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and we started up an assault looking from  
 to "left" some of the records. The edge was  
 run by a Japanese woman about 25 to 30  
 years of age & as sound as a bell. She  
 has hair down, kept coming in for this  
 to time. She had with a skin to us & gave  
 us a cup of sweet black tea and all the  
 cigarettes we wanted. It was good propaganda  
 because I ended up with some records. We  
 stayed there until lunch time and then we  
 marched back to camp. We had went to the  
 Watabishi camp to show the the case of Bill  
 that we borrowed and to bring back some  
 me at the same time. We this was just a  
 job to see both as he could be and in  
 the name of the million people & that he  
 had been talking in about in Roman. There  
 is something about the detail that makes even  
 all the best ways it is to send as well as  
 no message allowed to have the best  
 went in plain language. The man was  
 something & again it was not even a

thing. We received some letters in night from  
 Louisa the latest date being Aug 23/437  
 coming back as far as Feb 185.

April 25<sup>th</sup> - It rained nearly all day  
 to day and with no trips, no visitors, there  
 is nothing to record of importance. One man  
 got his hand caught in the chain block of a  
 travelling crane but the damage sustained by  
 him was very slight.

April 26<sup>th</sup> - In morning early we set out  
 for the granary wharf - the object being  
 to see how granaries along with us we can they  
 can fix it up and we arrived there about 10 AM.  
 The harbor was quiet in the ship the time  
 and naturally the reception was not so warm  
 as it was last time. To work to repair our  
 machine will be 25 to 26 and will be ready  
 in about six days. We stayed around for a  
 time & the old boy got us into record saying  
 then started & we had a concert for quite  
 some time. We left and started some via  
 the same always looking into every state.

we could find, I purchased some Japanese  
 cotton paper, made out of bamboo as usual,  
 and the rest of the construction was junk.  
 From here we went to a drug shop in search of  
 any good medicines we could find to use as a  
 we left with two pots of tea grass. We next  
 had to buy cooking fuel but all the shops  
 said they had none. Our last visit was to a  
 sauce & bean paste shop. Here we bought some  
 soy sauce, white powder & mustard. I did not  
 intend our last find up to date as the  
 shop is quite willing to sell us as much as  
 we wish to buy. We also bought a bottle  
 of Strawberry essence. It arrived here after  
 the oil. Hajashi in the evening to buy  
 the rice and the strawberry and a little  
 a little sugar it was good. It's decided  
 to use this in our traditional rice and  
 with one of the cooks dropped it on the  
 floor, sending out ideas concerning it  
 was. Hajashi came during the evening  
 & gave us our pay. I approved of our

of the Americans from the English. Nagasaki made a special phone call to give instructions & to assure us we will have to comply. We put the Americans into separate sections to night and now all are happy.

April 24th: This morning Fairbairn had to go to the eye specialist & I managed to go with him. I took a small wrist watch to the jeweler to have it cleaned, they gave me a receipt & told me to come back two months later. So I still have another watch which has been out for about two months now & still no sign of it. We left Fairbairn & the lpt at the eye specialist while Iwami & I went to the music shop in order to give some gramophones. I studied in search of records which Iwami searched for nothing to see find. I located a coming home recording of the band one of Iwami by later show which I purchased (\$2.95 each) by the time the lpt had arrived and in was a happy or could be. Iwami left us to go & bye

cabin and said we could buy gold fish.  
 20 night was a night I shall never forget. It  
 has to do with money & requires some explanation.  
 We borrowed a lot of money from the troops in  
 the last camp to purchase medicine and when  
 we left the last camp our debts were \$339.15.  
 Of this amount \$40.00 was owed to men coming  
 to our present camp plus the remaining \$299.15  
 debt was left in the other camp to Red with.  
 We promised to send back money as soon as  
 we could. Since all the officers were personally  
 in debt as well, we made no contribution to  
 the fund the first pay received at this camp  
 but at the 2nd pay received in the presence of the  
 Doc. the officers would pay off the \$40.00  
 debt plus the pay received at ~~the~~ the last.  
 20 night I was approached by one of the men  
 to whom the fund gave \$50.00 and he asked if  
 we could give him some of the ~~or to~~  
 needed it. I asked the Doc. for ~~some~~ ~~of~~  
 as a contribution to the fund for the past  
 two months & he refused saying he would

only give \$10. The reason for the refusal  
 was the fact that he still has personal debts  
 & he can see no reason for paying into the  
 fund while he is in this condition or at least  
 leaving himself with no remaining money  
 for the next month. I told him that I was in  
 the same fix but that that I was having  
 to force my pleasure until my debts were  
 paid. He said that he would not do this and  
 now we lie here. I argued, I called him every  
 name I could think of and said  
 he continued to lie down in bed and to be  
 as inert as he could be. I finally lost control  
 & told him to get up so that I could  
 take the \$10. out of his side. He jumped up  
 & grabbed my arms so that I could not  
 hit him while I called him every name  
 I could lay my tongue to. He scuffled but  
 prechard came in so we separated. I  
 told him to leave & he left at the  
 court door. I then paid the man as  
 much as I could give \$20. and then



It is noted that I saw that the  
 he has well overpaid his money to buy  
 his food, cigarettes, & clothing from the store  
 at various times & to do this he has had to  
 borrow a lot of money. I have had deposits paid  
 from him to cover of his mismanagement of his  
 funds & to purchase things for himself. I have  
 advised that the money was used to purchase medicine  
 this was very obvious from the way that the  
 price cost of the medicine dropped when  
 he started to buy in a while for himself.  
 Further to this we have his increase in spending  
 to have the amount normally 2 or 3 dollars  
 out of debt in great style. I see he always  
 gets on my nerves & had a lot to do with  
 the being of my temper. I see he has always  
 method about him to get in among the  
 medical staff and now he fully expects to  
 get any pleasure for the world we live in  
 the way. I see men earn 11.00 a day  
 and get they double 2 days pay a  
 month, in some cases we have seen 4 days

pay. A man does not know very much he  
 can do with his money, especially. But he  
 can at least buy a few cigarettes. He can  
 buy about 3 or 4 cigarettes for 10 am and  
 get the 10 am will not give up to a part of  
 his 20 a day for the repayment of the man.  
 I may have the money spent on that &  
 am perfectly ready to have a definite sub  
 get paid but for the present I can't even  
 bring myself to spend civily if at all this  
 man. Many of the men up here are getting  
 out of with the foundation to show to  
 the men who lend him money & give him  
 cigarettes. I have seen how many stay off  
 & with some of the other are not do well  
 & the more but to be at it every part  
 & then being to get work while the other  
 stay in bed. I shall have the first two  
 being out as long as they can. It was so  
 not & pay at that I had a perfectly  
 good supper. Through being ill, the food  
 was being very good.

April 27<sup>th</sup> - This morning has left a  
 very cold and I have been content to become  
 introspective for a time. I am trying to analyze my  
 motives and I cannot rid myself of the idea  
 that maybe I am wrong. I hope that I am not  
 and to prevent I cannot feel a flow in my  
 reasoning. I do not recall of there is a willow  
 in the officers' quarters. This afternoon we were  
 supposed to go to the club house I got  
 permission for Jack to come with us. We  
 went with the Capt. he said he would take  
 us for a walk. We arrived 30 minutes too  
 early at the club house the Capt. took us  
 up the mountain for a walk. There is  
 a fairly dry and the path was well marked.  
 I picked a lot of white's wild flowers on  
 the way and an old one for a while. All  
 the time spent we would be above the line  
 of Yohokania. We could see the houses  
 & the business section spread out around  
 us in a panorama. Can I ever express the  
 feeling that I had either up there in the

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pleasant spring weather and enjoying  
 the scenery. My own memory never fail  
 to recall this minutely which are so  
 far & yet so precious to his life! & our  
 own luck to my management to buy my  
 sewing needles at 4 for 10 c. I hope to  
 buy some more later but then you never  
 recall about this famous U.S. went into  
 a small workshop & the proprietor spoke perfect  
 English. He had kind & Victoria B.C. &  
 U.S. for twenty years. We bought the  
 only two credit books he had for 30 c.  
 each, selection from French & English & selection  
 from English & French. There are to go to the library  
 Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. The morning I went with  
 Campbell to a geologist and then on  
 the way back we went to the Pan Pacific  
 stop again. We would have done O.K. only  
 because the subject was there & he said  
 we had to buy things through our  
 captain. We did manage to buy some  
 papers & maps & some or with a another

