

RAW/C.I. - R.D. Hoagk

Folios 11

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 885038

File:

999-2-124

Title:

Diary

Origin:

S/Sgt Richard D. Hough

Debit:

Classification:

Authenticity:

Source:

Extracted by

gfp

Date

14 Dec 45

Microfilmed

1/105

Date

Ac-KI Form 91 (20 July 1945)

Handwritten: R 105

Handwritten: SCREENED (NO PAP)

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NWD 883078

DECLASSIFIED
Authority *AND 883078*

X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X

ARCHIVES FILE NUMBER 999-2-124 _____

TITLE DIARY -----

ORIGIN S/SGT RICHARD D. HOUGH -----

DATES -----

AUTHENTICITY -----

SOURCE -----

X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X

DECLASSIFIED
Authority AND 883078

5/Sgt Richard D. Hough 999-2-124
Sept 3-1941 Today we (4th Bomb Sqdn) left for P.I. we boarded the liner "Fres Fierce" at Pier 9, sailed at 6p.m. 10 planes were left at Hickam Field, I don't know just when they will leave.

Sept 10th we are now running into a real rough storm the waves are the highest I've ever seen.

Sept 16th Arrived in Manila, rode to Clark Field in old buses - a 5 hour trip. What a place, this must be the place that God forgot. There is a town near here that is called Angeles (Pronounced "ANJELIS") what a place! Anyway Manila looks pretty good.

Sept 25th, I've been to Manila on a 3 day pass, had a grand time. As for my work, I have charge of the instrument shop. 6 men, some are o.k., my best man is a lad out of the 26th Sqdn, Pfc KRAWIECHI, he is from New York state, a big husky good natured polack.

Oct 6th, I've had a tough time for the past few days, a mosquito most have bitten me, anyway I've had "Dengue" fever, spent four days in the hospital.

Oct 10th, A Filipino gal has got a crush on me, I went dancing night before last in "Angeles," and had a good time with a "Ballerino". Today I received a note and a picture from her, tek tek - what can it mean?

Oct 23rd More B-17's came in today, they are planes of the 19th group, sqdn's, 30th, 93rd, H.G. we are also part of the group, also the heavy bomb sqdn that has been here for years, the 28th bomb. This field is certainly growing, the 200th Coast Artillery, and the 91st & 92nd Tank outfits also came in, from all appearances we are strengthening up-for what.

Nov 5th, I've been darn busy lately, repairing instrument giving lectures to the P.I. air corps on the use of instruments, besides the usual sqdn repair duties. I made another trip to Manila, as usual had a real good time.

Nov 15th, Everything is proceeding exceptionally well, the lull before the storm. Dec 1st, I've been in the hospital for 15 days, I've had "Dengue fever" again, but this time I was really sick, had a fever of 104th incidently, when I was taken sick I was on a 3 day pass, I Manila, I turned in to the Military Hospital called "Sternberg", very, very nice.

Dec 2th Had a relapse, hospitalized again, this time with pneumonia. Wrote a couple of letters to anew to be sent air mail. Miss Lane, (a nurse) sent them.

Dec 8th, War-Pearl Harbor was bombed, and to-day at noon 54 twin engine bombers hit us, chaos and confusion now reigns many men were killed, I was lucky, I'm still in the hospital - Later-Tonight I was taken (with many wounded men) to Manila, back to Sternberg. From what I can learn my soon lost two men, however about 10 were wounded.

Dec 10th, Cavite was bombed at 10 a.m. today, the raid continued until 3p.m. I watched it from the roof of the hospital, wounded men are being brought in by the truckload, I've asked the head doctor to let me return to duty. He checked me all over and said "Maybe".

Dec 11th, what a day! This morning I was turned to duty and was taken to Nichols Field, at 10 o'clock we suffered a terrific air raid, I got a piece of shrapnel in my left shin, nothing serious lucky again, as about 80 men were killed. Here's a bit of news, bad for us but also good. Capt. Kelly, (14th bomb) "my outfit" was killed today, during a flight over "Legaspi", however his mission was fulfilled, he sank and Japanese battle ship the "HIRUNA", one of their biggest. The crew of Captain Kelly's ship A-B-17c all parachuted to safety

SH

(Continued)

Pfc ALIMAN, Pfc MONEY, Cpl LEVIN (the bombardier) Sgt HALKYARD, Lt BEAN & LT ROBBINS, S/Sgt DELBARTY was killed immediately. Tough luck for us - my outfit is at Clark Field and here I am 60 miles away and no transportation. Dec 12th, I've been assigned to the P.I. Air Corps, as an observer. The P.I. Army Air Corps consists of a few PT 2s- F-26s and a couple of B-18, which we used to have back in Saho. I'm to act as observer for two Filipino Pilots, 3rd Lt CARLOS, & 1st LT LOPEZ. I don't care, its a lot better than staying here at Nichols Field, and keep on dodging bombs. Dec 15th, Been out all day flying, made 3 recon, up to the front line, flew over Clark Field today. Boy its a wreck, my old hanger is in shambles, the Japanese bombers really raised havoc, I counted 20 B-17s on the ground, all burned up, twisted beyond repair, they sure surprised our air force. There is quite a landing going on up at "Lingayen", Our tanks and Cavalry were moving up this morning. There are 80 (more or less) Japanese transports in "Subic Bay" and our air force is practically knocked out. Dec 17th I received permission today to return to my outfit, that is if I could find them. Lt LOPEZ flew me up to Clark Field, and after we landed. I had a tough time finding my outfit. All the Sqd'ns had dispersed, and we in the woods which border on the field, my outfit was in a banana grove, and a LT MADDOX is the C.O. Our major is now a LT Col. and is group Commander. None of our planes (14th Bomb) were down on the ground, they were out looking for the enemy. All the ships that were destroyed were out of the H.G. 93rd and 30th Sqd'ns 24 B-17s in all. What a fiasco! - At present our ships (14th Bomb, and 4 more B 17s) are at "Del Monte Plantation in Mindanao, Colly was I glad to see the Sqd'n, rumour was that I had been killed, and LT MADDOX was very much interested in my reports of Nichols Field, and the Cavite bombings. I had my first good meal in 10 days, yes sir, S/Sgt PALMER is a first class mess sergeant. I sent \$400 home by cable, also a short message. Dec 22nd I was in charge of 6 men today and made a trip to Manila for tobacco, candies, and foodstuffs for our christmas dinner, while we were in Manila there were two air raids, 5 Japanese bombers. Dropped a few in Port Area, no one was hurt, very little damage. We got plenty of cigarettes, candies, and liquor. I spent lots of money (not mine) I also checked up on the men who are in various hospitals in and around Manila. Oh yes, Clark Field was air raided 7 times today, and the feeling is rather strong that paratroops may be landed, I am in charge of platoon #1 - 30 men. Here we are, the best sqd'n in the entire air corps (this statement is true, because the 14th bomb sqd'n is made up from the very best mechanics and specialist at Hickam Field, 10 sqd'ns represented). And no planes, that is here at Clark Field. Clark Field is now practically ruined, and men are now living in the woods around the field. Dec 24th orders are out to evacuate this area, we are moving back into Bataan, tonight we are going out, right now the Japanese forces are very close about 40 miles away. We have only a few F-40's to combat the enemy. Thank God our B-17's are in a safe area. However, the latest rumor is that the B-17's have moved to Java & Australia, if that is true "Luzon" is without air protection. Dec 25th, Last night we evacuated Clark Field, and here we are 50 miles back, we are now in a place called "Marveles." This place must be the new front as all the outfits have been pouring in all day. Some of the radio men from the 14th, have been assigned to the 200 C.A. We under went a heavy air raid all morning, and for our christmas dinner we had I can of

DECLASSIFIED
Authority: NND 883078

(Continued)

type C rations. I've been unloading bombs all day, and twice we were strafed by low flying Japanese fighters. Everything here seems to be under control, but a general retreat is in order, Manila is an open city, but from here it looks as tho. It was bombed today. We left all of the "Christmas Cheer", Tobacco, cigarettes, etc, at Clark Field, and so tonight Lt Miller, S/Sgt Palmer, Cpl Campbell, Pfc Federolf and myself intend to go up there and get it, so far as we know now the field is still in our hands, a crew of men were left to blow up the hangers and mine the runway. Dec 26th, Mama's birthday. Hope you have a nice birthday mama, anyway I'm thinking of you. Now for the news of last night and today. We made the raid on Clark Field, and put 2½ tons of foodstuffs etc on a 1½ ton truck; coming back to our area we saw the blowing up of Cavite (done by our own forces) also the evacuation of Manila, this area (Marveles) is to be the front, it is a mountainous country and will give the "Nips" a lot of trouble, many of the Air Corps troops are being recruited for service in the front lines. My outfit is to be taken south to "del Monte", I don't know when tho. We have certainly been through a hectic day. Been under a heavy bombing, and many men have been killed or injured. The 14th came through ok tho, only two injured. We had our Christmas dinner today. Lt Col. O'Donnell, our group Commander was very pleased with our fortitude, and said that maybe we might get some reinforcements from the States. Maybe so, but I can't see anything getting through to us. The Japanese planes are flying around and are bombing us everywhere, it's a damn shame too, because they are very poor planes, really slow and heavy.

Dec 29th this evening we boarded a ship the "Mayon" which is to take us to Mindanao, today "Corregidor" has taken a terrific pounding, and they did a lot of good. I saw 12 Japanese bombers go down into the bay. Corregidor has plenty of fire power. I saw one of our destroyers today out run and out maneuver a flight of bombers, mighty nice navigating. No supper tonight, oh well, were darn lucky at that. We've been eating real well.

Dec 30th 9 p.m. what a day! Here's what happened. Last night we left the dock at Marveles about 10 p.m. and proceeded southward. This morning we anchored in a cove off the island of "Mindoro", at 11 o'clock Lt Carlile called a meeting of the 1st Sergeants, our top kick, the 93rd Sq'dn, the 30th H.G. and the 28th bomb Sq'd'ns then told their sq'd'ns that we were in a very dangerous place, and would have to "Heave to" until dark, due to Japanese aircraft & submarines. Our Sq'd'n was ordered to do guard duty. Lt Kale, C.O. Lt Miller C.O. & yours truly as Sgt of the guard. Sgt Levin is Sgt in charge of the second relief. At 1 o'clock I changed guardes and took my position on the bridge, which was the C.P. at 1:20 p.m. a huge plane was sighted far out over the mountain range which rose high up in the sky. Pfc Garland who was posted up in the stern reported it first, and Lt Kale thought it might be one of our patrol bombers a 4 engine P.B.Y. but no, it was a Japanese ship and as it circled over us the flaming red bells on the wings could be plainly seen. After asking I run over us, apparently to find out just what we were it turned and came back, heading down on us from bow to stern. On its first run the ship dropped 1 bomb, 2nd trip two, 3rd trip two, 4th trip 1 - making at total of 6 bombs, luckily for us the bombardier was very poor, and didn't make a direct hit, however one bomb came very close and buckled the plates on the port side a little aft of the engine room. A direct hit would have finished us all, as we had 40 tons of dynamite as

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883078

CB

(Continued)

part of our cargo, also 800 air corps technicians. Many of our men started jumping overboard after the first run, again luckily only 1 man was hurt, a Lt Wade, who suffered a bad concussion, and died the next day. After the raid Col Morris ordered all men ashore. Then confusion and chaos really started, men started swimming and paddling towards shore which was about 1/2 mile away. I went ashore in the last boat with "Lt Wade", 4 men helped me to carry him ashore, then I returned to the ship for further orders. Col Morris then said that all men would return at 6 pm so Lt Kelso, S/Sgt Palmer and myself started in to prepare supper. All men returned except one who literally went over the "Hill", a lad out of the 28th Sq'dn. I then posted guards and once more we got under way. Still heading southward, at 3:00 a.m. Sgt Mardock who was on guard spotted something far out to sea, reported it to me, I then told Lt Kale who said it might be a submarine, it was, and did our skipper holler, we changed course, about a 90° turn eastward and opened her up, whether it was one of our submarines. British, American, or Dutch, I'll never know, as we left that area hurriedly.

Dec 31st to continue, we anchored off the coast of Negros, and went ashore early, stayed there all day and came back at 6 p.m. I was still on guard, but the 30th bomb sqd'n was now doing the guard duty, Lt Kale still C.O. Lt Markely O.G. the place where we anchored today was the scene of a bombing yesterday. 6 Japanese sea planes sunk the "Panay" sister ship of the "Mayon", the Panay was carrying field pieces, no soldiers, thank God. Jan 1st New Years day, arrived at "Bugo", a small "Barrio" the only building of consequence is the pineapple canning factory belonging to the "del monte" people. Set up a bivouac about 2 kilometers back from the town.

Jan 3rd Moved to a hill overlooking "Bugo", however we expect to move to "Del Monte" soon. Many "Wip" planes continue to fly over us, good old woods, a nice place to hide.

Jan 8th we are now living in a group of trees about 50 feet wide 100 yards long. We have named this place "Suicide Strip", if we are spotted, there will be no escape we now get two meals a day. Fair food, however we are getting all the pineapples we want. This place reminds me of Oahu, Pineapples we want. This place reminds me of Oahu, Pineapples everywhere. Our planes have gone to Australia, or so I've heard. The Japanese bombed the airfield yesterday which is about a mile from us. No damage to the field, they missed it, but two men were killed. A Major Gibbs, and an enlisted man, not from my outfit tho. One thing most of us are grateful for, we are now having a well earned rest. Just the same tho, I miss the excitement of "Bataan". Our radio informs us that everything there is still ok. Gosh, I cant see those men up there ever getting out, here's hoping they can hold out until reinforcements can get here.

Jan 13th Nellies birthday. No change in our situation. We've had a couple of rainy days which have been quite annoying, but thats all. I wonder what we are doing here? We havn't any planes, perhaps some may come in.

Jan 18th, we moved today to Camp Keithly. This camp is 200 kilometers from "Del Monte", it is situated on a lake, "Lake Lanao", right in the heart of the "Moro" country. Only our sqd'n (the 14th) made this move, the others we dispersed to different areas. Only 50 men are to remain here, the rest are to go further in land, to Malabang, where a new airfield is being built. The "Lake" was used as a base for our P.B.Y.'s. But their arn't any here now. We are going to build revetments for our naval air force, which intend to start operating from here. Jan 20th I was one of the 50 left here. Lt's Kale,

gjm

(Continued)

Miller, Ditman, Carlile & McClone are remaining here too. I'm to act as procurement officer, procuring dyestuffs, food, clothing, arm's etc for our sqd'n. I'm to work for a "Captain Lane" in "Illigan". Jan 23rd My duties are very heavy, but ok. I have a pick-up truck, and 2-1 1/2 ton G.I. trucks. There are many places to cover - Occidental Misamis, Illigan, Kolumbugan, Cagayan, Dansalan etc where many of the things we need are stored. The country is wonderful, and the people are very friendly. Yesterday the "Nip" air forced bombed the bridge in Dansalan, but missed. So far I hav'nt seen them hit anything that they aimed at. Their successes so far have been the result of many planes bombing the areas. Jan 27th, I ran into an old acquaintance today. A person I knew way back when. At Lt Col Thayer, who comes from "Putnam, Conn." He used to play ball for the old "Putnam Town Team," later on he played at west point. He is in Command of a regiment of "Filipino soldiers, 102 Division. His regiment is the 31st infantry, but right now he is on detached service with the "Pinos" which are being organized under General Fort". His H.Q. (Thayers) is in "Kolumbugan." I'm to spend the night at his home. Anyway I had a fine lunch there today. Table cloth, servants & everything. Gosh one wouldn't believe that a war was going on up here. Everything so nice and peaceful.

Jan 30th T/Sgt Scott and I had dinner tonight with Father Mears, a minister of my own faith. Father Mear and his wife are missionary's who were left in Dansalan. They should have gone to "Del Monte" a long-time ago, this area is much to dangerous for missionary's, especially one with a young baby. I hope that they get out soon. Anyway I procured (stole) a case of "carnation milk" for the baby to-day. Everything here is proceeding according to plan. 3-revetments have already been built, 11 more are soon to be started.

Feb 2nd Well, here I am back at "Del Monte". 18 men from our outfit are to go out in a couple of days. By going out I mean that a couple of planes are coming in from Australia for us. I was given a special order today signed by "General Sharpe" which I hardly expected that. Captain Lane & Lt Maddox were the Recommende rs.

Feb 4th Last night 2-B-24s came in-Lt Godman(my old outfit-23rd Hickam Field) and 35 men went out. Only officers & M/Sgt were taken. Lt Godman took a couple of letter for me which he promised to post when he go back to Australia.

Feb 9th I'm working as assistant transportation officer, there are many new airfields being built here in "Mindanao", one field in particular is being made at "Marabag," 300 kms away. I'm in charge of transporting gasoline (in drum) oil, food stuffs. Lighting equipment & such to that area. We only eat twice a day. Very early in the morning, and at 5 o'clock in the evening. At noon time most of us eat bananas or pineapples. I went to "Cagayan", this morning and bought some candy, which was made with peanuts, not bad, not bad.

Feb 14th St Valentines Day, Last night another plane came in, again more officers went out, also T/Sgt Scott, however, more planes are expected, and all air corps technicians are scheduled to go. Work is still the same Japanese Planes fly over us continually. We have 3 P 40s & 2 P 35s here. This is our total air force. Up in "Batsan" we only have 8 P 40s not very much to fight with. From all appearances the Japanese have been slowed up in "Luzon". Surprising too, when you consider just what our army has to contend with. No food, no rest, and most of all no air support. Feb 21st Everything is

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883018

(Continued)

quiet. Nothing stirring. 43 men of my sqd'n went out of "Malabang" recently. One of our submariners took them "South" to Java. I'm glad of that, they can do some good down below, up here there is'nt much to do now, most of the work has been done, allwe do is wait.

Feb 28th Today two Japanese sea planes, (from Davao) bombed us, they hit the transportation area, not much damage, I man was hurt. I was near "Malebalay" with two trucks when I saw them diving down on the buildings back at "Bankulan". Lucky again.

March 1st Muffy's birthday. I took the day off, went to "Cagayan" and had a good dinner, also sent a "radiogram" home. Here's hoping everyone is ok. by this time I expect "Buddy" to be called up. Good Luck boy!

March 1st Muffy's birthday. I took the day off, went to "Cagayan" and had a good dinner, also sent a "radiogram" home. Here's hoping everyone is ok by this time I expect "Buddy" to be called up. Good Luck boy! March 5th Talk about tough luck, yesterday I took a convoy of 17 trucks laden with gasoline & bombs down to km 81 - South of "Maramag", and while I was gone two B-24s came in, Captain Godman was one of the pilots. I was supposed to go out, but I was'nt there.

Damn it. March 6th, the boys on "Bataan" are still holding out, how much longer is a question. No help from America. Things here are quiet, just a lull before the storm. March 9th Deborah's birthday, "Hi Lady". Not much news, everything here is really quiet.

Mar 15th 4 planes are due from Australia, a lot of men should go out this time.

March 19th St Patrick's Day, and what a day. Last night 1-B-24 came in- Captain teats in command. 4 planes left "Melbourne", but 2 were forced down near "Darwin" - 2 came up, but only 1 reached here.

Captain Godman was piloting the plane that didn't get here- I wonder what happened? Mar 18th, Last night Captain Godman's plane crashed in "Illigan Bay"- 2 men were killed - S/Sgt Hewston, S/Sgt Pecher, Lt Clinkscales, Lt Sperson had to swim ashore, according to "Hewston" a distance of about 4 miles- A faulty altimeter was the excuse for the mishap-So far I hav'nt seen "Godman", he is staying up at the "Del Monte" club house, the rest of the crew is staying here at "Camp 29" - These men all were part of the "14th bomb", the two men that died were out of the 30th bomb-Talk about tough luck! For them and some of us.

Mar 20th More Big news, the 2 planes that were grounded at "Darwin" came in. However, No one from here went out with them. The reason. General "MacArthur" and his staff were taken out. Captain Godman and Lt Clinkscales also went south, but the crew were left behind. That is what I call a dirty trick. I wonder why the "General" and his staff had left P.I.? Could it be that P.I. is going to be sacrificed the same way that "Java" and "Singapore" were. More planes are expected in soon, or so it is rumored. Things are moving fast now.

Mar 23 Yesterday I took a convoy of 26 trucks to the new airfield at "Maramag". I was riding in the first truck and at Km 30, near "Dalirig", we ran into a lot of trouble. Two Japanese sea planes jumped us, and started strafing before we even seen them, the truck in which I was riding, and the 3rd truck were strafed heavily. Both trucks were burned up completely and the gasoline which they were carrying blew up. I got a severe cut on my leg, flying glass, or something. I man was killed a Filipino driver - this was a narrow escape, and from now on I'm sure that "Mr Big" is really on my side. 24 trucks came through ok only 25 barrels of gasoline and 2 Ford Disels were destroyed.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883018

(Continued)

Mar 25th Today I was told to report to Lt Col Tally at H.Q.'s-Col Tally then told me that I had been recommended to him, and that I was to be the acting first Sgt of a new outfit. "The Provisional Mobile Depot Unit", and that 74 men were already picked. He further said that we were to go to "Butuan" and assemble P 40s which were expected to come in by "ship" from Australia. The sqd'n is under the command of Col Tally, Captain Brindel, "Lt McClune" (one of our old 14th officers) and a Lt Warden, a test pilot. The men that were picked for this new sqdn are all a.m.'s or specialists of one kind or another - (Prop Specialists, electricians, armamentmen, mechanics, etc. They were selected from the personnel of the 14th, 30th, 93rd, 28th, 440th Ordnance outfits. Cooks from the 14th, we left "Del Monte" at 2 pm, and arrived in "Anakan" at 9 pm. where we are now.

Mar 26th. Arrived in "Butuan", and set up camp at a plane called "Rizal"-12 km's outside of town. A coconut grove is to be our assembly line. We only have 3 planes to assemble, latest in pursuits tho. P 40's. Right now some P. I. soldiers are fixing up a dummy field and have made 4 bamboo ships. They are to act as decoys for us. Mar 29th, Today we finished our 1st plane, already tested by Lt Warden, and it is beauty. Really looks good, plenty fast, carries 6-50 calibre machine guns and is capable of 250 to 400 miles per hour-Our air Corps is picking up - even if we only have 3 more ships.

Mar 31st No two was tested today, ok. Last night we all went in "Butuan", had a nice time, I spent ₱70 - (₱95.00) on the boys, (I still have plenty of money left) I had my first drink of liquor since I've been in the army- A rum Coke "not bad".

Apr 3rd No 3 was tested today and she got her self a nice present. Lt Warden jumped and 4 engine Japanese patrol bomber and shot it down near a barrie call "Esperanza" - What a surprise, we hav'nt been bothering the "Nips" lately, and now we can expect anything. Lt Col Tally has issued orders for us to move to "Anakan". There is a Lumber Camp there run by a Mr Walters, who used to be a pilot during the last war. We move to-morrow.

During the last war. We move to-morrow. Apr 5th here we are now installed in a New Camp 14 km back from the main highway in an old abanded Lumber Camp. How long we are to remain here is beyond me. Our "Nip" friends have been looking for us, but no luck-For them.

Apr 8th Mr Walters and Col Tally told me today that things on "Bataan" are not going favorably for us, and that we may be invaded here anytime. Today we started in and are installing a pipe line so we can have water pumped into Camp also fixed up a fairly decent mess hall. 3 men were sent back to their old outfits, Cpl King, Pfc Neblett and Cpl Pierce. They didn't behave themselves. Apr 12th Everything here remains the same, we are eating only twice a day, yet everyone is satisfied we eat at 8:00 & 4:00 and at noon time every one eats bananas or paias, Japanese planes fly over us everyday they have a big base 60 miles south of us - At Davao-

Apr 17th "Batan", has surrendered, I knew that such a calamity would happen; How could it be otherwise no food, no help, terrific casualties, even their command "General MacArthur" deserted them. Now "Corregidor" will be in a hot spot, the Japanese can shell and bomb them at will. No change in conditions here, however, the men are very restless. Apr 28 Dad's birthday. Today and for the past 3 day we have been moving a radio station back 23 kms in to the hills. Some of the men have been working for Mrs. Varney, they have been carrying foodstuffs, clothing, etc back to a cabin about 15 kms from here.

DECLASSIFIED

Authority: AND 683010

(Continued)

About 30 kms from the village of "Anakan". Mrs Varney is the wife of the "Supt" of the "Mother Lode" mine which is in "Surigon". We all had a piece of home made cake yesterday, a gift from Mrs Varney, was it good!
Apr 25th Japanese troops have taken the island of "Cebu", evacuees are coming from there, I saw two old "Buddies" today with who were up there on detached service. They said that the slaughter was awful, the "Filipino" troops didn't even fight. I can't believe that, the "Pinos" that I knew are fairly good troops.

