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doctors are managed to get \$24. Today
 have asked for 2.34 more to make what is
 no more than 11 days. Will the man get on
 the job to morrow I don't if he will provide the
 man. I made a bet with him to 1 day that the
 I would not receive a letter the next letter that
 arrived has. Hope she will break the fine for
 me. He had another rumor to night that the
 Russians are fifty miles from Warsaw.

Jan 21st - Wonder will never come. Today we
 asked to buy some paper for the men but we
 were refused. The man would like something like
 this to put on their vis since we get no salt
 but Japanese skins like a food & we are not
 allowed to buy food. Paper is not returned &
 some we can see no reason for not being able
 to purchase it. Japanese grow such working party
 a long believe on working & now is mostly
 not food an cigarettes. When we consider
 that the Japanese guards what the food &
 cigarettes from our personal parcels I think
 this is a case of the post eating the letter.

Week. I might even mention that the guards
 and to get the prisoners to send their parents
 for their life buying them back from work.
 We have only been allowed to buy 11
 cigarettes per man since Xmas, 10 1/2 per
 man per day, but the guards who get a
 20 per day still still some. I have to the
 spirit of 'backside'. We had a few
 men to night working men only at
 20 am per package. So these men who
 were caught staying all the other day,
 had to stand up behind the guard again
 until 10:30 PM they were better off to night
 as they did not have their hands tied &
 were allowed to wear great coats.

Jan 22nd Today was inspection day as usual
 but we managed to get by very well since Haupt
 was not here. There is one incident which has
 been going on for the past few days down at
 the Mess. But I have omitted until I think
 it is finished before putting it down some
 days ago one of the Americans named

Villman was working in the machine shop
fixing pieces of iron. He put the piece down
in the wrong place & one of the tips told him
to move them. As he picked them up again
another tip gave him a shove probably in the
direction he would Villman to take the iron.
Villman stood up & rebuked the workman's
number as if to report him. As he bent
down again another tip came over &
shouted at him. Villman stood up & the tip
ratched him in the throat. All the other
tips thought this was very funny so Villman
went to find the guard. He beat one of
the retained soldiers attached to the camp
named Sacto & he told him about it. He
had to catch up with the tips because he
had stopped more persons than anyone
else. The guard went to the machine shop
with Villman & had him point out the
two tips who upon he shot them up
& gave them a severe scolding. The remaining
tip workers cleaned tools & gathered

around so that took them two men to the
prisoners but then he gave them another
shipping. The two workmen gathered around
the hut & finally had to be broken up by one
of the Cuban government. The next day most
of the two workmen came to work in the
moulding shop. The next day they had a
big investigation & demanded that Veltman
apologize to the workmen since he started
it all. Veltman refused to do so & that
was the end of the investigation. He was then
told that he would not be issued any
cigarettes or biscuits for three days by the
factory (the Cuban gave each prisoner 2 cigarettes
& 20 biscuits to eat in an hour in a
shop of rice & veg every day). Veltman complained
about this & soon he told he would not be
punished but that the two workmen should be
told that in order to get them to go back to
work. The prisoners are not allowed to
work in the moulding shop anymore & the
two will not allow them even in the shop.

This may have been the cause of Nagasaki
going off the clip and the other day. Whatever
it is, we scrawl a point. It is now very
certain that there is considerable interest in the
workman class of Japan. An Xmas greeting
arrived to-day as follows:

The following is from S. G. Marshall, chief
of staff at Washington to American prisoners of
war through the Japan Information Bureau of
Prisoners of War:

American Prisoners of War - Please
accept Christmas greeting with my prayers
for your safety and happiness and my
heartly greetings. May God bless every one
of you and make your Christmas a
happy one. S. G. Marshall (signed).

We had no one not forgotten by
some people. The note is attached to
this diary. We are working on a
scheme amongst the officers whereby we all
write down what we actually think of
each other & pass the criticisms to friends.

He rewrites all the information & to make
 we read it out. Finding a thing he does
 by doubt is that the remainder of us do not
 know what he will make which remains
 about ourselves. This is supposed to give
 us a chance to know ourselves in order
 that we may get rid of bad characteristics
 I am not certain about all the action
 being myself to believe that and conditions are
 a true criterion of a man's character. I will
 believe that a man may have to live in such
 circumstances as we now have to tolerate &
 yet in ordinary times be an A-1 man. I
 may be wrong about this but then again
 there may be something in it. I believe that
 all that is necessary is a true conclusion
 for the other members of the mass & one
 could not expect much more. As for the
 character of a man, I think there is a
 transitional part of life when it is over
 he will mould his character to fit into
 his ordinary life once more.

Jan 23rd To-day we all rested and the
 students had the day off as well. We had a
 very quiet day and in the late afternoon we
 read out the part of the character reports.
 The hard one was on four, Beatty & Bert & I
 must say they are very honest, straightforward
 and very good. The weaker part of this is
 that in the self-criticism by the individuals
 he picked out all the nice points by
 the other reports and in the next part was
 much more severe than other comments. Thus
 I am convinced that we all know ourselves
 well enough without having to get others to tell
 us our faults and now it is only a
 case of lack of will power to change the
 faults of which we are aware. Whether or not
 the fact that others tell us our faults will
 cause us to try to improve ourselves a little
 more. I am going to wait until this is all
 over before I write a general comment on
 it. After roll call Hayashi called us down
 to his office. After much beating around the

back for some time it came out that he
 wanted to purchase his own watch back
 from us. Now this watch has been sold
 outside to get money for medicine, I was on
 a spot. I managed to tell him that I would
 get him a watch which is going to be very
 difficult. After it returned to our room we
 carried on with our confessions when we covered
 Part 4 Jimmy. All the while into a discussion
 of life repeating how big a factor the play
 in our lives. A remarkable thing about this
 is that we can discuss a topic such as
 this and keep it cleaner than the majority
 of people keep their daily conversation.

JAN 24 - This morning I managed to collect
 up two old watches, one from Harber & one from
 another set. Armed with these I approached
 Hayashi and managed to persuade him to
 be interested in Harber's watch. He is going to
 let me know about it tomorrow. After lunch
 he put I went with an injured leg to
 Kameyoshi Hospital. This trip affected my

emotions more than I can put down
 here & so I am going to write a separate
 article on the trip. We managed to buy
 some tea & cigarettes which was very
 opportune as we were out of tea in the
 officers mess. To night there ~~was~~ ^{are} no
 "Confessions" as the Sec had no finished
 his comments but we hope for the best
 to-morrow. News came in to-day from the
 student party that they are about 3000 ^{high}
 soldiers going on board a large ship & that the
 ship left the harbor as soon as they were on
 board. There were many aircraft on the ships
 as well. Referring this, a rumor came from the
 student to-day that many high soldiers were
 leaving to-day for Manchuria.

