

R.O.W./L.I. - R.E. Crandall

Folder 7

DECLASSIFIED
Authority: 68801, 68802, 68803, 68804, 68805, 68806, 68807, 68808, 68809, 68810, 68811, 68812, 68813, 68814, 68815, 68816, 68817, 68818, 68819, 68820, 68821, 68822, 68823, 68824, 68825, 68826, 68827, 68828, 68829, 68830, 68831, 68832, 68833, 68834, 68835, 68836, 68837, 68838, 68839, 68840, 68841, 68842, 68843, 68844, 68845, 68846, 68847, 68848, 68849, 68850, 68851, 68852, 68853, 68854, 68855, 68856, 68857, 68858, 68859, 68860, 68861, 68862, 68863, 68864, 68865, 68866, 68867, 68868, 68869, 68870, 68871, 68872, 68873, 68874, 68875, 68876, 68877, 68878, 68879, 68880, 68881, 68882, 68883, 68884, 68885, 68886, 68887, 68888, 68889, 68890, 68891, 68892, 68893, 68894, 68895, 68896, 68897, 68898, 68899, 68900, 68901, 68902, 68903, 68904, 68905, 68906, 68907, 68908, 68909, 68910, 68911, 68912, 68913, 68914, 68915, 68916, 68917, 68918, 68919, 68920, 68921, 68922, 68923, 68924, 68925, 68926, 68927, 68928, 68929, 68930, 68931, 68932, 68933, 68934, 68935, 68936, 68937, 68938, 68939, 68940, 68941, 68942, 68943, 68944, 68945, 68946, 68947, 68948, 68949, 68950, 68951, 68952, 68953, 68954, 68955, 68956, 68957, 68958, 68959, 68960, 68961, 68962, 68963, 68964, 68965, 68966, 68967, 68968, 68969, 68970, 68971, 68972, 68973, 68974, 68975, 68976, 68977, 68978, 68979, 68980, 68981, 68982, 68983, 68984, 68985, 68986, 68987, 68988, 68989, 68990, 68991, 68992, 68993, 68994, 68995, 68996, 68997, 68998, 68999, 69000

File: 949-2-5

Title: Diary

Origin: Lt Ralph E. Crandall

Dates: Feb 43 to 29 Mar 44 Classification: None

Authenticity: Certified copy of original diary

Source: Unknown

Extracted by *Ralph Crandall* Date *July 21, 1945* Microfilmed _____ Date _____

SCREENED (NO PA P)

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

ARCHIVES FILE NUMBER 999-2-5 -----

TITLE DIARY -----

ORIGIN LT RALPH E. GRANDALL -----

DATES FEB 43 - MAR 44 -----

AUTHENTICITY CERTIFIED COPY OF ORIGINAL DIARY -----

SOURCE UNKNOWN -----

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

999-2-5

Diary of

LT. RALPH E. CRANDALL

ORIGINAL

Extracted from the Diary of
 LIEUT. RALPH E. GRANBALL

These items are supposed to have come over the air following the fall of Bataan--

- 1- It makes me feel proud. - President Roosevelt.
- 2- The Bataan forces went out as they would have wished, fighting to the end of their sickening, forlorn hope. No army has ever done so much with so little and nothing became it more than its last hour of trial and agony. To the weeping mothers of its dead, I can only say that the sacrifices and the halo of Jesus of Nazareth have descended upon their sons, and He will take them unto Himself. - Douglas MacArthur.
- 3- Bataan has fallen; but the spirit that made it stands a beacon to all Liberty loving peoples of the World. - "Corregidor (Voice of Freedom).
- 4- Tonight we must close on a note of sorrowful pride; Britain has been moved almost beyond words to learn that the four months' defense of Bataan is ended. They have written a story that will never be forgotten. - London Radio.
- 5- I have nothing but pride for the men who conducted the Epic battle. Our troops outnumbered, worn down by constant fighting and exhausted by insufficient rations and disease have had their lines broken down. A long and gallant defense has been overthrown. - Sec'y Stinson.
- 6- No defeat can dim the glory of the Bataan defenders. No reverses will lower our pride in lifting them to the rank of America's greatest heroes. America's regard for them is an emotion too genuine to shout, too personal to parade. Bataan is America's badge of Valor. In the final hour of Victory, Bataan will be the symbol of those who fought w/o fear. - Washington, D.C. News.
- 7- Our debt to the men of Bataan must be paid - it must be paid by the mightiest devotion and upsurges of energy of every man & woman in the nation. - Oakland Tribune.
- 8- The war was not won or lost in Bataan. Bataan won a bugle call to the attack. Bataan has told us how to win the war. - San Francisco Chronicle.

FEB, 43.

- 1- Very quiet today. The moon is in the last quarter. Saw a beautiful scene last night. The moon stood out against the black sky. It was surrounded w/ white fleecy clouds. I started running again last night - maybe too many peanuts.
- 2- The Japs are installing a special laboratory in old wd 10. Had a cup of tea made from Tender Leaf of tea ball. Capt Kos-tack now our ward surgeon. I can stateside tobacco to every three men.
- 3- Traded 1 1/2 cups sugar for tube of shaving cream. Mal. Pettit moved into wd 6 today. Bango now 88. Capt. Barshoff now also our ward surgeon. Lieut George & his crew relieved of duty in the kitchen by Med Dept men. What will the food be from here on? Moon in very last quarter. 1st in mess line today.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

- 4- 2 tubes Palmolive shave cream issued to Wd 6 today. Acquired gal. kuan can. We can now have tea. Capt. Rodcliff & I had 2 sessions of cribbage today. Talk by Capt. Kostecki on the amoeba.
- 5- Shaved today. Did some trig. problems today to knock the rust out of my mind. Only one each day to B. 4 for the last three days. Had tea w/ Cookrum.
- 6- Inspection by camp & hosp commands this a.m. Another tube of Shave cream for the ward today. Lots of the men are making rice flour by dampening the rice & rolling it on a board with a bottle. They are frying some good hot cakes with the flour. Maj. Pettit & I kuaned a can of willy & 8 eggs for dinner. Sgt Standifer came back w/ E.H. Phil Trip transferred into ward 8 w/ E.H. Bango 91. Saw a lamp made of 2 tin cans, a bottle, & a piece of waist belt. Bottle had bottom cut out & used for shade. Had a bath.
- 7- Commissaries came in today. Got 6 eggs, 2 candied peanuts, 5 bxs. matches. My coveralls have given away at the knees. Some repairs are in order. The new kitchen crew (medics) are putting out some lousy meals. Rumors have it that the Russians are pushing the German back.
- 8- Made a roster of the ward for Med Hq. Started making a set of 55 a's on uniform sized cards today. This is the 3rd straight day that none went to B.H.
- 9- Another day w/ none to B. Hq. A Jap general inspected the camp today. (Wd. 6 deloused - had a bath.) The gen was riding in a 41 Cadillac. 5 transferred to Wd 9. Bango now 89.
- 10- This is the 2nd Anniversary of our induction into Federal service. This is the 5th day w/ none to B.H. The first of the deep latrines was uncovered today. It was full to within 4 feet of the top. The sides were badly undermined. Since the improvement in the boxes etc. the flies have diminished considerably. Am still making new 55 a's for the ward.
- 11- The Japs started the day w/ one of their ceremonies. What they might have been celebrating is not known. Had a dose of Scott's Emulsion which gave me a terrific headache. Warnick made a batch of hot cakes using rice "flour". They were excellent. Rumor has it that the Russians are forcing the Germans back and are now in Poland. V.B. issue of dhodie tobacco & bananas today. The moon is in the first quarter. Taurus is now directly overhead at sunset. Would like to visit the planetarium in Chicago again. The kitchen gets worse instead of better. Christmas messages were delivered to some of the officers about dark. They were of the "canned" type and were said to be cable grams. Five officers in this ward received them. I wonder why no one sends me news from home. The Japs gave a motion picture show in the main camp. Only the corpsmen & doctors were allowed to attend from this side of the road. There were Japanese news reels showing the attack on Pearl Harbor, etc. The main feature was a Marx Bros. Picture.
- 12- Nothing startling today. A detail is building a new guard