May 1st We no longer have any officers with us. They have all gone back to "Del Monte", Col. Tally informed me that he expected all of us to go "South" soon, either by plane or submarine. We are to be the number one maintenance or depot sqd'n in "Australia," here's hoping that we can get out of here and do some good. Japanese forces are expected to invade "Mindanao" at any time. May 2nd 3-B-17⁰ and 12-B-25⁰ came in to "Maramag" and bombed Cebu, Nichols Field, Clark Field, Davao, and "Pansy". All our planes returned safely and caused a lot of damage, enemy transports were also bombed, tis said that they are headed for "Mindanao". I received all this news from Mr Walters, who is in radio communication with our H.G. - He also reported that our forces at Corregidor are taking a severe beating and are losing about 40 men a day- Not so good for us.

May 3rd Japanese Forces have landed at "Cotobato", also at "Malabang," and two or three other places, reports are that the Japanese lost heavily. We only have 800 American soldiers here in "Mindanao", however most of us are in a isolated places, such as my group, and the boys of the 14th, who are in "Dansalan & Malabang" here we are, with no officers, and my order are to fall back and protect ourselves.

Captain Humphrey's a infantry officer, came up today and told me that Col. Tally wouldn't be back and from now on we were under the Command of Col. Chastaine who is up the "Butuan" river, and to hold ourselves in readiness. We don't have very much in the way of food, but I can Commandeer any thing I see, also have requisitions and can purchase food etc. I have some good men under me, yet I don't know what they will do when the crisis will come, and I expect it any time.

May 5th, Our planelshave left "Mindanao", and have gone back to "Australia", Japanese troops" have landed in "Cagayan" also in "Bugo", and are advancing on "Del Monte", this report came from Mr Walters. They have supposedly lost a lot of troop in the Hills facing "Bugo", if this report is true, we are cut off from our main body of troops, so all we can do is sit tight, and if and when we have to go into action I hope that we can up hold the traditions laid down by our outfits.

May 8th "Del Monte" was taken by the Japanese. So far we hav'nt seen hide or hair of the enemy. To-morrow I'm to take 19 men to a place called "Gincog", there I am to contact Captain Humphrey's. This order came to me "~~Via~~ Col. Chastaine, through Mr Walters. I've already selected my men, and have all my records, receipts, day book and morning report in readiness, and in case anything should happen to me sgt Forsythe is to take command of the unit.

Mar 10th I contacted Captain Humphrey's and we were put on the left flank of one of the fronts. We now have a position to defend, a Japanese patrol came in through "Buena Vista" but didn't pass us, we took good care of that. We have 3-50 calibre machine guns, and they can set up a fair amount of drum fire. Captain Humphrey's has left us up here and has gone back to "Butuan", our orders are to hold this position just as long as we can, this flank protects our troops which are moving up to a new position on the "Butuan River". So far everything is ok. The Nips know were here as they have been using a mortar on us, but they

(Continued)

are way short.

Mar 12th, the enemy has left, we hav'nt heard a thing for a day and a half, we have one casualty, Cpl Gomez, he has a bit of shrapnel in him. Outside of that everything is quiet.

Later-Captain Humphrey's has returned, and what news he has brought us- "Mindanao" has capitulated, gosh I can understand it-"Gen. Sharpe" surrendered all men and equipment on the 10th Corregidor has capitulated too, in fact the orders to surrender came from "Gen Wainwright" who is our commanding "General". I can't understand it, we hav'nt even begun to fight, by that I mean the troops in this sector-I bet Col Chastaine is boiling. I'm ordered back to our camp in "Anakan", the boy's back there don't even know anything about the capitulation Mar 13th Further orders, these came from Col Chastaine, who commands the "Agusan Sector" - Here is a copy of his orders S/Sgt Hough, place yourself and your men under the command of Captain Humphrey's, proceed at once to "Naisipit" with all arms, equipment and 5 days food and await further orders, signed - "Ben Har Chastaine" - I've repeated my orders to the men. I have 56 men left, some deserted a few days ago, after I left to go up to "Ginoog" - Some I know are going to refuse to turn in and "Surrender". Captain Humphrey's said that any man failing to obey Col. Chastaine's orders would be "Tried" as a deserter, and after the 20th of May if caught by the Japanese would be shot, as they would be considered "Guerillas". I don't want to turn in but I don't want to go on record as a deserter either.

Mar 15th 30 men and myself are obeying orders, we left "Anakan" at 7:am. This morning, we have 100 kms more to go to get to "Naisipit", and we have to hike, no transportation, and even if we had it wouldn't be any good as all the bridges are out. 24 men have been left behind we've left them all our heavy arms & all the food, except enough to last "Two days". Gosh heres hoping that they dont run into any trouble with the "Monobos". ("The Monobos" are wild savages that infest that part of Mindanao") we are now in a "Barrio" call "Linoques", right on the sea coast, one of the boys informed me that there is a large motor boat about 2 miles from here, which might be hired, if that is so we can make the rest of the trip by water. Anyway I've sent Sgt Forsythe and Sgt Hundly to find out just what the boat is.

Later. the boat is ok. the owner wants \$60.00 to make the trip; I've hired them and we go out tomorrow morning at high tide which ought to be about 4:am today we have really eaten, I bought a pig and we have had it roasted, and what with, roast pork, rice, kamodes, ginger tea, fried bananas, fish and a liquor called "Nipa Gin", we've had a fine day.

May 17th Well, we are now prisoners of war, and we are back in "Butuan", and are quartered in a fine house, part of the "Butuan Lumber Co" office. So far we've been treated ok the only food we have had is the food we brought with us, we were given a bag of rice and a bag of salt by the Japanese who by the way speak a bit of English. In the house next door are 17 officers, and 1 Civilian Col Chastaine has't come down the river as yet, his staff is all here tho. Captain Humphrey's and all. They have some canned food, but not too much. Some of the officers here came from "Cebu", Lt Col Edmonds being the Commanding officer. I've appointed a man to do the officers' cooking, he is a lad called "Jocko", a baker by trade. I've put Cpl Alceve in charge of our mess, but all we have to cook is rice, anyway we'll see what to-morrow brings forth.

May 19th, Col. Chastaine came in today. He came in alone all his troops were disbanded (Filipino troops) and what white troops he had are all ready interned. There is also a "Filipino Camp" in town, we are separated from them, however

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 69308

(Continued)

they are expected to be freed soon. I can purchase vegetables, fruit, fish, meat etc from the general market here in "Sutuan", I've made some good contacts with Filipino merchants that I know. One of the boys can get me flour, milk, sugar, which used to be part of the "G.I." supplies. Oh yes, Captain Paul is the "Augusan Sector" fiance officer and he has plenty of money, Col. Chastaine has told me to spend as much as I want and to keep the men happy (if I can) with plenty of food. I've been to Japanese H.Q; twice, they wanted to know where the rest of my "men" are, but I don't know. That's the truth too! Our luggage has been searched, I lost my watch and my pictures, oh well, I can always get another watch, so far they haven't bothered to look at my reports which I will turn in to Col. Tally when we are concentrated, the Japanese interpreter informed me that we would all be taken to "Malaybalay", soon. Another thing, if any man escapes, and is not caught in 3 days, then I (who am in command) will be shot. Woe is me.

May 24th, Everything is going along smoothly, food is ok I've paid each man ₱ 80.00 (money from Capt. Paul) and we can buy candy, (home made, darn good too) cigarettes, fruit, etc, in fact anything we want, Filipino tradesmen are allowed to come into our area, and trade, barter, or whatever you want to call it. The officers mess separately, but I buy their food for them. We can play baseball, tennis, volley ball etc. There is good field right along aside of the house.

May 28th I wonder when we are going to be moved to "Malaybalay"? So far I can't find out anything. No other news, things are still the same as they were. June 1st things are here really quiet, one of the boys is sick, he has "malaria". This area has a big percentage of tropical diseases. Food is still good, I go to the market everyday, I'm spending about ₱60.00 a day. Not so much when you consider that I'm feeding 50 men. I often think about home, I wonder if "bud" is ok and of course the rest of the family.

June 5th we had roast pork for supper tonight, I bought a pig which weighed 200 lbs. Cpl Cove did a fine job in cooking it, he made a sort of a barbecue.

June 8th, 50 Filipino prisoners escaped last night, and are the Japanese mad, they have doubled the guard on us, and maybe we will be in for a bit of trouble.

There are a lot of good books in the officers house, and I borrowed about 20 of them for us to read, we have to pass the time some way. Outside of the escape, nothing else has happened. We don't work or have to do anything for the Japanese. Just sit around and look contented. June 10th, My birthday, and you might know it, something has happened. At 10 o'clock this morning we had to pack our things and move. Guess where to? The provincial jail. It is a one story building and has two sides or huge cells. The officers are on one side and we the other. But here's the rub. I'm in command of the who "Chebang". The officers are not in command, they have had their insignias and "bars" taken away from the. I don't like the set up a bit. The Japanese officer who is in Command of the prisoners told me that I'm in complete charge and that we would have one mess, that we could use the prison yard for a exercise ground, but at 9 o'clock at night the jail gates would be closed. I have the wardens old room, and I received permission to put Col. Chastaine, Lt Col Edmond and Lt Col McKeever in a cell right opposite me. All the rest of the men share a large cell, one on each side. Each cell is about 20 feet wide and 80 feet long. There is plenty of room, and each man has a cot or some sort of a bed. I'm still allowed to go to market, but now I can only go on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. This place won't be so bad, there is plenty of water,

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883048

(Continued)

and we have a fairly good place to cook. We are just confine and watched a lot closer, thats all. Col Chestaine is really a gentleman, when the Japanese officer called me out of ranks and told me that I was in charge, I turned towards the Col. who just straightened his shoulders, sort of grinned and then said, "Sgt Hough, the officers of this camp will obey all orders and regulations of the Japanese submitted through you, do your best, and if you need any help or advice, I'm always at your service." After the Japanese officer had gone I talked with the Col for about an hour, he sure is a darn good officer, after we ate a sentry came for me and took me to Japanese H.G. then I got permission to put the Col, in the smaller "cell". Also was given a set of printed rules and regulations which I had to read at evening roll call, and which are now posted so all my read. So ends a long day, my birthday, and my folks wedding anniversary. June 15th, No change so far in our daily routine, no one knows when we are going to "Malaybalay". Most of the boys are gaining weight, we should be, as we are getting plenty of food and no exercise. June 17th, something happened! And to me, heres the tale. Last night about 7:pm, a group of the men were sitting on the stone steps doing a bit of singing and telling stories, I was playing cards with some of the men in my "room". Suddenly the "guard" herded all men into the "Compound" and said, "Go to bed", no one paid much attention at the time because the guards are sort of "eccentric" and something do very funny things. This morning at 5 o'clock I was wakened by a sentry and taken up to H.G.s, as I entered by a sentry and taken up to H.G.s, as I entered the room leading to the "officer of the day". Quarters I was grasped by the arms, then, bang, bang, bang, I was walloped aside the head by a crazy jumping "Nip". He hit me about 10 or 12 times, then grabbed a rifle and used the "Butt" end. He jabbed me in the jaw, and was yelling at me all the time. Just then the sentry who was on "duty" last night when we were told to go to bed said "No, No, No," then some sort of a conversation went on in Japanese, which of course I couldn't understand. Then the "officer", who had beaten me said "sit down", "Sgt Hough, there seems to be a misunderstanding, and if you will allow me too, I shall explain". Then he told me that the guard had been insulted, it seems that one of the men made some sort of a derogatory remark about the "sentry's" shoes. (They wear a peculiar kind of rubber shoes) Consequently the "Officer" felt that the guard had lost face, and he sent for me. He thought that I knew something about it, however the guard put him straight and told him that it was one of our "officers". Then I said, "well, so long as someone has been punished, do you feel satisfied"? Getting yes for an answer I started to leave, when the Japanese officer called me back, he then ordered a soldier to give me two cases of "Salmon", I bag flour, I bag sugar, 2 cases of pineapple juice, and a bag (100 lbs) of dried meat. When I returned back to our "Jail", everyone wanted to know just what had happened, I then told them that from now on to be very careful in regards what they said, then I told them what had happened. The officer who had caused the trouble (Col McKeever) said that he was very sorry, but I told him that it was ok. However, I lost a tooth in the deal which wasn't so good.

Later I had to go up to H.G. again, this time a Japanese doctor looked me over to see how bad my injuries were, he (the doctor) said that he was very sorry that I was punished for someone else, but never mind, soon we would be taken to a new camp. June 21st no thing happened unusual to report, all we do is lounge

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883078

(Continued)

around and eat. I've been playing "bridge", with Lt Col Van Nostrand, Captain McKown, and Col Chastaine. I'm getting expert instruction, perhaps someday I may learn to play bridge.

June 25th, today we had "Tuna Fish Steaks" for dinner they were really wonderful, and for desert we had a fruit salad, which consisted of bananas, pineapples, papaya, jackfruit, and mangoes, believe me no restaurant ever put out anything better. I also got about 70 books from the town library, all sorts of books, fiction, biographies, and some lectures and sermons. Today it rained for the first time since we've been prisoners. June 27th 5 men worked today, they worked on a boat, "The Tito" trying to repair the engine, so far that is the first work that anyone has done. The Japanese don't give us any food except rice, but today I received another bag of dried meat, and was told to eat it up quickly. Every day I purchase eggs, sometimes 400 at a time, we have 3 eggs a piece for breakfast besides hot cakes which are made with plenty of eggs, right now I have 600 or more eggs on hand. I also purchased a sack of coffee beans, "Al Cove" roasts enough for 1 days supply every evening, and so we have "Good Coffee" when we want it. I can even purchase liquor from the Filipinos, yesterday I bought 7 bottles of "Rum" for "Captain Paul". The col. doesn't know it tho. July 1st the boys work every day on the "boat", it is now in running order, and I expect to leave here soon, in fact "Lt Handa" told me to be ready to move to at any time. Can't be too soon for me. I often wonder how the men are that I left up in the "Lumber Camp", heres hoping that they are ok. No news reaches us here, even the Filipino don't know anything, Surprising too, as the "Finos" love to talk.

July 4th Sunday, and I'm writing this on a boat, "The tito", we are on our way to "Cagayan", we left at 2:00 a.m. this morning, no warning, and I had to leave behind about 1400 eggs, flour, rice, fruit, etc. But I brought along a bag of sugar, we have been on this boat for 16 hrs already, and we are supposed to dock about 4 oclock tonight, all the food that we have had so far is some hard tack issued by the Japanese. I'm still in command and have orders to keep all men below decks except Col Chastaine. Later we arrived at the "Cagayan" docks at 9:pm and we had a rice supper, nothing else. We are to sleep in the old school house, there doesn't seem to be any other buildings standing, there most have been quite a battle here. To-morrow we are to be moved to "Malabalay". July 5th arrived here "Malaybalay Prison Camp" at 8:00 p.m. We've had a good supper, and have a bulletin one of the old P.I. army barracks, in the morning we will be assigned to our old outfits. All the news that I can find out at present was that the Americans came through this campaign with only a few losses. They had to fight practically alone, as the "Finos" took off when the heavy fighting started. Lt Col Tally is here, he didn't go out with the last planes, he refused to desert his men. He is our ranking "Air Corps" officer.

July 6th I turned my reports into H.G.s which had been set up here. There are about 800 Americans that are prisoners, (Enlisted men & officers) also 5000 Filipinos. Each contingent has a separate camp, and we are divided up into companies, I'm to be in CO A - Here is a list of the men that formed my Group.

Col CHASTAINE
Lt Col BYRD
Lt Col McKEEVER
Lt Col GREGORY
Major STANSLAND

Major MINER
Major UTKE
Capt. PAUL
Capt. McKOWN
Capt. HUMPHREY's

Capt. CLELAND
Lt NEESOM
Lt BERWITZ
Lt Col EDMONDS
Mr. O'BRIEN - W.O.
Mr ALLEN - W.O.
Mr HOLMES - Civilian

PBE

DECLASSIFIED
Authority AND 883078

(Continued)

S/Sgt HOUGH
M/Sgt KOVEL
Sgt. FORSYTHE
Sgt. HUNDLEY
Sgt ARMITON
Sgt. IVY
Cpl. COHEZ
Cpl. AMO
Cpl. BUTTERWORTH
Cpl. COVE
" KING
" McEHEEN
" MORRIS
" DE FOREST
Pfc FEDEROLF
" GORME
" KRITZEN
" GUDGEON
" ROSSELL
" GARDNER
" KELLY
" McHUGH
Pvt ERVIN
" FOSTER
" HILL

Pvt SEBRING
Pfc MANUELL
Pfc KUDALAK

U.S. Navy MEN-
GLAGANI
SHAMBORAN
CLARK

15 of the men that were left in "Anakan", turned in on the 6th of June. A sad thing happened, two men were killed by "Marauders", Sgt Malyed & Pfc Becker, both were out hunting "wild pigs" and were "bolded", Cpl "Schoen" was also "bolded" but was lucky and escaped serious injury. "Mr Walters" has also turned in, and is now interned at "Impolatao". My "personal" belongings have been left with "Mr Walters" secretary, and she is to send them home to my mother when this war is over.

Food here is fair, not at all like we were getting up in "Butuan", there is a sort of a "PX" where one can purchase candy, cakes, tobacco, veg. meat, etc. Prices are very high, yet no one seems to mind. Today I deposited \$500.00 in the Finance office, and am keeping \$500.00 to spend, there maybe many things that I may want. Our sqd'n (14th) lost some men in action and so far as I can ascertain a group of men are still missing, they were last heard from up in "Dansalan". Col Chastaine is to take command of the American camp. He is the ranking full Col. Here there are 4 Generals here too. Generals Shappe, Fort, Washon, ~~Seals~~, Gen Sharpe being in Command, the officers have an area right across from us, there are about 200 officers in all and they have their own mess. We are separated into 3 company's - A - B - C and each company has their own mess, which I repeat isn't so good. (the PX so tis said helps out a lot). The camp is called "Caisang", and is a very large place. Many Americans are in the hills, and now have a price on their heads, and outlast these invaders. Everyday at 11 o'clock Filipino people come into camp bringing articles of food etc, to sell at the PX prices are controlled by a PX officer, but are very high. July 8th Col Chastaine is now commandant of the 3 Companies

(Continued)

A, B, C, and has already made numerous changes, in fact his first change was to install me as mess sgt or steward, of the officers mess, too much has been missing from the supply room, and he cleaned house. Capt McKown is mess officer, and he choose me to be his assistant, I inturn put in most of the boys that were with me in "Butuan". This is a good job, but I dont like this kind of work, and so long as the Col is in command I shall do what I can to help him. I have a mess fund of ₱1000, and can buy anything that I want too. Sugar is the item that we need most, we are only issued 25 grams, (about an ounce) per day, of course we are issued a bag at a time but it is supposed to last just so long, if its used up quickly then youre out of luck. We get very little meat, issued every other day. However, as I said before lots and lots of the supplies go out the back door. Most of the men have very little cash, and are out of tobacco, so !!! etc.

July 10th Here is the most tragic news that I've written so far, today a group (about 30 men) came in from "Dansalan", and what a tale they brought in. After the surrender they were interned at Camp Keithly. We lost Pfc Martin, Pfc Steward, Cpl Hage Cpl Defew Baugh, and Sgt Cain During hostilities, Sgt Miliken. Pfc Holder and about 6 more were cut off and are thought to be in the hills. The men left were lucky to be alive, as they ran into severe fighting after being interned for about 15 days, 3 men escaped, Cpl Knortz (14th Bomb) and two men out of the 30th Sqd'n, the rest of the men were then put under close guard and questioned lengthy by the Japanese. After 3 days of questioning, 1st Sgt Chander (14th Bomb) Capt Price, & Col Veasey were taken to the Japanese H.Q.s in "Dansalan", later that night Japanese soldiers came into Camp and removed all personal belongings of those men. Then they gave out the information that they (Versey, Price & Chandler) died like hero's "But they weren't shot, no, they were bayoneted to death, ~~shot/killed~~ Nice people eh! Then for the rest of the internment at Camp Keithly, they were subjected to all sorts of cruel and human treatment, details which are too sordid to attempt to write here. On July 3rd the remaining men were grouped together, that is 4 men were wired together and forced to March, 28 kms in the boiling sun, no food, 5 minutes rest each hour, from dansalan to Illigan; and if any one fell out he was bayoneted or shot, 2 Americans perished thusly. Another man died in Illigan from heat exhaustion, this gives you a little idea just what these people really are.

July 15th Everything is quiet, Prices at our Px are sky high, the "Finco" are making plenty of money. The men in camp ju sit around, no work to do, Col Chastaine is making things hum tho, in so far as discipline is concerned. July 20th, we now have a soft ball league organized, 10 teams are have a schedule lined up and are ready to go, we expect to play every day. There is no sickness in camp, that is nothing but of the ordinary. Food isn't too bad, we just dont get very much, thats all.

July 25th, today all men had a medical inspection, and were finger printed. We also had to fill our forms regarding the sort of work we did in the army, education, hobbies, etc. This is the second form that I've made out. Our ball team is on top of the league, we've won 5 games, no losses. A fair team. I'm buying plenty of veg, etc from the Px (for the mes) candy costs plenty, but its worth it. Sugar costs ₱3.00 (pesos) per kilo, about 75¢ per lb, damn high other prices are in proportion. Aug 1st no change everything

(Continued)

is running smoothly however, a rumor is rampant that all of our generals, and full Colonels are to be moved. That would be a bad day for this camp if Col Chestaine were removed, he's keeping this place right on the ball.

Aug 5th, "Buddys" birthday, good luck "boy" wherever you are, keep your chin up, and strike a good blow for our side.

Aug 9th "Mely" birthday - happy birthday.

Aug 16th Our field officers are going to leave us, they are to be taken to "Taiwan" (Formosa) I don't know when they will go tho.

Aug 18th Well, all for generals & colonels have left, we now have a Lt Col in command, a man named "Lewis" - pretty good sort too.

Aug 25th Today Captain McKown resigned as mess officer, now that the Col has gone and the mess fund is down to \$100 pesos I don't blame him, I don't like this kind of work either, I'm going to resign too. Nothing doing in the way of excitement, no changes. Sept 1st I'm now back with Co A, everything is fine, PX prices are still very high. Thank god I don't smoke a package of cigarettes cost \$10.00, if you can get them.

Sept 15th, Rumors are out that 300 men are to leave here, specialists I believe. No other news. Sept 25th, 296 men have been picked out and have been ordered to be ready to leave, I'm one of them, we are all supposed to be specialists of some sort. In going to stock up on sugar, candy, & socks, Sept 29th, We'll we're off, tomorrow morning we move to "Cagayan" from there to Manila, after that who knows.

Sept 30th We came to "Cagayan" today in trucks and we are now aboard a small freighter, the "Takahoma Miru" bound for Manila.

Oct 1st Left "Cagayan" at high tide, 7:am, and are moving slowly northward towards Manila, the sea is as smooth as a mill pond, numerous islands dot the horizon and it is quite warm, much warmer than "Mindanao".

Oct 4th We are nearing "Corregidor", away off in the distance can be seen the towers of "Cavite", only two are standing, one was destroyed during an air raid some time ago, tomorrow we shall dock in Manila, and from what I can learn we are to go ashore.

Oct 5th Arrived in Port at 9:am. We had a medical inspection, filled out another questionnaire, had a bath and a fumigation, then were marched to "Bilibid", a former prison now an internment camp for invalids and war wounded. The conditions here are awful, many men have died in this camp, in fact out in the back there is a new grave yard with 85 small white crosses, 2 men that were with the 14th bomb are buried out there, Cpl Footlet Pfc Buckley. Men are in very bad shape here, really bad.

Oct 7th At 12:00 o'clock noon today we were marched back to "Tier 5" and started in boarding a ship. The "TACTORI MURO", 1800 other prisoners also came aboard, they are from camps that are in northern Luzon. Believe me they are in the worst condition that I've seen yet. This men are sick, and from what I can learn they are the healthiest of the prisoners in the camp of "Luzon". Oct 8th Left Manila at 10.am, passed the ruins of Corregidor at noon. We were issued 3 loaves of bread, equal to 1 loaf of our bread, this has to last us for today & tomorrow meals.

Oct 9th Torpedoed today. At 9:am this morning two torpedoes were fired at us, luckily they missed. We were rationed out our meal for tomorrow, 3 candy bags of soda crackers, hard tack - nothing else. This is going to be a rough trip, we're heading northward so it looks as tho. we may be going to "Japan". Oct 11th Taiwan reached, we are anchored outside port

(Continued)

a place called "Takao". Living conditions on this boat are awful, "Latrine" lines extend clean around the ship all day and night, many men are sick, dysentery seems to be the most prevalent disease. I expect many men to die before we reach Japan.

Oct 12th Another medical inspection, the officers that we have along with us are no good a Major Hankins being in charge he is a big dealer and is living in plenty at the expense of the men.

Oct 13th Company's 9 & 10 (Mindanao men) were moved to rear holds, now we have to live with men that are sick with every sort of disease about 500 men are jammed into a hold, pretty awful.

Oct 14th Foodstuffs (Rice, Chinese potatoes, onions, etc) were taken aboard today. Also 620 more cases of hard tack, we now get 2 bags of hard tack, and 1 meal of rice and soup per day, very scanty fare. 500 Japanese also came aboard today. Maybe we shall sail soon. Oct 16th at 7:30 am we left "Takao". Headed west, at 3:30 pm we turned about and came back to Takao, arrived here at 10:30 pm - A mystery looms!