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lots of bread & an of brown sugar. I  
 had to buy some more, darling, and  
 the shop refused to sell them. Fanny paid them  
 outright. I got used to the bread there as  
 going to the 1st bakery, James & Co. we see to  
 the bread, bread, & cakes. Part to the  
 butcher. His name is to deliver the flour  
 so, but the I believe I put away for but not  
 with us about a week since I left for  
 his arrangements to say he got to do it by  
 the end a week to say for a last for  
 49, but he was rather an easy going creature  
 of little importance. To morning, they  
 are having one call to night and a  
 promise of church and the service later on.  
 There is to collect the Express building  
 & money. To night about 6:00 PM some  
 Red Cross supplies arrived. 40 boxes of  
 2 boxes of comforts, 3 boxes of socks (British & C)  
 and a lot of new clothes. We also got some  
 of some British mail arriving here but  
 I cannot see to add it until a few more

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it with <sup>1000000</sup> bananas being. There was a bad  
connection about the Red Sea food & the  
men speculated on its distribution until they  
went to the right.

April 24th - Elmer did not want to give  
us our parcels & since the morning was spent  
in more speculation, Elmer showed up and  
he was very friendly. We had a long chat about  
Sagada and why did he come back to Japan. He  
came to Hongkong on business and also to  
visit Japan in order to see his father. His  
father was very old and not expected to live  
much longer. Had he brought the whole  
family on a trip. When he attempted to  
return to United States the bars were up &  
he could not leave. Thus he left most of  
his possessions back in the States &  
Sagada. In Sagada he got hold of all the  
remnant goods and turned the money  
over to the remaining partners in Sagada.  
They were allowed to spend the money  
throughout the month & in the war days.

for living (\$300.) and how they are living  
 and all. The two men were issued with  
 the parcel. The one who is very inquisitive by  
 nature, had a full day. Between 6 & 8 noon  
 they could hardly stand still. Finally they  
 told us we had to give them one parcel of  
 food in order that they could keep it inside  
 the tin cans. We said "No" as they could  
 see what was inside the cans when we opened  
 them. Next they asked for a parcel as a gift  
 which we again refused since in health with  
 contempt. Cronin then asked for a carton of  
 cigarettes for the Japanese staff so I stood up  
 as usual & told him how to take the remainder  
 stand as far as getting any gifts was concerned.  
 We distributed the parcels at 10 AM. There  
 were 10 men living in one. There were more  
 than stand out at 10 AM. There were  
 one a lot of other tobacco, 70 lbs of Old Ball  
 cigarettes, 45 lbs of pipe tobacco & 7 pipes.  
 The men distributed parcels as well to six  
 groups of 15 men each. The officers have

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one parcel & what we had, even on the day  
I got some lime juice, a can of salmon & a tin  
of baby food by kind of various trades. The  
parcel we got was different to the last  
one as they are not in old parcels, but  
in new parcels. They have more meat, sugar  
butter etc & no cocoa, soap or washing  
powders. The afternoon was a very quiet  
one as we did not do much & he at  
the creek and I got in as well.  
This evening, I got borrowed a small  
accordion from one of the Germans & we  
sang some songs & also returned a letter  
sent from the Germans & the men and this  
all day long. This we had a very successful  
day.

April 20th - The night light of the day  
was a big to the other camp. We had a  
few more for material. They are making  
camp to a new one, because of the old  
factory. The Germans are in the structure.  
They have a bridge to the dockyard.

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all the Americans are being sent to the British  
 post as well as 30 British (80 in total) 148  
 British to the Standard & 45 British to the 9th  
 factory. The cooking is done in the persons of  
 men & women are really working coconuts  
 down there. They stand over from the stove &  
 all it cooked by the bucket. They used 400  
 in an week. The point is that all such  
 difficulties in each must be made up by  
 giving the entire camp about ration since  
 they all suffer. In a report on how they  
 would that food prepared, the officer  
 mentioned that more personal attention on  
 the part of the cooks would be appreciated.  
 But that time they get no sort of  
 attention at all from the cook house &  
 nearly all the messes jump on the  
 case especially for the messes as go for  
 all the officers have opened their messes  
 except the messes & they are being paid.  
 The 60 gave a list of the 100 before came  
 a shopping for clothing & the Standard.

were waiting for a general permission for  
 discharges to Japanese order. They were  
 ordered to go later such as their names &  
 they refused. Such is life & I am glad we are  
 well out of it. During the afternoon here we  
 had a coffee party and a general chat with  
 the cooks. I spent most of the day making  
 two picture frames for a lady snapshots  
 which I received them at night to give me  
 a real thank you & that was that. I never  
 can get used to the infernal attitude of  
 taking a full out effort for granted. We  
 had a complaint made by some Japanese  
 women that the prisoners had stolen her  
 daughter. On investigation it turned out to  
 have been a boy to be sent with  
 the lot. Nothing can be so absurd & some  
 of the women each put their lot in  
 an effort over rather outside will be  
 considered for a time. The garden & woods  
 in our garden have broken through  
 or are very proud of our work.

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May 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday I changed into summer  
 suit, I have yet to wash my winter clothes  
 before string. We received the comb to day  
 & the total supplies are as follows:

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| 60 tooth brushes         | 60 tooth powder              |
| 60 Razors                | 120 pieces of razor blades   |
| 122 tubes of soap        | 60 tubes hairline shoe cream |
| 60 pencils               | 60 combs                     |
| 60 hairpins              | 60 shoe polish               |
| 60 shoe laces            | 2 hair cutting scissors      |
| 2 nail scissors          | 10 rolls toilet paper        |
| 6 razor blade sharpeners |                              |

For night we had a fly day distributing  
 & trading after which I ended up with two  
 shaving cream, 1 tooth powder, 1 tooth brush  
 1 hairwife, 1 pencil, 1 shoe polish. I now  
 have a new hobby that is making cardboard  
 frames for pictures. I did a photos group  
 of three to day & it took most of the  
 day to do but I did it for you & I  
 thank you but it helps to take my mind  
 off things.

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May 2<sup>nd</sup> - So far today I made a table  
 bench & book case for our office. Gabriel  
 now quite content in his new work  
 shop. One of the men fainted on the way  
 to work this morning so two of us went  
 down with a stretcher to bring him back.  
 It was a long way home carrying the  
 bed and I was just about finished when  
 we got him back. He was O.K. just a  
 little bit faint then he will be off in  
 a few days until we can get enough V.D.  
 pumped into him. I started to make  
 myself a camp bed to-day as I think  
 it will be more comfortable than the  
 hard sleeping. I will give to my men  
 a steel saw, rice sacks or some such  
 thing to fight it.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - I had a terrific fight with  
 some of the gunning regarding work. He  
 said that I was trying to get him  
 to dig out. He refused so I left  
 him. Later I saw him again & he

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apologized for his statement. I then told him  
that the next time I would knock his head off  
any would not let anyone get on a bar  
head of all a speaker. I then sent the  
remnants of the spy thing another group of  
these ppl. people for a ship and I went to  
put up some shelves & a stove pipe in the  
kitchen. To night I received a pair of  
white running shorts as a gift for my  
work on the picture frame of the ship. I  
also received another picture to frame. The  
ppl. to night is of a speech made by  
Togo saying that the American they had  
killed was a real is back and many white  
Japanese depend on him killed. They  
had one minute silence in the home  
area. Our group then went back to the  
and it was nice to see some of the  
music for a change. The Red Cross  
shells were given out and 37 men  
received new shoes. Only few shoes  
are not just up & they did not

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got new shoes as they only need  
 a change in size. We received 56 pairs  
 of A.C. shoes, all fitted as South  
 African examination boots. Twenty of  
 these were size 5 & we also received  
 four pairs which were not in size. The  
 old ones will out of the chest & no  
 complaints of the distribution.