Dec 25th: We had a medical parade
 to start off the day & four men were sent to
 work from the sick but the students were
 sent to their new barracks to work on
 the gardens and had a very easy job
 of it. John's building is next to the German

consultants and the building is very good. It has a radio amplification system in it & so they had more with their lunch. They from the Arctic to stay in that one now here Poland, New Guinea, New Britain, Solomon Islands, & Marshall. There is supposed to be original from an English speaking Miss who is a member of the crew open at home. We had to go to the market this afternoon for vegetables. Just as we arrived there it started to rain & so we were well soaked by the time we got back to camp. I managed to get a bad cold in my head by my efforts and spent a miserable evening sneezing my head off. Max's letter arrived in camp to stay but the only offer to get any was Boulder who got sick. The military goes here to cover them first before we get them. On night this was a bit of a session in the medical room. It had been done head of themselves so the best should be had to suit. He said

down for a razor and then came the party.
 Since we had not got any scum or anything,
 we had to hold him down. The cutting was
 done but the screams attracted most of the
 Japanese who made themselves an extreme
 nuisance. There is nothing in this world that
 has a curiosity as great as the Japanese after
 nearly having to slit them are finally got
 them away enough for the Doc to continue.
 I did not take long but it was a hell
 of a sickening job what it went on.

JAN 26th - We started out this day with
 another medical parade and five sick men
 were sent out to work. Incidentally one of
 the men that the Japanese sent to work was
 the lad who had his cutting done. They did
 not think this would affect his working
 ability. There was very little else to report
 today but the men were going in
 more numbers of P.O.s being finished.

JAN 27th - The main event of the day is
 that eight men were sent to Shogawa.

hospital. The man was all very sick & had
 much to carry. We tried to take this
 hit to the station on a trailer but the
 men forbidden us from the permission for them
 to take a wheelbarrow. The sick man then had
 to carry this hit about a mile to the
 railway station. One night Kayashi gave me
 a lesson for the men having hit the
 stone. Last night he gave us the permission
 but he might be thinking that we have to
 get the permission some day as it will
 only be granted if the weather permits. When
 he came to our room & asked for
 some beer he gave hot sugar on his
 next visit. We told him that you did not
 have any but he said some had arrived in
 the personal parcels. He then ordered me to
 ask this man for some as hot sugar
 would be at Refrona this one gave
 me a pound of cocoa at Xmas &
 when hot sugar did arrive not
 long ago it was all gone. It is for

my noble guests, I think. This morning
 one of the men reported that his personal
 parcel was eaten for his bit during the
 night. We searched the mess camp but
 after lunch the last night's duty cook
 brought in the remains of the parcel. The
 only things missing were some layers of
 and a towel. It explained that it was
 the culprit and was going to deal with him
 when he returned from work. At least we
 got the parcel back but I hope to find
 out more about this later on.

MAY 28th - The steward's party had a
 fair rest to day and we did very little
 in the way of preparation for the coming
 visit of the poll boat to tomorrow. As they
 had told before it day was a new source
 for English newspapers besides us. We got
 last night's edition. This morning's paper
 I saw was very little in the way of
 news. Mr. Foster said that the Jews
 were making plans to help Hitler.

in the case of an attempted landing in the
Philippines. We were told that they no longer
speak of the second front as an impossibility
but now they are talking about when
the climatic conditions will allow such a
move. They consider it now as a
possibility but have the uncertainty of a
new front. A hot one caught sleeping
back east to night from one of the patients
and Hayashi gave him all sleep. He had to
stand for hours behind the guard without
his supper until he got out.

Jan 27th - Suzuki arrived to day
but did not inspect our camp. He came
out so fast we hardly knew he
had been here. There was a great amount
of time wasted in spring & clean up of
the officers did the sleeping outside
part to get a view of hills in life.
We got the day's paper & Saburo has
delivered over on the Air. Argentin has
broken off diplomatic relations with the

The forces & riches has been taken over
by U.S. forces. They said that the Comanches
in Richa had been killed by the Americans,
there are would means that the Comanches
have the attacking force on the island. If
this is true it should be all the approved
stories of the Comanche soldiers encountering
the big game animals of this island.
Jimmy has gone to bed with toothache &
Earl stayed in bed most of the day for a
rest.

Feb. 20th. We slept in motel room and
it was a delicious feeling to say the least.
There was a bit of rain during the day
which prevented our going out for exercise
but it allowed us to have the fire at
night. Narty has a headache in his back &
is in bed for this reason. We are to get
out 200 men to work to-morrow but
that is impossible. Pumps came in to day
that Robert has fallen into our hands.
We wonder how our good arrived to day.

Jan 31st - We had to send out even more men
 to day than yesterday and at the same time our
 number of sick men was increasing. It was
 about the time that you told us had our big
 epidemic of influenza and I hope that we are
 out in for that this year. I have come in
 to day that we were exchanging only notes with
 you. We were also trying to get permission to send
 more Red Cross food to Japan. To night I had a long
 chat with Hayashi but it was not so good as
 he turned it over to someone and he is not
 very ables in his language. He did tell me
 that Dr. Parsoni of the International Red Cross had
 died on Tokyo to day. After roll call to night
 Hayashi found a wooden bucket on the ash pit
 behind the cook house. The ash was hot & as a
 result the bucket was smoking. Wafu, the
 duty cook, was then discharged from the kitchen
 and told he was going to the Red Cross in
 future.

Feb 1st - Hayashi had a medical parole
 this morning & sent out for extra work.

We were told that we have to return the book
 "North to the Orient" by Aron Lindberg as it
 will not pass the censors. We have had this
 book for some time & if anything, it gives too
 good a picture of Japan & I wonder if the
 interpreters wish it for himself as I am
 certain the officials can find nothing wrong
 with this book. I made a recap. of the
 finances over 1943 with the following results

	¥	U.S.
Donation by officers -	2322	77
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Total income 1943	3820	66
Purchase of Medicine	2864	95
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Total Expenditures 1943	3820	68

FCG 2nd - who stay was quite successful. The
 news news were not so hot. The Japanese have
 not been able to send any news about the battle
 in the Marshall Is. which started for 20 or
 the loss of communication has been down. I
 wonder if they are going to send our stuff. The
 communication has been received from this place
 for 48 hrs & it must be assumed etc. We
 sent over a terrific raid to Saipan & dropped
 100,000 tons of bombs. There is heavy fighting
 in the Marianas & near Saipan. We are pushing
 in our landing near Fome & the Russians
 are opening operations near the south area.
 All good stuff! One of our men had an
 accident down at the beach today when he
 fell onto some grenades. It is not badly hurt
 but we are putting him off for a few days yet.
 The aircraft have to break off at noon today
 but Hayashi went down & found the company
 to do so. Now they had to stay until 4:30. This
 will give you some idea of how the army
 runs the country. We had a big discussion

in the mass to night regarding the religion.
 It was very interesting and quite good food
 for thought.