Oct 17th Spent the day inside the harbor - I wonder whats up.

Oct 18th We left Takao again at 7:30 am in a convoy with 4 other ships, we anchored off a small island called "Bogata" at 4 pm. I can't figure this out.

Oct 21st We've been here 3 days, 2 men have died, both were buried at 4 pm today. Many more shall die, this boat is filthy with disease, food is worst I've ever experience or even read about. Oct 26th Another death today. "Dysentery"

Oct 27th Back again to "Takao" loaded foodstuffs all night, maybe we shall get better food to eat.

Oct 29th Still tied up to a dock here in "Takao" however, all men were taken ashore we had a good bath, and the ship was cleaned up, I led a party of Americans from "Mindanao" back and cleaned up our hold.

Oct 30th Back again to our island "Bagota", arriving there about 5 o'clock.

Oct 31st two meals of rice & soup, and 1 bag of hard tack a day. Food is a bit better, however, another man died, not so good - we have doctors aboard, but they don't seem to be able to do any good. Left our island in a convoy of 7 ships, heading northward, maybe we are now on our way. Heres hoping!

Nov 1st Much colder - still heading northward.

Nov 2nd Gunnery practice today

Nov 3rd 2 more men died today.

Nov 5th We are now nearing a group of islands leading into the "Formosa Straits". We have left the Convoy, because at noon today one of the ships #522 was sunk by one of our submarines, not so good. as the water looks darn cold.

Nov 7th Arrived here today at 8am, this place is called "Fusan", and is in "Korea" or "Chosen" 3 more men died yesterday. More are expected to die too.

Nov 8th 1400 men were taken ashore, they are to go to "Manchuria" all are in bad shape. However they were issued clothes, furlined overcoats too, it is very cold. We now have a new C.O. at Lt Col Jones. I'm still a platoon leader, in charge of Co A

Nov 9th Two more men died today expect two more to die soon - we left "Takao" at 10:00 p.m. arrived in "Moji" this morning early. We are now in the inland sea. Nov 10th today everyone shaved and had a haircut. Nov 11th arrived in Osaka at 9 o'clock this morning. We were issued 3 bags of hardtack, left the ship at 1:pm 42 1/2 days after we left "Cagayan", 14 men have died, none from "Mindanao" tho. After leaving the ship we walked about 3 kilometers to a railroad yard then stood out in the cold from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm with food.

We had a throat inspection and boarded a train bound for "Tokyo" after

647

(Continued).

getting on the train we received a poor lunch - rice - not bad.
Nov 12th Sighted Mt. Fujiyama at 11 o'clock two hours more, and then had 2 more box lunches - ok too!!! Arrived at Yokohama at 1:30, changed trains to Kawasaki, then walked 5 km to our camp, we had to listen to a speech by the Commandant, and then signed another paper, promising not to escape. 312 men came to this place, about 200 odd went to "Ikyo", we were given 4 blankets, 2 heavy, 2 light, and 3 different kinds of bowls (rice, soup, tea) my camp number is 468, and I was appointed mess sgt, with a crew of 10 men W/Sgt Britton is our 1st Sgt and we have no officers, our barracks are an old office building and for guards we have regular soldiers and civilian employees, for supper tonight we had bread (a small loaf) and soup, well our long trip is over, 14 men have died, its very cold, many men are sick and now starts a new sort of life for all of us.
Nov 18th the men started in to work today they are working at the Nippon Steel Co. Very hard work, another group went to Sempaku, a coal shoveling detail. Food is bad. Rice & soup 3 times a day, not very much either, many men are sick, no medical attention, and no medicine. Dysentery seems to be most prevalent, however, we can take anything these people can dish out.
Nov 22nd Today wool clothes were issued, they are British Army Clothes not at all bad either, the weather is cold, much colder now than when we arrived here, work is rough. And the "Civilian" guards are savages, for no reason they come through the barracks scattering things right and left and beat up men with sticks, straps or anything that they men have in their hands at the moment.
Men are up at 5:30 am and must be ready for work by 6:30 am, when they must line up outside and wait for guards from the various work details.
Nov 26th, Today Harry Stook died, he had been troubled with sinus, no medical attention, this death is murder, nothing else. I was beaten yesterday. I refused to do a personal job for one of the guards. I still didn't do it. Thanksgiving day has come and gone, nothing extra. Many men are losing weight, lots of men are very sick. Dec 2nd we underwent a physical examination today. About 40 Japanese doctors came to camp, I'm in good shape but I can't say the same for the rest of the men. We have set aside one section for sick men, and are trying to give the sick men some extra food, the boys are really hungry, sick, dirty, and full of lice. Many men have "ecoties", grey backs" or whatever you want to call them. We have a bath once a week, hot water, but its so darn small that hardly anyone can get into the bathroom. s' awful.
Dec 9th Freddie's birthday, good luck boy. 3 more men have died. Parker, Steadman, knight, all from malnutrition any dysentery, this is only the start, I look for many men to go. The men who go out to work are really in bad shape. No days off, cold weather etc are taking their toll. Our guards are rough, and the interpreter is a mean hombre, only under stands just what he wants too. However, we hear that he is about to be changed.
Dec 15th, Nothing much to report everything is about the same. Soup and rice is darned monotonous. We are supposed to get bread a couple of times a week, so far we've only had bread once, our first night here. Dec 21st W/Sgt Frank Stansell died today. He was the crew chief on ship No 22, when we left Oahu. This was the first man out of the 14th bomb sqd'n to die. Some reason. Today 12 men were taken to a hospital in Tokyo, a military hospital. Maybe now things might get a bit better. Christmas will soon be here, and I think that we may have a fair christmas. As the Japanese commandant has promised us a little extra. Meat etc.
Dec 25th, Christmas day, and we have had a real fine day. First we received a "food package" from the "british red cross", a real surprise, 2 apples, 4 oranges, and 2 packages of cigarettes. We also received extra food. 50 lb

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NND 883078

(Continued)

potatoes, 5 kilos sugar, 50 kilos meat, 5 lbs salt, 2 loaves of bread, I made a darn good stew, and I think that all the men had enough to eat for one day. I conducted a church service, which was appreciated no end. M/Sgt Britton made a speech, and all in all a good day was had by everyone. Many men are sick, no heat in our barracks, but this is one day when no one gives a damn. I wonder how much longer this going to last - I expect to be here a couple of years any way.

Dec 26th ~~Mama's~~ birthday. Nothing from me but a lot of good wishes, heres hoping that you and all the rest are in good health ma. I hope that we will be able to write home soon.

Jan 1st all men have two days off from work. Work is extremely hard, shoveling coal, chipping iron, hauling heavy ingots of iron, all this and more too. We have 6 stoves in the barracks, they were lit today for the first time. They are only lit from 4:pm to 8: pm. Then they are put out for another day. For our evening meal I had the boys make a sort of a stew, barley, onions, etc, not much good, but filling anyway. We also had a speech by a Japanese officer, our commandant has been transferred to another camp, and so we have a new deputy commander, also a new interpreter. A 3 star private called "Otauki" speaks english fairly well, too. Jan 10th many men are sick, some have been taken to the hospital at Tokyo, our medical staff consists of two medical orderlies, who incidently are doing good work. Officers are expected to come to this camp, we certainly need them too.

Jan 12, Today 5 officers came in. 3 Americans from Guam, 1 Englishman, "a doctor", 1 dutch sub officer. The 3 Americans are "naval engineers", Lt Shhwartz (JG) ensigned Carney & Wolfshamer "Mr Carney" is from Newport, he is tall, quite thin, a graduate of "Manhattan College" looks like a pretty good sort. The "Strafers" have some sort of a grudge against the "Dr", they were using his name rather frequently in a conversation this afternoon in the kitchen. Lt Schwartz will be the American camp commander, that is up to a certain point, M/Sgt Britton will continue in his 1st Sgt capacity.

Jan 13th Nellies birthday, good old Nellie I bet she is a worried plenty about me and "Buddy" I'm sure that Gordon won't have to go. The "Strapars" got off to a good start, first thing this morning "LtSchwartz" got a working over - for nothing. That is - it seemed that way to Me. Food is still the same, not enough, very poor soups, nothing to put in them, no salt for seasoning either, two or three men are very sick and may die at any time.

Jan 16th I was paid today, ¥3.00. Not much for all the work I do. Anyway, I can't buy anything, but I find that I have "beri-beri" - vitamin defieciency. Many men have it, too. Jan 20th another man died today, "Grady Boyd" one of men from "Luzon" he died of dysentery.

Jan 22nd S/Sgt Daley died - Dysentery and Malnutrition. Our doctor can't do anything either, these men were too far gone before he took over. One of the "Strafers" went on a "Strafing" rampage today, one whom we call "Little Henry" he is a rough character. He must be a bit crazy too, because one moment he is like a little mouse, the next, whow!

Jan 25th Cpl Kreuger died today, he is the second man to die from the 14th bomb Sqdn. He had a cancer "Dr Curtin" worked very hard to keep him alive, Cpl Kravitz who works in the Kitchen with me also spent hours trying to get "Kreuger" to eat, no use tho, he just could'nt. This dying business is getting damn rough. I wish there was something which could be done. Extra food is being given to men in our hospital deation, but I dont think that will do much good either.

Jan 27th We were issued new shoes today British Red Cross heavy work shoes,

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883308

(Continued)

men need them too. All men also received 10 cigarettes, which had to be paid for. Oh yes, we all have overcoats, Japanese army, not much good but better than nothing. We had 7 kilos of meat in our evening stew. Hardly noticeable. The weather is very cold, ice is on the wash racks every morning however by noon time it is quite warm. Everything seems so darned strained, these people treat us like dogs and at every opportunity bang us around with sticks, straps, wooden shoes or with what ever happens to be handy. Feb 2nd Mr Ground Hog saw his shadow today, 6 more weeks of cold weather, or so mama used to tell me. Gosh! I hope that mama and the rest are ok. TSgt Jones went to "Tokyo" hospital today. He has a badly infected hand we received an old style victrola today, also some records. These items were a present from the "Swiss Legation", thanks gentlemen. We also got a few books and some old articles of clothing. The Dutch naval officer "Lt Commander Loojen" is putting in a loud speaker system. More trouble.

Feb 5th Two more men were taken to the hospital in "Tokyo" today, many more are very sick - My legs are quite big-swollen up with "beriberi" - I have access to more food and vegetables than the rest of the men yet I too have "beriberi" figure that out. I weight 80 kilos 5 kilos heavier than usual, due no doubt to so much water in my system. All men had a physical examination today. Also had a dyptheria shot, a T.B. shot a blood count, and a dysentery smear. There was about 15 Japanese doctors who checked us. Our "Dr Curtin" is over worked, trying his best, but he has hardly any medicine and is balked by the Japanese. He too has been strafed, quite severely too, by "Little Henry".

Feb 9th One man collapsed today at work - run down physically, no doubt about that, our food is awful, I'm in charge, and I wish someone else was, our rice ration isn't so bad, but our soups are for the most part hardly more than water. Feb 15th, we give the men in our hospital section extra soup, stolen most of the times from the Japanese. A lot of the men look very bad, I just saw a bunch of them in the bath. S/awful. The other cooks and I steal rice from the "Nips" and we have been doing it for a long time, we had a check-up yesterday, and I was told that we were 12 bags of rice and 28 bags of barley short, I dont doubt it for a minute. The cook in charge of the kitchen "Saitou" puts down in his records that we use sugar every day. So far we had exactly 23 kilos of sugar since we've been here salt, soy, miso and other items are also charged out to us which we never receive.

Feb 20th, Cigarette issue. Everything else is the same the men are getting lots of Barley now, it will help keep "beriberi" down, however, it gives them a lot of gas, consequently - !!! Some of the boys are buying pepper, currie, fish powder & salt from some of the Japanese workers. Helps a lot too. Today was bath day, and for a change a fair day. Nice and warm.

Feb 27th Today's big meal consisted of "barley" & soup with. 7 Kilos of pork, onions, potatoes, turnips & soy - food is picking up a bit - 780 grams of barley per man per day - 45 kilos of vegetables 3 times a day - A big change.

Mar 1st Muffy's birthday. Stoves were removed today, it is still cold too. Erh. Dr Curtin looks bad - really than working too darn hard.

Mar 4th a "Shakedown" tonight, and a strafing party, mighty rough too. As the men came in from the various work details the "Strafers" took them out on the "Mitsui" lot and then "Shook them down-Found quite a few articles of contraband too, Pepper, currie, cigarettes etc. Had bread today, also a tea bowl of "Ersatz" chocolate. Another good soup today - carrots, 7 kilos of pork, fish, etc. We now have morning roll call at 5:30 am - work call 6:30 am - 1/2 hour earlier than before.

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NND 883018

(Continued)

Mar 9th Deborah's Birthday - Hi Lady. For supper to night Barley & gravy, made with barley flour - good for a change. Mar 10th we are going to use white rice instead of barley for a short period, orders from "H.Q."

Mar 13th All men had to get up this morning at 2:00 am. We had a roll call, and I man was missing, then we all had to go outside and stand up in the bitter cold, the interpreter then told us that a man had been caught stealing from the kitchen, "Armstrong" - (this was not the first time that "Armstrong" had been caught stealing he stole some rice & sugar a short while back, but M/Sgt Britton let him go without punishment) the "Nips" were going to beat him with heavy wooden swords, but "Otsuki" said that they would be satisfied if we punished him. I did, which I regret very much, yet if I hadn't of beaten him, I believe that he would have suffered a worse beating. I feel sorry for him, he seems like a good sort, yet for some reason he has a terrible obsession for food. I know that many men are hungry, but if he or anyone else comes to me 'd give them something extra to eat, I can't do this for everyone but I'm trying to take care of a few friends, Armstrong is a "Marine" and he is friends with a lad name "Hensley" who used to working in the kitchen. I give Hensley some extra food now and then, so if "Armstrong" only asked "Hensley" I'm sure that he would of received something extra. However, I believe that he will straighten himself out now and be a credit to himself, the marines & his family.

Mar 17th St Patricks Day - Nice and warm.

Another lad died - "Clements". He refused to eat rice. All that he wanted was bread.

We had an issue of tooth brushes and powder - very poor substitute for American goods. Mar 19th Small pox vaccination today.

Mar 20th "Little Henry" strafed one of the men in the hospital today. "1st Sgt Brindley" - I wonder just how this thing is going to end - even sick men aren't immune. We also had the second dysentery shot today. Mar 25th all men had a day off today, and we had a test to see how much weight we could lift, 50 kilos carried 100 yards - timed. So many seconds - foolishness, men are in such poor condition that many could'nt pick up an empty sack, never mind 50 kilos. Carried 100 yards - timed. So many-seconds - foolishness, men are in such poor condition that many couldnt pick up an empty sack, never mind 50 kilos.

Mar 26th Japanese General made an inspection of our camp to-day. We also received a "Red Cross" food issue, corned beef, dried fruit, and a breakfast food call "Mabela". Rather a good amount.

Mar 29th, 2nd typhoid shot.

Apr 2nd Cpl Janner died today. "Fleurisy" dysentery malnutrition etc.

Apr 5th "Spring Festival" day - Onions & beans in the soup. not at all bad - our food now is much better, yet not enough. Many men are 2- to 5- pounds under their normal weight. That speaks for itself. 4 men left for "Tokyo". They are suffering from diarrhea. The weather is now quite rainy; which makes my beri-beri hurt a plenty. Apr 8 - Today we were allowed to issue "corn beef" each man received I can, also $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of dried fruit - "Raisins" - the "Mabela" was cooked up, and we had 10 kilos of sugar in it. We have enough "Mabela" for 17 issues, not so bad. Enough corn beef for 8 issues, enough dried fruit for 8 issues.

We also got an issue of cigarettes. Apr 11th, Sgt Thompson died today. "Dysentery" Some "Red Cross" medical supplies arrived today. I received a "beriberi shot in the arm-I'm supposed to get a "shot" every other day.

Apr 14th, Pvt Buelow - 14th bomb died today from a severe attack of "beri-beri". We are allowed to issue corn beef, dried fruit, & mabela every other day. All

(Continued)

All men were weighed today too, I weighed 80 kilos - "wow".

Apr 21st Bath day - Food is not so bad as it used to be. The strapes have been very quiet lately, however, they may burst out anytime. Our Dr looks bad- He really works hard.

Apr 23rd Dad's birthday - "Mike Sidas" was severely strafed today by "Shiozawa & Seitoo" - for not working on one of the details. He also was supposed to have talked back to one of the bosses - another lad was strafed for smoking after roll call.

Apr 26th Two more additions to the camp today. A British officer "Captain Catt & his orderly "Wallace". A Scotsman - they came in from "Singapore" - they have many stories of ill treatment etc. "Captain Catt" looks like a fine man, he is about 44 years old and certainly has what it takes - or so "Wallace" tells us.

Apr 30th All men had to go to "Nippon Steel" today - for a complete physical examination. Xrays and everything. I'm sure that many men have T.B. now we will know for sure. My beri-beri is a lot better, due perhaps to the shots and complete relaxation, I'm lucky to be in the kitchen and yet I would give it all up and go out to work, but for camp commandant won't let me.

May 4th No change in conditions, everything is about the same, had fish for supper today.

May 8th Another general inspected the camp today. We had a very nice curried soup tonight for supper - all men had to stand at attention tonight, from 9:30 pm to 11:00 pm. Some men were caught gambling, and were they work over. The Guards and Strafere had a field day, while were at attention they came around, and lo & behold if anyone so much as blinked an eye! Raymond, one of the cooks was strafed with a heavy G.I. belt for moving his eyes at one of the guards as he passed up & down the aisle. Hows that for treatment! "Shiozawa was really rampant tonight. I'm writing this very late in the evening. It's now 12:25 a.m.

May 12th One man had a bad accident today. "Knox" 28th bomb sqd, he had a toe chopped off when a crane fell on his foot at his place of work "Nippon Steel". Oh yes, we had a blackout tonight, practice I guess May 17th 150 men are to leave this camp and are going to live at the "steel mill" - who & when they are leaving is problematical. Men who have T.B. and who have been suspected of "dyptheria carriers" have a hospital section of their own, 15 men in all. Special food & no work. Food now is pretty fair, most of the men are gaining weight.

May 20th One man was taken to the Tokyo hospital for dysentery today.

Ed Luberiewski.

May 21st 150 men left here today for their new home at "Nippon Steel" - W/Sgt Koval is the senior N.C.O. and is in charge of the party. I tried too go, but no luck. All their clothing was checked and they weren't allowed to take anything with them other than their woollens, overcoats and personal belonging. No G.I. equipment such as raincoats, shelter halves, blankets, shoes etc.

May 22nd No new men arrived in camp - Dutch & Javanese they came here from "Singapore" the spent only 12 days on the water. Not like us, we spent 42 1/2. They were taken out on the "Mitsui Lot" and were given a thorough shakedown. Many of these men are very sick with beri-beri and dysentery. They have two officers and 5 warrant officers with them. G.I. mess kits and contents were re issued today. The dutchmen are not as hungry as our men, or so it appears to me. All "knapsacks and packsecks were taken away from us too.

May 26th 1 lb of sugar was issued to each man today - this sugar came to us from the "British Red Cross" - we also have a mixture to put with soup called

41

(Continued)

"Soupmix" - it has meat in it, which we need very badly. Food has now reached its highest peak. My legs feel ok too. June 1st Kravitz, Krawiecki, & Manier were relieved from the kitchen today, we had to cut down to 7 men, however "Manier" is "Tobcon", (or servant) for the Japanese camp commander. June 3rd wrote another dard home. We had another issue of sugar today too. Not at all bad. M/Sgt Jones also came back from the hospital - his finger looks awful bad. He has many tales to tell, all interesting. June 10th My birthday, and mama & dads wedding anniversary. I had a good dinner too. I saved part of my christmas box and so I had a banquet. A new work detail started today. "Shows Denko" all dutchmen. "Armstrong" was caught sweating out "Japanese chow" and had to hold a heavy "chow" bucket out at arms length from 6 pm to roll call. He is always getting into hot water. June 13th. Our 3 issue of sugar - and our last. All G.I. blankets were picked up today and turned into the storeroom - now what, the Japanese blankets are no darn good. 5 Americans were strafed and had to stand at attention from 9 to 12 p.m. For sitting down before they had been dismissed from roll call. Corp. Moss was taken to the "hospital" today. he is suffering from some sort of stomach trouble. June 17th I'm no longer mess sergeant, I now am the camp bookkeeper, with my office still in the kitchen. I have to keep all records of food, clothing issue etc. Both for us and the Japanese. Not only this but I have to keep records for the "British camp", as we are a part of that camp. June 21st Lubiewski came back from the "Hospital" today. He is supposed to be cured of "dysentery" however he said I didn't even have one drop of medicine. One thing I have forgotten to mention is the "Cooties", and fleas, and now we have "bed" bugs, really this is awful. We've fixed up a sort of a steamer, and we steam out our blankets etc. It is certainly doing a lot of good. Some men are covered with all sorts of sores, our "Dr" says it is a specie of rabies. Our rations have been cut, about 18 kilos of rice and 15 kilos of vegetables per day. Even at that it is more than we were getting last winter. June 26th Today I made a broadcast (Record) to my folks, it is supposed to go out in a couple of days. I mentioned 3 other boys - gosh! I hope my folks (& theirs) receive the message. To-night we had a sort of a "Jubilee" - singing, dancing, etc - I was MC "Saitou" our #1 Cook was positively disgusting. The "Nips" all got drunk and did their best to spoil our party. We have some barn good musicians here not at all bad. The "Coal shoveline" detail (Mitsui) has a 4 day layoff, very nice for some of the boys. June 29th, Medical inspection today for the dypheria patients, our over coats had to be turned in to the supply room. June 30th Turned in our woolen clothes today. Each man was issued cotton "Shorts" & blouses - (British) Oh yes, we had a severe earthquake today. The "Nips" even got excited. July 4th No fireworks here. A nice warm day. Men were pasting strips of paper on the windows - "Bomb" proofing no doubt. July Pfc Heblett died today "beriberi" - He was one of the boys in my "Anakan" party. That's the 5th man to die out of my sqdn. Food still remains the same. Strafing has lessened a bit, we now go out on the "Mitsui" lot every day from 1 to 3.00 oclock, "sports"? July 9th All men had a day off today. We had our picture taken, 2 men to a picture. "Rogues" no less. July 12th, "Otsuki" our interpreter severely strafed T/Sgt Bradford today. He said (Otsuki) that "Bradford" was too familiar with him. What a reason. Shiozawa strafed some "Dutchmen" for not standing at attention during roll call.

(Continued)

I knew strafing would start again. July 16th wrote a 30 word card home today. All shoes except 1 pair had to be turned into the supply room. That supply room is gradually getting filled up. The Japanese in charge is a "Bucktoothed" individual called "Kasuya". He is a holy terror too, "what a strafers", I dont have any contacts with him, however, Ive been strafed about 10 times, for silly things too, I dont keep looking about when I cross the yard, forget to wear a hat etc. foolish. I think so too.

July 23rd No change in the usual run of things. Food is good, fish is issued a couple of times per week, no meat, I'd like to go out to work though. It gets sort of tiresome not getting a chance to go anywhere or see anyone.

Aug 1st 1 British, 1 Dutch, 1 American officer left for another camp today. I am to go out to work, also W/Sgt Britton & M/Sgt Wyllysey. The officers are going to take over the camp duties, "Captain Catts" is to be the camp bookkeeper, Lt Schwartz camp Commandant (American) now for the reason. Today our camp becomes an independent camp, a new Japanese commander, new interpreter, and 3 new Japanese to take over the camp duties. We still retain the "Strafers" - namely. "Saitou, Shiozawa, Kasuya, Watanabe, and Kitamura. Well, at last I've got my wish, to go out to work. I could have stayed in, but I told "Otsuki" that I would rather go out. The Japanese all were drunk tonight. Roll call was late. Oh, some "Red Cross" food came in today. Some canned meat.

Aug 7 I'm still in camp, but I'm showing "Captain Catts" his duties, I'M afraid "Catts" won't get along with "Saitou" - He is arragant as h--. Food remains the same. No changes.

Aug 5th "Buddies" Birthday. Good luck lad.

Aug 9th I went out today for the first time. Worked on "Showa Denko" - Shoveled iron ore all day, ok though. All men had to have their hair cut today. Bu out, I mean a complete scalping. We also had an air raid practice. There is a good bomb shelter out there, it's underground and is about 75 or 80 feet long, tons & tons of iron ore over head - not at all bad.

Aug 15th Strafing is bad, they the strafers are having a field day, just like shooting fish in a rain barrel. "Saitou" is the worse offender. "Shiozawa" is also bad but he has to have a reasonable of some sort. Work isn't at all bad, we start at 8 oclock work until 9:30, then have a 15 or 20 minute "break" and then we quit at 11 oclock, 2 hours off for lunch, another "break at 3:00 oclock, and quit at 4:30 not too much work either.