May 4<sup>th</sup>: This day was one of rain  
 and he stayed in most of the day. There  
 was very little to complain about or note  
 of interest.

May 5<sup>th</sup>: I went down to the big  
 store with Turnbull to day and the  
 guard was very strict thus we could  
 not get into the shops. We managed to  
 purchase a few things such as mirrors,  
 pencils, etc but nothing that we especially  
 wanted. It rained most of the day which  
 made it very miserable. I did another  
 visit here to day which convinces me  
 that I am slowly getting better. We

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had our bath at day as to-morrow is  
 left day.

May 6<sup>th</sup> = Saturday being just day we had  
 roll call a little later. I went to the eye  
 specialist again with Farnbruff & this time we  
 had a very easy guard. I bought a gunnery  
 instrument set, saw, clothes pins, account  
 book, calcium, mustard & currie powder  
 which meant a busy time. At the small shop  
 where we bought the mustard the lad was  
 very pleased to see us again. He gave us tea  
 & some pickled cabbage. After a bit he gave  
 us a small touch of skin & then we were  
 on our way. In the day you see met a lad  
 who could speak English. He was very indel  
 about the whole thing and so we treated  
 him for what they saw no suspicion.  
 To day at Nagasaki is sick. We had  
 some very strong rumors of a landing  
 in Kama. However the Bahans had as  
 yet it was not been strong enough  
 to justify our believing it.

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May 14th - I needed to pad my minutes but  
to do this I had to delay the business session  
officially open. The big thing to do was  
our 7th Regt Banquet which was the main  
event. This was arranged for the night &  
so we left off our evening dinner until  
late. We had the table laid with flowers  
really nice & we started about 7:00 PM.  
We had hamilton soup with noodles, white  
rice, meat roll, a slice of corned beef, three  
slices of pie & some fruit & cream.  
Our sweet was a beverage with  
strawberry sauce & cream. Coffee, cake  
& cigarettes followed. Can you ever imagine  
such a spread? It was very rough  
according to our former standards but  
to us it was the finest meal that we  
ever had. I produced a new song "Memories  
of a Soldier" as much as I had one  
and I thought if I will ever have one in  
P.O.W. camp again to sing it. We  
got to bed about 11:00 PM with

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the constant feeling of a full stomach.  
 May 24: 5th day we got a map out of  
 a Japanese paper bag showing either  
 landings or supposed landings on the  
 continent. We hope to check this later.  
 Yesterday the "gunnaker" from the Oil  
 factory was here. He took some things  
 to Beaver Bend for me. 1 lb. of tea, 2  
 cans of mustard, 30 cigarettes & a tin of  
 curry powder & 300 calcium pills. We  
 put a note into the parcel & I hope  
 that it reaches them safely. When  
 Kayashi comes here in a few days I  
 am going to ask permission to visit  
 the Reserve & then maybe I can get a  
 trip over to the Hashin Oil which is over  
 by the River. An unexpected pleasure  
 happened late in the afternoon by way  
 of a visit to the Hashin for tea. I  
 got there & had a great chat with Brown  
 & had but I think their place is south  
 Beaver is not being so well but Earl is

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bearing up very well. They were all  
 over to show their heads & discipline  
 is very quiet. Their food is not so plentiful  
 and the kitchen has only two boilers, the  
 main one for soup, one for rice & they  
 have to wait for their tea water. The  
 soup was infected with vermin and  
 we're experiencing a thorough scrubbing  
 of the rooms. It is getting better. Medicine  
 is nil, but "hops springs eternal". It  
 was all a very horrible trip and we  
 had such a "Burr Head" experience that  
 we could hardly speak. I hope to do  
 better next time. They received our  
 parcel which they enjoyed. We may be  
 able to send them something more later  
 on.

May 24: This was the day of the  
 big inspection by the new Lt in charge.  
 We got the place all cleaned up and in  
 the shape of a first when he arrived at 0800.  
 He had a big spiel to all the Nips

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concerned and then he cooked over  
 the quarters. He kind of set the affair  
 and had us swear to behave ourselves  
 as officers and to be good boys. He  
 certainly looked like a star over and if  
 he knew of the jets he printed out, we  
 may get some other jet. He visited the  
 deckward & gave the prisoners all info  
 regarding working clothing and salary paid.  
 Another thing he ordered was that if  
 Jacobowitz who is in charge of the prisoners  
 there, henceforth will not work but be  
 a supervisor of all the prisoners. We  
 don't know how long this will last  
 but it starts to-morrow.

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1945. My bed is now finished  
 and I am sitting it up in the small  
 office. I have been after the company  
 to play a fight in our office and  
 to stop the tips found on the  
 left extension in one of the prisoners  
 hit. I asked for this to be put in

our office & they gave it to me. I  
 had to connect it up so that it could  
 be seen as if not a board to place  
 any electrical circuits in your house  
 without getting permission from the  
 post authorities & you have a good  
 thing and should be more comfortable  
 than ever before.

May 11<sup>th</sup> : Two men were sent to  
 hospital to-day, one for T.B. & one for  
 muscular cramps. The second had could  
 not walk because of his leg cramps.  
 They looked thru two men, the one, the Sgt. Ma  
 Loomis, the next, Sargent & one of the Japanese  
 into one of this small beds about the  
 size of an American Baby Quater. They took  
 the room to all sit around the edge with  
 their feet in the box. in fact the Japanese  
 had to half sit on one of the man's hands.  
 They returned shortly after one with a  
 box of Red Cross Medicine and a small  
 box of Japanese Army medicine & the case

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very little in the way of news as the Doc  
 spent most of his time talking to his friends  
 from the Philippines regarding living &  
 movements down there. Doc. Vico has been  
 relieved by a new doctor & is now posted  
 to Shinagawa. He is having a nice rest  
 there as he does not have to worry about  
 the ships to any great extent. There is a  
 Canadian doctor there by the name of Reed  
 who was at Saurami Nochi but he has  
 also been relieved. He said that the Saurami  
 Nochi has been made entirely all Canadian  
 and the other nationalities have been sent  
 to various camps. We went over to  
 open the medicine box to see what was in  
 it but we ran into a snag. The Spt said  
 that it all had to be turned over to the  
 medical orderly from the Arano if he would  
 give it to us as we needed it. We said  
 this was not so and the fight was on. We  
 then said we would ask Nagasaki about  
 all this but the Spt refused to let us

take an inventory of the supplies. We  
 knew that the box had been opened before  
 and so we asked to have it sealed so  
 that it would not be opened unofficially.  
 We did this and left. About five minutes  
 later I was called back. They were all  
 gathered around the box complete with  
 hammers and nail puller, etc as a bait.  
 The Sgt. said that the seals were an  
 insult to the Japanese Army's honesty and  
 he told me to take the box to my room.  
 This was done & then I think someone  
 all in on their part. I was called back  
 again & we had a long sit to <sup>about</sup> the group  
 & it's honesty & I said saw a 4 box to show  
 why it was that we would not trust the  
 Japanese men about to introduce her in  
 their camp. They the time we got finished  
 we had gone about into International  
 law & violation of prisoners as a whole.  
 They saw not a light at all on their  
 side to "order" as they found it.

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The sub case is a case of what we  
 retained the machine suspended awaiting  
 the decision of Hayashi and he retained  
 our services. At least we have worked  
 a point where we substituted each other.

May 28 - The apt & Omani were a  
 little nice this morning when we went &  
 we started out a fair day. They both  
 left quite early to see Hayashi & we did  
 not see the apt again until 5:30 P.M.  
 I spent the day chopping wood as a  
 lot has accumulated in the kitchen in  
 the last afternoon we had a musical  
 in the kitchen. The apt. called me into  
 the office, a soon as I started, with  
 an opinion on an written order from  
 Hayashi to give him back the machine.  
 This is very funny as the apt. says  
 on the machine himself. He stated  
 the box & now to see what happens  
 Hayashi is also here to-morrow the  
 case is appended to the diary.