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- tower opposite us outside the fence. A column of Filipino soldiers marched down the road last night. There were about 500 & were evidently headed for Camp III. Capt. Gasselgaard is having Pvt Quilardi make say drawings about camp. I told him that I would make photographic copies for him when we hit the states. The moon will be in the first half tonight. This is a holiday in the States. It is also Maroon's birthday. I wonder how she is and if she is married by now. Corky is three years old today. Finished my quinine course.
- 13- After 7 days without a death in the whole camp three men died this morning. One was Sgt Gerald Schloeger of Hq Co. This the first time since the war began that 8 days have passed w/o an American dying. Bill Garrison celebrated his 22nd birthday today. Carol Guin moved into 5 today w/ the bug. Schoeneck came over with Eib. Shaved.
- 14- This is St. Valentine's Day. Would that I were where I could send roses. The day was started w/ High Mass sung by Father Scocina & the choir from the main camp. Hosp. Hq. had a new form for a daily report on beri-beri & edema. The Japs are making a study of those diseases here. Jack Woodson was over for the first time in a long time. Had a bath. Col Hackwood w/ the aid of 2 men built a new medicine cabinet using the following tools: a piece of sheet iron w/ the edge notched (saw), a tape measure, a broken double-claw hammer to pull nails, a rock to drive nails, a broken mess knife for a chisel (operated w/ the rock). The lumber was pieces picked up here & there in the hosp. area.
- 15- A very quite day. One Jap heavy bomber flew over at noon headed south. They detail is now going a long way to get hay. Breakfast this a.m.: lugao & a spoon of eggs scrambled w/ corn starch - Dinner: rice & green soup. Supper: danced Cook stew & rice. Maj Pettit went back to duty. The bug evidently hadn't bitten him very hard. He had had no medication while in the ward. Limes issued today.
- 16- Three in today including Bob Strasters. Finished the new 55 a's. Current rumors have us winning the war in Europe and a sea battle off the Philippines. Also there are rumors of more Xmas pkgs. The Japs have installed a radio in the upper hospital area. Ward 6 is allowed to go up & listen.
- 17- Dreamed last night that I got home. Cigarettes were selling for 25¢ per pkg. Slept all this am. Dreamed that I went to Seattle & opened a machine shop. Had more business than I could handle. Had hot cakes for breakfast & in the mid afternoon. Got some Cabanatuan cigarettes in the commissary. 16¢ for 24. Line issued again today.
- 18- Slept all the morning. The kitchen issued 1/3 cup white gran. sugar per man to Wd 6. It appears to be a part of the Christmas shipment. Every one is getting fatter. The Christmas pkgs. were decidedly the turning point in the condition &

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

everyone here. The moon should be full tonight. Had some delicious hot cakes this pm. The kitchen refuses to issue any more raw rice so there probably won't be many more cakes. The rats have gotten pretty bad. They run through the bayhay all night.

19- The Japs had a show-down inspection off everyone in the camp today. They confiscated what they considered to be excess clothing & equipage from each individual. As was expected they failed to come into the "dysentery area". As it was, they each wore gauze masks. Had a shave, haircut & bath today. Tonight is the night of maximum moonlight. The radio tonight said that Germany was being driven back by the Russians but even if Germany should fall Japan would carry on to the last man.

20- Had lower right #1 molar pulled this morning by Lt. Col Fields. He chiseled away the bone before pulling, & then broke off a root while so doing. B. Co left St. Joe 2 yrs ago today.

21- This has been an extremely bad day. My jaw is badly swollen and aches like hell. My mind involuntarily returns to St. Joe every little bit. I have been thinking about Sunday rides w/ the little woman. I can picture several places that we could go to have fun. 160 men came in from Bilibid yesterday. They brought word that some wounded men had come in from Palawan. American bombers were reported to have bombed Palawan & to have killed 11 American E.M. Capt Harry Hickman & a Jap colonel. 1 to B.H. today.

22- The dentist took the stitches out of my jaw this morning. The wind has been blowing from the N. E. in tornadoic (I should say typhonic) capacity for the past two days. The sky has been heavily overcast the most of the time. Twenty years ago today old B. Co. was organized. It was also on Monday. A year ago today I was commissioned. Dreamed last night that I was home. Was driving Dad's old '25 Essee to take some ladies home from a church meeting. Stopped up town & took a gal by the name of Eleanor for a ride. The Japs had given me until 10 pm to get back into camp and at one o'clock I was wondering how to get back in w/o being discovered. It all ended when I woke up to go out back and to have a smoke. Later in the night I dreamed that I had invented a cal. 45 revolver the cylinder of which held 12 rds. instead of the usual 6. The special bullets would shoot through 1 1/2 in. of armor plate. I had built 4 and some one had stolen 2. I later found them in the possession of a boy who lived at 9th & Wessonio st.