Aug 19th I worked today in the warehouse, not at all bad, heavier work but longer "breaks". So far I havn't had a day off but who cares, food so far is ok. I'm getting enough, however, I've lost some weight, 5 kilos. I'm now back to 75 kilos. The weather is darn hot, lots of mosquito's and our mosquito nets are no good.

Aug 23rd Well my luck finally broke, I got a severe "strafing" last night. And now my face looks like a pumpkin. Here's the story. "Saitou" (who is in charge of the kitchen) found out that I had kept accurate records of his crookedness and had a complete set of books which I turned over to "Captain Catts". He then tried to get them but "Catts" gave them back to me. I burned the records and when "Saitou" asked me about them I pleaded ignorance. He didn't say anything but looked damn angry. Last night after roll call, he & "Shiozawa" called me into the office and accused me of putting out false information. The interference "Kondo" asked me if "this" was true. I said no, "I've made no remarks in regards to food, or food discrepancies, but I had kept records which had been destroyed. "Then Saitou wanted to know why I had kept "secret" records. To this question I refused to answer, and so on and on. Then at 9:30 pm "Saitou" "Shiozawa" & a stranger proceed to beat me with straps, sticks, bamboo swords etc. The beating

643

(Continued)

lasted 1 1/2 hours, and after beating I was forced to stand at attention all night. I was released at roll call this morning, and Dr Curtin looked me over. I have a badly lacerated foot, my back & ribs are black & blue, and as I said before I look like a pumpkin. When "Kondo" found out that I had been beaten he took me into the Japanese Commandant "Lt Washimi", he was very angry, and brought "Shiozawa" & "Saitou" into his office. Much was said but I don't know how the discussion ended. All I know is that "Kondo" said that it was all a mistake, and that the "Strafers" would be punished. As to that I have my doubts, but "Lt Washimi" is ok. He is strict but fair, and he intends to straighten this camp out. We have the distinction of being the worse camp in this area. It may be so, consequently he has a rough job ahead. So much for that. I've been arrogant towards these people from the start, Now I have a good reason to be arrogant.

Aug 25, I tried to shave today, is my face swollen? I should say so. My throat is black from ear to ear, I have a broken rib, and Dr Curtin put a stitch in my foot. I'm going out to work tomorrow. I can rest out there. Today I received a telegram from home. I'm the first man in camp to get one. Everyone is ok. thank God for that. I've wondered a lot about my folks, I know that this "Fiasco" will end happily for all of us. The food problem still remains, and the end is no where in sight. Perhaps another year of this, and then free men again. We get a newspaper a couple of times a week, but the news doesn't seem to be favorable to our side. Still this news comes under the supervision of the Japanese military machine, and so we can't expect to read of American or British victories. Aug 29th, We had another "Party" tonight, this time I sat on the sidelines, I'm still a "Pumpkin". Aug 31st Queen Wilhelmina's Birthday. Good Luck Queenie! Sept 3rd Lt Schwartz & Lt Carney received mail from home today. Of course they have been prisoners a lot longer than we had but their folks know where they are, thats something. We had to fill out another form today. Thats about 5 or 6 since we've been here.

Sept 5th, We have had a heavy rain for the past 3 days, work for slowed completely down. Food is still the same, no better, no worse.

Sept 7th "Dysentery" has broken out again, "Saitou" strafed "Gilbert" for sitting on the washrack, well thats against the rules so I guess it's all right. We wrote another letter home today. I hope that my folks are receiving the mail I wrote.

Here's good news "Shiozawa", is in the hospital in "Tokyo" with T.B.

Sept 12th, We now have only the barest of clothing, each man is supposed to have, 1 pr khaki slacks, 1 pr shorts 1 work jacket, 1 pr shoes, 1 pr blue denims.

Our new interpreter is ok we have a px started and now we can purchase, pepper, currie, fish powder, toothbrushes, toothpowder, and such articles, its a fine gesture by "Mr Kondo" - helps the men a lot. Each man has been issued a pair of wooden "skivvys" - "Go aheads", or whatever you want to call them.

Sept 16th, Tonight we had another "shakedown". "Arnold", Wyllsey were "Strafed", one man had an onion-Wyllsey was "Strafed" just for practice, or so it seemed to me, absolutely no reason for it. N/Sgt Wyllsey and I dont get along very well due to a card game which we were both in a long time ago, but just the same, I hated to see him get a beating, regardless of our differences.

Sept 19th, We must keep all our "money & valuables in our "section box", which is kept with the officers. What won't those people think of next. I guess they are afraid we may buy something from one of the Japanese workers. "Gilbert"

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883078

(Continued)

was slapped for having stood with his hands in his pockets at work to-day. Sept 21st "Gilbert" was "strafed" tonight and had to stand at attention all night, the reason, two days ago he had his hands in his pockets at roll call time at "Showa Denko". Each man had a "cholera" shot tonight. Another "shake down", Kanbricks & Don Moore were banged about, this is the worst yet "Kendricks" received a broken Rib - incidently, nothing was found on any of the men except a "Razor Blade" and a apple. Hows that -

Sept 25th S/Sgt Hoy is now a "Tobon" for the Japs Im glad to see Hoy get a break, he is a little fellow and is very thin and run down. The extra food will do him a world of good.

Sept 28th, More mail came in - I didn't receive any, no news, food is still the big problem.

Oct 2nd I Dutchman died today. His name was Jansen. He died of Pneumonia, malaria and "Dysentery". He worked with me for a while on Soko. My detail is 'nt bad, hard work. But plenty of rest. More mail came in - none for me. Oct 5th Now comes the latest in pettiness. Each morning at roll call time we have to strip down to the waist and rub down with a towel for 19 minutes. Anything to annoy us. Last night we were issued our wollens again. Trousers, blouse & overcoat. Oct 6th 8:00 am this morning at roll call we were subected to an inside shakedown, the ream in so far as I can ascertain is: Some one broke into the kitchen last night and stole (about) 50 loaves of bread, 25 kilos of sugar, rice etc. Our officers went through our belongings. Nothing was found however. (9:00pm) well, we certainly have had a hectic evening, one man is suspected of taking the stuff from the kitchen "armstrong". At roll call this evening he was taken out in front of the guard shack and was worked over.

"Shiozawa, Saitou, and a couple of more "Strafers" used straps, belts, and a rubber belt. Armstrong is taking a beating right now. A few minutes ago he was paraded through the barracks, he says he is'nt guilty. Some sugar, salt & bread was found in his possession. Whether he took those things is problematical, I for one dont think he did, but the consensus of opinion seemsto be that he did, so Im afraid he is in for a rough time tonight. All men have been standing up for hours, right now we have a "Recess", of a sort. (what a life) - Oct 7th Armstrong is now a grotesque looking person, his strafing is the worst yet, I'don't know how severe his wounds are, but they certainly look serious. Nervous tension is very high tonight.

Oct 8th 7 men returned from the "Hospital". They all look to be in good shape, many interesting stories were brought back.

Oct 9th At 2iam this morning all men had to get up, section 5, "Armstrongs" section had to go out and stand in front of the guard house. The "Strafers" wanted to know if "Armstrong" was guilty or not, they had to stand for 1 hour, and then they were again asked to give a decision. They decided that in as much as "A" had been beaten it would be better to say that he was guilty, or so it seemed to them. (I dont think that this is a fair deal. These people are only trying to "Pin" something on a man with who has abad reputation, thats all.

Oct 13th, No change in our situation. Food still remains the same, not bad, not good.

QZincke was burned today by "Nitric" acid, both knees suffered bad burns. Roll call early tonight.

Oct 17th All men had aday off today. No particular reason, our interpreter says that from now on no more severe "strafings". I wonder?

Oct 20th Men who came back from the hospital two weeks ago received their back issue of sugar etc, darn fine of our officers to save some for them. Japanese Sgt Major inspected the sick men today. Many men are sick again. Cold weather no doubt.

(Continued)

Oct 24th "Saitou was C.O. tonight, he kept the Dutch sections up for I have, we Americans were allowed to go to bed. We are still rubbing down every morning. Dr. Curtin is working very hard, he certainly has done (a lot of good, many men owe their lives to him.

Oct 27th "Buck tooth" Strafed" Krawiecki" today. It was over some clothes that had been turned in. Not as bad a "strafing" as he usually hands out. More mail came in today. No luck. Maybe later we also received copies of the "Nippon Times" heavily censored. Nothing new.

Nov 3 - Tonight as we came in from work we had to undergo a "shakedown". Nothing was found. 2 tangerines were sold to each man tonight. 5 sen

Nov 9th Food has picked up lately, but still too little for Americans to work on. 1 yr in Japan a year ago we were sailing through the inland sea. It hardly seems that long ago. Much has happened since then, many men have died, those of us with who came through this far expect to make it back home.

Nov 12th 1 yr in Mitsui Camp. 1/2 Day off from work. 2 apples were given to each man. We also had a good hot bath, music and a "Jamboree" tonight. Not at all bad. Nothing extra in the way of food. Nov 19th Nothing new, no rumors or rumor of rumors. Our camp is slowly changing into a better camp "Kondo" is doing wonders, he is slowing down the "Bad Boys" as for the "Strafers" he seems to be bucking them. We have much to be thankful for, however this darn thing ends we have come a long way together. I find myself thinking more & more of home. I hope that "Buddie" is all right, I'm sure that he must be in the army now.

Nov 22 nd, I weighed 70 kilos tonight, I've lost 10 kilos 22 lbs, but I feel good. Many men have colds, and for some reason boils have been coming out on a lot of men. My job is still in the warehouse, not a all bad, we get plenty of rest and now we are having a hot bath every other day. "Showa Denko" is one of the best places to work, the Company gives us a ration (small) of potatoes each evening after work, adds much to our efficiency. Nov 27th The weather is now getting very cold, I wear my overcoat every day, for the past 5 days I have been working moving steel plates, thisishard work. In one of the warehouses is a lot of soap. I can have all that I want, soap is very scarce in Japan, in fact everything is scarce here, food lines, tobacco lines, etc are seen everyday. However, these people don't seem to mind, they labor under the impression that they will win the war, and "Rosevelt" will bow down to them, how foolish they are. One of these days there is going to be a big awakening, and then - wow - thanksgiving has come and gone, nothing extra, we are expecting "Red Cross" food boxes to come in. Newspapers were issued again today. We had another blanket issued today. I got a Japanese blanket. Better than nothing.

Nov 30th A day off today. It is now very cold, and no fires, in fact we aren't going to have any stoves in our barracks this winter. A coal shortage. A pair of Japanese socks were issued today. Dec 4th Another month has started, by gosh! Nothing much has happened, just routine happenings. A px issue of pepper, notebooks, tea Dec 9th Freddie's Birthday. Take good care of those two boys Fred, I've a lot of surprises for them. A 7 kilo ration increase today. Ok "Red Cross" food boxes have come in, they are expected to be issued before xmas - anyway we shall see. Dec 11th Very cold today. Ice made its first appearance on the wash rack, I'm sleeping with ~~Sgt Hewston~~, it's too cold to sleep alone. All men that work at "Showa Denko" were issued soap today, a very welcome item. We had a "sweet potatoes" stew tonight that was very good, in fact food is good, the rice ration still remains the same, but the soup is much better.

Dec 15th, I had a day off today. I spent the entire day trying to keep warm - it is much colder in the barracks that out working. Fried fish for supper

(Continued)

tonight, mighty fine.

Dec 20th, We had an inspection by a Japanese general today. A good rice & soup ration tonight, I got weighed today. 69 kilos - a loss of 1 kilo this month.

Dec 25th Christmas day. and a "Red Cross" food box issue, two men to 1 box, I got some mail - 19 letters in all. Everything home is o.k. Everyone well. I received 4 letters from Deborah, I didn't expect that, also received mail from Caroline Weiss, I must do something for her when I get back. I led a church service this morning, which all the "Protestant's attended, Dr Curtin & Lt Carney conducted a service for the "Catholics". Very nicely done. Latin and everything. We had our pictures taken out on the "Mitsui" Lot this afternoon. W/Sgt Wyllsey received a personal package from home, that was the nicest event of the day. My letters informed me that I had "one" on the way.

For dinner today we had, "bread", potatoe soup (stew) rice, sweet potatoes, and a nice piece of fried fish, very good food. Today was a nice day, not quite as warm as last year, but a good day nevertheless -

Dec 26th Mamas birthday, I wish I was with you mama, I had a good meal tonight, I had sort of a banquet mama, but you did'nt mind, I'm sure of that. Today we had $\frac{1}{2}$ of a bar of soap issue. Dec 31st more "Red Cross" boxes were issued tonight, 8 men to 1 box - better than nothing. 29 more personal boxes came in - I didn't receive one, maybe later, we write a letter home tonight, A long one. I thanked every one for their letters, I wish I could write to everyone but we are'nt allowed to write very much, so I just write to mama, it's now 9:00 pm. So a happy new year to everyone, & so to bed.

Jan 1st 1944 - New years day. Happy new year everyone!

We only worked a half day today. Nothing from the camp, but our work detail gave us 10 cigarettes, 6 tangerines, ; ration of sweet potatoes. For supper tonight we had rice, fried fish, and sweet tea - very good for a change. No news of the outside world. We had a "Song fest tonight, lights out at 10:pm.

Jan 7th, Rice & cabbage soup for supper - Many men are sick the weather is bitter cold, and no fires - everything is running along very smoothly. "Kondo" is right on the ball. Jan 13th, Nellies birthday. No changes in the weather, food or anything.

Jan 17th, We had to pay for "two packs of cigarettes that were given to us at Christmas - quite in accordance with the policy laid down by our captors - "Shiozawa" was on the war path tonight, a couple of men did'nt have their coats buttoned up a roll call - 7:30 roll call, lights out early. Jan 20th one Dutchman died today "Wesitz", I wonder if we are going to have last winters catastrophy's over again. Jan 24th 13 men received boxes from home. No luck. A radio message from "General Marshall" was read - He said keep up our hopes, we havn't been forgotten.

Jan 27th, A very, very cold day. "Our hospital is full dysentery has broken out again. This is bad, Dr Curtin has only a limited supply of "anti dysentery" medicine. Feb 2nd Ground hog Day - nice & warm - bad weather ahead. "ood remains the same, no changes.

Feb 7th Ex issue tonight, toilet paper, toothpowder, & a nose mask- what a laugh! What a country.

Feb 11th, Received 16 letters from home, One from Jack Martin, rather surprised - Everything is ok at home, "buddy" is in Italy, or so I surmised by mamas letters. One man died today - he died from "tetanus", (Locksaw) s/awful. God help us, we have no other aid. Feb 14th, 3 personal boxes came in - none for me tho- Valentines Day, and it has been very cold. No other news. Feb 19th it snowed today. "First time this year, however the snow was gone by noon. I weighed 70

DECLASSIFIED
Authority AND PROS

647

(Continued)

kilos tonight. Feb 23rd I was "Strafed" this morning for chewing gum at work call. I got the gum from "Keitzen" only started to chew it too - unlucky me.

Feb 28th "Bettys" birthday, I hope you are ok lady, and don't you get married until I get home.

Mar 2nd Really cold today, and a sleet.sotrm - We had a good sweet potatoe stew for supper. No news.

Mar 8th Hurray! I received a box today. and so did 18 other men. I received the following items. Towel, 3 cakes shaving soap, toothpowder, toothbrush, comb, playing cards, nail clipper, candy, kleenex, licorice candy, 24 packs chewing gum, aspirins, throat lozenges, cribbage board (My old one I gave Freddy) Vitamin Pills (c). And a few more items, I feel that I'm mighty lucky at that, no news from the outside world at all. Everything is very quiet.

Mar 9th Deborah's birthday - I hope you have a good time "Deb" - I'd like to be back home with you, even if I "Strike out" again -

Mar 17th St. Patricks day - very nice & warm, I guess the weather is getting a bit warmer. I remember one St Patricks Day, long, long ago, I had my hair cut. Did mama howl! -

DECLASSIFIED
Authority AND 883078

(Mar 20th Last night it rained, sleeted, and then snowed. About 4 inches, and today it thawed and melted. What a day. We worked inside, had a very easy day. Mar 21st 1st Day of spring. Nice and warm. Most of the snow has gone. Our food has been cut to a new low. We are now getting less rice than at any time since we've been here. This mornings rice ration was less than half the usual amount. Things look very bad.

Mar 25th Spring seems to be here. The weather as clear and cold. For the past few days, however, its been nice and warm at midday. We've had quite a few cases of infections this month. Perhaps the worst case that we have we've had so far is the leg infection of "Dick Manvell", his leg has become badly infected and gangrene has set in, our doctor operated, and made an incision about 8 inches long. Its the shin and foot thats infected. Doc Curtin says that Manvell may not be able to walk again for 6 months. There's possibilities of manuell losing his foot too. I hope not. I forgot to mention this before but "Doctor Curtin" has to perform all his oprations but "Doctor Curtin" has to perform all his operations without the use of "ether" or other "anaesthetics" the only time he used an anesthetic was the time he performed the appendectomies at the H.Q. camp. Yesterday, one of the men on our detail was hurt, he had two stitches taken in his face. Carelessness, thats all, Mar 29th Rain today, and it's cold. We are quite lucky tho, our work is inside. Today, 6 Dutchmen and 2 Americans are going to the military hospital in Tokyo, Manuel included, gee I hope He's going to be o.k. We've heard no news lately, things have been very quiet. Last night we were allowed to write another letter, I hope this letter leaves here ok. the one we wrote at xmas time has never gone out. My legs now seem to be all right, however, I have a cold which has been darn bothersome for about a week. Thanks to the aspirins I received from mama I can keep my headaches down to a minimum. Food is about the same, still on short ration, altho it is rumored that we are to go back to our old ration soon, just the same, regardless, of how much food I receive I'll make it back to the good old USA one thing that I've still got (along with fleas & bed bugs) is the will and determination to live. Our library has been increased again, this time by a few "Cosmopolitan" magazines, there mighty good reading too. Mar 31st Today "Showa Denko" had a day off, but all of us "Denkoites" had to go out to work on other details. I went to "Smpaku" and shoveled soft coal all day, from 8:am. To 4:30 pm. however, I received "extra food, and 13 cigarettes. (Extra food was 1/2 a Japanese lunch, not bad either) Cigarettes, and I dont smoke, incidently, I'm the only American here in camp that does'nt smoke.

Last night another Dutchman died, thats No 10 from this camp-We hear that over 2000 Dutchmen have died in prisons so far. There is 8000 Dutchmen in camps in Japan Not so good. At present in one of the English camps which has 500 men in it, 137 are down with influenza. We've had a few cases here. Our doctor has run out of absorbent cotton, and so I gave him the "Kleenex Tissues" that mama sent me in my package. There doing a lot of good too Doc's using them for "Drains" - Tonight for supper we had "Noodles", which were absolutely tasteless, just the same they filled up a great empty space which existed in my "inards" - No news of the war - things are really quiet. Apr 2nd Rain again, we are now having a lot of rain. Lately, I've got a bad cold, but I have plenty of aspirins. All men had to get their hair cut short again, I expect to see plenty of colds as a result of the shearing. One man is very sick, pleurisy, & pneumonia, stood bad too, because he has been a hardy type person. I hope he makes it. We've had some good news lately, that is about the war. The forces in the south-west pacific are bombing "Yap" and other islands around P.I. also "Russin" is moving steadily westward which is a good sign. Food is about the same, no improvement and no worse than usual. Apr 6th, We've had good weather for the past few days,

(Continued)

no rain and its been nice and warm, I've still got my cold, however it is a lot better. We now work until 6:00 p.m. That is we are supposed too. But, we who work on "Soko", quit at 4:00pm. And sit around until 5:45 when we start back home. Our camp personnel now numbers 217, of which 180 go out to work every day. More than 1/3 of the men are sick, but they have to go out working just the same.

We received a notice from the United States that we who are prisoners will not be promoted while we are prisoners and that we shall continue to receive pay while in prison. That's good news too, because most of us were either 1st or 2nd a.m.s I hold a 1st A.M. which incidentally pays me \$125. Per month. I now have nearly \$5000 - Due me. Enough to start a good business on. That is, when I get back.

Apr 10th Yesterday was easter Sunday, and did it rain! That was one easter when no one wore their best. Last night we had another church service, the 1st one since x'mas. Very nice one too. I wish that we could get together oftener, but for some reason men just dont care whether or not we hold religious meetings. Today I had a day off, and I've reread all my letters time & time again I wish that I could get some more. It's been a long time since we've received anymail. 3 more men were put into "our hospital" today; they have very bad infections. One in particular is very bad, "Sgt Sears" - He has a very bad infection on his left hand, which has travelled up his arm, and is causing him a lot of trouble.

Yesterday, I applied for more government insurance \$10,000 worth to be exact, I hope that I get it, it sure is good coverage. Our government is trying to do all it can for us, there's no question about that, but I don't think it can do very much, these people wont let them.

No news lately, no rumors either, except about "Burma", where "Mountbatten" isn't doing so well. Golly I wish that this war was over, this episode in our lives is of course incidental to our country's welfare, but I do wish it would end.

Apr 13th Last night "Corporal Lapelle" died, he had pneumonia and pleurisy, we did every thing we possibly could for him, we got extra food, such as sugar etc, but he just wouldn't eat. Oh, if we only could get out of this place. "Moose Lapelle" was at one time one of the finest "Divers" in the country, he was in competition with some of our greatest aquatic performances, competed with "Desjardines, stubby & rueger and men of that type. Heres the pay off too. Last night as "Lapelle" lay in our hospital dying, our interpreter made an announcement that we were going to have a rice increase, an increase from 630 gms per day, to 750 grams per day. Irony, yes, yes - Good substantial food would have kept "Lapelle" alive, Yes, and many more men too.

Apr 14th, Today has been a beautiful day, nice and warm, one of the finest days we've had in a long time. Another man was taken to the hospital today, a dutchman he is said to have appendicitis, gosh! I hope not!

Heard some mighty fine rumors today, "Russia is on a big offensive, and they are now doing most of their fighting in German terrain, really not a rumor, I saw the "Nippon Times", today's issue, and read the news myself. Another man was taken to the hospital today, a Dutchman, he is said to have appendicitis, gosh! I hope not!

Heard some mighty fine rumors today, Russia is on a big offensive and they are now doing most of their fighting in German terrain, really not a rumor, I saw the "Nippon Times", today's issue, and read the news myself. Another an officer concerns us (Prisoners). The Japanese "Colonel", in charge of war prisoners in

SWT

(Continued)

the Tokyo area, has been removed and has been replaced by another "Colonel" who's policies, tis said are much better for us. This is goodness. This morning while on our way to work we could see the "snow covered" top of "Fujiyama" - it looked mighty nice, cold & proud, a real tribute to mother nature. I had a nice hot bath tonight. A really fine one. Lately we havn't had hot baths, due to a shortage of fuel, coal in particular.

By this time my sister Ellen's baby must have been born, I hope she has a girl, I havn't a niece as yet. My-nephew "Richard" will soon be a year old, gosh! I must get out of here soon, if I don't have soon, all of my family will be grown up, and wont even know me. As for me, I think that I've gained some weight since the last weighing, even tho, my face is thinner. Feel as tho, Ive gained. Well, this concludes another day and so to bed, and perhaps dream of home and friends. Aug 18th Two years ago today. Japan was bombed by a squadron of B-25s, which took off from a carrier, 500 miles east of Japan. Today we had a day off from work, a holiday, due to the promotion of our Commandant, who is now a 1st Lt a group of us, (who work every day) played a game of "Touch Football" with the cooks. (who, are fat and have plenty of rest, and food) and incidently we defeated them, 2 touchdowns to 0-(12-0) 1 quarterbacked our team, did the passing and all in all enjoyed myself immensely, S/ Sgt Richards, & Pfc Harper scored touchdowns. Tonight for supper we had rice & fish, also hot water, (with hot water we can make tea) not a bad supper however, we havn't received the rice increase asyet, Due to start on the 20th so tis said!

At present we have 27 men in the Tokyo hospital, 6 in our hospital, and 17 men with infections, injuries etc who cannot go out to work, camp labor consists of 8 cooks, 2 tabcons (men who are personal servants to the Japs) 1 cobbler, 1 tailor, 2 medical orderlies, 1 officers orderly, 1 camp clerk, 16 men doing camp work, 50 men sick or injured, 66 men out of a total of 242 men, which leaves 176 men eligible to go out to work. No wonder our Japanese commandant has been promoted, our daily complement of men that is our working is usually around 170 men. Still we're lucky at that. Everything could be much we're.

On "Denko" we now get some "cakes", made from ground up peanuts, a sort of a floor, from which all the oil has been removed, they're not bad either, we on "Soko" get 4 or 5 every day, other details about the same. Lately I have been bringing in a couple to "Kritzon", who is still in our camp hospital with a badly infected leg. The cakes kinda fill up that empty space which most of us have. Well, this concludes another day, a day off, a day which has been to most everyone, very, very, pleasant. Aug 23rd Sunday, and a real nice day too. To-day is also my fathers birthday! Many happy returns of the day dad. May you have many more. We now have our-rice increase, its not much but every bit helps. We've also had a raise in pay. 15 sen a day more, I now get 30 sen a days and no way to spend it. The news is good, the second front is no longer a myth, actually it hasn't started, but before the end of the monte it is slated to start, I hope that it is an immediate success. No other news.

