi
had the right to send any man to work if
he thought them medically fit. If Mr. Cho gave
a man 5 days rest & he got better in 3 days,
Hayashi had the right to send them to work.
I admitted that said we never protested this
fact. Actually the man had been given 3
days rest by Dr. Cho & he had been sent
out without any rest by the Japanese.
If this was an order by Hayashi he had never
seen the man. If it was Uchiyoda he
overrode an order of a Dr. which he had

no right & he did not even know what
the man was sick with. I then told them
that I did not dispute this fact but all
I had done was to try to explain the man's
illness in order that Uchiwada would stop
chopping him. The man had ^{committed} no
crimes other than to be sick & to stand up
trying to answer the question what is
your illness. I was then asked what I
now thought of the affair. I said that in
our country it was not allowed to chop the
merit of an officer. Further to this,
I had already spent 7 days in jail, we
could figure it out after the war when
we were on an equal footing. I was
told of the inhuman treatment of Miss
internes in Canada before being thrown
out of the office. I was recalled latter
& asked if this chopping had happened
before. I told them many times & once
Mr. Hayashi had been present when it
happened. We complained very this time.

the interpreter but the only answer we
got was that the men would be told to be
more prudent in future. The stopping continued.
I was now told I was to remain in that camp
as a guest. I was taken to the guard house
& there I was allotted part of the top guard
sleeping quarters. They had an American Sgt.
in the detention cell & he was living a
life of ease. He was allowed cigarettes &
books as well as being permitted to
lie down all day if he wished. We had
plenty to eat, two bowls of thick stew,
big pieces of meat & all the what we
were wished. I spent a very comfortable
night. I was not allowed to speak
to any of the prisoners in my camp & hence
no news.

OCTOBER 19th: This morning I had a
good breakfast and then settled down to
rest. They brought us two packages of
cigarettes each & so I gave mine to the
American. He in return sent out a book,

the National Geographic 1933, which I
read all day. Before lunch the interpreter
came in to see me and I could hardly
be civil to him. One interesting thing he
told me was that he was formerly employed
by the Govt. in an investigation of Electric
systems of various countries. He had to
investigate Niagara Falls & he was doing
all the reports from Canada on this part.
He said they investigated many countries
& then the Govt. took over the control of
power in Japan using what they
thought to be the best points of all
the systems. He told me there was a
lot of mail from Canada in being
sorted & sorted & some were on
letter soon. Lunch appeared & he left.
After lunch they told me that I would
Major Kinada told me then that the
investigation was finished, Kawachi was
in camp receiving instructors & I was
to return to my own camp this afternoon.

Kayashi soon appeared and we started out
for camp. He told me that I had been
awaked 20 days of "heavy good-behavior." In
the case of an officer he would be confined
to his home & thus in my case I was
to be confined in my own room until
a separate room could be employed. I
have no further restrictions other than
no official work & no talking or
mixing with the men. After supper all
the men were called to the smoking room,
the officers lined up & my sentence was
read out. I was then taken to Kayashi's
room & told that until H.C. decided
what else I could stay in my own
room. Gladby is still in the guard
room & if he were not he did not
know if I could be placed in a
guard room or not. Thus my stay
in my own room. No sleep to
dream & as we say in Quebec.
Après la guerre.

OCT 20TH - Today Brown & I stayed up this morning to do laundry etc. We spent a very quiet day and had exercise this morning. We had a bit of trouble with a couple of the men last night. It all arose over the question of cash (spare) food being sold out of the kitchen for cigarettes. Two men came into the room last night with this complaint but they had no concrete case. She suggested that they get names, cases etc & then have a meeting with representatives from each section. By 10 night the meeting felt that due to there being no absolute proof & it smelt in an apology to the cooks. So - night. Hayashi as he was having called for the duty officer which was Ward. When Ward appeared Hayashi asked me if this was usual to have a W/O as an orderly officer. I said yes & then Hayashi said I forbid this in future & went home. Hence we are now down to five men for orderly officer. Hayashi visited the Buchyard

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to-day & Jimmie told him all about his
attempts to see. I had been giving Jimmie
a rough time of it & he has been on
the rocks ever since. We received our first
bit of law for P. O. to-day & as they are
against international law I will endeavor
to keep a copy for future reference.

Oct. 21st - Deacon & Husky went to work to-day
& I did Deacon's laundry for him. Nagashi
& Hachiro were around inspecting things for
the fire drill to-morrow. We had to
see that all buckets were filled etc.

To-night Nagashi came in to see us. He
wants all the information on the Koreans
etc. He also wants us to warn the men
regarding having to wear their numbers on
their backs when working. He started to
tell tonight that the Communists were
suffering from lack of coal & gasoline &
that they wanted to give up fighting. I
hope he doesn't believe it. His belief might
give us numerical superiority of three to

one in the Sabsons, Cairns, French and
Adina. The Pips also say that between Oct
23rd & 25th will tell the fate of Germany.
This sounds very nice to us. We hear that we
are to move out to the factories the end of
next month. This is only rumors as well
as we don't know.

OCT 22ND - Very little happened to-day. We
had our fire alarm & as usual the Pips
ran around in small circles doing nothing.
We got it all over eventually and then
the camp settled down to normal.
Mickey pulled in the chairs of all
the men in camp just to check
that they were keeping them up to
date. He also told us that the staff
were having a holiday on Saturday &
since the inspection is to take place
at 8:30 hence we will have to get
set on the job to-morrow. The officers
received their pay to-day & a was docked
£53: for my "Back Action". This did not

of the ultimate result as I still
received only ¥50. We also had a prize
parade for the men to-night when we
collected the hospital funds for the
month. The news to-night is that in a
large battle off Formosa the Hip no. 1
cattleship was sunk. There was a big
meeting of the Hip staff here by Hayashi
& we could not find out what this
was about.

OCT 25RD - We had our inspection at
8:30. The Oil Factory & Brickyard had
a rest to-day & hence we had enough
men to clean up the place. All the
officers were in this after the inspection
we all had a rest. We managed to
buy some black tea to-day but it
was soon sold to the men. The men
broke the gramophone but we managed
to have it fixed in time to give us
a concert after dinner. We tried to
buy some gramophone needles but all

that we managed to get were three
bamboo needles which are no use.
I read a very depressing book called
"Three Tomatoes" to-day. The news
rumors are as follows. We are forming a
large ring around the Nips down south.
Another news source said that the Nip Govt.
bulletin was sent off Formosa. The Russians
are having a rest while there is much talking
going on between Russia & Germany. Those
are the news so place your money as you
see fit.

