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DAIRY AND MISCELLANEOUS NOTES OF  
CAPT A. L. HARTMAN  
BOOK I

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Rosters of 14th Engr. Officers

Lt. Col. Saint -----	C. O.
Major Snyder -----	Exec.
Capt. Hartman -----	S-1
Capt. Presnell -----	S-4 and C O of Hqs. Co.
Capt. Faulkner -----	S-2, S-3
Capt. Dempwolf -----	"A" Co
Lt. Sietz -----	"A" Co
Lt. Smith -----	"A" Co
Lt. Lynch -----	"A" Co
Lt. Roberts # -----	"A" Co
Capt. Jonesy -----	"B" Co
Lt. Kraus -----	"B" Co
Lt. Jennings -----	"B" Co
Lt. Pierpont -----	"B" Co
Capt. Gregory -----	"C" Co
Lt. Kramer -----	"C" Co
Lt. Jorgenson -----	"C" Co
Lt. Crabtree -----	C.O. Labor Co
Lt. Roberts -----	M.T.O.
Lt. Ragusin -----	Asst. M.T.O.
Capt. Stober -----	Chaplain
Capt. Brown -----	Bn Surgeon
Capt. Smyers -----	Asst Bn Surgeon
Lt. Kornblum -----	Bn Dentist
M/Sgt Gasataya -----	Sgt Major
T/Sgt Diokno -----	Pers. Sgt

Balayan -----	Message Center
Sgt Galatera -----	Motor Sgt
De Gracia -----	Orderly
Binias -----	Orderly
Sgt Casia -----	Motor Sgt
Sgt Reviera -----	Map Sect
1st Sgt Delumpa -----	Hqs Co
Sgt Sarmiento -----	Sup Sgt

# Also Personel Officer 3

\*\* Fralick Deserted

Dates

Left States -----	Oct. 28 1941
Arrived Manila -----	Nov. 20 1941
Assigned 14gh Engrs. -----	Dec. 1 1941
War Declared -----	Dec 7 1941
Moved to Tee Tree Hill -----	Dec. 8 1941
Moved to Orani, Bataan -----	Dec. 11 1941
Promoted to Captain -----	Dec. 19 1941
Bataan Surrenders -----	April 9 1942
Arrived Corregidor -----	April 10 1942
Corregidor Falls -----	May 8 1942
Prisoner 92nd Garage -----	May 9 1942
92nd Garage to Bilibid -----	May 23 1942
Bilibid to Cabanatuan -----	June 25 1942
Cabanatuan to -----	

Recommended Purchases

Pina (Pinia) Sets and Pieces  
 Tinted Photographs  
 Ivory Pieces  
 Baguio Linen  
 Bali Heads  
 Abacca Mats and Pocket Books  
 Igorot Carvings  
 Chinese Linen  
 Wooden Dishes  
 Pnukpuk Cloths  
 Moro Cris and Armor  
 Igorot Bolos, Bows, Arrows Etc.  
 Good Batangas Knives  
 Black Pearls or/and Moro Pearls  
 Hand Worked Silvers (Saint Mary's)  
 Corral (Particularly Black)  
 Moro Silver Works (Gongs)  
 Igorot "Gonza"  
 Precious Stones  
 Carvings and woods  
 Embroidery Work

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Black Palms  
Handkerchief  
Tobacco (Corona - Coronas) (Alhambra Largos)  
Bajuka Furniture  
Mining Stocks -----  
    The Big Wedge (Gold)  
    Mindanao Mother Lode (Gold)  
Lepanto (Copper)

List of War Losses

1 - Remington pen knife  
1 - Waltham Wrist Watch  
1 - Week end bag  
1 - Steamer trunk  
Deposit Philippine Trust (?)  
1 - William Tuxedo golf bag  
1 - Parker pen and pencil set  
1 - set Wilson Irons  
1 - Set Jinimie Thompson Woods  
1 - Doz. Spalding golf balls  
1 - Pair Wilson golf Shoes  
4 - Club head Covers  
1 - Sport Hat  
1 - Blue Sport Shirt  
1 - White Sport Shirt  
1 - Light Blue Sport Shirt  
1 - Pair Green Shorts  
1 - Pair White Shorts  
1 - Ivory Chess Set  
1 - Pinia Dinner Set  
1 - Pinia Center Piece  
2 - Filipino Hand Bag  
1 - Bagiuo Linen Luncheon Set  
1 - Pair Swimming Trunks  
1 - Picture of Martha  
1 - Picture of Parents  
1 - Picture of Sister  
4 - Sheets  
4 - Pillow Cases  
2 - Blankets  
1 - Ironing Baord  
1 - Filipino Bolo  
1 - Gladstone Suit case  
1 - Hat Felt  
1 - Pair Boots Leather  
1 - Teakwood Chest  
1 - Electric Iron  
1 - Pair Tennis Shoes  
2 - Pair White Shoes  
3 - Pair Black Shoes  
3 - Pair Tan Shoes

- 15 - Neckties
- 2 - Doz. Socks
- 10 - Pair Drawers
- 12 - Shirts White Arrew
- 2 - Shirts Dress
- 4 - Collars Dress
- 1 - Set Oynx Studs
- 1 - Maroon Studs
- 1 - Pair Silver Cuff Links
- 1 - Belt Black Linked Leather
- 1 - Belt Tan, Silver Buckle
- 6 - Shirts Khaki
- 1 - Suit Gray Flannel
- 6 - Slacks Khaki
- 1 - Sweater Sleeveless
- 2 - Caps Khaki
- 1 - Pair Shoes G. D.
- 10 - Undershirts
- 1 - Belt Web and buckle, Insignia misc., Books misc.
- 1 - Collar Clasp
- 1 - Tie Pin
- 1 - Raincoat
- 1 - TrenchCoat
- 2 - Pair Breeches
- 1 - Suit White Linen
- 1 - Suit White Sharkskin
- 1 - Suit Blue Summer
- 1 - Robe Silk
- 1 - Uniform White
- 12 - Handkerchiefs
- 1 - Toilet Set
- 1 - Pair Tan Slippers
- 6 - Towels
- 2 - Pair Pajamas
- 3 - Military Brushes, Medecine misc., shirts asstd. colored.
- 1 - Dress Coat White
- 1 - Fiber Bag (Modernistic)
- Cash

Femininities

Miss Laurel ----- Nurse #2 Hospital  
 Pacita Lopez -----  
 Little Pacita ----- Heacocks  
 Nanita ----- Cozy Club  
 Maddie Line Burg  
 Lilly Mae White  
 Margaret Kibbler  
 June Schley  
 "Peggy" Conn  
 Mrs. Vincent Dobert  
 Betty Marsh

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## Budget

INCOME ASSUMED		250.00
1 - Investments	10%	25.00
2 - Insurance	10%	25.00
3 - Life	---- 15.00	
	Car ---- 9.00	
	Hospital- 1.00	
3 - Food		40.00
4 - Shelter		40.00
5 - Clothing		30.00
	His ---- \$10.00	
	Her ---- #20.00	
6 - Charity		10.00
7 - Amusement		10.00
8 - Car		30.00
9 - Gifts		5.00
10 - Magazines, paper, books etc.		5.00
11 - Transportation		5.00
12 - Sickness		5.00
13 - Sports		20.00
14 - Savings (Not spent in Above)		-- --
	Total -----	250.00

## Budget Breakdown

- (1) Income
- A - My Income
  - B - Wifes Income (?)
  - C - Extra Earnings
    - 1 - Music
    - 2 - U.S. Army
    - 3 - Cards
    - 4 - Sports
- (2) Investments
- A - Stocks
  - B - Bonds
  - C - Real States
  - D - Miscellaneous
- (3) Insurance
- A - Life
  - B - Car
  - C - Hospital
  - D - Home and Furniture
- (4) Food
- A - Groceries
  - B - Eating Out
  - C - Extras
- (5) Shelter
- A - Rent or Home upkeep
  - B - Furniture
  - C - Accessories

- (6) Clothing
  - A - Male 1/3
  - B - Female 2/3
- (7) Charity
  - A - Community Fund
  - B - Scouting
  - C - Red Cross
  - D - Church
- (8) Amusements
  - A - Theatre
  - B - Dances
  - C - Lectures
  - D - Musicals
- (9) Car
  - Gas and Oil
  - B - Tires
  - C - Repairs
  - D - Depreciation
- (10) Gifts
  - A - Family
  - B - Others
- (11) Papers Books, Magazines Etc.
  - A - Local and National Papers
  - B - Books of the Month
  - C - Magazines
- (12) Transportation
  - A - Taxis
  - B - Carfare
  - C - Bus Fare
  - D - Train Fare
  - E - Others
- (13) Sickness
  - A - Medicines
  - B - Bills
- (14) Sports
  - A - Golf, Tennis, Etc., (Country Club)
  - B - Hunting and Fishing
  - C - Bowling, Ping-pong etc.
- (15) Savings - Amounts left over from any fund - coin bank savings from vacation.

All of the above funds are flexible and may be caused to vary

by:

1. Income
2. Living location
3. Price fluctuations
4. Time of year
5. Changing temperament
6. Health

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## Hints To Wealth

The following pleaseable rules are set forth for my own use and satisfaction:

1. Save 10% of my earnings no matter what my earnings may be at least 10% is to be saved for investments or on some work of its own.
2. Decide on the necessities of life and buy them first - Any luxuries must be bought after the necessities **have** been paid for and must fall within the 90% as stated in #1.
3. The 10% saved must also be invested and the returned reinvest in other words 10% of my earning must be working for me at all times.
4. Investments must have good securities \* No act rich quick schemed and gambling allowance must be made under luxuries.
5. Own my own home - get a house and some land, on a rental payment basis if necessary and build it into a bme of my making.
6. Set up a fund for sickness, children education etc. Insurance is a good method.
7. Lived by a budget; no matter how much or how little I earn.
8. Pay cash for everything, except the home as stated in #5.

## Good Investments

The Big Wedge (vast gold reserve)  
Mindanao Mother Lode (rich ore)  
Cheap Land in Philippines  
Home Steads In Oregon For Veterans  
Lepanto (copper Mine)

Buy everything possible thru PX before going off of active duty and maintained a contact to continue buying later.

At White Fish, Montana there are esptly mounted rugs for sale very cheap Cubs bear for \$2.00.

## Healths Hints

### Important Rules

1. Plenty of good air/
2. Plenty of good water.
3. Regular body waste elimination
4. Regulation of body temperature
5. Unrefined foods (sugar, flour, etc.)
6. Plenty of sunshine.
7. Plenty of beneficial exercise.
8. Good posture.
9. Sensible clothing.
10. Daily baths.
11. Daily teeth brushing and hair combing.

12. Sufficient relaxed rest.
13. Bouyant and cheerful life attitude.

## Suggested Minimum Daily Diet

1 Pint Milk	1 Egg	2 Fruit
Meat	2 Green Vegetables	Bread
Cereal	Dessert	Butter

## Source Of Good Menus

1. Flour Co's
2. Baking Powder Cos.
3. Chocolate Cos.
4. Meat Packing Cos.
5. Canned Milk Cos.
6. Stove Cos.
7. Cheese Cos.
8. Dept. Agriculture
9. Home Economies Dept.
10. Baking Soda Cos.
11. White House Cook Book
12. Good House Keeping
13. Flavoring Cos.
14. Jello Cos.
15. Better Homes and Gardening
16. Fleishman's Yeast Baking Book

## Recommended Eating Places

1. Victorian Room of Palmer House - Chicago
2. Drake Hotel - Camelia House - Chicago - Seafood
3. Ambassador East - Chicago - Pump Room
4. Ambassador West - Chicago - Buttery Room
- 5.

## Downtown Chicago

5. Henrici's - anything
6. Pete's - Steaks
7. Rays - Steaks
8. Madame Galli's - Italian Food
9. Ricardo's - Italian Food
10. Pelligreeny's - Italian Food
11. La Petite Gourmet - French Food
12. La Aigluc - French Food
13. Yar - Russian
14. Hungsholm - Swedish
15. Won Kow - Chinese
16. Red Star Inn - German
17. Blocks ( 22nd St N. ) - Hungarian

## 18. Rickets - Short Orders After shows

## San Antonio

19. La Luisianne - French - Briand Steak
20. La Fonda - Mexican
21. The Old South Restuarant
22. Frenchies Black Cat
23. Argyle
24. La Paloma
25. St. Anthonies Grill
26. Chicken shack
27. Joshe's Department Store
28. Joaquin Snake Hill

## Los Angeles

29. Cliftons
30. Texas ChilleVilla
31. Burnsteins Grotto
32. Pig and Whistle
33. Melody Lane
34. Purino's (Lunch)
35. Lucco's (Dinner)
36. Zuccas' Steaks and Wine and Spaghetti
37. ODinty Moores
38. Biltoyore Cafe
39. Fred Harvey's
40. El Dorado
41. Houffbrough ( German)
42. The Brown Derby
43. Slapsy Maxy Roseblum
44. Tom )) OShonter Inn
45. The wagon Wheel R dondo Beach
46. Bogio's Fr & It Rêsturant (Rotisserie - Denver)
47. 11 Miles above Bishop Calif. Toms place for trout.

## Miscellaneous

- Cook Chicken Inn - Salt Lake City - Portland Oregon
- Al Wynes Dairy Store - Hohnstown, Pa.
- Berry Farm - Fullerton San Anna Calif
- Chicken Pie - Telegraph Rd. Berkely Calif.
- Willard's D Cafe Hollywood, Calif.
- Airport Cafe - Burnbank, Calif.
- The Chapel - Azzuza, Calif.
- Bird Cafe - Laguna Beach, Calif.
- Huntignton Hotel - Pasadena, Calif.
- Frenchies Cafe Davenport Iowa
- Hotel Fort - Rock Island, Ill.
- Norwegian Resturant - Molline, Ill.
- Howard and Johnsons - East Coast Chain
- La Polina - New York
- Louchhouse - New York
- York beach - The Nubble - Maine

Alice Brown's Tea House - Shellourne Falls Mass.  
 Wiggins Tavern - Norht Hampton, Mass.  
 Weber Duck Inn - Boston Post Road.  
 Greenwich Inn - East Greenwich R. I.  
 Welton Hotel - Greenfield, Mass.  
 Mansion House - Boston, Mass.  
 Parker House - Boston, Mass.  
 Bernardtsone Inn - Bernardtsone, Mass  
 Old Forge Inn - E. Greenwich, R. I.  
 Johny Harris - Savanah, Ga.  
 Harvey's Rest - Charleston, S. C.  
 Golden Eagle - Beaufort, S. C.  
 Wagner's - Corvalis, Oreg.  
 Golden Peasant - Corvalis, Oreg.  
 Van Norman - D'Arcy - New Orleans.  
 College Inn - Portland, Oreg.  
 Schumachers - St. Louis, Missouri.  
 Edmunds - St. Louis, Missouri.  
 New Chesire - St. Louis, Missouri.  
 Ben's Mill - St. Louis, Missouri.  
 Medarts - St. Louis, Missouri.  
 Big Boys - St. Louis, Missouri.  
 Jim's - Memphis, Tenn.  
 Peabody's Hotel - Memphis, Tenn.  
 Bar B.Q. - Memphis, Tenn.  
 Brittings - Memphis, Tenn.  
 Burtons Cafe - Jackson, Miss.  
 La Bella - Dallas, Texas.  
 Sammy's D - Dallas, Texas.  
 Adolfu's & Baker Hotel - Dallas Texas.  
 Bishops - Oklahoma City.  
 Bishops - Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
 Beverlies - Oklahoma City.  
 Delpes - Oklahoma City.

#### Authors, Books and Magazines

Pocket Book Series (B)  
 James T. Farrel (A)  
 Jeffrey Farnol (A)  
 Book of The Month Club (B)  
 Women's Home Companion (M)  
 Ladies Home Journal (M)  
 Reader's Digest (M)  
 Life (M)  
 Thomas Wolfe (A)  
 Joseph Conrad (A)  
 "My Son, My Son" by Howard Springs  
 W. Somerset Maughm  
 Hudson's "Green Mansions"  
 Hilton's "Random Harvest"  
 Kenneth Roberts - History  
 Harold Lamb - History

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Collected Poetry

"The Vanquist Speaks"

Here on this sun scorched hill we laid us down  
In Silence deep as is the silence of defeat.  
Upon sour wasted brow you placed no laurel crown  
But neither did you sound the trumpet for retreat.  
Mourn not for us, for here defeat and victory are one.  
We cannot feel jumanities insidious harm;  
The strife with famine, pain, and pestelence are done,  
Our compromise with death laid by that mortal storm.  
Though Chastened well we know our mission is not dead,  
Nor are the dreams of victory we dreamed in vain.  
For Lo, the dawn is in the east! the night is fled  
Before an August day which will be ours again!  
So rest we here, dear comrades, on this foreign hill,  
This alien clay, made somehow richer by our dust,  
Provides us with a transitory couch, until  
The loving hills of home enfold us in maternal trust  
We assured brave hearts across the sea will not forget  
The humble sacrifice we laid on freedom's sacred shrine  
And hold that righteousness will be triumphant yet,  
And oe'r the earth again His star of peace will shine.

Fred W. Keenig  
1st Lt U.S.A.

Written at O'Donnell P.I. and dedicated to those who died  
at O'Donnell Prisoner of War enclosure.

Bridge Tips

Bidding Valuation - The net worth of any hand is determined  
by assuming that all of the important cards outstanding against  
the players hand are held by the opponents.

Defenzial Valuation - of opponents trump bids:  
Add the number of honor tricks as shown by or inferred from part-  
ner to his own honor and trump tricks: and subtract the total from  
13. The result is the approximate maximum number of tricks avail-  
able to the opponents.

The Rule Of Eight: The total of defensive honor tricks that  
will be won at any bid after each deal is about 8 out of the 13  
tricks.

The Approach method or Rule: When opening the bidding or  
when responding to partner prefer any proper suit bid of ONE to  
any other bid reserving the no-trump bid or the higher suit bids  
(jumps) for special bidding situations.

Forcing Bids: After a forcing bid either partner must keep  
the bidding open even without any or added values until game is  
reach.

(1) In the opening hand opening two bids are game forcing bids.

(2) In the responding hand Any jumps bid, when such a jump is exactly the last bid, higher than needed to overcast the last bid, is always and exclusively reserved for a game forcing bid.

The Sign-Off Bid: The sign-off bid is restricted to six card or longer suits and to bidding situations where the responding hand having made a suit bid at the level of two (to an opening no trump), rebids the same suit at the level of three.

A Biddable Suit: contains four cards minimum headed by the Jack and at least one higher honor.

A Rebiddable Suit: contains a minimum of five cards headed by the ace King, or by any three honors. Any six card suit is rebiddable.

Adequet Trump Support is three cards headed by at least a queen and or any four cards. Any bid in a suit not previously bid is forcing for one round, Except:

(1) A non\*jump rebid by either partner at the level of two in a suit is non forcing.

(2) A takeout of an opening suit bid in a new suit is not forcing when made by a play or who has passed originally.

(3) A suit takeout of out opening no trump bid is not forcing.

Two Bids show that your hand contains more honor count than losing tricks.

Responses To Two Bids:

(1) Two no-trump - a bust with less than 1 HC

(2) 3 no-trump - hand contains 1 1/2 HC but no biddable suit.

(3) 4 no-trump - hand contains more than 2 1/2 HC .

(4) A double raise (2 to 4) is given when holding five trumps or four trumps to the queen.

(5) A suit takeout with 1 1/2 HC and a biddable suit.

Three Bids REquirements:

(1) A solid six or seven card suit.

(2) No more than one plus HC outside of the trump suit.

(3) A maximum of 7 1/2 winners in the hand.

Responses To Three Bids:

(1) Pass with less than 1 1/2 Hc or 3 1/2 winners.

(2) Raise with at least 3 1/2 winners and no other possible bid.

(3) Bid three no trump with a minimum of 1 1/2 HC in at least two suits and an entry into partners hand.

(4) Take out partners three bid with a strong rebiddable suit and at least 2 1/2 HC.

Any takeout of an opening three bid (except to three no-trump) is absolutely forcing for one round.

The Rule of Two And Three: Have within two tricks of your contract if vernerable and within three tricks of your contract if not vernerable. (For sfety in shotout bidding)

Four Bids: Can be made having 8 sure winners of which 6 or more ae in a trump suit.

Five Bids are shutout bids in a minor suit and guarantee 9 sure winners.



Reponses - Some response should be made with as much as one HC or with adequate trump support and a ruffin trick or with a biddable suit containing about four winners depending on whether such strength can be shown at the one or two level.

Any raise of a one bid whether full or shaded requires adequate trump support.

Double Raise - Minimum Requirements; At least jxxx in trump and

- (1) a singleton with two honor tricks.
- (2) a doubleton with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  honor tricks.
- (3) no short suit (4-3-3-3) but at least 3 honor tricks.

Triple Raises - The triple raise is used as a shutout raise the requirements being:

- (1) hold five trumps
- (2) a singleton
- (3) about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  HC but not more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  HC

A One No Trump Response - should a strong hand and is forcing to game unless that responder has previously passed and shows:  $2\frac{1}{2}$  -  $3\frac{1}{2}$  HC with balanced distribution and no biddable suit with two unbid suits stopped.

A Three No-Trump Response - is a highly specialized bid to show:

- (A)  $3\frac{1}{2}$  - 4 HC with every suit stopped
- (B) 4-3-3-3 distributions.

The Forcing Takeout or Jump Shift - requires:

- (1) Hands with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  HC and strong rebiddable suit.
- (2) Hands containing  $3\frac{1}{2}$  HC with a biddable suit and such strong support for partners suit that a double raised could have been made.
- (3) Hands containing  $4\frac{1}{2}$  HC and any biddable suit.

Preemptive Suit Takeouts - show a strong rebiddable suit of six or seven cards and the hand should contain about 7 winners with only 5 or 6 of them in the trump suit. It should never have more than 7 winners and should never have more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  HC

### Slam Bidding

A small slam vulnerable or not vulnerable, should be attempted whenever the estimate of combined hands indicates that the making of the twelfth tricks depends upon only one favorable circumstance such as a finesse.

A small slam should not be bid whenever it depends upon more than a 50-50 break or in other words 2 finesse or a finesse and distribution.

A grand slam should be bid when twelve winners are definitely certain and when the thirteenth winner with fail to materialize only in case of a very bad break.

With few exceptions (all of the HC or long suits with the 4 aces) all small slams and grand slams should be made at the best suit bid rather than at no-trump.

The 4-5 noTrump Convention:

A bid of four no-trump shows:

- (A) any three aces; or
- (B) two aces and the king of any suit previously bid by

either partner.

Response to the four no trump bid:

- (1) Bid five no trumps with any two aces or one ace and the king of all suits previously bid by either partner.
- (2) Bid five in any unbid suit in which the ace is held if lower in rank than the eventual trump suit.
- (3) Bid five in an inbid suit in which the ace is held even if this unbid suit is higher in rank than the eventual trump suit, if holding values not previously shown.
- (4) Bid six in the best trump suit with one ace of a bid suit; or with kings of all bid suits, and the hand contains values not previously shown.
- (5) Bid 5 in the lowest suit previously bid by either partner (a conventional sign off)

The Response to Four NoTrump After An Opening Two Bid:

The responder holding an ace or a void in an unbid suit must show the ace or void whether the suit is higher or lower than the eventual trump suit and whether the hand contains added values or not.

#### Asking Bids

An asking bid is a suit bid of four or more and must be in a new suit not previously bid by either partner.

#### Responses To Asking Bids

The Responder Holds	His Response Is
1. Two or more cards in the asked suit not headed by the king or ace.	' A sign off by rebidding the agreed suit.
2. A singleton of the king in the asked suit but no ace in the hand	' A sign off by rebidding the agreed suit.
3. A singleton or the king in the asked suit, and one outside ace or void.	' Bid the outside ace or void.
4. A singleton or the king in the asked suit and the ace of the agreed trump suit.	' Jump one trick in the agreed trump suit.
5. Ace or void in the asked suit.	' Raise the asked suit.
6. Ace in the asked suit with one outside ace; or, a singleton or king in the asked suit with two outside aces.	' Bid four no trumps (That is respond in no trump with out going to higher level.
7. Ace in the asked suit with two outside aces or, a singleton or the king in the asked suit with three outside aces.	' Bid five no trump (that is jump one trick in no trump)

Important: Voids can be shown only by raising or bidding a side suit they cannot be shown when responding with four or five no trump.

ALLISON L. HARTMAN  
Capt. C.E.

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DIARY

May 4th 1943 - Will continue to write in longhand so as to stay in practice - Got up to a lovely morning and went over to the main camp for a shave, which I got, and "scuttle", which I didn't get. Then I borrowed a breast drill and a steel bit from the pump house for repair work in the messes. Commissary brought in tobacco of which I got 10 packs cigarettes on credit as we still haven't been paid (No forms from Manila yet). The cigarettes came in the nick of time as I had only three cigarettes left. Played poker all afternoon as is our custom and was again winner as is my custom. After supper we played our second series of volly ball games and won 2 out of three retaining first place. Ran into 10 tricky words to spell -----harass, innuendo, embarrass, desiccate, vilify, rarefy, plaguy, supersede, picnicking, inoculate. The hospital morale program contributed a show at night which was good - one female impersonater in an adagio dance was so feminine as to give a person ideas! to bed - - - -

May 5th - Well the adagio must have been good as I had a wet dream during the night. We awakened to find ourselves proud papas. A cat, who is exceedingly wild, deposited three kittens behind our tool chest. She (the cat) hasn't been in all day to feed the kittens which makes me fear for their lives. Am in the process of reading "The Bedside Esquire", which is quite entertaining. I particularly enjoyed "Jiggling", an entertaining description of "breasts" in the spring of the year, and another article describing the seven standard methods employed by men on the "make". Received 50 cigars, bananas and mangoes on the commissary. Once more I win at poker (74P). Play "B.G." chess and beat him as per usual. We are awakened during the night by "Wally" who is doubled up with severe abdominal pains. Couch gets Hibbs who was O.D. to look "Wally over. The case is diagnosed, as "Renal Colic" and Wally is given 1/3 grain of morphine which soon makes him dizzy so we all finally get to bed tho I didn't sleep well - - - -

May 6th - "Wally" is better in the morning but is neauseated all day from the morphine. After supper Wally again has an attack and is given  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain of morphine which relieved the pain and gave him a good nights sleep. Berkelhiemer asks me to play as a "ringer" on their team as one of their members was sick, I accepted and they lost all three games. Win again at poker in an all afternoon session. A Japanese guard administered quite a beating to Lt. Keisey but was in turn worked over by the Japanese as the guard had no reason for the beating. One of our Japanese guards died and was cremated just outside of our area over an open fire. - - - -

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May 7th - Got up very early and returned a cold chisel to the pump house. Then I was visited by Col. Saint, Major Malwich and Major Crawford who were looking for materials to rebuild their (Group #6) "Quan" stove as the Japanese had acquired the one they had originally built. After a lively "bull" session we went out for our weekly softball game in which I pitched and which we lost 8-3. The hospital has a poor team anymore as none of the better players will turn out anymore. Everyone showed up in the afternoon so we had a seven handed poker game in which I lost 20 pesos. After supper the group #2 officer's volley ball team came over and beat us three straight games. We cannot turn out our best team as the officers in headquarters insist on playing. The hospital choral group put on a glee club program which was excellent. To bed and a good nights sleep as it rained all night (.6 of an inch) - - - -

May 8th - After breakfast I got the work details started, as is my custom and then spent the rest of the morning reading "The Bedside Esquire" which I didn't finish but had to return to Hosp. Hqs. library as it's three days were up. In the afternoon we had showers which enhanced the usual poker session. I was unusually lucky and set a new record for winnings in this game, winning 443 pesos! Since arriving in this camp I have won 6,589 pesos at cards, mostly poker, of which 2132 pesos is in checks which I have and the remaining 4,457 pesos is on the poker books I keep. Keith Madill came over and won 38 centavos cash from me at cribbage, daggone it! We made a rain gage in the shop and plan to keep record of rainfall and temperature while here.

May 9th - Thirteen Americans came in from the hills, including Homer Martin, who was reported dead. They had no news but did say that Banditry was prevalent among the Filipinos; also that they were treated well by the Japanese. News from a good source is that the African campaign is practically over. Keith Madill comes over again and I win back some of my cribbage loses from him. Play Poker all afternoon and lose 70 pesos. Chow was exceptionally good today with lots of onions, eggplant, squash, some meat and plenty of rice. No sugar has come into camp for over a month which has been unpleasant for those with a sweet tooth. After supper I played 3 games of volley ball with the maroons. They lost 2 of 3. Then I had a wonderful shower with plenty of Palmolive soap and washed my hair which was quite dirty. Capt. Gard came by and challenged me to a game of chess so I accepted and took him four easy games. Wally had another attack during the night so I got the O. D. who gave him another shot of morphine and some Codine. However I spent a restless night tossing and dreaming of Martha, Gloria Kibler, and Nell Hol. - - - -

May 10th - Gallup found three bedbugs in his bed so maybe the horde is upon us. All of the other wards and babays are infested with bugs and lice but so far we have managed to avoid them. Wally is still sick so I'm working his men today. After being up and down

all afternoon I finally wound up as winner. I have signed up for the chess tournament and my first opponent was "Danny" Shapiro who I played after supper. "Danny" was reputed to be one of the better players in the hospital so when I won 2 of 3 to take the match I felt very good over it. The last, and deciding game was one of the best chess games I have ever participated in. - - -

May 11th - After a lousy breakfast (no sugar) I went over to the other side and got a few supplies and got a shave from Bryant who must have done an artistic job on my mustache as there were several comments, all favorable, on it. "B.G." got into quite an argument with Major Smith, mess officer for mess #5, over tools in which both parties used uncomplimentary, and ungentlemanly language so I finally got in the thing got it straightened out and soothed the savage beasts. I lost in the afternoon poker session (not much). After supper the hospital all stars had volley ball practice which was quite enjoyable after which I had a shower which was even more enjoyable. The camp orchestra came over and put on a "Green Death" hit parade. The music was fine and really made me homesick. We certainly long for home and freedom. - - -

May 12th - Pay day: The forms and money finally arrived from Manila so we were paid. I bought a deck of cards for six pesos from a man who had them ever since he has been captured and has never even broken the cellophane on them! Paid Col. Saint a visit in their new babay which is much nicer than where they were. We all decided to buy a buick and spend a week at the Farmington Country Club together. Wally is still sick. He really has been miserable for the past week not even being able to hold water on his stomach. As usual we played poker in the afternoon and I won again. After supper the "Maroons" won 2 of 3 games to retain second place in the volley ball league. There were moving pictures shows on the other side to which I didn't go. They had two newsreels and a Japanese feature. Those who saw the show said it was very poor, as they couldn't understand the Japanese and the photography was of inferior quality. - - -

May 13th - I got up early and, after another breakfast without sugar, went over to the other side for a shave and to see Col. Canaty, the camp utilities officer. As usual he had nothing we could use as materials are now practically non-existent. They say the axis forces in Africa are finished and that 170,000 troops have surrendered; also that thousands of Japanese nationals are coming into Manila from the south. In the afternoon I was most unlucky losing 443 pesos the most I have ever lost in any poker game. After supper Jack Comstock came down for tournament chess. I beat him 2 of 3 close games to put me in the finals for officers in the hospital area. - - -

May 14th - Weekly holiday but we didn't play softball as someone else was using the diamond. Capt. Keltz came down and we played

chess for the hospital championship, which he won. I have no regrets as he is a better chess player than I. Wally and I started a cribbage series for 10 centavos a point (double on skunks) and for "the" day I was 88 points ahead. My losing streak continues as I drop 312 pesos in this days session, however I can easily afford it as I was almost 7000 pesos ahead before my loses started. The hospital all-star volley ball team went over to the other side and played the Coast Artillery team splitting two games before calling the beat game because of rain. I played exceptionally well. The morale officers had the Cabanatuan Art Players present the 1st half of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" for our entertainment which was good - in spots! The Japanese fixed up a stage and platform and had for themselves and entertainment consisting of the Camp #3 Filipino band and quite a few young Spanish and Japanese ladies. Capt. Hibbs heard his girl was here from Manila so he goes over and fakes working on the stage as an electrician. His girl was quite startled when she saw him there but they could only look at each other on the sly. When leaving an American tried to speak to one of the young ladies, was seen by the guards and severely beaten up for trespassing. A Miss Hughes sent some Kidney beans from Manila for the officers mess which were delicious and enjoyed immensely by everyone. Someone also donated some cigars which were also much appreciated. When a person has so little a small gift really reaches the heart. - - -

May 15th - A formal inspection was held so we all shaved and spruced up and got the babay spic and span. Col Craig and Col. Swartz inspected and spent their time in our babay looking at the maps "BG" has traced. Wally and I started a cribbage match for 10 centavos a point and I finished up the day 121 points ahead. My Poker touch came back in the afternoon as I won 361 pesos. There was a heavy shower in the evening, starting while we were eating supper. This inch of purcipationation gave us a good oppurtunity to check our drainage system which was good. - - -

May 16th - I spent the morning in working on my books and playing Oscar Cribbage in which I broke even. I had a conference with Col. Swartz and he approved our using 10 more corps men in an extended drainage program designed to put the hospital in excellent shape for the rainy season. It was very windy all day a condition which certainly doesn't help our nippa roofs any. In the afternoon I won 112 pesos so everything is running smoothly. Chow has been excellent lately, far better than our issue on Bataan. Commissaries were issued today in which we got pineapples, mangoes, and tobacco. Also we received some excellent tobacco thru Barracks #15 welfare issue. Today's recapitulation - Feel fine, weigh 130 pounds stripped and believe that I'm in excellent physical condition. We have only four of us in our babay with good sawali beds. In the rear is a good shower, latrine, urinal and exccercising bar! I'm just lucky. - - -

May 17th - I forgot to mention that one patient died yesterday, the first this month. A detail of 192 men came in from Bilibid. They were discharged patients and appeared to be in good shape. Wally and I continued our cribbage match with the total result of 241 points in my favor. Several corps men were caught stealing rice from mess #4. They would bury their loot in the garbage can and then salvage it later from the garbage dump. Personally I favor heavy and if necessary, cruel punishment of these men as nothing else will serve to protect this hard pressed community from continued deprivations. We replaced the fence south of the seriously ill section which I had taken down, as it was serving no practical purpose. However, the Japanese doctor was quite perturbed and ordered it replaced, saying "it was very dangerous" not to have dysentery patients enclosed by a wire fence. We have been getting plenty of chow lately as the corps men were caught going thru the chow line twice so as punishment they get no "seconds" for a week and that means extra chow for the remaining personnel in mess #3. (12 eggplant for supper). - -

May 18th - Quite a few Japanese planes flew over today, more than we have seen for the past month. It probably was in conjunction with an alarm given the Japanese guards last night evidenced by their sudden noisy complete turnout to man the machine gun emplacements encircling the camp. The hospital is being cut down 400 men, 50 a day for 8 days by Japanese order. Quite a few changes in buildings and personnel is imminent so I am quite busy recommending relocation of buildings etc. Wally and I continued our cribbage match with my opponent having an edge of 20 points for the day. Sixty (60) sacks of sugar came in to camp at 10 pesos a sack, quite at variance with the reputed sugar shortage. I had a good day at poker winning 325 pesos which raised my winnings to a new high. Had a rumor that Col. Fertig is operating quite successfully in Oriental Masbayas (?) also that Major Lothrop is in the employ of the Japanese government on Corrigedor and was severely beaten up there etc. I will bet that Curtis is still with him! They camp orchestra played in the Hospital area last night featuring a new guitar and saxophone which were brought in by the detail from Bilibid. The night was such as make the tropics popular. A Full moon with a clear night and a balmy romantic atmosphere giving a perfect background for a night of love - - or of loving. - - - -

May 19th - A few Japanese bombers flew north over camp. It is rumored that the southern end of the hospital area will be evacuated to make easier the guarding of the hospital as the number of Japanese guards is being decreased. Continue to win at poker. - - - -

May 20th - Didn't do much today as my other officer's can easily take care of current work. Play Oscar cribbage for cigarettes and lose 31 to him again. In the afternoon I really have a field day at poker winning 733 pesos, a new high in our games. Col Fields and Lt. Kojer were over after chow and we had a big bull session until taps.