Apr 27th Last night ! Received 9 letters, 1 from mams, 1 from my cousin "Anna" and 1 from Janice, they were part of the group that came in on the "Shipholm"; there were 80 letters in all, good news, yes yes; I hope that every one at home is ok, and that "buddy" does'nt get hurt he is in Italy and that campaign is now in full bloom, "Cliver Atwood" is also in the same district I hope that he too is ok. Now for the news, such as it is, last night one of the Dutchmen was strafed, and forced to stand at attention all night, he took (or is supposed to have taken) 3 so called sheets, and sold or traded them to civilian workers at "Sempakan", whether he did or not he was the first Dutchman to be "Beaten" like we (Americans us to be. Most of the Dutchmen are very negligent and lax in their

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NND 683018

WJ

(Continued)

duties, and for a long time have been getting away with all sorts of things, Consequently, they are now beginning to be found out, and so punishment. While on the subject of Dutchmen, we have one in particular, a lad called "Zalme", a son of a wealthy Dutch Planter (Java) who is perhaps the most arrogant person in our barracks, he has caused a lot of trouble on every detail on which he works, not so long ago he faked an accident at "show a denko" later on he fell off a ledge (ocal) at "Sempakau", and today, while he was working at "Denko", he put his left hand deliberately into a worm gear, and as a result he has a badly mangled hand, and for this reason, if anyone is hurt on the "job", he is carried on the camp books as a "Kocasho". (which means he is a "Ghost and gets credit for a days labor everyday) a short while ago I went up stairs, and lo and behold! Zalme is as happy as a lark, "Now", he says, "I will get paid, dont have to-work, and so, I'm happy". There's no question about him being a little off, to bad too, because he has a lot to go back home to.

Today I put in one of the hardest days that I've put in since I've been out working, we (6 men and 1) had to unload a barge which was loaded down with bricks, we moved 25,000 bricks, and that is working, but tomorrow we will sit down and have a "talk fest." News of the second front looms up stronger & stronger every day, and in Burma we are supposed to be losing much valuable terrain, but I can't see any reason for "Lord Mountbatten", losing ground, he should be ready for anything that the enemy can offer. Sooner or later this war is going to end, and believe me, I'm looking anxiously forward to the day when we get back home, and then never, never roam again. Apr 30th Today is a day off from "Denko", it is a "Denko" holiday, and I intend to sleep all day. Last night we received some "Red cross" food packages, which were split 3 men to package, we also received some other items, my share of the "presents" (as our captors say)", I can tooth-powder, 1 brush, 1 pr shoe laces, 1 can shoe polish, 4 razor blades, comb, pencil, & 9 old gold cigarettes, & from the food package I received, 1 can salmon, 1 can butter, 1 can pork loaf, 1 can "pate", (deviced ham) - 16 small cubes of sugar, 20 prunes 2/3 bar choclote, 3 pkgs cigarettes, 1/3 can "klin", powder milk") 3 bouillon cubes, & 2/3 can coffee, of course I think that we are very lucky to receive anything at all, because the Japanese "nob" most of our "Red Cross" food and clothing long before it reaches this camp. Gosh! If we only had some of this food a month ago, "Moose" Lapelle might be alive today. I have a bit more, so my birthday will be a good one again. May 6th, I haven't written anything for a week, and I have a lot to write, first, another American has died - Sgt Brindley he was with me in Anakan, during the Provisional mobile depot unit days, days when we were putting P 40s together. Sgt Brindley was head of the armament dept. Gosh! More & more of the older men are going. Now for other news. I received another letter. This one was from Janice, a real nice letter, and I find that I have been awarded the "DFC" - Guess it must have been for my few days with the "Filipino Air Corps" - Anyway, that news makes me very happy. Yesterday 7 food (Red Cross) packages were given to us to distribute, each man received 1 article. Our section (23 men) were given 23 articles, which we "High carded" for. (Ace of spades high, - Spades, hearts, diamond clubs, in that order) consequently, I received a package of cigarettes, ironical, yes indeed. Just the same tho, it isn't what I get personally, its what we (allmen) receive from the "Red Cross" that counts. Today we had an inspection by the "chief of Staff", General Ashimoto, and after he had inspected our barracks, he and his staff which included our first commandant, "Major Hamada" who incidently is a fine officer, came out to "Denko", and inspected the

611

(Continued)

mess hall and various working parties. "Major Hamada", spoke to me, he said that I was getting thinner, I replied that, I had been in Japan a long time, was a prisoner, worked everyday, and didn't get much to eat. The "Major" nodded then smiled and said "Hough, maybe soon you can go home. Boy, wouldn't that be something. Our camp has undergone a reorganization. Now all Americans sleep on the second floor, all Dutch downstairs, its a good idea too, because now that we are more or less separated I believe that we shall get along better. Then too, the working details have been changed. Americans & Dutch no longer work together. Americans now work at "M.B.K." and "Showa Denko" Dutch work at, "Kokusho", K.Y.K. and Sempakau. Believe me, its a real pleasure not to have to sit down to luncheon and find one of those "Crummy" half castes sitting next to you. Perhaps I shouldn't write such a thing, but you cant imagine just how dirty and filthy they really are. Anyway, international law says that prisoners of war of different countries must be kept separate. We now have a new commandant of this area, (Yokohama, Tokyo, Shinagawa, Kawasaki, & Mitsui) who tries to follow the international laws to the letter. At "Showa Denko" we now have a bath - Yes, indeed a hot bath every day is something. It makes one feel very good. Now for news of the outside world. News of the war has reached us, the second front is ready to go, and all of Europe is awaiting it anxiously. A German news commentator says that the war will reach a climax this summer - I hope so. Also that Russia is going like a house on fire. Great Britain & America are bombing Germany from end to end, reinforcement have been sent to Italy. Yes, good news if it is true. "Kritzca" Just came in to say hello, his leg is about better, that too, is good news. ----

May 10th Rain today, and I have a day off; I'm lucky to get today off too, as 180 men are out working. Last night I received another letter, from Deborah, a very short letter, only 25 words. However, a most welcome.

Letter. I hurt myself somehow at "Showa Denko", last night the doctor said I have a severe debraxinal strain which could easily be a rupture, and for me to take it easy at work, it will take 2 or 3 weeks for me to take it easy at work, it will take 2 or 3 weeks for me to get better. I can go out to work, and not do anything. My "boss" is good that way. Yesterday we had another "General" inspection, both here and at work, everything went off smoothly. News is a bit scarce again, not even rumors, its funny too, as only a few days ago there were all sorts of rumors. Somehow tho, I look for a quick ending to this war: particularly in Europe, no country, however strong, can continue to take the pounding that Germany is taking and survive.

May 13th I have been going out to work but not doing anything in fact, my "boss" wont even let me stay out with the working party. He makes me sit down in the office. News is abundant again, all about the 2nd front, also about the terrific bombing that Germany is undergoing, how middle Europe can stand up day by day and take the beating that they are getting is awe inspiring. Europe in many places must be in ruins. Russia is moving rapidly and is really going places, now the entire Crimea area is in anti-axis hands. I believe that this war will be over soon, that is the war in Europe, however, what these people will do is problematical, they are deeply in earnest, and do definitely support their government, proof of that is their unbroken line of "kings", etc for 2504 years, remarkable. Our productive powers must be very strong, a news item says that we have 25,000 war planes operating in Europe and 15,000 more in the southwest, a gigantic force if its true, and it could be.

Food has been fairly good lately, for our morning meal we get "Miso Soup", & rice, with potatoes mixed with it. Not at all bad, our other meals are about the same as we have been getting.

(Continued)

I hope "Buddy" comes through the Italian campaign safely. Poor mama, she must worry incessantly. That's all for now, I must do a bit of eating. May 17th, today there has been a slight rain, more or less of a drizzle, and we worked on "Line & Cement at "Showa Denko" of course I didn't do any work my stomach is still sore, and I don't want to aggravate my muscles which may result in a permanent injury.

Last night I received another letter, this one had only 30 words in it, my folks are ok and "buddy" is still ok too. This letter was also from Deborah. She has been very thoughtful in regards to seeing my folks, and also in writing to me. I just don't understand her interest in me, perhaps its just sympathy. Because I'm a prisoner of war that and nothing else. Somehow tho, I find myself thinking a lot about her, and wondering what will happen when this war is over and we too shall meet again?

Today I have been a prisoner of war for two years, gee, the time has certainly passed very quickly. Much has happened since I received orders from Col. Chastaine (I wonder how he is) to turn all men and equipment in to the Japanese. I find that members of this war are just as fresh in my mind as if they happened yesterday. Our first experience with the Japanese in "Butuan", where I lost a tooth, our move to the provisional Jail, my purchasing of food, which consisted of, kamodes, beef, vegetables, fish, eggs, cookies, cakes, candies, shoes, toothpaste, soap, peanuts, live chickens & monkey (not to eat, just for a pet) and many other items too numerous to mention. Our short trip on the "Tito", our arrival in "Malaybalay", my first meeting with my old squadron, my appointment as steward or head cook of the officers mess, our trip to Japan on the "Tottori Maru", our arrival in Japan, the trip to Yokohama; our arrival here in Kiyassaki, and the subsequent happenings here. All these and more too, to me as if they had only happened yesterday. Oh yes, this has been a very, very eventful two years, now if only we could go home soon. You know, I hope that this imprisonment has made better men out of all of us, if it has'nt, then all this has been wasted. "God alone knows whether or not we shall weather this sea of strife, but even if we don't, I thank "him" for "his" bounteous goodness now. "nother day has ended, roll call is over and most of the men are in bed, so again I say, God bless all the men are in bed, God bless all of you tomorrow starts a new era for me, a period of waiting & watching for that day when we can start packing for that 15 day trip home. May 22nd One year ago today the "utchmen arrived here. Much has happened since then. Our camp has much to be thankful for, we're still alive, in fairly good health, and not doing too hard work, yes, indeed, really lucky. News has been abundant lately, first the Italian Campaign has started anew, and the anglo-American forces are moving, this time I hope straight into "Rome", and then "Buddy" gets through without any mishaps. Other places in Germany are getting a thorough bomb doing a good job, considering what he has to work with tropical fighting is hazardous, what with malaria, & other tropical diseases. On the 20th Japan (Tis Rumored) was hit by our air forces, from what I can learn, they were supposed to be off carriers; for the past 2 nights we have had a blackout, a total and complete blackout, every bit of Tokyo & Yokohama was blacked out. For the first time since se have been here. Gee! If we who have survived that awful "Fiasco", which was "Bataan" that chaos, "Mindanso", that chaotic condition which was the "Tottori Maru", and the awful treatment of the "Kawasaki mad house" and then be "nobbod" by our own

DECLASSIFIED

Authority: NND 883078

64

(Continued)

bombers, ho, ho ! what a catastrophe.

Further comments on the bombing two nights ago reveals that we lost 32 planes which were shot down, if such news is true. Then we must have used an awful lot of planes. Rumors are that our forces which are in China are ready & able to bomb Japan. I hope so. Food lately has been good. Our rice ration is enough, but the soups have been a little on the lean side. However, we who work at "Denko", are fortunate, in this respect. Everyday we get two cakes (made from ground up peanuts, from which the oil has been extracted) and a canteen cup of vegetable soup. Not at all bad, oh yes, I almost forgot, I held my weight gain of last month, I now weigh 72.5 kilos - 159 lbs - I feel mighty good tho, but I'm beginning to look old, or so the boys say. Mosquitos are out mosquito's are out again, and they are bad, almost as bad as our famous "Jersey Brand". My "Strain" seems to be all right again, it had me worried for a few days. That's all for tonight - May 26th yesterday S/Sgt Brock returned from the Tokyo hospital, he is much thinner now than when he left here, he says that he is ok, I hope so. Brock brought back lots of news, it seems that some of the patients that are in the hospital at "Shinagawa" were recently captured, one person in particular, who was shot down during a raid on "True" island. He has many stories, all of which are pleasant to hear. He says that we are really strong and can hit these people anytime we want to. Oh boy! If that is true, we all received another "shot", this time for "Typhoid", and two more shots for the same thing are in the offing. Summer clothes have been re-issued again, I have the same one's that I had last summer - tomorrow night we turn in our woolens the weather has been very rainy & cloudy of late, but a change is due; no doubt about that. News is about the same. We are doing well in Italy & Europe. Food is the same, no other changes. June 2nd today has been a wonderful day, nice & warm. We had a soap issue today, $\frac{1}{2}$ bar to each man. Last night we all had another "shot", this one was for the prevention of dysentery. It sure hurts plenty too. News is about the same, American-British troops are making rapid progress in Italy, and other fronts seem to be ok too. Today some of the men received letters from home. Unfortunately I was not one of them this time. "Fleas" are out in full force, and last night I put in a miserable night. Really "awful" -

Soon I have a birthday; gosh, I'm really getting old. "sk, "tek" - baldheaded too.

June 10th, today is my birthday, also mama & dads 39th wedding anniversary, I had a good dinner today infact 3 good meals, I had saved some of my "Red Cross" Xmas box, and as a result I ate real good.

The second front has started, Rome has fallen, and soon this darn war will be over. Oh yes, I have a day off from work, the first day since May 10th 31 days to be exact. - Had another "shot", this ends the series of "shots", I'm reading a biography of nero, by F.W. Farrar, not at all bad, "Nero" was certainly a bad boy. June 13th Good news, the 2nd front is well under way, Rome has fallen and maybe soon we shall get news that we are to return home. Work today was kinda hard, we unloaded a barge which was well laden down with steel reinforcing rods. heavy work. For the past two days I've been feeling sick, perhaps due to the 3 big meals that I had on my birthday. Food is about the same. No better, no worse.

June 17th, another week has gone by, a week of surprises, much has happened so much that I cant begin to enumerate them, suffice to say that everything seems to be on the good side, that is for us. We've had a blackout for the

get

(Continued)

past 3 nights, due to an air raid south of here, "Moji" I think. The second front is doing o.k. and so is Italy. Russia is again on the move. Oh yes, good news all around.

We were given another shot on the 14/74 and all men had the next day off. My chest is still sore.

We, prisoners, who work at "Showa Denko", now work in one area, real close to an air raid shelter. I wonder why? "As if I didn't know. I hope "Buddy" is all right, I think that he and I shall go into the poultry business together, I've been making plans. I've read a lot lately, mighty fine books too, mostly biographies, latest one about "nero", he certainly was a mean customer, and his end was just about what I figured it would be. I'm still chewing gum, lucky me, mama sure sent me a "Godly" amount.

July 6th I haven't written anything in quite a long while, there is much news, but I can't write or say anything about it.

Two years ago today I was on my way to the Japanese internment camp at Malaybalay, hardly seems that long ago. Much has happened since then. Our food ration has been cut, for our morning meal we now get potatoes & soup, no rice. For our other two meals we get rice & beans, with a soup of some sort, or fish, not as much as we used to get. However, this situation is easily understood. This war is practically over - I hope!

I now weigh 73 kilos fair enough, as the weather is hot, and work isn't too hard. 8 more men received packages from home. They were part of the shipment that came in on the Geipsholm last November. It's been a long time since we've had an exchange ship, perhaps one is due now. We've had a lot of blackouts lately, things must be getting rarer & nearer.

Fleas are abundant, and we have no way of getting rid of them, so we suffer, and I do mean suffer. However, we don't mind, much !!

Another man came back from the hospital. Cpl Moore, he had a bad leg, which has now healed fairly well. "Dick" Manuel is still up at the hospital and from what I here is doing ok. News of the war is scarce, but what we do hear is ok. even tho we have nothing concrete upon which to base the rumors.

July 10th Today I have a day off, however it's raining and so no washing. We are now on a Potatoe diet. That is potatoes for-breakfast, rice for our other two meals, of course we also have soup. July 16th, all men were off today. We cleaned the barracks, and the grounds. Our new commander of prisoners is going to inspect on the 18th. Last night 100 letters came in. I wasn't lucky this time. None for me. It seems that they came overland, and most of them have a German censor stamps on them. July 27th 11 days have passed since I last wrote in this book, and only because I've been very sick, I don't quite know what I've had, but I've had a high fever, and vomited right after every meal. I've lost 6 kilos which brings me back to 68 1/2 kilos. Right where I was last winter.

Things are very much the same, except of course for the rumors, which are thick and numerous. The Russians are really making hay, and today, tis said entered "Warsaw" and Italy - the same news prevails. We are moving rapidly northward, and are in "Pisa" & Florence. France is slowly shaping up. As for this part of the world today's rumors, says, that we have the "Marrisianias", Good news oh yes, also that the government has changed their cabinet. I expect that this war will be over by Christmas, I sincerely hope so.

We have been bothered lately by fleas, which are certainly bad. I have some powder, which doesn't seem to do much good however.

647

(Continued)

Oh, Lord, take good care of "Buddy", keep him safe. And bring him home safely.
Oh, yes, I'm out of gum!

Aug 1st Today, this camp has been independent of any other camp for 1 year - and we've had a celebration. Men who have the best working records number of day etc. received presents (cigarettes) I received 10 packages, worked a total of 345 days a good amount. Some men worked more days than that. 347 & 347 days. they also received cigarettes, and a bottle of soda water - really. I was in for 3 days last week, sick, I had a bit of a cold. Food remains about the same, some days its very good, some days its poor.

"Wallie Hewston" came back from the hospital today. He was gone for 6 months, minus 8 days, Wallie brought back a lot of good news. Mr. Davis, who is from Prov. is in charge of the hospital work details, he is ok. Aug 5th "Buds" 26th Birthday today, Buddy I hope your o.k. and that soon you can go back home. You and I ought to do pretty darn well. In business I mean. Last night we had another blackout, they are coming quite regularly now, we were supposed to have hit "Kyushu", the Bonnins" and Manchou yesterday. We get Lots & Lots of rumors as I've mentioned before. How true they are I don't know.

The weather has become frightfully hot but the sun doesn't burn like it does back home, for the first time in my life I've got a tan, "or it looks like one". There's been no mail from home in quite a while, so I expect some soon.

Aug 9th Today is Amelia's birthday. Good Luck Lady, next year I ought to be home and maybe we can have a first class celebration, let's hope so anyway. Aug 15th not much news, except of course rumors, and not much at that, we know that the "Allies" have landed in southern France, which ought to finish the Italian Campaign.

Aug 23rd 1 year ago tonight I was beaten quite severely. Even now I still feel the effects of it. News is of course still in the rumor stage. I found out today all about the B-29 activity south of here, also just what the situation is east of us, the "canin" group.

This war can't soon be over, in fact, I expect it to be finished before election, that is in Europe anyway. These people will be a problem of that there is no doubt. But how can a nation such as this put up a first class struggle against a major Power? Its impossible. I know that the economical set up is fast disintegrating, you only have to see the type of labor that is employed at the different factories, young boys, old men, and women. Lately old women are coming in to work, however they only work one or two days per week. We who are prisoners can see many many changes, also the talk of the workers has changed, they no longer say "Two or three more years of war", No! Instead they say "Two or three more months". Quite a change. I now weigh 69 kilos, 152 lbs, feel mighty good tho. Yet I know that I must be an odd specimen of man to a group of average people back home. We prisoners have an unusual perspective, most of us are taking this situation calmly, others are really morbid. Which you, cant blame, Rice & soup for more than two years gets mighty iresome. No news from home lately, but everyone of us knows that everything is all right, I hope that everyone is ok, especially "Dad & Mams" of course Buddy is still o.k. God! He just has to be.

Fleas are still bad, but not so bad as they were. Aug 27th Sunday, and a day off, first one since the first of the month. Today is a cloudy, rainy, looking day, and I hope it rains. Then I can have a complete day of rest. Yesterday Captain Getts, & Lt Schwartz were removed to another camp, no one knows why, maybe they are to take charge of a new camp which we have heard about. We've lost two Good men, men who have done a lot here, I for one will Miss them no end.

Things are rapidly changing, conditions have become rather good, our camp is now one of the best in this area. Has'nt been any bad cases of strafing for a long time, and then only for flagrant offences. I spoke of moral etc a while back,

DECLASSIFIED
Authority AND 883078

(Continued)

here are some more observations along the same lines. Some minds corrode and grow inactive under the loss of personal liberty. Others grow morbid and irritable, but it is the nature of most of us to become tender and imaginative in the loneliness of confinement. We Banquet upon the honey of our own thoughts, and like the captive bird, pour forth our souls in melody. We often conjure up glorious shapes and forms and brilliant visions, which tend to make our solitude populous, and endeavor to illuminate the gloom of our dungeons. However, we must make the most out of this deplorable situation and out of this chaos emerge better and finer men, though if we do not, then all this sacrifice has been in vain.

Sept 1st Rain again, it seems as tho it rains all the time. To-day "Dick" Manuell came back from the hospital. He looks very good, and his leg has healed but I'm afraid that it will require a major operation upon it when he gets back home. His stories of hospital life are similiar to the one's S/Sgt Brock brought back. Incidentally "Zalme" the Dutchman is also back. He is one person that we have to be very careful of.

Sept 8th Another week has gone by, and nothing of interest has happened, still the same old routine. Work & more work, Oh yes! It's rained most everyday. We have many "sick" men, by sick I mean men who have had accidents while at work, there is "Two" cases of broken legs, about 10 cases of infections which need cutting, and numerous cases of boils. Not so good.

Sept 12th No news, no rumors. Food is still the same no better, no worse. Our interpreter is away, and the camp does'nt run as smoothly the strafers sort of run in packs, and wait for him to leave before going on the war path. One of our Dutchmen "traded", his working jacket of for cigarettes, and was caught in a clothing check, resulting in all of us standing up for a few hours, and he (the trader) being severaly beaten.

Sept 16th Still raining, what a month, and so far no days off since Aug 27th that is for me anyway. Sept 21st chipped a piece off a tooth today, there is rocks in the rice, golly I hope we can get out of here soon, most of us need dental attention, I for one do. Sept 27th, At last a day off, one month without one and this one was badly needed, clothes needed washing, and we all received a bar of soap yesterday, "Ironical" on October 3rd we are supposed to turn in our summer clothing, gosh! What a fast summer, it seems only a short time ago that we got them, now back they go to the store room. I washed everything that I have and what needed mending I mended now I'm ready for the winter. Come on Yanks. Get us out of here, lately we've heard some rumors mostly about the Philippines, and that area. More men are supposed to come to this camp, and they are from "Luzon" or "Mindanao", good news, yes, for us. But not for them. The situation in Europe is getting better & better for our side, and I believe the capitulation is soon in the offing. Anyway I hope so!!!

No news from home in a long while. Everyone expects news soon, I want to hear from all my people. I hope that they are all in good health.

The baseball season has come to an end, I wonder who won the pennants? The world series is due next week, will it be played? Old man winter is'nt far off, and it looks like we are going to have an early winter, lately it has been very cold, colder than last year at the same time. There has, and still is, a lot of building going on in this area, all sorts of construction work, bomb shelters, new paints etc. why? You tell me!

Oct 1st Today we had to move we have to make room for 100 new prisoners which are expected any day. I hope that they are Americans, or British and not Dutch.

847

(Continued)

Dutchmen are all right, it's the half castes who cause so much trouble. Mail again, this time I received 5 letters, 4 from De Boran, 1 from Nellie, a Christmas card, funny! No mail from mama. Oct 8th the war news is starting again, many rumors about P.I. and Europe. Latest rumors are that our navy is operating strongly around P.I. Oct 12th, Columbus day, and we've been here 1 yr 11 months, a long time, food is now at a low ebb. Potatoes for breakfast, really poor, and our other meals have been decreased a bit too. Good news tho, two of the civilians have left camp, been ordered back to the army, or so tis said. One of them in particular was very arrogant. "Saitou", incidently he was one of the trio that beat me up. The other one "Kasuya" wasn't so bad, but he had charge of the "clothing issues" and we didn't get much, he used to sell it to the black market, I wonder whom we will get in their places. Oct 16th Today I received a telegram, however, I can't make head or tail of it. Only one word. "Bud" and mama's signature. Odd, yet, but it's something from home. Mr Condo the interpreter said he would check up with headquarters and find out just what the message was. Rumors are rampant about Formosa, and P.I. The workers at the factories tell us that we are losing our navy etc. What funny people. Oct 20th Today I have a day off. Have done my washing, sewing, and now I'm ready for a bit of sleeping. This mornings breakfast hit a new low, But whats the difference, I dont care, this war isn't going to last much longer, I feel as tho this is our last winter here. Golly I hope so. Our country is strong military strength I mean, and I'm sure that Mr Big is on our side. So come what may I'm ready. I now weigh 71 kilos. 156 lbs, not so bad, much better than I thought I would be considering the food, lack of medicine, morale etc.