FEB 3rd - I am afraid that my emotions are
 very much not under control this day due to
 my Ben-Ben. For the past few days there has
 been a fair sized white block dog living out
 on our baseball park. This poor soul was
 very hungry and scared. Tom Karon who
 works repairing clothes for us has been
 giving it the odd bit of food with the result
 that we have been able to get nearer to it
 every day. Yesterday when I was outside this
 dog even managed a tail shake and
 seemed happy for the first time since he
 took up his abode here. This morning there
 was a terrific commotion down in the Tige
 quarters and I went down to see what it
 was all about. I found that they were all
 gathered in an abode raging pain. This
 poor dog was one in a corner trying to
 be as small as possible while the Tiges were

beating it with large sticks. They were all
 laughing and having a big time for themselves
 and then I realize they were trying to get rid of
 the dog. The poor dog took a terrific beating here
 when the Nips started to pick up, would he
 but in a vain effort to make friends. The dog said
 "later chaps, I'm not a bad dog & all I want to
 be is your friend" but then they advanced again &
 gave him another smashing. I wouldn't stand it
 and as I left them I was shaking so hard that I
 was afraid that if I remained I would have beaten
 one of the Japanese. Seeing this one a yell &
 out ran the dog into the street followed by the
 Nips. They all gathered around the door laughing
 & obscuring it all. I told the Minamoto that in
 our country we punished people for such cruelty
 to dumb animals. I have in a short history I
 have mentioned many times in my diary. Every
 Nip took something under him with the
 utmost cruelty. All the dogs we have had here
 we have had to shoot or give away in order
 to save it from the cruelty of the guards. I

feel that a just retribution for this country
 would be to place it under the hands of the
 Chinese who this war is over. Another thing
 we should do is to send all the Japanese who
 participated in "The Rape of Nanking" back to
 Nanking and place them under the jurisdiction
 of the Chinese laws.

Charles & I've went to the Market to shop
 and had a small time. They brought back
 some National Geographic, the Reader Digest
 and two Magazine Digests. There are all 1940
 vintage but it is all good stuff and a very
 welcome addition to our library. To night
 one of our American prisoners was going
 to cut up his new American boots as
 they hurt him. The men in the room
 prevented him from doing so & we took the
 boots away from him. This is the first
 time the popular opinion has been with us.
 We had permission for the stove to night
 up to date when we have been allowed to
 light the stove we had had to relinquish.

them at 7:30 P.M. This is done by putting water
 into the bottom of the stove & pulling the grate out.
 Tonight we were allowed to let them burn out
 naturally. We had to stop putting coal on them
 at 7:30 P.M. but there is a lot of common
 sense which we very rarely see in the U.S.

Feb. 4th - This has been the most
 wonderful day & I have had since being a prisoner.
 Some mail arrived and I found few letters
 for myself. I was so excited I couldn't keep
 still. I saw Kiyoshi and he told me he
 would get permission to censor them & give
 them to me. There was mail for Brown,
 Doc, Jack, Jimmy, Betty & Bonita as well.
 The new books arrived from the Red Cross
 and were removed by the U.S. & the given
 by the War Relocation Authority. I found
 all the International Y.M.C.A. & I found
 old Nucky all day & finally got a suit
 jacket to cool me down. I got the letter at
 6:15 P.M. There were two from Dad, two
 from my sister Betty, & one from the boys. There

is very little news from Dorothy although
 all letters mention her & Sharon. I am
 going to write a separate article on the
 letters when I have analyzed them a
 bit more, right now I am up in the air.
 When you remember that this is the first
 real news for two years I have received
 from home it is not hard to visualize
 how happy I am.

Feb. 5th - What a terrible night I spent.
 I guess it was a result of the letters and
 now I have a bad case of nervous indigestion.
 We had a stiff inspection to-day and now
 pagoda tells me he is going to become
 instructor. We had one had named Stein
 return from hospital. He is in fair shape
 & brought me news from the men there.
 So night I had a session with the 4th.
 Two men were smart to stand up behind
 the guard & I acquired a by the punishment.
 The sentry claimed that at work to-day
 they are sitting in a place they should

TODAY - I AM A MARRIED MAN OF FORTY YEARS
 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MY DARLING, HEED MATTY... NEW YORK

out. They were on from the structure & they
 set the feet on the deck of the ship
 they in fact were. They sat down beneath a
 hatchway from the upper room as it was
 named. This is the same place that they have
 been from the ship & this particular guard
 who is a nuisance, is the first to depart.
 They would when the sentry told them but
 not to waste their powder as well. I
 asked the Maximoto to interpret for me but
 he said he was going home & to wait for
 the S.O. with that he left. We finally got
 the interpreter for the same place who happened
 to arrive and the fight was on. When I finally
 learned the tip W.L. that the men did not
 know they were sitting in a favorable spot.
 The sentry changed his story & said they
 did not move when told to do so. This was
 full though as the tips could not give
 their commands in English hence the men
 could not understand them. The next complaint
 was that they did not move quickly enough.

to counteract this one we offered to bring
 in the two civilian guards to prove otherwise.
 Feb. The final point was that our own
 had caused the study in Japanese & they
 produced words we did not know. This was
 the final straw so I quit my business. After
 they the interpreter what I thought of the
 Japanese in general and their army in
 particular I stamped off, determining the
 door on my way. The man had to stand
 until 8:00 P.M. when the U.C. came to me
 & said they were free. He was very satisfied
 so I gave the interpreter all that I had
 I said, damn them all say I! to say
 he has in bed all day & is much worse.
 The learning certainly gives him odd work.
 The officers all received their mail
 to night and hence the room was filled
 with memoranda. Feb. 6th by now we
 have in the past, to some it is kind
 and to the others it is a cruel teacher.
 Feb. 6th there was not a great deal of

statement this morning. I did my laundry
 and my hands are still aching even though
 I have not held them all day. I had a bit
 more trouble to night as two men were placed
 behind the work to stand for punishment. I finally
 convinced the Nips that the men were sick which
 accounted for their having not worked that day.
 The guard then released them. The war news to day
 was very good. There is terrific fighting in the
 Marshall's & they admit having lost the Gilberts.
 We are evidently making our big push by hitting
 New Guinea, Rabaul, Tarawa & Marshall's. It's hope
 that this speaks success for us. The British
 are supposed to be raising a hill in air raid
 over Germany & there is a big fear of invasion
 by us on the continent.

