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June 16th (continued) - Hayashi came here late
 this afternoon. He said that he had arranged
 for a Jap representative from the YMCA to meet
 us tomorrow and to hold a spirit service. He
 gave us the resonance readings and symbols to
 be used. We made stencils of these this evening
 and prepared to run them off tomorrow. We
 made arrangements to borrow the records
 from the back yard and hope that they will
 be the opportunity for sending notes. The wind
 came in last the evening was down on the
 last night and was made by 50 bombers
 from China. We had light out again at
 8:30 PM.

June 17th - We worked on the stencils &
 printing this morning making about 40
 copies of which I have a copy in my
 records. The representative arrived about
 1:00 PM and I have yet to get his name
 tonight. He is a very nice gentleman,
 relocated at the University of Ohio and
 later at a lib's class in New York. He
 is now acting as the secretary for the
 YMCA in Yokohama. He explained that prior

to this he had been² employed as a go-
 between in Chicago between the Gp. army and
 the missionaries. I explained our situation here
 and expressed a hope for some activities
 such as books, cards, games, records etc.
 According to him, the Y.M.C.A. tried to help
 us last Xmas but the army refused permission.
 Since the army has now allowed him to
 come to us once a month he has hopes that
 he will be able to do things for us. The messenger
 arrived and the Y.M.C.A. chap told us that he
 stated it needed fixing. We immediately took
 it away and checked all the notes. It is
 the same as ours but we are always
 glad to hear further confirmation of it. Elmer
 Hill of the Middlesex has been sentenced to
 four months in the civil jail commencing
 Jan 1.st. The chap was involved in a
 case at the Acacia dock when he hit two
 Gp. workmen. This occurred a long time ago
 but has only recently been dealt with. He
 is fortunate that it is warm weather as
 one of the main features of this jail
 is the complete absence of blankets.

other warm clothing etc. To say that it may
 not be as healthy as to night in
 the tent camp he suffered from the after effects
 of a dose of gas several diseases he had
 after the war. This may occur due to a
 decided lack of vit. C. and it will go hand
 with you. The service left place about
 11:00 AM and lasted until 1:00 PM. He gave
 a very fine sermon on the subject of
 dealing morally with the re-education of
 and ourselves. He of father & son. I would
 say that his English was far better than
 he commanded the attention of all the boys.
 We thanked him very much and hoped that
 he would be able to come to us more
 frequently. We kept the record of
 his sermon & had a very good talk
 all over at 8:00 & light out at 1:15
 and as complete. Back out again. Some
 the boys we went down to the
 market for potatoes, but they were
 gone from the market. There was the usual
 as usual, some out of it, some were
 left with, I hope nothing serious.

June 18th: Sat. I did her^d laundry to day
 and then had to leave it in the bath-house
 all day because of rain. The circulation was
 bad early this morning and the collector
 told me to take it to his office after breakfast
 I did this and saw enough. The tips started
 to pluck. I had to rush in and give them
 salt in order to stop it. I hope that the water
 or rods were not damaged by the severe
 winds it. These people have no respect for
 anyone's property. We have an Eng. to Eng.
 dictionary in which it gives under the word
 "Private" - there is no such thing as privacy
 in Japan and hence it is very difficult to
 translate this word. They have as much
 respect for ownership or other people's
 property as they show for privacy or
 well. The air raid alarm went at
 9:00 P.M. tonight and it caused a
 great deal to say the least. Some men
 seemed to think that they heard you
 too but I believe this was imagination

Jan 19th - One of the 5 Home Guard Staff. He is
 in charge of the center and has told us by
 the way they set a date for him and he
 seemed very reluctant to leave. He said one
 was down to us and the new rules came into
 effect. This is governed by the job one does
 and amounts to .33 per day in some
 cases & the lowest pay is now 20 cents per day.
 There is a new 10 cent piece in use. It is
 smaller than the old five cent, has a hole
 in the center and is not milled around the
 edge.