We had quite a heavy rain during the night (1.35") which made for wonderful sleeping. - - -

May 21st - Quite a large number of old issues of the "Nippon Times" came into camp. Of all the persons who have read this paper I have yet to find one who believes it is truthful. The entire paper seems to convey a "Down with America" attitude. There is a rumor of mail being in camp. I've been in the Philippine islands 18 months and have yet to receive my first mail. I visited Col. Saint and the gang on the other side in the A.M. and promised to get "Reveille in Washington" for Col. Saint to read. As a pasttime, I have been reading poems by Ogden Nash which certainly are "punny". Played poker in the afternoon winning again and bringing my total to over 8,000, pesos. I bet "B.G." a half cup of peanuts it wouldn't rain but as there was a mere sprinkle I lost. Movies were shown in the main camp last night. A Japanese newsreel, "Boys Town" starring Spencer Tracy, and a film depicting training of Japanese paratroops. "Boys Town" was so old and worn that it wasn't enjoyable. - - -

May 22nd - After a breakfast of sticky, lumpy lugoa I spent the morning working on my books which are claiming more of my attention all of the time. In the afternoon we played poker again with Allison contributing over one hundred pesos. As I'm running the game I made a ruling that we would have sessions only 5 days a week instead of every day as they were beginning to get on my nerves. Gave "Wally" another good shellacking at cribbage. We start a garden! - -

May 23rd - We get a little commissary which is appreciated as the issue chow is rather slim lately. I lose another hundred pesos in the poker game. Pay "B.G." the cup of peanuts I lost in a bet with him. Damn the war. - - -

May 24th - Wards 30 and 31 have been evacuated and I had warned headquarters that lumber would be stolen from them if a guard weren't placed there. As usual they did nothing. I waited over night and then reported a section of flooring and some bracing stolen after an early inspection. At the same time I reported where most of the stolen lumber was located. Now I'm waiting to see what action is taken. It's true that few of the men have anything in the way of benches and tables but I certainly have no respect for men who steal against orders and to the detriment of the common good. Hospital headquarters is both apathetic (with the exception of Major Maupin) and resentful of my interest or interference in the matter - - - Anyhow I had a big afternoon at poker raising my winnings another 400 pesos. I've also initiated a program by which all participants in the game will initial their accounts, weekly, as being correct, in the books which I keep. This will protect me as bookkeeper and also serve as good evidence in case I have trouble in collecting,

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which I anticipate. After chow, I beat Jenung at chess and then to bed to be awakened at about 10:30 by night flying planes. This is the first time to my knowledge that there have been planes over camp at night. Some notes were received in camp with reputed KGEI news which certainly didn't seem to indicate much happening in this section  
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May 25th - The Japanese finally gave their approval on moving buildings #30 and #31 to my recommended location north of building #26. Tomorrow two crews will start on the job; Wally and the carpenter crew removing flooring and bracing while BG's crew will dig out the posts and prepare the new sites. No poker! So I got a haircut and read "Easy to Kill" a most agreeable change. After supper "BG" beat me a game of chess, then I played some volley ball, showered, and took in the entertainment "School Days in Swing Time" by the hospital group. A very weak show directed by Lt. Ben Mossel, enlivened only by a darn good female impersonator who can really dance. Yesterday a Japanese guard committed hari Kari by striking himself in the face and neck with a sharp ax. He is said to be the same guard who was working the detail over just south of the hospital. Capt. Conrad (old mess#1) was in the detail and is supposed to have been badly beaten when he wouldn't let the guard trip him. The perimeter guard was restless last night, running up and down their path, yelling, and flashing a flashlight. After many cigarettes to bed and dream of an early rescue. - - - -

May 26th - I got up early and planted some onions before breakfast, both bulbs and seeds. The morning was taken up getting the work lined up on Ward #31 in which Wally has not been of much assistance while "BG" has done a good job. Lost my shirt (400 pesos) in the afternoon poker session. After supper the "maroons" lost 2 of 3 volley ball games dropping them to last place in the league. I didn't play at all well as my instep in my right foot is bothering me and I don't like Keschner as Captain. - - - -

May 27th - The evacuation of Wds "27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 was completed today while mess #4 served it's last meal at breakfast. We spent the morning on #31 and in salvaging everything possible from Mess #4. When we were finished the building was but a bare shell. A large four motored Japanese seaplane flew east over camp today, the largest Japanese plane I have ever seen. My losing streak at poker continues but I played really tight poker and only lost 40 pesos. We are getting lots of fruit thru the commissary while the mess issued 2 bananas and a mango today. We cut cards for choice of the babay commissary fruit, I was lucky, but "BG" drew two deuces and a tres (3) which really burned him to a crisp as chow is really his long suit. The water pump broke down so we are only using the available water for drinking purposes.

May 28th - I went over to the main camp early for a shave and borrowed a level. The rumor business was also very good. We (the hospital) played Group #1 softball with myself as pitcher. I put out and pitched a one hit game but we lost 5-3 with their team scoring all 5 runs on errors. I struck out Col. Saint twice in this game. After lunch we played poker with my winning streak in such good form that I won over 500 pesos bringing my winnings to another new high. Couch cooked a pineapple cake which was delicious. After supper I collected all of the caribou droppings I could find (Left by a herd of 60 as they are driven past here) and put them on another plot which I then spaded and turned until it was fine and loamy. After this I planted the whole plot with peanuts and as I've never planted peanuts before I'm wondering how they will fare?

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May 29th - We spent the morning policing up for inspection by the Japanese General who arrived in camp this morning. There was no inspection of the hospital area as usual so we spent a very quiet peaceful day playing chess, reading and writing. After supper "BG" and I extended our rear path about 30 feet closer to the latrine. I've got three big blisters from this pick and shovel work I've taken up. There was a rifle shot during the day which kept us wondering but we heard no further reports so figure it was accidental. Had a shower and went to bed at 8:30 for a fine nights rest. - - - -

May 30th - The chaplains have been trying to have a memorial service for some time but have had no help and much profane comment from Col. Beecher on the subject. They finally got up a petition which forced Am. Hqs. to take the matter to the Japanese. The Japanese were much pleased with the idea and even approved attendance of 2000 men from the camp at the cemetery ceremonies which were outside of the camp area: The ceremony was held this morning with approximately 2400 persons attending. The ceremony was simple with a Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish chaplain offering prayers, taps were blown, the choir sang several selections and one hymn was sung in unison. The Japanese Major General of the P. I. sent a beautiful wreath, the Japanese Major, commander of this camp presented a wreath and the camp itself made up a wreath with what materials were available. The attitude of the Japanese in this matter is to be most highly commended. To date 2644 men have been buried in the cemetery which is looking quite presentable with nicely mounded, graves, good walks, policed grounds and a neat surrounding fence. After lunch we were paid our usual amount and I managed at the same time to pick up more good "scuttle". I played Jerry Worthington two games of chess, breaking even on honors. Our food has fallen off considerably in the last week with rice and a few grams of meat being the only issue for the last two days. The last half of the Play "Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" was presented and was well received. Water my garden & to bed. - - - -

May 31st - The camp finished this month with only one death, a patient who would have died under any circumstances. I got a recapitulation of temperatures and rainfall for the month which I will record in the back of this book. I then checked #31 which we plan to move tomorrow. We played poker all afternoon and I lost 40 pesos but I'm still winner 6,458.00 pesos on the books which is going up so much I'm wondering how much I'll ever collect. I figure my total worth to date to be 18,473.88 pesos not counting my odds and ends at home which will certainly give me a good start if I ever get out of this mess. We played volley ball after supper with the "Maroons" losing 2 of 3 sloppy games. Took a shower, had a good cigar a partial recital of Wally's sex life and to bed. - - -

June 1st - A Japanese convoy of approximately 25 trucks drove past camp headed east. This is the largest convoy we have seen here and as the fuel supply is very limited something important must have happened. I read a murder mystery "The Crimson Hair Murders" which was lousy. I'm getting careless on my chess with the result of several lost games. The camp orchestra came over and put on a program of impersonations of famous dance bands. The program was excellent. To bed and very little sleep. - - -

June 2nd - We moved building #31 to the new prepared site below #26. The building originally housed 100 men was 30' wide and about 80' long and I estimated it's weight at about 8 tons. I used 300 men to move it and everything worked like a charm. As everyone was sceptical about my being able to move it I was quite elated at the ease and celerity demonstrated in the whole affair. Col. Swartz came up to watch proceedings and by the time they arrived the job was finished. They were quite astonished. Played poker in the afternoon and lost again. We hear that Major General Tanocha (?) now is command of the P. I. is to be replaced by another Japanese General. We are wondering how that will affect us. In our last three games of the volley ball season we won three straight to put us in the play-off again. The star of the games was myself as in the second game the score was 18-7 in their favor when I served 14 straight points to win the game. Their team was lousy. To bed after a good shower but am very nervous and get little sleep. - - -

June 3rd - I passed the morning very pleasantly by getting a shave from Bryant and playing a little chess and shooting the breeze with the many friends I am fortunate to have on the other side. I finished paying all of my little debts this morning so owe no one a damn cent, in camp. I was winner in the afternoon poker session but did not enjoy the game as it is too much of a good thing anymore. After supper the all star team played some practice games which were fun but certainly proved Col. Swartz is not all-star material even tho he insists on playing. As I have been sleeping very poorly for the past three nights I get some nambutol from Capt. Shaw and hit the hay at 7:30. The garden is coming along fine. The onions and peanuts have sprouted and really give me a world of pleasure watching and tending them. The mother cat and the three kittens are under

our babay again after an absence of a week. We hope to tame the kittens as they will be good company and also should help to keep the rats down. - - - -

June 4th - I certainly did sleep last nigh! So soundly, in fact, that my muscles were painfully stiff in the morning. However, at long last I pitched a winning ball game against the Group #1 officer's team. We won 6-4 and I was fortunate in hitting the only home run of the game which scored 2 runs for us. Either my luck or card ability has suffered lately as I lost in the afternoon poker session once more. After chow, in the evening, which was excellent once more, we played the Group #2 volley ball team again and lost 2 of 3. After sundown, and the sun-sets are surely lovely here, the hospital glee club put on a show which was enthusiastically received by the audience of about 500. Then we had a big discussion of Anti-Axis troops being reported in Spain, Turkey, Norway, Italy etc., and down south in Borneo, Celebes, Timor, Sumatra and Java. If the rumors we hear are true the war should be over in another year. - - - -

June 5th - A medical corps man who tried to commit suicide by butting himself with an ax around his head and by slashing his wrists was brought here from Camp #3 and placed in ward #18 (the "nut" ward). He is recovering. A patient on Ward #3 died from an incurable disease. We moved bldg. #30 to it's new site without any trouble, the only comment being from the men who said they enjoyed working under Americans for a change. In the afternoon we played the detachment volley ball and beat them badly. During supper there was quite a downpour (3 inches in an hour) which flooded the area for a short while but our ditching proved it's worth by carrying away practically all of the water within a half hour after the rain ceased. We got three closely typed sheets of news from camp #3 where, the Japanese apparently allow some Americans to listen to the radio. The mother cat and her three kittens are becoming more tame each day as I continue to feed and care for them. My garden of onions and peanuts is doing well but I'm afraid they are getting too much water. I have definitely determined to try to remain in the army when this fray is over as I seem to be more fitted for army life than anything I have tried to date. Also I hope to remain in the Philippines for several years where I hope to try my hand in such side interests as mining, cattle & pork raising, and construction.

June 6th - The new Japanese General in command of the Philippines arrived in camp this morning but made no general inspection. The Japanese have proclaimed a four day period of mourning for the Japanese Admiral who was killed in the airplane up north. There are to be no games or sports participated in during this period. I spent the entire morning in trying to get approval for my various projects in the hospital. Approval is hard to get! My luck returned in the afternoon as I was the only winner in the poker game winning over 700 pesos again. Twelve large Japanese bombers flew north over camp. An order was issued from Japanese headquarters stating that all men working on the farm would work barefooted; as the General

says the Japanese work their farms barefooted. We are having thunder showers most every evening now which has put a stop to all sports and kept everything very damp. - - - -

June 7th - A three hundred man work detail is scheduled to leave camp tomorrow. One big benefit of living in the hospital is that it is much more settled! My luck streak continues so that I win over 400 pesos again making a total of over 500 dollars for two days. I hope I can collect! Col. Swartz comes out in his first pair of "skivies" which is a good indication of the shoe supply. I read "faraway" by Priestly which was most enjoyable but served to make me more homesick and melancholy than I have been in quite some time. I wonder if I will be able to keep the resolution about having a home, settling down, and leaving women alone - I wonder?  
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June 8th - The rain finally got results. In the main camp two men fell into urinals as a result of cave ins. One made the air blue with profanity the other merely looked more downcast and said "Christ! Did it have to be me?". Over here a Captain fell into one of our latrines up to his waist. I haven't heard what he said. The cat and her kittens moved out on us again last night so I'm thru bothering with them. The Japanese held their monthly ceremony around the flag pole again this morning. They are a great people for ceremonies. The rains still keep us damp. Go early to a damp bed. - - - -

June 9th - It is still raining! Apparently there is a typhoon in the offing to cause this unusual June weather. I continue to win at poker. Lt. Ramme comes over for the day and makes us up some hoe cakes using 8 eggs, onions, bananas, oil, and condiments. They were good but not as good as the materials warranted.

June 10th - It continues to rain, the latrines continue to cave in, and I continue to win at poker. Wat a life! Some more Guerillas (12) were turned in with no news to excite us. - - - -

June 11th - By Golly it's still raining! ! I got a fifth of crude oil from Vinton at the power plant for the purpose of cleaning our tools for weekly inspection. I then visited Col. Saint, Major Malevich and Major Gay and at the same time loaned "Freddy" my library book "Reveille in Washington" which I have read. There I have a most successful morning winning three games of chess from "Steve" and one from Major Gay. "BG." and George fixed us a quan dinner in payment of a bridge bet which they lost. Damn the weather and the bugs in this "Tropical Paradise". Play about even in the poker game finally ending up 23 pesos loser. After chow "Mac" and I trounced Kokjer and "BG" at bridge making 4300 points in three consecutive hands. Capt. McDavitt moved to our Babay on the 9th of this month. He is on probation with us until we see how it works out. Play word games and to bed. - - - -

June 12th - Naturally it is still raining! Roy, the hard working interpreter, and Sgt. Tucomara (Big Speedo) came over and after a short discussion I got permission to use the old mess #4 for building lean to's over our latrines. Headquarters had, so they say!?, been trying to get this same permission accomplished so much. It is only fitting to note here that "Big Speedo" is a most excellent soldier and certainly has done wonders for us in the hospital. If he personifies the Japanese "Non-Coms", The Japanese army can well be proud of them. I cannot say the same for their privates which is why they are privates I would say. I've decided to really develop a good bridge game so am playing, studying, and getting instructions on the game as often as is convenient. My progress has been rapid as I naturally possess a well developed card sense. Chow is pretty slim now caused, no doubt, by the tieup in transportation facilities due to the heavy rains. - - -

June 13th - The Japanese have inaugurated a rice farm in conjunction with this camp and for that purpose took 2600 men out on the farm detail this morning. Over 3000 men were on details this morning, the largest number in the camps history. I got a shave and a haircut from Bryant this morning and also hear that Lt. Col. Gay is not an officer at all but a civilian. He is supposed to have come into Santa Thomas as a supposed Captain, Bilibid as a Major and Finally into this camp as a Lt. Col. Here is got himself appointed Camp Utilities off. and finally Camp Commander to be forced out by Col. Beecher when he arrived. If the story is true I still admire his audacity and commend his good work while Commander of this camp. However Personating an officer is a Penal Offence! A flight of heavy Jap. bombers flew north over camp an indication that the weather is breaking even though it is still generally overcast. In the afternoon we have our usual poker session in which I win several hundred pesos. - - -

June 14th - Some time ago twenty five field officers were asked to submit a letter to Japanese headquarters giving their opinion of and recommendations for improving this camp. In answer to the letters all of the field officers were assembled this afternoon and given an address by the Japanese Major who is camp Commander. The Major stated that everyone in camp, physically fit, would be required to work as the exercise was considered beneficial. Also that the practice of slapping persons for small offenses would be continued as this was the custom in the Japanese army. He commented on the decreased number of deaths and the improved sanitary conditions and expressed the hope for their continuence. The Talk was ended with his expressed hope of turning us all safely over to our families and also the wish that their would be no ill feelings between the two nations in general and the Japanese and Americans in this camp in particular. We finally got some more sugar into camp of which I got 1 3/4 canteen cups which is a decided boon. Very little rain today but in continues generally overcast. In opposition to supposition

I must say that time has passed more rapidly in this camp than in any other period of my life. I continue to win at poker and to play bridge. After supper we pass away the time until bedtime (8:30 - 9:30) by playing word games. - - - -

June 15th - By Golly! no rain! The sun is out and it is a lovely day. We got a whole lot accomplished and have permission from the Japanese to do a lot of needed work around the hospital. We are to move three large building, salvage old mess four and build ten latrine shelters, build two main paths to the main camp, and put in drainage ditches around the entire area. That's at least a months work and suits me fine. Four of us played bridge after lunch until three o'clock at which time we played the detachment volley ball. We had time to win the first two games and then were rained out by a heavy thunder shower.

June 16th - Several flights of Japanese bombers flew over camp today. We continue to plug at our various works projects. "B.G." makes me boiling mad again; he can certainly be unmannerly at times. I lose over 300 pesos in the afternoon, one of my biggest loses. I turn in early for a good sleep. - - - -

June 17th - We continue our works projects in the hospital. I can't help but remark on the lack of appreciation and cooperation we have had in our work here. I have tried to administer this work as honestly as possible and also to direct our efforts to those measures which would be of most benefit to the hospital area as a whole. This has met with continual caustic criticism because many individuals have had personal interests slighted. We must also wage a perpetual war against rackets, "skivies" in particular, as we control the tools and materials necessary for their existence. I certainly get discouraged. I win at poker. After supper we play bridge 'til dark. - - - -

June 18th - I am in a most disconsolate frame of mind. I'm quite sure that my health is not good and I've started a bunch of "Guam" blisters on my chest which is quite annoying. If we were only hopeful of being free again soon!! I win at poker again putting my total winnings on the books at over 8000 pesos. I hope I feel better tomorrow! - - - -

June 19th - Major Malevich comes over in the morning and gives me a sound trouncing at chess. Later he gave a blood transfusion to a very sick patient. A long scattered group of six heavy Japanese bombers flew north over camp. I was speaking to "Big Speedo" at the time who said they were headed for Tiawan (Formosa). McDavitt and I play Joe Ginsberg and "Al" Schultz Bridge in the afternoon losing by 800 points. We continue work on our garden which is doing nicely. "Waller", our orderly, is a fine hard working man and he is really doing a good job for us. - - - -

June 20th - We received orders today that all books and magazines not of Japanese origin are to be turned in to Japanese Headquarters, who in turn will send them to Manila to be censored. The books not censored are to be returned to us. We have finished salvaging mess #4 and have erected four latrine shelters. We received quite a bit of commissary in which there was new corn and mango beans. These items were highly appreciated as the issue chow is as meager as any time in camp history. We had quite a practice session at volley ball with the detachment after work hours. News from Manila is that everything American has been looted or destroyed. All written records of any sort (Mining, banking, Business etc.) have been totally burned. Salvageable materials (all metal, wire, elevators, glass, acid, etc.) have been systematically looted and shipped out of Manila presumable to Japan. Commodity prices have risen so much as to indicate quantities of foodstuffs being sent from the islands. - - - -

June 21st - Three of the latest Manila newspapers were brought into camp today in which it was definitely stated by the Japanese that the P. I. would be given their independence in 1943. Our selfish thought is how this will affect us. We had our first fresh corn-on-the-cob for lunch today and certainly tasted good. I did the cooking for a change. The afternoon was spent by working on my various books and an hour of bridge. - - - -

June 22nd - Due to the shortage of labor in the hospital we initiated a patient grass cutting detail. I spent half of the morning rounding up two details of ten men each. Many (at least 50) of the patients are able to work but are just too damn lazy to give a hand even to help themselves. Six Japanese soldiers were attacked at a barrio just north of camp and four were killed outright while two were brought into camp all bruised and cut up. One died here and the other was taken to Cabanatuan where he eventually died. We hear their rifles and ammunition have not been recovered. The two injured soldiers were brought into camp in a calesa and when they failed to salute the Japanese O.D. he pulled them out of the calesa and gave them another beating. Beatings of Americans on work details is on the increase! We had one death today and as the burial party was returning to camp thru the farm they saw a Major get severely worked over with a club. They carried him into camp on a litter. As they passed the Japanese Doctor, who had witnessed the beating he asked if the patient had malaria!! In the afternoon "Mac" and I played Joe Guinesberg and Bertram bridge giving them a sound trouncing of 3200 points. My bridge improves. - - - -

June 23rd - Several weeks ago Couch got in trouble with the Japanese guards at the southwest corner of the area. We had planned to close in #1 deep latrine before the rainy season flooded it as it was about 24' to the bottom of the hole. Couch had the project about



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half completed when the first heavy rain hit us flooding everything including #1 latrine, which overflowed and backed up to the guard shack. The resulting mess lived up to all expectations. Couch took his crew up and cleared up the area as quickly as possible but while the work was under way one of the Japanese guards came up to the detail and told them in fluent Japanese his opinion of the matter, and seeing he was making no impression finally in disgust turned to Couch and said very emphatically "You - No good - Number One Hammerhead". Couch is now our #1 hammerhead! This morning "BG." scored a second time for our group. He and Sgt. Gross were in the southwest corner of the area discussing the location of a new gravel pit when a "Jap" guard in charge of a detail fixing the perimeter fence yelled the usual "Hoi". "BG" and the Sgt. decided he was talking to them so they went to the fence. The guard motioned them to walk along the fence until they came to the corner at which point he ordered them thru the fence and took them to the Japanese guardhouse. They were not tied or molested in any way but were left standing there while the guard went back to work. As soon as I was notified of the incident I went to Hosp. Hqs. where Col. Swartz said he would go to Japanese Hqs. to find out the reason for the action taken which he immediately did. While Couch and I were watching "BG" to see what happened Col. Beecher came over and I explained the situation to him. He left and shortly afterwards "BG" and the Sgt. were released. The Japanese said they were apprehended because the guard thought they were talking to the outside detail. "Mac" and I played two more bridge teams giving both of them a good trimming. Much chow both issue and commissary comes into camp as the Japanese General in charge of all Japanese prisoners of war is to inspect this camp and hospital tomorrow. - - - -

June 24th - We worked no details due to the scheduled inspection. Actually we had a good holiday as we played pinochle all morning and then stood by while the Japanese General made a quick inspection of the area just inside the main gate. He walked thru the main gate around 15, 16, 17, down to the operating room and back out, the total elapsed time being less than 10 minutes. After lunch we played poker and I won around 250 pesos again. We had another death today making 5 so far. - - - -

June 25th - Our one year anniversary in the Cabanatuan prison camp. The inspection is reported to have been most successful as the camp is quite satisfactory. I was successful in getting some cement, lumber, nippa shingles and sawall for the hospital which is more than we have been given for a long, long time. In the afternoon we have another poker session in which I am the only winner. After supper a winning bridge game and to bed. - - - -

June 26th - We had our first unannounced, surprise inspection by a Japanese Lt. Col. today. Take a beating from Lunney and Peters at bridge. Win a league volley ball game. - - - -

June 27th - The farm is finally starting to produce. Many vegetables were brought in today. I win again at poker. - - -

June 28th - We played off the semi-finals in the volley ball series and won putting us in the championship play-off. We continue to work our details and every indication is that the hospital will be on its own as far as furnishing men and materials is concerned. I continue to win at poker. - - -

June 29th - A really delightful day for me in every respect. In the morning camp headquarters came to Lt. Col. Swartz with the proposition that all of us Utilities officers be replaced by higher ranking officers from the other side. This, they said, was because we were all healthy and could work on the farm while the rank officers replacing us would have an easy job (their inference) Col. Swartz gave them a flat refusal and said that we were doing more work than any of the officers on the other side anyhow. At noon Major Maupin came up to me and gave me a gold arm band with one black stripe which is a Japanese indication of a field officer. The Japanese, at Hospital Hqs. request, had approved my appointment as Hospital Work details officers with the rank of Major. This doesn't mean anything except a public recognition of my work. After chow at night we played the volleyball championship match. The first game was a deuce game which we finally lost 25-23. The second game was also a deuce game which we finally won 24-22. We then won the third game 21-19 to take the championship. It was the concensus of opinion that they were the hardest fought games we have had here in the hospital and I was given the principle credit for our team coming thru. I certainly played three hard games!! After the games I had a wonderful shower, got a cigar and attended the show put on by the camp orchestra; one of their best, which made me most homesick. Today's sunset was one of my color memories. - - -

June 30th - This turned out to be quite a day. We had prepared another large barracks for moving when hospital headquarters gets word from camp headquarters that they cannot furnish a moving detail and that the hosp. was now on its own. So I say to hell with them and arrange for all available detachment and works barracks men to assemble at the building at 6.00 P.M. After assembling I told them what we had to do and they laid to so well that the building was moved the necessary 700 yards in a total of 47 minutes. Lt. Col. Swartz complimented utilities on the job. In the afternoon Oscar Kawolskie was notified that he would leave camp on the following morning. I immediately asked him to settle up his poker debt which amounted to 5355 pesos. He refused to make any settlement even in front of four other officers who had heard him give his word to settle his poker debt with a check when he left the game. However in the presence of Capt. Gallup, Lt. Joe Hall, Lt. Northby and myself he promised to pay his debt to me when we both got back to the "States". I hear he is trying to get in the regular army so I promise to make it as tough as possible for him if he does not come across.

July 1st - After the Kawoski episode the poker participants have a conference and decide to stop the game with the four winners covering Oscars amount. The total winnings in the game amounted to 11,550 pesos of which I had won 82%, Ramme 16%, Couch 1% and Hall 1%. The winners therefore assumed this percentage of Oscars debt to the game. Therefore, as Oscar's total loss was 5355 pesos, I will assume 4393 pesos, Ramme 856 pesos, Hall 53 pesos and Couch 53 pesos. Everyone else settled up by giving promisory notes covering their losses. I gave Couch a 42 peso I.O.U. settling his account, Hall matched for his remaining 21 pesos winnings and lost making him even. Wally Paid Ramme and everyone else paid me. Games are to be continued every Sunday but are to be settled up immediately after the session. I've got mine!