May 13<sup>th</sup> - The Sgt. started in early this morning to have us clean up the camp & had in various ways to make life miserable. Gajash arrived after lunch & had them open the box of medicine in front of us. We made a list of all the contents & I saw attached a complete inventory to this diary. Gajash laid down the law that we were to use it as & when we pleased as long as we told the Sgt. med. and how much we used. This is a fair arrangement so we moved it all over to the med. room. After Gajash had gone the med. and started to count once more. We looked up some of the medicines & finally we made him turn over the key to the Sgt. since is going to be a lot of trouble over these medicines. I can see that now for this Sgt. is as much of a nuisance as he can be, and we are backing him at every turn. We had our bath and by night I was now out from the mental strain.

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of the day  
 May 14th - The big event of to-day was  
 being in with Mrs. Omani & their three  
 children. They arrived about 1:00 P.M. & we  
 started our tea about 1:30 P.M. We provided  
 coffee, milk, sugar, a can of salmon & a can of  
 corned beef which they brought the bread. It  
 was most enjoyable being civilized once  
 more, talking over Canada, life in general  
 etc. and we all had a lovely time. They  
 were well stowed from the way they went  
 into the sandwiches & coffee but then they  
 have been without these things longer than  
 we have. Mrs. Omani said she was very  
 anxious to return to her homeland when  
 this is over as she longs to be in Canada  
 once more. This evening we finally  
 received the Red Cross working suits  
 & the Japanese working suits. There would  
 be 60 Japanese & 40 Red Cross suits.  
 I managed to win the draw in our  
 group & come out with an American

suit. There was a complete check on all  
summer but this evening after roll call  
and a few men had shirts changed. We  
are not doing too badly now on the clothing  
but it all comes in fits & starts. We had  
a note from Jennings in which he says things  
are going along very well. He has a big  
garden in which he works 8 hours a day  
which he buys goods of the fuel supply for  
the kitchen. They have not got paper quarters  
as yet but they are getting a new set top  
which should be quite nice. We have only  
to contact the Bushyard now & all will  
be well. We had a short note from them  
but nothing definite other than all well.

9 May 95<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> day was laundry day &  
also the end of the first working period.  
We made out the pay sheets for the men  
and had them sent to the factory. In  
thinking over our tea yesterday, we story  
amused me very much. I'd the children go  
to have sleep every morning to being

cigarettes for their father as each person is only allowed to buy one packet of cigarettes. She has had to be stopped as her neighbours were accusing the children of buying cigarettes for the prisoners. So top this, Comani got a severe dressing down for having had a social tea with us. This is supposed to be derogatory to the Japanese and weakening their power over us. Such is the oriental mind who can only measure power in terms of abuse to its subordinates. We discussed the whole affair & he is thoroughly fed up with all that this country can give. He says that as soon as it is over he is getting out as fast as he can.

They had sent six men to Saigon to have their cigarettes. They left night after last and returned quite late in the afternoon. They brought back some matches for us but the hq. confiscated it. What is going to be done about this, I don't know. They said they were going to check back and find out

whether or not we were allowed to receive  
it and if the doctor had had permission  
to give it to us or not. They had good news  
of the war situation especially from a  
"Nippon Times". We landed in Norway near  
Stanger; in France near Brest & at  
a place further south; from Serbia into  
Marseilles & from Italy into the Balkans.  
The Russians are through East Prussia to  
the Austrian-Hungary Polish border. We have  
reached Rangoon in Burma cutting off all  
the Japanese north of Rangoon by the  
Chinese army under General Stilwell. There  
are two large task fleets in the south Pacific  
which sweep up the islands & have one  
or two weeks to observe after it is all  
over. Taking this as a criticism at best  
there is nothing wrong with our morale.  
Bad news came up from Hong Kong  
regarding Jimmy's brother. It appears that  
he & another officer were sending  
signals to an aircraft during a raid.

by torch and on 10 Sept. Brown reported  
 it to the Japanese. This may be very true  
 for Jimmies brother was a signal  
 specialist in the Royal Sects. This man Brown  
 is in the R.A. He volunteered to act as a  
 British officer for the Japanese in their  
 picture "The Fall of Hong Kong". This caused  
 so much discontent amongst our men  
 that a guard was necessary to protect him.  
 He then became more or less a 5th lieutenant.  
 The net result of this affair was a sentence  
 of five years in prison for Capt. Ford. I  
 fear that Sgt. Brown does not stand much  
 chance after this is over.

May 17<sup>th</sup> - This day has brought us an  
 education and a real blow as well. Omani  
 has been thrown out or fears as much  
 as a result of our tea party. The one lesson  
 thing we have had done for us & those  
 spilt children take offence. The Brown guards  
 reported it to the company officials and  
 he thinks that it will be all over. H

we love him, we love our one person who  
 has understood how we think & feel. He  
 has been as good as he could be but  
 when you consider what he gets to eat &  
 what he can buy for his children you can  
 hardly blame him for taking anything he  
 can get his hands on. We told us the score  
 and there was nothing we could do about  
 it. We gave him some soap, a hairbrush,  
 a pair of utility boots to see him on his  
 way & he gave us some tea & some bread  
 like sackcloth & ashes & by the time he  
 left he was in tears. We have instructed  
 him that if he is dismissed we want  
 him to come back to us as soon as  
 the thing is over as he is the one man  
 who can do the things for us that we want  
 We can look after him better than anyone  
 on the outside or if he likes that he take  
 us at our word. We said that he still  
 had to be interviewed by the head of  
 the Ocean but the chance of his

getting back are very slim. We all  
hope that by making it as we need them  
very much.

May 19<sup>th</sup> - This day saw the end of Orono.  
He was at the works to day and he said goodbye  
to all the men down there. We shall hear  
his story of this when the news is over.  
I hope that is soon. Lt. Cook has a Sgt  
Roberts had a trip to the Mandara to day  
to pick up some rice, beans & palm for  
us. The news from there is very good.  
They gave us an extra bag of beans as  
they are trying to get rid of their food.  
They got all kinds of animal food from  
the various carcasses they move & they also  
arrange to bring some of the back to  
the house. The other day they got into a  
supply of Saki & the story goes that they  
had to carry it. Whipping back home. The  
head guard had to play over & 3: for  
the occasion in the Saki but he seemed  
quite happy about it all. The news of

we love him, we love our one person who  
has understood how we think & feel. He  
has been as getting as he could be but  
when you consider what he gets to eat &  
what he can buy for his children you can  
hardly blame him for taking anything he  
can get his hands on. We left us the score  
and there was nothing we could do about  
it. We gave him some soap, a handkerchief  
& a pair of rubber boots. He ate them on his  
way & we gave us some tea & some bread.  
We exchanged addresses & by the time he  
left he was in tears. We have instructed  
him that if he is dismissed we want  
him to come back to us as soon as  
this thing is over as he is the one man  
we can use the things for in that we want  
to see him with him better than anyone  
on the outside so I hope that he takes  
us at our word. He said that he still  
had to be interviewed by the head of  
the Ward but the chance of his



getting back are very slim. Let's all hope that he makes it as we need him very much.

May 18<sup>th</sup> - This day was the end of Orono. He was at the works to-day and he said goodbye to all the men down there. We shall hear his story of this when the war is over. I hope that is soon but fact be it. Sgt Roberts had a trip to the Standover to-day to pick up some rice, beans & labe for us. The news from there is very good. They gave us an extra bag of beans as they were trying to get rid of their food. They got all kinds of animal food from the various camps they move & they also manage to bring some of the back to the home. The other day they got into a couple of labe & the story goes that they had to carry it. Whipping back home. The head guard had to pay over \$5. for the expenses in the labe but he seemed quite happy about it all. The news of

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The landing on the continent came in to them from two different ships. This makes it quite certain to me that we are at last underway. They also added the word that we had 20% on the landing which is a very small percentage to lose. I hope to get a ship this someday in the future but until then we can at least know they are O.K.