Jan 20th: News of intense bombing in Spain
 came in to day. There is only one place that
 I can think of & that is Gijón. The big port
 in Spain but at least as far as it is
 supposed to have crossed the Suro river
 in France and to be bombing everything
 to pieces. I am getting thoroughly fed up
 and can hardly wait for the fall of Germany
 in order to have something tangible to
 show in the face of the likes of Embell, and

The interpreter to get him⁶ interested in
 order that he would copy out your party. The
 interpreter told him that when the war was
 over we would not be allowed to take any
 written matter out of the country. I pray
 every day I make that I get this thing
 through in order to make our home
 countries realize the treatment we have had
 the receive our first issue by three months
 in the form of one apple. The ship got
 four each. Kiyoshi arrived this afternoon
 and gave out an order that the gentlemen
 cannot be sent until after dinner at night
 unless except rest day. When it can be
 used all day. I have permission to purchase
 some books ^{about} in Japan but one again
 the old answer. I will send best quality. I
 will give you. You need not spend your
 money, save yours.

June 21st - More trouble this morning.
 The interpreter has been ^{disturbed} along which men
 are to go to work - which one are to

rest. The next result was that one man had been
 off for a long time when he could work and a
 sick man had had to replace him. This again
 I told him how he should and what was to
 be done about it. He then said that this was
 not my business and not a person's business in
 any manner. I told him he would be asked
 to in any manner I thought fit and he
 could do as he pleased about it. I then said
 that this was the difference between us and the
 Japanese, we still act and move as we
 wished to do no matter what our situation
 while the Japanese had to be in command of
 his behind a uniform before they received
 themselves, since they could never meet a man
 face-to-face unless we were apt to lose
 self control and I have been there. The news
 came in the night of our going down
 on island called Suisan or Suisan
 Shikima is in the north while Suisan is
 in the Maranao group. The day had to
 with speculations here or camp.

June 22nd - This morning they brought

took one man in a ⁵ truck to pass out
 out a few tons and had a couple of
 it's known in which stirred the traps up
 to four feet. We received our pay but I
 am so much in debt that it will all be
 gone in very short order. This is the most
 promptly that we have ever been paid. We
 are back to cabbage soup again as two
 loads of Sim Sin baggage arrived to-day.
 The last batch of cabbage lasted two weeks
 the quantity of our meals is very hard
 to describe. We get in one type of vegetable
 at a time and we have the same veg.
 three times a day, for everyday, for weeks.
 It is very hard to tell you how we
 lived and get of this routine, the monotony
 being amplified by the fact that it is
 always given to us in just soups &
 never cooked any other way.

June 23rd - We went out for pay
 to day, five of us, and this is the
 first time in many days that I have

been allowed out of camp. The glasses
amongst the civilians has certainly observed
and even in that shot a few I was able
to note how much this country has fallen
apart since my last trip to the island
We had to go to the dockyard for a week
and see me over the ship. The
Chi Wan, which, still in my view, have
converted to a troop carrier. I believe the
ship was completed in 1902 and it is
a very large ship. We got for bags of
potatoes and twenty bundles of chickens
from the market & shelled corn. The rice
was terrific & the rice was had from soldiers
which sank into the soft pavement
making it stomp as hard. By the time
we got back I was completely done in.
The news of heavy fighting near
Japan but the exact location is still
a myth. I hope the war yet this summer
cleared up over, one way or another.

June 24th: The guards¹⁰ had quite a fuss
on about the newspaper this morning. We
couldn't find out what it was all about
but now we know it was their fault. In
the day the two cooks went to the Japanese
camp for needles & flour. They were not
allowed inside the camp but they could see
all the reports & prisoners lined up and
getting a lecture. Five men from the post
came along for veg. at the same time &
they had news of fighting about 200
miles from Japan. The girl that
was sick with influenza but she was
nearly recovered now. She is all do-
ing well now. Kyushu arrived about
3:15 AM & had the influenza. We were
very interested about the sick and so
the doctor told him all about the
various diseases. He apologized very
profusely for the loss of Viet B. in
Japan & seemed quite sympathetic
about it all. At 4:30 the men arrived.

to arrive back from work & they said
 they had been brought back early in
 order that Hayashi would give the guards a
 lecture. I got a check on & burnt all
 our notes as well as to clear the decks
 for action once more. Nothing came of it
 except a big lecture by Hayashi to the
 guards. The general part of the lecture
 is still obscure but evidently the guards
 are to observe us more closely and to
 report any suspicious actions. There is
 something in the wind as every day
 success has been frustrated. There are
 such moves on the part of the Police. An
 example of this is the search prior to the
 news of the 2nd raid. There is a meeting
 of all Army Commandants on the 25th
 27th a meeting & we shall see what
 happens at that time. Hayashi left
 after dinner but the guards & staff
 were enveloped in a cloud of gloom & despair.