Oct. 24th - This was a very quiet day. Benson
& Scudder went to work as the rest of us went
back to bed after the work parties left. We
stayed there until nearly lunch time. I spent
nearly all day trying to patch up the remnants
of some Cox's I found. I think I may be able
to make some makeshift Cox for the inmates
and to I need them. Hayashi came in to
see us for a short time to tell us the
burning expert was coming to-night & not

to interfere. He did not have much more to say.
Wichy is going on holiday for a week & a Japanese
man has to do the interpreting for the camp.
The witch doctor came to-night & started his fire
magic. They took a lot of men who were on sick
panels & gave them the works. He also worked on
the ships & one man he had a lot of pins & needles
stuck in his back. It is sheer barbarism & should
be done to avoid disease, a sun beating, etc. Some
of the scars which these ships have on their bodies
from the burning are horrible to see. They have
got into their clutches again now that they have
started this type of treatment. To-night we got
another rumor from a fresh source that the
Nap. Nat. battleship was sunk off Formosa. We
have had this one from a lot of sources of late
& I wonder how much truth is in it.

OCT 25TH - Co. day Jimmy & Quarty went to
work which never had a good rest for
a change. He stayed in bed nearly all
day. Hoshino came in early & started a
yell about Suzuki coming to on a row

Since we should start to show everything.
We paid no attention to him and about
one hour later we heard that the inspection
was to be cancelled. Hayashi came in
just before supper. He said that the inspection
was cancelled & would take place at the
end of this month or the beginning of next
month. He also told us that arrangements
were being made to exchange our library
books with the other camps as we had read
all our books. We had a rumor via the
kitchen that the camp breaks up next month.
Women to the Col. factory, the men to the brickyard.
100 men to the Reservoir. To counteract this we
got word from the brickyard that we do not
move until after Xmas. We also rumors are that
the Nips are making a big drive on Shantung
& will be there in two months. The last one
is that the Allied Fleet has the Nip Fleet
bottled up in the Straits of Formosa. The
hospital bengo is now out of bounds. It
has been falling apart gradually & so when

we asked the boys to repair them, all they did was to lock them up. All men must now use the outside benjo. With the cold weather some of the men are using the urinal about 12 times per night and the large urinal tank has become filled to overflowing in three days time. They wanted the tank to-day but I can find trouble along this line. We had a ban issue to-nite of one ban per working-man. The pickard party received cigarettes for faithful working to-night & that received 15 cigarettes.

Oct 26th - Beason & Boulter went to work to-day. Quite early in the morning Hayashi was after us to go out for exercise but when at 9:30 we went to go out on the grounds there were large numbers of high school girls having a sports meeting. Hayashi then decided to send us all out to sweep the sidewalk. I managed to talk Jack into coming out so that Doc, Busty, Charles, Jack & I went out armed with brooms. We

except up the main entrance and then the guard took us around the corner to sit down & rest. There were about twenty of us all along the curb watching the scenery. The high light was when the secretary from the Red Cross Building came by. She was all smiles & when she passed the guard she winked at us saying "Keep your skins up." She then went into the Red Cross Building giving us a wave as she did. The guard thought there was something fishy because he got as mad as he could. He hid behind a telephone pole & kept a steady glare on the building. A young blonde came by but no sign of recognition. A middle aged white woman came by in a straitjacket & frowned us with a wave. It is amazing the effort that all this has on us as it makes us know we are not forgotten by the outsiders. Sometimes we feel very lost & it takes an incident such as this to give the necessary lift. We

had no further incident all day. The boats
had the band going to night & they were
in very high spirits, they danced & sang
much to the amusement of the guards. There
was no news, another ship came into
the Cascano with her bows blown off. It
all looks as if there are a great number of
mines or torpedoes laid in the waters
around here. All day long there has been
constant explosions such as heavy guns
make & I think it is the coast artillery
having some practice.

OCT. 27TH = Dusty was sick to day with the flu
and Mr. Brown & Jimmy went to work. During the
morning Hayashi had a parade of all the men
who were not working. He put on a terrific show
saying that Mr. Kauffman would have to be
punished etc & that most of these men had
to go to work the following day. After the
parade was over Doc. was called down to his
office but Hayashi was very calm by this
point. When Doc. explained to him why these

were so many changes etc. & that we kept the
Japanese medical records for them he was not
so full of vigor as he had been. All in all
it would in a bad flop and we are in the
clear for one more day at least. We had a
walk during the morning out on the ground
& the weather was perfect. After lunch the Nov.
Soulter & Clarke played a bit of baseball but
it did not last long. There was no news
again to-night as the newspaper are celebrating
the first anniversary of the sinking of the
"Hornet" an American Aircraft carrier. Incidentally
she was in company with the "Intrepid" the
aircraft carrier that Nasty was on & he is
celebrating his first year as a P.O.W. at 9:00
P.M. to-day. We had an interesting discussion
to-night as to whether a convict can raise
a question in our mind or not. Try to
figure that one out.

Oct. 28 To-day Nasty was still in bed
and hence Jimmy & Soulter went to work.
During the morning I managed to have a

work down by taking a pail of hot water to
the bath house. It worked very well & I think I
shall do this more often. We had some
exercise during the afternoon. I found out to day
that there is animal life in my bed, my
pajamas were covered with blood spots. Charles
examined his with the same result & since the
Doc has no pajamas, his sheets were covered. I
also noticed that my body was covered with bites
and thus I took out all my bloodsuckers for a good
evening and a shake. We later swept the beds,
and sprayed them with bug powder. I hope this
spies them for the time. There was nothing else
of importance to day. Kumar has it that we have
landed in Sumatra & are now fighting the great
game. We had squirrel again for supper to night
& since we are having this so much I shall say
a bit about it. These squirrels are usually set up into
small pieces and boiled. It tastes like rubber & it
is very repulsive. It was many a day before I
could eat it and get away O.K. I hope to leave
that dish behind when I leave Japan.