May 7<sup>th</sup> - Today the other interrogate Mr. Shogtoni has been called up by the army. We saw him some soap, shaving cream & V.I.C. tablets as a parting gift and he was very sorry to see me go. When we asked for his address he was quite surprised as he said he did not think he would come back again. This was all very noble of him. The custom we have to buy was the signing of the flag. Every one who is called up, is given a large silk flag (the poached-egg as we call it). All the friends &

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relatives then sign the flag & write  
 slogans on it. The conscript carries this  
 flag into battle with him. They had a  
 big party for the 1st. to night & we  
 could hear the shots long after lights  
 out. We received the letters to day, over  
 300 in all. There is a new regulation in  
 force now starting about Sept. 1943  
 when all letters to P. W. were restricted  
 to 50 words. The mail carts all get  
 down, that is the main thing, and all are  
 very optimistic about the coming date of  
 peace. No letters for me in Nov. & since  
 it can still on snow by awaiting my  
 first letter from my wife, that will  
 be the day. We had our bath to night  
 or to morn in next day. The weather  
 has turned very cold the past few  
 days & I am now wearing an overcoat  
 once more. We had the privilege  
 of buying a small bag of pop corn each  
 at 10.00 to day but there was no

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right, butter or anything; just plain pop corn.  
 The kids thought this was a real treat.  
 Another 12-ight supplied 10 eggs each,  
 a lot of mustard, curry, potatoes, biscuits  
 and plow & black tea.

May 22<sup>nd</sup>: This was a complete rest  
 day for all. Roll call was at 6:30 A.M. & I  
 had a bath in the garden remnants of  
 last night bath, before breakfast. The day  
 was a little off color as far as weather was  
 concerned but we grew used to this.  
 7:30pm rec'd his inspection at 3:00 P.M. &  
 then he had the files & I into his office  
 for report. We had a long chat & then  
 he told me that all the boys' possessions  
 & the neutral red would out of [unclear]  
 [unclear] by way of air [unclear] [unclear]  
 as by the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 chat with one of the [unclear] [unclear]  
 named 'Wia' this morning. He told  
 me that he was very [unclear] &  
 he hoped it would soon be over.

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This case was very full of gas but  
 not long ago but it has had a complete  
 change of heat recently. Just at twilight  
 to night about 5:30 to 6:00 PM, the  
 air raid alarm went off. We had to  
 black out our windows, some got call at  
 7:30 lights out at 8:00 & no interior  
 lights all night. This caused great  
 discomfort well beyond to the use of  
 our things which is an actual open  
 air affair. We have you argued in  
 short since out, did nothing useful. All  
 the previous cases & called on and  
 they said - They told us that it were  
 not a test last night, but we had  
 no indication as to whether or not the  
 alarm would or when. The shells  
 were filled with air raid. Large  
 each as 500 lbs, pump, 1000 lbs  
 & what have you. This equipment is  
 very poor & useless against modern  
 incendiary bombing, hence I think

The use of the report by this  
 side will not be pleasant. They  
 have brooms made of bamboo sticks  
 & straw and these brooms are dipped  
 in water & used over the incendiary  
 bomb. Such a practice is useless against  
 a modern bomb. The cpl. had our  
 benches partially emptied over our  
 garden to day thereby spoiling the  
 whole thing. This is the habit of  
 seeing a man's manure for their gardens  
 that we find so disgusting. We had  
 the two sets of blankets & Bivvy. We  
 in charge of the party in our room  
 for supply to night. We had a very  
 enjoyable evening but early roll call  
 with black-out concluded our  
 activities at an early hour.

May 27<sup>th</sup> - The new interpreter had  
 come in for a session this morning  
 and on a letter we received the letter  
 which has been held for so long time

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were about 300 of them and was for my  
 Maple in the last next line. There were  
 coming of the large ships left the harbor  
 but each loaded with troops & equipment  
 This convoy returned to that means one  
 of the ships & unloaded his troops, being  
 etc. This arrival gave the Japanese  
 a lot to talk about and they did not  
 seem too happy. On with some came in  
 to day that killed her overhead and  
 there was now grape conferences underway  
 Now, our men can understand Japanese  
 that well, I don't know but at least  
 it keeps the chin up. The black-out  
 was removed to day and all is  
 back to normal.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - The weather was wonderful  
 to day and so we made it a beautiful  
 day. I had a sleep in the sun during  
 the afternoon and enjoyed the more  
 her I can ever say. It is a  
 birthday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> so we

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Started to prepare for noon. We got  
our pay to-day & after settling my  
debts there was not much left. I  
have donated \$20. to the Committee & any  
other contributions from the men will have to  
be asked for & collected by the men  
themselves. I told the men this & think  
they can understand. There is considerable  
interest in the camp because the box is  
favoring certain men for giving them  
rest over other chaps. I am not convinced  
that the sickest men are being given rest  
nor is anyone else. The gov. Lt. has  
raised a ruckus about it & cut down the  
noon ration to 1/2 for sick people. The main  
question is that the men who are resting  
openly admit to the others that they are  
not too sick & also it is well known  
that they have all lent money to the  
box. A further point is that the two  
chief offenders gave a coffee party for  
the box every morning. One of them



for somebody who is going to let him  
 know me.

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Queen Victoria's Birthday.  
 This is our big opening day for business  
 at home & what remembers it brings to  
 mind. Maybe next year we say, but  
 we can hardly be sincere when we  
 say it. The sick men got their 1/2 ration  
 at lunch & they blew up. They wanted  
 me to complain about it. I have already  
 been told that the sick men got 1/2 rations  
 of a full days ration which gives them  
 two meals out of three, since any  
 food they get at lunch is extra. We  
 can't change this but we can let the  
 noise all day so that the cooks can  
 produce the rations & everybody get  
 the same. I tried to explain this to them  
 but they insist upon being white  
 men and having rations. They went to  
 the office & were told to get out. At  
 a conference they took all their food

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back to the kitchen hoping to get it. This  
 was very foolish because eventually they  
 had to wash it out. One of them  
 says they will leave but I think it  
 will be for they are dead. The chief  
 complains with the men mentioned on  
 yesterday's entry & they have now decided  
 to go to work. I may get a trip to the  
 kitchen tomorrow so I prepared a  
 few things to take to them.

May 25<sup>th</sup> I got my trip to the kitchen to  
 wash a boiler tank & become on a test.  
 Saw clothes as well & they owned in oil than it  
 was a real test. Part was in camp but some  
 are away at Anigapua, the boat & I washed  
 the clothes. We put them into the comb for  
 five minutes & then scrubbed them. I did wash  
 out very well, surprising a warm trip on  
 the morning. I saw lunch with Earl & the  
 accommodations have much to be desired.  
 They have no table, shelf or any cupboard  
 space. The company gave them a small

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left 2 chairs on the opening suspension  
 but the table was removed after that because  
 there was no small table space by sitting  
 on the floor they saw the seat of their legs  
 for table. I will see how a better pen-sis  
 space in Sig & everything is going well  
 I came away with soap & oil in fair  
 quantity. That night we built a small  
 table in pieces to be given as a present  
 if possible.

May 26th. We did not go to the  
 kitchen to say as you & I quit the day  
 improving the table with a small  
 better drawers. We worked hard at it  
 and it did not stay but the result was  
 well worth the effort. We go to the  
 kitchen early to morning.

May 27th. Josh, Briter, Sumner  
 and myself went to the Garden path  
 and lunch with us. He took the table &  
 they were very pleased with it when  
 we explained what it was. We worked

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on the clothes still remaining getting the  
 preliminary recording done about 11:30 AM  
 when we went back to the house for lunch. The  
 table was a big success and the meal was  
 enjoyed by all, anything of old times. After  
 lunch the recording was completed, we  
 left at about 2:00 PM. The 11th was  
 left this day it was raining very severely  
 and our feet was a bother to carry  
 them on. We arranged for horses to bring  
 them back on Tuesday. I spoke to Hayash  
 when I saw him getting permission to buy  
 a couple of bushels of potatoes. The working  
 gang started with a load of brush. The  
 lumber logs were caught on a log with  
 nothing to pour the pieces & the cut was  
 out of the log. The identified one man  
 named John as having sold a load to  
 them. It was water & upon finding here  
 was about in the joint. The other two  
 of course, involved, to them & Benton  
 were off with to dry, but their turn will

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time to answer. There is nothing we can do about this case and I hope the other two about their release when they are reported to us.