I cannot help but wonder what is doing in Old St. Joe on this Washington's birthday. What is the family doing & how are they getting along? What has happened to prices, rents, etc? Saw Earl Hill while in the upper area. He lost control of his legs. Heard a man play a guitar this evening that he had made of scrap pieces of sheet iron. It sounded ok. Saw a man drunk today. What one won't see in a prison camp.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- 23- 2 yrs. ago today B Co. arrived at Ft. Lewis. Wish I were there today. The wind has shifted to the north & is blowing harder. Slept all morning & spent the afternoon working practical mathematic problems; using Machinery's Handbook as a guide. I wonder why I didn't pay more attention to mathematics when I was in school. Sgt. Mooney, Bill Garrison, & I had rice-flour pancakes for breakfast - 14 apiece. Sure were good. More amoebic cases are being found. 9 moved into ward 9 today.
- 24- Have been working on my coveralls all day. This is quite a task. The wind is still blowing like hell.
- 25- Spent the day on the coveralls again. I have cut the sleeves off at the elbows & am using the pieces to patch the badly worn knees. Wind is still blowing.
- 26- Today is Margaret's birthday. I wonder how she is & if Ray was called into the Service. Finished my coveralls today. Notice that the seat is getting thin as is a spot on the back where I lean against the sawale. Rumors have it that Germany has fallen. All radios in Camp were taken up by the Nips. Another movie show in the main camp tonight.
- 27- Chaplain Tiffany read excerpts from a speech by Roosevelt. He said that Germany had made peace overtures. The wind is subsiding slightly. Worked some trigonometric problems today to sharpen my mind. Talked w/ Capt Gamelgaard about Seattle. Should settle there.
- 28- Sunday again. Spent a large part of the day taking information for another (2nd) set of cards to go home. Some C. Co men were over from the other side. Brought a note from B. Gwynn dated Feb 9th at Bilibid. Said Frank Riley was ok. The morale committee brought the orchestra over from some where. Some ingenious soul has made a drum & a set of traps. The drum is made by stretching a piece of carabao hide over what appears to be a dish pan. The traps are tin cans, bottles, canteens, pieces of sheet metal & bamboo. They sounded ok. Besides these there were two trumpets, a mandolin, a guitar, a clarinet & a miniature organ. Sent one to the wet ward this a.m. Bangs now 91. None died in the ward this month & none in the whole camp for several days. My jaw still hurts some. Have caught a hell of a cold in my nose.
- These are the gospel truth -
 A man in Ward 5 was caught with a fire in a bed-pan cooking kuan inside the baybay.
 Two bed patients in ward 9 had a fight in bed.
 A man is reported to have cooked a guard w/a rock, doing away w/ the same.
 Total deaths for Feb - (13)

- March 1943 -

- 1- Finished taking information for cards to home. I sent birthday greetings to Margaret & Marian. Wind has died down and shifted to S.E. Some kind of an insect has been biting me - 4 on

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- my buttocks, 4 on my lone muscle, 4 on my right elbow, 1 under my right arm. Rumors say Germany has fallen but don't believe it. Moon in last quarter.
- 2- Had a bath. Quite hot today. Harry Wortman was down this morning - looks very bad. Homer Butt showed a positive and is in Va. 9.
- 3- Malaria hit me again this morning. While sleeping off the chill I dreamed that I was taking back Mt. Samet. I ran the ribbings I got. I must have provided a lot of entertainment for the boys. Am now on quinine again. The ward was deloused this morning. The sunset this evening was one of the most picturesque I have ever seen.
- 4- Feel a little better today but am weak. Read part of the day. Haven't been eating much lately and am losing weight. 2 to B. K. this morning, the first in several days. Another is in the morgue this evening.
- 5- Fever again today. Slept part of the day & read some Jack Woodson was over gave men cigar. This is Jap Sunday so no details went out.
- 6- Had the dentist remove 2 pcs. of bone from jaw. Rumors have the Russians advancing & our forces bombing Jap. concentrations in the So. Pacific. Saw Earl Hill. He is being transf'd to Va 2. Signed cards for home.
- 7- Just a quiet uneventful Sunday. Got an issue of 10 Jap cigarettes today. The Nips started the day w/a ceremony.
- 8- Nothing new today. Food is none too plentiful. Rice & greens at noon. Same w/ for supper. Walt Daffron over today.
- 9- Larry Schoeneck was over today. Harry Wortman bubbled down. He looks bad. Gave him a couple of eggs.
- 10- Got some sulphonilamide ointment for the bumps on my butt. Hope it helps. Rumors say Russia is pushing forward. This is Ash Wednesday.
- 11- The doctor says my bumps are scabies. Took a bath & rubbed down w/ sulphur ointment. The bayhaw started a cribbage tournament. Rumors say Japan wanted to ship all prisoners to the States in trade for keeping all war ships east of the 180th Meridian. My mind has been in Washington all day.
- 12- The cribbage tournament marches on. ~~Capt. Ted Easton~~ was tried for selling candy. Got 10 days in the brig. peckens of Co Ch 94 squealed on him. He also got 10 days. More propaganda movies in the main camp.
- 13- A Mr. Erickson was in the morgue this A.M. A large number of Bamboo Yankees gathered for a religious service. I am certainly slipping on my cribbage. So far I have won 2 out of 8 or 9 matches. It aggravated me no end. 10 Jap cigarettes issued to each man. They are certainly better than any Philippine cigaret I ever smoked. Capt. Guinlen was over today for a stool test. He had cysts of A. coli.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

- 14- Another Sunday - As usual the day was started w/ mass by Father Riley. Protestant services were held later in the morning. Had watermelon preserves for breakfast. The orchestra was over this afternoon & gave a concert. Had a bath & rubbed down w/ sulphur. These scabies are vicious bugs. My jaw is about well now. Am glad I had the tooth pulled. Rumor says 1,500,000 American troops have landed at Dunquerque. Japs are reported to have said we would all be happy in two weeks. A large detail moved a kitchen building from the hospital area to a place near the corral. Jap soldiers brought into camp a group of about 200 Philipinos. The rumors will be rampant tomorrow. Kuanned a fish loaf for supper.
- 15- Every time I go to write in this book the wind is blowing a gale. Had a corned willy loaf for supper. Saw a beautiful meteorite last night. The moon is half full.
- 16- Kuanned some Canadian bacon & eggs this afternoon. The flies are not nearly as bad as they used to be. The covered boxes etc have helped a lot. The rats are beginning to diminish. Amer-Hq. gives a duck egg or 7 cigarettes per rat or a pkg of dhoobie tobacco for 12. I can see the truth to the saying about he who builds a better rat trap. Shaved & bathed today.
- 17- Today is St. Patrick's day all day but didn't see much green. Saw an exhibit of handicraft items made by the boys in camp. Rumors have been rampant about us being traded. There is about as much likelihood of that as there is of me flying. It has been hot & windy today. Weight is now 176. Wish I were hardened up. Japs issued a half towel to each man, socks to some, a can of fish - oil shoe dobbin to each boy, 10 bananas, for each man.
- 18- Spent nearly the whole day playing cribbage & figuring crazy problems. This is Nip Sunday. Do all Oriental celebrate this day?
- 19- Have been reading "The Harvesting" by Irving Bacheller. Got an issue of 10 Nip cigarettes per man today.
- 20- Nothing new.
- 21- Today is the equinox. Tonight is the night of max. moonlight. The afternoons are hotter than hell. The rice issue is very low.
- 22- Another Nip picture on the other side. It is reported that there were shots of Americans in Japan - E.M. working in mines & officers in an onion patch.
- 23- The old game of the sea-battle on paper has been revived. Have been playing all day. Bath & shaved this pm. The "Cabana-tuan Players" dramatized "Snow White & the 7 Dwarfs" for the hospital this evening. During the performance someone was looking for the Ward surgeon of 27 or the O.D. A man in that ward had tried to commit suicide by drinking iodine.
- 24- The attempted suicide proved to be Harry Wortman. Harold Schenk was down and said that Harry had been taken to 18 b (vet ward). Dewey & I tried to see him in the afternoon but they would not let us in. He died about 5:30 & his body was brought to the morgue about 1/2 hour later. Hig was the first death in about 2 weeks & the 6th this month. It is a lot different than