July 2nd - Continue to work on the various hospital projects on which we are making good progress. After supper we are invited down to Lt. Col. Fields dental clinic to play bridge by electric lights. The bridge wasn't so good but we certainly got a bang out of electric lights, a novelty to us. - - -

July 3rd - I should mark this day down for the future as everything I tried went wrong. The morning started bad as Major Hiendrich, who is in charge of the hospital service company (barracks #15), took four men off of our latrine detail without telling us and only after running around headquarters for an hour or so was I able to get four replacements from the detachment. I was sore so I played bridge all afternoon in which I won. After supper we started to move the building only to find that two of the 4x4 supports hadn't been properly sawed off. Then the lifting detail got out of hand and ran the building into a large mound severely straining the whole structure. Then to we had only 250 men to turn out instead of my requested 300 so the moving progressed slowly and badly. So finally after we had moved the building about 2/3 of the required distance I called it a day and went home and went to bed. Wat a day! - - -

July 4th - I got up late and opened a can of milk for breakfast. I had arranged for a softball game between the Group #1 officers and the hospital but was delayed in getting to the game by a conference at detachment headquarters. In the conference we made an effort to get details and work rosters set up more fairly for the men. When I finally arrived at the ball game I found McDavitt had arranged the teams and put himself in as pitcher. The other team scored 8 runs the first inning. Jones and I pitch the rest of the game which we finally lose 10-9. For lunch I fixed up a mango bean stew for the four of us and while eating we plan a party for the men who have worked so faithfully for us while we have had utilities. The number of deaths in this camp for the month of June was four (4). After lunch we had another poker session in which I lose 200 pesos. We finished moving the large barracks after chow. Everything worked smoothly and we finished up the job in 30 minutes. - - -

July 5th - My eyes have been troubling me for the past week or so which caused me to have them examined at the E.E.N.T. Clinic. They started me on a course of treatment. There was a steady downpour of rain all day. As a result we stayed indoors and played three handed pinochle for cigars. All work was called off both in the hospital and the main camp. - - -

July 6th - The incessant downpour continues so there still is very little work. There are many peculiar setups in camp. One is the fact that a professional gambler from Manila "Ted" Luen by name, has been able to get a pull which the Japanese and is given much freedom in his activities and has therefore been able to bring quite a few needed items into camp for others and for himself. Also in the camp area itself he has been quite successful in getting work details for various projects. Lt. Col. Swartz, is not in the good graces of the camp Japanese doctor because of several incidents which apparently reflected badly on the Japanese doctor at their hdqs. First of all he told Col. Swartz to erect the fence south of the seriously ill section when he gave him the final word. We never got the final word but several weeks later Col. Swartz was reprimanded because the fence wasn't up. His second offense was allowing the guard tent to be used up in pieces. The guard tent had been blown down and badly ripped while guard property after which we got permission to salvage what good canvas was left from the Japanese. Yesterday the Japanese doctor told Col. Swartz he had made two big mistakes, namely the above, and that in the Japanese army any officer who made three mistakes was shot. A five hundred man detail is scheduled to leave here on the 8th or 9th - radio technicians are desired especially. They are to be examined by the Japanese doctor so the belief is that the detail will leave the island. We play fan tan for cigars. - - -

July 7th - Pay day! I get my usual twenty pesos. It is overcast but not raining so we are working all details full blast. Sgt. Moore who was taken to Japan on the 1500 man detail last fall comes back into camp with the story that only 295 were still alive. They were in poor physical condition and had been poorly clothed and were therefore very susceptible to pneumonia. It was also said that 300 died in one day. They were living in bamboo shacks and being guarded by civilians who were reported to be very, very tough. The second 1000 man detail passed thru their camp in Japan headed for Manchoukuo and our last report from them was that they had been depleted 70%. Sgt. Moore was a Meteorological technician who was sent to Tiawan, Batanas I., Yap, palawan and finally southern Luzon to set up weather forecasting stations. When he became sick he was sent here. Our big bahay pasttime is now Fan Tan which we play for cigars.

July 8th - All of the men working on our details were taken to carry commissary in the morning so we got no work done. We heard many explosions to the west of camp around breakfast time which had many of the men excited however I think it was only artillery practice.

Many copies of the "Nippon Times" were brought into camp of which we got one edition of each day in May. After reading the stuff I should be ashamed to admit I'm an American. I imagine our news is just about as highly colored also. We continue to play Fan Tan at which I won 9 cigars. Commissary is in!

July 9th - The good rumors coming in certainly contradict the Japanese newspapers. The 500 man detail has been postponed. Everyone is even more irascible than usual due to the imposed weather confinement. The mother cat and only two kittens are back under our bahay again. I've given them two good feeds of scrap meat and once more hope to domesticate them. We play cards but many arguments spoil the fun for me at least as I still detest arguments, particularly over trifles. - - - -

July 10th - About 500 letters came into camp last night. They were from the United States and were over a year old. They were not necessarily personal letters as the two that Lt. Wallace received were both bills. As usual I have received none. We have heard many rumors as to what will be done with us after the war; some of them are: (1) All personnel to be permanently retired at present grade and rating (2) All men in prison camps are given \$5000.00 life insurance free (3) All personnel to be given a years leave with pay (4) various federal and state bonuses up to \$8,000,000.00 in one State (5) Henry Ford is going to give each man who was on Bataan a Ford free (also similarly gifts from other large manufacturing concerns). It continues to rain. Of the books taken up only technical books have been returned and today gambling of any sort is prohibited (following a fight over 10 pesos in Group #3 - the navy) and these is all games of any sort will be outlawed. - - - -

July 11th - After a week of bad weather we enjoy a lovely Sunday. However, the main camp supplied 3000 men for the farm detail. Joe Hall comes down in the morning and we have three good games of chess of which I win two. In the afternoon I wrote until 3.00 and then played volley ball against the detachment, winning again. We moved the last large barracks building last night and will finish that whole project in the next two days. The hospital has received orders to send 500 more men to duty which will necessitate sending many who are not at all fit for work. Scurvey and beri-beri are on the increase again as the issue ration is insufficient even as a maintenance diet. I am personally convinced that the Japanese are going to send everyone possible to Japan as soon as possible as the war is now definitely going against them. - - - -

July 12th - A man by the name of Walter R. Connell of the 34th pursuit squadron from Portland Oregon escaped from the farm detail yesterday afternoon. He was caught last night, severely beaten and then shot to death. When brought into camp both legs and an arm were broken, there were 8 bayonet wounds in the back and three bayonet

wounds in front, the jawbone was broken and the head was beaten so as to be unrecognizable, and there were bullet holes in the legs and forehead. News of the act ran thru camp and caused much high feeling and also was the basis of a big investigation this morning. The doctor from Manila has completed his examinations of the outgoing detail so as soon as they are paid they will probably leave. "Big Speedo" has said that they will be sent south to build an airfield. If he knows this is true. - - - -

July 13th - We hear the big German offensive has bogged down against Russia. This was a lovely day - so nice as to cause me to remark on it. The cat and kittens are now tame enough to allow me to pet them. The two kittens are exceedingly playful and are pleasant to watch. We acquired an orderly about a month ago one pvt. Waller who has served us both faithfully and well. Today he finished making a pair of wooden shoes, "skivies", for me, so at long last even I have come to using this ancient form of foot protection. In trying to get a basin and water into the newly located clinic building I have another run in with Vinton. Vinton was a marine PFC at Cavite who, after being capturing by the Japanese, was able to carry favor with them until now his official title is camp Engineer. He was publicly given a letter of commendation by the Japanese camp commander along with Beecher, Major Reynolds Major Pasic and Roy the interpreter. Actually he is a very uneducated inefficient egotistical person who has held his job because of the good men working for him including several line officers and civilian engineers. I Played volleyball before and after supper getting a good work out. The camp orchestra came over and just had a good program well started when we were rained out. Moving pictures were shown last night but because of Connell's attempted escape no Americans were allowed to attend as punishment. - - - -

July 14th - I gave one of the kittens to Major Roby at mess #2 this morning. We received a very little commissary today in which I got pipe tobacco and 10 ears of old yellow corn which I plan to grind into Cornmeal. Once again we make out post cards which are to be sent to the folks back home. The next time we write we are to be allowed to write 50 words. The kitten I gave to Major Roby returned in the afternoon so the family is together once more. Many supplies came in by truck around supper time. It is said that there are 6000 pair of caribou shoes, toilet articles, G-strings, 200 sacks of sugar, long underwear (which would indicate a move north) and numerous other articles not in quantity. Play michigan rum for cigars. - - - -

July 15th - In order to comply with the Japanese order requesting 500 men be sent to duty from the hospital, the works barracks is being cut 31 men of which 7 were working for utilities. This means we will lose all except five of our carpenters. Picking the ones to keep is tough as they are all good men. We have a very

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heavy rain during the night which completed flooded the area for a short while. The main camp continues to supply several thousand men for the farm where they often must work barefooted, in the rain, from dawn to dusk.

July 16th - All of our men were taken to carry the unusually large commissary and ration supplies from the main camp to the hospital. Japanese headquarters issued an order that no games may be played by electric light. They are now making an effort to stop all types of amusement. We all wrote up post cards which are to be sent to the folks back home. The Japanese have initiated a fine new system of fertilizing the farm. Each morning they have two details of about one hundred men each. One details dips urine from the urinals in the main camp and carries it to the farm where it is poured over the vegetables. The other detail goes thru the same process only the source of supply is the Japanese latrines. Apparently the American latrines are too dirty. - - - -

July 17th - Am despondent and depressed in spite of the very good news coming into camp. Play volley ball and two lousy games of hearts. - - - -

July 18th - The weather continues to be windy, cloudy with occasional rain. BG and I bake a fish loaf to break the monotony of the usual diet of rice and gourds or greens with a piece of caribou for supper. Our menu is regularly - lugao for breakfast, steamed rice and gourds or "blow" greens for lunch and steamed rice, caribou, a vegetable and cornstarch pudding for supper. Last night the utilities officers gave a party for the men who have given us outstanding service in our work for the hospital. The program included a speech by AWH, games put over by Gallup, A news summary by Northby and music furnished by Ludwig and refreshments superintended by Couch. Ludwig, who works for us, has, in his spare time, made a violin and guitar both of which are darn good instruments and were the basis of our music. For refreshments we had cake, tea with sugar, salted peanuts, bananas, cigars and cigarettes. I have the names of the men who attended in my address Book. A most successful affair. - - - -

July 19th - The remaining men from Corragedor with the exception of Lothrop and several truck drivers were brought into camp this afternoon. 100 men were sent to duty from the hospital..- - - -

July 20th - I visited Curtis, Ronnie Pigg, Stewart, and Ikircher who came into camp from Corragedor. The bull session lasted all of the morning and was quite interesting. They told of the Japanese ships being torpedoed off of Corragedor, Lothrop's conniving and beating, and the "visit" by the two Japanese when the ammunition burned. In the afternoon "Mac" and I played the first of a series of bridge matches with Joe Ginesburg and "Al" Schultz winning by 500 points. My bridge is still ragged. - - - -

July 21st - A dreary miserable day. The outgoing 500 man detail is paid off and given blue denim clothing and shoes. Two Japanese soldiers were carried into camp tied to a long pole. The story is that they had heard news of American forces being quite near and had deserted, were recaptured by the Japanese and now after being slapped around will probably be shot. We play our second bridge series and lose by 2000 points. - - - -

July 22nd - A rainy miserable day. In the afternoon I visited Col. Saints bahay where Curtis and I took Crawford and Malevich at bridge by 1500 points. The 500 man detail finally left camp at midnight for an unknown destination - Proff was unhappy. - - - -

July 23rd - The rains continue so the Japanese aren't working any details - We play bridge all day and Mac and I finally lose our big match to the Ginsburg combination by 3000 points. However my bridge improves. - - - -

July 24th - Rain - Rain - Rain - We play bridge all day as there is no work. - - - -

July 25th - More rain and more rain and no work details - We play bridge and "Mac" and I won our first series from Capt. Delong and Major Schotte by 2000 points. - - - -

July 26 - We have more rain and continue our drainage work. 100 patients return to duty.

July 27th - American Headquarters (Col. Beecher) has a brain-storm and decides to cut the hospital works barracks in half so I am ordered to relieve one officer. Not having any preference I decided Couch, Northby and Gallup would draw cards which they did with the result that BG. goes to the main camp. Capt. McDavitt was ordered back to the other side also. B.G. and I have been together a long time so I sure hated to see him leave. We had a fish loaf, cake, and coffee for a farewell party. - - - -

July 28th - After much packing and running around "BG." and "Mac" finally got away this afternoon. "Mac" traded beds with me so I now have a steel bunk with springs and a mattress. Tonight will be the first time in 18 months I have slept on a bed! Sgt. Loy worked all afternoon fixing up the bahay so that it now looks well for a change. We get news that Mussoline has abdicated and that the Chinese are doing well so we are all quite optimistic. The Veteranarian came around and inspected our cats after which we put tags on them which they did like at all. We have named the mother cat "Eleanor" because she doesn't like to fight and the two female kittens "Tarzan" and "Punjab". They have afforded us loads of amusement altho feeding them is quite a problem. - - - -



July 29th - I work hard all day running "BG's" old detail and drawing up a revised map for hqs. After evening chow George and I paid BG. a visit and were there when the men came in from the farm. The men certainly looked fagged out, a decided contrast from the hospital personnel. - - -

July 30th - I continue to be quite busy and must write up a monthly operations report for hosp. hqs. and a four months report for American hqs. Two Medical officers moved into our bahay today, Capt. Hamilton and Capt. Bleich. We hear that a seventeen ship convoy was sunk off of Manila bay and if true we fear the 500 man detail which left camp a week ago was in the convoy. - - -

July 31st - The Japanese are making preparations for their big holiday which starts tomorrow. They Spent two days with a large detail, leveling off the ball diamond and adjacent grounds and also have put in quite a few logs for seats. We played volleyball in the afternoon until driven off the court by rain. We are all hopefully waiting for early news of the fall of Italy. It is hard to describe the always hopeful wishing of the camp personnel who have made themselves all sorts of promises if they could only be free once more. Maybe by Christmas?!? Several hundred letters and cablegrams came into camp several days ago but as usual I got none.

Aug 1st - Well, we start another month! Last months there were only two deaths, one a tubercular patient and the other was the man who tried to escape, was caught, and beaten to death. The Japanese had a holiday today to celebrate the first year that we have been prisoners of war. Music was furnished by our orchestra and they had outdoor games in the afternoon despite a heavy downpour. We play poker again in a new session started up and I win over 200 pesos. - - -

Aug 2nd - I read "All quiet on the Western Front" which certainly has a lot of apt phrases in it. We have had rain for 34 days straight now. Even the farm detail hasn't worked the last two days because of bad weather. Capt. Hamilton is now my bridge partner in place of "Mac". - - -

Aug 3rd - It rains all morning but clears some in the afternoon so that we can work all of our details. I am low in spirit. - - -

Aug 4th - What a life! Chow isn't so good now and I'm always hungry. I wonder if I'll ever get back to Dora's cooking? - - -

Aug 5th - Pay Day. I get my usual 20 pesos. I pay Waller one peso for doing my months laundry and also paid Bryant a peso for shaves and haircuts. Today was quite nice and sunshiney with only a light thundershower in the afternoon. We stayed up late

looking at the stars and moon as this was the first time we had seen them for over a month. - - - -

Aug 6th - My Mothers Birthday! I wonder how Dora is? Commissary prices are going up all of the time. We can't buy lard, butter or grease of any kind. Hen eggs are 18¢ a piece while one duck egg costs 25¢ We are buying mostly beans which run around 50¢ for a canteen cup full. One sausage, about the size of a hot dog, costs from 30 to 50¢. And the Japanese are in control of our buying so that we are able to buy food even more cheaply than the people on the outside. We continue to work with septic tanks being our present problem. - - - -

Aug 7th - Well I certainly got a pleasant surprise today. Col. Monzano sent into camp 500 pesos for the 14th Engr. Officers. Col. Saint got it thru the grapevine and distributed 20 pesos to each 14th Engrs. Officer in camp and is holding the hundred remaining peso for emergency. I plan to use mine to stock up on non-perishables before the price gets too high. Work in the hospital is progressing slowly as we can only work the Corps men 3 hrs. in the morning without gold bricking and general trouble from them as I have no direct authority over them but must go thru Capt. Berkelheimer who is a typical doctor who hasn't the faintest idea as to how to govern men. - - - -

Aug 8th - Sgt. Gillfoil of the medical Det. died of heart failure today. He is the first man of his outfit to die in the P.I. It continues to be clear and hot with no rain which is odd as this is the middle of the rainy season. Quite a few planes have been flying around lately but they all have orange circles on their wings. B.G. says work on the farm is not hard but the hours are long as they get up at 5:30 and don't get thru eating and cleaning up at night until after 7.00. That's quite different from the hours in the hospital. The news coming in is good and we believe Munda has fallen and that Italy will surrender sometime this month. I have been eating better lately and have increased my weight to slightly over 130 lbs.

Aug 9th - Believe it or not we (the bahay) were able to buy a quarter of caribou thru the commissary. The animal weighed 202 kilograms and cost 66.73 pesos. We were all morning deboning the quarter and head which we got. For lunch we had brains and eggs which were really delicious and then for supper we had steaks, all of the steaks we could eat, which were a new high in food delight for while in prison. The weather is still lovely so we get to play a volley ball. The hospital should not be confused with the main camp as they are leading a trying existence over there. - - - -

Aug 10th - By Golly, the weather continues nice and we get a

lot of work done. Capt. Blich made up a roast of tongue and the remaining meat was made into a roast which would melt in your mouth. Since our quaning and chow have improved lately I feel much better and am sure that I am picking up weight. - - -

Aug 11th - Today was a "Yasimay" day or holiday on the other side. One of the Japanese officers is being relieved and some say it is in celebration of his departure while other's say it is because the farm is now complete except for seeding and cultivating. No new ground is to be broken. Two new Japanese officers arrived from Manila today. We have rumors that Ochomoto the commander of the guard company is to be relieved. "BG", Dempwold, and others visited us from the main camp during the afternoon holiday. In order to have a good nights sleep again I take 2 grs. of membutol.  
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Aug 12th - Capt. Bleich beat me two games of chess in the morning which means that my game has gotten awfully rusty. For lunch we quaned up a big mess of black eyed peas that delicious vegetable I used to dispise. We continue to have beautiful weather and the news sounds good! - - - -

Aug 13th - Friday! We take the day off as today is Japanese "Yasimay". The new poker gang gathers together in the afternoon and I drop 200 pesos. (One hundred dollars). - - - -

Aug 14th - A lovely day, a beautiful sunset, and a gorgeous full moon and its the middle of the rainy season! Work all day on the new septic tanks we're putting in; if we can scrape together enough material. Col. Beecher and Col. Swartz inspect the hospital and are well pleased with it's appearance. Good News Continues. - - -  
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Aug 15th - We are making a habit of cooking up extra food for the noon meal each day. We usually have a pot of beans and coffee or hot cakes and tea. I have developed quite a fondness for coffee. "Ham" and I played Major Schotte and "Cy" DeLong bridge in the afternoon giving them a terrific shelacking. I sent the new shirt I had bought from the quartermaster on Corrigedor, to the tailor shop on the other side where they made up a pair of shorts. The Shorts were too big, too long, no pockets and no buttons so I will spend several days making them wearable. - - - -

Aug 16th - I work on my shorts, putting on buttons, patching the seat, pleating the waist, shortening the legs and padding the wear spots and ended up with a good pair of shorts on which I have had many compliments. The hospital works barracks was cut from 75 to 25 men as 50 men were sent to duty and replaced by medical personnel. I have only two non-medical men still worked for me out of

the 46 men who are assigned to utilities. Pvt Johnson and Corporal Perfette who came over here with me were sent back to the other side with the 50 man group. They both did splendid work over here and I hated to see them go. We received quite a bit of commissary today consisting of peanuts, beans, papaya and garlic. The show group from the main camp came over and put on a musical and burlesque which was entertaining but very weak. A beautiful full moon again.

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Aug 17th - Everyone was in a dither over an order which was issued from Japanese hdqs. to stop all "quaning". However it developed that the hospital set up was not to be changed and that "quaning" in the main camp would be done in groups rather than by individuals. I read a note that Capt Hatch had received from Mary, the nurse on the boat, in which it said that Godwin my cabinmate on the "Scott" was in Santa Thomas in good health. One patient died today from complications resulting from Amoebic Dysentery and acute appendicitis. I worked all afternoon on my books and after evening chow "Ham" and I gave George and Wally a sound trouncing at bridge. Our lovely weather continues and we are beginning to have those beautiful Philippine sunsets again.

Aug 18th - A Japanese medical Colonel is on an inspection trip in camp. We have rumors that all American prisoners will be returned to this camp by the 15th of next month and that the entire camp will be made into a hospital, guarded by disabled Japanese soldiers who are to relieve the present guard on the 27th of this month. We get commissaries today with prices still on the upgrade. Many Japanese planes fly over camp every day now. After chow I played volly ball came home and took a shower but felt so lousy I took my temperature, which was an even 100. I went to bed where I perspired so freely as to give me a cold by morning. - - - -

Aug 19th - Stayed in bed most of the day as my slight fever and throat irritation continue. I really have the blues as there is nothing to make a person homesick so good as being ill. However, I got some S.P.C. pills from Col. Sullivan which made me perspire freely, abating the fever and after a good supper felt much better. - - - -

Aug 20th - I got up at dawn feeling a lot better and got the hospital tools checked before 8:00 oclock. Quite a lot of medicine came in including serums. Everyone on the other side was ordered to take 8 shots, two for typhoid, two for baccillary dysentery, two for cholera and two for bubonic plague. In the afternoon we played poker and I lost 80 pesos. Patients from the dysentery area put on a show in the evening which was very very weak. I visited "BG" and found that he had a nasty throat cold and was feeling pretty lousy in general. - - - -

Aug 21st - The regular Saturday morning inspection was held with less deliberation than usual. "Ham" tries out his new pair of "skivies", turns his ankle, and is now bedfast. Everyone in the hospital except patients were given a "Cholera shot", the first in a series of eight. We get in some bananas and beans on the commissary. Issue chow has been mighty slim for the past week. I devote all afternoon to my books. - - - -

Aug 22nd - I went over to the main camp early and got my usual shave, returned Bryants bootleg book, and brought back a bunch of rataan which we use to tie down the roofs. A Seventy-five man detail left this morning reportedly to work on the Cabanatuan airfield which is only a mile or so west of this camp. I use most of the day on my books and after supper play the usual bridge with Ham, Wally, George.

Aug 23rd - Blich made up a lovely roast with sprouted mongo beans and much seasoning which was delicious. We use a lot of garlic in our cooking and it really adds a good flavour. Garlic is certainly under estimated in the States. I put a lot of time on my books as I want to have them completed before the Yanks and Tanks get here. We play bridge after supper until the show. The show featured the orchestra and "Kalin" the singer in a "Bing" Crosby program which was excellent. - - - -

Aug 24th - At last it happens to me! The Japanese doctor inspected the hospital today and ordered that all quaning is to stop and that the rest of the works barracks including utilities be sent back to the main camp. The hospital has slowly been going from bad to worse as far as work detail efficiency is concerned because of the attitude of Hqs., Det. Hqs., and the men, who have the mistaken belief that hospital personnel should not work. It is my belief that we'll have some sort of a special duty set-up from now on. When it comes to hoping this camp has really given rise to the ability to hope and hope and hope. When will this damn war be over? - - - -

Aug 25th - Boy, this straight chow without any quan is no fun. I've got quite a few bananas and salted peanuts and they will tide me over until the mess begins to operate. It was decided that everyone being paid, now eating in our mess #3, would contribute 50% of their pay for a mess fund and the mess would feed out the 2300 pesos given them from this source. I also checked around and find that we can be carried on special duty and live in the hospital on detached service. Personnel working for utilities has been cut to 20 men who work 3 hours a day, 6 days a week so we are not getting a whole lot done. - - - -

Aug 26th - All of the works barracks men went back to the main camp this afternoon. We are now carried on the Group #2 roll call, living in the same hospital bahay, and "bangoing" with the

perimeter guard Co. stationed in the hospital. Our nice weather continues making possible more volley ball. We have rumors that Italy and Germany are both on their way out and that the Americans are finally on the move in the Pacific.

Aug 27th - Our Friday holiday; so we are visited by "BG" and "Mac". The Japanese use the diamond for their softball game so we don't get to play. I play bridge all afternoon winning easily but lose my shirt in a cribbage match with Hamilton, for cigarettes. After supper played the Group #2 officers volley ball team and were leading when a severe thunder shower stopped the game. - - -

Aug 28th - We got our second cholera shot today. For breakfast and lunch our issue chow was rice with a little sugar and rice gravy. It has been rumored that the Japanese are searching for diaries so I'm keeping my books out of sight. After supper we played four good practice games of volley ball. A seventy five man detail left camp, destination unknown. - - -

Aug 29th - We continue our usual work details and I now have about 30 patients working half a day for utilities. Ramme came over in the afternoon so we got up a poker game in which I won some 50 odd pesos. The issue chow continues to be very skimpy, however my additional eggs and beans and fruit keep me in good physical shape. Everyone in camp is quite excited over the good rumors which persist in coming into camp. I haven't had a "wet dream" for so long I'm getting worried. - - -

Aug 30th - It rains most all day so they don't work on the other side. I visited "BG" and "Mac" and finally played bridge with "BG" as the partner. We were lucky in getting good cards so won by a big margin. The Japanese continue to keep heavy traffic on the main road by camp. We know they have been holding numerous night problems and believe they have quite a force stationed at Belair Bay on beach defense. A seventy five man detail came into camp from Bilibid with so much good news as to make us hope to be free by Christmas. The hospital patients put on a show last night which was fine even tho it consisted principally of singing which does not appeal to me so much. - - -

Aug 31st - We have a pay day. I went over to the main camp immediately after getting the work details started. Pay was held up for some unknown reason so I played cribbage with Ward all morning. In the afternoon we finally were paid and another rumor was exploded as we did not get the rumored 5 pesos increase. However they did pay in new money which is watermarked and has a serial number. Also the enlisted medical men received 2 pesos less pay than heretofore. Last month there were two deaths; one corps man who died of heart failure and one sergeant who died from appendicitis. - - -

Sept 1st - The pony express came in last night! Among other items of interest was Harry's wife's statement that we would be out of here within three months. Ham and I give the Schott-Delong combination another trouncing at bridge. We are having typhoon weather so our work progresses slowly. - - -

Sept 2nd - I took another stool test the other day and was pleased to find that it was normal, so I don't have worms or dysentery. The Japanese have called for an 800 man detail which is scheduled to leave about the middle of this month. I am not on it. American headquarters asked for volunteers and got nearly enough to fill the detail. I'm still putting my chips on this camp so hope not to leave until the camp is evacuated. There is rumor of a cholera plague in Manila. Our ration of caribou, which has been one of our chief foods, has been cut to 1/3 of the usual issue.

Sept 3rd - I predicted months ago that American planes would fly over Luzon again in September and if the rumors are true my prediction may be very close. A Japanese newspaper published the news that 1500 U.S. nationals are to be sent back to the States of which 60 are to come from the Philippines. The inmates of Santa Thomas must be all excited! We have another poker session this afternoon and as I win 512 pesos I am now the bigwinner in the new game. - - -

Sept 4th - We get our first dysentery shot today. The Japanese continue to carry on extensive maneuvers in this area with a number of field pieces and airplanes in evidence. We played lacksaddisical bridge in the afternoon. Commissary issues are very slim as all we have been able to buy in the last several weeks are tobacco and bananas. The issue chow is worse than its been for the past nine months consisting of rice, greens, and a very little caribou. Tool checking is a headache. - - -

Sept 5th - Work proceeds as usual. In the afternoon Joe Ginsber and I played Jack Sherk and Kieth Madill bridge and took a terrific shelacking. The Japanese have advanced the date of departure for the 800 man detail and are hurriedly examining the men scheduled to leave. The season of beautiful sunrises and sunsets is here. This morning arrived with one of the most gorgeous displays I've ever witnessed.

Sept 6th - The Japanese doctor ordered that all dysentery suspects be segregated. As Bleich and Hamilton both had dysentery they moved out to the designated area and Al Sarwold and John Nardini moved in. John is a Lt. in the navy medical service and as he has traveled extensively is an interesting talker. Al was in the Philippine Public Health Service before the war. I have borrowed a book on contract bridge from Curtis and am studying the thing at odd moments. In the afternoon Curtis and I played Steve and Crawford and gave them a sound trimming. After chow we had a good volley ball session. The show usually held on Monday was rained out. - - -

On July 26th I make a bet of one quart of Canadian Club with Frank Lunney that we will both be out of Cabanatuan Prison Camp that we will see American planes over Luzon before Sept. 1st 1944.

On July 28th five sacks of mail come into camp reputed to be of later date than those we have already received.

(20) Catch Louis in Apt. & forgive (21) Laid off from work  
(22) Send Louis home (23) Strt back at golf (24) Go fishing

-23- (Take out Insurance)

(1) Play Steady until after new Years (2) Employed at O'Sullivan's - work wage etc. (3) Orchestra Front Royal breaks up (4) Take apartment with Kitchens - Louis comes back (5) Join Soody Haines etc. (6) Get raise 45c/hr. (7) Play golf - Join F.R.C.C.  
(8) Louis runs around again (9) Life at Kitchens (10) Buy Buick  
(11) Definite separation with Louis (12) Sell everything.

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(1) Affair with Maddie Lineburg (2) Family Reconciliation (3) Move upstairs at 100/mo (4) Louis comes back (5) Keep house for Mr. Anderson (6) Fishing with C.S. (7) Louis intro to Holslingers (8) Affairs with Nell (9) Def. separation from Louis (10) Lots of Golf (11) Move Home (12) Date Martha (13) Shades move in with Mr Anderwon (14) Date Bess (15) Date Martha.

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(1) Get raisw to 125/mo desingning (2) Fall for Martha (3) Visit Senleys (4) Louis starts divorce proceedings & result  
(5) Play much golf (6) Quit Soody - Join Jimmy Doman (7) Buy golf Equip (8) Dating Martha Steadily (9) Trip to Smartan Burg  
(1) Trip to reading (11) Little Fishing (12) Buy Buick (13) Martha works O'Sullivan's (14) Shades move to Core St. (15) Become engaged.

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(1) Set up as Engr. for O'Sullivan's (2) Martha & I take trip to Readin (3) Called to active duty (4) Go to Fort Ress Monroe (5) Life at Hotel (6) Report to 41st Engr. (7) Off. Training and Co. F. (8) Get 1st Lt. Comm. (9) Co. Comm. F. Co. (10) Terrific responsibility (11) Recreation (12) Martha comes down (13) Betty Conn (14) Rifle Range (15) Joint Maneuv Task 15 (16) Carolina Maneuv (17) Mrs. Dobert (18) Vol P.II (19) Leave (20) Ordered to P.I. (21) Trip home and then across country (22) Enid (23) Pickup (24) San Francisco (25) Honolulu

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Arrive Manila - Assign 14th - WAR



Sept 7th - We got a Manila newspaper today, dated the 5th, which announced the signing of the constitution which will serve for the Republic of the Philippines which is to be set up before Oct. 1st. The Yanks must be close! Nice weather gives us more volleyball.

Sept 8th - Work went nicely today and we got a lot accomplished. In the afternoon Joe and I played bridge with Keith and Jack Sherk coming out on top for a pleasant change. The newly organized hospital all-star volley-ball team of which I'm a member started practice today. The team looks good and with application to team work should do well. After chow, which was good for a change we bulled about proposed trips after we are free once more.

Sept 9th - We continue to work our details with everything going smoothly. We have the usual evening thundershower which kept us from playing volleyball. No news. - - - -

Sept 10th - The main camp has their weekly holidays and a very large visiting detail comes over to the hospital to say goodbye before going out on the coming detail. In the A.M. we couldn't play softball as the Japanese used the diamond all morning for their ball game. We played poker for a short while in the afternoon with yours truly contributing about 50 pesos. After supper the officers volley-ball team comes over from the main camp and we have three good tight fast games with the hospital coming out on top. It is strongly rumored that Italy has surrendered! - - - -

Sept 11th - A Manila newspaper came into camp telling of the Italian surrender. There was no demonstration in camp but everyone certainly wore a broad smile for a change. Personally I'm so happy that I have a warm glow all over. We got our second dysentery shots today completing that series. My only ill effects from the "shots" so far has been a sore arm. After chow we have our usual volleyball for exercise. After a shower we sat up late in our bahay discussing the Italian surrender. I made a bet of 100 pesos with Lt. Goldberg today betting that we would not be prisoners of war 9 months from today or on the 11th of June 1944. Quien Sabe! - - - -

Sept 12th - I made a trip to the other side today but could get nothing I wanted. I particularly wanted to borrow a steel drill to fix the kitchens' Kawalis which are cracked and badly in need of repairs. Vinton, the inefficient, insufferable marine PFC in charge of the pump house would not lend us the drill which he has. We harvested the peanuts from our garden getting quite a few nice goobers from our little patch. We have been getting beans from the garden and today had a stew of okra, beans, corn and green peppers all of which came from the garden. I spend most of the day working on my books again for a change. After lunch I read some Manila papers which came into camp thru Japanese headquarters. We had four good games of volleyball in the evening and then after a shower went over to the main camp in

attendance of the movies being shown. One film was about the independence commission in the Philippines, A short on "Pollination of Flowers", a short on some large atheletic meet held in Japan, and finally Judy Canova in "Puddin Head". It was good entertainment for a change. I finally got to bed at 11:00 o'clock. - - -

Sept 13th - Changee! Changee! Hospital has informed me that the hospital area is to be evacuated and the hospital will move over to what is now Group #1 in the main camp. The move is to be made as soon as the two 800 man details leave. After we clear out of this area camp #3 is to be closed and will move in here. We have nice weather and more volleyball. After my evening shower I took in the hospital show "Journey's End" put on by the camp morale. It was funny but also the most obscene we've had to date. We hear rumors of Germany's surrender, Tojo's resignation, and a Japanese earthquake of large intensity.