I hope "Buddy" is still o.k. and that Caroline DeBamelia, and all my folks are well & happy. God knows I think of and pray for them every day. Oct 23rd Slight rain Today and the weather is getting a lot colder, this winter we will only have 4 blankets, and of course no heat. The Japanese took 1 blanket away. The reason, they expect more prisoners and they dont have enough blankets to go around - so! I also lost my shoes, my shoes were falling apart and I turned them in to the cobbler for repair, after he pulled the sole off he found them unreparable, and so now I don't have any shoes. The work detail is supposed to furnish shoes, whether or not, I'm "working" with wooden "skivies" on. I was a bit premature when I said "Saitou" had left he did but now he is back again. We, had a "Grand strafing" party two nights ago, a Dutchman stole a "stainless stell nut" and was making a "ring" and again I say, so! We are still doing our morning running. Believe me it is beginning to get irksome. Last night we were weighed and I dropped 2 kilos, so I'm now down to 69 kilos, or 151 lbs. The new prisoners havn't arrived yet. Could it be that the P.I. & Formosa deal is delaying them? Maybe!! The American Contingent here in camp now numbers 107, and today 93 went out to work, only 1 man sick not so bad. Our camp is rated one of the best in Japan, that is, our working hours total more than any other camp, due perhaps to "Doc" Curtin who has done wonders with what he has with. Oct 28th Last night I sent a radiogram to beborah. I hope she receives it o.k. Golly I hope Buddy is all right. He just has to be. We are now getting sweet potatoes for breakfast, and "Miso" soup of course. News is scarce, lately we are hearing all sorts of rumors about P.I. jow true it all is, I cant say. I havn't heard anything all at about Europe lately, I wonder if we have struck a snag? Hope not. The

DECLASSIFIED
Authority: NND 883078

(Continued)

weather has been real nice for the past few days, just like "June" weather. I have a pair of shoes, they are pretty bad, but good, not bad. Our last hospital patient "Ramey" is back with us he looks good and has plenty to say, mostly about his 2 yrs (almost) of hospitalization.

The new prisoners haven't arrived yet. I wonder what has happened to them? Nov 1st what a day! At 1:45 the sirens started blowing anti-aircraft was booming, and a dull sound echoed far off to the east, high above the anti-aircraft bursts a lone plane came speeding, trailing out behind it was a silvery streak, caused by condensation of air through which the plane was passing. Lo and behold! That plane was ours. Japanese workmen & women ran around like scared chickens. Chaos! I should say so. At 3:00 all work details were marched back to camp. Blackout tonight, No doubt about that. Potatoes have run out, thank the Lord, perhaps we will go back to rice for breakfast, let us hope so. Last night we were weighed again, this time I weighed 69.5 kilos, a slight gain.

Oh yes, I've made another broadcast, this time I sent a message to Deborah. Here's hoping she gets it. Last night mail came in, none for me. Gosh, its been a long time since I've heard from mama or muffy. They are still o.k.? I hope! For the past two days I've worked on "Shonson", my old place of labor "Soko" hasn't any work. One thing tho, I don't have to work quite so hard. While I'm about it, I might as well mention one salient fact. The Japanese laborer looks a lot thinner, and much seedier than he did a year ago. Very much so, and do they complain! How "No good" is Roosevelt; and America. I wonder what they're saying now "Dame" "Dame" "Dame"! Nov 5th Again we had an air raid, beginning to be coming frequent, so far as I know tho no damage was done, that is not in this area. I afraid that these people are in for a hectic winter, anyway it looks that way. Today is "Guy Fakes" day, so an air raid is not entirely out of order, (Fireworks - eh?) I'm back working on "Soko" again, we put in a hard day too, however we finished early - 3 p.m. I'm getting extra food from one of the lads that work on "M.B.K." where there is a lot of rice, I trade him soap for it, the soap I get from my place of labour, "Loko". Lucky me golly. I hope that this war is over soon, it's really been a long one, and now its getting irksome. Paid today, for the month of Oct. ¥8.40, only thing I can buy is black tea, so I bought 5 packages, now I'm broke again. Nov 8th On the 6th & 7th we had air raids, however nothing was dropped in this area. We stayed in a bomb shelter for 2 hours yesterday. This war is now getting a lot closer to these people. Conditions here in the camp are not so bad, of course food is still the Major problem, but we get enough to live on. Today is section day. I wonder who will win? The weather is now very cold, that is early in the morning but by noon it has warmed up so you can go around in your shirt. Over coats have been re issued. I'm still wearing a pair of broken down shoes, and I don't know when I'll get a new pair. This paragraph was written before I went out to work, so anything may happen today.

Nov 9th No raid today, it is raining yesterday? Planes hit this area, and they shot down 1 Japanese pursuit ship. I wonder who won the election? Roosevelt, I hope. Nov 10th a nice day - No air raid - and we hear that "Mr Roosevelt" is still in - that's good - now perhaps this damn war will end. Two years ago today we were aboard the "Tottori Maru", and in "Mogi". Two more days and we shall have been in "Kowasaki" two years, time has gone by very quickly. Much has happened since our triphere, yet I feel that this period of our lives

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883078

(Continued)

has not been in vain. I believe that most of us will come out of this better and finer men, we we're weighed again today, I still am holding my own, I think that the extra food that I am getting will keep me from losing too much. Nov 13th, Two years ago yesterday we arrived here. Much happened since then. Yesterday was one of the nicest days that I've had since I've been here, each working detail sent in extra food, - K.Y.K. sent "Currie" & "Fish powder", "Sempaku" sent 3 bags of sweet potatoes, about 120 kilos, "Showa Denko" sent "15 kilos fish", 20 kilos "sweet potatoes", and "M.B.K." sent in "20 kilos of white rice," all of which helped to make the day a "feast" day for us, we also put on a "show", I was the "M.C." and told many jokes also sang a song, "Yours," the show consisted of two parts, an American program, and a Dutch program. This was our first effort at a real good show. There were about 50 guests, Japanese "Honshos" from the various working details, and of course the "Staff" from the camp, we certainly had a good time, perhaps the best since we've been here. Rumors persist in coming into Camp about P.I. so far all we can discover is that "Layte" is the only island where our troops have landed. Even at that, any news is good news no matter where we are, or what we are doing.

Th-day was a very cold day, much colder than usual. Work is'nt too hard right now, so maybe we will get through the winter easily.

Nov 21st Mail came in today, again I drew a blank. I wonder what has happened? 500 Red Cross food parcels also came in - First we have received since April 29th, I don't know when it will be issued the I've lost another kilo, I'm now down to 69 kilos. Not so good, and I'm getting extra rice too. News seems to be pretty good, P. I. is going strong, and Germany is about finished, not so bad, in fact we here in this camp, which is supposed to be No 1 in Tokyo area get more news than any other camp. New men are expected, but are'nt here as yet, space has been provided for them.

Nov 25th, Today, Tokyo, Yokahama and other district were bombed, and our forces flew around without any opposition, just the way these people did over Manila our quartermaster Sgt (Hoshami) was hit by a piece of shrapnel, also a huge tank, laden with oil blew up, quite a fire. Talk about confusion, this was just like old days, reminded me of Bataan and Clark Field. More "Red Cross" food packages came in, we now have 596 boxes in camp, enough for 2 1/3 boxes each, however, we'll be lucky to get 1 - So much for local news, no rumors of our various fronts, perhaps some may come in tomorrow. Nov 29th, Since the 25th We've had 2 more raids, Ho planes one day, to the next, things are picking up, these people are really sweating, so are we, we are right in the center of things, however, so far no bombs have been dropped near us. Lucky - I should say so- News is still about the same, No answer changes. Tomorrow is Thanksgiving day, and we are now on short rations. For breakfast we still get sweet potatoes and rice with beans for dinner & supper - not very much either. Dec 2nd Air raids everyday, however they are not hitting us here, that is in this area, our planes are flying around without any trouble. Food is still the same, no more no less Dec 9th Fred's Birthday, 35 years old, I can hardly believe it, I hope you are o.k. Freddy, tomorrow I'm going to have a day off, the first one since Nov 12, th and I dont know what to do. The weather is cold. Much colder than last year. Air raids continue, alerts are sounded now at night too. This war is getting nearer & nearer to a finish.

Dec 17th, The weather is really cold now, there is ice every morning on the wash rack. One good thing tho, we get a hot bath every day. There is a bath for the various work details at each of the plants -ie- showa denko, Kkoshho, M.B.B. & K.Y.K. There hasn't been a Sempaku detail for over a month, no boats are coming in, Due perhaps to the numerous air raids that we are now having, we are being raided night and day. Two or three raids a day. The situation here in our camp is growing tenser day by day, and the Japanese personnel are going back to their old tactic. Strafings

5-87

(Continued)

and petty abuses. Food is now about the same as it was a year ago, however we are getting rice 3 times a day, but we can expect a change at any date. Other camps in this area are faring a lot worse than we are. Very few men in this camp are sick, this condition though is due to our Doctor, "Dr Curtin", who does marvelous work, and with hardly anything to work with. We are going to have another to get together xmas. I'm in charge of the program, in fact I've written two two plays nothing serious, rather more on the comical side. So far as yet we haven't had any "Red Cross" food issued. On the other hand, the Japanese here in camp haven't taken any. Maybe this new Colonel has them scared.

No further news of the war, it looks as tho. We may have to wait for spring before we are free men again.

Christass 1943 at No 2 Prisoner of War Camp Kawasaki,
Japan.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and a contrite heart,
O God thou wilt not despise. Let us pray.

Almighty God who has given us thy only begotten son to take our nature upon him, and at this time to be born of a pure virgin; grant that we being regenerate, and make thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be received by thy holy spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and Reigneth with thee and the same spirit, ever one god, world without end, amen.

O God our father, we are gathered together here on this xmas morning to ask thy blessing upon us and all with which we are in contact in this prison and regardless of the conditions under which we find ourselves at this time to bless us with that spirit of happiness which we always associate with this time of the year when living under normal conditions with our dear ones at home. Dear father we would especially ask you to be with us and them at this time, to assuage their anxieties on our behalf and to give them strength and patience to await that reunion which we so earnestly desire, and for which we pray you daily, in thy great goodness. And if it be thy will to hasten us in both bodily and spiritual strength to withstand the arduous conditions under which we are living at this time. Bless us with the comforting thought that this is only a very brief period in thy eternal scheme of things which will soon end, and for which we pray we shall be the better members of thy flock for having endured. We ask this in the name of Christ thy son in whose words we join.

Our father - While shepherds watched. Reading - ISAIAM 9 - 1 - 8

Hark the Herald Angels Sing.

Reading. Luke 2-1-15

Address - Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will towards men!

How these words have come down to us through the ages, words which in the first place were given to a few humble shepherds. Tending their sheep and yet now at this time of the year ring through out the whole world wherever people are gathered together under christ's teaching.

This you might think, is hardly the time or place to ponder over these words, the whole world outside is locked in this terrible war of destruction and you might say, there is little to indicate that these beautiful words have borne fruit. But I still quote them and see in them so much of the beauty that they inspire. To realize what they mean one has to turn to our small community incarcerated within this prison where to me they have a peculiar significance.

(Continued)

Peace on earth, goodwill to wards men. We fail pretty badly here don't we? And yet tis and old but true saying that charity begins at home. For be it from me to imply that we are a hot bed of strife and opposition one towards another, but t here are times when our lives here would be made infinitely better if we had our text to heart. Gone would be the petty selfish nesses, the animosity which occasionally breaks out one towards another. You know what I mean. The permanent arguments about food, thinking that we are being done out of something, the failure to help each other to the utmost of our powers. The little Anti-American or Anti-Dutch imaginations we get instead of all pulling together for the benefit of all which is so necessary under the conditions as we now find ourselves. So one could go one almost ad infinitum. Let us then think upon these words and keep them in mind, not only for our days here, but in those future times when we take up again our positions in the world at large. This is a bad time through which we are passing now; a period of much tribulation, but I could be made happy to know that it was not all a complete waste, but that out of it shall emerge better men than we were. If this is not the case how spiritually futile it will all be.

I deplore the fact that this is only the third religious meeting we have been able to hold, and no one knows more than I do what comfort can be attained by spiritual and when life is apt to feel hopeless, and at a loss, but do not let this deter us as it is not absolutely necessary to attend religious meetings to be a true christian; we should be able to hold our faith. For most of us this is our second xmas in prison camp, and we hope and pray that the next one will be spent as free men with our loved ones, but whether the time to our freedom be long or short I beg you to be patient, and bear with fortitude the days to come, for, of all things here we have need of patience. Our lives here may seem hard, spiritless, and at times hopeless, But patience with God's help will conquer all. I quote. "Higher than fear and stranger than fate are love and and faith that patiently wait"

O, Come all ye Faithful.

Prayer - the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the holy ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883078

20th Dec. This time I gained 2 kilos, I now weigh 71.5 kilos - not so bad. Air raids continue, we are being raided two or three times a day. Most of the raids are now at night, this area is now being left alone. Why? Heres hoping it stays that way. Wallie Hewston and I are "bunking up" during the cold weather, the weather is now darn cold, the same ice every morning, not so good. Food remains about the same, we now get rice 3 times a day. How much longer that will last is a problem, no news, everything seems to be about the same.

Dec 23rd Two more days to christmas, some how or other I expect this to be our best Xmas, for one thing we have 714 "Red Cross," packages in camp - enough for 3 to one man. Our camp has 238 men in it at present. 1 man is in the hospital in Tokyo a Dutchman. A far cry from the conditions which existed two years ago, this winter we wont have any fires in the barracks just the same as last year, so what we dont have we wont miss.

Dec 23rd Two more days to christmas, somehow or other I expect this to be our best Xmas, for one thing we have 714 "Red Cross", packages in camp - enough for 3 to one man. Our camp has 238 men in it at present 1 man is in the hospital in Tokyo, a Dutchman. A far cry from the conditions which existed two years ago, this winter we went have any fires in the barracks, just the same as last year, so what we dont have we wont miss.

On Dec 21st The Japanese civilians in camp pulled a surprise "shakedown", however they only found "contraband" in the possession of the Dutchmen, nothing on us "Yanks". And did they find plenty. "Fish oil, coconut oi, alcohol, potatoes, onions, leather, stoves, magazines, and all sort of things, the "strafing", was severe, a few of the Dutchman had faces like pumpkins. We "Americans" were lucky, but this morning one lad went down to the "Banjoo" before roll call, was caught, and was "strafed" by one of the Japs with a G.I. belt. Damn rough, too, yesterday 35 bags of sweet potatoes came in, so maybe we go back on potatoes for breakfast. They're darn good, but insufficient for a meal.

Last-night some more mail came in, again I was left out, I havn't heard from home since Feb 11th I wonder if everyone is o.k. Gosh, I hope nothing has happened to anyone.

On christmas day we are going to have another gala occasion, dancing, skits, stories, etc. I'm to conduct a church service again.

Dec 26th Mamas birthday, here's hoping mom that I'm back home for your next birthday, and I will be, make no bones about that. Yesterday was Christmas, and I believe that it was the best christmas, and we've had in Japan, each man received a "Red Cross" food package, which was mighty fine and from the Japanese 16 oranges, also a good meal from the kitchen. Yesterday we had a small loaf of bread issued, the first for almost a year, it went very well with a can of meat. Our Xmas show was a big success, my act was given the prize, (2 dozen oranges, 4 pks cigarettes) anyway we got the biggest laughs, I borrowed a cape and made a tall hat for my part, and "Kritz" really looked like a bum. Not a bad performance, even if I do say it. I cant figure out why I havn't been receiving any mail, of course I'm not the only one, but, really I'm puzzled. On christmas eve the boy's came over again, and did they drop a load, however, they took a day off yesterday, and so today I expect an alert. Today I'm resting in our "Yasuma" shack, I don't feel too good, I have abad cold and it has settled in my stomach, which makes me feel poorly. Well mams, next year will find us all back together again, so you and Dad have got to keep yourselves well. Buddy is o.k. of that I'm sure, and I know that we too is looking for this darn war to end. Donald will soon have another birthday, he must now be a big boy. Wait until I get back, will we have fun.

I forgot to mention it, but our barracks were decorated for christmas, we had a christmas tree, and all sorts of drawings etc adorned the walls, streamers made from paper were strung from the ceiling, all in all the place looks very very nice, and now we are sweating out new years day-Perhaps another box, too!

(Continued)

Jan 6th, I havn't written in this book "for quite some time things have been mighty quiet, that is in so far as the war is concerned. No news of any sort. Air raids continue, we are alerted a couple of times a day, last night the "anti aircraft" shouted loud & often, one raid at 9 oclock, another one at 7 oclock this morning. I hope that we continue to be lucky and nothing is dropped on us.

We received another "Red Cross" food package on New Year day, mine is all gone, except for some soup and gum. We wrote another card home, I hope my people are getting some mail from me, I havn't been receiving any mail. Suck luck. Food is about the same, not any more than usual. Last night each man was issued another blanket, we certainly needed one too.

Yesterday a traveling "troupe" of Japanese actors played at "Showa Denko", not bad either. We had a very easy work day I've had trouble with my left ear, very very painful. Jan 11th, Today I've been in bed all day, another day off, this pleases me very much, last night we were weighed again, this time I gained, due perhaps to the "Red Cross" box, more & bigger boxes I say. Our boys are in my better shape now than at any time since we've been here, the dutch, however, are not doing so good, many are sick, and a lot of them are alive with "Cooties", so many in fact that they are being sent out to "K.Y.K." and being "Delcosed", (by steam).

Air raids continue, two or three every night, thank the Lord that this area is not being bombed. We hear that "Luzon" is being invaded which means that we are getting nearer & nearer to that day of release. I'm reading the "Sea Hawk", by Rafael Sabatini, I should have read it years ago. "Milton Sills" played the title role in the picture long, long ago. Not much to write about, Nellie has a birthday in a couple of days, I wonder how her daughteris? My niece! Jan 19th, a beautiful cold clear day, one of the nicest we have had in a long time, nothing has happened during the past week that is unusual, no news, nothing-- Food is about the same, we are all still sweating out mail, personal boxes, and the 3rd "Red Cross" food package. My ear is now o.k. but I lost a "cap" off one of my teeth, now this war just has to end quickly. "Wallie Hewston" went out to work today for the first time since Nov 12th, a real good vacation, Wallie is now in good shape, he weighs about 83 kilos, (Not bad) tomorrow we get weighed again, I should show a gain too, I've had an extra ration of rice every night. "Lucky me." I've dreamed about home a lot lately, I hope that every one is in good health, particularly "Bud". Oh, I forgot, I now have a new pair of G.I. shoes "size 8c" a bit too large, but what a relief to have something good on your feet. Jan 28th, Sunday, and is it cold - This is the coldest winter yet, no snow but plenty of ice. Many men are sick mostly Dutchmen tho, colds etc. Every day air raids continue, yesterday we had one in this area, 70 planes, lots of action, and in so far as we could see none were shot down. The raids however, are mostly at night, every night two or three alerts, it doesn't bother us tho, we sleep right on through. Our camp is now considered to be the no. one camp in this area, things have really changed, there is hardly any strafing, and conditions have become a lot better, however, food is still the big problem, but we are lucky to get what we do. Its a good thing that some of the boys work where there is rice stored. Need I say more. Then again I have access to some soap, and I can deal it off to the "Nips" for tobacco, which in turn I trade for rice, etc. not so bad.

A minister is coming tonight, so we are going to have a church service, a Japanese named "Rev. Chiba" here has been here ones before, pretty fine I say more mail came in, nothing for me again, tomorrow more is supposed to come in, gosh, I hope

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883078

(Continued)

that I connect then. I can't understand why I haven't had any mail, it's been almost a year, I'm sure that mail has been sent to me too. Worked today unloading a car of pig iron, heavy work yet I'd much rather do work like that than stay in camp cooking, or as a camp laborer. No news from anywhere, altho I know that we must be having big successes. Feb 3rd yesterday it rained and sleeted, what a day, Mr Ground Hog certainly didn't see his shadow. We also had 3/4 of a box (Red Cross food package) issued to each man. The "Nips" nabbed 60 boxes, at that we received 91% of the total boxes that came in. More mail came in, again I was left out, it is now almost a year since I received any. Many men are sick, flu and colds are prevalent. I've been bothered with a sort of an itch, maybe it is "scabies", however, I believe that I have it well under control, here's hoping anyway. I weighed 73 kilos a couple of days ago, a new high for me. "Red Cross" chow no doubt. Somehow or other I believe that this is our year the war will be over and back home we shall go it just has to be. I've written that this has been our coldest winter, it's a severe one, no doubt about that, last night I had a canteen cup of water right alongside of my bed this morning it was frozen solid. Cold, I should say so. I lost a cap off of one of my teeth, but I'm getting it replaced. There is a dentist at the "showa Denko" factory who pulls "prisoners" teeth and does a few fillings. Feb 12th A beautiful day. "Lincolns" Birthday, clear and cold, two air raids, over Tokyo. I had a day off on the 10th slept all day, also got weighed, still the same. No mail, I'm just unlucky. News is good, we have taken "Manila", and we hear that "Berlin" is now in danger. Good for our side. I've had my tooth recapped, a fair job, it cost me 7 yen, really cheap. A lot of "Red Cross" clothes have been issued I got a jacket, really fine it keeps out a lot of the cold. Feb 17th Yesterday was the red letter day for us prisoners at 6:30 a.m. The air raid signal sounded, and shortly afterwards planes appeared. They were headed for Yokohama and the naval bases. Anti aircraft was blazing away, and bombs could be heard rumbling in the distance. Then something happened that we hadn't dreamed of, single engine ships were being fired upon, they were ours, yes dive bombers were at work. And are they fast, much faster than anything I've seen yet, all day they came, and no opposition in so far as Japanese planes, a radio report gave out the news that 6 carriers working in concert with our B-29s are operating close to Japan the Japanese losses were ascertained to be 16 planes, 1 carrier, 1 destroyer, 2 other vessels. Our losses were not reported. I didn't see a single ship knocked down or even lock damaged. What a day! Myself and 3 other men are in isolation, due to "scabies" or something of that sort, this our 3rd day in and it looks like we may be in for a lone period, "Kritzon" has it pretty bad, hands and arms are swollen quite badly. More mail came in, none for me. More "Red Cross" clothing was issued, overcoats, etc, I didn't get a thing, no luck in the draw.

Today the air raids are on again, it is now about 8:am and we've had one raid so far, they hit the "Kokan ship yard", "we live right smack in the center of things. So we can see what's going on. All men have a day off. No other news but I'm sure that we have the various situations well under control, otherwise 6 carriers and a task fleet could not be assigned to this area. I just listened to a Japanese radio report (in Japanese) and the planes doing the damage are "Grumani F65X, Curtis sb 2c and TRTs, along with the heavier aircraft from the Marianas. The show is not over, maybe we shall get out of here much sooner than we expect. Feb 22nd Today we've had a terrific snow storm, about 10 inches of snow, everything is at a stand still. If ever, air raids continue, rumors are that a huge task force is hitting the "Bonfins", I'm sure that our friends have plenty of planes out there. I'm now out to work, my "itch" is

End

(Continued)

practically cleared up, "Kritzon" is still in isolation though. Mar 1st Two days ago we had another severe storm these are said to be the worst in 10 years, no raids here for 3 days, the "Boninns" must be now occupied by our Force and are getting ready for a big push. Other rumors are quite good, Europe is progressing very nicely, Berlin has been evacuated, and on the western front a big drive is reported last night I received 4 letters, the first in over a year, everyone is o.k. including "bud" I'm really happy over the news. Some how though I knew that everything was all right. Last night all men were inoculated again, for what, I don't know. Another Doctor is due here, he is a captain, and came up to Japan with us over two years ago, I'm glad too, because "Doc Curtin" is over worked, no doubt about that. The food-situation is about the same, however, we are supposed to be given a smaller ration, oh well! we can stand it. Tonight we get weighed again, I feel as tho I have lost, I'll know a bit later. I no longer work on "Soko", I changed details, I'm now working for one of the chemical units at Showa Denko, not too much work, plenty of rest, and a good place to wash clothes I hope that this war will be over soon, as there is so many things I want to do. Mar 3rd last night we had a chance to write a letter home, first one this year. Our new doctor is here. Doctor Kaufman, who is extremely fit, and he brings lots of good news for us, also some bad news, such as it is. 1700 prisoners (English & Dutch) were on two boats which were in "Takao" harbor when our dive bombers went to work on it. Only 4 survived. Horrible to say the least. Also that we have much in the way of a Navy operating in and around Japan- No air raids for the past 5 days, the boys are giving the "Boninns" a complete working over. No news at all from the European front, no news is good news. No more personal boxes are expected. Too bad. We now get up at 6:00 o'clock, but fall out for at the usual time - 7:30 am. Today has been a warm day, yesterday it rained, and so most of the snow has gone. Today we worked on some sort of a compound that is called "Mortor" - Heavy, messy stuff, but finished early 3:20 p.m. and then sat by a good fire for a couple of hours - not at all bad. Mar 7th cold and miserable today, nasty weather, we've had another snow storm, and yesterday it rained. Still working on "Mortor" - its heavy work. Last night we had another air raid. A large fire was started near Tokyo. Today at noon it rained again.

Today another Swiss representative called on us in camp - I haven't received any details as yet. We are now allowed to write a letter home month thank the "Lord" for that. No vegetables at all in camp. Our soup now consists of "Noodles", & "Miso" - or a concoction called "Sea weed" I expect things to get a lot worse before the finish.