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- when I came in here Nov. 1st when about 15 per day were going to Boat Hill. I must see his wife (Hazel) when I get back to the States. The Nips asked the Ph. Ord. officer to submit a report showing the ammunition expended during the fighting on Batuan. Also how much was received during the war. Funny people these Nips. The General visited the camp today.
- 28- Jap airplanes have been flying around over the camp all day. It certainly grates my soul to hear an engine running. I would like to get my hands in one again. Harry was buried today. Incidentally it was odd yesterday evening to see a crowd gather around the morgue when his body was brought in. A few weeks ago it was taken for granted that there would be several each day. But now it is different. The food issues had fallen off to rice & greens again like last summer, although we are getting carabao each day. They have improved the method of cooking so that the meat is now fairly tender. Temp. today 115°. Lieut Goldberg was relieved of his command of kitchen No. 4 because he had a fight w/ a patient. Have been thinking of Seattle all days. Would like to be there now. A pattern & machine shop should go over ok out there.
- 26- Triplett was over to see me today. Rumors have some more P.O.W. going to Japan & the rest traded back to the U. S.
- 27- A corps man died this m. - 7th this month. Pvt. John Hando, a man of the 192nd Tk Bn. has been busy making & selling pipes. He has taken in 30 pesos this month. What has been called dry Beri-Beri here is called chaoholeh by the British Samble's. 8 Jap cigarettes issued per man.
- 28- Just another Sunday. The Nips called for cryptographers. One man by the name of Richstein (Boston Jew) insisted that he should go but was talked out of it by Ganny. Rich. thought he could get medicine from the Nips by so doing. That seems to be typical of the Jews in the army.
- 29- Nothing new today.
- 30- Ditto.
- 31- Today is Mother's birthday. Wish I were home to help her celebrate. Onions were issued today for the first time. Each man got three very small ones w/ his lunch. They were very good but not hot. Limes issued today.

-April 1943-

1- This is Willie's birthday. As I remember, he is 20. I wonder if he is in the Army. Ten men were sent to duty from Wd 6 today. There were about 100 from the area. About thirty came into the area from the other side. None of them were sick but it is reliably reported that they were Shanghaied from the other side on account of being "bolsheviks". It looks like the Marines have landed again. We now fall in west of the baybay for evening bango. That is the only way a doctor can get a formation.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- 2- Went to see the latest production of the "Cabanatuan Players". It was "Fred Allen's Town Hall Tonight". Much can be said for their talent. Following the show Capt. Gamelgaard & I got 1/5 of AHA gin. We got tight, our tongues got loose, and we battled the breeze until 2:00 am. I moved Minnie & myself to Seattle, etc. We just experimented to see how it would be once more.
- 3- "Steamboat" Shultz brought over sketch of his idea of what I would like in a boat. He took it & my suggestions & made a new sketch. I shall copy it into my book of brainstorm. Some men came into camp from Bilibid yesterday and who should be amongst them but Frank Riley & Benny Gagan. They came over today. It was the first time I had seen Frank since Apr. 27th last year. Sprinkled at noon today for the 3rd straight day. Riley says the rumor about American planes bombing Palawan was false.
- 4- Some of the ten men sent to duty are returning. Straus went to 4. Apparently the amoeba is harder to kill out than the doctors would have us believe. The orchestra was over this pm. to give an entertainment.
- 5- A cup of raw peanuts & 5 Jap cigarettes to every man. A 1000-man detail for Japan was announced for the near future. Lieut George, our former mess officer, was in the group selected. 10 men to duty today.
- 6- This has been a hot dry day as have the past few days. Dreamed last night of a blone. Why?
- The chow is improving. They have learned how to cook carabao to make it tender.
- 7- Two men escaped from the other side last night. There will probably be hell to pay now. Five bananas to each below 1st lieuts. The lawn out front is beginning to look good. Sgt. Whitfield waters it morning & evening. The mongo beans around the edges are doing well, as are two papaya trees. For some time each unpaid man has been getting an egg nearly everyday. At last they have discovered that 2nd Lieuts are not rich men because they gave us an egg today. After supper the sky clouded in the North & West. First came cyclonic winds carrying dirt & many light weight items. Then the rains came. It rained like the proverbial cow and the wind blew the whole time. By the time the rain ended (1 hr.) the wind had come from all directions. The guard tent was torn to shreds & blown down.
- 8- Everything looked green & pretty this morning. The watering details will leave it easy today. Another duck egg this a.m. Dreamed last night that I was building outdoor ovens. Built two on two-wheel trailers. About 4:30 pm it started raining again but not as much nor as much wind as yesterday. Jap celebration this am. This makes the 5th month they have done this.
- 9- A year ago today Bataan fell, so we have been the guests of the Imperial Japanese Army for a whole year now. Blue denim trousers & jackets were issued to all who didn't have them. It is a shame to see us larger men in the small trousers.
- 10- I wonder how many times I have dreamed that I went home

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

and found that Minnie had bought a house and was fixing it up. Last night I got there in time to install a new light in the kitchen for her. I hope I get out of here in time to enjoy a few years with her in our home. Have decided what I want in the way of a boat.

11- This was a red letter day. Had an issue of a G-string, a bar of toilet soap (Phil.), bananas, eggs, tooth powder. I hear that F. Riley & Schoeneck are on the next contingent to Japan. Pretty soon I will be the only officer of the battalion left here. 2 men escaped from the garden detail today.

12- Five Jap cigarettes to each man today. Rumors have Romell on the retreat again. That man has retreated and surrendered more times than I have fingers & toes.

13- 1/5 cup of salted peanuts to each man from welfare. I am reminded of the Social Welfare Board at home. I now can feel the attitude of the thousands I used to see coming into that organization for aid. Played several game of croquet today. Reminds me of the house and Messonic street.

14- The Jap guards were raising hell about five o'clock this morning. Rumors say they called an American perimeter guard to the fence & tied him up. About 8:30 they marched him out of camp w/a firing squad. This is the first trouble of this sort we have had since September. Rumors say 30000 letters are in Cabanatuan.

15- It is reported that they shot the Amer. guard yesterday. He was Trujillo out of the 200th C.A. Same old 7 & 8 today.

16- Schoeneck & F. Riley were over today. The first man this month died today. Deloused today.

17- Rained all morning- the Washington type of drizzle which makes me wish I were there. Homer Dutt & I have been talking over an auto salvage yard.

18- Capt. Root of A Co moved into the ward w/ the bug today. We got an issue of Japanese mosquito bars for the ward. They measure 10 x 20 feet and are made of a heavy green netting. Evidently they are used in their squat tents and are quite efficient. Also got an issue of Jap. shoe grease - 2 box per man.