Feb 7th - This morning I was called down
 by Koyuki and given a thorough lecture on
 the discipline of our men. He is now going
 to inspect the guard to see again and
 how we have lost all the ground we fought
 for so long ago. It is the cause of the men

here and I have no ill feelings about it
 on the part. They have almost every privilege
 given to them, to such an extent that I
 cannot sit the pipe having about for it as
 long as they care. The further point is that
 Hayashi has enough evidence of our having
 supported the men when they have been at
 fault that he no longer trusts even the officers
 who appear in the fault of the men and they
 have let us down more times than enough.
 You will remember a case at the oil factory
 when I had to back up a man who had
 admitted to me that he attempted to steal
 a can of oil. This same man admitted
 to Hayashi the following day that he
 had stolen the oil. Hayashi brought this
 up and I had no answer for it. I am
 about ready to let the men see how
 it is for a time and not to defend a
 case unless I am very certain of it.
 A peculiar thing to-day was that nearly
 went down to see Hayashi and to make

a request to be sent to Hentage. The reason for this is to get away from the ones who are exempt officers only. We regard Hentage as a human because there would be no responsibility for the ones. I now know that Hentage is the bestest man and would never accept any responsibility of the ones. Any factory that should be sent to will have a tough time because he will be owned in very short time. He has no technical qualities about him in the least & combining this with a hard tendency to work work and had a bad type of officer in such a position. I gave the ones a lot of a lecture on what had happened and they gave the usual response. We shall now see what happens. Hentage is still in bed having a bad time with his opacity. I prepared 24 night and we also had a secret's man. We sold the at 2 in profit per packet & thereby made enough to send 24 packets to the beds in Shingwa hospital.

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Feb 8th - Today we received the mail that was sent out to the prisoners about a month ago. The only officer that collected was South. We held a raffle to night on a raffle razer with 20 tickets that an American received in a personal parcel. We took all the proceeds and the rest went to the medical fund. We made \$9.40 for the medical fund & change as it may seem. I won the razer. This caused a lot of rousing but thank goodness I had a lot of witnesses. To night Hayward was on duty and at the roll call he gave me a few words of appreciation for the work the officers are doing.

Feb 9th - This has been one hectic day! We had a guard on duty to-day who has been riding on a hard as a rock. The advice came to night when he had a row about two men gambling. The men gave us the story that the money being transferred over in payment for a

debt's not gambling, I did not argue this with
 the guards & later I found out that this was
 not so, that it had been a gambling debt.
 The guard talked his head off for no good reason
 about the corn. That he took a lot of stuff from
 the center & gave nothing in return. The station
 books would show & I was brought in again.
 I found out that the stuff would come both
 stolen & imported from the States, which means I
 could not argue about it. I told the station
 leader to stay out of the way which he did.
 The guard then came after me since they
 could not find the prisoner & made my
 life miserable. I had this one finally got
 the prisoner to go to the office where all was
 explained. The guards then turned off their
 lights & when I argued about this they got
 for night center etc. I finally got the duty
 by the help of the other guard so that this
 day was a tough proposition. In the
 afternoon, I got for an hour with the guard
 talking him as supposed work would be

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finally was told by me to go to bed.
White: Wafarick had an alarm for a
bit to day and we talked over a few
points. He is going to the Canadian Camp & is
taking our best regards to the men there. I was
in poor health to day because last night
I was up twice being sick. This, I think, was
a result of the encounter with the Typh. We
are given a sack of sugar to be used for the
sick men only and what a time we are
having over this. The usual trouble makers,
Wobb, Yates, Broduski, Brown, Gately etc.
were up to the office in a gang. He told
us when to had in. The Doc went into
the main room & asked for one man per
section to come to the medical room when
it would all be discussed. They have many
questions; they want the sugar evenly distributed.
They don't want the Typh to circulate to camp.
They don't trust the officers & men with
other things. I thank God I did not go
up there as I am afraid it would have

ended in a few days. Jimmy & I took
 the meeting & Jimmy came back as directed
 as he could be. Further to this he kept
 the light on after 11:00 perhaps he talked
 away until the guard made him turn it off
 & told him then that there would be no more
 time for him. The short description that Jimmy
 gave me of the meeting made me so mad
 that I was sick again. I am afraid my
 nerves are about gone. When this is all over
 I want to know these men & know all their
 again. I have never had the misfortune to
 even read of such a scene of humanity. I
 have been on account of myself but I
 thought I was a fool as they came, but
 after seeing this one I am convinced
 there is a lot of hope for me. The strange
 part of all this is that the whole group of
 selfish men ~~is~~ composing the meeting
 were all highbrow & not a single common
 man there. As I said before what I want
 see them again when I have here.

Feb 11 - There was very little of interest to-day. There was another meeting to-day, or to-night I should say, but by the time the jury had worn for and they resolved to do as we wished. The sugar is going to be used as required for the sick and the remainder will be given out in about a month or two. Perimeter promised us some mail & some books to-morrow.

Feb 12 - We received the mail & books from Perimeter to-day & this was the high light of the day. We had some trouble this morning when the men went to work. One of the men decided he was too sick to go & so he stayed in bed. By the time we found out who was missing, the Japs had called a parade. The net result of this was that five men were sent out instead of just the one. We explained this to the men & I hope they got something about this. I had a chat with Kayashi this morning and he was very helpful. I even promised to take me out

to purchase a book on navigation if I could find one. I know where the sons are so I am keeping my fingers crossed. Col. Lopez is coming here to-morrow along with a lot of other officers. To-morrow is the birthday of the first Japanese Emperor, and here they are having a big Judo Wrestling affair out in the baseball grounds. All the officers from N.S. are coming here to see the fun. Hayashi gave me a long chat on this subject and I still don't understand it all. The new books that they gave us are all the text books & the reference books, (13 in all). The way that the books in here are graded up these books I will have to get my books by buying them if I ever want to study them. The only book of real benefit here is a book on first year College Mathematics but because of a ban on that and that I am in a hole again.

Feb 13th - This was a very quiet day as all the tips are indicated in the same history

We watched the wrestling from various concealed points and it was very amusing. I played bridge most of the day starting after lunch & finishing after roll call. We won one session & lost the other so that the wrestler on Thursday for tomorrow is my hand. Today & I am getting to bed early. Jimmy, Bert & party carried up a can of meat to night & they by way of some collaboration but we don't quite know what it finally decided that it was Saturday May 1st & let it go at that.