Sept 14th - The good rumors continue to come in and have everyone excited. The only way it affects me is to make me think of home. We have been doing very little work as we are waiting for final word on the hospital move. The library has been opened again but there is nothing to read but a few old magazines as the books have yet to be examined. - - - -

Sept 15th - I worked all day drawing maps for Col. Swartz. The weather is very unsettled and we are expecting a typhoon. Discuss the news. - - - -

Sept 16th - I finished the maps for Col. Swartz. One was of the entire camp area, one of the hospital area as it is today, and one of group #1, the area we're scheduled to move into. The news continues to be very good! Jim Winneker is so excited he hasn't slept for two nights. Wally suffers from nerves and gets so excited he hardly eats. Something must be up as the Japanese have become much more friendly in the past few days. Col. Swartz said the Jap. Doctor was far more amiable today than he has ever been and that you can get almost anything you ask for from Japanese hqs. The largest amount of commissary items we have ever had came into camp today. While I was at headquarters today Col. Swartz gave me a Camel cigarette, the first american Cigarette I've had since Christmas. I talked to BG and he said he had been beaten over the head with a shovel by a Japanese guard, several days ago. Lord to be free again. - - - -

Sept 17th - Well, I'll stick my neck out and predict the war will be over before Christmas. Italy surrendered about Sept. 9th, Germany surrendered about Sept. 16th, and we believe Japan will surrender soon. Prognosticator! ! ! It rained most of the day however BG. visited us all day for which event we had a big vegetable stew and a banana

rice cake. I beat him at chess in the morning while in the afternoon I dropped 100 pesos in the poker game. I wonder what poker money I'll collect.

Sept 18th - The 850 man detail scheduled for Japan left camp early this morning. They apparently walked to Cabanatuan in the rain. Continued rain causes us to play cards all day. We get our first typhoid shots. As a result of the "shot" I spend a miserable restless night. - - - -

Sept 19th - The 800 man work detail headed for someplace in the Philippines left camp this morning in a dismal downpour. For the past two days we have heard heavy detonations in the distance which must be caused by artillery practice or bombing of guerrillas. A steady rain all day keeps everyone except necessary details confined. No official confirmation of the hospital move has come from Manila as yet. I still think I'll be back at 317 again soon! - - - -

Sept 20th - There are so many conflicting rumors running rampant around camp that I don't know what to think. Our good news source has shut up like a clam so we can only guess what is happening. We played poker in the afternoon and I lost again so am just about even in this game. Col. Swartz called me up to headquarters and told me that the order to move the hospital was finally given by the Japanese so we have lots of work ahead of us. The reaction to all of the good news has set in and I'm in a very depressed frame of mind. I slept poorly again, smoking many cigarettes during the night. - - - -

Sept 21st - In the A.M. Col. Swartz, Major Wernitznig and I inspected the area the hospital is to occupy and tentatively set up the new hospital plan. I made notes on all of the changes and have started my details on the various projects. Utilities has been expanded and I now have 24 men working for me. Yesterday I completed a detailed map of Bataan showing trails, towns etc. After chow we have our usual good volley ball games and a shower and to bed. - - - -

Sept 22nd - We start preparing the hospital area for evacuation and the buildings in the new group for occupation. B.G. was on an unloading detail in Cabanatuan and got us several packs of "Rositas". Everyone continues to be quite optimistic over the news but I continue to say December. We have collected a large pile of lumber in the rear of our bahay hoping to get it to our new group. Quite a bit of money came into camp of which "Wally" got 60 pesos and loaned me 20 (twenty). The Japanese seemed uncertain on a moving date. - - - -

Sept 23rd - We put in a long hard day in preparation for the coming move which is now scheduled for Monday. I went out with Col. Saint and Major Kircher as a consultant on three buildings they had

to move. I got a good look at the farm and also the ill-famed "air-raid", the four-star Japanese private in charge of the farm. Some Cablegrams came in of which I got none. - - -

Sept 24th - There was no tool check today so we decided to take it easy all day and I planned to work on my maps. However we got a rumor that we might move sooner than expected so we put in a big afternoon trying to be ready. Sure enough when I reported to hospital headquarters they had an order from the Japanese to move tomorrow the 25th. I was very happy for the work accomplished today. After evening chow we had our last volley ball game in this area. The first death of the month occurred today when a very sick T-B patient passed away. The commissary unloaded a lot of ripe bananas on us which came in handy on the move. While "BG." was in Cabanatuan he bought 2/3 of a canteen cup of ice cream for one peso, beer a peso a bottle, and bananas 16 centavos a piece. The morale department put on show which was lousy. "Charlie" Chaplin in "City Lights" was the attraction of the movies on the 22nd just passed.

Sept 25th - The day of the big move! We got up at daybreak and got our personal equipment together and moved to our new location in Bldg. #5. Then we helped move all of the tools and utilities equipment to our new shop which is also in Bldg #5. The rest of the day was spent helping move the hospital, a tremendous task. All of the patients were moved before lunch and ate, on time, in the new area. The enlisted men did a fine job putting out to such an extent that the move went very well. A patient in ward 8 tried to commit suicide last night by slashing his wrists and throat. The attempt was not successful as he was found unconscious in the morning but it necessitated an emergency operation which came at a most unopportune time. Many of these patients have not been out of the hospital area since the camp was started and sure hated to move. The new area is in a low area and is full of mosquitoes and the buildings are filthy and lousy with all types of bugs. We worked like Trojans on our shop cleaning it up and making it more liveable. We finally go to bed at dark thoroughly tired out and no shower. - - -

Sept 26th - We sent details back to the old area to bring over odds and ends of stuff we had not been able to bring over with the move and founds details from the other groups and the Japanese taking lumber and other materials we had slaved to accumulate. In any case we have enough nails and lumber now to meet the needs of the hospital for some time to come. An emergency appendicitis operation was performed today and x-ray taken both under most adverse conditions. I woke up with a severe running head cold which bothered me exceedingly however I found plenty of medicine as I now have many good friends among the doctors. Our utilities shop is progressing nicely and gives promise of being a splendid shop. After worrying around the area all day I took several aspirin, some nambutol and Rhinitis and went to bed. - - -

Sept 27th - I felt much better this morning and was anxious to get things moving. I started an incinerator and garbage disposal crew and also a latrine and septic tank maintenance crew both of which are of prime importance. Our last carrying crew returned to the old area and brought back the last of the lumber and piping. I must frankly state that I have enjoyed the responsibility and work I have had in this camp. Since arriving in the army I have had more than my share of work and responsibility and know that I am now a far more able man as a result. In this connection I know that I can get good recommendations from my various commanding officers if I wish to apply for a permanent commission. Actually we didnt get a whole lot accomplished on the new area as everyone was too occupied with personal problems. Late in the evening we hear of an inspection due tomorrow so work late policing the area using both detachment and patient labor. - - - -

Sept 28th - The Japanese General arrived about noon and inspected at 2:00 o'clock. While he is in camp there is to be no "quanning" and no playing of games. So the only benefit is the chow is improved while he is here. In fact we had an excellent evening meal; the food inspected in the messes by the General. Once again we got very little accomplished as everyone was standing by for inspection. In the evening I had my second typhoid fever shot which gave me a tremendous reaction. I received a list of 84 men from detachment headquarters who are to work for Utilities. - - - -

Sept 29th - I slept very poorly last night having both chills and fever. I got up feeling lousy and with Sgt. Yonkers as an assistant tried to get some semblence of order out of my 84 men. After noon chow everyone had to sign the payroll so the afternoon was gone before it was completed. A continual rain makes everyone miserable so am feeling low. - - - -

Sept 30th - Another month gone. There was only one death during the month. We continue to pound at the huge pile of work ahead of us while I'm getting grey worrying about it. These last few days have certainly been trying ones for me and have resulted in my losing more weight. I'm a pessimist about the war again!

October 1st - We have our early tool check and I manage to have more tools assigned to the hospital. We continue to work at our work but have one hell of a time keeping our details as detachment headquarters is continually making changes. When the Japanese General visited camp he brought in quite a few new books and magazines for the Amer. prisoners but Japanese headquarters won't release them. Stealing is quite prevelant in camp due to both lack of character and dire necessity. I got a cocaine nasal for the bad head cold I have and got quite "high" for several hours from the stuff. There are a total of about 4000 prisoners in camp now of which about 1450 are in the hospital area. Of these 1450 men about 1000 are patients.

Several small details have come into camp, from Bilibid, from Camp #3, and a few from work details on the air fields. All in all, they say this is about the best camp in the P. I. Chow has improved in the past week. - - - -

Oct 2nd - Couch makes a last trip to the old area with a detail and brings back 3 latrine shelters and two boxes. He says the area is stripped. We hear a movie colony is moving into camp to make a picture. BG. was on a J house moving detail which was a mess. He says they made no preparation for the move and when things didn't go well used a 2" x 2" to get results. Not so good. Our mess got tied up some way so for evening chow we had rice and rice only. We got some extra money from Wally's friends so bought a "kilo" of coffee for 12.50 pesos and I also got 200 bananas. - - - -

Oct 3rd - The "movie" colony has arrived so they are taking up all presentable army, navy, and marine corps uniforms for use in the picture which we hear is to be called "Down With the Stars and Strips". We had no men all day as they were used to haul medical supplies from the Japanese warehouse to the hospital. A quantity of Sulfamylamide was stolen from the storehouse recently so it is being cleaned out. The common belief is that the Japanese soldier got the sulfamylamide to treat prevalent gonorrhoea cases unofficially as venereal diseases are frowned upon by the Japanese army and prevent promotion. We got a caribou roast from commissary which hit the spot as usual. In the evening there was a show which was rather poor although they did give Ludwig a deserved boost for making the violin and guitar. - - - -

Oct 4th - Last payday we got a raise of 10 pesos from the Japanese. All Field Officers now get 40 pesos and all line officers get 30 pesos. I wrote a note to Cherito just on the chance that I might get some outside news. I gave the note to Steve to forward. We had our clothing checked today and also received orders to turn in all money over 40 pesos per officers as the Japanese are getting worried over all of the extra money that is slipping into camp. My bad cold has returned and I'm sure miserable. I saw Col. Say for the first time since his return to camp. He is scheduled to be Co-Camp-Commander again by Japanese order even tho Col. Beecher and American headquarters are much against this setup. As I have decided to try to remain in the army I asked Col. Say for a letter of recommendation which he promised to give me. I hope to get letters from Col. Saint and Col. Swartz also. The carpentry work is progressing well but all other work is about at a standstill as we are not getting any men from the detachment office. - - - -

Oct 5th - Work progressed well today so am convinced this area will be in good shape after about another week. I took my first shot for bubonic plague Sunday and had no reaction. One of the patients in the neurotic-psychiatric(?) ward tried to commit suicide again.

This was his fourth attempt. The morale office put on another musical show which featured "hill-billy" music and had no interest for me. Some one stole several thousand sulfaquanidine tablets from the Japanese storehouse as I previously stated so they have had a complete shakedown of hospital personell but have not found anything illicit.

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Oct 6th - My bad cold has entirely disappeared but I've developed a lot of trouble with my teeth. Lt. Daniels checked them and found several pockets of pyoreaha (x). He started a course of treatment this morning and I'm also looking for a new tooth brush. I visited BG. who has been on the "Movie" detail for several days. He says that the picture is "The Fall of Corrigedor". Their shooting location is at the mountains east of camp. The location is in a very beautiful spot according to all reports. "BG." said the first day they practiced surrendering four or five times but that since then they have been shooting scenes of advances and attacks in which the Americans are all killed. They are using lots of dynamite and are thought to be making a lot of good action pictures. All of the prisoners are treated so well while making the picture that it is a favorite detail. However they only use about 100-300 men. The Japanese are friendly and the Filipino help pro-American. The propoganda corps has asked for 100 men to accompany the troupe to Bataan for more pictures but no official approval has been received to our knowledge. The Star is Ferdinand Po - - - -

Oct 7th - A flight of five large bombers have been circling over camp lately. They are working on the field and are repairing the hanger at Cabanatuan so perhaps they are based there. Another strong rumor is in camp as to a truce in Europe. We wonder! I have been ordered to draw up an up-to-date map of the present camp area so put in the entire afternoon on same. My teeth are responding to treatment nicely and should be right again soon. I obtained a new tooth brush and also a new pair of shorts. - - - -

Oct 8th - Camp "Yasimay" day and also the day for the Japanese to assemble and have their rescript read. I take it easy and work on my books. After lunch Ramme comes by and we play bridge for several hours: I see "Mac" and "BG" and give them 10 pesos to buy with on outside details. The movie detail has spent over 2000 pesos per day for the past several days as very little commissary is coming into camp. "BG" and "Mac" borrowed 90 pesos on a 100 peso loan which they argued over dividing. - - - -

Oct 9th - What a day! The Japanese Major, Lt Harada (?) and the Japanese doctor inspected the hospital area with the obvious intention of finding fault. They ordered guard shacks moved, burned wooden shoes, had quan stoves torn down, ordered gravel pits filled, torn out an electric light and in general said everything was wrong and nothing right. They came into utilities and ordered it removed at once but

finally consented to allow us to operate until the 20th of this month. There are three reasons which might explain this sudden change in policy. They are: (1) The stealing of the sulfamylamide, (2) After one of the large details reached Bilibid it was found that 197 of the group had inactive dysentery. Our Japanese headquarters had approved sending them on this detail. Manila headquarters is sending them back for non-dysentery replacements and must have given this headquarters hell for their action. (3) "Little Speedo" came to Major Wernitznig at hospital headquarters for some canvas and the Major let him cut some out of a litter. The Japanese doctor, while inspecting several days ago, saw the litter and demanded why it had been cut. When told that a Japanese soldier had got the canvas he demanded identification. Major Wernitznig and Capt. Aton identified the soldier who was given a severe beating. However, We know by Experience that a Japanese Soldier can not be wrong or tell a lie when dealing with Americans! There was a darn good show in the evening in which the orchestra did a fine job of putting across both classical and semi-classical music.

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Oct 10th - The hospital was in an uproar all day trying to comply with all of the Japanese orders as soon as possible. At one place one crew was digging gravel from a pit while another was trying to fill it up - They were not my crews! Snafu! However, we have ordered a grande of Gin thru the grapevine to alleviate our sorrows. We got our last "shot" of bubonic plague serum so should be immune to most anything. A 100 man detail left camp - destination unknown. - - - -

Oct 11th - We finally get some sugar! 3/4 of a canteen cup per man was given out by welfare and I also got matches and white cigarette while the mess got mongo beans. We find it very hard to comply with Japanese orders but our plans are to turn all excess material and tools over to camp utilities and the present shop made into a bed ward; three of the inmates to be Wally, George, and Allison. No good news. - - - -

Oct 12th - A newspaper came into camp in which it stated that the Philippines were to get their independence on the 14th of this month and the rumor now is that this camp is going to Japan. There were movies in the evening and for a change were quite entertaining. There was "Pinocchio", "Popeye" and a Japanese film on gymnastics and of the late submarine trip to Germany. Our food has been very good lately which accounts for my increase in weight. At long last I have another "wet dream" so am sure that everything is still in working order. One of the fears harbored by many of the enlisted men is that because of poor chow etc. they will be sterile from now on! - - - -

Oct 13th - I put in a big day of personal physical labor and end up with blistered hands and a lot of sunburn. After chow we have our usual short bridge session with Sgt. Wagner, our tool checker as a fourth. Then we went to see a camp play taken from Thorne Smith's



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to divide our common quan. George moved to #26 group 1, Wally to #1A in group 1, and I moved into #25 in the hospital area. My new Bahay mates are Lt. Col. Sullivan, Majors Schott, Sult, Swanson, Bennett, Rinamon, and Smith, and Capts. Hibbs and Taylor. I was fortunate as they have orderlies, laundry facilities, and an active quan group all of which was generously afforded me when I moved in. My only loss is lack of space which I have been accustomed to. To add to my problems I received 6 canteen cups of syrup and a jar of jelly (@ 4.65/jar) for which I had little room. However we got moved and now wonder how long this new setup will last. I also received a rush order for an area map to be drawn for headquarters so I rushed it through after lunch. - - - -

Oct 19th - The hundred man movie detail left for Bataan this morning to complete the picture "The Fall of Corrigedor". They are scheduled to be gone for a week. Our work is progressing nicely and as Japanese Hqs. has approved another chapel and a volley ball court we have those two jobs coming up. The camp orchestra practices behind our bahay so we have music every day. I like my new living quarters but don't sleep well in my double bunk with Chaplain Taylor. I don't believe this situation is at all permanent anyhow. - - - -

Oct 20th - There is a rumour around of a 2300 man detail leaving for Japan! I like the bahay I'm now living in as everyone is quite congenial. More letters and cable grams came into camp and I didn't get any. - - - -

Oct 21st - I finally play the great Maupin two games of chess. He won the first and I won the second, both games being good tight exhibitions for the spectators. The hospital got permission for a volley ball court so we are going to level off a really fine area. There was a Japanese film shown for movie night. We didn't enjoy it as we couldn't understand the action or diction. Major Schott and I give Barenburg and DeLong a bridge lesson. - - - -

Oct 22nd - Orders were issued that the hospital would be cut down to 30 doctors, 1 dentist, 2 chaplains, and 5 laboratory men and 250 enlisted men. Col. Swartz read out the list of officers staying with the hospital and the others are to go to the groups to work the farm. I was notified that I would have to move but would continue to work for the hospital. The bad news was that Wally and George are relieved and are to be replaced by medical officers. - - - -

Oct 23rd - A Japanese holiday which was ruined. Early this morning the patient in the "nut" ward who has been attempting suicide escaped in some inexplicable manner and as a result everyone spent the entire morning unsuccessfully trying to find him. How he escaped is an enigma as no one saw him however it is believed he climbed over the fence in front of the guard tower so as to be shot but the Japanese guard did not see him so he kept going. Well, we moved. Wally moved to #26 group #1 with Couch. I moved my bed into 1A, the special

duty barracks, where there is room for my bunk and nothing else. Then I moved all of my quan in with Ward and will eat there with him. My clothes, table and chair I am leaving at #25 in the hospital and will work, shower and have my laundry done from there. The doctors who left the hospital are in a sad state as they all view the farm with many misgivings. - - - -

Oct 24th - I really believe the Japanese are trying to heckle us over the escape. First of of all they are having morning and evening physical "bangoes". Then we got an order to bring all tools to Japanese headquarters for an inspection of serviceable and unserviceable tools with a hint from Col. Britell that unserviceable tools would be replaced by new tools. I took most of our tools up many of which were "overs" and not charged to us. They took all of our "over" tools and cut down on the number of tools issued to us. At least they took the worst ones. Latter in the day they issued an order that all tools not permanently fastened to buildings would be turned in to supply so I lost my only "quan" box. I turned in to a poor night's sleep. - - - -

Oct 25th - We put in a good morning on the volley ball court but were rained out in the afternoon by typhoon weather that is moving in on us. I played a little bridge and to bed for a fine night's sleep. - - - -

Oct 26th - It continues to blow and rain so I put in a lot of time on my maps. In the afternoon I finished the map of the old hosp. area and plan to complete one of the entire area next. Ward has been swell in taking me in and cutting me in to his quan setup. I weigh 131 now and have been eating so well with him I believe that I will continue to gain.

Oct 27th - A decision was finally handed down from Manila on the escape. All of the patient guards were given 20 days heavy confinement in the main guardhouse and the American perimeter guards received 10 days heavy confinement. The Japanese perimeter guard is said to have been given a sever beating. Heavy confinement consists of rice and salt and water and not being out of the guardhouse except to the latrine. The hosp. received orders to install a latrine in the "nut" ward and that mental cases were only to be allowed to leave their cells once a week - for a bath. Japanese headquarters finally agreed to letting them out one at a time for exercise once a day. We enlarged the cell space by one bay, put in a box latrine and installed a light and securely nailed bars over all openings. The only time they can leave their cell is for their little exercise and then they are tied to a guard. The typhoon weather continues. The movie detail returned from Bataan. They said the jungle has reclaimed the whole area, that all trails are obliterated and that congo grass is growing on the main road. There was a death yesterday of a T B patient. - - - -

Oct 28th - There is a rumor afloat that the hosp. duty personnel is to be cut down again. We put in a good day on the volleyball court and really have it in fine shape. The orchestra put on a fine show beating a trombone player who has just come in from Bilibid. Lt. Kunsul is the trombone man and is reported to have played with Ray Scott at one time. Of late I sit up "bulling" with Ward until very sleepy and then turning in at 1 A and then getting up before daylight and going to Ward's shack for my toilet and breakfast.

Oct 29th - We put in a big day on the volley ball court and get it just about finished. I'm proud of the job as it is a really fine court - the best we've had. Since being over in the main camp I've seen more of the Japanese details and some of the jobs are really tough. At times they have 6 men carrying litters of 500 kilos for a distance of half a mile or more. A Japanese guard we call "Charlie" was unhappy today so for no particular reason he severely beat three Americans. No goodo! - - - -

Oct 30th - McCord (?) the man who escaped was found today in a camote patch out on the farm. Apparently he was hiding out there and living on raw vegetables. He was carried into Japanese headquarters on a litter and left there. In the evening he was carried to the graveyard by six Japanese and American headquarters was told he was punished according to Japanese military law. We don't know how he was killed. An order was received from Japanese headquarters depleting the hospital again. - - - -

Oct 31st - An American burial detail went out to finish burying McCord. They could not see the body as it had been partially buried. 240 patients, 7 doctors and 50 corps men were sent to the main camp. We had to move the dysentery fence and also moved the fence between the hospital and group #1 so as to give them three more barracks. In the evening we played volleyball on the new court which was great fun for a change. I sent out another card to the folks back home and put in a message to Martha. - - - -

Nov 1st - Col. Swartz resigned as chief of the hospital and Col. North took over. In the morning 40 of our Japanese guards left camp supposedly for Mindanao for the purpose of evacuating the American prisoners to Japan. It was a dreary rainy day so we got very little work done. - - - -

Nov 2nd - The weather continues to be bad so no details go out. We got paid yesterday so I immediately put my 30 pesos into the commissary fund. Commissary is coming in well and I have received sugar, matches, syrup, bananas, cigarettes, coconuts etc. but the prices are very high. I wish I could describe the hopelessness which fills my mind at times. I always strive to maintain a cheery front but it is sure hard at times. I often doubt if I will ever get home again. I wonder how much Martha and I have changed and whether for the better or the worse. Quin Sabey!! - - - -

Nov 3rd - Today is a Japanese holiday so there are no work details. The day was a beauty and totally a pleasure. We played volleyball on the new court all afternoon and in the evening, with the hospital losing only two games. Johnny Kratz and the boys put on a show of college songs in the evening, a show which was weak but enjoyable. - - - -

Nov 4th - The same old stuff over and over again. There were no details again today so they have't worked the farm since last Sat. All of this rest time has given rise to many rumors of which selling the farm, selling the old hospital area and everyone going to Japan are a few. I now weigh 134 pounds - a new high. - - - -

Nov 5th - We continue on our usual work in the hospital. The "movie" colony is back and are taking a small (lucky) detail out for some more "shots". I worked on my maps all of the afternoon but didn't accomplish much. We did get an old bldg. moved into the hosp. area which is to serve as a morgue. They performed an amputation of a leg on a patient who had bergers disease. - - - -

Nov 6th - I am reading "Huckleberry Finn" and just finished "Stella Ho" both of which are most enjoyable. An evening thunder-shower kept us from our volleyball but the camp orchestra put on a variety show which helped fill in the interminable evening. - - - -

Nov 7th - Sunday and rest day as the Japanese have ordered the camp to go back to Sunday as the weekly "Yasimay" day. I played volleyball in the morning, afternoon, and night and played on the losing team mostly but still enjoyed the exercise. I have trouble sleeping on my present sawali bunk but was so tired that I slept well this night. No dreams but usual urinalization! - - - -

Nov 8th - Not a damn thing happened. It rained so we didn't work much. A Japanese detail is making the perimeter fence both higher and stronger. I think this is foolish as I can think of several ways of getting out without disturbing the fence. - - - -

Nov 9th - My 29th birthday! I hope this is my worst birthday as I received no presents or recognition of same and the circumstances were not heartening. It looks like I'll be at least 30 before I get home, 31 before I'm married and 32 before I have a family. Damn Louise! A Japanese General made a cursory inspection of the camp today. No repercussions have been felt yet. I gave myself the after-noon off and played bridge with a bridge crowd who are playing on the cuff for a tenth of a cent a point. I broke about even but feel confident that I can hold my own in the competition. I sat up late bulling with Ward and then to bed for a poor nights sleep.

Nov 10th - BRITE AND FAIR

Nov 11th - Armistice Day but no holiday here! Put in a good days work despite rainy weather. The big news now is that there is "tucson" (many) letters, packages, food and clothes for American prisoners which just came into Manila on a Red Cross boat. If I don't get some token in this lot from the folks in Winchester I'm going to be quite chagrined. Here's hoping! - - - -

Nov 12th - Typhoon in the offing - No Changee - - - -

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Nov 14th - Typhoon is closer so I play bridge all day. Ward and I quaned up a duck for supper which was really delicious. - - - -

Nov 15th - The typhoon is here and we all sit tight and get soaked as the roofs are not good. What a country. Ward and I play cribbage and acey-ducey all PM. - - - -

Nov 16th - Apparently the worst of the typhoon is over as the wind has shifted to the west. The hospital suffered no damage except for a general soaking. We all come out from our bahays and pitch in to fix the area back into shape. The Japanese have really got fencing on there mind as they are putting in a double, inclined, 6 ft high barbed wire fence. - - - -

Nov 17th - Monotonous days passing endlessly with nothing to inspire interest. Waiting, Waiting, Waiting.

Nov 18th - Ditto

Nov 19th - Ditto but do have a very successful afternoon of bridge with Curtis. - - - -

Nov 20th - A really beautiful day. Lord the Mountains are attractive!! We hear there is loads and loads of red cross food and clothes and mail for us in Manila. - - - -

Nov 21st - "Mac" and I played Lynch and "Pete" Reynolds bridge for 1/20 a point cash and won 1.17 pesos. Too windy for volleyball. - - - -

Nov 22nd - The elaborate fencing system is just about completed and my estimate is that about 20 miles of barbed wire was consumed in putting up the fence. The Japanese have said that anyone getting within 60 ft. of the fence will be shot. This means we will have to build two new latrines with septic tanks and we have no material. It is interesting to note that American headquarters got the fence moved back along the group areas so that more of their installations are affected but they didn't do a damn thing for the hospital. - - - -

Nov 23rd - Just for the hell of it I'll list the items we hear we

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are getting from Red Cross - 8 cans corned beef, four cans coffee, 4 cans of Klim, cans of assorted meat and vegetables, sugar, butter, hard bread, shoes, socks, underwear, pipe, tobacco, and cigarettes a total of 48 1/2 lbs. Also that there is very much mail and parcel post packages. If I don't hear from home this time I'll be sorely disappointed.

Nov 24th - A detail of 50 men leaves for Bilibid and a work detail of 100 men leave shortly. The bridge a calumpit was washed out by the typhoon but will be in operation tomorrow so we may get the red cross stuff soon. The Japanese have ordered the hospital to send 22 more corps men to duty which will really put the squeeze on. The hospital is now operating with just about half the personnel that the groups have. Our chow has been fairly good, supplemented by vegetables from the farm but the mess I eat at (Mess 1 Gp 1) is really lousy! Complaints have been made to Group headquarters but they refuse to do anything about it. Major Fitch, the mess officer is a "regular". I want an ice cream cone!! - - - -

Nov 25th - Thanksgiving! For what? Everyone is working today and it definitely isn't a holiday. However, the messes work hard on getting out a good meal and succeed in giving us the best issue chow we've had for a long time. Welfare had given each of the messes beans which were baked, sprouted, or "souped" making very good dishes. - - - -

Nov 26th - A detail stood by all day to go to Cabanatuan for the first of the red cross packages but didn't go out. In the evening there were motion pictures, an american film - very poor, A british film, - terrible, A Filipino film - propoganda (portrayed the American prisoners walking on the American Flag and Roosevelt's face and a Japanese film - ununderstandable. - - - -

Nov 27th - At last the first of the red cross packages come in. There are enough packages so that each person will receive at least one large box of about 50 lbs. and 1.5 cu ft. The large box contains four smaller boxes, contents unknown. Two types of boxes were received in - invalid and non-invalid Mac and I played bridge all morning beating Lynch and Huffcut by a big margin. - - - -

Nov 28th - Red Cross merchandise continues to come in all day while each passing hour raises the anticipations of the prisoners. The Americans are told that nothing will be issued until inspected by the Japanese military police. So far 2600 pair of shoes, shoe repair boxes, athletic equipment, cigarettes, games, cards and all sorts of toilet articles have come in. We are all praying the Japanese will be fair in distributing the items. - - - -

Nov 29th - The first big blow fell! The Japanese military police inspected the items this morning. They tore open all boxes in a disorderly fashion. They found old newspapers in the shoe repair boxes and removed all of them. They found a verse of some sort on the old Gold cigarette packages so they removed them. The verse was about



liberty! The pipes had some sort of a V on the bowl so they took all of them. They then said that everything else was all right so they turned it over to American headquarters. Immediately after the military police left the Japanese Major sent over for three cases of cigarettes, all of the atheletic equipment and three boxes of shoe repair equipment. The news spread rapidly and the Americans are boiling mad.

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Nov 30th - A civilian died from Cancer today the only death in this November. However this was a small event in comparison to the bad news. Orders were issued that only one small package would be issued per man and that the remaining boxes would be issued at monthly intervals. Camp morale immediately went to the lowest level I've ever seen it. Many persons seemed to think the order came from Col. Beecher rather than the Japanese and I personally heard threats on his life. As all of the boxes have to be opened for inspection the perishables will surely be ruined. Also the Japanese are holding all of the shoes (90% of the men in camp have none) for outgoing details. The Japanese major sent over for several cases of food, the Japanese doctor got two cases of food, they also got 1000 pr shoelaces, 400 sewing kits and miscellaneous toilet articles. They issued each Japanese officer one carton and each soldier one package of our Lucky Strike cigarettes as "gifts" from the Americans. - - - -

Dec 1st - I finally got my first package today! I was the first man in camp to be issued one and quite a crowd gathered to view the contents. There was a can of powdered milk, 2 cans coffee, 12 tablets vitamin C, 1 can salmon, 3 cans butter, 1 lb. prunes, 8 packs of boullion, 1 can corned beef, 1 can Pate, 1 can party loaf, 2 cans of pork loaf, 2 cans ham & egg powder, 1 box of sugar cubes, and two bars of D ration. The box was far better than any we received last Xmas. We have orders that no item is to be bought, traded, gambled for, given away or taken out of camp, but trading and buying are in full swing. Personally I see no reason against trading or buying if both parties are satisfied. - - - -

Dec 2nd - Today we were issued toilet articles. I received 8 packs of cigarettes, 1 comb, 2 bars P&G soap, 1 razor, 10 blades, 1 large tube of brushless Barbasol, 1 propholactic tooth brush, 1 can Williams tooth powder, 1 sewing kit and  $\frac{1}{2}$  a roll of toilet paper. Really a wonderful issue to men who have nothing! B.G. gave me four packs of his cigarettes a wonderful gift. I've been smoking Chesterfields and they are the tastiest, most enjoyable smoking I've ever had. I've also bought prunes, cigarettes, milk and boullion, coffee and cocoa so I'm really well fixed. Prices are high but my money has no value any place else. I also shaved myself for the first time in over a year and got a real bang from the experience. - - - -

Dec 3rd - Start eating the American chow which is really good. - - -

Dec 4th - We get the perishables from another box as they have been opened for inspection.