June 25th: There came ¹² to be big news
 in the Trip paper again this morning as
 are maps of all the points. The characteristic
 of the Trip papers is that these maps are
 the size of postage stamps & it is very
 hard to correlate them to the entire
 point. Usually they picture only local sections.
 We could not get anything out of them
 but this did not seem to like it in the
 least. This was a half working party day
 and the other half rested. It was quite
 uneventful a day as the hpt. left early in
 the morning and did not return all day.

June 26th: Hayashi came in early b. day
 and told an inspector. He had a civilian with
 him and he informed us that to-morrow
 we are to have an inspection by a set from
 Japanese Intelligence Det. They all got into a
 flap and we were away. Some more something
 had to be checked. We did an order that all
 the slightly sick must go to work & be

properly advised. The news¹³ came in that the
 Russians are well on their way but soon for they
 have advanced we do not know.

Jan 27th We worked hard all morning
 getting the camp cleaned up and by about
 11:00 a.m. all was done. We got some millet
 from the storehouse & news from there tells us
 that all is well. One of the men returned from
 the square report said that a watch person
 overheard the NKVD on our last visit here.
 He then told the tips causing a great deal of
 trouble. This was a complaint for our not being
 allowed out of the camp any more. They have
 moved into the basement of their building &
 the new quarters are very nice. They have set
 down benches which is something & concrete
 floors. This was news in the same as ours.
 The inspection was delayed until 2:00 p.m.
 & it was the tips time to get Standards
 who is very rich, off to Shingane. The
 tip medical orders brought with a
 big load of empty medicine boxes

to impress the fact ¹⁴ there were all stretched
in the medical room. The Lt. arrived and
had a look through the place but he never
asked one question about the prisoners or
the barracks in our presence. The inspection
was over in no time but right after he
left we were sent out to get some tanning
mats for the hospital and the officers room.
They were old mats from one of the old
houses near here but at least they look
a little better than our bare floor. They
are not quite long enough and the carpenter
as to arrive here to narrow to fix up
the floor. News to-night is that the
Russians are into Germany and that
we have been bombing the island of
Shikoku (most southern island of Japan).
This sounds very improbable to me as
I doubt if the Germans will fight the
Russians on their own soil. We hope to
get a confirmation one way or the
other to-morrow.

June 23rd - Lt. carpenter arrived

and fixed up our 15 floor for us. We now
 have a proper place for our room for the
 first time since we have been here. We
 had a visit by a Japanese from N.Y. whom
 I have met many times in the Stadium
 camp. He looks like a negro pianist in
 a band I once heard both here but he
 seems to be a higher type. His last record
 was of the mill. He talked to us most of
 the morning and he knew practically some
 office by name in the Tokyo P.O. Camp.
 He gave us all the whereabouts of all
 the offices we knew and any other information
 we wanted. He claims that there is much
 mail in N.Y. & also parcels. Red cross
 food is to be issued again shortly but
 when & how much he did not know.
 Eight men were caught in N.Y. camp for
 having stolen 32 red cross food parcels &
 were given one month in jail each. He
 has a dog of certain issues and he
 claims that we should be getting more

cigarettes than we'll do. I am certain that
 all the stuff we are doing every way will
 out of our supplies but what can we
 expect. We now to send in our winter
 shirts to-day to be kept in stores until
 winter. To wash these shirts these
 are going to use our next month soap
 issue of 1/2 bar per man. I argued against
 this & said to give us the soap we will
 wash the shirts but "it is headquarter
 order." Since they are going to use 50 bars
 of soap supposedly to do a job which
 requires two or three at the most. I
 might say that soap being the highest of
 price outside as it is next to impossible
 to get. Have to fight above a map over
 all our positions. We are now north of
 them but according to them we have not
 entered Poland or Rumania as yet. This
 is very foolish as they have printed in
 their papers various places names in
 Poland & Rumania where the Russians &

Persons are getting the average workman
 at the job do not believe this for they
 pointed to this map & said "Bass" which
 means crazy or foolish. We had some mining
 done in the night which is the first way
 with any human hole we have had in a
 month.