OCT 29TH - Fr-day Sasara & Boulter went to work.
About 9:30 Hayashi ordered the guard to take us out
to sweep the sidewalk. As usual we swept for
about two minutes and then rested until 11:00 P.M.
We then came in for lunch. We went out again at
about 1:00 P.M. & stayed out until 2:30 P.M. Just as
the working was over Mr. Cro arrived so a medical
injection was held. After this was over he & our NCO had
an argument about the war. In this argument Doc
told him that he would bet him \$1000 the war would
finish by June next year and just what we would
do at that time. At about 5:00 P.M. Sanyohara came
from H.Q. camp and he brought some mail for
us. I asked permission to go through it to search
for Officer's mail. We found a letter for Sasara, one
for Boulter & one for Doc. Sanyohara came to
our room & chatted for a bit. He said that Red Cross
food was already in Japan and being distributed.
The books are being covered by Sanyohara &
would soon be exchanged. We also heard of lots
of Bonchian mail but as yet none for this camp.
After supper we managed to cut in a

newspaper by various channels but it held nothing but write ups of past performances of such type that it was of no use to us. The only consolation from this is that if they have nothing new to talk about it must be good for us. Hayashi came in after roll call to talk. He told us that the American exchange ship was now at Singapore and would be here by the middle of next month. It carries food, letters etc. & so it is one of the most important ships in the world to us. He also told us that the pictures we had taken some time ago had arrived & that prisoner was to receive a copy of his pictures. We took us down to his office & gave us our pictures. I think the best said about these pictures the better. We all went to bed after that.

OCT 30TH - I had a terrible night last night & so did Marty. I had a bad case of cramps & I must say it was nip & tuck a couple of times. After breakfast I went back to bed & because held up the sick by going to work. We had the inspection & then I was called to the office. Old

Micky is back & he wanted to see me. He had
been down south to see the wife picked for his
son by the go between. He said his son had
not seen her as yet but that it was going
to be a good match. He personally did not
think much of the girl but then he was going
to send the son down to see her in the
near future. He wanted Bart to send a radio
gram home but since Bart was out to work I
did it for him. Nasty got permission to send
one as well. We had our bath at 4:00 p.m. & it
was lovely. We gave out the pictures and then
Micky came in to tell me that tomorrow I am a
freeman. There was no news to night and since
my tummy was in better shape I went to bed
early.

OCT. 31 ST - Jimmy's boalter went to work &
Bart stayed in for a rest. This is hallow'een
and it is cold as it usually is at home. It
was quiet around here all day & we had one
of the Nijis go out to buy us some tea. He
came back with 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of various types

of tea so samples. This did not charge us
for this and thus we had a swell time trying
it all out. We finally decided to take some
Chinese tea and this we bought out. We
also bought 40 packages of 1/4 lb. lots of tea.
This was all sold at night & we took orders
for more than we sold. The Doc is running a
course of lectures in the a.c. on "The Federal
Marriage". It is getting a very good attendance
and it is turning out very successful. One of
the beds named "Jay" with F. B. had a bad
turn to-night & it looks as if he may be
in for a bad turn. The flu. in on the upper end
& we may be in for trouble in the next few
days. I am going to work to-morrow & so
I think early to bed is indicated.

Nov. 1ST = Port & I went to the back yard & below
went to the Access deck. We had a guard who was
rather crazy. He was very officious and it is going
to take some time to root him down. The day
went quite quickly & we arrived home about
4:45 P.M. Here I found three sick men & the

two boats moving a big job of coal. These men
had been doing this job since 1.00 P.M. and were just
about done & the Ship book official said no about
for the hour until the job was done. Five other loads
were had also been working all day outside and
myself set to until it was done. I worked up a
heavy sweat but at least we did the job a lot
quicker. I don't know what the officers were
doing all day but I am afraid we had a heavy
sweat in to-day. Jimmie is quite sick with
his ulcer but the others are very content to
sit all day. Hoover had a very quiet time all day
so I think I will try out that place in the
very near future.

Nov. 2nd: To-day we were supposed to have
a visit by Col. Suzuki but after getting the camp
as clean as possible he never arrived. We are
given a lot of old newspapers to-day and while
we have to shake the wheat from an awful lot of
chaff, we find that the war is going very well. Winning
assures us that the Italian campaign was not the
2nd front & so we are convinced this will be a

of tea 20 samples. She did not charge me
for this and thus we had a small time loss.
I call out. He finally decided to take some
chinese tea and this we bought out. We
also bought 40 packages of W. M. lots of tea.
This was all sold at night & we took orders
for more than we sold. The Doc is running a
course of lectures in Hol. act. on "The Total
Marriage". He is getting a very good attendance
and it is turning out very successful. One of
the kids named "Wray" with S. B. had a bad
turn to-night & it looks as if he may be
in for a bad turn. The flu. is on the up and
& we may be in for trouble in the next few
days. I am going to work to-morrow & so
I think early to bed is indicated.

Nov. 1st - Bert & I went to the brick yard's barn
went to the Casore dock. We had a guard who was
rather crazy. He was very officious and it is going
to take some time to cool him down. The day
went quite quickly & we arrived home about
4:45 P.M. Now I found three sick men & the

big drive into Shonan one of the days. We were
allowed to buy some apples & oranges today.
They cost a little less than 39 sen a kilogram.
(Oranges 38.87 sen, apples 38.54 sen) and yet
we had to pay ¥52.83 sen for 120 kilos.
This works out at about 44 sen per kilo or
¥5 profit for somebody. We were so glad to
get this fruit we did not critic. Each man got 3
small oranges & 1½ apples. As these are the first
run of the fruit they are very small but yet
they are very delicious. Hayashi came in to night
after roll call. He said he had been out to the
hotel for clothes & yet he had to come back here
to get more to eat. He had a small boat of soup,
3 sardines, butter, one slice of bread, a small
guideline & a cup of coffee. It cost ¥5.00 plus
¥2.50 tax or ¥7.50 all told. He also mentioned
that he had to pay ¥2.50 for one flint for
his lighter & that used to cost 3 sen. The
civilians are now cut to 70% rice & 30%
sweet potato & the 70% must have 30% barley.
This is not at all good as the Gijis like their

rice. A funny thing happened the other day. Mr. Eno had lunch with Hayashi two in camp. Sgt. Fathom who acts as S.O.'s batman took in the two lunches & they had carried pork stew that day. Hayashi was taking a bath at that time & when Fathom took in the ba, Mr. Eno was picking the piece of meat out of Hayashi's lunch, which shows how hard it is to get this sort of thing. Our meat ration is about 3 Kilograms for 241 men twice a week. Even at that the Nips take all the lean & our 3 kilos is all fat. Our friend, a nocturnal visitor in the shape of a rat, broke up the social evening & after an unsuccessful hunt we all went to bed. This rat visits our room every night & we no longer hope one day to catch him.