19- 5 Jap. cigarettes per man today. Played my first games of chess. It is a complicated game but interesting. A drizzling rain came up this evening. Some one came up with the following puzzle: a body of troops came to a square island around which was a moat 10 yds wide. They had two planks 8 yds long w/ no other equipment to use for crossing. The approved answer was to place them across the corner, although I said I would do it on the lever principle.

20- Today we figured the moat problem and found that the planks would not reach by the approved answer. We spent the whole morning arguing over how much weight would be required to hold down the one plank. One man can do it. Wash. type rain all morning.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

- 21-22- Hot & dry these days. In fact, hotter than hell. I am broken out with heat rash something terrible.
- 23- Good Friday. I suppose that in line w/ his usual custom Dad planted his potatoes today. I wish I could be helping him. Cath. & protestant services today. Am reading "The Autobiography of Benvenuto Cellini". He must have been a real artist.
- 24- Worked on my sun dial today. Some of the men fixed the floor in the bahay so it could be removed in sections for cleaning. Am reading "Beside Esquire" & "Keys of the Kingdom", the latter by A. J. Cronin. Rumors say we again have Borneo. The Manila papers are said to have so stated.
- 25- This is Easter, but aside from church services it was like any other day in the week. No special food today.
- 26- The weather is hot and dry. Drew the scale on the sun dial today. I borrowed an alarm clock, but apparently it was fast & the bells were slow so maybe I got it about right. Bangs up to 99.
- 27- A year ago today I left Camp O'Donnell for Batan. Got an issue of avocados today. I believe that I could learn to like them.
- 28- 8 bananas per man today. This fruit is certainly helpful. Had a spot w/ Treborn, our Ward Master. I'll probably be going to duty before long. It was announced that all men who work will be paid by the Japs effective May 1st. I think the Medical Corps & Department stink. Rumors have us fighting in Mindanao. Also we are still said to be in Borneo. It is odd how these strinky rumors pop up every so often.
- 29- This being the emperor's birthday it was a holiday. The day was started by one of the early morning ceremonies by the Jap troops and by the raising of the flag.
- 30- This was Jap Sunday so no work as usual on this day. Only one man died this month & one shot. A pyt. Luuvelin died of T.B. in the 17th.

May 1945.

- 1- May day, and all the flowers should be in bloom at home. Inspection this am by the Camp Co & the hospital Co. Dressed last night that I have built a 14-story apartment bldg. It has 3 elevators. The kitchen has been baking cakes, cookies, and bread of ground rice. It is not bad.
- 2- Sunday & just another day. There is a large number of carabacs in the corral.
- 3- Deloused today. No pay yet. Have taken to smoking a pipe instead of cigarettes rolled in toilet papers. Felt a tremor about 11 am. The first since the morning of the surrender.
- 4- Am reading "Orphans of the Pacific" by Florence Horn. Have some infection in my left foot. Had to fill out identification cards on each man today. A board is going through the hospital examining each man with the view toward sending to duty all they consider capable. It is reported they will get us tomorrow.
- 5- Have been having cramps & taking tinct opie for past several

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

days. Soaked my left foot in hot potash solution this morning. It (the foot) looks bad. Schoeneck was over today. He looks good. He brought over a screwdriver so I could tighten my tin snips. Traded 3 lighter flints for 3 pkgs Ghibie cigarettes today. The board didn't get here. There is a rumor that they will not bother the dysentery area. A rumor says that Germany has fallen. That rumor stinks. It has been around too many times.

6- At about supper time the Japs held some sort of a ceremony on the ball diamond, apparently in honor of the dead. It is reported that two of their member recently died & were cremated. It may have been in their honor, or it may have been to commemorate those that died in taking Corregidor. Corregidor surrendered a year ago today. (7) Their guards beat up two of our men who herd the carabaos today. One had bad looking welts across his back & his head & face were badly lacerated. One of the carabaos' got into a Jap garden. Rained after supper.

8- Twenty months ago today we sailed from San Francisco and the war is 17 months old today. The Japanese troops had a flag raising ceremony at sunrise as they have done on the 8th of each month since Dec. It rained all the afternoon.

9- Today is Mother's Day. How I wish I could help my mother celebrate this day. In celebration I shaved, bathed, had a haircut & went to morning church services. Chaplain Tiffany preached an appropriate sermon. He baptized 8 men in the Presbyterian faith at the service. Supper tonight was exceptionally good. This new mess Sgt. is ok. All but 4 men moved out of Ward 7 to the upper area today 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 are all now dysentery wards.

10-11- Same old Stuff.

12- Greens & rice for dinner. It is beginning to look like last year. Went to the show last night the orchestra put on the "Hit Parade". Every week they present some radio program & I might say they are plenty good. Heard that Sgt Foley of Hq. Co. had been captured & brought into camp.

13- A most busy day. Took information for another set of cards to be sent home. Transferred 10 men to Ward 7. They finally came around w/ our pay vouchers to be signed. Brought all my records up to date. Issued 6 bananas per man. Foley was over to see us. He was captured near Manila. He had been living in a cave while one of their party was sick. He was taken to a prison in Malolos in Bulacan & questioned. They couldn't get anything out of him. So in the questioning they beat him, but to no avail. He had not been w/ the guerillas. A Sgt Chava & a Capt had been beheaded by the Negritos for \$200 per head, which is the standard reward paid for Americans by the Japanese. It is reported that they have brought 110,000 Jap civilians from the southern islands.

14- The Nips had a party in their area lasting all day. There was a brass band and several dalagas. It is rumored that the Philipinos are being given their independence but this stinks as loud as any other rumor. It clouded up and rained a little in the afternoon following several hours of extremely hot sticky

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

weather.

15- Weather same as yesterday. It looks like the rainy season will be on us early. Rumors say that the war has ended in Europe. I have said for several weeks that the war would end in May but it won't be before May, 1944. A Mr. Lester (civilian) died of cancer of the stomach today following an operation. This was the first death since Apr. 17th. Went up last night to see the first installment of Dr. Jeckyl & Mr. Hyde. Maj. Bubbard plays the part of Dr. Jeckyl & Ben Mossel that of Mr. Hyde. So far it is quite good.

16- Another Sunday. At dawn a large number of civilians came down to the morgue at dawn for services by Chap. Oliver for the man who died yesterday. Have been hungry all day -- Ate 11 bananas and still did not get filled. Rumors have the European war ended and Russia at war w/ Japan.

17- It seems that there is a new Jap doctor in Camp. He caused a fence to be built between the dysentery area & the rest of the hospital w/ nobody to go thru except Doctors & Corpsemen. The Japs had given permission to tear down the old fence a couple of months ago. Read "The Yearlings" by M. K. Rowlands.

18- Deloused today. Signed cards to be sent home. Sent Birthday greetings to Minnie & Dad. A Jap guard is said to have committed suicide by chopping his head open w/ an axe.

19- Vets Bureau issued 9 bananas per man & 5 per officer today. Some woman sends the money to the Baybay through the Chaplain. Got a cup of sugar through the commissary - the first in nearly two months. (10¢ per cup). Had the first mangoes since I left Bataan last June. There was a show last night but the fence prevented us from going.