Feb 14th - Started the day out by doing my laundry and it was a terrible session. My hands ached all day after it. The way to do it the survey but we saw one source of water & that is that. One had had a small splinter in his thumb and so two days his hand was up like a balloon. The doc had to have his thumb & what a mess it was. Today he was washing it in hot water and the last joint of

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the throat just flung out into the water. This will give you some idea of what we are up against. Under ordinary conditions it would not even run gotten sled. I played some tricks to stop and got some satisfaction out of that. Happy Saturdays Guy!

Feb. 15th - This morning Haysaki had the box & I drove to his office. He has received an order from H. G. to start making great coats for the prisoners & we discussed this with him. It is too cold now to operate it without external heat & Haysaki will not allow us to burn extra coal or use another stove than are now in use. We tried to talk him into letting us build a hot box insulated with sheep & heated by electric light bulbs but he said he would have to get this sanctioned by H. G. The box talked him about getting some oil lamps for us to use as the petroleum deficiency is becoming a large factor in the camp. At present we have no supply

of calcium in our food & the only way we receive this is by injection. Many men are suffering from severe pains in their muscles & other symptoms of this deficiency. Parashi said he had applied to the food center to receive no bones but we are not allowed to have any. If we did get these bones it would be only a boon to us so that after we build them we would have to return them.

Feb 16th - I had my gut out for a bandage but which is an much better shape. My own coat was lined with a blanket but the one I was born in a better cut & about double. It was filthy with oil & so I had to spend the whole morning scrubbing it. I may have a quarter's suitable to cover my legs & tights on the way down if this one turns out O.K. I saw Parashi & asked permission to write a letter to Suzuki asking to be allowed to purchase a book & Parashi said he would take me out tomorrow & so I live in

Japan. It was news in it a standard. The news of Russia & very little of the south Pacific. The total comment is on the Japanese and treatment of prisoners & civilians. The main cause of this is the report by the American Officers stating facts of starvation, beating etc. The Germans have recommended a special committee of Red Cross representatives to investigate the position here in Japan. I hope it works out.

Feb 11th - We had a medical parade this morning by Kayachi and five men were sent out to work. Yesterday Kayachi visited the Old Factory & ordered the sick men out of the hut since we cannot send sick men to rest in the huts at the job. After lunch I was told by Wilson to ask Private to accompany me outside to the bookshop. We went out & I led him to the shop & remembered finding my Admiralty Nov. 1914 was still there & I purchased it for 13.00. I also got a Chambers dictionary for 7.50. There were more typed books in the shop than any other language.

Then over all the world that have started the
 test of time and for anyone versed in English
 literature it is a goldmine. I was not
 permitted to buy anything except a book on
 mathematics & my dictionary. I hope some
 day to be able to return to that shop as
 I could spend a lot of money there. I had
 to sell one of my American \$10. notes to
 get the money for the book I think it is
 well worth it. Well! never have I had such
 a cheap sale. Minamoto took my fork or
 navigation book to the book shop as he claims
 I am prohibited to have such a book. Nagasaki
 did not even see the book but this is the
 story - I argued for a long time but it was
 of no use. I finally told Minamoto that I
 would kill him for having done such a
 thing and that he had better be outside
 of Japan when this war is over. I must
 be fed early & fed one terrible night.
Feb. 12th - To-day I have finished & I
 submitted a request to be sent to

Feelings when this camp breaks up. Nagachi
 is going to N.Y. at the end of the month
 and he said he would do what he could do.
 We said we were all physically incapable
 of carrying on our duty. I hope the work
 as we've got up with this life. We were
 issued with a lot of junk, pencils, not, not
 ink, pen nibs, few matches, towels & beer
 bottles but as usual we did not receive
 enough to give one per man. We sold a
 lot of these things & made \$2.35 for the
 medical fund. We managed to get a lot
 of clothing for exchange which we exchanged
 to-night with the men.

Feb. 19th: Today I went on a bed case of the
 blue. It's certainly the its up & down but
 as a prisoner-of-war the death to which one
 quite can descend is beyond all belief. God
 say, I went down to-day and nothing is
 more. We had our inspection and Nagachi
 chided us up for not having our numbers
 sewn on our tunics. Really an order has

come through that all the Japanese staff
 love to wear their names sewn to their
 tunics. We have given them an awful
 ride about this and how they are very
 particular about our names on our tunics.
 We ran a game of double to-day to
 make some money for the medical fund.
 We made £15; and the table had a lot of
 fun. This game is very similar to our
 Bingo and a little easier to play. There
 are only 15 numbers on these cards & on
 our Bingo cards there are 24 numbers.
 We received 15 more books from the censor
 and that leaves only two more for us to get.
 There have been very big rumors of a large
 scale American attack on Truk Island. His
 place is a big Japanese Naval base and if
 we take this it means a big navy base for
 the U.S.
 On the 26th I spent most of the day doing
 some writing. The confirmation came in
 by the top papers that we have really hit Truk.

Island. All the jobs brought back the same rumor.
Coulter at the Peace Desk had a chat with a
Navy officer who said that there has been no
communication with the German submarine
prisoners there. He also said that the fighting
down south was the heaviest since the war
began. He said it was going to be a short war.
He covered the new books & pushed them out
for general use to night. There was a bit
in the newspaper about rumors of peace
conferences with Germany which has been
denied by the Axis.

Feb. 21 & 22nd: These two days have been an
awful hell of pain. I have a cold on the right
side of my face which went into my sinus
tubes with bad results. I have been nearly off
my ropes with the pain as it is similar to
a spell I had in Madrid when I took it serious
a time to get some sleep. This time I had
no arisoun or hot water bottles. The results
of the battle at Red Lake came out in the
the paper gave this house as quiet as then

Allied bases which is the first time they have
 ever done that. We have 120 aircraft, 18 ships
 (2 Cruisers, 3 Destroyers, 13 Torpedo Boats) Allied
 bases 54 aircraft, 4 ships (1 aircraft carrier
 1 battleship, 2 cruisers). Further to this we
 have not occupied the place according to them
 but at least we have given it a good bombing.
 Feb. 27th - We started our great water to day
 but with the amount of cold weather with 10
 ft of snow I don't think it will be a success. We have
 heard that the camp breaks up March 11th.
 Moments told me that our application for
 transfer to Luzon was no good as we are
 making shorts. They had in one big storehouse
 of grain so I don't give a damn about anything.
 He had to clear out the guard house during
 the afternoon which made us believe that one
 of the kids was due for a session to cool off.
 He fought in the airport during the afternoon,
 a kid no. 204 Hobb. He is one of our best
 characters in this place and a trouble maker
 if I ever saw one. The story is that he was