No news at all. I've had my hair cut short again I might just as well keep it short, no comb anyway. Mar 11th, yesterday I had off, slept all day, we had a "Red Cross" issue of sewing kits, soap, combs, razors, blades, pencils, shoe polish tooth brushes, tooth powder, shaving soap, plus some personal box items which were out of boxes that had'n't been delivered. These items consisted of towels, socks, handkerchiefs, underwear, sweaters, etc. All these items were issued by a raffle system. I received, 1 razor, 4 blades, a toothbrush and a comb. I traded my toothbrush and comb to Dr Curtin for shoe polish and chewing gum. Air raids continue, today's raids came at 2:00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. Huge fires are burning in the Tokyo area. We also received some more books, they're not at all bad, some mighty fine reading in the lot. Kritzon is now back working, he's still with me. For a year and a half we have worked together. Our new Doctor is very popular, he has a smile and a good word to everyone. Dr Curtin needs someone likehim around.

24

(Continued)

Deborah had a birthday two days ago. She is now 35 years old, it hardly seems possible. I've known her for 16 years. Certainly a long time. I wonder what she is doing now - acting or working?
Still no news. Many rumors, but no real concret facts. Mar 17th St. Patrick's day, and it reminds me of my Uncle Harry a parade, rain, and a hair cut. No snakes tho. Here "Lieth" a tale.

The other night a section of Tokyo was raided, and an area 5 miles by 8 was burned completely out. Only the sea saved a large section of the city. Rumors are that our government has told the Japanese to evacuate Tokyo, because they intend to bur it too the ground. Today a big raid is expected. and I have a day off. I intend to read today "Poe" - 90 Red Cross boxes came in a couple of days ago. They are to be issued "Easter" sunday, or so tis expected 2 boxes for 5 man - o.k. says I.

The Japanese workers at the various work details are complaining about the war - they want peace, war is no good - No tobacco, no food, no clothes, nothing, nothing - that is their cry now. We prisoners laugh at them, it is our turn now. This war isn't going too last much longer.

The weather is still cold, much colder than it is back home. Our food remains the same, that is the rice is constant, but the soups - s/awful - sea weed reminds me like sediment that accrues in the bottom of a watering trough, or on old mossy logs, however, it does'nt taste too bad though. March 20th another day off. A big raid is expected today. And so all men have a day off. Kawasaki is also evacuating, ho, ho, ho, are these people worried. So am I.

Mar 22nd I received 4 letters today, everyone is ok. "Vin" is in "margate", Kent, England. He and "Miffy" are engaged. I hope that I will be home for the wedding. I received a new pair of work pants, now I have a complete outfit. The weather is getting much warmer, soon we will be able to shed some of our garments. Air raids continue, last night another big raid over the Tokyo area.

Mar 26th, Today is a beautiful, sunny day. I expect to do some sewing on my work socks. I have two pairs which are in bad condition.

We had a PX issue last night of tea, I bought 5 boxes. The Japanese H.Q. wants all "auto mechanics" and "auto" specialist to move to another camp, I'd hate to see some of the men go, things here are a lot better. We have lost all the "Strafers", "Saitou", "Porky", "Kasuya" & "Shiozawa" have been transferred to other camps or called back into military service. Mar 28th I received another letter last night, everything back home is still o.k. "Dad" is still trying to win races with his pigeons.

Today I worked cleaning out a huge furnace, it was mighty dirty work, however, we got through early. And I had a good hot bath, washed and mended my clothes, shaved, and enjoyed myself. Yesterday I made a small knapsack, something to keep all my papers and valuables in. One of these days we are going to "evacuate" in a hurry and I want to be ready. Apr 1st easter day, it is certainly a beautiful day too. Nice & warm - No "Red Cross" issue tho, I sort of expected that. There has been so many wild rumors of late that it is impossible to keep up with the movements of different camps. 100 men have been moved from the "Nippon Steel Camp", as to their whereabouts I have no idea. The air raid sirens blew very early this morning however no local raid. I conducted a "Short" church service this morning, and for the first time I felt nervous in front of an audience, surprisingly so as I usually dont have any halicentions what ever about speaking in front of a crowd. Pleas are back with us again, numerous too, but I dont care, they dont mind sleeping with me, so I guess that I dont mind either.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 683010

(Continued)

My left food is swollen a bit, it may be "beri-beri I dont know - I hope not.

Apr 4th 4 p.m. We came in early today from work. Our interpreter "Konda" has returned from conducting some prisoners to other camps, and as he missed the "show" Sunday he wants it repeated. So it will be repeated later on today. It has rained very hard since 6 o'clock this morning, maybe the following story caused the rain, maybe not. And here is the tale". Last night at 12:00 o'clock the sirens started wailing, at 1:00 o'clock the short blasts sounded, and we knew that planes were in the area. We here in "Kawasaki" live on a sort of an island, man made tis true, bounded on the north by "Nippon Steel" west by "Kokosho" (A Gasoline refining plant) east by "Kokan" (a steel plant south by "Mistui Bishi Komasho", (warehouses). The first planes hit deep in the west, towards Yokohama, and succeeding planes started in bombing in a circle. They would drop bombs causing huge fires, then drop flares lighting up a new area for the next flight which followed in rapid order, we were right smack in the center of things and the circle got smaller & smaller. We escaped bombing, "Luckily", however, many fires were started, and much damaged ensued, "Kokan" was hit, and today a work detail "(Coal showeling)" brought back the news that their "noontime" mess hall, Coal cranes, dock areas, and a coal ship were damaged. Our boys are now getting chose as most of the air planes in last nights raids were twin engine ships. Today we have been alerted twice, "Reconnas" probably. I say, maybe the rain was caused by our lads dropping a lot of bombs. No "Red Cross" boxes as yet, maybe never, although we did get a bar of soap issued. "A whole bar too." Fleas are now out in full force, what a country, bugs of all sorts, no clothing, food very scarce, and they are trying to wage a war with a Major Brier, what a laugh. Just wait until that business is over in "Europe", then!!!!!! (Major Pewey)

Apr 8th, New News, our camp commandant has been ordered to a camp further north, and for a new command we have "Lt Hayashi", our first commandant who left here on Dec 26th, 1942, he is now back with us and he takes over the camp duties tomorrow. Lt Hayashi is a man of about 40 years old, speaks good English and is very tolerant in his opinions, incidently, he sent for me and asked me if I wanted to go back to work as "Mess Sergeant"? I said no sire, I'm satisfied where I am. He gave me a couple of oranges and wanted to know whether I smoked yet or not. He was surprised at my complexion, "which is still good". Air raids continue, very heavily and can look forwards to even heavier raids. We dont have any air raid shelters here in camp, so night raids are rather terrifying.

We are supposed to have a food cut in the next few days, this has been expected for quite a while.

Apr 13th Friday, and a black day for us. News has reached us that President "Roosevelt" died on the 11th Cerebral Hemorage or something of that wort. "Truman" is now President, heres wishing him lots of luck and a speedy ending to the war. Air raids continue, two or three alerts a day. Yesterday we suffered a big local raid, spent practically the entire day in the bomb shelter "at work", today the same thing happened, we don't do hardly any work now, just go out and spend the day, thats all.

I am now taking "Vitamin Pills" C I believe, my gums are receding, so

(Continued)

are many other men", holy smokes! What next? Our doctors, "Curtin & Kauffman" certainly have a lot of patience, first one thing, then another, & hardly any medicine to combat the ills and pains of the men. I think that we are very lucky to have "Two" good M.M. "Lt Hayashi" is trying to get us moved to a safer location, here's hoping that he is successful. All men wrote a card home today, I wrote to mama and asked her to write and get my things which I left with Mrs. nearly in Anakan.

Apr 16th 8:30 a.m. Last night at 9:30 the air raid alert was sounded, at 10:00 o'clock the local sirens sounded, and a raid was on, and what a raid. About 300-B-29s came in, singly, in pairs, and in flights of 3 - they bombed the area all around us, very close, at 11:30 pm we had to evacuate our barracks and seek shelter behind us down by the water front, I saw 5 of our planes go down, hit by anti-aircraft fire. They were afire, a horrible death. We don't have any electricity, water, or food up to the present time, however, we came back into the barracks at 3:00 a.m. The Japanese are really scared, I don't blame them either, this country is doomed. The area in which we are in is a sort of an island, so maybe we might escape a local area bombing. Fires are still burning, all in all this is what we have been waiting for. Maybe we will be able to go home soon. Yesterday I had a day off from work, today all men have a day off. Apr 17th, Kawasaki is as quiet as a church, nothing is strange still haven't any electricity, water has to be carried into camp from a distance of 3 kms, our ration has been but to a "new low, no vegetables, in fact right now, 50 men are out digging greens ("Clover"), for our soups. A short time ago the air raid siren blew, (off in the distance) so we may soon undergo. Another raid, perhaps "Hjoto Joe" is out making a "Reconn" of the damage done two nights ago. I have more or less ascertained the damage done and it is terrific. From "Yokohama" to "Tokyo" through "Kawasaki" the railroad has been knocked out. Both sides of the railroad has been burned, and from "Kawasaki" station to "Kokosho" the residential area is destroyed, all large factories west, & south of this area to "Nippon Steel" were severely bombed. Refugees are taking up quarters in the ware houses right behind us (M.B.K.) transportation is at a standstill, the F.O.W.s in the British camp spent the past two nights bivouaced in a ball park, their barracks had the roof burned or blown off. I feel that we have been very lucky, and I hope and pray that we can continue to be lucky. By the help of "Mr. Big" we shall be.

We have organized squads so that when the 3 short blasts go we can evacuate this barracks without the confusion and chaos which ensued the other night. 20 men are to remain in camp to fight fire, 15 men are to remove our rice supply. The rest are to go down to the water front and get into two barges which will be moved out to the breakwater. I have a squad of 12 men, all Americans, this plan, I believe, will be a great benefit to us.

The news of Europe is so sensational that I hardly dare repeat it here, however, I can say this, I give the square heads two or three weeks more. That's all. Oh, yes, we are having a vacation, no work.

Apr 19th 7:00 p.m. Yesterday was the anniversary of "General" "Doullittles" B 25s raid on Japan, (3 yrs ago), and we were alerted 4 times, no raids in this area. We still had the day off, all men doing camp labor, I was hauling water, and 120 were out working in the garden, and thereby hangs a tale. - -

Right alongside of the area in which we have our garden are the warehouses of M.B.K. in which rice is stored, the men that went out to work on the garden detail, 120 of them, had only 1 guard, and as soon as they were dismissed immediately made a beeline for the rice "stores", about 60 men were inside the

DECLASSIFIED
Authority NND 883088

ENT

(Continued)

warehouse filling their pockets and legs with rice when they were surprised by a group of Japanese truck drivers and civilians who had orders to Japanese Truck drivers and civilians who had orders to remove rice and which was supposed to be delivered to "Refugees" & evacuees," our commandant was notified about the "Stealing" and had all the men on the garden detail lined up & searched, 34 men had rice on them, a good amount, and when asked who was the man that broke the lock refused to answer, they had to stand at attention from "noon yesterday until 2 o'clock today" when a Dutchman confessed to breaking the lock, here's the payoff, he made an agreement with the 33 other men that he would confess, provided, that all men would give him 2 cigarettes each out of their next issue. (Today each man received 5 American cigarettes) and so ended another episode of "Rice stealing".

Today 2 F5ls made a "pass" at the machine gun next atop of the "power house" to the left of us. A big raid is expected tonight, "Right now it is raining" - The major league baseball season opens up today, (I hope) also the "Boston Marathon" will be run, I wonder who won? 50 men went out to work today, that is no more working parties scheduled to work at M.B.K. Due perhaps to the wholesale stealing of rice. Things are certainly getting rough, however, we who went to work today didn't do a thing, all we done was sweep the streets, there is still no power or water, and except for electric light, which is generated locally "Kawasaki" is still in total darkness. I have everything packed to evacuate at a moments notice, oh yes, we are getting some "Red Cross" food issued. Food boxes per day, the cooks are using the meat for soup and the milk, raisins, chocolate, made a good breakfast meal. Cheese, Jam, & butter will be issued out to the various sections at a later date, cigarettes are to be issued daily. Not so bad, one thing it is much better to be issued this way, than not at all. Apr 23rd Dad's birthday, 68 years old - Happy birthday dad! I hope to be home for your next birthday. Today "Tokyo" was raided again, also Kawasaki, by F-5ls - not much damage, however we hear that 200,000 people are homeless our rice ration is very low, soups are poor, right now we are not doing we well in regards food, at that were very lucky, we get more to eat than the civilians, no outstanding news. I'm trying to catch up on some serious reading "Dret Hartes" best stories, really good, and interesting reading. Apr 25th, Our work details are now back to normal, although we don't work hard we have to go out at 7:30 am and come back in at 5:30 p.m. I still work in the same place, "Dia ichi Ryusan" (No 1 acid plant). Hewston has been in for about two months with a bad bone "Felon", he had his arm & rayed and a piece of shrapnel showed up in the picture. Doc Curtin operated about two weeks ago.

Today there is supposed to be a meeting of all the allied nations in San Francisco, I hope that something is decided, this war has now reached the stage where it has become a calamity, I for one am ready to call it quits. Air Raids continue, two alerts today, yesterday a big raid over "western Tokyo" just so long as they don't hit this area I'm satisfied- May 1st Donalds Birthday, 8 yrs old, I'm going to be home for your next birthday, Germany has fallen and this war is darn near finished, a big air & sea battle is going on in the "Okinawa" area, or so rumors say.

Raids in this area continue, Uncle Sam is really pounding this people. More mail came in, I didn't receive any. We now have a new interpreter, "Kondo has gone." - no other news- May 6th A day off, the weather is getting much warmer, last night we had another

(Continued)

"local" air raid, from here it looked like "B-24s" were in the raid, if so our forces are closing in quickly.

Europe is finished, thank the "Lord" for that, Now "Bud" "Ollie" & Vin ought to be able to get back home safely. I'm sure that they are all o.k. I chipped a piece off of another tooth, Golly! "Brock" has had another operation, this time for a piece of steel which was imbedded in his right leg just below the knee. "Dr Curtin" operated. All of our "Red Cross" food has been used up - Now we have nothing left, however our "Rice" ration has gone back to our usual amount, soups are still bad. Believe me, I won't ever eat "Miso" soup or any other kind when I get out of this "mad house".

Our work has slowed down to a walk, we hardly do a thing, that's the way it should be. My weight - 72 kilos May 9th, All men wrote another letter home, however, I heard this morning that the last cards we wrote are still in the interpreter's office. Latest rumours, all but 60 men are to leave this camp for another camp further north, here's hoping that this rumour is true. A big naval battle is in progress, or so we here, I wonder if we've met their navy at last.

Beans & soup for supper tonight, not at all bad. May 13th Mothers day and a beautiful day too; yesterday I wrote another "Radio Address" which is to be broadcasted from "Radio Tokyo", here's wishing!!! 25 men are working today on a rice detail- moving rice from a POW camp in Yokohama to this camp. The men in that camp moved north yesterday, we here in this camp are also scheduled to move; any day now. Two alerts today, no local raids tho.

I haven't received any mail for quite a while, I don't know when I shall receive any either. "Kritzon" and I are running a shoe repair shop at Showa Denko; on the detail I'm work "H nesho" (boss) so instead of working "Kritz and I" repair shoes for the differen? "Nips" who work on the same detail (D'Ryusan) we get 10 to 15 cigarettes for each pair that we fix, today we made 40 cigarettes, not at all bad, considering that 5 cigarettes can purchase a ration of rice. Cigarettes sell for 1 yen each, really expensive. However, you cannot buy anything except cigarettes, so the money is practically worthless.

I've had a headache for 3 days, can't figure it out, I'm eating ok., regular etc. Maybe I'm just tired of Japan "Europe is finished," how much longer before we go home? May 17th, 3 years ago today I turned in and surrendered myself and the rest of my air corp group to the Japanese in "Masipit". Quite a long while ago. Yesterday 6 Americans came into the camp for some rice, they were shabby, tired looking, hungry and what a tale they told, really horrible. They are in camp west of us, their total strength, 160 men, mostly Dutch and English. The English prisoners came from "Thailand", where tis said 30,000 prisoners ~~lost/lost~~ died mostly from cholera & dysentery, they came there last september, and have suffered rough threstment. 1 man was beaten to death, another was killed (burned) during the big raid that we had a month ago. They've been without rice for a month, all they have had to eat was "onion soup". Their camp was destroyed, everything burned, even their clothing all they have now are the things they stand up in. Many more things were said which I can't write here.

No moving rumors today. No other news!

Our shoe repairing business came to an end today. The "boss" is afraid of the "Military Police" ---- At "Showa Denko" there is about 200 "Koreans" working they (the Koreans) have taken over the plant, and are they big dealers, cigarettes cost 1 yen each, also they are trying to buy up everything that they can, clothes, shoes, boots etc. There is going to be trouble, I can see it

647

(Continued)

coming:

I've been using the same razor blade for 3 years, luckily I have a good sharpener!

May 22nd Two years ago today the "Dutch" party arrived. 15 Dutchmen have died during that time, much has happened, more than I could possibly record. Today it has rained considerably, and it is darn cold. On the 20th I had a day off, played cards all day, lost about 50 cigarettes easy come, easy go.

A lot of new books came in, a line has formed for the issue, I'm not even going to try to get one, Doctor Kauffman has been lecturing on sexology what a subject for a POW Camp - we have had a couple of cases of "perversion" already, I wonder what his (Docs) idea is? educational or what?--
No movement as yet. No rumors either ----

May 25th On the 24th, at 2:00 am, our friends visited us again, 550 of them, Tokyo, Kawasaki, Kyoto were bombed. 3 planes made a run over us and dropped bombs. Our camp caught on fire, but our camp fire fighters put it out, however the "Mitsui Bishi office just across the street was burned down, two or three warehouses, and a whole string of dwellings right in line with us burned up completely. Luckily no one in our camp was hurt as we had evacuated to the dock area, and with the exception of 40 men our camp was deserted. Rice and other supplies were taken to the dock area, but were brought back later in the day. The bombs used were a new type too me, "Fire Bombs" - rags soaked in gasoline, naphtha and other valuable agents.

Showa Denko suffered huge losses, that is two big plants burned down, plus two or three offices, we went out to work today, but as usual did nothing, the work of restoration is being done by "Soldiers" not civilian workers. During the raid I saw 14 planes go down, 11 of ours and 3 pursuit ships, Japanese, for the first time the Japanese used night fighters. Today we had another local raid, Tokyo & vicinity, no planes came over us - tonight we expect another raid as shipboard fighters were seen today during the raid.

Here's a real laugh. Most every morning we have a "crap" game in our section, should any guard or member of the Japanese staff come into the barracks immediately a cry "redlight" is given. This morning one of the guards complained to the interpreter that something goes on every day in our section as he sees men with money in their hands, but he says I dont see any gambling, the interpreter asked Sgt Britton what was the money used for, "Britton" told him that the man were taking up a collection for a sick grandmother, "he believed him too" Gullible no end!

May 29 th Today we've had our biggest raid so far, 500 B29s ~~AAA/AAA~~ and 100 P-51s hit Yokohama & vicinity, one of our planes was hit but recovered and stayed in formation, 3 "Nip" pursuits went down. The raid occurred just before noon and lasted 2 1/2 hours. The sky has been black with smoke since the raid, and right now a huge glow is seen west of here. We've been routed out of bed 3 nights in a row, raids on Tokyo & Kawasaki areas. I'm on the camp fire fighting detail, however, I dont intend to fight any fires, let the place burn. Our side starts them so why should we try to put them out. I wonder when this war is going to be over? I'm sure that these people can't take much more of this, it really is getting awful. Food remains about the same. No mail lately. In fact I hardly think that we will ever get any more until this fiasco is over.

I read a grand ~~118~~ biography today (in the air raid shelter) George W. Carver, by Pacham Holt. He certainly had something, according to the author. He has done more for the "Negro" than any other man, with the possible exception of "Booker T. Washington." We have some new books, one of them is a baseball story "world series" by "John Tunis", not at all bad, his baseball Vernacular is good, almost

821

(Continued)

made me feel that I was seeing the games he describes. And - so ends another day. Lights out & so to bed, for a while at least. June 3rd Tomorrow 90 Dutchmen are scheduled to move, later on the rest of the Dutch Party will move, so far I cannot ascertain their destination, we (Americans) are also moving; when, I don't know.

Today a B-29 "Reconn" plane was shot down and landed in Yokohama Bay, all the crew are safe, prisoners of Japan but safe, for the time being. Two days ago, "Caska" suffered a huge raid, B 29s - B24s F51s - PB4ys & other planes, one of the biggest raids so far. The raids are growing more & more intense, soon "Mr Nippon" will witness the might of America & England. Last night I received a letter from Deborah. Everything seems to be all right, however, from ~~her~~ her letter I gather that she hasn't heard from me. Many rumours are prevalent regarding the end of the war, if only some of them were true. I hope and pray that everyone home is o.k. They just have to be.

Right now one of the boys (Hewston) has the Phonograph in our section, fair music.

Lt Hayashi has been removed. I don't know why & further more I don't care. June 6th, On the 4th 90 Dutchmen left this camp for some place up north. On the 5th we ceased working at K.Y.K. & Showa Denko, however, we are now engaged in cleaning up the camp and erecting bomb shelters. Tomorrow 80 men go out on M.B.K. and clean up one of the areas that was burned out two weeks ago.

There hasn't been any raids or alerts in this area for 5 days, something must have happened. Many rumours prevail, nothing tangible though. We are supposed to get a new camp commandant tomorrow, I wonder how he will be? We are supposed to move soon, just as quick as the Japanese can get accommodations and transportation for us.

I'm trying to read some of J.M. Barries plays "Quality street being the first one that I ever tried to read, his plays are very nice reading - not at all hard, (as I expected) My birthday is next Sunday, Golly, 39 years old, 154 lbs, hungry for home and my friends, god when it this all going to end. While I berate and rant, I can say one thing, I'm darn lucky to be alive and I'm thankful for what I receive, believe me.

June 10th As usual, my birthday is a day of glorious sunshine, and some sort of an epochal event - this morning at 6:30 am the air raid sirens sounded, and a raid was on, 500 ships or more, 150 of them hit the "Yokohama" area, the rest went northwestward. I've really enjoyed myself eating today, two cans of corned beef that I had saved from the "Red Cross" food packages, and so far "Two extra rations of rice. Not bad I hope mama & Dad enjoy themselves today, its their 40th wedding anniversary.

The new books that we have in camp are interesting. Some real good books, but try and get one. Right now I'm reading in the steps of St Paul, a biography by H. V. Morton, educational and has lots of historical events in it that to me are very interesting. I've got to-day off; I'm now working on M.B.K. yesterday I shoveled coal with "S/Sgt Seres", we had a good day tho. June 14th, I've had two days off, but tomorrow I am to go out to "Sempaku" and shovel coal-wow! We had an alert last night, B 24s and dive bombers, however, no local areas was hit. Fleas are awful, worse than ever. Food remains the same. No drastic changes. Wrote another card home today. June 17th, Sunday; worked today at "Sempaku", shoveling coal, tomorrow 135 men go out and trye to finish the boat as, a "Reconn" spotted it today, "enough said" - We had a treat for supper last night, fried rice & fish, a good meal, the best

(Continued)

for a longtime. I'm still reading about "St Paul" - mighty good reading too. I hope that everyone home is all right, I feel that this is our year and ought to be home before the world series is played.