Dec 5th - I start getting a ten man crew from group #1 to help carry on the work in the hospital. - - - -

Dec 6th - The chow issue from the Japanese has fallen off since we got our packages. One bag of rice now costs 200 pesos in Manila - Before the war it was around 7 pesos. The Yanks had better hurry! - - - -

Dec 7th - A 100 man work detail leaves camp tomorrow. All of their red cross chow was given to them. - - - -

Dec 8th RAINY & CLOUDY. - - - -

Dec 9th - It is reported that there are many food riots in Manila. Guerillas are supposed to be active again and truck loads of heavily armed Japanese can be seen going past camp. I surely wish I would get some mail. - - - -

Dec 10th - I'm certainly tired of sleeping with bed bugs. Someday I'll be clean again! - - - -

Dec 11th - Dec 20th We have received all of the perishables except from one package. I also received a new pr. of 6 1/2 D shoes which are wonderful as they are a good fit. We were sent mongo beans, tobacco candy and fruit by the Philippine Red Cross for Christmas, There are those who claim to have seen anti-aircraft fire in the distance. I have been consistently winning at bridge and believe my game to be at least good enough for most competition. Issue chow has been very poor since the packages came in. - - - -

Dec 21st - Jan 7th We had lots of holidays which I enjoyed immensely. We played softball, which is again authorized, and lots of bridge. Christmas was enjoyable with everyone in good spirits. Christmas Carols were sung all over camp and on Christmas night a take-off from The Christmas Carol was excellently portrayed on the stage. The issue Chow is very bad so the red cross packages are most needed. They finally sent all Americans down from Camp #3 as they were having trouble with the Filipinos there. There is a strong rumor that we are to be searched for maps, records, etc. so I am going to bury all of my data!

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On July 4th, 1944 I dig up my records and write events to the best of my memory!!!!

Jan - 1944 Late in January the first mail was sent in from the Japanese to American hqs. The first was on the 18th I believe. The mail is well censored! It is first censored before leaving the States, then on arrival here in the P.I. it is sorted for destination and also

censored by the Japanese, then mail for this camp is received here and censored once more before being turned over to the Americans. Here in camp there is only one interpreter so he turns out about 70 letters a day. 10 sacks of mail were received here so we estimate about 70,000 letters came in so in about 3 years at the present rate we will have received all of the mail. News continues good but issue chow is very slim. I continue to play softball on holidays and lots of bridge at other off intervals. - - - -

February 1944 - Mail continues to come in slowly and finally on the 11th I receive seven letters. I was really excited and read them avidly. I was relieved to hear that everyone is well and Martha is still waiting faithfully. Individual packages from home are received in camp but are held by the Japanese for inspection. We had been getting up-to-date news from across the road but they finally became apprehensive and broke the unit into parts and disposed of some so news will probably be sketchy from now on - Issue chow continues to be very skimpy! Many books were received in camp with the red cross chow and are slowly being censored and turned over to the camp library. I spend my spare time, which is plenty, in reading, chess, cards and occassional softball. Apparently the Japs figure we will be here for rainy season, as they have given us bamboo and cogon grass which we are using to repair all of the hospital roofs.

March 1944 - The Japanese get around to issuing the individual packages and I finally receive my one package on the 20th. Frankly I was bitterly disappointed with the package. I received no food which I needed most and no vitamin pills which are a necessity. The candy was full of weevils, the cocoa damp and full of weevils. Chewing gum and life savers were most impractical. The socks were size 13 - I wear 10; the shorts were size 34 - I wear 28. However the cards were excellent and the little tobacco was most satisfying. The toilet articles I could use even tho I had plenty. My chief objection to the box was its cheapness some day I'll find out why!! We received the last of our red cross boxes the last of this month and as the issue chow is so light the future certainly does not seem bright. Somewhere about the first of March a 250 man detail left for Japan. In it were 200 E.M. and 50 officers. I still maintain a decided inclination to remain in this camp as long as is possible. I spend most of my evenings bulling with Curtis who has asked me to go partners with him in a book rental set-up in Oklahoma in conjunction with a bunch of other more or less legitimate enterprises. He tells me of buried (junk); at middleside barracks on Hughes, in the finance lateral off of Melinta and several other places. Many persons are starting gardens to augment the issue chow which is not good and is being gradually cut to a point below the minimum required diet.

April - 1944: I continue to receive a few letters at irregular intervals and finally receive a picture of Martha which I prize very highly. Letters coming into camp have news of pay increases for this unfortunate group up to as much as double pay. If true I calculate

that when I return home I will have at least \$15,000.00 to start my new life with. Chow has fallen off to such an extent that the Japanese have authorized a "workers" ration. Every man on Japanese detail receives more chow (About 100 GMS. Daily) which is known as "A" chow. Everyone else receives B chow. So I have the vexing problem of working my utilities detail on "B" chow while their "quan" partners receive "A" chow doing less work on Japanese details. The garden projects are definitely on the increase as chow becomes worse and many men are rapidly losing weight including myself. My stripped weight at this time being about 128 pounds. I start reading avidly as bridge begins to pall upon me, averaging about a book a day without affecting my continued good eyesight to any appreciable extent. However I continue to play a lot of bridge with Curtis, Kelsey, Coleman, McCavitt and the group at Major Cotherans Bahay. I also spend many pleasant mornings playing chess with Joe Hall over a cup of coffee. The coffee habit is now to me a very pleasant one and I plan to continue it at home. Really a very quiet month with lots of good rumors running rampant and many high hopes for the war to be over this year.

May - 1944: The big event of this month was the picking up of men in this camp who were connected with bringing in notes from the outside to men in camp. The Japanese Military police arrived in camp on the 10th and picked up a group on the 11th and a few more on the 12th. Altogether about 20 men were picked up for questioning, among which, were Lt. Col. Mack, Lt. Col. Swartz, "Gov." Rogers, Chaplain Taylor, Chaplain Tiffany and others. They were taken into Cabanatuan and lodged in the local Jail until questioned. Treatment was rough at first with the usual beatings and slappings but improved as they were found innocent of any real harm or evil intentions towards the Japanese. I personally believe they feared collision between the Filipinos and the American prisoners. One man, a corporal Belau (?), is said to have squealed on Lt. Col. Mack & Rogers. All concerned were finally returned to this camp but were held in confinement in the Japanese guard-house. Several men got sick and were sent to our hospital where they told us of only one blanket and no eating utensils except a plate. This put a definite check on the three lines of communication we had with the outside and through which we had been regularly receiving notes and much money from Manila. However there is still a lot of trading across the fence with the "Nips" and prices are way up. "Cy" Delong sold his diamond for a reported 5500 pesos. Everyone is losing weight now and garden space is at a premium. Issue chow has hit an all-time low with rice and dried corn the bulk of the issue with a very little meat each Wed. and Sat. evening. Diet deficiency ailments are on the increase. There is lots of scurvy, Beri-Beri and edema(?) from protonemia. Tobacco is very scarce in camp and men are hunting "butts" and smoking dried leaves. 1 Kilo of poor tobacco brings 50 pesos on the black market. I hear they are selling sulfathiazol across the fence for as much as 20 pesos a tablet (5 gms.). The Japs have a large detail fixing up the old hospital area and its is rumored that all PW's in the P. I. are to be brought back to this camp. I have continued my reading and now average about one book a day. The double apron barbed wire fence has been extended to include the old hospital area and also another guard path has been built inside the fence; the rumor being that the Japanese guard is to be posted inside of the fence rather than outside.

The entire area inside of camp has been converted into little garden plots which are assiduously attended and furnish quite a bit of extra chow to the owners. I start playing in a small cash poker game and manage to win a little cash. Curtis is in a group convicted of getting extra rice from their mess and they are punished by losing orderly and commissary privileges for three months. The orchestra and shows on Wed. & Sat. continue but we have not had moving pictures for quite a long period. My stripped weight is now about 124 lbs. and softball is discontinued as no one feels up to playing anymore. - - -

June - 1944: Events march right along this month. We hear of the landing on France and also the action against the Marianna. A detail of 450 men and 6 officers is picked and leave for Japan on the 27th. McDavitt and Guyton volunteer and are accepted as two of the officers on the detail. On the 28th a detail arrives here from Mindanao and are housed in the old hospital area and no contact whatsoever is allowed between their group and ours. We believe the detail consisted of 220 enlisted men and 465 officers. Also a 200 patient detail arrived from Bilibid into the hospital and a 60 man detail from Bilibid came into the main camp. We see lots of plane activity this month and lots of army traffic on the road by camp. The hospital mess goes from bad to worse under Capt. Ayers who is finally relieved and Major Roby takes over with a subsequent improvement in the mess. On the 28th the American perimeter guard was abandoned and the Japanese took over guarding on the inside of the fence at night and on the outside, in guard towers, during the day time. We move the dysentery fence, making the area smaller to include only buildings 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5. There are only about 150 positive amoebics in camp now. Chow continues very light with resultant bad effects on camp personnel and to alleviate this shortage several commissary plans are submitted to the camp in which all persons are to share alike from what is bought on the commissary. However all of the plans are disapproved, principally because of lack of trust in those persons who would handle the money and food. We start getting heavy rains which are a headache to me as it is impossible, with the materials at hand, to keep these old roofs from leaking. Curtis continues his practice of dealing with enlisted men, which I dislike, so I don't visit him as much as formerly and start going to see Grische and Pearson instead. I have definitely made up my mind to try to stay in the army first and if that fails, to get a small place in the country and work it in conjunction with some other part time job. Everyone in camp is most optimistic over the good news in camp and we hope to see an end to all this mess this soon. The chow is really bad and is a definite cause for worry. I'm personally weighing under 120 lbs. and am habitually hungry and weak. My legs are particularly weak and give me lots of trouble. We are standing two roll calls each day and are inspected at these times personally by the Japanese officer of the Day. I continue to get letters, my total now being 32. Certainly if Martha continues faithful to me I will do my best to make our married life a just reward. Lord How I Want To Get Home!!!!

JACK C. ALTMAN, CAPT. 192nd TANK BN.  
AMERILLO, TEXAS.

I met Jack on the "Scott" after we left "Frisco" in one of the first poker games I sat in on. He is not particularly congenial as a poker player and will "check locks" at times. After docking at Manila I didnt see Jack again until we met a Cabcabin where he was in command of a tank Company placed there for beach defense. He was living with a young pretty Filipina who posed as his lavendera. Pacita was with me when we visited there and made the other girl quite angry by flirting with Jack. I ran into him again on trail #2 during the last fiasco where he was wandering about alone having lost track of his men. He was in O'Donnell and Cabanatuan where we had bull sessions.

CHARLES BROWN, CAPT. BN. SURGEON 14th E.  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Capt. Brown is the extremely nervous type as evidenced by his constant smoking. He was not at all efficient during the war as he was afraid of any and all enemy action and therefore spent much of his time in a "fox hole". However he has the faculty of telling many funny stories well. After the surrender he was a patient at hospital #2 where he was placed in confinement for taking dope. While I was in Bilibid he came in from hospital #2 and was sent out again as the medical officer with a work detail which went to southern Luzon.

W. E. BURNETT 1st LT 91st ENGR. BN. P. A.  
1319 W. 5th AVE. KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

Lt. Burnett was in the 14th Engrs. before the reorganization and then assigned to the 91st Engrs. just before the war. The only time I met him was at the party at the Alcazar. After surrender he was at O'Donnell and then he came to Cabanatuan where he was very sick and finally died on July 22, 1942, the cause of death dysentery. - - -

CAMDEN R. BRYANT PVT. 34th PURSUIT.  
RAMSEY ROAD, MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

I met Bryant at Cabanatuan where he was originally barber for Group #3 under Lt. Col. Saint. After Group #3 was changed to a Marine group he was made camp barber and as such he continued to give me my shaves and haircuts for which I gave him "quan" and a peso a month. He knows Fisher who married Rachel Schultz and we have had many pleasant bull sessions together. I plan to look him up. - -

RAYMOND G. BECK, 37003069 17th ORD. CO.  
525 E. 3rd ST. RUSSELL, KANSAS

Beck came to work for us as a carpenter when I took over the job as hospital Utilities officer. At the time he was not very well but he worked well and finally came back to good health. He is an excellent, hard working man who really did good work for the hospital in utilities and deserves any boost I can every give him.

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BEAUMONT BURGESS 1st LT. QM.

BOX 555 ROUTE #1, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

I met Burgess in Bilibid where we were sick together. We came to Cabanatuan where Burgess was made mess officer but he went out of his mind and was transferred to the hosp. After a long siege he recovered and was sent to duty quite healthy. Burgess was a typical salesman and has the pleasant personality and line in keeping with selling.

ROBERT G. BURKE 1st LT. ENGRS.

P.O. BOX #1588, MANILA, P.I.

Burke was a civilian mining engineer prior to the war, working on Luzon. He volunteered and was used on demolition work. I met him in Cabanatuan where we had many pleasant talks and news discussions while he was working for Ward Roberts in the camp utilities shop. He should be pleasant company in Manila.

RICHARD C. BEVANS P.F.C. MED. CORPS.

LERROY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Bevans went to V.P.I. around 1935 where I never saw him however he did not graduate. I met him at the hospital in Cabanatuan where he was not very outstanding and was in several rackets. He, however, did me some small favors there.

ROBERT G. CHARLES 2nd LT.

PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

A V.P.I. man, class of 1938 who I have never met.

WILLIAM MARK CURTIS CAPT. ENGRS.

1809 WEST, MAINE, ENID, OKLAHOMA.

Curtis was my first Co. commander when I was called to active duty and we served together at Bragg until we were both ordered to the Philippines at the same time. We drove to "Frisco" together where I left early on the Scott while he came over on the Coolidge. He was on Corrigedor during the entire war and remained on Corrigedor after the surrender until the first of July 1943. He likes wine, women and song and gambles at cards at every opportunity. He undoubtable will be in some racket when we get back to the States.

THOMAS D. CRABTREE 1st LT. ENGRS.

77 CHURCH ST. AUDENREID, PENNA.

Tom has been a civilian in the P.I. for 17 yrs. where he has been a machinery salesman. He came into the 14th Engrs. after war was declared and was put in charge of the Filipino civilian labor Co. as he talks Tagalog and Visayan fluently. After we reached Cabanatuan he worked in hosp. utilities as the officer in charge of latrines until I was ordered to cut down my crew and had to relieve him. He did good work for us. - - -

G. H. CRAWFORD, MAJOR 200th C.A.

BOWLING GREEN, VIRGINIA

Crawford is regular army who is not at all popular but has been okay with me.

"BARNEY" L. T. CLARK CAPT. DEPT. ENGR.

214 V. MAPA., MANILA, P. I.

"Barney" was a tough old timer who has been in the P. I. for over 25 yrs. He was very hardy and independent. We worked together at the 92nd Garage and got along well together. He died on Nov. 25th, 1942 at the age of 61 in the Cabanatuan prison camp of diptheria and old age. He wanted to go saying the fight to live was not worth it.

GEORGE DAVID COUCH 2nd LT. 201st ENGRS.

4222 N. ASHLAND CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. APT. 201

I met George at Bilibid where we lived and worked and finally got sick together. He was a miner before the war and volunteered after hostilities started. After we got to Cabanatuan I asked him to work in hospital utilities with me and when he accepted placed him in charge of latrines with he handled well. He is a good worker a pleasant living companion, and lots of fun. He was called "#1 Hammerhead" by the Japanese guards when he drained one of the deep latrines past their guard-house.

JACK A. COMSTOCK CAPT. M.C.

1603 4th ST. BOULDER, COLORADO.

I met Jack at Cabanatuan prison hospital and liked him fine from the first. We played lots of volleyball together as we usually seemed to play on the same teams. I know him to be quite conscientious as I know hqs. made him change adverse remarks on men going to duty by Japanese order when he thought they were not fit for duty. The men in his ward swear by him.

ARTHUR B. CROSS JR. LT. NAVY

EATONTOWN BLVD. OCEANPORT, N. J.

Cross has a most pleasant personality and as he lives close to Winchester I have promised him a visit when we get back. He ran the little poker game in Bilibid and lost. He plays a good game of bridge but is poor at chess. After we got to Cabanatuan I was not able to visit him often before he was sent out on the first large detail.

WILLIAM C. CHENOWETH MAJOR C. E.

1243 CHEROKEE RD. LOUISVILLE, KY.

"Bill" is a "West Pointer" with lots of ability but was unpopular because of an evident selfish ambition. However he was most kind in assisting me when I relieved him as Adjutant of the 14th Engineers. During the war he was 2nd Corps Engineer a duty he performed well. He was made hospital Utilities officer in Cabanatuan but he didn't like the job so volunteered for the first big outgoing detail which he made, so once more I relieved him this time at the Cabanatuan prison hospital as Utilities off.

ORMAN W. CASEY 1st LT. INF. (ENGR. DEPOT)

102 N. MOFFETT, JOPLIN, MISSOURI.

I did not know this officer well but obtained his address for Gallups use. However he has a quiet and retiring disposition and seems to think a lot of "EG." He is no relation to General Casey, Ussafe Engineer.



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TOM F. CHILCOTE CAPT. 57th INF.

3733 NE. 15th AVE. PORTLAND, OREGON

Tom was Bahay leader of our bahay #42 while I was living in Group #2. He was a policeman before being called to active duty and retained his habits. We played poker together in the bahay with Tom being just about the only other winner.

H. J. COLEMAN CAPT. 57th INF.

1144 E. 8th SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Coleman was a really likeable fellow but was not a good book-keeper. "Cole" was our Commissary Officer in Bahay #42 and was short on the books for a while but eventually managed to get even. He had a bad segee of malaria and foot and eye trouble but even so was sent out on the 1st large detail. A poor poker player.

WHITNEY M. COOK LT. JR. GRADE NAVY

12 GARLAND RD. CONCORD, MASS.

I met Cook at Bilibid and we traveled to Cabanatuan together. My associations with Cook were mostly over a poker table.

CHARLES M. DEMPWOLF CAPT. 14th ENGR.

512 S. WALNUT ST. CLEBOURNE, TEXAS

"Charlie" was the ranking 1st Lt. in the 14th Engrs. and was unpleasant when I was made Adj. However, we finally got along okay after several arguments. Lt. Roberts and Capt. Faulkner say that "Charlie" got more than his share of the funds that were split when they left Signal Hill. At Cabanatuan he was sick in the hospital for over a year but when sent to duty was fat and healthy.

CYRUS DELONG CAPT. D. C.

LIVE OAKS, FLORIDA

"Cy" apparently comes from a well-to-do family and is himself quite congenial. He was a member of quite a few of our bridge games while I was hospital utilities officers. His duty was de-lousing officer. I hope to visit him back home.

HUGH A. DERRICK 1st LT. ENGRS.

334 VINE ST., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

I did not know Derrick personally. He was in the 14th Engrs. before the reorganization. He died at Cabanatuan in the early days when I could not get a definite record of death.

EDDIE H. DALE CAPT. INF.

121 CANNON ST., POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

"Eddie" had the reputation of being a fighting man but he liked Eddie a little too well for my taste. We lived together in Bahay #42 where Eddie backed the poker game but never successfully. He went out on the second large detail.

HAYNE W. DOMINICK JR. PVT A. C.

MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Dominick is a Virginia boy who runs around with Bryant. I met him at Cabanatuan.

PAT H. DUNCAN 2nd LT. V. P. I. '31

HILLSVILLE, VIRGINIA

I met Pat in Cabanatuan where he was always cheerful and pleasant. He has the reputation of being able to tell good stories for hours on end.

WILLIAM DUNCAN PVT.

TROUTVILLE, VIRGINIA

I do not know this man but hope to contact him when we both get back to Virginia!

BILLY S. DERRICK P. F. C. 17th ORD. CO.

P.O. #31 BLUE CREEK, WEST VA.

Derrick came to work for us when we originally came over and took the Utilities job. He was in poor health then but worked with us for almost a year, doing good work and finally was sent back to the other side in good health.

GEORGE O. DUNN SGT. M. C. 20918481

4149 PINE ST., RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Sgt. Dunn was at general hospital #1 during the war and finally worked for us as a carpenter in hospital utilities. He came to us first on extra duty for fighting but worked so well that we kept him working for us permanently and he did a fine job.

MELVIN W. EVANS CAPT. 1st CORPS. ENGRS.

2315 SO. HARVEY ST., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

I never cared for Melvin as he was a poor officer in every sense of the word. He lost at poker in the middleside tunnel game and finally borrowed 50 pesos from me which he has never repaid. He was sent out from Cabanatuan on the first large detail. I promise myself to collect that debt if I ever got the chance just because of his attitude after we were prisoners.

D. G. ERICKSON CAPT. QM.

2630 S. 15th ST. PHILADELPHIA, PA.

"Dave" was a mess officer in Group #2 who when relieved lived with us in Bahay #42. He was hard to get along with due to a persecution complex which he showed mostly in our poker games. He was sent out on the 2nd large detail.

GARNET P. FRANCIS JR. CAPT. D. C.

c/o J. R. HARMAN 14 W. MAPLE ST. ALEXANDRIA, VA.

I met Francis at the Cabanatuan hospital where he was serving as a sort of Provost Marshal in charge of police and guards (Amer.) and got his address as he lives close to Winchester. He has a pleasant personality and is well liked....

ALBERT FIELDS LT. COL. D. C. (A. G. O.)

COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS

Col. Fields is a typical old regular army officer who was in charge of Dentistry at the Cabanatuan Prison hospital. He is "Sot" in his ways but is a really fine old gentleman whom I have a lot of respect for as he was always pretty sensible about the general

situation as far as we, as prisoners, were concerned.

FRANK E. FRIES MAJOR 803rd ENG.

124 W. 8th ST., MADERA, CALIFORNIA

Major Fries was commanding officer of the 803rd Engineers and while stationed at Clarke Fiels was bombed at the beginning of the war. This bombing resulted in a stay-close to home policy which lowered his efficiency for the rest of the Bataan fracas. He is good at cards and is personally quite a prisoner of war. He left Cabanatuan on the first large outgoing detail.

ACE E. FAULKNER CAPT. 14th ENGRS.

ADAMS HOTEL, PHOENIX, ARIZONA or

2413 PINE AVE., NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.

"Ace" loved to give the impression that he is plenty tough and habitually wore two guns on Bataan. He, however, did a poor job as S-2 and S-3 for the 14th. Apparently he has an inferiority complex which he is always trying to cover. While at Cabanatuan he got in trouble as Group #2 details officer and was sent to Japan as an officer in charge of a 100 man technical detail.

H. O. FISHER MAJOR 202nd ENGR.

422 E. HUISACHE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Harry was Commanding Officer of the 202nd Engineers and is said to have done a good job. He was sent out from Cabanatuan on the first big detail.

PAUL R. GREGORY CAPT. 14th ENGRS.

Paul succeeded Fralick as commanding officer of "C" Co. 14th Engrs. and after the surrender went south with the officer group. However he contracted pneumonia and died sometime in July 1942. Gregory's grave is located at x. Follow the left bank of the stream from @ the farm house of Lazaro Malabanan for about 300 yds. west of bend, where valley narrows to a gorge, the grave is on a small shelf about 20' above stream. Dr. Francisco Pasia knows location and has Gregory's things.

WILLIAM A. GAY MAJOR ENGRS.

256 N. BELLEVUE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

A west pointer who is plenty capable and also a conscientious worker. He was in Ussaffe on Bataan and lived and worked with Col. Sanit at Cabanatuan prison camp. A good man!

BREWSTER G. GALLUP CAPT. ENGRS.

346 KATHMERE RD. UPPER DERBY, PA. or

1604 N. ELLISON AVE., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

"BG" was in charge of installing the "8" guns on Bataan and so worked for the 14th a short while. We reached Corregidor together and lived at middle side tunnel together. He got publicity in the States for being in charge of a detail which put a flag up which had been shot down by enemy shell fire. After the surrender

we lived together at the 92nd Garage and there at Bilibid we lived and worked together the month we were there. After being sent to Cabanatuan we lived in Bahay #11 and quaved together pooling our resources, my pen and pencil set and his watch. So when I was made hospital utilities officer I asked him to work with me even tho he was my superior in rank. He did a good job as officer in charge of tools and the beautification detail, however causing quite a bit of hard feeling because of his general uncivil attitude. Gallup is married and is very touchy about any mention of his wife. When the utilities force was cut down in July, he was sent back to the main camp when he lost in cutting cards with George and Wally.

A. H. GIESECKE CAPT. INF.

323 W. GRAMERCY ST., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Giesecke was one of my cabin mates on the "Scott" coming to the P. I. and was most pleasant. He had half a case of 1918 whisky which sealed our friendship. He is not the Officer type as he is too easy going. He worked with civilian labor on Bataan. A poor poker player. We had a birthday party for both of us on Nov. 5, 1942 at his mess hall at Cabanatuan which was fine. If possible I want to visit Adolf when we return to the States.

R. K. GRIMES CAPT. 57th INF.

908 BLANCO ST., AUSTIN, TEXAS

"Rudy" lived with us in Bahay #42 until he contracted diphtheria. Because of a late diagnosis by the medicos and a run-down condition from mal-nutrition he died on Oct 16th, 1942 at the Cabanatuan Prison Hospital.

JOHN A. GOODPASTURE 1st LT. INF.

818 FAIRMONT AVE., BRISTOL, VA.

I do not know this officer but have his address as a fellow Virginian.

R. W. GENUNG CAPT. D. C.

1013 ST. CHARLES AVE. N. E. ATLANTA, GA.

"Russ" is a pleasant mannered person who I met I liked at the Cabanatuan Prison Camp hospital. He worked on my teeth.

J. J. GINSBERG 1st LT. M.C.

328 EAST MOODY AVE. NEW CASTLE, PA.

"Joe" is a "baby specialist" who may be able to be of service to me some day I hope! I met him at the Cabanatuan hospital where we played lots of bridge together. In my opinion he is one of the best bridge players I have ever played with. A Jewish Gentleman!!

GOD WIN CAPT. INF.

One of my cabinmates on the "Scott" and a pleasant traveling companion but certainly not an officer. He was assigned to the P. A. went north and finally while I was in Cabanatuan heard that he had turned in and was being held at Santo Thomas.

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WILLIE S. HEARD 1st LT. 192nd TANK BN.

MONROE or SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

We came on over on the "Scott" together and ate at the same table. We played poker together most of the time. I ran into him again at Cabanatuan where he finally went out again on the 1st large detail.

JOHN J. HUMMEL 2nd LT. 194th TANKS

4509 19th AVE. N. E., SEATTLE, WASH.

I met John on Corrigedor where he was police officer in Melinta tunnel. He is slightly effeminate but altho not energetic is conscientious. He was jaundiced while at Cabanatuan which he left on the 2nd large detail.

JAMES H. HARE 1st LT. ENGRS.

CUPSAW, LAKE, MANAGUE, WISCONSIN

"Jimmie" was the Happy-Go-Lucky M. T. O. of the 14th Engrs. when I joined the outfit and went from there to 1st Corps. Hqs. working for Col. Sherry. Later he was assigned to the 71st Engrs. P. A. After getting to Cabanatuan prison camp he became very sick from dysentery and malnutrition and finally died on Nov. 28th 1942.

HATCH CAPT. ENGRS.

SANITARY ENGINEER

:

WIFE

SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

:

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Hatch is a darn good fellow, an efficient and hard working officer but he was certainly the most scared man in the engineer tunnel. He likes wine, women, and song. He stayed on Corrigedor after the surrender but was finally sent to Cabanatuan on Nov. 18, 1942 and was quite shocked at conditions there.

H. G. HORNPOSTEL CAPT. ENGRS.

79 ORTEGA SAN JUAN RIZAL, P. I.

"Horny" is an oldtimer in the P. I. He spent his 63rd birthday in Cabanatuan prison camp. In the last war he was a Junior officer in the Marines and tells many good stories of his service in this part of the world. On Bataan he served as supply officer for the 202nd Engineers and did a good job. I first met Hornbostel in Bahay #42 where we lived and played poker together. He became very sick, was sent to the hospital, recovered and was sent back to the main camp where he was placed on permanent quarters and did much good work by working gardens and keeping the officers quarters up in Group #2. "Horny" visited us often in order to participate in our poker games in which he lost heavily.

E. L. HORTON CAPT. 57th INF.

FARMINGTON, MISSOURI

I met Jim at Cabanatuan where we had lots of fun together as he is quite a good athlete. We played baseball and softball together while I was in Group #2 and after I came to the hospital we played volleyball on opposing teams in some good, tight matches.

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JOHN A. HAMER 1st LT. ENGRS.  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Hamer came over on the Coolidge at the same time I was on the Scott. He is a V. P. I. man who graduated in the class of '39. He came to Cabanatuan and took up farming with the rest of the boys.

JOSEPH LESLIE HALL 1st LT. M. C.  
STANTON, TEXAS

I worked with "Joe" at the Cabanatuan hospital as he was Utilities officer. He visited our bahay quite often and we played chess and poker together. "Joe" was way down in the poker game but finally came back and quit when he was about even.

JOSEPH V. IACOBUCCI CAPT. SIGNAL CORPS  
2615 PECAN ST. CINCINNATI, OHIO

I met Joe at the junction of trails 2 and 10 sometime after midnight during the last fiasco when things were in such an uproar. He also got to Corrigedor and after the surrender we played bridge together there at Bilibid and again at Cabanatuan. Very pleasant.

EUGENE L. JORGENSON 1st LT. 14th ENGRS.  
NEBRASKA

Jorgenson is one of those mild appearing persons who have plenty "on the ball". He brought "C" Co. thru without losing a man after Fralich had abandoned the Co. at Abucay. Col. Saint speaks highly of actions on the trip south after Bataan surrendered. He stayed out with Kramer.

EDMUND E. JENNINGS 1st LT. 14th ENGRS.  
2020 WELCH BLVD., FLINT, MICHIGAN

Jennings is an all-around good fellow but lacks push on duty altho he did a good job with "B" Co. on Bataan. He went south with the original ten man detail but turned himself in at Lake Taal and was sent to Cabanatuan. He did not like the prison camp so volunteered for and was assigned to the first large outgoing detail.

HOMER L. JONES CAPT. 14th ENGRS.  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANNIA

Homer was a big hearty person who could work and work and work. He was injured early in the war in an automobile accident but was out of the hospital and back to duty within a few weeks with a leg that never did completely heal. He got to Camp O'Donnel after the fall of Bataan where on May 20, 1942, he died of cerebral malaria.

EDWARD H. JOHNSON 803rd ENGRS.

PVT. 32092255 ; R. F. D. #2 MECHANICVILLE, N.Y.

Johnson worked for us in Utilities as a carpenter for almost a year at the hospital at Cabanatuan. We finally had to let him go when the Utilities labor was cut. He is a good worker and did an excellent job for us in the hospital.

MADSEN C. KOKJER 2nd LT. 17th "BOMB"

HYANNIS, NEBRASKA

Kokjer is always out for a good time. I met him on the Scott where we played poker together. He never flew on Bataan but was some sort of supply officer. He hid out after the surrender but finally turned in and was sent to Cabanatuan. At Cabanatuan he was one of the hospital perimeter guard off and sat in on our poker sessions.

ROBERT C. KRAMER 1st LT. 14th ENGRS.

(FLORIDA?)

Kramer was a West Pointer and a darn good officer, being hard working, capable, conscientious, and an able leader. After the surrender of Bataan he went south with the ten man detail and is still with Jorgenson.

JAMES R. KRAUS 1st LT. 14th ENGRS.

615 S. 13th ST. ESCANABA, MICHIGAN

We came over on the "Scott" together, living in adjacent cabins. He does not gamble but likes sports so we played a lot of ping pong together. We were both assigned to the 14th Engrs. with Jimmie going to "B" Co. where he was C. O. during Jones' absence. He went south with the ten men, finally came in, was sent to Tagaytay and finally came into Cabanatuan. He did not like the prison camp so volunteered for and went out on the first large detail.

MORRIS H. KORNBLUM CAPT. 14th ENGRS.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Kornblum is Jewish but has a pleasing personality and is a darn good dentist. He did excellent work during the war until we got into close contact with the enemy. He likes to talk and can be quite interesting. He remained on Corrigedor for awhile after the surrender but was later sent to Bilibid.

MARSHALL H. KENNEDY 1st LT. 192nd TANK

EAGLEMOUNT LAKE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

I met Kennedy on the Scott where we played a lot of poker together. I finally ran into him again in Cabanatuan where he wasn't well but went out on the first large detail.

LIEF R. KLOSTER 2nd LT. 27th BOMB

EAGLE GROVE, IOWA

"Kloster" was a typical devil-may-care Air Corps pilot. We came over on the Scott together where we had quite a time drinking and playing poker. While at Honolulu we had several darn good golf games together. After reaching Manila we continued to golf together and run around at night. I will never forget the time I met him sitting so dejectedly on the bed in the Cosy Club. He left Cabanatuan on the 2nd large detail.