May 29th: The way of wire & iron was being risen, you went down for the cloth at the Wash market and then you got five boxes each box of yellow & blue my two. I bought a couple of small plants for them which they liked very much. I bought my birds, and now I shall be back for years to come. They are known as "Ranch" in Japan, but as you know they are "Java Sparrows". They are a mottled blue, stock head, white, at the bottom of the head, fine neck, and feet, white, and bluish white. I saw a pair of 219 a pair, 46.00 the cage, 1.00 for a feed dish, 7.50 for a water trough, 11.00 for feed & 16.00 for water the total purchase 240.00. The tax is the thing that kills it but nothing can

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we don't about that now. As to this  
 there was a matter of \$12.00 for a day  
 - egg for food, besides the money we  
 decided to have the same to sell. It  
 managed to take one of the things we getting  
 - and day eggs at \$1.00 each. It was worth  
 it for we had a reasonable chance. I  
 also got a small amount of gam & a can  
 of coffee for a monetary consideration. We  
 had just pig & corn. We got some,  
 pig egg & some pork, salt, mixed, meat,  
 pie, pie, corned beef, mixed cabbage,  
 main course, gam stuff with jam, mixed  
 holland, & coffee. I hope to see her &  
 now that no long how I like I shall  
 never partake of a finer feast than this  
 one. We were all very tired after the  
 affair & got to bed after lights out. We  
 had rumors to day of the British being  
 in Paris, told us the rumors along with  
 the rest.

May 24th: We took one of our

to Shinagawa Hospital the day. The prisoner  
 was anxious about his stomach and we  
 had had him under dogs for three days  
 trying to keep him comfortable until we  
 got him to hospital. The big reason for  
 not being able to get him to hospital  
 was that we could not get a horse. So by  
 the Matsubashi Co. was sending a truck  
 so we were allowed to send Griffin or  
 it. We had to take him by sleds to  
 the Matsubashi Co. about four miles  
 away & then by four of us. We  
 went about 100 yds & then had a  
 rest. We had to rest every 100 yds  
 & I could see myself sleeping in the  
 hospital when we got there. After our  
 third rest we contacted a "bullback" and  
 gave the same way & the driver kindly  
 let us put the sick man on it. Then  
 we got to the Matsubashi Co. in no  
 time at all. The truck had representatives  
 from all the camps given, Washington &

Fallon which made the trip very  
 interesting & exchanging news. Griffin had  
 a rough trip as the truck was old & the  
 Japanese roads are the worst in the world.  
 At Hirogawa I met Capt Reed of the R (C) 17  
 A.C. who served Hong Kong. While talking  
 of Hong Kong he told me that Jim Hillings  
 one of my seniors at R.M.C. was still in  
 Hong Kong. He was in the bomb line & I  
 had gone to Hong Kong with the Canadians.  
 I met another Canadian, Nick Zylinski,  
 from Ligny who had just received a  
 personal parcel from Canada. This parcel  
 had been posted May 1942, since my  
 family were not notified until March '43  
 I admit I held out much hope for our  
 lives to come. He made me feel right at  
 home to talk with these Canadians  
 about home as I have met so few  
 from the front of the War. Jim Griffin  
 gave all my souvenirs in that camp  
 and it is a miserable atmosphere

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to live in - the place I had a long chat  
about life in general. He is much happier  
there and will come through this thing  
with less scars than a lot of us. All the  
hale in the pen are doing well. The  
Sgt. look of my crew is doing  
quite well. I had news of an American  
Transport Pilot shot down over China  
who is not at P. mira. camp. He was in  
the Canadian Air Force for some time & is  
trying to contact me. I hope to get a message  
from someone but could be some & whether  
we improve.

May 30<sup>th</sup> - John's started on a new  
bed. cage to day. We are making one out  
of the bed house machine box and putting  
a small nest in it hoping we may get  
some young birds. I had a telephone call  
from Nagasaki this morning telling me that  
I had a letter from the Prime Minister  
of Canada. He said he would bring it up  
during the afternoon. Having one on a big

ditto. To eventually arrived and my  
 traps turned out to be an Xmas card  
 from the Prince Consort (from 6380) &  
 all traps Spenser & Kowashi was suitable  
 improved. Josh & I managed to finish  
 our cage by roll call but we have to  
 wait until tomorrow before we can hang  
 it up.

May 31<sup>st</sup>: One of the men had a trip to  
 Shinogawa for the winter clothes belonging  
 to the patients from this camp. Found  
 a 1/2 lb. of tea, 40 pipes & 3 packages of opium  
 to buy. But as he probably has very few  
 other things in the outside. The news  
 from there tells us that we have made  
 an attack on Samatui. Colera is  
 now over but nothing else. The steam  
 camp (Matsubiki Co.) passed our view  
 to night on the way down & they yelled  
 at us about being in Paris. This may  
 be our own men back again but  
 we will try to check this up further

The birds are now installed in their new  
home & not liking it very much. There  
is a swinging perch in it which has  
them very worried but they should get  
used to it soon.

~~My~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> ~~put~~ <sup>put</sup> - This has really been the  
day. It started out very well so that  
after lunch I had a sleep. Hayashi &  
the head interpreter from H.S. came in  
about 4:00 p.m. & wanted to see me. He  
explained that he wanted to inspect our  
private books & note books. I told him we  
were in the car room & I was next to the  
office. He showed them all the library  
books but he wanted to see the ones in  
the office. I had to take him into the  
office & they had left as quickly as they  
could, leaving me in a fix. I  
had to hide all the unofficial things  
which keeping him interested in the  
official things. He had a book 'Catholics &  
'History' was one thing I had to hide

and had I not been so interested in it  
I would have handed it up. He suddenly  
asked us for our diaries & I gave  
him my official one made up to April 13.  
The Soc. came back & gave him his.  
The interpreter is taking them to his  
camp & says that he will return them.  
His diary has to do mostly with our  
case of killing the Japanese medical  
industry, hence he will not be very  
quick to return it. When we were  
invited to sign the diaries we were  
told that they would not be read or  
taken away from us. This is just another  
effort to obtain propaganda material from  
us. This morning Hayashi was sure  
for well well. He made an announcement  
after roll call regarding our situation &  
one of the men present came and said  
to go away. Hayashi said can about  
this so that we were all prepared  
for the worst. The Soc. is giving a

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series of "so-so" lectures & he chose  
 to visit to carry on after lights out.  
 This caused another conversation & I finally  
 had him into his office then this for a  
 session. He brought up the fact that I  
 was not sleeping in my new room & that  
 I was being just about there things.  
 He said I heard was him calling for  
 right centers & we say not had any  
 for over a month now. I can tell what  
 a piece of work he is as going to now.

Thus I got my session over early  
 this afternoon according as Koyachi had  
 to leave our camp. He was not so cold  
 about it all but I had to move  
 back into our old room again. I had  
 found his head off to day. The first  
 show he has had since he captured in  
 1941. He looks a lot younger in his  
 old life & much healthier. I got a  
 package of cigarets from the same  
 as "Detroit Work". This is really the

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light of photographs: some the one this  
 afternoon. The first intercept from H.Q.; the  
 intercept from the studios. The chief civilian  
 intercept from the Dept. of Information, Hawaii  
 etc. etc. & two other things among which  
 descended upon us just after lunch. I  
 had a promotion & managed to get  
 away my diary & a few odd things but  
 only very temporarily. They came into the  
 barracks about five minutes later & gave  
 out the following order. By order of the  
 commanding officer of all P-O-W Camps, we  
 are now going to inspect all your personal  
 belongings. Everyone will have to be fully  
 dressed this week. We had no other  
 alternative than to comply. They spent two  
 hours going through the two officers' rooms &  
 they really pulled them apart. As far  
 as I know they only got the two  
 checked with the two writing, my  
 maps, and also some of newspapers  
 etc from Hong Kong. They found all the