20- Today marks eighteen months since I have had a letter from Minnie. I hope it isn't another 18. There has been a rumor that there is mail in but, like all the rest of the rumors, no mail will be produced. Spent the most of the day making drawings for Phil Tripp of a basement work shop. Some of the people in the ward are worried on account of Charlie Foster who died here Dec. 24th was everlastingly drawing work shops.

21- Spent the day reading Zane Gray's "Western Union". It has been raining daily for the past several days. It looks like the rainy season might be here early this year. I will be glad to get out of the tropics so that I'll not be bothered so with skin rash, scabies, & fungus growths. Welfare today issued a mangoe to each man, a pineapple to each 3 men, & 4 eggs to each of 30 men. Our anonymous donor issued 5 bananas per man.

22- Read half of the Readers' Digest for Aug., 1940. Continued w/ Tripp's drawings. Jap bombers have flown north everyday for quite a number of days. An extra good supper w/ avocados salted & French-fried camotes. There was a show last night but the fence kept us out.

23- Another Sunday w/ nothing out of the ordinary. Capt Barshopp came down after supper and said that he was leaving for Camp 3. The Chinese tea we get in the commissary is certainly not as good

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

as what we got in the Christmas pkgs.

24- Since we were first in the mess line (every Monday) I got my belly full for once. By careful trading I got four issues of eggs for breakfast. Dreamed last night that the Japanese had paroled me & sent me home. Minnie & I were making some plans for the future.

25- It is only 7 months till Christmas. The doctor gave me some nicotinic acid because he thought I might have a touch of pellegra. He soaked my left foot, which has again broken out w/an infection in potash solution, then dressed it w/ mercurial ointment. Started reading "The Hurricane".

26- All unpaid help got 26 bananas, 1 avocado, & a fourth of a pineapple. Sims, Vandagriff & Dewey are enclosing the delouser w/ adobe (Globe type) bricks.

27- Saw a Japanese Navy bomber (4motored) go over today.
 28- This is Minnie's birthday. I would certainly like to help her celebrate it. This is the third one I have missed now. Breakfast is once more down to plain lugao & tea. Supper is our best meal.

29- Another Saturday w/ inspection by the camp commander and the hospital commander. There was a big-shot Nip in camp today. Rumors say that there has been a great naval battle near Aleutians in which we lost 2 battleships & 6 cruisers, w/ 82 out of 74 Nip war vessels lost. The Manila paper acknowledges the fact that their naval chief, Admiral Yamamoto was lost in battle. Had a dream last night that I was home again. Won a suit on a punch-board, also a tie, but had to buy my shoes & hat.

30- This is Memorial day. Services were conducted at the chapel. 2600 from the camp & the upper area of the hospital were allowed to go to the services at the cemetery. There are 2644 Americans buried there. Are are also 87 at Camp 3 & over 2000 at O'Donnell. The Jap camp C.O. & the C.O. of the Philippines each sent a beautiful wreath to be used in the services. My feet are looking worse from this fungus infection. The left one has deep spots eaten into it. Have been soaking it in creole solution & painting w/ gentian violet.

31- Signed the payroll today. It is reported that another Nip guard committed Hari-Kari last night. There was a lot of whistle blowing & commotion about 10 o'clock last night. Got an issue of Jap toilet paper. It was in sheets about 8 x 9 stacked 1000 to the peck. It is made of junk paper. You can still see small bits of print.

June 1943

1- Pay day - Rec'd my usual \$30.83 Japanese Army Money. Got an issue of 10 Jap cigarettes. The Philippine cigarettes (which was called awful awfals) are coming in a new kind of paper now. It looks like wall paper on which has been printed a red, brown or green tip. The packages are made of old newspapers, billheads,

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

- statements, insurance policies or just any old piece of paper. There are hundreds of brands. The last I got are named "Bahay Kubo", meaning "small house", or "nipa house". The cost is 16 centavos for 24 or 30 depending upon who packed them.
- 2- The unpaid members of the bahay are getting quite a bit of Welfare now. There is something almost everyday.
- 3- Have been soaking my feet daily to try to kill the infection from the tropical fungus. There are holes in the top of my left foot large enough to receive the end of a persons thumb.
- 4- Deloused today. It was 20 years ago today that I first enlisted in the National Guard so now the State of Missouri owe me a gold medal for long continuous service. Tripp & I baked up a rice loaf w/ sardines for dinner. There is a medical corpsman who is a patient in the ward, that is taking care of my feet. His name is Corp. Walter J. Wasilewski. (Mrs. Anna Wasilewski (mother) 3638 W. Oakdale, Ave., Chicago, Ill.) He is doing a nice job. (He has worked as a machine operator in the Chicago Gear Co.). The Glee Club entertained us w/ singing & violin solos last night.
- 5- Just another Saturday - Discovered that Wasilewski owns an 8 x 10 century view camera w/ a Zeiss lens & a vacuum sheetter. A man in the T B ward died.
- 6- A Japanese general is expected in camp for an inspection today, or tomorrow. No bathing or laundering before 5:00 pm. It rained like the old proverbial cow for the second day at supper time. I discovered at 9 pm that I had forgotten to bring in a blanket that I had hung out to sun. It was wetter than a sponge.
- 7- Saw Philipinos preparing ground for the planting of rice. That is a sign that the rainy is here. Rained again at supper time. The suppers are continuing to be good meals. My feet are getting better but am getting the same infection on my hands. A rat bit Sims on the scrotum.
- 8- Rained nearly all day - the type of rain we have in Wash & Oreg. One of the men obtained a piece of camogon a black hardwood grown here in the Phil. He is making pipe out of it.
- 9- Still raining. Got 10 Jap cigarettes last night.
- 10- This is Dad's birthday. Wish I could help him celebrating. Ma be I will be next year. Some of the E.M. in the bahay have become rather Bolshevik. Nothing that the officers do is right. However, it is only a small percentage. Right now their pet peeve is that the officers go down at the head of the meal line. Have broken loose again.
- 11- Get a pair of wooden skivvies made by the boys at at the delouser @ \$1.00 per pr. Wasilewski is still taking good care of my feet which are looking better. My left hand looks vicious. From time to time they have inspected to see how many of us need B. Nicotinic acid, etc. to help hold off dietary ills. I have received maybe 1/2 doz. nicotinic acid tablets but nothing else. I have never had milk nor egg-roy and one officer has been on steady ever since I have been in the ward. Had lugao fritters.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