Nov. 3rd: To-day is the anniversary of the emperor Meiji and so all the factories had a rest. This is the first time in many a month that the entire camp has been at rest. Things were very quiet & we only had a bit of trouble with one of the guards. This is the same guard we had.

at the brickyard & I am firmly convinced he is slightly off his head. The table had a good run despite all this. There was a terrific sports meet out on the grounds all day and it was the largest one yet, at least it had the largest audience. We played a little poker to-night & it was a very good game.

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Oct 4TH - Today Nusty & I went to the Oil factory for a change. We had a very easy day & all we did was to clean a few tools in gasoline for them. The rest of the day we walked around, eating roast peanuts & roast coconut. We had a talk with the interpreter & asked him for an office job. He said he would talk it over with the manager & let us know to-morrow. We had a hot bath to conclude the day & then we came back. We are going to return there to-morrow & see what they have in the way of a job for us. I had a look at the new house & it seems like a decent thing. It is a stucco house, two story & looks as if it will be warmer than the wooden ones they build for us at the other jobs. Oct

camp to-day we received a load of shoes. They consist of a few pairs of new American shoes, some Australian shoes & some English, 28 pairs in all. To-night they were distributed to the best advantage. We also distributed a few letters that had been censored & passed on to us.

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Oct 5TH - To-day Dooty & I returned to the Oil Factory but we had the same mad party that I encountered the last time at the Puck yard. He caused a lot of trouble & had all the Hops at the Oil Factory running around in small circles. He tried to make Dooty & I sweep the floor of the mill but we refused. Finally in desperation we asked for a job & we were placed in the filling house inspecting the 4 gal. tins before they were filled. This was a very easy job & passed the time quite well. We got some news from one of the Hops that a very large naval battle was taking place near New Guinea. Also there was heavy fighting in Burma & we had many aircraft there. There was a small

article in one of the papers we read saying
that the American consulate in La Hoo had
suspended. This trip at the Oil Factory also
said we were near in La Hoo. During the
day while we were at work a prisoner
from H.Q. camp came here. His main bit
of news is that all the prisoners there are
to be dispatched to factories & that camp
is to become a big propaganda mill.
They are importing all the musical talent,
journalists, radio men etc & anyone
who has any entertainment qualities
to live at this camp. They are then to
be used in broadcast for Japanese
propaganda. I think the idea is a
long one but Coulter is stamping at
the rate to get in a lot & is still a
very little boy & thinks we are playing
marbles instead of being at war.

^{Nov} Oct. 6th - Coulter & Hasty went to work
to-day. We had the inspection around
& Hayashi was quite pleased with it

all. We secured some more letters for
distribution & Charles worked in the
afternoon helping to get the work pay sheets
done for Mamamoto. We had our hot
bath & then settled down for the evening. The
late papers caused the Nips a lot of worry
& Hayashi told Curnbull that the Japanese navy
had sunk nearly all our navy in the south.
Edia must be the large battle north of New
Guinea. We found out that this paper names
the following carriers of ours in the battle.
The New Yorktown II, Lexington II, Bunker Hill, Essex,
Intrepid, & the following cruisers - Independence,
Princeton, Monterey. There are a lot of
transports & landing barges mixed up in this
affair as well as it may be a large
offensive. Hayashi seems in after talk
& during the conversation he did not
mention a word of this battle. He said
that the war would be finished for certain
by October next year. This is the same
man who, less than a year ago, told

as it would last at least another 10 years
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Dec 7TH - Beasar went to work to day & the
remaining officers took a days rest. The morning
went very quietly. Nagashi had a grasp of all the
sick men in part of his office but even he could not
find any more men fit enough to go out. This is the
first time we have ever had that happen. He gave
the men some of his own special stomach powder
& told them to rest. Last night the Nijis had a bit
of a drunk and one of the Nijis from Ichijo took
the medical orderlies bed. He came in to our
room & spent the night on our tentonij. He
left in the two hours of the morning & was
not present for roll-call parade at 6:00 AM.
Last night for he gave the guard bell just
before breakfast. We had some gramophone
music during the afternoon. The news to night
is that we have taken Suam with many
prisoners. This is most fantastic. The landings
down south were very many especially in
the vicinity of Bougainville. The results

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are unknown as yet but at least we are
on the move.

Nov. 8TH - Lucy & boubles went out to-day. I
spent the whole day unravelling an old sweater.
This is to be converted into a pair of Sox by
one of the lads here who has taken up knitting.
The sweater was full of holes, darns etc & it
was machine made. you can imagine the fun
of that. The knitting seems much to be desired
but I hope I get something to put on my
feet no matter what. The cost so far has
been \$1.50 in cigarettes. There was a big
sports meet of young school girls out on the
grounds all day and hence we were not
allowed out. Doc was sick all day & so he
remained in bed. There was a gay parade
tonight.

Nov. 9TH - There was another parade of all
sick men for the b.O. to-day. He threatened
to send the sick to the Tokyo Hospital but
then again all it was turned into was a
one man show. Mr. Eno arrived latter on

and they held a conference. The net result was nil. It rained most of the day but by late afternoon a warm front went through. It was like a lovely spring day but by the force of the wind I would say the cold front is not far behind. Roll call has been moved up to 8:00 o'clock & there is a notice given us to be read to night. This notice is attached to this diary. The reference to sleeping in clothe is very odd. We have pointed out that the men have only got one shirt, when they work in this & have to wash it as well. They have nothing to sleep in. The answer is still the same, "you must wear a shirt at night." The news to-day is that the Russians are fighting on the Korean peninsula & Bukhop isthmus. This cuts off all routes from the Burma so the Run is in a bad spot.