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note from the men in this camp  
 awaiting delivery to other branch camps.  
 The took all my notebooks & destroyed  
 them whether they had anything in  
 them or not. They cut out letters which  
 is a decided loss in view of our  
 interest of the geographical location of  
 the war fronts. We must be thankful  
 for small mercies and we glad we  
 got off as lightly as we did. There were  
 many of us searching blind about it  
 all & I walked up & down continuously  
 during the whole search. We had our  
 bath at 4:30 after which I took in a  
 pot of tea to the boys. This slowed  
 them down no end and they did  
 practically no more until the men  
 returned from work. All the gashin  
 men were kept outside of the gate  
 while they were searched for paper  
 money. The men were caught with  
 money, (10 men, 1 man & 50 men)

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while the others just kept it in  
 their hands or mouths. We came out  
 very well considering how they caught  
 us. The only reason that I can see for the  
 whole thing is to an effort to obtain material  
 for propaganda use. This is the first  
 search of this kind that we have had  
 since we have been in Japan and I  
 can only hope that it signifies good  
 was meant for us. After they allowed us  
 to return to our rooms I had a private  
 investigation and found that all my  
 hidden books were safe. I packed one  
 & it all out with a third which only  
 surprised upon us how careful they  
 really were to be in the matter. They  
 seem secure me if this is ever  
 found. This morning I had a long  
 session with the Capt. & Staff in  
 an effort to arrange a visit for  
 tomorrow. This reminded me a  
 discussion of "Vander" & my view of

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Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> - We left all night at 6:30 AM. as  
it is a real dark by all means. After this  
we had our first check & then "subject".  
I found out that last night the 4th and  
two men sleeping in the room and about  
for the following word. I took them out  
to the office but then up myself. We  
had to collect up all the books & go  
to the room & get all the things. The  
interpreter checked over & all the things  
were taken in to be searched. I  
created a pile about the way and had  
had been about yesterday & also one  
of my books had been ripped open  
instead of finding a letter I had found  
on it. The interpreter told me not to  
worry about such things, but I still  
worry that they had better state  
worry about this was because  
they had it. God bless them. We had  
about the first of the things and we

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had to get into the air raid  
 shelters to get them out. Had to  
 say they are too small & useless but  
 we left them behind they are being  
 used in order to dig any further  
 excavation of our small grounds. We  
 are very pleased to see him go. The  
 doc got into a gas to night. The Lt  
 has been giving him an issue of vitamin  
 pills for every man (3 per day) from the  
 Japanese army medicine. These pills are  
 no good according to the doc. but we  
 have never seen them or have I heard  
 about this issue. The Lt asked the  
 docs if they had their pills & they said  
 no. So then asked me if I said so but  
 the doc was taken over to the office. The  
 nurse told us the answers to this one.  
 Jack & I went to bed & he stayed  
 away sometimes until long after we  
 were asleep.

June 4th Jack & I did our laundry

In morning & then had a specimen  
I found out that a large note book &  
bag made was taken during the search  
& kept in the file. This notebook had  
a few notes from the "List of Philosophy"  
and a note of an construction of all the  
longitudes. The circumstances are that  
they could think off in the line I  
don't know but they certainly must  
be in a flat spin to check each  
document. This is the rainy season and  
the we had to remove our hands from  
the line late in the afternoon to way away  
for the rain.

For the past night the rain created  
such noise that a lot of the work could  
not sleep. Today they started planning out  
all the old gear we were taking from  
our bed and the gun as well as to  
on the ground. This has to be done as the  
shore is just filled with our brown  
moss. All hands were taken outside

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for a shake and the King beams so  
claimed that they brought us a big box  
of the powder. I had a sun bath during  
the afternoon but once again our rain  
came to spoil the activities. I washed  
my mosquito net as a habit to get  
low insects but evening he left his mark  
on my brow. The rain came again in  
the evening and what a stinking storm  
we had. The King told us that after  
such a storm the air will be clear for  
days, now all we have to do is to  
wait & see. I had a bit more work to do  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup> - The King sold a lot  
of us last night so we pulled out  
all the remaining flour sacks from  
in our rooms. This began as the bare  
floor to sleep on and sleep my  
some more but at a premium I  
can't explain this sudden outbreak  
of flour. It was seen here brought  
on by the rats who have infested

our pains due to the rains but they  
certainly loosened out in a hurry. We  
got some 1/2 lb pounds for our horses  
but just how good it is I don't know.  
I had a sun bath again to our maps  
too much so I got a bad headache  
to night. My son has on a diet of  
cabbage along for about two weeks  
and my stomach has started to complain  
in this country you eat as the vegetables  
in vegetables & you eat the one vegetable  
until it is all gone. Now we have cabbage  
soup & rice three times a day with no  
change. This regular diet is starting to  
show its effects in no mean manner.  
Have coughs, vomiting etc and we sit  
up to bed in the cell have been  
having a bad time as one of them has  
anemic opacity. Since cell is over they are  
crowded from the camp laundry & they  
have a pole set in the floor for their  
use. This allows a steady rise of

stuck into their small cell which  
 has no windows, and one small door  
 through which you have to crawl. This  
 is the 9th grade of punishment.

Jan 22 - 13 weeks inside, not come  
 & saw & was interested about the floor.  
 One good thing he did was to allow the  
 sick laid in the cell to be placed in  
 the night, on looking through the  
 barracks he managed to receive at least  
 six bars on his legs which he caught  
 this morning, him no good & so put  
 into a prison for us, all had! the  
 ships were full of gas tanks in France  
 which completely took place yesterday at  
 the 9th grade. The story is that we hit  
 -o-oh, a tank, a tank, a tank & on other  
 place, four American battleships took out  
 saw an old submarine. This seems to be  
 the real 11th of without exception. Once  
 again & comment upon the swimming  
 month delay in news. It's received the  
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first news of this about a month ago  
 and may have originated from our people  
 via short wave, ships or illegal air travelers.  
 If this is the case it may give a reason or  
 motive to the search of private but the  
 other day, in an effort to find out how the  
 prisoners were reacting to our treatment as  
 well as to determine if we had any  
 plans made for joint action. I am very  
 anxious to check every log with the  
 actual dates & figures and how the ships  
 ran their propaganda. The officers mess  
 was really "busted up" and talk of  
 freedom by Xmas was rampant once  
 more. While there was, rats & bees in  
 the offering I can only say that I shall  
 be very pleased to see the end of for  
 as the reason that to be clear once  
 more. We have acquired a new dog in our  
 camp, this time a female police dog. It  
 had its off-springs paw run over by the  
 electric fence at the house at the lake

brought it back in the car. car to night.  
 The box was it was first and but it  
 came to be able to keep its gear very close  
 by the distance was of its tongue. It takes  
 they place a lot & has taken over the day  
 kennel which we have built.

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>: The box was a little  
 better last night but to help us along  
 we received a lot of gas parcels from the  
 Crane as well. box received a letter  
 from a girl friend in Washington D.C. but  
 it was one of the new 30 word  
 messages. The Haps noticed to say that  
 we were supposed some of the boxes from  
 our previous work we have used as  
 six words. I was had to be replaced. The  
 interpreter told me that the main way  
 to escape out of an unmet area we would  
 split out again we wanted to do.  
 If we were decided to take this camp  
 over we would merely sit fast that  
 and have would be no restriction. It



did not care for it in the tent. He is  
getting very high headed these days and  
during the visit of the Japanese here he  
he ordered six men to work to maintain  
the well as about this tomorrow. Nagasaki  
made a special visit here this afternoon  
to read the imperial message to his  
faithful subjects. It is necessary, I guess, in view  
of the recent news. I was confronted again  
by the workers today but we are in a  
speculation is ripe once more regarding  
the armistice & gaining range all the  
way from one month to August 1945  
They are all good boys.