June 29th Happy Birthdays to, and
 may I be fortunate enough to wish you
 the next one in person. One of the boys
 here had a son born in England just
 after he was taken prisoner. He had a
 dream while in Yokohama & he told his
 mate that the name of his son was "Richard".
 This came true in the first letter he
 received some time later but the odd thing
 is that there is no one else of that name
 in the hole relations. He had a dream
 the other night that the war was going to
 finish on Aug. 23. & he is convinced
 he is right. I hope so is correct.

Wayaki arrived this morning and he had

The Nov. 1st is to be his ¹⁸ office. The next month is
 that there is another cut in the ration. At
 present we get

Rice - 130 gms.
 Barley - 270 -
 Millet - 270 -
 Soy Beans - 96 -
 786 - per day per man.

The ration was to be reduced on July 1st to

Rice - 120 gms.
 Barley - 261 -
 Millet - 261 -
 Soy Beans - 87 -
 759 - per day per man.

The new order for rations now reads

	Working Men	Officers	Sick men
Rice	135 gms	98 gms	129 gms
Barley	240 -	120 -	180 -
Millet	240 -	120 -	180 -
Beans	90 -	60 -	81 -
Total	705 gms	390 -	570 -

This is a very drastic change when we can
 see how insufficient the present diet
 is and then consider even this is going to

depreciate. The officers' diet is polished and we
 are not considered among personnel. We still
 have to pay for our food and the ration of 100gms
 per day costs one \$1.00 per day. We need no
 transportation to be provided for the men &
 & from work but there are no meals available.
 There is only one canteen and that is in town.
 I announced the new ration to the men tonight
 and they could hardly comprehend how small
 the food was going to be. We hope for the
 best. Kawasaki said he was going to arrive for
 more food at the coming weekend, July 18,
 but he did not hold out much hope for it.
 We had the presence of the 1st Lt. and
 he coming here on Saturday as it is our
 rest day.

July 30th - My stomach has been steadily
 getting worse with the day. Being a
 chronic sufferer I was in bed all
 morning without breakfast and by noon
 I felt a bit better. Many stomach
 powders etc. helped to ease me through

my towel and I had a ²⁰ bit of lunch. The
 men were placed in clinic for having lost
 their winter shirts. I managed to locate two
 winter shirts & handed them in with a
 very weak story about finding them. The
 men were kept in clinic but no one knew
 of their release to messes. The accordion
 arrived to day but no mail. They must
 have been caught very short as it is
 just due to Souther's clumsiness, anyway
 all we got was a short note saying that
 there was no time to get the notes for
 us. They want us to give them some paraphrase
 records but I don't see how we can
 suddenly suggest this and not create some
 suspicion of intercommunication. I want
 to place an order for a doz. eggs at the
 cost of one shirt & \$12.00. I miss my
 eggs more than any other food, more than
 meat, since the thought of a couple of
 eggs is worth any price. The cooks

are going to be... as for me...
 the... but... the...
 of... by the... all...
 them... cut... and...
 the... as... can not...
 providing... but...
 to provide for... but...
 make no effort to...
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 and a... as a... to be
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 on the... of...
 being... by the... We...