Rumours have reached us about no baseball in the U.S. I don't believe that tho, too much depends on sports in the States, I'm sure that the American public would stand for any curtailment of any of their pleasures. There isn't any more cigarettes to be had, the "Nips" now smoke "Fine needled" rolled up-into cigarettes, not much to smoke, but better than nothing. There has'nt been a soap issue for two months, even the Japanese guards (Camp) are complaining, they try to trade some of the boys out of some soap. No socks in fact nothing at all. If only "Uncle" knew of the situation that exists at present, we would have that invasion that we are anticipating.-- June 25th, For the past week we have had numerous raids, luckily for us no local raids. All of the Americans now work on 1 detail, M.B.K. - 2 days on 1 off, not at all bad - Today I've spent the day in bed, resting & reading. No rumours - No change in camp details everything is about the same, still no soap. Cigarettes now sell for ¥1.50 to ¥2.50 - and all we get for working is 35¢ per day. Our camp has certainly changed, from the nervous tension which existed a year ago to a real nice camp, now at is, o.k. here. June 29th, Tomorrow 60 men move into this, camp from "Nishan flour mill", Camp #611-Shiozawa's camp. On the third or fourth 100 men are scheduled to leave here, here's hoping that I'm one. Last night there was another air raid, so far as I know they raided "chiba", 20 miles east of here. Soon this war will be over, and then a lot of old scores will be settled between us, there are a lot of men who have their nose - right in with the Japanese, they're the first ones to be worked over, For supper tonight we have rice & better fried fish, not at all bad. July 3rd Yesterday 100 men left "Mtsui Camp" for a new camp 61 Americans 39 Dutch, (Myself included) we left at 6:45 am and arrived here at 4:30 p.m., about 200 kms from Kowasaki, this camp "60" is located high in the mountains, it is a mine, (Copper) the personnel consisted of 190 men, 181 Dutch 9 Norwegians. The food is about the same as we have been getting with one exception. The serve bread here, once a day, 243 grams, not at all bad. The barracks are much better than our old ones and the discipline is far better, I believe that this is a better camp, and while the work is different, I can't see us worrying too much. Today I weighed 69.5 kilos, a slight loss from the last weighing. We under went our usual card filling out, and later on today we will have to swear not to escape. We are resting for 3 days before we go to work, and from what I can find out work is easy. Many interesting stories are told by the Norwegians about the raider which captured them. This is the best yet, many tales to listen to. This place was hit on June 10th, a huge factory about 3 kms from here was completely destroyed. Steel beams and girder twisted and torn all over the place. Oh yes, everyday each man receives 4 cigarettes, money is no good. July 7th, Yesterday we all went to work, there is two places of work, Copper refining and mining, I work in a gold refining plant. The work isn't too hard, however I have to get up at 4:30 am, and at 6:15 fall out for work, then we walk about 2 miles, have 1 hour for lunch, quit at 3:30 p.m. and get back here about 5:00 yesterday we had 3 air raids, Local area too. The Japanese here seem to be plenty worried, they certainly go crazy when the alarm is sounded. Our total food ration of rice or bread per day is 705 grams, (Divided thusly) morning rice 220 grams, bread 250 grams, evening rice 235 grams, of course this is dry, when it is cooked up there are more grams than that. My new number is 275. No news to be had here nothing

DECLASSIFIED
Authority AND 883078

(Continued)

but old news. Fleas in this camp are not quite so bad, and there are very few mosquitos, we are seperated into work details, I now sleep in a section with 16 Americans and 1 Dutchman, there is a library here, but only a few books, nothing much to speak of.

We are in a town call "Hitachi" - way up in the hills. July 15th Today & tomorrow we have a day off. Extra food too- we have a total of 350 men in the camp, and so "35" Red Cross food packages have been issued (10 men to 1 box) all the eatables will be issued through the kitchen, from the meats a couple of good stews should be made, from the milk, chocolate, sugar and Jam, a couple of puddings, coffee instead of hot water, each man received 12 cigarettes 1 piece of gum. 5 men to 1 bar of soap. The factories have given us a couple of days off. Now for some real news. Air raids continue in full force. On the 11th, a raid carried on for 12 hours, I saw F5ls and some navy planes, we were in and out of the bomb shelters all day. On the 13th, at 2:00 a.m. we heard flight after flight go over us. Some where north of us caught hell. Yesterday, the 14,th Tokyo, Yokohama, and vicinity were bombed from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. by 30000 planes, it looks as though the big push is now on. Here's hoping. Since we've been here we have had two shots for diptheria, and is my arm sore. I am now down to 68.4 kilos, a new low, however, even the boys who have been here for 2 1/2 years lost, so I don't feel so bad. Flgas have come out the past few days, almost as bad as "Kowassaki".

The camp library has some good books, but are hard to get. Most of the books are biographies, tomorrow we are going to have a "show" - it should be a good one too - our old musick makers came with us, besides them, there are some real good ones here. There is a violin and an accordian and quite a few string instruments, all in all a fair orchestra. I sort of like this place, and while I'm here I intend to make the most of it by reading and studying. July 17th, At 5:00 a.m. this morning we were alerted, and at 5:30 a.m. I hit the dirt, a plane was strafing the factory area just above us, at 6:30 a.m. 5 planes dropped bombs in both factory areas, F6's, F4's F5ls etc were in the vicinity. One of the planes fires rockets, or something like that. We didn't go to work today, however, I expect to go tomorrow. Nearly every day it rains, hard too. Maybe it's the high altitude, maybe not. Fleas are really bad here, perhaps it may be due to the weather. Yesterday we had a show, not at all bad, I told a couple of stories, and sung a song. July 20th What a hectic 3 days! On the 17th at 11:00 pm 3 cruisers and other ships of the line shelled us - it was raining "blue blazes" and again I hit the "foxhole", believe me I didnt expect to come through that one. The shelling was accmplete success, we hav'nt been to work since. On the 18th we were again strafed, by F5ls & F6's, they also dropped bombs about 50 yards from us. They were after transportation and were after a couple of trucks which were on the road right by our camp. We couldn't get out of the building, if we were seen "Our boys" wouldn't know whether we are "Nips" or not. Last night we were again underfire, and the whole area with the exception of the upper end of the valley, where we live, was completely destroyed. Incendiary bombs did the trick, we were ineed lucky, however, anything may happen.

Inas much as we now have no place of work we are "resting" but today I have been hard at work building a bomb shelter, we certainly need some.

This war is rapidly drawing to a close, everyone is speaking about an invad on. I hope it happens soon. Then and only then will we be able to

DECLASSIFIED
Authority AND 283078

848

(Continued)

go home.

July 24th, Since the 15th we havn't had to go out to work, however, today a clean up detail went out, I was part of the group, the city of "Hitachi" is no more, a complete job, 200,000 people homeless. 2000 Nips were killed during this raid. Evacuees continue to pass our camp, they are heading for the mountains. July 26th, Yesterday we worked cleaning up the copper mill, and at 2:00 p.m. we came back to camp. At 4:00 p.m. 300 men made the trip down to the water front, a distance of 5 kilometers, there we had to work, sorting out rice, salt, sweet potatoe flour and what else was eatable out of the debris. The city of "Hitachi" is a complete job, nothing is left. I heard that 45,000 to 46,000 people were either killed or injured during the raid of June 10th, the shelling and the bombing of a few days ago. It's awful, women & kids are aimlessly walking around, going up & down the highway. These people had better "pack" in soon. Today we also went down to the factory to work cleaning up. At 8:45 am one (1) lone B-29 making a routine reconaissance, seeing so many men working dropped a big bomb, about 500 lbs, on one of the buildings that hadn't burned, we were only about 50 yards away, fortunately we heard it coming and hit the ground, later on we went up into the hills that surround the factory area. 5 Japanese were casualties, luckily none of us were hurt. Too close for comfort though. Food in this camp is about the same as in our old camp, however, it is prepared a lot better. We no longer get bread, as our power line is down. We make our own flour from barley.

Aug 4th, Bud's birthday, I hope that you are back home "Lad". Now for what new that I have. 5 days ago, we had a 24 hour alert, and thick heavy smoke hung over our camps for two days. Later on we heard that Yokohama, Tokyo and Kawasaki were bombed very heavily. Kawasaki industrial in particular being worked over, all the factory & industrial areas were completely ruined, our old camp was destroyed and one of the new interpreters (7 new ones are in this camp) said that some men of camp "2B" were killed, some wounded and some are all right. Some were brought into "HQs" camp. 4 more new Japanese arrived in this camp today. "Medical men". "Colonel Sakubae" inspected this camp today, he was disatisfied with conditions. The weather has changed for the better, no rain for 5 days, food is pretty good, however, I'm running out of tea. We have some fairly good bomb shelters now in camp, but if we should be bombed I'm running out of tea. I'm afraid that we'll end up like "Kawasaki". Fleas are awful - Nuf said. - "Back on bread again." Aug 9th Amelia's birthday-good luck lady - I wonder why havn't heard from you since the war started? Funny! One man came back to this camp from the hospital in "Tokyo". Everything is in ruins. He says that camp "11-0" was bombed out. 21 men were said to have killed. Rather awful. Raids continue, every day & every night, today was no exception, 4 times today we were alerted, shelling was heard in the distance, so I guess that our navy is still operating up and down the coast. Phamlets were dropped in Tokyo the other day and from rumours I hear that between the 10th and the 20th heavy air raids are in store. I wonder what teams lead in the major leagues, may be "Boston" will be the scene of the world series. We may expect the "Monsoon" season, then it will be very rough on us.

We had a good supper tonight, a "meat" stew and rice - yes, meat, perhaps a horse or a "bull" died how could we be so lucky? Aug 15th On the 13th we were strafed again - 6 - F6Fs took a look and "Zowie" - Later on - (we were shot at about 5:45 am) we went to work and spent the entire day in the "Yam" -

(Continued)

The raid lasted 12 hours - rather a long time - today we have had 3 alerts so far, the raids are becoming longer & longer - last night's raid lasted 5 hours. the weather is hot, & fleas are having a harvest. Every morning I look as though I had a bad case of the measles. Food there is much better than at Mitsui camp. Potatoes are used exclusively for soups. Not at all bad - we also get bread, made from barley flour, once a day. I gained a little in my last weighing. Aug 17th, 1 month ago to-night we were bombed by B-29s, the entire valley was burned out - today & yesterday we were kept in camp no work, and a few minutes ago we received this news. American, British & Allied Forces are in conference with the Japanese military leaders. There is an armistice, but I think the war is over - for two days we haven't had an alert, and rumours are ripe about moving. Our Japanese commandant called the officers in and told them the news, then the senior NCOs were told, I had to tell the Americans in camp - no more work, however, we have to abide by the rules & regulations which have governed us heretofore. Its been a long time, and I'm glad that it is over. Uncle Sam hasn't let us down, he got here just a quickly as he could. It certainly will feel good to get into a new G.I. uniform. And perhaps soon I will be able to get a message home. Heres hoping. Aug 20th Our camp commandant went to Tokyo 3 days ago and so far he hasn't returned. We just sit around talking and building castles. We dont know what has happened, so far we know nothing, havn't seen or heard any Americans or British troops, planes or navy. The Japanese Corporal who is left in charge of the camp told me that 14 men were killed in our old camp (25) and 28 or 30 wounded. I hope that that news isn't true.

The war is over, of that I'm certain, everything points towards it. We have had soap, some red cross food packages (25) socks, some Red Cross Clothing, G Strings, and toothpowder, brushes etc issued we also killed a pig and for supper tonight we ought to have a good stew. Just think, soon coffee, and good food will be part of our daily life again, hardly seems possible. Today all men had to be weighed again, this time I weighed 685 kilos - 150 lbs - not so bad considering all that I've been through. Aug 23rd Today is the 2nd anniversary of my "Behting". No news, we are just marking time, however, we here that allied troops take over "Tokyo" on the 26th, if that is so we can look forwards to leaving here very soon. All my clothes are clean, and I'm ready to leave. Aug 25th, Rain, but a red letter day just the same. Our air force has been active all day, we here in camp have nothing to do, just sit around waiting for Uncle Sam to come and get us. I bet that that the folks back home are really celebrating, well it won't be long until we can be a part of the celebrations too. Our food is still the same, rice & soup with a little extra now. To-day we had a small pig (about 30 kilos) yesterday a huge sea turtle was brought in, however, I didn't care for the soup. Tomorrow is supposed to be the day when our forces will come in. Happy day!!!! (as L1 Abner would say) - Aug 27th, 7435 am - Today has started off with a "Bang". 4 Navy planes, "F403s" found our camp (which was marked yesterday, two huge signs PS) and "dropped" cigarettes, lifesaver candies, gum & matches, this time we didn't have to take cover, we just stood there and looked, an impressive sight. Only a few more days and then homeward bound. Last night I received two letters, the first in 4 long time. One from "Muffy" and one from "Deborah" a picture - very, very nice one, too!!

I wonder what I'm going to say to her when I go back, certainly we cant pick up our acquaintance in the same casual manner of yore - no - no - no first and foremost I must remember that there has been many changes, consequently I must stay clear of all embarrassing situations. Today we are to receive a side of beef, enough so that each may will get a "steak", - about 500 grams each - not so bad -

(Continued)

so bad -- 8:10 p.m. - What a day - plenty of excitement, all day long navy planes have "buzzed" us - they dropped more cigarettes etc - also 3 "buzzed" us - they dropped more cigarettes etc - also 3 "news weeks" - what news all about the surrender in Europe and about the "bombings" of Tokyo on May 24th & May 29th, which I had witnessed, also told about the fierce fighting on "Cinawa". The Navy really put on a good show, F6Fs F4Us - TBPs SB2c went up and down our "valley" having a real good time. I wonder what tomorrow will bring. Aug 30th Yesterday, 2 B29s came over and dropped about 2 tons of supplies, clothes, medicine & food, enough for 200 men. They also dropped pamphlets telling us that Japan had surrendered, when we shall be released is still problematical. The weather is hot, the hottest I've experienced in Japan. Yesterday, 100 men went swimming. Today another group has gone to the beach.- Sept 2nd Two p.m. we're still in Hitachi camp, but no longer POW's we can go out, do what we want to, and eat as much as we like, our food supply has been augmented by air drops from our air force, today over 500 B-29s flew over us, this time not on a bombing mission my guess is that we have taken over an air field near or in Tokyo - Today at 3:00 o'clock there is to be a radio address to former POW's I'm hoping to listen to it. The clothing that was dropped has been issued, each American received a complete outfit, shoes, underwear, jacket, shirt, pants & belt. No caps or socks were sent to us.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1st 1945

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost Ever, one God, world without end. Amen

Almighty God, we are gathered together this easter morning to make a common supplication unto thee, here we O God as we offer up a prayer. O God who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath rememberest mercy, we humbly beseech thee of thy goodness to comfort and succor all prisoners, that, trusting wholly in thy mercy they may not place their confidence anywhere but in thee. Relieve those who are sick, protect our families, awaken those of us who are guilty of transgressions, and bring us out of this bondage. Grant to these my servants, that by the power of thy holy spirit that we may be set free from the chains of sin, and may be brought to a newness of life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to say-

The lords prayer, hymn. Oward Christian soldiers. Reading, St Matt, 27-57 Hymn, In the Garden, Address.

Today is easter sunday, a day which in the past we usually greeted with earnest and enthusiastic eagerness. For it always brought us a day of Happiness. Easter day has long been a day of great inspiration, a day strangely different a day strangely real, it is the day of the resurrection. The day our Lord Jesus Christ rose to take his place on the right hand of God. It is the emphasis on continuing life: Living, happy, healthy people hear and accept with enthusiasm that they move on in consciousness and endeavor, fulfilling a destiny that is not terminated by a physical change called death. This is made possible by the belief in the almighty God, Happy indeed is he who carries God within him. An ideal of beauty to which he is obedient, an ideal of art, an ideal of the Fatherland, an ideal of the virtues of the gospel of Almighty God. Here in Kowasaki

(Continued)

of the virtues of the Gospel of Almighty God. Here in Kowasaki we who live a preter natural life, have acquired many vices, which I'm sure would not have happened had we followed the principles laid down to us by our Mothers & Fathers, yet when this "triasco" is over and we go back to living with normal people under normal conditions, I believe that we all will straighten out, and everything that has happened here will appear to have been just a nightmare.

And so on this happy easter day, I hope and pray, that the days ahead, whatever they may be, will be more inviting, and will give me to each of us that courage and enthusiasm to tackle the difficult situations which may confront us, and that we may reflect more & more in the glory of Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

Hymn - Rock of ages.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellow ship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all ever more, Amen.

Christmas 1944 at No 2 Prisoner of War Camp Kowasaki, Japan.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and a contrit heart, O God thou wilt not despise: Let us pray. Almighty God who has given us thy only begotten son to take our nature upon him, and at this time to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we being regenerate, and make thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be received by the Holy Spirit, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. Who Liveth and Reigneth with thee and the same spirit, ever one God, world without end: Amen. O God our father, we are again gathered together here on this Xmas morning to ask thy blessing upon us all and with all with whom we are in contact in this prison, and regardless of the conditions under which we find ourselves at this time, to bless us with that spirit of happiness which we always associate with this time of the year when living under normal conditions at home. Dear father, we would especially ask you to be with us and our dear ones at home and on the various fronts at this time, to assuage their anxieties on our behalf and to give them strength and patience to await that reunion which we so earnestly desire, and for which we pray you daily. In this thy great goodness, and if it be thy will to hasten us in both bodily and spiritual strength to withstand the arduous conditions under which we are living at this time. Bless us with the comforting thought that this is only a brief period in thy eternal scheme of things, which will soon end, and for which we pray that we shall be the better members of thy flock for having endured. We ask this in the name of Christ thy son in whose words we join.

Lord Prayer

Carol - Silent night

Reading - Isaiah. 9 - 1 - 8

Carol - Hark the herald angels sing

Reading Luke 2. 1-15

Address - Be of good Faith.

Due to the difference in time, it is the night before Xmas in America. The streets are crowded with last minute shoppers, your folks and mine are singing carols, wrapping packages, and doing all those little things which go towards making Xmas day what it is. In the hour mothers are bending above the beds in which lie the children they love, and on their lips is a prayer for those who are serving their country. In their hearts is that comforting thought that soon this war will end and that we will soon be home again. Whats has brought about those thoughts, "words, nothing, but words," deeds too, uttered by our leaders, words that have become impregnated upon them, words that have

(Continued)

due deep into their souls, words that have given them faith in their country. Your country and mine. We who are interned have lost a lot of our faith in our country, and faith in one another. Men it is uneasy thing to stand about and criticize, to berate one another, to argue over this and that, far be it from me to imply that we are a hot bed of strife and opposition one towards another but there are times when our lives here would be made infinitely better, if we had our text to heart, gone would be the petty selfishnesses, the animosity which occasionally breaks out towards one another. Let us give to everyone the same right to their belief that we expect from them, because under the same circumstances we may act more unwisely than we judged them to have acted. You know what I mean. I, too am a mighty big offender. Let us continue to pull together more and more, and I'm sure we all shall benefit from it. This is our third Xmas as prisoners of war, and I'm sure it is our last. However, let us pray that soon we shall be with our Love ones, but whether the time to our freedom be long or short, be of good faith, bear with fortitude and faith the days to come, for of all things here we have need of faith, our lives here may seem hard, spiritless and at times hopeless, but with faith, and God's help we shall conquer all.

(Psalm of Life)

Let us then be up and doing
With a heart for my fate,
Still achieving, still pursuing
Learn to labor and to wait.

Carol - O come all ye faithful.

Prayer. The grace of God Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore, Amen.

American Prisoners in Camp #2 14th Bomb Sqdn Kowasaki, Japan - Mitsui Camp

Altman, Robert Pfc
Sanford, Florida.

Ervin, Wm. E. Pvt
Newton, Ill.

Bishop Elwin W. S/Sgt
Hudson, Mass (D)

Federolf, Kurt A. Pfc
169 Pean St, Lansdale, Pa.

Buelow, Harlan G. Pvt
Mazemaris, Wisc

Gentry, Roy V. Pfc
Ind. Railway, Ind. Ind.

Butterworth, Chas. M. Cpl.
225 S. Taylor St. S. Bend, Ind.

Giardina, Joseph S/Sgt
3815, 12th Ave, Brooklyn.

Calhoun, W. O. Pvt
Guster Fork, Ill.

Gomme, Virgil V. Pfc
Eddyville, Neb.

Clarkson, Ralph B. Pvt
516 Lewis St. Canton O.

Gudgeon, Lemarl L. Pfc
La Farge, Wisc.

Di Ulbaldo, John J. Cpl
Luke, Md.

Guy, Ralph R. Sgt
226 Walnut St, Westport Md.
Hewston, Wallie J. S/Sgt
Aussable Forks, N. Y.

DECLASSIFIED
Authority MMND 883078

Jones, Wm. C. M/Sgt
Mantaka, Kan.

(Continued)

Kravitz, Norman Cpl
9 Edmonds Place, Newark, N. J.

Krawiecki, Chester V. Pfc
1609 Foster Ave, Schenectady, N. Y.

Kritzon, W. Pfc
New Boston, N. H.

Lubiewski, Edward F. Pvt
1218 Cleaver St, Chicago, Ill

Lundy, Wm. S. Pfc
2322 Gale St, Ind. Ind.

Manuell, Richard G. Pfc
Tidicute, Pa.

Mardock, John G. Sgt
Phila. PD

Neblett, Robert W. Pfc
7 Dahlgren Ave, Farsmouth Va.

Pecher Henry B. S/Sgt
Fairfield Pa.

Pozzani, Mario Pfc
Apollo, Pa.

Quick, Henry D. Pfc
Collins, Miss.

Ramirez, Armando G. M/Sgt
912 W. G. St, Ontario, Calif.

Ray, George C. Pfc
Plainview, Tex.

Reidinger, Ray. Cpl
Trevorton, P.A.

Stewart, Warren R. Sgt
Wilsch Den, Ala.

Swagarty, Thomas F. Pvt
Elida, N.M.

Thomas, Wm. H. Cpl
Center Point, Ind.

Warner, Grant Pfc
Box 122, Thatcher, Ariz.

Wyllsey, Thomas V.
Box 463 - R-6 - Tacoma Wash.

Zeller, Elmer L.
84 Pleasant St Mansfield, Mass.

Zincke, Herbert L.
2204 A. So. Jefferson Ave. St. Mo.

Birmingham, Morris Sgt
368 Sprucest, Manchester, N. H.

Blackmer, Gerald C. Pvt
R/2 - Saint Charles, Mich.

Bradford, Paul A. T/Sgt
1430 Arcadian Ave, Chico, Cal.

Britton, John W. M/Sgt
1005 Main St-Corona, Cal.

Brock, Ried S/Sgt
Englewood, Tenn.

Burkhardt, Fred G. Pvt
5600 Cardiffave, Baltimore, MD.

Burton, Francis F. Pvt
423 Lyndhurst St, Baltimore, MD.

Call, Robert D. Pfc
400 Second St, Pikeville, Ky

Foster, Elmer L. Pvt
551, D-St, Fresno, Calif.

Garcia, Frank C. Sgt
422 J. St. Los Banos, Cal.

Gomez - Earl Cpl
937 - N. Hazard St, Los Angeles

Gordon, Herbert R. Sgt
1188 Gattrell St, Zanesville Ohio

(Continued)

Harper, Lloyd Pfc
Big Timber, Mont, Box, 494

Roy, Wm F. S/Sgt
Camden, N. S.

Hull Wm E. Cpl
3011 Sylvania, St. Joseph, Mo

Ivey, Joe Sgt
Ola, Okla, Box 46 - Rt 1

Jacobs, Jacob, Pvt
6350 Franklin Ave, Hollywood

Kovel, Albert G. M/Sgt
16409 Biltmore Ave. Cleve, O.

Mailoux, Donald J.
713, 2nd St, Bixmark, N. D.

Moore, Donald L. Pfc
416 E. Ohio, Southbend, Ind.

Morris - Ira F. Cpl
307 No Main St, Palestine, Ill.

Moss, Wilford A. Cpl
Rt #2 Tyler, Texas

Nettles, Dewitt M/Sgt
Camden, Ala.

Oricht, Isadore M/Sgt
1372 Livingstone Ave, Columbus Ohio

Peterson, Richard H. Cpl
1756 N. Grammeray P. Hollywood Cal.

Phillips, Robert W. Pfc
523, 57th St, Co. Morehead, Minn.

Richards, Charles L. S/Sgt
427, Spark Ave, Tucson, Ariz.

Rossell, Clyde P. Pvt
Ferryopolis, Pa.

Seres, John S/Sgt
91st Johnson St, Bridgeport, Conn.

Shenaut, Allen C. S/Sgt
Yearington, Nev.

Silverman, Louis Pvt.
480 East 74th St, N.Y. City

Turner, John R. Pvt
Greenville, Tex.

Van Cleave, Albert L. Cpl
Box, 193, Mabton, Wash.

Westervelt, Ralph L. Sgt.
Trumansburg, N. Y.

Young, Alfred R. S/Sgt
1320 So Canton St, Tulsa, Okla.

Parker, Edgar B.
Novice, Texas

(Continued)

Men who have died from Mitsui Camp.

Stock, Harry D. 11/26/42
Parker, Edgar B. 11/28/42 - T. H.
Steadman, K. L. 11/28/42 T. H.
Knight, Wm H. 12/3/42 T. H.
Stansell, Frank M. 12/3/42 T. H.
Lieb, Marshall 1/7/43 T. H.
Boyd, Grady 1/19/43
Daley, C. E. 1/22/43
Kreuger, Oliver W. 1/25/43
Clements, Henry 3/17/43 T. H.
Jammer, Robert A. 4/2/43
Thompson, J. W. 4/9/43 T. H.
Buelow, H. G. 4/15/43
Neblett, R. W. 7/6/43 T. H.
Jansen, W. G. 10/1/43
Geeraths, John 11/14/43
Leidelmeyer, Jules 12/6/43 T. H.
Seyft, Rudolph 12/10/43
Krul, Louis 12/27/43 T. H.
Weesik, Richard 1/20/44
Mustamu, Chris. 2/19/44
Klomp, Ghas 3/4/44
Jongh, Theodore 3/31/44
La Pelle, M. A. 4/13/44
Schusler, S. E. 6/10/44

Men who were originally at Mitsui Camp but that were transferred to Nippon Steel:

McEwen Keith J 8/20/43
Angeli, Arthur J. 8/7/43
Trotter, Randall 7/18/43
Budd, Edward W 12/12/43
Moore
Brindley Ralph 4/9/44
Jacobs, Jacob E. 1/19/44
Arner, George E. 2/8/44

PAW/C.I. - R. D. Hough

DECLASSIFIED
Authority *ND 883078*

Folder 11

DECLASSIFIED

Authority: E.O. 13526