LOGAN V. KINNISON SGT. M. C. 6932529

c/o MRS. Wm. H. YORDY, R. R. #1, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Sgt. Kinnison was the sgt. under Lt. Couch in charge of latrines at the Cabanatuan hospital. He did an excellent job on dirty work without ever complaining.

OSCAR C. KOWALSKIE MAJOR D. C.

STEWART, MINNESOTA

"Oscar" gave his word in the poker game at Cabanatuan prison hospital utilities to give a check for his losses when he left the game. He was sent to Bilibid and refused to give a check, saying he would pay when we get back to the States. As he lost over 5000 pesos, mostly to me, I am sure interesting in trying to collect.

JAMES D. LYNCH 2nd LT. 14th ENGRS.

133 NORTH PLEASANT ST., WATERTOWN, N. Y.

I first met Lynch on the "Scott" where we played poker together. He likes a good time and is always bubbling over with energy. He does not put up a good appearance but made a good Officer in "A" Co. of the 14th Engrs. He was one of the first men I recognized when I got to Bilibid where I gave him 10 P and he gave me chow and medicine. He was sent to Cabanatuan where he was a barracks leader for a long time.

R. B. LOTHROP MAJOR ENGRS.

NEWBURG, NEW YORK

A good man in a pinch but overly ambitious and officious on duty. He evidenced a weakness for women by flagrantly courting Mrs. Grady. He remained on Corregidor after the surrender and earned himself the title of "Little Napoleon" and the lasting hatred of his subordinates.

GALE A. LUDWICK PVT. 36115844 803rd Engrs.

709 WRIGHT AVE., ALMA, MICHIGAN

Ludwick came to work for us in hospital utilities and turned out to be the handiest man we had. Among other things he turned out an excellent guitar and violin and various braces and cleverly improvised surgical implements.

ERNEST H. LOY SGT. 6588732 20th PUR.

BOX #305, SPRAGUE, WASHINGTON

Loy finally came to work for us as tool checker and handy man for hosp. utilities and did a really fine job. I had to send him to the main camp when the utilities labor was cut down.

E. C. LENTZ MAJOR M. C.

A. G. O.

Major Lentz was sanitary officer for the hospital while I was there and tho' he is a pleasant person generally he certainly lacks the power of application to duty. He loves to peddle around on his own little individual projects.

KEITH MADILL 1st LT. ENGRS.

c/o B. C. MADILL BAKER, OREGON or  
INDEPENDENT PNEUMATIC TOOL CO.

LOS ANGELES or  
CHICAGO

I met Keith on Corregidor but didn't get to know him until we went bathing together at the 92nd Garage. He appears to be



capable and ambitious and could quite likely be a good man to know in P. I. After he

ROBERT D. MONTGOMERY 1st LT. 803rd ENG.

93 CANNON ST. HAMDEN, CONN.

"Bob" has an engaging personality and is quite versatile. He worked for the Koppers Conn. Coke Co. before going on active duty. We played bridge and ate together at Bilibid. After coming to Cabanatuan I saw little of "Bob" as he was in Group #1. He left here (Cab. Pr. Cp.) on the 2nd large detail.

M. H. McCOY COMMANDER NAVY

762 ORIZABA AVE., LONG BEACH, CALIF.

I met the Commander in Bilibid where we played chess together with myself on the short side. He has a brilliant analytical mind which results in a darn good game of chess.

STEVEN MALEVICH MAJOR ENGRS.

344 BECKS RUN RD. PITTSBURGH, PA.

"Steve" and I served in both the 41st and 14th Engineers together. However, when war was declared he was made executive to Col. Sherry, the first Corps Engineer. He likes wine, women, and song. While in Manila we went to the Jai Alai together taking along Marie and Teresa. We have had many good chess games together. He was through O'Donnell and when sent to Cabanatuan worked with Col. Saint in Group #3 and then in Group #1.

A. R. McCracken COMMANDER NAVY

2713 35th ST. N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Commander McCracken was on duty with the South China Patrol. I met him at Bilibid where he backed me against Gooding, who at the time was the American Commander at Bilibid. He came to Cabanatuan but was sent out on one of the large details.

C. A. McLAUGHLIN MAJOR INF.

205 LANTWYN LANE, NORBIRTH, PENNA.

I met McLaughlin on the Scott where we played poker together. He likes wine, women, and song too well. I heard in Cabanatuan he was a prominent "Fox hole Joe" during the Fracas.

JOE E. McINTOSH 1st LT. ENGRS.

CHILLICOTHE, ILLINOIS

Joe was originally in the 14th Engrs. but was assigned to the P. A. when the 14th was made a Bn. He died about July 15th, 1942 in the Cabanatuan Prison Camp. I had met him at the Alcazar Party. Reports are that he was a fine officer.

GENE McCUBBIN SGT. 803rd ENGR. BN.

411 BOYLSTON AVE., SEATTLE, WASH.

Sgt. McCubbin worked on our deep latrine and latrine details doing fine work until relieved and sent back to the main camp when the hospital labor barracks was cut in personnel.

THOMAS P. MOTOSKO PVT. 35020445 192nd TANK  
1631 E. INDIANOLA AVE., YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO  
Motosko worked for the hospital in the labor barracks for  
over a year until it was cut down and he was sent to the main  
camp. He is an excellent worker.

ALEX M. MOHNAC 1st LT. D. C.  
85 ARDMORE RD., HOHOKUS, N. J.  
"Al" is the horizontal bar artist who knocked himself out  
on the bar in our back yard while trying a new stunt. I knew  
"Al" fairly well as we ate next to each other in the hospital  
officers mess and had a great time kidding each other.

CLINTON S. MAUPIN MAJOR M. D.  
WAURIKA, OKLAHOMA  
"Clint" is one of the most analytical persons I have ever  
known. He is A-1 as a profounder of theories but lax in the  
application of some. He did a good job as hospital adjutant  
at Cabanatuan. He is a hearty volley ball enthusiast and we had  
many good games of volley ball together .

JEROME N. McDAVITT CAPT. F. A.  
1519 W. KINGSHIGHWAY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
"Mac" is an excellent bridge player and taught me lots about  
the game. He is a prime conniver, managing to stay in the hospi-  
tal for over a year on special duty jobs. He has made quite a  
few enemies because of his chiseling policies but has treated me  
fine personally as I have always been on top.

RALPH E. MOORE PFC )  
JOE W. MOORE PFC. ) CRANDON VA.  
Two fellow Virginians who I have never had the pleasure of  
meeting.

OTIS F. MORGAN 1st LT. ENGRS.  
LAUREN, SOUTH CAROLINA  
I did not know Morgan except that he was originally with  
the 14th Engrs.

CARLOS F. McAFEE MAJOR J. A. G. DEPT.  
2545 N. W. 21st ST., OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.  
Major McAfee did a good job commanding the officers in Group  
#2 until sent out on 2nd large detail.

WALTER LATHAM NORTHBY 1st LT. ENGR.  
643 VAN BUREN ST. N. E. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.  
I met Wally on Corrigedor where we lived together in Middle-  
side Tunnel. He was one of the two Engineer officers on observa-  
tion duty for the Coast Artillery who was not killed. We were  
together for a month. After coming to Cabanatuan we were separa-  
ted until I was made hospital utilities officers at which he  
worked in utilities as the officer in charge of carpentry work.  
During Bataan he worked with Major Chenoweth in the 2nd Corps  
Engineers and also served with the newly organized 202nd Engineer  
Battalion. Before the war he was a civilian miner and had worked

in South America, Alaska, and the Philippines. "Wally" is quite well read and a good talker.

JOHN NARDINI LT. SR. G. DOCTOR NAVY  
1301 BRIGHTON ST. CASTOR GARDENS PHILA. PA.

WILLIAM A. ORR MAJOR ENGRS.  
743 MARKET ST., ANDERSON, SOUTH CAR.  
"Bill" is one of the better West Pointers. He was originally in the 14th but after the Reorganization was made Asst. G-4 in which capacity he served during the war in Usaffe. At Cabanatuan he succeeded Col. Say as Camp Utilities Officers and while under him I did quite a bit of work on the roads, drainage, and the cemetery.

AL S. OSE 2nd LT. 27th BOMB  
STORY CITY, IOWA  
"Al" came over on the Scott where we drank and played poker together. We also golfed together at Honolulu and at McKinley. He left Cabanatuan on the 2nd large detail. He runs with Kloster but is more serious and plays a better and steadier brand of golf.

GEORGE PAPPAS 41st ENGRS.  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI (?)  
I don't know George's address but include him in this book because he was such a fine fellow while we served together in the 141st Engineers. After this mess is over I certainly intend to look him up for Old times sake.

RONALD O. PIGG CAPT. C. E.  
P.O. BOX #188, PACIFIC GROVE, CALIF.  
I met "Ronnie" on Corrigedor where I worked under him laying land mines around the Engineer and North Mine Dock. After Corrigedor Capitulated he remained on the island and removed the mines. He finally came to Cabanatuan which he didn't like. Ronnie is a really fine Gentleman.

PIPER, CAPT. D. C.  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI  
Dr. Piper is another of the officers in the 41st Engineers who was so likeable as to make me remember him and to serve as a reason for wishing to see him again.

ROBERT P. PIERPONT 1st LT. 14th ENGRS.  
THATCHER RD. OJAI, CALIFORNIA  
"P.P." is a West Pointer but not very efficient as an officer. He went South with the original 10 man detail but turned in at Lake Taal and finally ended up at Cabanatuan. At Cabanatuan he was in the Guard Company for a while but was relieved developed a bad foot, and was a patient in the hospital for quite a spell.

JOHN F. PRESNELL JR. CAPT. 14th ENGRS.

258 VAUGHN ST., PORTLAND, MAINE;

"Johnny" is well educated as he had four years of college and also graduated from West Point. As S-4 in the 14th he did a darn good job during the war. We were not very friendly at first but the longer I know Johnny the more congenial he becomes. He came to Cabanatuan and worked hard there as Ass't utilities Off. in Group #1.

ROBERT P. POWELL 1st LT. ENGRS.

901 COMMERCIAL OLIVER BLDG., ATLANTA, GA.

This officer is not known to me personally. However he was originally in the 14th Engrs. and also has a brother and father in the army out here.

MICHEAL J. PERFETT CP.L. 803rd ENGRS.

417 RIDGE AVE., SHARPSVILLE, PA.

"Mike" was another carpenter who came over with us from the main camp to work the hospital. At the time he was lean, weak, and lacksaidaisical but he became quite healthy and really did a fine job for the hospital. He was sent back to the main camp when the activities crew was cut down.

J. I. PRAY CAPT 31st INF.

8025 CRANDOM, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

John was a "regular" who made the grade thru the Thomasin Act. In my opinion he was the "most" gentleman in Bahay #42 where we lived together. He also kept a diary and notes so for many reasons I wish to contact him after the war. He was sent out from Cabanatuan on the 2nd large detail.

F. L. PICOTTE CAPT. INF. (A. C. AD.)

4106 JEFFERSON, MILWAUKIE, ORE.

"Pic" is a happy-go-lucky-lazy individual you can't help but like. He has promised to get me work if I'm ever out of a job back in the States. We lived in Bahay #42 together and played a lot of poker together with the result that he owes me damn near a thousand dollars.

R. I. PLATT CAPT. 88th F. A.

c/o MRS. A. PLATT, HOMEWOOD TERRACE, SAN FRANCISCO

We lived together for a short while in Group #2. He was sent out from Cabanatuan on the 1st large detail.

C. A. PACE 2nd LT.

547 HIGHLAND, ROANOKE, VA.

A fellow Virginian and I believe also a graduate of V. P. I. I'm not sure of having met this officer as he is not fixed in my memory.

E. WARD ROBERTS 1st LT. 14th ENGRS.  
1020 ACOMA ST. DENVER, COLORADO or  
CLAYTON ILLINOIS

"Ward" was a civilian miner before the war who volunteered and was assigned to the 14th as M. T. O. After Bataan fell he and Sgt. Diokno put the records in storage. After coming to Cabanatuan he and I worked together under Col. Say and he was finally made Ass't Camp utilities officer in charge of carpenters, the shop etc. We have played quite a bit of poker and plan to play more and golf under better conditions.

WILLIAM C. RAMME 1st LT. ENGRS.  
570 GLENBROOK RD., GLENBROOK, CONN.

"Bill" was a salesman for Standard Vacuum Oil Co. in this part of the world before the war. Actually he has lots of ability and made a good officer. He is a good fellow as evidenced by the fact that he gave me 1.50 P when times were really tough in Cabanatuan. While at Cabanatuan he was mess officers in the hospital for a while and after being relieved was made corral officer in charge of the Brahma Steers.

ROBERT C. ROBBINS 1st LT. 14th ENGRS.  
BROCKELAND, TEXAS

"Robby" is a hard working boy but even tho he worked under me as personnel officer for the 14th ENGRS. I could never like him well. When the gang got to Cabanatuan he had plenty of money but would never share it with any of his fellow officers. Scity called him everything in the books but "Robby" wouldn't lift a finger. He was sent out on one of the large details.

GEORGE ALFREDO RAGUSIN 2nd LT.  
c/o JOSEPH E. FRITZ, 77 CHURCH ST., AUDENREID, PA.  
George was a civilian mechanic at Cavite prior to the war. He has never been in the U. S. While at Cabanatuan he was quite sick, got well, was made ass't mess officer, got fat, was relieved and sent out on the 2nd large detail.

R. S. RAY CAPT. AIR CORPS  
1064 MAPLE WOOD DRIVE, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA  
I lived with Ray for a short while in Group #2. He had the reputation of being a good pilot but it is said he will be faced with charges for deserting his men while they were on the front line. He left Cabanatuan on the 2nd large detail.

EUGENE ROSEMONT CAPT. O. M.  
C/O MRS. BERTHA ROSEMONT, 1725 VAN ESS AVE.  
SAN FRANCISCO  
Rosemont and I lived together for a short while in Bahay #11, Group #2, until he was sent out on the first large detail.

CHARLES R. SIETZ 1st LT. 14th ENGRS.

GLENWOOD, IOWA.

Sietz did a good job while working for "A" Co. of the 14th Engrs. About two weeks before Bataan fell he was assigned to the 2nd Phil. Div. P. A. for beach defense. After coming to Cabanatuan he became a slacker in that he wouldn't work unless forced to. He left on the 2nd large detail.

JOSEPH F. SMITH 1st LT. 14th ENGRS.

c/o MRS. H. E. WINANS, 2900 EDWARDS ST. ALTON, ILL. or  
c/o MR. SMITH AUBURN ILLINOIS

"Smith" is a likeable hard working officer who did a good job for "A" Co. during the war. After the surrender he went south with the original ten, turned in at lake Taal, came to Cabanatuan, which he said was "no goods", and left on the 1st large detail.

HENRY B. STOBBER CAPT. CHAPLAIN

3092 CELERON PLACE, CINCINNATI, OAKLEY, OHIO

As Chaplain for the 14th Engrs. Chaplain Stober did a good job as most Filipinos are more or less devout Catholics. He is very human however, as he came into Cabanatuan very slender and left very fat, even while times were tough, on the 1st large detail.

WEBSTER C. SMYERS CAPT. M. D.

"Smyers" did a lousy job while with the 14th Engineers as he evaded orders several times and at one time practically disobeyed direct orders. He got to Corrigedor and remained there after the surrender but was finally sent to Bilibid.

FREDERICK G. SAINT LT. COL. 14th ENGRS.

197 BERTEAU, ELMHEART, ILLINOIS

"Freddie" is easily the best commanding officer I have ever served under. He is capable, hard working, honest and conscientious. He was the big reason why the 14th Engrs. functioned so well on Bataan. After the surrender he went south with the ten man group but was captured while searching for water along the Batangas shore. I saw him again when we reached Bilibid where he was mainly responsible for having me work the extra month on clean-up-work. After we got to Cabanatuan he was made Group Leader of Group #3 where he did fine work. After Col. Beecher took over he was transferred to Group #1 as utilities officer.

CAMPBELL H. SNYDER MAJOR 14th ENGRS.

GILBERT LOUISIANA or 1301 TENEMENT WAY SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

"Cam" is a brilliant, likeable West Pointer who did excellent work as executive of the 14th Engrs. He was remarkably cool during the war and liked to make personal trips around, the front lines for the hell of it. After reaching Cabanatuan he sat around mostly cynical and finally left on the 1st big detail. He says he is going to retire from the army and go into farming in Louisiana where I have promised to visit him.

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HOWARD J. SAY LT. COL. ENGRS.

BOX 400, BAGUIO, P. I.

"H. J." was a reserve officer called to active duty while working for "Benget" as chief mechanic. There are many conflicting stories out on this man so will reserve judgement until later. I worked for him while at Bilibid and when we finally got to Cabanatuan I worked for him while he was camp police officer and later he was responsible for my being made hospital utilities officer. He was relieved as Camp Commander and was eventually sent back to Bilibid. I know that he was looking out for "H. J." but also can say that he did a whole lot of good for the camp as a whole.

R. S. SILHAVEY 1st LT. 51st ENGRS.

8969 ALDEN ST., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

This officer was in the 14th Engrs. before the reorganization and had a reputation as being a competent officer. When he got to Bataan after fighting in Southern Luzon stories followed which enhanced his reputation as a fighting man.

ERHARD SJOBLUM 2nd LT. ENGRS.

2519 SIMPSON AVE. HOQUIAM, WASH.

I only know Sjoblum casually from seeing him at Cabanatuan where he worried me to give him a job in utilities so he would miss other details. He didn't get the job.

ROBERT H. SHERK 1st LT. 202nd ENGRS.

BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA

"Bob" was a civilian mining engineer at Itogan before the war. He worked for hosp. utilities a short while as the officer in charge of putting in deep latrines (20')

JACK H. SHERK 1st LT. 202nd ENGRS.

BEAUMONT, CALIFORNIA

Jack worked with Bob before the war and so came to work in hosp. utilities with "Bob" and helped on deep latrines. However "Bob" did and does most of the work for the duet.

HARRY A. SKERRY COL. ENGRS.

1831 SOUTH WEST PARK AVE., BLACKSTONE APTS.

PORTLAND, OREGON

"Hurry-Skerry" was C. O. of the 14th Engrs. before the reorganization and was partly responsible for my being made adj. of the outfit. During the war he was first Corps Engineer and got quite a reputation in conjunction with his chauffeur.

H. C. SMITH CAPT. A. G. D.

c/o ADJ. GEN. DEPT. WASHINGTON, D. C.

"Smitty" is a pretty good "Joe". Prior to the war he was a master sergeant in the Adjutant Generals Dept. and while serving over here married a Spanish Mestiso. They lived in Bahay #42 until sent out on the 2nd large detail.

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M. J. SHELDON CAPT. INF.

FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA

"Jerry" lived in Bahay #42 with us and kept us amused by his optimistic G-2's of the situation. When he left on the 2nd large detail he was convinced that the war would be over in a few weeks and that he would not reach Japan.

L. A. SENSMEIER CAPT. A.G.D.

c/o MRS. AUGUST SENSMEIER 3302 HOYT AVE.  
EVERETT, WASH.

Sensmeler was a most unpopular officer as he had an unpleasant manner and was always griping. We lived together in Bahay #11 for a short while until he was sent out on the first large detail.

B. F. STAKES CAPT. INF. VPI '26

1011 EUGENE ST., GREENSBORO, N. C.

I met Stakes at Cabanatuan when he was camp salvage officer and later was placed in charge of the shoe shop. He helped me keep in shoes for a while.

JACK S. SCHWARTZ LT. COL. M.D.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS or A.G.O.

"Jack" or "Spider" took over command of the hospital after several other officers had done a lousy job. He made the hospital a place where a person had a good chance of regaining his health. His big weakness is lack of firmness in disciplinary cases and lack of experience in administration. Before the war he was a capable surgeon and an authority on Gonorehia. During the war he was C.O. of hospital #2. He is plenty capable, a shrewd bridge player and an ardent sportsman.

JAMES N. SULLIVAN LT. COL. M.C.

2224 LAKE ST. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Col. Sullivan was the doctor in care of the duty and detachment personnel and therefore took care of us when we were sick. He apparently means well but I doubt whether I would call him on a case in civilian life.

HENRY B. SIGRIST 2nd LT. M.A.C.

56 GRAND AVE. LONG BRANCH, N. J.

Henry was born in Switzerland, has traveled over all of Europe, crossed the Atlantic 22 times, is an American citizen and has lots of money. I met him at the Cabanatuan hospital where he was personnel officer and has many pleasant talks with him principally about his experiences in and opinion of Europe.

VAUGHN A. SHAW CAPT. M.C.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Vaughn and I were both inveterate rumor hunters and as we sat accross from each other in the hospital officer's mess we would each day exchange our gleanings as we ate, making for many happy meals together.



BLACK SCHULTZ 1st LT. M.C.

1105 BOXTON AVE., BRONX, N. Y.

Schultz was the ward surgeon of Ward #1 the diphtheria and seriously ill ward and did a fine job as attested by the many patients who were carried in and walked out. He was Gerisbergs bridge partner and we had many pleasant bridge games together.

ALBERT N. SARWOLD 1st LT. M.C.

5900 STEADMAN AVE. DEARBORN MICH.

"Al" was a most welcome member of our Bahay at hospital utilities from the time of dysentery segregation until the move. He was also a most able doctor and surgeon, being in charge of the surgical word as long as I have known him.

EDWARD R. WERNITZNIG MAJOR M. C.

2009 W. VLIET ST. MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

"Ed" was executive officer for the hospital while I was there. He was also quite active in softball and volleyball in which games he had the reputation, deservedly, of being a poor sportsman!

CLEMENT TROY SGT. M. C. 6066103

c/o MRS. J. D. MCKISSOCK 234 S. FAIRMONT AVE. EAST  
LIBERTY, PITTSBURGH, PA.

Sgt. Troy worked for us in hospital utilities as the N. C. O. in charge of the beautification detail and did a good job. He also helped on the hospital plumbing work. When utilities was cut down we left Sgt. Troy go as the beautification detail was eliminated.

EVERETT L. WARNER LT. COL. F. A.

c/o MRS. SARAH A. WARNER WALDRON AVE.  
PIKESVILLE BALTIMORE MD.

I met Col. Warner as he was reported to have lived in Front Royal where he did serve with the Remount station. He says that he plans to live in Front Royal when he gets back.

LAMOYNE C. BLEICH CAPT. M. C.

100 GREY ST. BUFFALO, N. C.

I first met Bleich in Group #3 at C. P. C. where he was living with Col. Saint. However when the medical personnel was sent to the hospital he came to live with us in Bahay #45. He immediately became Chief "quaner" and cooked us many delectable meals.

A. L. HAMILTON JR. CAPT. D. C.

MOREHEAD CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

"Ham" came to live with us in Bahay #45 at the same time Bleich moved in. He is fond of cards and we played bridge as partners quite often.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN VAN SANT 2nd LT. INF.

MOUNT VICTORY, KENTUCKY

I met this officer in Bilibid. He had been captured early in the war after putting up quite a scrap. He is not prepossessing in appearance but actually is energetic, courageous and intelligent.

GERRY C. WORTHINGTON 1st LT. ENGRS.

2302 VILLAGE DRIVE, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

I met Jerry on Corrigedor and we got to know each other better when we ran up to middleside together that last morning. Jerry was supposed to have been a big man for Benguit before the war. After reaching Cabanatuan he worked in the Utilities shop under Ward Roberts for quite a while.

KENNETH R. WHEELER LT. NAVY

1429 N. MALVERN AVE., FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

A "good" navy officer who I met and played poker with in Bilibid.

JAMES R. WYATT SGT.

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

A fellow Virginia who I have yet to meet.

WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS 1st LT.

CULPEPPER, VIRGINIA

I should not this officer as he is quite close from home. However I have yet to place him in my memory.

RALPH TURNER PVT.

BUFFALO RIDGE, VIRGINIA

Another Virginian I hope to meet some day.

G. H. MILLER CAPT. DEPT. ENGRS.

BUREAU MINES, MANILA, P.I.

George was one of the witnesses on my first will. He suffered greatly from wet beri-beri and was finally sent to the hospital. When it was thought he was cured, he had a relapse and died on Nov. 28th, 1942 at the Cabanatuan Prison Hospital. We had lived together in Bahay #42.

MICHELL MAJOR CAPT. 202nd ENGRS.

2211 CEDAR AVE., LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Wellived together in Bahay #42 where he died of self-induced starvation on Aug. 28th, 1942.

G. W. WYLIE CAPT. INF.

507 SOUTH B ST. ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Wylie was another of the officers who lived in Bahay #42. He never washed in the several months I knew there. He never worked was caught stealing and his ambition is to get into the regular army. He was sent out on the first large detail.

L. T. LAZZARINI CAPT. CHEM. WARFARE

2102 SOUTH BEECHWOOD ST. PHILADELPHIA, PA.

We lived together for a short while in Bahay #11 in Group #2 until "LAZZ" was sent out from Cabanatuan on the first large detail.

JOHN WOOD CAPT. 60th C. A. VPI '35

FLINT HILL VIRGINIA

John was at VPI while I was there and married a girl (Robeson) from Blacksburg but apparently doesn't remember my career (?) there. I met him again at Cabanatuan where we were both prisoners together. He had malaria and was quite sick in camp.

ISHMAEL W. TAYLOR PVT.

RADFORD VIRGINIA

Another Virginian.

ROBERT P. TAYLOR CAPT. CHAPLAIN

FORT WORTH TEXAS

WILLIAM BLEUER CAPT. DENTIST

ALBERQUERKE NEW MEXICO

JOHN FARLEY CAPT. DENTIST

ALBEQUERQUE NEW MEXICO

RALPH C. BERKELHAMER CAPT. M.C.

3945 JACKSON BLVD CHICAGO, ILL.

BEN GUYTON CAPT. F. A.

KOSCIUSKO, MISS.

GERALD W. WAGNER S/SGT. M.C.

BLACK HILLS REPTILE GARDENS

RAPID CITY SOUTH DAKOTA

VOCATIONAL TEST RESULTS

A- Abstract Intelligence - 79 (very high)

B- Personal Maturity Test - 159 (above average)

C- Social Knowledge Tests

- 1- Lower strata- 86 (very high-upper 1/5 of population)
- 2- Upper strata- 66 (low - just above lowest 1/5 pop.)

D- Vocational Interest Patterns

	Ratio
1- Accountant -----	1.74
2- Civil Engineer -----	1.38
3- Chemical Engineer -----	1.30
4- Newspaper Executive -----	1.26
5- Composer -----	1.24
6- Machinist -----	1.24
7- Phys. Ed. Teacher and athletic coach -----	1.23
8- City Manager -----	1.21
9- Business Proprietor -----	1.18
10- Artist or art teacher -----	1.17
11- Pharmacist -----	1.16
12- Specialty salesman -----	1.16
13- Staples salesman -----	1.16
14- Reporter -----	1.16
15- Hotel Executive -----	1.12
16- Photo engraver -----	1.12
17- Farmer -----	1.12
18- Broker Securities -----	1.11
19- Copywriter in advertising -----	1.11
20- Science Teacher -----	1.09
21- Commercial Teacher -----	1.08
22- School Principal -----	1.05
23- Physician -----	1.02
24- Lawyer -----	1.00
25- Variety Store Manager -----	1.00
26- Insurance Salesman -----	.99
27- Advertising Man -----	.97
28- Personnel Counselor -----	.93

Bet with Sgt. Wagner of \$10.00 that there won't be a landing on the island of Luzon before Aug. 18, 1944-----

CHECK FOR McDAVITT with MRS. CATRELL (wife of Pambusco Mgr.) They live at 1125 Dakota "A" but moved 4 streets to the east in same relative block. "Mac" left at original residence.

3 - large wardrobe trunks )	) in garage )	) all crated
1 - nest of tables )		
1 - foot locker )	) in house )	
1 - crate of clothes )		

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### ARMY FINANCES

Last paid Nov. 30, 1941 - detached service ration allowance to P. I. not paid - Army Insurance started Feb. 1, 1942 - Estimated longevity pay started March 21st, 1942 - While on Corrigedor \$150.00 was drawn from finance officer who may have a record - an allotment of \$100.00 per month was made originally to my account in Winchester and changed to the account of C. S. Hartman while I was on Corrigedor - Pay is estimated as I have no information as to ration and other allowances.

	-ESTIMATED PAY-*	-DOLLARS-
Unpaid detached service -----		18.00
War Losses (See Page 6-\$4) -----		500.00
Pay for Dec. 1941 -----		194.64
Pay for Jan. 1942 -----		227.80
" " Feb. 1942 -----		222.20
" " March, 1942 -----		225.53
" " Remaining 1942 @ 232.20 / month -----		2089.80
Pay for 1943 @ 232.20 / mo. -----		2,786.40
	Total-----	6,264.37
Pay for 1944 @ 232.20 / mo. -----		2,786.40
	Total-----	9,050.77

\* Pay based on \$200.00 base pay, 10% for Foreign Service, 50% ration allowance, 5% for longevity, and no quarters allowances. Bonuses were not taken into consideration. Insurance deduction \$6.80.

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-DEBTS-

The following are my debts in full to the best of my knowledge and are to be paid at the first opportunity:

	DOLLARS
To the Ft. McKinley "PX" -----	*50.00
" Aviado the tailor -----	*50.00
" Home Life Insurance Co. -----	*450.00
" Louise P. Schults 15.00 / mo; last paid October, 1941 -----	400.00
Bet to Lt. Col. Saint at Caban -----	5.00
Bet to Lt. James D. Lynch -----	2.50
Note to George Cough for 42.00 Pesos -----	<u>21.00</u>
	Total -
	978.50
Pd. 100 peso bet with Ward Roberts. Dec. 1, 1943	
Lost 100 peso bet with Lt. Goldberg June 11, 1944	
Borrowed 20 pesos from "Wally" Sept. 20, 1943	
" 20 pesos from "Wally" Oct. 20, 1943	
" 10 pesos from George Dec. 18, 1943	
" 20 pesos from Wally Dec. 18, 1943	

200 pesos in 2 checks on Philippine Trust Co. Got 100 but not the 60

Bet with "Mac" of Corrigedor that if we aren't Home by Xmas 44 I stand a nights entertainment in N.Y. and if we are he does -----  
 30 peso loan to Curtis for "Mac" of Corrigedor  
 Gave Lt. Col. Swart check on Commercial & Savings Bank, Winchester, Va. for \$36.00.  
 On the "ides of March" "44" "Berk" & I saw a shooting star so "Berk" bet me that the Yanky landed on France on that  
 \* ESTIMATED date to the tune of \$10.00 Dollars.

-CREDITS-

The following are debts owed to me and are to be collected as soon as convenient:

	DOLLARS
(1) Loan to Melvin Evans on Corregidor -----	25.00
(2) Loan to James Kraus on Bataan -----	13.00
(3) Poker debt from Curtis on Corregidor -----	16.50
(4) Note to A. L. Hartman from H. G. Hornbostel for 1418.00 pesos -----	709.00
(5) Note to A. L. Hartman from Madsen C. Kokjer for 2126 pesos -----	1063.00
(6) Note to A. L. Hartman from Walter L. Northby for 1609 pesos -----	804.50
(7) Check to A. L. Hartman from Ward Roberts on the National City Bank of New York for 420.00pesos	210.00
(8) Check on Bank of America, Monterey Branch to Allison L. Hartman from Brewster G. Gallup for 150.00 Dollars-----	150.00

(9)	Note to A. L. Hartman from John I. Pray for 42.00 pesos -----	21.00
(10)	Check from H. J. Coleman to A. L. Hartman on the Stock Growers National Bank, Cheyenne, Wyoming for 217.00 Dollars -----	217.00
(11)	Check from Carl L. Picotte to A. L. Hartman on the Philippine Trust Co. for 519.00 Pesos ----	259.50
(12)	Check from Milton J. Sheldon to A. L. Hartman on the Philippine Trust Co. for 165.00 pesos--	82.50
(13)	Check from Harold C. Smith to A. L. Hartman on the Bayside National Bank, Bayside, L. I., N.Y. for 33.00 Dollars -----	33.00
(14)	Check from Caryl L. Picotte to H. G. Hornbostel on the Philippine Trust Co. for 186.00 pesos and endorsed by H. G. Hornbostel to A. L. Hart- man -----	93.00
(15)	Poker debt from Oscar C. Kawolski for 4393.00 Pesos as shown in July 1st Diary-----	2196.50
	TOTAL -	5893.50

TOTAL ESTATE OF  
A. L. H.