Some of the men came to blow up  
about the sick this morning. The Japanese  
around there of the men I work but we  
sailed all. The men vomited or  
was sent back out for other the  
They sent one man who has taken T.O. He  
is wearing a lamp. The night party  
is getting hard but they can't

work will give him instead of just  
 another man with pencil but due to  
 Ken Ken can't walk, so he is placed on  
 the rear car & taken to work in this  
 way. I don't know what he will do when  
 he gets there but that is not the point  
 I can't seem to understand their business.  
 I told the interpreter what I thought &  
 what I would do to him when this is  
 over. He may not know it but he is  
 working up a real case against himself.  
 The idea of having sent the such men to  
 work was born out by the fact that the  
 T.D. instant released twice on route to work.  
 He was still present on the job and at  
 3000 M. was finally sent to the company  
 doctor where they found out that he had  
 a temperature of 101°. He came back on the  
 rear car and his Ken Ken chop had  
 to walk. He was in such pain from  
 his swelling that he had to be carried on  
 his return. Payashi insisted the job &

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called about the men being to say the  
 orders and all development men were  
 going to be sent to Tokyo. Super said this  
 was not at all something in the event of a  
 occurrence, and I decided that if such a  
 thing happens again I will plant the idea  
 to go to work & see the consequences. They  
 were a general meeting to night in which  
 I sat with the men. The men then said  
 that they would all refuse to march out  
 of the camp in such a case. He then said  
 that if they will have to march he will  
 get the circumstances.  
 Jan 12<sup>th</sup>: I saw some the morning  
 when the tips of the men, the  
 men camp and on the side is in a fog  
 of sickness, to go to work. He had a  
 of talk & I arrived the men were  
 to work several, the discontent down  
 the job. The sick men stayed in bed  
 in the camp. development men left  
 when came over to see what the trouble

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was. We pointed out the two men & said they could not work. There was a lot of talking, quite taking, feeling of freshness, ending in the two men saying in fact to spend the remainder of the morning preparing a letter to the Swiss Consul. The letter is addressed to the King. Kajashi arrived about 2:00 PM and ordered to see all the sick men. He then presented him with the prepared letter & a copy for himself. He took his copy but refused the other copies that we have not allowed to enter to the Swiss. He said that he had to get a permission first and he would do this as soon as possible. From his conversation in Japanese to the Capt. I suspect that they intended to report the Sec. on a more stable doc. After this the all went very well. They saw us two weeks & after the (Kajashi) and then returned the two men from the post. We did

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our belt & the working party came back  
 to intercept about 10 miles. The copy of the  
 letter to the Bureau which you also referred to  
 was prepared to hold his actions in regard  
 to the case from the date it arrived. The  
 case concerned a very small party of the Bureau  
 staff & the troops were not authorized  
 being required on Jan 7, but a number of  
 the crew went. The heaviest transport planes  
 of several types were used & an average  
 40 miles per day. We used 500 transport planes  
 in the landing on Jan 7. Four of the planes were  
 one a few papers showing the landing part  
 to the fact of the work at the same time  
 which shows signs of identity. The above  
 names by the aid of a dictionary, the  
 case was of great importance and was  
 enough. The case was a few minutes  
 also over about this matter, but I had  
 not back such as an old paper of newspaper  
 which I produced to you. Both these cases  
 and also I asked if there was anything

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in the newspapers I shouldn't read, they  
 got very small. There was a celebration of  
 sorts at the club on the night for all  
 the guncatchers. They were all happy with  
 their idea of always having a party when  
 things go wrong for them.

Jan 11<sup>th</sup>: This was a rest day for half  
 the party and gave them on Yasame a  
 chance to wash their clothing. There was a  
 trip to the veg market for potatoes, fish  
 bags, and the lots who went, and because  
 there on a similar duty. He asked them to  
 search me about an inspector or search  
 but was told we had already been searched.  
 He said that he had his diary and the only  
 one I can think of is he was doing.  
 If he had this, I'd be very sorry for him as  
 his concaves will give him no rest.  
 Baird has been sent to work and while  
 it is not heavy work, it will keep him  
 busy. This has been done alone in the  
 house & he is thoroughly bowed off. One

of these men. Wash. was beaten mercilessly  
 for threatening one of the Fin men. Eventually  
 he told the chap he would chop his head off  
 after the war and he certainly has been given  
 plenty of reason since to carry the cut. Cass  
 goes through some work and he has been  
 pessimistic if anything. He has access to more  
 newspapers than we have, but even so  
 that I find it very hard to believe it  
 will collapse in such a short time. The  
 guards caught two snakes about four  
 feet long to-day which they killed. They  
 skinned them, grilled and ate them. I  
 had some just to taste it more or less but  
 I can't say that I enjoyed it very much.  
 I got a piece of his skin which I am  
 trying to tan, just for something to do.  
 The news of heavy fighting in France but  
 nothing more concrete than that.

Jan 14<sup>th</sup>: Wash day for Jack & I, making  
 it a heavy days work. Our coal ran out  
 to-day and the job from which we have

been staying, has all gone as well. There is  
 a real scarcity of the stuff and the conditions  
 follow a winter during which no fat was  
 allowed in homes or offices. Similarly we  
 can't get any charcoal as it is being used  
 for tracks and the charcoal burners are  
 all in the army. Fat had a bad tummy  
 all day with gas. This may be due to  
 some oil or something but we all seem to  
 suffer from time to time in a like manner.  
 I received all my letters from home to-day  
 and dove into the blues I want. It is very  
 foolish to do the house I know the result  
 is always the same but it is a temptation  
 that is very hard to resist.

June 13<sup>th</sup> - To-day we sent one man  
 with 5 B to the Shogayama hospital. It  
 was searched very thoroughly and they even  
 took all the written work away from him  
 to be checked before he can have it back.  
 I managed to send a few pages to Fat Red  
 once more but there is no hope of



having from him in return until one of  
our beds comes back. They had a view of this  
in to grab out our barracks. I hope this  
does some good but I am moving my bed  
up top and will sleep there from now on.  
This has a two fold reason, one is to stop  
having to move my bed around & two is  
to stay away by myself a little more. I  
am able to control my feelings a lot better  
in this way and I find that the shorter  
the time spent with the doc. the better I  
like it. I no more get all set up top  
when the light shines the order that no one  
is allowed to sleep up top. The new claims  
the sleeping up there my bed's obscene  
actions but I could only walk away  
from each with with disgust. It is very  
difficult when confronted with such things  
and knowing that they may be true you still  
have to deny them. The other day the cooks  
were telling me of many cases of poor meals  
in their quarters especially what's ahead.

As I have mentioned in my diary previously we have had cases of this in our camp already but I have seen that we have left these men in other camps. Through certain men these were groups, proved for no other purpose and these men were all known for their deeds, hence it is very hard for me to deny the existence of some individuals amongst white men.

June 14<sup>th</sup> - I was feeling off colour today just to agree with the weather. It rained all day and this retarded us in our movement. I slept all morning and this caused up the tempest in my intentions. Other than this nothing to report.

June 15<sup>th</sup> - Kamin came to camp & he brought a new rifle with him. We now have to hand in all straight razors, knives & sharp implements every night at roll call. Has an allowance to collect them the next morning but

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we are not allowed to have them during  
the night. I asked the agent in each an  
other but he said we should have it  
we give by the B. The counsel said we should  
to stop up for night. The agent said  
he said this would be when we receive  
an increase in our numbers. He did try  
to get us a new room, but he said  
the room was not a new room. I  
recalled him I could not get permission in  
the area to purchase any more. I  
to the agent in each room at home  
to one room. The agent said we were  
no other but the agent may mean  
to be in the room. The agent said we  
with other things. The agent said  
covered the book on it. The agent  
I will order it for you. The agent  
went out very well. The agent said  
a card house sleeping on the roof.  
and this is just what I had ordered.  
The agent said we should have it.

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to night at about 8.00 P.M. We had to  
 block out our windows & go to bed at  
 8.30 instead of 9.00 P.M. The thing I  
 wonder at is the reason they saw for  
 turning off the lights during an air raid. We  
 had to see the water in the bath during the  
 fire but it will not be sufficient if an  
 incendiary hits the place. Our down  
 guard arrived shortly after dark and  
 stayed until the 11th day. These beds  
 are more in the way than they are  
 useful, as a matter of fact I do not  
 see the idea of having them around  
 when bombs start to drop.

Jan 16<sup>th</sup>: I stayed in bed for most  
 the morning as I spent a restless night  
 the bed was out in the two hours of  
 the rain and our guard left us the  
 bed was just worse of than by soap  
 in your mouth. I obeyed a  
 Lorry had with the guard shortly  
 after lunch we had it was not what.

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