^{Nov}
Oct 10th + Rusty & I went to the Oil factory to-day & had a very easy time of it. The only job they gave us was sweeping up part of the grounds hence we lots of time to eat over share of the peanuts. I even managed to

get a few back for the heels. We had a
wonderful hot bath & then, to top it all, the
truck broke down on the very horn making
it necessary for us to march part of the way.
We had a very good party with us and
while he did not allow the lads to sing he
did allow them to whistle. We came down the
main crest to the top of "Nail Nail the Ganges
-dill here"; "Pock all your troubles" etc. The
news to-day is very conflicting but at least
they all agree that the battle down south is
still going on. The Nips are claiming terrific
success by self-blasting aircraft which
their losses are nil. We have heard from
various places that fighting will be over in
our hands but it will be some time
before we get the clear news on the
activities down there. We had a big
argument about the probability of self
blasting aircraft. I find it very difficult
to ~~see~~ believe that the method is
very effective. Beaser claims that it must

is a special aircraft which is nothing more than a flying bomb, and designed especially for that job. Another point raised by Dasty is that they were instructed if self-destructive became necessary to fly their machines into the funnel of the ship. This is supposed to cause useful damage. My points are as follows. First assumption is that this self-destructive is not concerned until the pilot is well into the fight hence the aircraft are not specially designed for the job. With this in mind we must remember that bombs are designed to remain unburst until a ~~point~~ ^{point} ~~is reached~~ ^{is reached} from the aircraft. The pilot kept his bombs attached & flew into a ship. The bombs would more than likely remain unburst. If the bombs did explode it would be in contact & this would not ^{cause} have any damage against the hull's armoured superstructure of a battleship. In the case of the "Prince of Wales", an aircraft flew into this ship & caused

no damage. Some letters arrived for
some prisoners here written in Spanish
& Italian. Jimmy is interpreting the Spanish
letters while Garrison is doing the Italian
ones. They have to make copies for the S.I.
to keep on record.

Nov. 11th ARMISTICE DAY

The day started off in a true Japanese manner.
Hayashi came out to take morning roll call
at 6:10 & one of the men was busy committing
a few paces away from the parade. Hayashi
did not see him until he moved to get
back into line. He then ordered the guard to
take him in charge. After roll call I spoke
to Hayashi & told him the man was
sick & hence he had not been in his proper
place. Hayashi then said he should not
have been out on parade. I then pointed
out that if a man wishes to be
excused roll call he must be paraded
to the medical Sgt. the night before.
If a man is taken sick during the

night there is no method for us to have
him excused morning roll call. Kajushi
then said this was his order & so I
told him he would have to change one
of his orders if a man cannot be sick
on roll call & yet he cannot be excused
from roll call. He let the man stand at
attention for about 30 minutes & then
he spoke to him about discipline &
how the Japanese are very strict about
roll call. I might point out here
that the Japanese do not allow them for
this one to wash or change before
roll call. Another thing they speak on
roll call in stoppers, mending their
shoes, coat & gaiters. After Kajushi had
round for a time he left. Boutler
was with this ship & so the two
of them assumed it was finished.
The man was sick again anyway
& so he dashed for the lavatory. After
he was finished he sat down on his

bed space for a cup of tea when Kayashi
sent for him again demanding to know
why he had left the spot. It was told
that the man had gone to the lavatory to
be sick but this was no excuse. Tomitaro
went down & told Kayashi all about it
but Kayashi said the man could stand
there to "reflect upon his actions". This
sick prisoner then stood there until
7:35 before he was allowed to go to
his bunk. During this time he was sick
twice more & we had to finally ask Kayashi
permission to let him go to the Binjo in
order to get Kayashi to allow him to rest.
"Wail spirit of the Bushido". A few more
like that & I shall be in jail again
for smoking another Gop. I rosted
up some of nuts during the morning
& they were delicious. Incidentally I killed
Baby slaughter in 5 years old to "Chief".
Eleven more men returned from the hospital
& they are in very bad shape. One man has lost

17. telegrams. They tell us that there is now another
American doctor there named "Kogn" or something
like that. He is a surgeon from the Philippines &
he is operating on all the men. Some of the men
he has cut for hemorrhoids are not doing so well
because they have not got the proper facilities.
The red cross food has arrived in the same shape
of parcels as we received last Xmas plus a
lot of boxes of corned beef. Five men were
caught this morning stealing some of the parcels
& they were sent to N.G. camp prison. Food
in the hospital is as small as it ever was. Gandhi
called the Doc. down & told him these men had to
go to work tomorrow but he would inform the
company to give them a light job for a month.
The war news to day is that the Russians have
broken through on the eastern front & the
Baltic is now cut off. I hope my glasses of
Germany being finished this year is correct.
We have no real certain source of news but
it is amazing how some wishful thinking
plus the odd bit of news helps the morale.

Nov. 12TH - We sent out 222 men to-day
of a total strength of 252. Inside we have
5 cooks, 3 hosp. orderlies, 3 men who work for
the Sops. & Officers. This leaves 13 men who
are sick. I doubt if we can ever reach
a better average than this. Soutter & Shady
went out to-day to work. The nips gave us
some extra clothes for the men who come
back from hospital. We all had a double
test, one in each arm, to-night for T.B. This
was given by a Nip doctor. This test is called
the "Mantle" test & we are to get it measured
to-morrow. We had about six men come
down to-night with food poisoning. They
were all at the same job but we can't
know what the cause was. All our men are
in such poor shape that the least thing hits
like a thunderbolt. The news to-night
tells us the the Russians have isolated
the Crimea. Another one is that we have
troops in the Balkans, trying to get up
to help the Russians at Calais. Another

is repeated by Proceunt saying that a
sub. block had been placed around Japan.
They are going to starve this place for a time
& then let them have it between the eyes. Well
on the ship!

Nov. 13th - 50 day the sick yard noted & 10,
the officers used this as an excuse and in order
for us all to stay in. Hayashi had a parade of
all the sick men because we had to drop the number
11 men. All the men who returned from the hospital
the other day were in very sick to their stomachs.
This may have been due to food poisoning. The
net result was nil. The men were so sick &
looked it that even Hayashi was convinced. Last
night after the test one of the S.O. men ran a temp.
of 39.7. This is criminal giving each a test to an
acute case but there it is. The news tonight is
that there is much fighting in the Balkans. The
maps also think that Germany is gaining most in
the very near future. Prince Konoye is supposed to
be No. 2. for the government & it is said he
will soon be No. 1.