	DOLLARS
1- **Home Life Insurance Co. of New York	5,000.00
2- United States Government Insurance	10,000.00
3- Deposit in Philippine Trust Co.	200.00†
4- Property left at Winchester Va.	200.00†
5- Credits as previously listed	5,893.50
6- Pay etc. due from U. S. Government	5,335.57†
*TOTAL	\$26,629.07†

\*Estate figured AUGUST 31, 1943

If double indemnity is due from the Home  
Life Insurance Company the amount due is  
ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)

REVISED AS OF DEC. 31, 1944

1- Home Life Insurance Company of New York -----	5,000.00
2- United States Government Insurance -----	10,000.00
3- Deposit in Philippine Trust Co. -----	100.00 †
4- Property at Winchester, Va. -----	200.00 †
5- Credits as listed heretofore -----	5,893.50 †
6- Pay etc. Due from U. S. Government -----	9,050.77 †
7- Investment with Curtis -----	5,000.00 †
	\$36,244.27 †

AMERICAN PRISONERS CAMP #1  
SEPT. 1, 1943  
CABANATUAN, P. I.

LAST WILL AND TESTIMONY

Being of sane mind and sound body I devise and bequeath the whole of my estate as written below, and I hereby appoint C. S. HARTMAN, father, my executor without bond, with full power to dispose of my estate as shown below, and furthermore I expectors of my may use it for their own benefit forever.

To my mother, DORA A. HARTMAN, is willed \$5,000.00 cash from insurance.

To my sister ETHEL E. HARTMAN, is willed \$5,000.00 cash from insurance.

To my fiancee, MARTHA LENORA SHADE, is willed \$5,000.00 to be taken from pay due and is to be paid only in the event that said MARTHA LENORA SHADE is not married and has been faithful, in the eyes of C. S. HARTMAN, father, to the departed A. L. HARTMAN writer.

To my father, C. S. HARTMAN, is willed all of my remaining worldly possessions to be used as he sees fit forever.

Sept. 1, 1943

ALLISON L. HARTMAN  
Capt. Corps of Engineers

Subscribed, sealed, published and declared by ALLISON L. HARTMAN, Capt. C. E., testator above named, as and for his last will and testament in the presence of each of us, who at his request and in his presence, in the presence of each other, at the same time, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses this 1st Day of September 1943, at American Prisoners Camp #1, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, Philippine Islands.

GEORGE D. COUCH  
2nd LT. C. E.



APRIL - cut grass beyond Guard path - cut grass in hospital area - put ventilator in Hqs. repair fences - repair buckets - repair showers - replace wooden roof on end of supply with cogon grass roof -

JULY - install new bays in Wd #2 - repair bays mess #1 - roof repair chapel - move supply - ditches around chapel - install bridges at Wd #9, Wd #8 & Wd #15 - complete dental clinic - repair trellis at Hqs. - clean ditches east of 8 & 9 and between 11 & 12 - repair delonser - install drainage ditches around delouser - repair drain under surgery --

#### LOG - UTILITIES

AUGUST - Latrines - det, #1, Wks. Barracks, #14, #13;; clean w. ditch of main rd., clean around morale bldg, Gravel Main path, install gravel wk. in #30;; rep. Winlows #30, Med. Cab. for #27, repair mess #3 windows, repair mess #3 quan stove, repair tables etc. mess #1. Build laborers, steps and windows for #15, build floor, windows #28, repair stage, build ladders for #29, build ladders for #30, nerve stretcher for operating wd., table for #30 from removed flooring, repair windows #1, repair latrine shelters, put sawali sides and door on det. office, 6 shelves for #35, build carrier for 50 gal. drum, salvage morale Bldg and replace by Leanto, build leanto at mess #1 for vegetable storage, build 5 stools and box for Japanese doctor, repair 5 gallon buckets, make duckboard for delouser; install spigot taken from woodshed in new dysentery area, put in #9 & #10 latrines; put latrine over septic tank installed between Wd.#2 & Wd #3; beautify stage and morale shack, con't "skivy" production; repair mess #1 roof, #36 roof, and #23 roof; built watertight box for surgery; block up and repair bracing #23, install quan stove accessories in subsistence bldg, canvas back brace for surgery; put in #14 latrine, clean out urinal ditches and work on septic tank; gravel main walk, put in 3 bridges on ration run path; clean out ditches on pathe into Hosp. area, con't graveling, reapiir bridges, put in #13 latrine, repair roofs #36, #42, clinic, mess #1, put bottoms in buckets, make gadgets for shows, build two tables for Wd #2, repair cauldron covers for mess #2, make brooms for messes - install #2 lat. - Con't work on septic tank - put door on #2 quan stove - ventilate mess #2 - repair mess #2 rise vat - fireproof mess #2 quan shack - remove floor and build two tables bldg #27, - raise bldgs #23 & #12 - con't. roof bldg repair - install door in sub Bldgs & dental bldg. - enlarge main entrance gate & install new bridge.

SEPTEMBER - Raise bldgs #22 & #23 - repair fences repair roofs #36 & #39 & #19 - build lat. shelter for surgical wd - salvage morgue floor - finish installation of septic tank latrines for wd #14 -#20 - cont. skiby making - cut grass - clean ditches around woodshed operating room - install gravel floor in morgue - put in #1, det & #5 latrines - put bottoms in two buckets--- Put in #11 and det latrines - con't graveling and straightening paths - make benches from green wood and install at entrance to E. E.W.T. clinic - con't work on dysentery septic tank - com-

plete dysentery septic tank and complete one large 24 hole septic tank - prepare hosp. area for move - remove bridges, plumbing, partitions and all lumber not attached to fixed buildings - move utilities to bldg #5 in new hosp. area - remove 5 partitions from #11 and install door for surgical ward - remove partitions from #24 & #27 (N.A.) for use as officers bahays - install bars and door and catwalk for the N. P. ward (#10) - remove partitions and plan to enlarge bldg #9 - move x-ray dark room to bldg #9 - clean out and rebuild utilities into a convenient workshop - salvage materials carried over from old area - make map of new area and plan beautification and sanitation - initiate an incinerator and garbage disposal program - initiate a sanitary maintenance of existing latrine septic tanks - install 1 - strand barbed wire fence around dysentery area - put in sump for #2 mess - help install plumbing - get 85 men assigned to utilities and wonder what the hell to do with them!

OCTOBER - Build filing box for hdqs. - Build table for wd #21 - Build path to #3 lat. - build path east of bldg #9 - Aid plumbers install piping - repair roofs - put partition in wd #12 for EENT & dental clinic - install window, cabinet, and shelving for dental clinic - put up clothes lines - put bottoms in 4 buckets for latrine detail - install sawall partition for surgical pressing room - build tables and stools - bring three lat. sheds and two boxes from old area - repair desk for dental clinic - install partition for wd # 12 dressing room - build movable sawall partitons to segregate TB patients - move building for delouser #2 to approved site - erect chapel in non-dysentery area - move guard bldg to approved site - install bath and wash racks on new water line in dysentery area - cover water lines in dysentery area - latrine maintenance - put in floor in supply bldg - bldg #9 - moved wall to include porch, extended partitions - cut doors in east side of bldg, install shelving, surgical clothes line erected and install ramps where needed - install clothesline for #27 - build #2 chapel including altar, benches and kneeling rail - repair windows for mess #2, - 3 kawali covers for mess #1 - bridge built for hqs - Covered pipe lines, put in standpipe braces, & installed racks - cleaned out bldg #5 for wd - install tools at hosp supply - build wooden walk and steps on E. side of bldg #9, - repair hqs bldg. - complete 24 hole latrine, shed, and septic tank complete - put in shower drainage ditches to latrine line - put in dysentery fence - repair windows, table, cauldron covers, and sleeping bays at mess #2 - install sink at E.E.N.T. - Repair and install sunshields on sentinal boxes - repair bays in mess #2 - build volley ball stands and level court - repair 5 gal. pails - repair roof wd 5 & install table & medicine cabinet - finish leveling, grading, filling, and tamping volley ball court - install volley ball standards and score board - enlarge neurotic pyshiatry ward and install bars, braces, & an inside latrine box.

NOVEMBER - Move dysentery fence - build new path to #4 latrine - build 5 new cauldron covers for messes - start new garbage pit - build table for woodchoppers - repair walk for bldg #9 - Build urinal adjoining #4 latrine - repair interior fences - bury area debris and level area west of hqrs - build rack in morgue - ditch around and build path to morgue - build dressing table for wd #17 - install gate in dysentery fence - install clothesline for wd #5 - put in additional clothesline for surgery - repair latrine dumps - dig new sump. for mess #2 - enlarge wd #5 by 8 additional bays - put up trellis for hqs. - partition off stage for a hospital library and build tables for reference books - clean up area after typhoon - build piano litter - build trash depository for wd #10 - dig new sump for mess #1 - build barber chair for detachment - repair windows wd #11 & mess #1 - remove torn canvas from roof mess#1 - lower bay and build storage rack mess #1 - install bridge wd # 17 - install bridge for wood truck - make surgical splint - repaired two sump covers - build stools and table for library - remove trash; drain and level area north of mess #1 - build lister bag rack for mess #2 - remove bays from wd #5 - repair bays in mess #1 & wd # 6 - install shelving in dispensary - build chairs and talbes for library - build clothesline wd #17 - build special shoes for surgery - install light shades in # 11 - build rice vat for mess #1 - make mop handle for laboratory - build shutés for septic tank - repair windows & doors for Japanese medical supply bldg. - help store red x pkgs - build surgical skivies.

DECEMBER - Build perimeter guard path- repair bridges - clean out all ditches in hospital area - cut grass - build solitary cell with door and lock in N-T ward - build new 400 man capacity latrine and septic tank in dysentery area - draw sketch of septic tank for Japanese - repair floor bldg #10 - repair covers and shelves in mess #2 - repair cauldron covers mess #1 - move dysentery fence - repair fences - move small bldg to location as barber shop - clean and drain clinic area - install urinal - dig new drainage system from dysentery shower to septic tanks and to flush outlets - build 500 man capacity septic tank in non-dys. area - install clotheslines on 3 wards - cut grass - etc -----

JANUARY - Complete leveling of area beyond guard path - complete barbistry - cut grass - build horseshoe court - clean drainage ditches beyond fence - repair hernia truss - repair dump bucket stands - make shovel handles - dig new sump for mess #1 - repair laboratories door - build rice vat for mess #2 - build litters for ration detail - build litters for wood detail - level and beautify area around morgue - improve guard path - strenthen N-P ward - repair windows - build developer for X-ray - repair tools - build door for morgue - build gate for morgue area - repair latrine boxes - build table, chair and shelving equipment for library -

FEBRUARY - Leave area and simplify drainage round surgery - leave area and cover ditches south of surgical ward - repair vat for mess #2 - repair roofs - install new mats (total vob) - build new chapel to accommodate services for both area - cut grass beyond guard fath - clean drainage ditches beyond guard fath - gravel new guard fath - level area south of ward #13 O build table for dent clinic - dig new sumps - manufacture brooms and fly swatters from scrap bamboo - build new urinals for WO #10, WO #12, and AQS - Repair fences - cut grass - collect excess lumber - straighten & improve farm along WD #5 WD #8 - put wooden bottoms in buckets - change bracing in NP WD - Dig new sump for mess #1 - repair sump cover - put new nippa roof on end section of WO #5 - clean ditches, faths and under surgical bldg - repair fence.

MARCH - Repair litters - build medicine chest for WD #15 - Repair latrine boxes - add new bamboo bracing to all old roof mats - repair hqs roof - cut grass and fence area around hqs. - cut grass around surgery WD #5 - put wooden bottoms in buckets - put up trellis in front of hqs - put new seats in sentry boxes - repair cauldron covers mess #2 - repair windows mess #2 - make cogon grass shingles - beatify area of WD #5 - clean-drainage ditches outside of fence - repair urinal salyage nails and lumber from excess material left when mess #1 closed - repair buckets - move cysentry fence @ install additional sawing - repair guard boxes - repair fence.

JAN. 20th (con't) - Plan to elaborate on bataan, corrigrdor, 9<sup>nd</sup> garage, bilibid etc. in this book - have four teeth filled which puts all of my teeth in good shape - win 2 out of 3 volley ball games from banay #37 putting clinic team in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the league break even at acey - quecy with covon - lovely full moon (where O where was Martha?); JAN 21<sup>st</sup> - get trail map from col. Saint & copy in book - issued razorblade sharpener & housewife - issued 11 pk camels (BG gave me his - couch gave me his for 5 ¢ on foker sheet so I have 3 pkgs) - one of our deep latrine workers fell thru top frame to bottom of fit and broke his ankle - loss at acey @ duecy - wo: work on this book (MAPS) - zero day - commissary comes in (milk, ovaltine, bananas, caros, and a pench for me) : JAN. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of active duty - put up horizontal bar - can "chin" myself 6 times - Col. say promises to get me a fr. of shoes - the one fr. of shoes I have had since corrigrdor is practically wornout - another zero day (only have died in 4 days) - Col. Saint pays us a visit O have show from other side - very cold: - JAN. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Col. Brecher inspects hosp. - issued canadian red cross package (1 pk for 2 men) - camp o'donnell is broken up (rumor says 1500 Filipino scouts were sent to camp #3 which has been occupied by Japanese and quite a number of filipinos were actually seen passing this camp) - some doctors from O'Donnell are to go to camp #3 while 12<sup>0</sup> medical corps are to come here - played group "2 volley ball and

won 2 of 3 - are issued Japanese news paper and magazine (much propaganda) - can chin myself 6 times, Push up 20 times ( am worrying out some every day): - JAN 24th - Fix up northern bayway for much medicine which is to come from Manila-Hornbostel visits up for the third sunday in a row - play poker all day and have another fired day (win 374) - I'm the only winner in the game being plus 950 - medical supplies arrived late at night (5 truckload - with surgical supplies - sterilizers, pipe fittings, X-ray equipment etc.) : - JAN. 25th - 10 Vbomber fly north very high - work hosp (getting lumber etc.) - surprise inspection by V-officers - on farm detail in afternoon (stand around supervising detail pulling grass and placing it around small tomatoe plants - about 50 hectares have been cleared - about 25 hectares planted while they only have irrigation facilities for about 6 hectares (one 2" pipe line from the river east of camp which now is almost dry) - another faux pas is all of the nice x-ray equipment which came in but no farm - clinic team wins 2 of 3 volley ball games - won 5 on a bet that coronet was spelled c-o-r-o-n-e-t. :- JAN. 26th. - zero day - got a shave and a haircut (bryrwt does excellent job) - 6 bombers fly over high going north - last day for farm detail from hosp. (apparently the nips are giving up much of the cleared area) - amoeba dysentery is very much on the increase so there is now a plan to isolate wards 4,5,& 6 which is not practical - much of this disease is due to lack of cleanliness which is so prevalent among both officers and men here (this is the most undisciplined bunch of men I've contracted) -navy show was disappointing - was big (25 persons), fanny, but very funny - can now chin 7 times and push up 20 times: - JAN. 27th - Pushup 22 times - 46 corps men come in from O'Donnel with big packs -they say life was easy there (mattresses springs, radio, clean sheets three times a week, etc) - more equipment comes in from O'Donnel (beds springs, mattresses, tool chests, a variety of tools in quantity, medicines, sugar, class "C" rations, red cross packages, kitchen utensiles, steel desks, sewing machines, etc.) - (trucks have been hauling stuff for 5 days) - play poker under street light and win 51 - has become much warmer - play chess with the sgt. in diphtheria ward #1 who is supposed to be very good and won the one game we played - three large twin motored V bombers flew south over camp very low; they appeared to be brand new and the fuselage had a slender German look (6000 looking planes): - JAN. 28th. - caught a man from mess "1 (humphriss) taking lumber from the utilities shop so reported him and the guard (babb) at the main gate O hope to see them both punished so as to deter & continuance of lumber stealing which we have always had to contend with - win 2 games acey - duecy from couch - play poker by street light lose 24 - men mentioned above both got minor punishment - lose 3 games golley ball to bahay 39 (hgs who are first in the league): - ~~farm detail was for new~~ JAN 29th. - 1600 men from main camp are used on farm detail O major lews relieved as hosp. sanitation officer - beautiful day - play volley ball - lousy show: -

JAN. 30th. - Pay day - receive 20¢ - loads of good rumors in camp from many different sources - win over 150¢ at poker - can manage 25 pushups and 7 chinups - hospital gets supplies from J's - continued to read - "the last puritan" (very good):-

JAN. 31th. - cook up good omelette for breakfast - fruits and eggs come in on commissary - only 77 (about) died here during January - 40 corps arrived from O'Donnel and 14 officers - lost 150¢ at poker:-

FEB. 1st. - Plane flew north over camp - start converting work ward #10 into a laboratory and installing x-ray and surgical equipment into ward #11 - lose at poker again - hosp library is opened with books from O'Donnel:-

FEB. 2nd. - Read "action at aquila" by Heary Allen, very interesting as the story is taken from the civil war around Winchester and the Shenandoan valley - win at poker - play valley ball with an all-star team and beat headquarters team badly - GD makes up some good tomatoe stew (with my tomatoes) - my shoes are getting worse and worse (no heel and cracked soles) - physically I'm better than at any time since the capitulation:-

FEB. 3rd. - are issued tobacco (velvet, edge-worth half and half came in) hop. line officers in the kitchens (Ramme, Conrad, etc.) are relieved and replaced by medical officers - I wonder if utilities is next as we are the only officers in the hospital who are not medical corps - start reading "land below the wind" by Agnes Keith, a true picture of Borneo - some commissary comes in - win at poker - Ward came over and lost - am slowly getting more proficient at rolling cigarettes but still roll them backwards - very hot (the hottest day I have spent as a P.W.):-

FEB. 4th. and I am very busy all day and really get a lot accomplished so feel fine - bring over a bunch of tools from the pump house which will help our tool situation - get eggs on commissary so plan to have four eggs for breakfast for the next week - start reading "Swanee River" by Cecilia Matignon - plan to move gallup and the tools out to the work shop so as to protect our interests - win at poker - big fire reflected against the sky from the direction of Manila:-

FEB. 5th. - at least I'm getting a lot of good reading in this camp - read Alexander Laing's "end of roaring" - very hot again - officers (medical) & patients are issued steel cots and mattresses, win at poker - am feeling fine now and putting on weight:-

FEB. 6th. - inspection by Col. Beecher - he is actually pleased by the way the hosp was improved - play valley ball for exercise new league is set up with 8 teams participating - I'm captain of one; the "rabbits" - finally got my chess set and stained one set red - played and won three games of chess - started reading Kenneth Roberts' "Oliver W iswell" (quite a book and quite an author) - Tom Crabtree moves back to hospital as ward officer - men working on farm leave tools and run back into camp without guards when qui gong is rung so must work on Sunday as punishment - large fires seen both to the east and west of camp:-

FEB. 7th. - continue reading - Horny ward, and Ramme visit us - play poker - Ah wins 118¢ while all else lost - I'm the only winner in the game now (1133¢) while everyone else is loser -

commissary comes in and besides lots of food (11 more eggs) I got a pair of size 7 tennis shoes (hot dog?) - all stars (Nibbs, Johnson, Taylor, Ayres, Bennett, & Hartman) play hgs. 3 games volley ball & win all three - Pvt Walter Johnson does my laundry for three eggs but does a lousy job - play and win at chess - rumors are running rampant again - BG with tears in his eyes and know he is homesick - I actually ache with desire for home and Martha if I let myself think about it - however realize that I have been most fortunate as I have been generally healthy have always had sufficient clothes, a little "quan" and a little money:- FEB. 8th. - laboratory is in full swing; committee composed of Japanese and American doctors are investigating all phases of the feet dietary ailments in the hosp.; Japanese were photographing many of the cases today; they should accomplish much as these ailments are normally rare - continue to read and to play chess - practice volley ball - breakeven at poker:- FEB. 9th. - approx. 600 cablegrams arrive in camp from the United States and once more Alh receives none from anyone; they left the States from a month to six weeks ago (I wonder why I never hear from anyone - a Japanese General arrives in camp and holds a cursory inspection - finish "Oliver Wiswell" and make a note to read more of Kenneth Roberts & practice volley ball - choir sings on show; old time songs that were fine (evidenced by the long loud applause):- FEB. 10th. - slept poorly, had many dreams of home & Martha and also had first nocturnal emission since being sick so must be back to normal - Col. Saint and Major Maleyich pay us a visit (say Presnell's cablegram was addressed to Lt. Col. John F. Pershen - rumors of Russia declaring war on Japan - 250 man detail comes into camp from Bilbid and corregidor - read "teeth of the tiger" tsch? tsch? lose 10¢ at poker - finish trimming chess set in white paint:- FEB. 11th. - Japanese holiday (Empire Day) - wax chess figures - start reading "Melissa Starke" - the camp has gone a week without any deaths; wonderful - many filipino troops and trucks pass here presumably to camp #3 - Alh so one detail of about 300 men personnel - the Japanese put on a show for us which lasted from 8 p.m. until after midnight; first they had the Marx Bros. in "room service" I had seen and still seemed awfully weak; second they had a series of actual photographs of Tojo's speech, corregidor immediately after it was taken, Burma (showing Australian & native prisoners), and several land and naval actions, location unknown, as all oral and written descriptions were in Japanese; these pictures were not very clear but were authentic only with a Japanese viewpoint; the last show was out and out propaganda which defected two brothers in the Japanese Navy and air corps, quite a lot of home life was shown and also a comprehensive picture of their training program followed by the heroes (?) participating in the attack on Pearl Harbor (the air armada was shown approaching Hawaii listening to the radio from the Royal Hawaiian Hotel where the indiligent americans were

the indiligent americans were drinkings and dancing instead of being on duty - the difference in attitudes of the two peoples was stressed at this point and later in the sinking of the two Great British ships; the "Repulse" and "The Prince of Wales". - The show ended with a tribute to their dead and the Japanese national anthem. Two things struck me forcibly in the picture; (1) the predominance of male importance in the Japanese order and (2) the Japanese love for physical attainment which they rigorously train to attain - my feet were too tired after standing 4 hrs for the show:-

FEB. 12th. - a little commissary comes in - Hornedstel got tight last night, fell and got bad aprasions around his head and pace so now he is in ward # 16 in the hospital - work continues about as usual in hosp. area - finish "Melissa S tarke", not so good - show at hospital is a satire on "gone with the wind", was fair - beat BG at chess :- FEB. 13th. - J's give us permission to have a radio in hosp. area; will install same as soon as we receive necessary items (wire etc) - practice volley ball - large commissary comes in - win 91P at poker making me 2700P winner since becoming prisoner of war:- FEB. 14th. - men just in from O'Donnell, get red cross packages, tool check by J's - Do my laundry - work on auto biography - lost 133P at poker - "all stars" win volley ball series from group #1 team - beat Gouch at chess - wuite a bit of liquor - getting into camp lately (corps Mar got drunk last night and was worked over by the Japanese):- FEB. 15th. - get shaved by Bryant - set up wire and areal (?) for radio lost 3 league ga mes at volley ball (what a lousy team the rabbits are?) - Jap plane flew south over camp - issued mess gear to persons having none - beat Couch at Acey-Duecy - listen to radio which will only pickup Manila and which has a lot of static due to open wiring system but the music still sounded mighty fine - Lt. Col. Atkinson refuses to work so to save face Am. Hqs. issues an order that no men over 50 will work (Atkinson is 51) and ex-group leader of group # 1):- FEB. 16th. - feel lounzmentally and physically - guards get excited and shot a carabao lastt night - 20 medical officers and 50 corps men are being seng to camp #3 - radio is much better with new set up and a ground - camp orchestra plays for show and does a fine job - read "Murder of a Dead Man" - we are all sorta low in spirits so we drink a fifth of scotch, smoke cigars, and play poker until late, felt much better when I returned in (won 161P):- FEB. 17th. - detail leaves for camp #3 - was h towel I borrowed (?) from surgical ward - feel fine - very cold in A.M. - Major Lenz reappointed hosp. sanitary officer - Patch sent in one pr. shorts which had worn thru, put button on wallet pocket as I always carry my pocketbook with the checks I have collected, and darn all of my socks (4 pr.) (quite a picture darnng socks with a big cigar in my mouth in my nipa bahay) - the number of posts and guards around camp is smaller than any time during its history -



only 8 deaths so far this month (one week there were none) - x-ray machine is in operation and surgical ward will be ready in a few days - listen to radio for a short while - go to bed very early:- FEB. 18th. - rest of detail leaves for camp # 3 and part of the detail from camp #3 arrives in camp - Couch Horny, and I run crude survey to locate sewage ditch for rainy season - Japs inspect clothings, beddings, and mess gear of all personnel in main camp, and strip everyone down to one suit khaki, 1 pr. shoes, in fact one of everything - break even with Steve on chess - beat Wally at Acey-Duecy - go over to group #2 and play their all star volley ball team and break even in the fast close games - get Horny over and play poker until 9:30 (win 26P) - listen to newscast from Manila which is definitely pro Jap - we sure would like to know what is happening FEB. 19th. - Jap's inspect hospital and continue to strip everyone of anything but absolute necessary; despite my prior cache close my enamel plate which I had picked up in Bilibid and prized highly as it was easy to clean, BG lost a bath robe and George and Wally each an overseas cap - erect horizontal bar directory behind our bahay - glee club puts in show stressing folk and semi-classical songs; very good - Horny comes over for another poker session in which I win 46P/ more putting total to 1311P - listen to radio and hear goebbels plea and other news which seems to indicate an early end to the war in Europe - We certainly hope so:- FEB. 20th. - Col. Swarte approves new program which gives us more men and the best coordinated set up we have had to date; expect big things and a hosp. We can be proud of soon - can easily chin myself 10 times on the bar now and generally am in good shape - Capt's play majors at volley ball and win 3 straight (I won 10 cigars on the game) - am reading "North of Singapore" a travel book by Carveth Wells which was written to appeal to the public but nonetheless is quite interesting - Horny makes fifth in a poker session in which I win 107P (what a lucky streak I'm having) - listen to radio but news is scarce:- FEB. 21st. - BG and I make survey for beautification project which we will start tomorrow - slept very poorly last night - Ward, Horny and Ramme come over for the weekly poker session which was quite boisterous (win again 106P) - am smoking cigars entirely now but have had headaches from them I guess - George bought a native watermelon for 35 centavos which I've had in the evening (it was delicious) (why they import fruit is a mystery as the native oranges, tangerines, watermelon, etc. are as good as any I've eaten anywhere) (the price on eggs and fruit is reasonable even now but canned goods are way up, milk 1.40 P, beans, chili con carne, etc. about one peso) the corps mess next door are getting alcohol somewhere as they have been tight the last three nights; also I'm told sex perversions are prevalent among the corps men as perverts seem to be attracted to the medical corps where they can care for men:- -

FEB. 22nd. - work hosp - very windy and dusty - win 2 games chess from Lt. Hall - play volley ball; Rabbits take 2 of 3 from Bears taking Rabbits out of the league cellar - play poker until after Taps losing 100¢:- FEB. 23rd. - still very windy - played bridge with Joe Guinsburg, S choitz, and BG and lost badly as my bridge became very rusty - break even with Couch at Couch at Acey-Quecy - small detail came in from McKinley with no news - Tools are a problem as we need more of everything but can't get them as they are out at the farm supply shed (probably not being used) - playpoker and win 34¢ - orchestra plays fine music for show - weigh 133# stripped:- FEB. 24th. - very windy and therefore dusty - install showers in hosp. area - get haircut and shave and remember I've worn a mustache for over a year @ play chess BG opens a can of chili con carne for lunch; delicious? - play volley ball (Rabbits lose 2 of 3 to Lions) but still are n't in last place - play poker until 9:30 Newscast (lose 78¢) then listen to Manila from which station the axis powers are winning the war:- FEB. 25th. - still very windy and is starting to irritate the nerves - went to the cemetery in a party with Capt. Little to call a borate in the location of unmarked graves, the cemetery is now cleaned up fairly well and hundreds of white grave markers now not the slope which was on my 1st burial detail, only congo grass and swamp. June Burials will never be accurately located, July is approximately right, August burials are okay and then Major Orr and I took over marking each grave so the rest are right @ the Japanese guards were very friendly and joked about their officers to us which was surprising - tried to expedite installation of showers so as to have them ready for Saturdays ins ection - smoothed the horizontal bar with sand paper to ease the wreckage on my hands which are blistered and peeling from exercising on the dern thing - lose 5¢ at poker - listen to Manila music and Newscast (the music was great:- FEB. 26th. - showers in hosp. area are in and ready to go - work out on bar - lose at Acey-Quecy to Couch - Japanese take radios back which they had issued us - have picture show in main camp area - Oliver and Hardy - Mickey Mouse and propoganda films - I stayed home and read "Buckskin Breeches" by Phil Stong which was undoubtedly better:- FEB. 27th. - 97 men (including 4 officers ) work detail leaves for Manila - still damn windy - 1600 men are being used on farm detail now (they even took the plumbers who had been working for us) - lose 2 of 3 volley ball games to Col. Swartz's spiders - beat Couch 2 games gribbage - win 119¢ at poker - wind died out after supper so that we had a quite evening with a beautiful sunset which faded into a starry, moonless, cloudless friendly night:- FEB. 28th. - only a total of 11 (eleven) died this month - prepare recapitulation of months activities for hdqs. - pay day scheduled but postponed until money arrives from Manila - do my laundry - play softball with Japanese - have Sunday poker session in

which I win 51¢ - rumor has it that all radios have been collected from civilians and that 40 Filipinos are tied of in Cabanatuan for reasons unknown - fill out post cards for folks back home - work on auto biography - play cribbage with Wally - go to bed early.:- MARCH 1st. - pay day, got my 20¢ and bought a box of cigars and put in a big commissary order - read "So stands the rock" by ANN MILLER DOWNS - Rabbits win 6 games of volley ball (3 forfeit) - long for a real bed with clean cool sheets and no mosquito net and some of Dora's wonderful cooking;- also at night a strong physical ache for Martha and at home - play cribbage and to bed early:- MARCH 2nd. - very hot - win 3 games chess from Capt Blum who is supposed to be good - get a showers for detachment & medical officers without permission so am wondering what will happen - win 2 games chess from Capt. Comstock - go to Tuesday evening show "the bad earth" which was the most humorous to date and had in the cast two female impersonators who were excellent:- MARCH 3rd. - make thorough inspection of hosp. area which is improving all of the time - win game of chess from Major Barr which was a dandy - he tells the tale of the caribon drivers swapping caribon with the Filipinos enroute to Cabanatuan for the extra booty they can get (the caribon are being swapped to a num) - rifle shot last night - (nervous guard) - play poker (win 55¢) (B.G. is down 499¢ so quits the game for good) O don't sleep well, toss and think of Winches ter until way after midnight:- MARCH 4th. @ Japanese pull an F.D.R. on us making Friday, Sunday (from now on the weekly holiday is to be Friday instead of Sunday in compliance to Japanese custom) - much commissary comes in (eggs, tobacco, etc.)-win consistenly at chess - BG finally buys me that check and has personal check for 300¢ settling his debt - (\$150.00 on bank of America leaving him - is on the books) - play bridge and then to bed:- FRI. - MARCH 5th. - (Sunday) @ lose 2 games chess to Keltz who is an excellent player - lose softball game 5-3 to group I (played short stop) - enter BG's check on my 21st making a total of 1712.00 pesos I won have in checks - have the weekly poker session in which I win 350¢ (I am plumb lucky) - play group II volley ball and lose 2 of 3 darn good fast games - orchestra puts on a fine musical show in brand new white coats which looked fine under the flood lights ; they played theme songs of various name bands doing good imitations - then a shower for me and to bed after a most enjoyable day (and a good night toddy of ovaltine, milk, sugar, duck eggs