- for supper. Rumors say that Germany has fallen.
- 12- Tripp & I fried up a green papaya that the red ants were about to carry off. My appetite is certainly picking up.
- 13- Just a rainy Sunday. The Jap doctor inspected the dysentery area to see how crowded it is. Our bango is 98. It is still raining daily, but had a little sun today for the first time in over a week. It is said that the prisoners from this camp are about to plant rice, 2000 were said to have gone out this morning & 100 to have come back at noon all beat to a pulp. Ben Treborn has been released as ward master by a Sgt Brown whose home is in Trenton, Mo. It started raining at supper time & continued until well after midnight.
- 14- A man died in Ward 2 last night - the 2nd this month. At a meeting of all Field Officers the Jap camp commandant apologized harsh treatment of prisoners.
- 15- It has rained nearly all day for the past 2 days. Surely we should get some respite soon. Got our ten Jap cigarette this evening.
- 16- At last the sun broke through today. Saw 3 heavy bombers go north today but only 2 came back. Rained again in the evening.
- 17- Got a shave today by El Lopez, the bahay barber. He used a razor made of a case knife but it gives a good shave. I find it easier to have it done twice a week than to do it myself. It was clear again today until after supper - then it rained until nearly midnight.
- 18- This is a hell of a place for a fellow to spend his wedding anniversary, but it doesn't rain everyday. Am reading "Capt Horatio Hornblower" by E.S. Forester. It is very good.
- 19- Weather same as last Sunday. Fungus infection on my left hand is very bad. Hip planes have been going north daily. We hear that Italy has fallen and that Prime Konoye has replaced Togo in the Jap cabinet.
- 20- Left hand badly swollen from fungus infection. Soaked twice in mercurial soak. Am still running - in fact have picked up to 7 times in last 24 hrs. Saw Frank Riley working on rock path for Jap guard along west side of camp. The Japanese called all books & printed matter to be turned in to be censored. I sent my "Machinery's Handbook" which I certainly hope will be returned.
- 21- This is the longest day of the year. The sun has been north of us for about a month & will be for another month. A man died w/ T.B.
- 22- Didn't sleep much last night because of the pain in my left hand. My ring finger is swollen to about three times its normal size and my wedding ring doesn't keep it much. Wasilewski operated on my hand by cutting the tops off an infected spot & packing them w/ sulphamylamide which I had promoted. Dressed last night that I was working in a large hospital in Chicago. Had charge of all supplies & repairs. Fell in love w/ a little blond Polish nurse & guess what happened? Daffron helped carry a stretcher patient over to Ward 1. Was glad to see him. Another stiff today.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- 23- The Japs have decided to remove the inside fence so as to have the wire for the new enlarged farm. Schoeneck was on a detail that was working on it. They used the posts to double the posts in the outside fence.
- 24- A detail is strengthening the fence. No rain last 2 days. Inspection by the Jap general in command of all Japanese prison camps.
- 25- Deloused today. The rain came late enough to let us get all our bedding dried. Gammy, Gerrick & Price indulged in a couple of Sths of Ginebra San Miguel A 1-1 a. Gammy lost his skivvie in the urinal.
- 26- Inspection today by Col Beecher.
- 27- The widow of Navy Chief Signal man (who had died here) sent in enough money so that each sailor & marine got a peso. Just another prison Camp Sunday. Talked w/ Mr. Hugh A. Keays about working in the Philippine. He says that I can work for the Harsman Co. It is something to think about. Had several infected spots on my buttocks opened & packed w/ sulfanilamide. The doctor says I have a low grade infection. My runs have slowed down to once or twice a day. They have built covers over the heads.
- 28- This is the season of beautiful sunrises & sunsets. Mt. Arayat really stands out in some of the sunrises. Our mess was out 1-1/3 sacks of rice today. This is permanent. Have a terribly painful hemorrhoid.
- 29- Chaplain Tiffany brought in to our kitchen 12 sacks of brown beans. They are as meaty as pintos.
- 30- The Corpseman moved a bahay from the upper area this evening. It is rumored that all the amoebias from the main camp will be moved into this area. It is rumored that Italy has fallen but we do not believe it. A detail is cutting grass outside the fence. Things to remember -- Pfc. W. B. Whalen eating 2 to 3 mess kits of rice at every meal.

July 1943

- 1- Got 14 bananas each from the bahay welfare. Am terribly broken out w/ heat rash. No rain today, but a beautiful sunset. Just at evening bango 3 new men came in, making the bango 97. We need some relief because there are 5 to 6 men per bay.
- 2- Got an issue of 10 Jap cigarettes. Instead of the usual issue of "Fan-Tans" we got "Dolly Doubles". Met Sgt Gay of St. Joseph who is in the Med. Dept. Used to see his going past the shop every day. His folks lived at 12th Lafayette.
- 3- Inspection by Col Beecher. Each bug ward transferred 14 men to the new ward (NO. 10). Among them were Wilderpath (A Corpseman from Columbia, Mo), Lieut Jack Burkholter & Capt Byron T. Search.
- 4- Had a nice dinner & supper today, also eggs for breakfast. Captain Derrick (Ray E.) tells me that he can & will send me camegon from here any time that I want it. He will send it to Seattle via Lukenback boats. This is Sunday w/ the Japs again.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

- so everybody has the day off. A "hobby" contest ended today with 6 out of 13 prizes going to the dysentery area & 5 of the 6 to this Ward. Guillard got 3.00 for a notebook of his drawing, Beaver got 2.00 for a pipe he had whittled out of camogon, Meyer got 2.00 for an engraved mess kit lid, Capt Camelgaard got a pkg of tobacco for a cribbage board carved from a carabao horn & Lisman got a can of curried mutton & rice for small carvings. Dreamed last night that I went home & found my wife living in a third floor apartment. Dick & Eleanor Giddis were living on the first floor. When I got home we had a big party. They moved what will be Wd 1 tonight.
- 5- Dreamed last night that I took an ocean voyage. Have been playing quite a bit of chess lately. Rains started last night at supper time - it is still raining at supper time tonight. Have started running again. They are giving a dose of medicine that has everything in it that is good for the runs & I do mean everything. Walter King has come into camp & just sent me greetings.
- 6- Rained all day. Sgt Emel Morello of "C" Co. was moved into this area yesterday. He come over & played cribbage all afternoon.
- Runs still persist.
- 7- Still raining & running. Had the first death of July.
- 8- Same as yesterday. Cleared off in the evening so Phil & I had a bull session. Signed payroll today.
- 9- Got about 20 copies of the Tokyo Times. There is not much news except that the Japs are knocking hell out of our army, navy, & air force - so they say. It is strange, but their last victory was Corregidor & they are still harping about that in their papers. Chaplain Tiffany brought me down a Holy Bible. Saw Walt King last night. He was down to the lab to get a dark-field test. Phil & I had another bull session.
- 10- Phil got \$5.00 from the Masons today. He is most happy. A few letters came into camp this am. They had been mailed in April & May, 1942. Mickie Dooke of "C" Co. got one telling him that Jae Errington had a baby girl 3 wks. old. The funny thing is Jae isn't married. It must have been a parting shot. Runs have slowed down. One man got a notice that his wife was suing for divorce.
- 11- Sunday. Phil & I went to church & took Communion. It was a very nice day. Read Mickie Dooke's letter. His mother said that families of the "C" Co boys had rec'd letters mailed in Bataan in Jan & Feb., 1942. That is goods news.
- 12- About 11:00 o'clock last night heard a lot of shouting. This morning there was a body in the morgue. It was a man by the name of Conley who had escaped from the garden detail yesterday afternoon & was found in a nearby barrico last night. His jaw had been crushed as had been the top of his skull. His teeth had all been knocked out apparently w/ the butt of a rifle. His left leg was crushed. His eyes had been bayoneted & his scrotum