Nov 14th - 50-day Brown went to the backyard & I
went to the Old Factory. I had a very long day
and did nothing but eat peanuts all day.
I had a look through the rooms which the
prisoners are going to occupy. It is very
nice & the men should be very comfortable.
There are eight rooms of 12 mats each. The
sixty men are to be spread amongst these
rooms. There is lockers space in the rooms
& hence they should have plenty of bed space.
There is a separate room for the two officers
who are to go there, of six mats which
would be big enough. They are going to build
a small dining room which will be a big
asset as we would otherwise have to get
used to sitting on the floor & eating our
meals. The bathing etc will be done in
the factory as it is now & this also
applies to the clothes washing. The only
drawback is going to be the lack of
recreation & room to move around in
when the men are given time off. As yet

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there is no word as when we are going
there or who of the officers are going there.
I wouldn't mind going there if it came to
a choice of this or the brickyard. I had
a long chat with the head factory guard
who looks after the prisoners. He has been
to Java, French Indo China, Formosa, Singapore,
& around the coast. He met an artillery
officer named Jones from Singapore. He gave
this chap chocolate, eggs, milk etc as the
chap could not eat rice. He received a
gen. & a special tea cup as a gift from this
officer and he is very proud of them. He
is a very nice chap & treats the prisoners
very well. There is no news to-night.

Nov. 15th

To-day I stayed in to try to sew
my great coat with a piece of blanket.
It is a very big job & had I thought of
the amount of work involved I would
not have started it. Some heel brass
things arrived but only a few odd

parcels. There is about 2 cons. between
Cornel Kuyk between 30 min, and only 20
Kons parcels. We also received a big
box containing 100 bottles of cough mixture.
We opened this & the Doc has started to
use it already. I changed my tissue to dry
& now have one that may fit me. Tonight
I played the squeeze box for a short time
& had a wonderful time. One of the lads was
caught smoking in the bunks & then
did not admit it. He has been made
to stand up behind the guard & is still
there as I close vigas going to bed.
Nayashi was in for a short time last
night after roll call & he told the Doc he
had seen in the dock area that day to
see the restriction ship arrive from
Portuguese India. Thus our Red & Rais
food has arrived from United States. We
are all very curious to see what it is.
Rumors are rampant that they are 20
lb. parcels but we shall wait & see.

Nov 16TH ÷ So-day Duddy & I went to work.
We were given a steady job & the hotel head
guard was very apologetic about this but
he said that he had been told by Hayashi
we had to work the same as the men.
Thus we now see that while Hayashi
tells us he is going to speak to the factory
to treat us as officers he also tells the
factory that we must be made to work
the same as the men. This head guard told
us that the officers would not come to
work when they were being down there.
His date of going down there is Dec 16th
according to him. I managed to get a
load of milk back for the officers & they
certainly would like them. We also had an
issue of beans tonight which were very
good. The news to-night is that King Log
has handed over Albania to us & that
we now have Greece back again. Davis
of the U.S. Govt. has issued a statement
that no ships were lost in the large

batlle down south. The Nips have ordered
us to gather in all the prisoners water-
cattles by tomorrow & the men here
are very stubborn about this. I can't
blame them & one had smashed his
completely before handling it in.

Nov. 17th 6 cases. Boulter went out
to day & we all rested who stayed in. Three
men returned from hospital this noon
& we received a lot of notes from the
backs. Jimmy got one to say that his brother
is still in Hong Kong as far as is known
and that there are a great number of his
peeps in Lantau. The best part of it all
is some news. This news comes apparently
from an R.A.F. officer who was sent down
two months ago north of Japan. He said that
we now have a joint sea & air force; they
is fighting in Rumania; the Japanese have
only a small part of New Guinea; Singapore,
Java, Sumatra are being bombed very
heavily. This news came in from the front

that the Russians are now in Pusan &
the Polish barbed. He also heard again that we
now have rice. This news would appear to be
two months old as it coincides with the news
from this officer before he was captured. The
S.O. to-day gave us some cut flowers & also
informed us that Col. Suzuki would probably
visit us to-morrow since all the officers
are staying in to clean up the camp. He
gave us a sack of sugar to also tobacco
which leaves us only 11 more to get.
The sack weighed 45 kgs. & each man
received approx. 176 gms. Here is an incident
that happened to day. Six days ago a big
load of toilet paper arrived. We have not
received a full issue (150 sheets per man)
for many months and last month
was very short. To-day I went to the office
to ask for this month's issue but the shop
responsible for it was not there. The
interpreter & the S.O. were there so I asked
them. I told them that we had not had one

seen this month and since a large amount
had arrived in camp could we have some.
They told me to come back when the chap
in charge of stores returned. At this time
the chap came in, so the interpreter
asked him my question but he answered
that he did not have any in stores. I looked
at the S.O. but there was no answer to
that so I left. A few minutes later the
S.O. came to the room to tell me that it
was not that there was not any in stores
but awaiting to hear from Tokyo how the
distribution of the paper. He said that the guard
had gone to Tokyo & when he came back he
would know. Just as he said that, the
guard came in & Miyasaki had to ask him
if he knew the distribution of the toilet
paper. He had had a very blank expression
on his face and obviously knew nothing
about the whole affair. That result, no
toilet paper, but a few cut flowers
for our room & some gape faces & sweat.

Nov. 18th ÷ Today we prepared for an inspection by Hajaki but it was no good. He did not arrive. Last night we had a rumor that some of the prisoners were going to steal the bread hence we posted a guard over it. Charles watched it from 10 to 11 P.M. and then I took over until the cook got up at 1:30 P.M. It is an way to protect the bread but it is a darn bad thing to have to do this. The office had a diff on about numbers of A-1's etc. at the various factories hence it looks as if they are preparing to move us to the factories. The brick yard brings back the news that 10 days ago the end of Germany. There was no other news. Hajaki came in to tell us that parcels etc. have arrived from U.S.A. England & Canada which he hopes will be distributed by Texas. He then spoke a bit about when we were dispatched and also that he hoped we would be together for Xmas. We all wish the same thing.