about 15 minutes with carbide of iron
 was run over. One of these nets is in use
 a lot and that it cannot be used. They
 are made of prepared paper and have
 very fine. We are using this individual
 nets in our room as it is much easier
 & less disturbance to the breeze. The
 nets caused a lot of trouble as the boys
 can't make up their minds how or when
 to let us use them. Even they do not
 know when to use them and give us no
 idea of what to do as it makes them to
 not try come along with entirely different
 ideas. We use our bath to night and it
 certainly is nice to have a hot bath. We
 have a cold shower every night as they
 have not disturbed the use of the water as
 yet but a hot bath has its advantages.
 One point I would like to mention is that
 we are working 12 hours ^{per day} less this year
 than last year. The boys work hard
 but this is due to reduced salaries. I believe

There is also a somewhat discomfort in that
 more rest arrives per day, one in the morning
 and one during the afternoon. It is not clear in
 these things to come a thought to rest in the
 the country we carry on much longer with the
 return related to the way they are.

July 21st - became very hot and humid
 today and the heat was on. We wanted
 the men to only use the mosquito nets during the
 night and even though it is a net they
 can't use them during the day. I recall seeing
 this but he felt we had in fact there were
 no mosquitos in the daytime. When we
 went down to see the place but there were
 mosquitos at night and it is not as bad as
 some are a bit. The one. I mean, I recall
 all this because it was a very interesting
 talk about being grateful to what we
 receive, the at least a word in our
 constraints in that even if it is possible to
 begin that to hold it as much as we can
 and in general it was a very happy day.

to say the least. He had ²⁴ about forty of
 the men were interested and they may have
 gained something out of it. It is expected
 to have a new character in our midst &
 I hope his popularity continues. He is
 expected to come again this month but
 the date is not certain.

June 8th. There was a change to one
 of the heading troubles this morning.
 One of the men in this camp, a civilian from
 the Island by the name of Weir, has been
 causing a lot of trouble by his own greediness.
 He has been trying to get a job working near
 the camp from the Japanese and some time
 is impossible to convince him to be sent
 to go to work. We ordered him to work
 but he goes to the interests who allow him
 to remain in camp & sends another sick
 man in his place. Weir then works all
 day long for his expenses in the camp.

This is a real thing ²⁵ in that it will seem
 to require many more men to be done on
 than originally it was even such as I mean
 this or this, number 1. The same man
 and to do some work here and there
 and in some cases it may be done
 but I rather to this it is very hard
 as to see anyone meaning to do it
 too way to do in the last case he
 said to get up at 4:00 P.M. to make
 tea for the guards, using his own tea
 can was entirely voluntary & I was
 surprised him with a beating & he did
 not stop for the morning & I said
 that is not get up, & changed the
 boots for him before breakfast. This
 man is sickening and should not be
 treated. This morning he was on the
 boat to go to work but he said the
 interpreter & said off to his place
 had to send two men, as a witness

is very sick. This²⁶ led to T.B. and does
 not take anything for over 36 hours. When
 he found out that this was the cause of
 his being to go to work he went to Glen
 & had him up. The boss came in & we
 now ordered him to go to work. The
 time the boss did not interfere & he went
 to work. I rather proud of his old conduct
 was at a time the boss he could not
 work & having a sick man sent to work
 these days ago. he then replaced the
 Japanese pension & not the money on
 the Japanese yard. This was entirely
 voluntary on his part. It is not moral
 when he sent to do these things without
 meaning around doing them voluntarily.
 He is a civilian & has been working as
 an electrician on Wake Island base when
 it was taken by the Japs. I have promised
 him that at any time in the future

please he told me that ²⁷ call some one of
will check her. It would be a shame if she
in bad shape but I hope that she will
come when he will consider some of
enough to take on the prisoners. Some of
accounts to be carried on his place with the
Japanese to work a degree that all the prisoners
are degraded with him. He reported himself
with the Japanese but I am giving a bit
information out to try it out in a way
savings & such to about a degree from
him. He was to report all the prisoners
how many prisoners saw in such a way
the kind of man and the type of work
and what a bit of it.

July 27. This was a day of rain
and when he was told he was to be
as well as received to see a degree
some of the men. He said that it was
better than a day of a carrier to see
that, he would be over to see some

learn no matter what ²⁸ happens to him.
 Yuzuki came this morning just before
 lunch. I went to see him & asked permission
 to purchase a book for my birthday. He
 granted this but it has to be about Japan.
 I suppose this is better than nothing but
 I wonder sometimes. There are plenty of
 rumors running around that seem to
 receive some more prisoners but nothing
 official as yet. Lora is broken up and it
 would be that they are coming from there
 but once again this is all unconfirmed
 rumors.