collecting an oxygen bottle to do some work at
 the house when a ship started to take it away
 from him. After some time passed & Noble hit him
 because he thought the ship was going to hit him. Another
 ship then stopped up to approach them & Noble beat
 him as he thought the ship was also going to
 hit him. I don't know what he is going to
 get but I am afraid he is in for a tough time.
 They cut off all his bottoms & removed his shoes
 but the ship getting him into jail. He has four
 blankets & half ration of rice with hot water. The
 officers were paid to-day and the council a
 bit of an argument. We are about \$130.00
 debt at present but not nearly as in debt
 & think we should not devote to the medical fund
 as we are breaking camp before next year. The doc
 also thinks we should not contribute even
 though he has a lot of medicine still to purchase.
 The idea is to let Murray pay his debts & then we
 borrow from the ~~other~~ man but I think it
 is just having the medical fund assume our
 personal debts & should not be done. We had

a big bluff boss of which all others stayed
 quiet. I got this having no other opinions
 expressed & so I can't tell what the general
 opinion was. We had another bad case in
 camp to night. One chap was beaten up for
 selling cigarettes for \$1.00 when the standard
 price is \$1.20. The cost price of these cigarettes
 is .70. I have gotten the head of the cigarettes
 & told him to see his own doctor. The
 doctor is a chap named Rand. He is at
 present on a court-martial charge for stealing
 paper. He is a bad character in this camp &
 I hope he is thoroughly beaten up.

Feb. 24th: I was suddenly awakened this morning
 at 5:30 to tell one of the men out of trouble.
 He had been the night sentry from 11:00 to 11:20
 & he said he had been there reading a book.
 When the King guard inquired he had not
 seen him I asked where one had had been
 only to find out he had been inside in the
 M. I. room. To know who should
 not have been there but he did not tell

me this night after much argument. We
 got more letters to day and there are more
 to come. Some had from N.A. camp was here
 after cool this morning and we got the news
 from them. They have had 22 deaths since they
 arrived all of 500 men. The general opinion
 there is that the war will not end this year.
 One of the men had come up from Hong Kong
 along with Blumen Dec. 1943. He said that
 it was very bad in Hong Kong and the only
 prisoners left were about 1000 banachins
 who were all very sick. The chap is a
 politician & is a newspaper man. which explains
 the story that they are gathering all the specialists
 to run a propaganda mill in N.A. camp.
 The prisoners in N.A. camp was given 10 months
 imprisonment for taking a trip home while
 not working. Hayashi told me to day that
 the will be led by him but & as the
 chapter had over a day, it is a demand
 of war. This is as far as news of the
 book up & Hayashi said that on the 1st

March. The orders should be through from H.Q.

Feb. 25th - Hayashi started off this day with a medical parade. We have been maintaining ~~210~~ 210 men working per day which leaves 23 men to eat in camp. This is very good for this time of year and helps it in fact to qualify for a rest or leave for temperatures of 37.5 is necessary. With one man in jail we dropped the fever to 20.9. Hayashi had a parade. He sent out five men all with temperatures and when we objected he said "I will let them go out for if they become worse they shall rest." This will show you the line behind it all. Sparks & I were called down to the office later on & confronted with the paper attached to this sheet. The interpreter from the Basecamp had copied this down from the wall of the lecture and Hayashi wanted us to explain it. We said it was the initials

of a man, his regimental number & the
 U.S. mount United States Army. They said
 this was not so & he gave the interpretation
 as written "If we be as our V enemy. He
 said he got this by spending a lot of time
 studying it but he would not explain his
 reasoning. We were told to tell all men that
 they must cease writing all such propaganda.
 I later proved to the interpreters that this
 was a man's initials, his number, & his
 unit but they still held the mystery of
 a code being involved and would not
 change their ideas. Hobb is still in the cell
 & we get no word of his trial or sentence. He
 is not doing badly and the communication
 with him is good. The hole removed part of the
 range floor & everyday they put food in there
 for him. He has his hands tied except when
 he eats & sleeps but since he does not smoke
 he has very little in the way of inconvenience.
 We manage to get sugar in all his food so

He will not suffer from the cold too much.
Feb 26th To-day we had the inspection
 & bath as usual. After lunch Hayashi called
 me down to his office and here he had a
 Prof. A. Yagawa to talk to me. This man was
 employed by the Dept. of Education and he
 had a very good line. He asked if we was
 interested in the culture & philosophy of the
 Japanese & I said we were. After giving me a
 rough outline of his speech he arranged
 for all officers to come to Hayashi's office
 after dinner for a chat. We all went down
 & he started out here is the rough gist of
 his speech as he is going to issue a booklet
 on the subject & I will append this to my
 diary. He claims that after this war it is
 necessary for us to get together more
 objectively probably by a return to religion.
 The Christianity of our world believes that
 there is a divine being & we go through
 Christ to reach it or to act as a
 mediator. In Japan they cut out this

intermediate stage & go direct to their divine being, the Sun God. They believe that in each Japanese there is a divine spark and that they contain cosmic vitality. Their Emperor is a direct descendant of the Sun Goddess & hence will lead the world by divine mission. When a Japanese dies he returns to a divine being & his traits are enshrined and worshipped. This is called Shinto Religion. All in all it was not so bad a cultism but the idea was contradictory in spots. He claimed that Shinto was in keeping with all the concepts of modern science but yet they deny all probability of evolution such as Darwin theory. They believe that the Nation is supreme & the individual should give up all such individual reputation as an individual. They think they are the chosen race to lead the world. We returned to our room & held heated argument over this discussion of his.

Feb 27th - This was our day of rest but I find it so difficult to sleep after breakfast that

I stayed up the morning. The report
came in yesterday that the doctors were
unloading a ship which used to be the
President Harris. It was confirmed to day
and the tops are now being set to
transport boats over. We now have a
great crew going on the back of the
kitchen boilers and it is working very
well. The yield is still very small due
to the small size of the tubs we have to
use. There was another meeting in the
medical room to night regarding the
sugar. These men are not in favor of
it being used for yeast and are determined
to have it for themselves. When told
that it was being converted into medicine
they still would not listen. They
threatened and did everything they
could think of but I am certain we
will carry out the yeast since no
matter what they think or do. These
men are the real meaners and as

it so happens they are all English which
 is a very poor show. They are the kind who
 are always demanding their rights but can
 usually be shut up by being given a little
 something extra. I shall be very pleased to
 see the best of them.

Feb 22nd - To day we had a fresh
 windstorm. Up until 1:30 there in the
 afternoon the weather was beautiful, just
 like a spring day. But then large clouds
 started to form in the north & be
 blown south. Very soon large dark
 clouds gray light brown in colour, moved
 to the north & came to -ward us. The
 wind shifted from North to South but
 when the clouds were right over us
 the wind went back to North again.
 The dirty haze went down the street
 and everything was covered in the
 dust that was blowing around. It
 was all over in about 10 minutes
 and the sun shone through again.