Nov. 19th - Ev-day I went to the oil factory again
and had a very long tour of it. The sentry
was looking for granites & soap & he had me
helping him. The prisoners etc are not
allowed to eat the nuts but they now have
a habit of carrying a supply of roasted nuts
around in their hats. This led to an incident
to-day. At our 3:00 P.M. rest, we were
all in our dining room when one of the
guards happened to lift one of the prisoner
hats. Out came a number of granites so
all the guards & sentry left us while we
recup them up. The guard commander
from our camp & some of the office
staff came down to the oil factory to look
up with nuts & all the office staff had
roasted granites to-day. We received a
load of newspapers telling us all
about the tremendous victory of the
Nijis at Bougainville. In one instance
we sent over 200 aircraft & the
Nijis shot down 201. It's propaganda so

sickening to read & it turns my stomachs
to even hear it. We did read a squish
by Churchill saying that the war since is
due in 1944. I hope this is the end of the
war & not just the climax. It also states
that the American major offensive is on
in the south. We had a spot of poker
to night for a change.

Nov. 20th - To-day the Accaro & Oil factory
had a rest. We had our inspection on
and it generated into an inspection of
the pipes work. The rest of the day was
going full blast & I even had a fair game
of bridge during the afternoon. This is first
time since I had jaundice that I played bridge.
The water was first rate and after they were
finished I wanted some more for us to have
tea. It will be a good day when this is
the water are finished out the oil factory.
This evening we played poker & were continued
it after roll call. Then another Saturday
have passed.

Nov. 21st - This is a day of rest & yet
Coulter went to the Oil factory. I think the reason
for this is because he wanted to get some
notes. We all stayed in bed & had a good
rest. The grounds were in use to-day
by a big meeting of fire fighters etc. This
sort of thing is done by civilians mostly
& is equivalent to our rural fire fighters
secret brigades. This even applies to the
fire fighters in Yokohama and give us
an idea of the effect incendiary bombs
would have on the country. One
intensive bombing raid would clean
out all the industrial section of
Yokohama & Tokyo. We had some music
during the afternoon and I cut out
some parts of the newspapers which
I thought interesting.

Nov 22nd - Coulter was sick last night & hence
Henry went to work. The permits were
finished yesterday and now it is a
case of finding the ones that were seen

hidden by the Haps. I managed to get a few
& brought them back to eat. There was
nothing in the way of news or work &
thus I spent a quiet day.

Nov 23RD - Quarty & I went out again &
as it was a holiday we had no work
to do. There was some news about another
naval battle in the vicinity of the Gilbert
Islands. They claim to have sunk three more
aircraft carriers & 3 battleships. The fleet of ours
is supposed to have been the remains from
the Solomon so it would be a bit
hard to have a few ships afloat. They also say that
we now have the Wake Island back in
our hands. I managed to get a bit of
soap to days that I have staved off
another fat I have developed. When at I was
soap was so scarce that I now have a
mania to save all the soap I can lay
my hands on it. By the way another
piece of news is that the camp is going
to be broken up before Christmas. This one

is supposed to have come from Hayashi himself
through Turnbull.

Nov. 24th To-day Jimmy & I went out to
the Oil Factory as I promised Jimmy an
every day. He has not been out for 3 1/2
weeks due to his tummy ulcer. We did
not work all day & hence I kept my
promise. The head factory guard is
named Kamizawa & so I introduced
Jimmy to him. Kamizawa had been in
Hong Kong during the war & he started
to talk about it. He had been in charge
of the Naval Boat office - taking prisoners
on the mainland - named "Capt Jones"
& "Lieut Thompson". They were kept in
an American's home named Stanford.
Jimmy recognized the men at once
& also knew the facts to be true. The
officers were friends of his and had
related their experiences to him while
in Hong Kong prison. This Capt Jones is
now in Kintenz's & Kamizawa is very

pleased to hear all this. He asked Jimmy
if he was coming to the oil factory to-
morrow so Jimmy said he was. We spent
a very quiet day from then on as we
were never given a job to do. To-mite
was pay mite & since we are now in
need of a lot of money for medicine
we prepared a financial report which
the men all read. We then appealed for
more money & we received £158. from
them. We are £120 in debt & to top
all this the office has to pay for a
some more clothes. Thus we are in
a bad way & need about £500. to carry
us until Xmas. There was a bus case
& also we received a few biscuits
which we raffled. The pay was £2.00
short & since I paid out I had to
put this in. This is the last time I
pay out. There was no news to-mite.
Nov. 25th: Jimmy & Lemar went to
work to-day. The hinge cleaners come

this morning & in view of the fact that
the boys have been suffering for the
past three days this is a very welcome
visit. Today is Thanksgiving day in
U.S.A. and one of the American lads
here has saved nearly all his canned
food in order to have a feast to eat.
He, at least, will have a Thanksgiving
dinner. We had a very quiet day. I went
to see the b.o. & he bought us some tea.
We also asked him permission to use one
of the rooms to practice for the Xmas concert.
He said he would arrange this starting Nov. 1.
Had a big meeting of the company managers
to-day but what it was all about we
do not know. We asked for 80 packages of
tea and we received 30 as it is now
sold out. I talked you into coming out to
work on Sunday & I hope he sticks to his
word. I think the outing will do him good.
The news to-night tells us that on Nov. 19,
the Americans launched an attack on

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the Liberts, Marshals, Sabaul & Frack. I found
all at the same time. We have not had any
verification of this rumor but maybe it
will come in later.

Nov. 26th: Jimmy & I went to the Oil
factory to-day & had a very nice day of
it. We had a snooze up in the sacks
after lunch & then we located some soap.
We got four large bars of this but we
had to give one bar away to the kid who
tipped us off. This was no great loss. Noyaki
came down to see us but had very little
to say to us. We had to hand in some
forms to-day from all the men connected
with aircraft. There were search questions
as follows

Number --- Name ---

School & Training courses -

Occupation before enlistment -

Were you a pilot - if not what was your duty.

Tell in detail how you were captured.

This was very simple to answer. Let me

also had to have three men from each party fill in the following questionnaires.

No... How... Rank... Reliability.