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and water) - March 6th. Inspection by Col. Beecher - Lose Chess to Major Barr - Japanese issue of Japanese cigarettes (10/man) - Play Cribbage with Wally - Col. Beechers orders 500 pr. shoes be taken from patients and be given to men who are on work details from the main camp which means a large percentage of the approx. 2000 patients will be barefooted - 1500 or 2000 men are working on the farm every day (actually this is only a way to keep the men occupied and also is a means of hazing - Very little food has been realized from the project) - Play and lose badly at bridge with BG as a very poor pardner - March 7th. Very hot - Personally put in plumbing in clinic bldg. and enjoyed the work - Jap laboratory is leaving after conducting extensive experiments for a whole month - Plan to convert laboratory into Dental Clinic - Three separate flights of J-planes fly over camp (the 1st we have seen for quite a while - Read parts of Van Loon's Geography (very good) - Read short stories by O'Henry - Win at Chess from Major Barr - Capt's play the Lt.s Volley ball and lose 2 of 3 - March 8th. Lose chess to Major Barr - Beat Wally at Cribbage - Still very hot - Start replumbing mess #5 which has always been in bad shape - Referee volley ball game - Play Bridge and to bed - March 9th. Cloudy and windy - Finish replumbing of Mess #5 - Couch finally wins a game of chess from yours truly - More J-planes fly over camp headed south - Feet are beginning to ache and give me lost of discomfort - Play Bridge and to bed - March 10th. Japanese Holiday so we take the afternoon off - Do my laundry - Play poker and win 10 P - Organize another volley ball league with myself as captain of the Poppies (The Rabbits finished 5th in the last league of 8 teams - Minks won) in a league of 8 teams again - Start Bridge game but A J-guard comes by and takes out our bulb and says "No Mo!" - Go to bed disgusted - March 11th. Get watermelon and a duck (lovely bird) on commissary; eat the melon and pet the duck - Play 3 practice games with the Poppies who look better on paper than they did in practice - Put in shower back of Banay which is mighty nice - March 12th. Lose softball game to groupe #1 officers - Get shaved - Lose 67 P in weekly poker session - Practice softball and volley ball - 6 J-transport fly north over camp - Shower - Have J-Propoganda movies which show the taking of Bataan and Corregidor (poor photography) - March 13th. Read light novel - Practice Volley Ball - Major Kawolski joins poker club - Shower and early to bed - Can chin 13 times - March 14th. Much commissary comes in (eggs cigarettes, bananas, watermelon, and peanuts) - Read J-magazine which says people in states have no gasoline and short rations - Referee league Volley Ball game which was lousy - Lose 2 of 3 close games to group #2 off. team - Have roast duck for dinner with delicious dressing (we took one duck, 1 can corned beef, 1 can potted ham, onions, pepper, 1 kilo tomatoes, rice, and seasoning and then baked for three hours) (I wonder what the folks at home were eating) - J-planes fly over - Over 200 Filipinos were brought into camp and given a severe lecture and eight (rumor has it) are to be executed for Guerrilla activity (things aren't so quiet) - March 15th. Beautiful day - Several corps

Men got drunk last night and were fighting and raisin' hell back of our Bahay for which they are now in the guardhouse (I'm in favor of shooting them but they will probably get a few days confinement - Total?) - "Poppies" Play good ball and win 2 of 3 in our first Volley Ball league series; it looks like they will end up close to the top - Shower and to bed - March 16th. The drunks mentioned above were turned over to utilities to work - Win at Cribbage and Chess - Lose 100 P AT poker - Practice Volley Ball, chin 13 times - Shower and to bed - March 17th. Eat one native watermelon for breakfast - Win at Chess from Hall and Barr - Do my laundry - J's issue towels, socks, tooth paste, and toilet paper but so far I ain't got none! - Very hot - Practice Volley Ball, shower, and to bed - March 18th. St. Patricks day - 6 eggs for breakfast - Play Chess and Cribbage - Go over to main camp and get shave and the latest (?) news (?) - Read "Nur Mahal" by Harold Lamb - Practice Volley Ball - work out on bar - shower - Beat BG two games Chess by moonlight - March 19th. Friday - Sunday - Play 3rd Base in Softball game against group #1 officers which we lose 10-7 (A batters holiday) - Beat Major Barr Chess - Play poker all afternoon and win 4 P - Very hot (102 in the shade) - play Lou Barber's Volley Ball team and win 3 straight with Johnson starring for us - Camp orchestra comes over and plays us some good music - Take shower - Have thunder shower in which the electrical display was the most magnificent I have ever seen - Bull session on sex and to bed - March 20th. Inspection by Col. Beecher (in which he picks up two shower heads from utilities) - Lose Chess to Hall on his birthday - Lose at Cribbage to Wally - Win 2 of 3 Volley Ball games from Lewis's team putting us in a 3-way tie for first place - Win Chess from Couch and BG by moonlight - Shower and to bed - March 21st. 1st day of spring so the J's take a holiday - We work in the A. M. and take the afternoon off - Get a shave - Hall beats me at Chess - Lose 42 P at poker - Group #2 off. team comes over and wins 3 fast games of Volley Ball from hosp - Shower - Eat a cake BG made from rice flour - Bull session and to bed - March 22nd. Work hosp. - very hot - Win at Chess and Cribbage - Referee three lousy games of Volley Ball and then play a practice game - Ward seventeen has a gala opening of the "Caribou Club", a rustic cafe the patients constructed from scrap lumber and Nippa; Alh is invited as a life member because of utilities and really enjoyed a clean program of songs and jokes (expecially the indian war dance put on by the mexicans; refreshments consisted of bananas, salted peanuts, cigarettes, and tea -J's had a show consisting of two news reels, two propoganda films and a Japanese feature; the only item of interest being other prisoners of war shown at work and at home location unknown - March 23rd. Beat Major Bob Shot Chess and in turn get taken my Lt. Hall - Lose 50 P at poker - Practice Volley Ball - Morale show given in our area was taken from "Snow White and the Seven Dawrfs"; Female impersonaters were very good, the whole show the best we've had yet - March 24th.

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Japanese General arrives in camp and is to inspect the main camp but does not intend to inspect the hospital - Chow has declined steadily for the past month until now it is again insufficient to keep the men healthy; being paid and a good commissary give the officers and corps men enough to go on but the others will surely suffer if chow doesn't improve (The Death Rate Will Surely Rise Again) - Commissary prices continue to go up (eggs jumped from 10¢ to 12¢) - Get a shave and a haircut - Beat Couch at Chess - Practice Volley Ball - Shower and to bed → March 25th. Airplanes fly over camp all day, the most air activity we have seen in this part of the island - Win at Chess and Cribbage - Win 162 P at poker - Play the "Dandelions" (Schott's team) and win 2 of 3 so we continue to be tied for 1st place in the league - Shower - Discuss news (KGEZ?) and to bed → March 26th. Fri - Sunday - Play Group # 1 Softball in A. M. losing 10-9 despite my home run - Lose Chess to Hall - Play poker in P. M. and I win 101 P putting me way ahead again - Very Hot (Thermometer has been around 100 in the shade at noon lately) - Play group #2 Volley Ball after supper winning three easily as their Magor East (star) was nursing a sore foot - Shower - Listen to an hour of orchestra music which was fine as usual - Smoke a cigar, "Bull" and to bed → March 27th. Damn hot - Read "Broadway" and book II of "The Crusades" - Make pancakes for lunch - Win Chess from Major Barr - Have a "Double or Nothing" quiz program for cigarettes which was fair → March 28th. This hot weather is getting me down - Wally skunks me at Cribbage which costs me 10 P - Couch beats me at Chess - Play poker in P. M. and win 331 P bringing my total winnings to 3500 P plus - Referee Volley Ball game - Shower and to bed → March 29th. Feel lousy - Lose at Chess and Cribbage - J-Planes fly over - Hear rumors of Red Cross ships in Manila Bay - "Poppies" win 3 games in Volley Ball League putting us in undisputed 1st place - Take 3gr. Embutol which gives me a preliminary cheap drunk and then puts me to sleep for 12 hrs → March 30th. Finally wake up about 9 o'clock feeling woozy but rested - Col. Saint beats me at Chess - Get a shave - Eat a tremendous lunch and feel fine - Win 128 P at poker - Go see the hospitals 1st production "Tobacco Road" which was very weak - "Bull" and to bed - (bought new pr. size 8D G. I. shoes for four P) - March 31st PAY DAY! Do Laundry - Read Novel - Play 3 league Volley Ball games winning 2 and retain 1st place - shower - Discuss rumors & to bed → April 1st. Put in large commissary order - Read Oppenheim's "The Wrath to Come" - Get shaved - Have a rain shower for a change - Beat Couch at Chess - Read and to bed → April 2nd. Play Group # 2 Softball and lose 11-9 even tho I pitched and had a homerun scoring four runs (fell and hurt my knee during the game - Lose 84 P in poker session - play main camp Volley Ball after supper and lose 2 of 3 good close games - Shower

and go to show "Fred Allen's Town Hall Tonight" which was mighty fine - To bed and a poor night's sleep - April 3rd:- Japanese Holiday and they have a big Germony Mounting their flag on the new flag pole - They play soft ball in the A.M. so we can't use diamond - Play poker all afternoon and win 34 P putting me over 2000 P winner on the books again - Practice volley ball - Listen to our band give concert to Japanese as the celebrate officially making this a permanent Japanese Army Post - Several detail came in totally almost 300 men - some were from Bilibid, some were from Santo Thomas where they had posed as civilians but women trouble started an investigation which disclosed their status as military personnel so they were confined in the Dungeons at Santiago for 70 days and then sent here, The others were recently captured Americans who had been holed up since the capitulation - shoer, Bull session, and to bed - April 4th:- Removed everything from Bahay, swabbed decks and thoroughly cleaned up the place - Played league volley ball and lose 2 of 3 to a weak team putting us in tie for 1st place again - shower - eat rice flour cake & tea and to bed - April 5th:- Get a shave and give Brynat a peso for services rendered - Hqs (Am.) announce list of 1000 men and about 200 officers who are leaving camp soon (rumors says they are to be split into 3 groups all of which are to leave the Island and probably will go to Korea or Manchuko - Practice volley ball, shower and to bed :- April 6th no deaths so far this month (9 total in March) - say goodbye to freinds who are leaving on detail - win 30 P at poker - Lose three league games putting us in 3rd place in Volley Ball League but we will still be in the paly off for the championship - shower - listen to Orchestra put on its usual good music:- April 7th Read "The Winning of Barbara Worth" - Beat couch at chess - Have a tropical storm with lots of thunder and lightening, heavy winds, and a deluge which must have amounted to an inch of water in an hour; The bahay was soaked byt we drank some gine and hot tea and had a wonderful nights sleep; the hesp. didn't suffer any but we'll need more drainage before the rainy season :- April 8th Volley ball - "nother Heavy shower - Bahay soaked again - got to a damp bed :- April 9th Too wet for softball - Play poker all afternoon and win again - Play group #2 volley ball and lose three games - shower - listen to orchestra - Bull session and to bed:- April 10th 100 men detail leaves for Clarke Field - 2 men escape from farm watering detail; guard searches all night for them but has no success; guats punished - Win 188 P at poker - Borrow 10 cigars from Joe Hall who is now in the poker club - watch volley ball games - Discuss rumors and wonder how the war is going? :- April 11th Issued blue denim pants and shirt white cotton Jersey, soap, tooth powder and toilet paper (for the past six months we have been well supplied with necessities by the Japanese) - Do my laundry and some sewing - Lose 170 P at poker - watch Volley ball games - Raost a duck for supper with Tomatoes onions spiced Ham, sweet peppers, egg plant and rice on the side plus Rice wine, coffee & milk, and Gin as liquid refreshments - Quite a feed! :- April 12th Get shaved - Read - Skunk Wally at Cribbage - Win 166 P at poker - Mix up "Gin" Highball Dramer", put on by the other side which was excellent - Rumor says many J-troops are in Cabanatuan (Stuart) and that Guerrilla Activity is on the

increase - 1000 man detail had been postponed - No deaths so far this month:- April 13th Read "Quick Service" by Wode House - 5 cigarettes issued per man - win 64-P at poker - watch volley ball game - Have moving picture in main camp, mostly in Japanese but one, "What Do You Think", showed manila as it is Today with many shots of Females and Night Spots making freedom more and more desirable:- April 14th One of our perimeter Guards was caught (?) by the J.O.D. tampering with the fence, was held? four hours and then executed (the two men who escaped several days ago have not been caught) - Win 119 P at poker - Read "Cheerful" by Request" by Edna Ferber - "Lilie" forfeit three volley ball games to us (Poppies) putting us in second place - Divide and eat our first fresh pineapple of this season - Capt. McDavitt Brings over tea which we "Bull" over and to bed:- April 15th 1000 men detail still had no news of leaving - Win at poker, chess, and Acey-Ducey - Watch volley ball games and to bed:- April 16th Do my laundry - Fell Lousy - Lose softball game to other side 6-5 - Run out of sugar which is really hard to take - Win at poker again making me over 4000 P winner since arriving in Cabanatuan - went over to other side for a volley ball games we've played yet - How continues to improve to a point where we are getting from 3500 to 4000 calories per day - The orchestra came over and put on a darn good show "It Beats The Bans" - showered, ate a watermelon, and to bed:- April 17th First natural death of the month (TB) - Are working out a comprehensive drainage system for the Hospital as we have already had several downpours - Are waiting for J-approval to continue on main latrine drainage ditch - Heat of Apology for shooting the Mexican santry (it seem Manila ordered non-shooting 2 hrs. after execution) - Continue to win at poker (disgusting aint it?) - Lose volley ball game championship in playoff ( I sho' tried but it takes 6 men), showered, teaed and to bed:- April 18th J's bring in a bunch of Filipino girls and have them pose various positions with the Japanese Officers, Flag and the Newly built flower Garden as a background - Still no sugar - (Humor note - Girls just mentioned sang "Over There", I'll be With You In Apple Blossom Time" etc. to entertain the Japanese C.O.) - B.G. reenters the poker game...and loses - Good rumors about Borneo - Play volaey ball and to bed :\* April 19th B.G. finally beats me a game of chess - win at poker - Play enlisted men volley ball and win easily - eat tea and cake, which B.G. had baked (Rice flour, no eggs or milk but good!) and to bed - April 20th Have sore throat - Do a big laundry - Win at poker- Win Cribbage from Wally, Chess from B.G. - Many good rumors :- April 21st Don't fell very well - Mess #1 is discontinued by Japanese order - Drainage ditch for Latrine is ordered closed (only shallow ditches allowed) - Win 315 P at poker in another field day - Swamp B.G. at chess - make another better chess set and stian half a dark blue and the other half is bleached white (very nice) - To bed:- April 22nd Same stuff:- April 23rd Play detachment softball and lose 8-3 - Win 140 P at poker - Play group #2 volley ball and lose 2 of 3 (Alh starred in the one game we won - Showered and went to movies in main camp, there were two old Japanese ~~newsreel~~ newsreel (poor photography) - Two U.S. cartoons (Fair) and a Class "C" picture "They Go Fast" which was enjoyed because of the scenes of America life and



women - Got 5 pks. Rositas and a bottle of catsup from commissary (have become adept at rolling cigarettes but enjoy ready made particularly "Rositas") - Goodd Rumors about Palau, Borneo, Celebes etc. Have us optimistic again :- April 24th Good Friday - Many church sevice: There are many church sevice s in the Hospital every day but the attendances vary directly as the health of the patients (the sicker they get, the more religious they become) - Play the detachment softball and lose 0-3 - Play poker and win again - Practice voley ball shower and to bed :- April 25th Men on detail with Japanese guards are getting an increasing amouny of Physical punishment for misdemeamors - Visit Col. Saint and return "Ghengis Khan" which I had borrowed, have a cup of coffed, am given a pr. of shorts and place an order for a Buick with Mr. Sherwood - Win again at Poker - Practice voley ball - shower bull and to bed :- April 26th Work on my books - Have only been taking a perfunctory interest in Hosp. work as it ha s become a routine of Latrine Digging, Drainagem and Minor repair work due ot lack of materials - Win at Poker - Actually the past yeat has been darn good for me financially as I have now over \$7500.00 due me and from the Army and poker debts. - Practice voley ball and to bed + April 27th Japanese announce working men will be paid except for guards, orederlies commissary workers, and clerks; the rate of pay to be 25 centavos for J.W.O. 15 ¢ for N.C.O. and 10¢/ for Pvtvs, the men to be paid only for a six hour day with no carry overs for time worked under six hours, pay to start May 1st - Quite a few of the present Japanese guard are leaving to be replaiced by others who have not arrived as yet - Japanese are reported to have offered to establish a house of prostitution in camp for the Americans but Col. Beecher turned it down - The farm is faring better now that they are fertilizing and watering same - Win at poker - Practice voley ball - Chin myslef 15 times with ease shower and to bed. + April 28th Skunk Wally at Cribbage - Win at poker - Read some of Irving S. Cobb's Humor - Fix a pot of tea and spike it with gin as refreshment for a Bridge game after supper (most enjovable) - Feel fine...only really miss freedom - Plan to spend all my poker winnings on a car, clothes, sports equipment and a good time while my Army pay will be used only for setting up Martha and myself (if she's still willing) - To bed and a poor nights sleep + April 29th The Emperors Birthday so we have a Holiday - The Japanese hold their usual ceremony under the Flag pole - Japanese planes fly over - Start to have a softball game but the Japanese took over the diamod leaving us out - Lose at Poker - Play group #2 Officer's voley ball and split 1-1 - shower and have a big bull session on the good rumors+ April 30th Only 2 deaths in the entire month; one TB case and one execution - lose softball to Group #1 score 2-1 in a good close game - Lose 14 P at poker (have won so ofter I'm a lausy loser any more) - Play 1st voley ball series on the "Maroon" team which wins 3 straight - Orchestra comes over and puts on a "Ray Keiser" program which was darn good - To bed and a lousy nights sleep + May 1st The day I picked for Manila in the Syndicate so I lose - Started checking utilities men into Japanese for pay porpusses - Placed a large commissary order on the theory that much won't come in - Lose 51 P at poker - Gallop cooks a deli-

icious cake using prunes and an egg I earned by killing a Ray - "Read "The Wild Goose of Limerick" - Have traded for the past several weeks so that now I am the possessor of ~~the~~ 4 odd shoes (7 EE L, 6½ D L, 7½ D R, and 6½ EE R) so that I have two good pr. of shoes - Listen to the Hospital glee club which practices in our shop back of the Bahay every evening and so helps to pass the hours along - Lose 51 P at poker - Col. Swabts inspects and verbally commends utilities for the work done in the past month - Do my laundry (I had six pr. of dirty sox which I despise) - Beat B.G. chess and to bed + May 2nd Watd Roberts gives me a check on the national city Bank of New York for four hundred twenty, pesos (covering 60 pesos personal debt - No News! Why? Lose again at poker - Played bridge which I didn't particularly enjoy because of amateur participants - Read "Dead or Alive" Tech: + May 3rd No pay as yet because of pay forms not having arrived from Manila - Finally win 147 P at Poker mostly because of Total for the day - So many conflicting rumors are comin in that I'm inclined to doubt them - Has been cloudy for several days but no rain +

#### Recapitulation Of My Experiences In Bataan

In my account of this sorties is necessary to follow a plan. I shall endeavor to do two things, namely give a chronological history of experiences with the 14th Engineers (PS) as a back ground and then secondly purely personal views ideas, and stories of life in general on that now famous peninsula. On the fateful morning of Sun Dec 8th I arrived early at the 14th Engineers headquarters which was my custom as Adjutant. The first word I heard was that Pearl Harbor had been bombed and that we (U.S.) were at War with Japan. We immediately ordered all companies to get out full field equipment and to stand by for further orders.

#### Dairy For August 1944

Here it is the 31 of August, 1944 and I'm still at the Cabanatuan Prison Camp. I have always said that if I were here until the 1st of September that I would never be taken to Japan. God grant that to be true. We are all weary to the sore of our being of this existance.

At the beginning of the month I made up a roster of all the Engineers Officers and enlisted men on camp at the time. I did this for and at the instigation of Lt. Col. Saint.

I was practically broke at this time so promoted several deal to augment my resources. I sold a can of milk and a can of corned beef for 75 pesos. I bought a can of klim and a musset bag from a navy commander for 80 pesos and sold them for 95 pesos. I also got into another racket which paid me 20 pesos. I sold my last can of corned beef for 50 pesos. I hope this will carry me thru without making further dealing necessary. My net cash for the month being 100 pesos.

We hear rumors of tremendous advances in Europe and of the taking of the Marianas. I think this bloody conflict would only end.

On Aug. 2nd a 400 man detail arrives from Bilibid. 100 skeletons come into the hospital and the remaining 300 remain in the duty groups.

The Bilibid detail brings in news of British Prisoners of War in Manila Bay. The story is that a boat load of prisoners from Singapore had layed over in Manila Bay where 10 of the very sick were brought into Bilibid for treatment.

Our Japanese guards are becoming more rough than usual. On Aug 2nd several men were beaten one of which was knocked out, requiring treatment.

On Aug. 6th Chaplain Oliver was brought from the Japanese guardhouse to the hospital with a diagnosis of heart trouble.

On Aug. 6th I develop a case of Diarrhea. I take Sulfa-thiasole and get a stool test. My stool shows the presence of flagellates so I am giving a complete 7 days course of adabrine. My runs stop after four days of misery. I lost weight and was very weak during this siege.

Rumors come in so well that I check with Ward and draw up two maps to follow our progress. I hope to destroy the map of Europe soon.

Our chow is very very slim. Our daily ration is 270 gms. of rice, 300 gms of corn (including cobs and husks), 18 gms. of sugar and 15 gms of fish. Everyone has lost much weight I reached a new low of 111 pounds. The men are eating anything to add to their diet. There are no dogs or cats in camp. I concede dog to be a delicious. Even rats have been eaten. There have been several cases of intestinal stoppage due to corn cobs The usual percentage of dumb enlisted men ate their corn cobb and all. They suffered extreme pain, were put under an anesthetic and ream out. I have eaten all sorts of vegetables including papaya trees. I prefer ham and eggs with toast.

Commissary prices are very high. We can only get tobacco by the leaf. We wash it, dry it and cut it to suit our needs. It is very strong. Price 35¢ per leaf. Syrup 10 pesos a pint, onions 19 pesos a diligram, corn 70 cents an ear, eggs 2 pesos per each.

On Aug 11th I make my eleventh move didnce coming into camp. The Japanese doctor does not approve of a non-medical man being on the hosp dity roster. So I move to building #5 group I, with the Lt. Cols., where I sleep and bango. However, I continue to work and eat in the Hospital.

Lt. Huffeutt was shot and killed at noon of Aug 11th 1944 He was wokin in his garden, just inside the fence set up by the Japanese as a deadline. The Jap. guard in the tower yelled and then leaned on the rail and shot Huffeutt thru the back, while he was bent over picking okra. Lt. Huffeutt yelle for help but the Japanese guard waved the Americans back, walked up to the wounded man and shot him again. This succeeded! The Jap guard was palced in the guardhouse and three Jap. Officers accompanied the body to the grave. This concession to being in the wrong. But Huffeutt is dead. The entire camp is

much depressed and definitely jittery.

On Aug 14th Americans headquarters was ordered to get up a permanent detail of 500 enlisted men to 5 Co. grade officers, 1 field officer, 1 chaplain, 2 medical officers and 10 medical corps men. On Aug 17th the detail left camp, presumably for Japan.

Aug 15th all work details outside the fence are ordered to work barefooted except for the wood detail. There are many many wore feet in camp.

Start on Aug 15th pictures of camp personnel were taken in group of five. The work was completed in about a week. My Prisoner No. - 0622. What a gogue gallery that is.

The airport detail finally ended on Aug 15th. This was predicted for months before it finally came true.

The new Japanese commander, a major, is bringing many changes into camp. The area west of American headquarters was cleared and leveled and is used for the morning and evening bango. Every one not in the hospital marches there in the morning and evening to be counted. This was started on the 17th. On the 18th the Jap. Major personally inspected the hospital mess and watched the food issue without no commanding officer ever did before.

An item of interest is the fact that most of the truck drivers are under treatment for either syphilis or gonorrhea. They get outside on their driving duties and apparently find opportunity to get with the Filipinas to their later regret.

The civilians are still doing all right. Under the leadership of Ted Luin they make many deals with the Japanese and stay well supplied with food and money. Last month they order from the civilian barracks of 40 men was more than the entire hospital for 700 on the commissary. They are also heavy purchasers on the black market.

On Aug. 21st a detail of 60 enlisted men, 1 Chaplain, 2 medical officers, and 10 medical corps men. Major Artman, Rifkin and O'Keefe were on an 800 men detail. It is rumored that they are to join an 800 detail in Clark Field. and then proceed to Japan.

Aug. 20th is declared a holiday by the Japanese commanding officer in commemoration of the 2nd anniversary of the Philippine Military Prison Camp. No.1 Apparently we were not officially recognized as prisoners of war until Aug 20th 1942, being merely captives until that time. We were promised extra food and tobacco. We each received one coconut. and one bar of soap. 4 cigarettes (6 less than usual), 4 leaves of tobacco, magnificent. The Jap. had a big formaton, brought in several truckloads of girls had beer, music and roast duck. They had better make hay while the sun shines.

Major Tokasaki, the Jap. C.O. issued the following order on Aug 20th.

- (1) Every man in camp will work unless physically unable
- (2) Some Americans hold the opinion that by working they help the Japanese and that such an opinion would be

- severely punished.
- (3) No one except sick and night men could use their bunk for resting during daylight hours.
  - (4) Every man who works will receive a workers ration as compensation. At the same time he said there were too many quarters cases and too much overhead. In this conjunction he revised the camp overhead eliminating camp supply, barbers, and group commissary. Group and barracks overhead was cut to a minimum and men serving in supervisory capacities are excepted to work the farm on alternate days.

On Aug 21st the duty personnel in the hospital are promised A chow (workers ration). However, they are only to get 140 rations, while we have 153 men on duty. However, when Major Roby, our mess officer, draws rations no A chow is forthcoming, American headquarters saying it was not been authorized. A big argument ensues but the hospital gets no A ration.

On Aug 21st Major Rahasaki inspects the hospital and orders the boundary fence moved in another 30 ft to 50 ft. necessitating moving of our three latrines the morgue bldg, the chapel bldg, and Ward #13. He said we would have five days to complete the work. I scurry around and am told that we would be given no help from the groups. Col. Worth then authorizes me 40 men from the det. chemnet and promises us extra food. We dig in. Two days after we start we draw A rations for the 40 men. Despite cave ins on all of my new septic tanks and tains and mud we get the new fence line cleared two hours ahead of the deadline. We had moved all of the buildings and all of the latrines, the Chapel and the Morgue in operations. Two days later we finished up the whole job. A tremendous task accomplished only because of the heart cooperation of the medical enlisted men. I particularly wish to mention T/Sgt Yunker, S/Sgt Wagner, Robin, Kennedy, Seudbert, and Tice, Sgts. Brown, Clarke, Gross, Burns, Brumfield, Cpls. Clark, EM Miller, and Pvt. Black, McCarty, Rhodes, Bremer, Garcia. S., Clark, Hall, Green, Carl. Roberstong, Turney, Haines, Turner, and Rodriguez. They did a really fine job. On the extra chow I feel better and gain weight.

Individual packages for the men from Davoa are finally given out from Aug 24th 27th.

There have been many troops maneuvers and movements around camp this month. Every day, at least several hundred troops ride or tramp wearily past camp. Many of them are in poor physical condition. We often hear artillery, machine gun, and small arms fire in the distance as they practice for the threatened eminent invasion.

Life in camp continues in its unending monotony. There are no more shows as rehearsals are not allowed. We have one death from cerebral malaria while the general health continues to go down. I was down to a low of about 110-111 Lbs. but managed to pick up a little on the A chow. I continue to get letters which are most welcome and am determined to have a lovely home and happy family some day - back there!!

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Today, July 31st, is a filthy day to write a summary of events for this month. It is entirely overcast and a steady rain is falling. For the last three weeks there has not been a total of two hours of sunshine. Naturally mud is everywhere, clothed and bedding are damp, and the depressing weather has had an adverse effect on the damp morale. Despite the weather details have been working everyday including Sundays. The details have been getting soaked and the walk of two kilometers ankle deep in mud had been hell on feet and footwear.

On the 3rd of July the old Japanese camp commander was relieved and a new Japanese Major took over. He instituted many changes. The Japanese perimeter guard stands guard inside the barbed wire fence at all times and there is no American perimeter guard. At night they walk the perimeter path and in the daytime watch from towers which have been moved inside the fence. Everyone in camp stands bango (Japanese roll call) twice daily and are checked personally by the Japanese. This formation last about 30 minutes. No one may lie down or sleep between morning and night bango. Camp personnel has been segregated; very sick into the hospital, quarters cases in one area, duty personnel in another, field officers have the better Bays., Company grade officers are separate, ~~own~~ EM are in companies, and civilians have their own barracks. Lt Amajee (?) is camp Commander of American prisoners with Col Beeches as executive and Major Reynolds as Adjutant. The camp is divided into Divisions I and II and the hospital, each with an authorized staff.

The hospital was authorized a utilities officer and detail so I am officially Hospital utilities officer, the only non medical man on duty in the hospital.

8 On July 16th I moved from old Bldg. I-A to #36 where I slept on bamboo for three nights and then I moved with into the hospital, into quarters #18 where I received a steel bed and mattress. Lt. Col. Fiels is Bahay leader.

Bldg. I-A is torn down and #18 and 19 group-I are vacated in line with clearing a large assembly area in front of American Headquarters.

A detail of 800 EM 10 Off., 3 Chaplains, 6 Med. Off. and 18 Med. EM left in three group on July 14th, 15th and 16th. Mc-Davith and Guyton volunteer and leave with this detail. Med. Officers I knew were Schulty, Bleech, Ginsberg and Sgt Troy. We hear later that they reached Manila and were put on boats. However the detail that left in June was still there having been put in boats which put out from Manila but returned in a day or so and were still lying in the harbor. The men were reported to be confined to the hold with two canteen caps of rice and a canteen of water per day. At last information they were still waiting in Manila.

On July 17th a 180 man temporary detail was hurriedly assembled and left on the 19th, destination unknown.

80 sickly men arrive in camp from Nichol Fiel and Las Pinas via Bilibid. They say that outside details are really tough. They work from 10 to 14 hours everyday and their food is no better than our poor issue here. One improvement is the let up on beatings. We used to fear of vicious beatings, administered for the most trivial offenses. They say there is much air activity with daily patrol to the south and east. However they expect all detail to be returned or sent to Japan shortly. The camp was allowed to send 200 radio grams again this month. I wasn't lucky enough to draw one but Capt. Jack Constock and Pvt. Bryant were lucky and both promised to mention me in their message.

On Sunday July 23rd the Mindanao detail moved from the old hospital area over to this side of camp and were were allowed to see the men. Major Snyder, Lt Smith, Lt Jennings were among those who came in. Major Chesworth and Lt Draws are still in Mindanao working, on an airfield. Their isolation here was part of the punishment for several escapes made on the trip north. On leaving Davao they were tied and blindfolded for the trip to the ship. On boat ship they were given a red cross package and relative freedom. They moved from Davao in a small convoy which skirted the shoreline in the daytime and weighed anchor at night. They reported much shipping in Davao harbor. At Zamboanga a Major jumped over the side of the ship and as far as is known escape temporarily at least. From then on they were confined to the holds with straight rice and water as the ration. The holds were dirty and air was scarce because of lack of room. To sit down they had to sit between each other legs. The trip continued as before but Lieutenant Jump over the side while the boat was sailing along the shore of Cebu. The boat didn't stop, he was fired at but his fate is also unknown. The detail finally reached Manila Bay where they remained for several days. Here one man died. They finally taken to Bilibid and sent up here. Many (50-200) ships were reported in Manila Bay. After they arrived here they worked the farm and corral until coming to this side. Now Field Officers are also working on outside details. They appear to be in fair health. When they first got to Mindanao details were light with no guards and lots of food. However a group of 10 and of 7 and several individual escapes were made so that the Japanese tightened down until there life was quite unpleasant.

There has been much troop movement past camp this month and it is estimated that at least 10,000 troops are in the vicinity of Baylor Bay.

On July 9th Lt. Col. Jack Schwarty was brought into the hospital after having been confined in the Japanese guardhouse for several months. Prisoners in the guardhouse are in solitary confinement and must stay in the position of a "dobie" squat except when taken exercise, going to the latrine, or sleeping the eight hours at night. Their chow has been adequate so physically he is okay but he shows the effects of a terrible mental strain. On July 30th he was operated on for appendicitis.

Rumors continue unabated and I follow closely the assembling and dissembling of the various items.

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