One lad named Steibland was caught with a scarf that he had stolen from a Japanese Workman. He was made to stand up behind the guard until 9:30 P.M. and what other punishment he is going to get we do not know as yet.

Feb. 29th - It was lovely weather to-day and since we spent a lot of time outside on exercise. There was a lot of news to-day regarding an attack made by us on Usum and the Masanaka Islands. This was mostly from the Japanese papers & since we have been both in it. The news came in from N.Y. regarding our move to the new camp but Nagasaki has not told me anything about it as yet. The scheme now is that the Stevensons leave in the Oceanic tomorrow and their own plane is ready, a matter of about ten days.

March 1st - We tried to get some news from Nagasaki to-day but it was of

no one, he evaded every question. The
 workers at the Asano were given a two
 hour lecture by a High Naval Officer about
 Rabaul. Evidently it was a pep talk to
 them to produce more ships. During this
 speech all the prisoners were taken out onto
 a pier and made to stay there. One of the
 Japs on the ship when the stowaways were
 working said he had tried to get to
 get to Japan and the first two ships were
 sunk.

March 2nd - Today the wind started
 out again & the air became filled with the
 brown dust giving the the air a peculiar
 light brown colour. I had a long chat with
 Wapachi this morning but I got very little
 news from him. He said that all the Red
 Cross medicine was distributed except
 to the Red Camp. He said that long
 distant hang glider was all right but
 the fuel transportation was non-existent.
 He said no news of the more fuel.

but does I am officially going to leave
with no news of the others. He gave us
seven apples for the office & we certainly
enjoyed them very much. One of the
Siberians cooks on the ship when the
Americans were working said that in their
convoy from Formosa two ships were
sunk by aircraft. This is getting close to
home and the Americans have been shipping
small fox-balls all the past week
for air raids.

March 3rd No news to-day. Hayashi sent
out some more sick men to work but this
is the usual procedure every time he is on duty.
Don't remember more letters arrived in to-day
but none for the office. We had to find out
about the new camp but all was quiet. We
had a cigarette issue of 10 cigarettes per man
33 in each man. These cigarettes are 70 in
for 20 which is more than they were at
home.

March 4th - Saturday & both days we had

a good bath and this is always a big thing
 because he'd to go to the bathroom to sleep
 but Hayashi would not let him go out. We
 are planning to go to the oil pitney tomorrow to
 buy back some back oil. This oil is used
 to make up winter suit as we cannot purchase
 winter suit of the Japanese will not supply it.
 We are also going to use it as a fuel
 as this will save money and we can't
 purchase fuel here very well. I spent most
 of the day making a note book & now I
 have no use for it. Such is life.

March 5th - Because & I went to the oil pitney
 and it was a busy day. It was snowing and
 blowing all day with the old thermometer
 down into the hole at the bottom. We
 got our oil, water to be correct, which
 we had to use also & then started home.
 All went well but we were lined up
 for inspection outside the camp & then
 my little broke. As I stood & watched
 the guards searching the men I could feel

the oil running down my leg. I held
 breath & all I could do was to wait
 until we were dismissed. I have never
 spent such a few minutes in all my life.
 When we were dismissed I had the
 men gather around me and as come
 in. When I awoke I found that a
 piece of the bottle had fallen out & I
 had lost about 1/3rd of the contents.
 This was enough to completely soak
 the leg of my trousers, undergarments &
 run down over my shoe. I quickly
 changed & felt a lot better. One of the
 other named spoon scoured a letter
 from Belfast & he did not know the
 sender. I said this letter dated at Xmas
 1942 to write to my sister in Belfast.
 One of the men at the Colpeton told me
 about the letter. The other when
 I got home I looked at it only
 to find it was from my sister too.
 All this excitement gave me such a

attack of nervous indigestion that
 I was probably sick all night
 March 6th - Today I went back to bed
 after well call. Not for long. The guards
 were yelling that he wanted the bath house
 changed up & as I had to get up once
 more. We received a loan since to buy
 at 11.25 per working man and also
 the pay for the men. This is very good
 as we have borrowed over 300 yu to
 buy medicine and we have to repay
 it somehow. We are trying to lay in a
 large stock of medicine as we can
 see that each factory group will have
 enough to carry them over until they
 make contact to purchase it. In order
 to do this we have had to borrow all
 that we can and since over 300 yu
 debt. We hope to pay back this
 loan when we are at the new
 camps. We have been running the
 "Tombola" a couple of times & the

all help. We charged the men
 two days pay and billed us \$96. for
 the hospital fund. The Sturgeon worked
 until 10 P.M. by night returning at 11:15.
 They had to load a ship with 300 tons of
 ammonium nitrate in order that it could
 proceed to Tokyo tomorrow. They were
 given extra food & cigarettes as well as
 a holiday to morrow. This company
 also gave the men 10 am extra per day.
 When they returned to night we gave them
 their supper & off to bed.

March 18th. This morning I did
 my laundry & was then called down
 to Reynolds's office. He made a great
 show & told me to hold good news for
 me. He gave me a sweet tea & told me
 to sit down by his charcoal stove. He
 then produced a radio message from
 Dad via the Red Cross telling me
 that all was well at home and
 that Brody had received my first letter.

He inquired about my father's occupation
 as he thought it must be very important.
 I have also received two letters from
 him and it has impressed him no end.
 He also told me that he had seen the
 food packages for Canada and that
 we should get some food boxes in
 April or May. After all we spent
 a fine evening. It might have been
 and now, the prisoners working at the
 back had a lot of work. One of the
 prisoners was absent from his work & when
 found he was taken to the hospital. He
 told the doctor a large piece of iron in front of
 him but he refused to do so. There is
 a room over him to each of the around
 his work with the iron placed on one
 by prisoners. They released him for
 his lunch & put him up again after
 lunch. When the prisoners saw this they
 refused to go back to work until he was
 released. The Japanese wanted to know

why & the prisoners said that Nagasaki
 could punish them but not the civilians.
 The prisoner was released & the men went
 back to work but Nagasaki went to the
 Bureau to investigate. He demanded to
 have the complete and let it go at that
 Lt. Jickhart who is in charge of the
 party reported it all to me the morning
 & we made out a formal report to be
 handed to Nagasaki after we left & went
 down with this & Nagasaki started to tell
 me how wrong it was for the men to
 act in this manner & expressed how
 he has never punished the civilians for
 such actions & since the occurrence of
 these incidents I suggested that the
 punishment be given to one but he said
 he would be punished by the Japanese
 Military law if he did this & then told
 me he was going to be punished anyway
 by the British Military law since this
 is one of the cases a long while. He