July 4th - Independence Day! I spent one of
 my worst nights to date and so I retired
 immediately after breakfast steams in bed
 all day. I had a big dose of Lascaris & hope
 that this will calm me out. The air was
 a calm event of about 4:30 PM and then
 the plane started. The craft went streaking
 over her at a great rate of knots.

and a momentary see was a...
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meal...
to-day...
in our... and...

country this would ³⁰ cost me \$50. I also
managed to buy two cheap fans to
keep myself cool this summer (?)

July 5th - I managed to get my eggs
today but the price has gone up again.
Eggs cost 10c each hence the price for
one doz. is \$1.20 but in order to get them he
had to hire two men at \$8.00 each to
go around the countryside collecting them.
Thus the total price came to \$17.20 today.
I turned them over to the cooks and they
gave two of our afternoon meals in the
baker house. We had three fried eggs, two
small boiled potatoes & a bit of boiled
scumpan. I might add that these eggs
which I get on all the days of our
pallets eggs at the highest cost and
in some cases they are the smallest,
199. I have seen some of the three fried eggs
we had used equivalent to our price
100 in our country, but never the like

I enjoyed the area. I was moved to a
line of sight a copy of the map which
was passed a vision egg in it. I was
how to try the out again when I got home.
Two men, Giffin - human came back from
Shanghae hospital to deal with all the
news from there. I handled the Giffin
Giffin to the hospital was a little more
to get the news out to a change in
a note to one of the men in a room
us. This was evidently a message of a
man - the other thing came out. I walked
around the patients that Giffin was
was in bed next to Giffin. I was
told to type out about what we had
I was poor - human but I was in
who gave me the copy of your report and
making because he would not come
up here to me. Giffin was some
was questioned as a doctor. The day after
we left the hospital they say the

six said alarm ³² and everyone had to take
 a blanket & rush for the shelter. Once
 they were all out of the building they had
 a thorough search and all written material
 was taken away. This was news is about
 the same as ours. We lost 30,000 tons
 of shipping when we were our capture if
 the Germans had held for 24 hours more we
 would have been beaten. The Canadian
 recounted Red Air. Batteries of women
 but nothing was said about what they did.
 The Russians have made a fair amount
 of news, one of which is to avoid Berlin &
 comprise the names of fighting north of
 Vienna. Many of the men there have been
 sent out & the fact is back at his
 old camp. There is another Canadian
 Dr., a Gun for name of Warwick who
 is in the operating works & he was in
 Hong Kong. The report that they are using

in that camp has been³⁸ examined & found
 to contain glycerine, gums, resin, the
 human manure which is used to fertilize
 it. There is a new hospital supposed to be
 opened in Yokohama with all modern
 conveniences, but when this is to happen
 we don't know. The pilgrims coming to
 Shinjyuku come as far as 400 miles
 from the source, they must be a large
 one. But at the same time, in from the
 camp up north, where the roof came from
 the hills, they are doing so much & brought
 work in volcanoes with such tedious
 their feet. They seem to get half a cucumber
 & a bowl of rice for supper for a full working
 all day. Many men are being killed on
 expeditions as I can imagine the Jap
 methods of mining. Looking back south
 at London, Washington & N. who would
 be the factory, we see what it would

because of the ^{3rd} of these letters
to American people. It has been said
to explain some of the reasons for
his actions. The fact that in absence
of the specific tickets, but in writing
his old socialist and tendencies against
the fact a portion of the other was not
all men who used such requests to
the present. It has been said that some
half tickets in a card that those were
their own fault, but I think some of
those men were not elected to the position.
Some of them as a lot of them in
Shimoda & Tokyo asked him to give
allegiance to Roosevelt & when they were
refused they were also placed on half
tickets. All men who were injured
at work such as broken limbs etc.
are all on half tickets as tickets
explain it is no fault of the Japanese
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