1. Do you find your daily work pleasant?
2. Do you have anything unpleasant to complain of at your working place?
3. What is the best way to increase your efficiency at your work?
 - (a) What have you to say about the Japanese companies?
 - (b) What have you to say about the foreman's method in directing you during your work?
 - (c) What have you to say about the operation of machines, their improvements, their arrangements, their maintenance etc?
4. What is the real cause of bodily injuries? (If you have been injured during your work state the cause).
 - (a) Was the injury a fault on your part?
 - (b) Is there any way to avoid or decrease such injuries?

Such is the sort of thing they are trying

to find out all the time. This reveals their inferiority complex and also trying to save face very poorly. The kids gave them some very fine answers but it is all of no use. The ship will never understand the meaning.

Nov. 27th - All the officers reacted (?) to-day as the brick yard had a rest. Actually the day went very well & I even roached up a lot of nuts on the bathroom fire. The inspection went along very well & one might say it was more an inspection of nuts rather than the room cleanliness. The bath was very good and I enjoyed this very much. One thing happened to-day. I saved my sweet potatoes from breakfast to have them later in the day. At lunch I thought I would have them at about 3:00 P.M. but by then they had been eaten. This applies to some left by Jimmy & some by Jack. I raised hell & all I received was silence from Henry, etc. who are the big eaters. Things are not the same in the

days when we used to pool everything. I shall be very glad in one way when we do break up.

Nov. 28th - Josh & I went to work & we had a swell time. We did nothing but eat all day and walk around. I showed him all the factory & all the tricks. We had fish, chips, peanuts plus all the recreational food. This is the first time that food has been out of the camp since we came here and I am certain he enjoyed it very much. Such is life! I was very tired when supper was over & so I went straight to bed.

Nov. 29th - Dinty & I went to work at the oil factory. I had a lot of information from a man named Barker who was at the same house as Capt Jones etc. in Hong Kong. This house was the same place where Kamitara San was in Hong Kong. We had a lot of fun bringing back old memories for him. We had our job for 10 minutes to-day &

That was sweeping up some lice. We about
got caught behind the boilers by a sentry
but we beat him out of a sliding door
by seconds. We even had the Rip on the
man who was behind there with us and
we don't know what became of him. We
had strong rumors to-day of the
Americans being in the Gilberts. We got
this from two of the factories.

Nov. 30th - I stayed in to-day & talked to
Kiyashi. I found out that I was going to be
kept with him & would end up at the Quon.
This should not be too bad & we hope for
the best. The new guard arrived to-day
which caused a big disturbance. Kiyashi &
Hashino gave them a big talk so will not
show them around the camp. The Japs. washed
a lot of old shirts for us to-day. They have
been gradually getting the kit into a shape
ready for the move. The old guard tell us
that as soon as they leave here they are
on their way to Sumatra. The news

to-night is very good. We heard of heavy fighting on Truck Island for the past four days, also that the Russians are up to Poland. One thing to-day, the manager of the Oil Factory sent me two Oranges to-day. They were very nice & I enjoyed them a lot. Due to the fact that we could not get the proper number of beans last month they allowed the cooks to make doughnuts to the extent of two per man. They were not bad but they were no more.

Dec. 1st = noon & I went to the oil factory to-day. We thought we were in for a tough day as they set us off on collar labour carrying sacks of castor beans up a large pit. This only lasted for one hour & then we did nothing for the rest of the day. I started a very complicated transaction with the head guard in which my watch is involved. I came back with a bottle of hair oil & lots of promises but since my watch was

no good I can't lose. If I could my
watch I would spend a lot of money on
it trying to get it fixed but it still
won't go. There was some trouble at the
Aerane to day when a chap named
Barton hit a gap. He did the same thing
at the Oil Factory and so I am inclined to
believe that it was as much Barton's fault
as anybody. Nagashi had him standing up
behind the guard for some time & he still
hasn't made up his mind what to do. I shall
reap the apple thing when Nagashi finishes
with him. We secured orders not to cut up any
old clothes etc. to make gloves etc. or all the
clothes belong to the Japanese.

Dec 2nd ÷ Jimmy & I went to work to-day &
we had the same entry who caused the trouble
yesterday hence we expected a bad day.
Reference the trouble yesterday see in the
story as well as I can make out. Barton
was standing near some Japanese who were
working when a Nip came up & told him

to help the other Japanese. Barton refused
& pushed the Japanese away. He then started
a fight with the Wip which ended in him
being taken up to the hut. They tried to
make him carry a bucket of water around
the dockyard & to throw the bucket away.
When he returned here Hayashi started in
on him. Barton maintained that his
word was a good account of Japanese word
with the result that they made him stand
by the guard until 10.00 P.M. I have made
the episode. We did not see the Wip
guard all day which was a big relief.
Asey or Kamizama told us that last
night his wife had a baby boy & so he
was getting the day off. We did a bit
of work weighing some sacks of better
beans. but that was all we did all
day. The survivors to night are somewhat
that we now have the sailor Gilbert.
Aswar has been sick all day & suspects
he may be getting jaundice. I hope this

is not, but having had it myself.

Dec. 3rd: Jimmy & I went to work again to-day. We did about the same amount of work as yesterday. We also discovered a cache of soap which we brought back with us. Foy gave us company hats to-day & I cannot find words to describe how Jimmy and I look in these things. Kamiana gave us such a small can of virgato cocoa but it is now like coffee than anything else. We brought some of this rock but we do not expect any great results from it.

Bert was sick to-day with a bad cold & so he stayed in all day. A lad from Omara camp in Fohyo came here with supplies & told us that some men had arrived there from Ofuna to-day. Among them were Commander Walker of the "Hector". He has been there over 19 months & this lad tells us that they are all in very bad shape. Evidently the inhabitants

treatment had suited over this entire
period of time. We do not know
the names of any of the other ships but
some of the chaps here from Ojama
wrote letters to them. The Hoops will
have to answer for that camp, as
they have had some fairly serious affairs
there to say the least. We brought in
yesterday's paper in which there are
conflicting reports of the activities in
the Gilberts. They call it the third civil
battle over the Gilberts or there has been
a lot of fighting there. They also claim
that only the death allaying spirit of
the Marines saved the day for the
Americans. This is a big admission
in itself. We also hear of heavy fighting
in Poland from the various factories
& another one that we name our Home.
All the news is tending to be very
favorable & the outlook is much
better than last year this time.

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