sold up by my fellow here but as an
 officer he was in good luck did not
 command any respect either from the
 Japanese or the prisoners and then I
 slammed the door. One of our American
 prisoners named Blair has been doing
 a voluntary servant job for the Japs
 guards & this only causes a lot of
 trouble. The guards are now making
 the prisoners do a lot of work for
 them that was forbidden before. On my
 way back from Nagasaki I caught
 the man with the guard & sent
 him to bed then & there.
 March 27 - This morning I caught
 him making his way to the guards at 5 AM
 & so I told him next time I catch
 him I'll hit first and ask afterwards.
 Kamei, Nishi, two workers and myself were
 sent to Tokyo to get supplies. We
 went by sleds from H. Tokyo &
 were then picked up by the truck

which took with a large glass strap.
 Here we picked up 33 bags (50 lb) of Noh
 & 11 cans of oil. While we were waiting
 to get this we saw a woman operating
 on the sidewalk along by kneeling. She
 had her arms around her small child who
 was being breast fed. The child would not
 be a few minutes, was about on the sidewalk
 and then ran back for some amusement.
 We called the ambulance. All the cost
 of things had no effect on the mother or
 her. The ambulance was paid for. From here
 we went to Singapore Hospital. It had
 a long chat with Dr. Tottelut & Mr. Davis
 about my that I was for Dr. Tottelut after
 all that I have heard from his patient
 but Mr. Davis expressed as a very
 good lad. They have had eight deaths
 this month all from pneumonia, and
 four of that were pneumonia. She says
 they have a very good X. The answer
 to this is that they have seen the

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the Air Force in Canada before he was. I am
 tired as usual and they believe the big
 newspapers are two months behind the
 time with their news. Well we are then
 a week camp in some of the Canadian camps
 living in two men on stoves & fire
 means attendant. It is amazing how
 their search camp a hell in my mind
 and I could get a spirit of joy getting
 up every of me. I am now I can't think
 then that the Canadians had a different
 system to the Americans but we do see
 our own Troops to one lot from Korea
 and he was in the Winnipeg Troop
 He said that all was well with the lot
 he sent to this camp and he was very
 glad to meet another Canadian. We
 went from this place to the 42 camp
 with horses. Nasty and a lot of his
 people from Opau and I met some
 but, Wilson & Waker whom I know at
 Opau. They all had a lot better than

when I left them at Camp Sept. 1942.
 They had little in the way of news, but
 their moral is very high and they also
 believe that the morale of prisoners over the
 newspapers is about two months late.
 We then loaded up some coal & cigarettes
 which we brought back to camp. Lisner
 got a note from a chap who left Hong Kong
 very recently who said the government doctor
 Douglas had been sent out of Sanchow
 Camp because he had been in some trouble
 and no further word had been heard of
 him since. This was not very good
 as we all know what the Japs are
 like when they punish anyone. On our
 way back to camp, we saw a slight
 motor accident. A motorcycle & sidecar driven
 by a civilian and containing an officer was
 crowded to the curb by a bed on a
 bicycle. There was a bad crowd of trees
 and just as the motor cycle came to rest
 the bicycle was pushed over leaving the

had standing there. The cobble got off
 his cycle and gave the lad a real
 talking; kicked the bicycle around and
 then drove away. This is the way one
 deals with an idiot in this country.
 News from the News was interesting to say
 yesterday a ship of 4000 tons sailed
 to load at the military wharf. They put on
 tanks, barrels & some ammunition barrels.
 Today five ships 5-6000 tons come into
 the harbour at noon. They are as full
 of men & loading barges as they could be.
 There are men sleeping on the deck and all
 over the pier. They could not be any more
 for as large as too many of them on
 each ship. It was very quiet at the
 News to day and no trouble of any
 kind.

9th. The war in view of
 the war is over. The level of coal came
 in slowly at the bank and as all had
 to work getting it in. Took a swim

can never occur without any getting
 very mad. It is very hard work getting
 the coal in as we have to carry it on
 the logs or our shoulders, backs &
 barrels. refuse to carry the coal as they
 say they don't know how yet. Barrels
 is the man who specialized in physical
 training type like was. In further
 the, to day barrels would not even
 use one of the large shovels. It is
 the biggest man as far as real work
 is concerned and does not even
 mind that he has to do the more
 it means for us to do. I think the
 camp should shut up very soon as
 we are now too conscious of the
 other faults. Mr. Onami came in
 to night to talk to me and he
 was very much at ease. He told
 us many stories of the Japanese
 in the internment camps in America
 and none of them spoke of mal-

Wetland. In our case a Japanese
salvage company went to work because
the government would not give them
sufficient food to feed the 400 Japanese
internees in their camp. He said he would
try to bring us some Esquires & Fortune
magazines from his home if Hayashi
allowed him.

March 10th - Onami kept his sword
and brought us two Esquires March
'39. We spent a swell day looking
them over and seeing all the things
we are accustomed to see. We left
civilization here all these things became
treble and now they all seemed
just like home. I felt very sad and
after all the memories are back in
full force. Onami is not as good as he
makes out as he is now trying to
get a substitute to wear socks in camp.
He can't get one in Japan and says he
has to come to us. It's not so good

to find him out. It is not known how
 long it takes to go. It was a miserable
 day with respect to the weather, cold, raining,
 and all the bad points it could produce.

March 14 - Today, Kusan & I were
 very busy. We had to check over all the
 100 items of clothing and the food as some
 time. To policy the Japanese on taking
 with regard to the blankets, work clothing
 and shoes is that it all belongs to the owner.
 When these things are issued to the men
 they will have to be accounted for and
 can be recalled by the Japanese at any
 time. The remaining items are classified
 as personal clothing but personal contented

- 5 Blankets
- 5 Working trousers
- 3 shirts
- 10 pair sweaters socks
- 10 handkerchiefs
- 3 Winter underwear mats
- 3 shower

- 5 pers. c. bms
- 5 wooden stools
- 5 winter hats
- 5 pers. hand papermas.
- 5 winter shirts

In some cases there are no handkerchiefs
 in our bags there were no soap & in
 another no rubberwood showers. We received
 in all 15 bags as above & one bag
 containing 15 great coats. We received 70
 pers. of army issue of various sizes as
 well. The policy we are going to adopt
 is to give out our bags & clothing to
 an equal proportion of men, about 11 men,
 and the rest the left over. We are
 going to put out the rest of our men
 by going over on the camp and then
 be the same thing with them. After that
 we placed these things back in the store.
 The battery were ready about 5:30 and go
 back to unit up advised the other four
 not to come up - a my group. Another

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