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- pierced by bayonets as had his chest in several places. It doesn't pay to escape from the Japanese. The dental laboratory examined the teeth of every one in the ward today. Only 17 out of 94 had nothing wrong. I was one of the 17. Got some rice in the commissary today. Phil is making some cookies. Heard that Mal Pettit got beat up on the farm today.
- 13-14-15-16- This has been a very quiet period w/ no interesting events. The Nip doctor inspected all who had been here a year.
- 17- Moved 5 men to Ward 12 yesterday. Moved 8 men to ward 13 today, including Cpts Gemelgaard & Root. Got 6 new ones in today. Bango now 88 including 8 officers, the lowest no. of officers since I have been here. Ward 13 is classified as a "duty call" ward. Have some new fungus infection on my right hand, right foot, & elbow. Have several infected areas on my buttocks.
- 18- Just a rainy Sunday. The boys have been busy all day preparing to bake a cake for the bahay. There are 20 cups of rice, 40 duck eggs, 8 cups of sugar, 3 coconuts in the batter. There will be bahay tea & entertainment this evening.
- 19- The party last night was a howling success and so was the cake. Tea & cigarettes were serve w/ the cake. The entertainment consisted of violin solos played by U.C. Wuship on the violin which won 1st prize in the last kuan contest by Sgt Ludwig. There was singing by the ward 9 quartet & mouth organ solos by Sgt Heiser of 9. There were some stories by Col Lockwood & Chaplain Tiffany and some scuttle by Padra Riley.
- 20- Issue of 10 Jap cigarettes today. Welfare issue of 80 cent. tobacco to unpaid personnel. Got into an argument w/ Capt Root as to which electric refrigerator had the "monitor Top". I said GE & he said Frigidaire. We finally bet fifty dollars gold on it w/ the provision that it was sold for a 5 yr period. Phil Tripp was a witness to the bet & he also placed a bet w/ me for a \$5.00 qt. of whisky.
- 21- Entered a chess tournament & won from Derby after stalemating one game. Loss to Wasilewski after stalemating 2 games. Kuaned some beans w/ Phil in honor of Shirley's birthday. Also had hot cakes.
- 21- Food is better again - enough rice for all. For supper I started w/ 11 hot cakes kuaned by Mooney; then rice, brown avocado beans, meat & lise pudding. For 2nds more beans, 3 pcs. meat, 2 heepings pudding, 2 portions avocado, followed by 3 more hot cakes.
- 23- A detail of 500 left in the night last night, presumably for Japan. They got new shoes, a suit of "Philippine Blues", their postal savings cards, 2 cans of corned beef & 3 cans of milk for a 21-day journey. It has rained steadily for over 24 hrs. Rumors have us in Timor all the Solomons & other southern islands w/ the offensive moving rapidly.
- 24- Still raining. Am teamed w/ Capt Dempwolf in a domino tournament.
- 25- Was clear for a while today. Still playing dominoes.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

Discovered a new native fruit called nabulo. It looks like a cross between a peach & a persimmon, is dark red in color, has a fragrant odor, and tastes like a pawpaw. It has seeds which look like brazil nuts.

26- The domino tournament goes on.

27- The domino tourn. ended in a 4 way tie and the 2nd one ended w/ Sgt. Witfield & Corp Kerr winning Capts Derrick & Price and Capt Dempwolf & I lost to them. In some scrap paper got a report to Japanese Hq. of 11/23/42 that reported a total of 114 Amoebic cases in the hospital. That is a far cry from today when there are over 925 in the area. He sent 5 to duty today. I were among 50 from the area. It looks like some fast trick on somebody's part. Rumors say Mussolini has resigned and was replaced by Marshall Bordoglio. Italy is said to have sued for peace but were rejected on the grounds that there are still too many Axis members in the cabinet. Rumors come in saying that the Japanese have gathered up & executed 78 prominent Philippine citizens of Manila because some one took a shot at Tokyo when he was there, July 10th. These people should learn to behave themselves.

29- Some letters & Cable - or radiograms were delivered this morning. Phil got one from his mother & one from his girl friend. They were postmarked May 26th & 13th, 1942 respectively. It is certainly liberal of the Japanese to let these come through. The letter from Shirley said that the pkgs sent out for Xmas & had been returned.

30- Have a hell of a cold in my nose & throat. Dressed that I was in KC w/ Lucille. A lot of medicine came in from Japan. Sent 17 to Ward 20 which is one of 6 new wards opened in the D. A. today. Bango now 70.

31- (Sat) Inspection today by hospital C.O. This was Capt Dempwolf's birthday. Hando baked him a cake that wouldn't quit. The athletic field & parade ground is being levelled by a large crew of men. During this month Capt. Barshaw, announced that the Japanese had been officially informed by the U.S. that they have written 5000 life insurance on all men who had no gov't insurance.

Aug 1943.

- 1- The Japanese started the day w/a flag-raising ceremony. In the afternoon they had a field meet in spite of the fact that it was raining. Rumors say we are in the Carolinas & Marianas but I do not believe it. Signed the payroll today.
- 2- Just another rainy day, but got a bath during a short break.
- 3- Same as yesterday. Got an issue of 10 cigarette, a G-string & a half pkg of tooth powder. A lot of Jap medicine came into camp.
- 4- There have been a lot of bombers flying around the last few days. It is rumored that Italy has fallen.
- 5- A fairly clear day. It is good to see the sun again.
- 6- For the second time I celebrated a birthday as a Prisoner of

- Mar. Phil & Mooney worked all morning getting dinner ready. They baked a marvelous 2 layer cake. They also baked a pan of congo beans. When we got our noon rice we dumped it into a can of corned beef that I had saved from a Xmas pkg., a few peppers & some garlic, salt & pepper & kwaned it up. I passed cake to Col. Lockwood, Dempwolf, Derrick, Price, Ellis, Gammelgaard, Hando, Martel, Burchholter, Sims & Vandagriff. We had a piece apiece left for supper. It was a beautiful day & I felt good all day.
- 7- Inspection by Col. Beecher & Staff. A very nice day w/o rain.
- 8- Went to church. Had a scare when Dr. Barshopp said one officer would have to go to duty & my name was mentioned. He selected Capt. Dempwolf, our commissary officer. We turned in worn out socks to get a Jap issue. I expect to be next although I sure hate to move. Played a few games of chess this afternoon. A N/Sgt in the MD who dropped dead this am, was the let for the month.
- 9- This is the 3rd consecutive nice dry day. Several went to duty today, including Root. Got an issue of 10 Jap cigarette today, so the crup games immediately started. Saw one man w/ more than 1000 cigarettes.
- 10-11-12- No change. The Welfare is now giving carabao meat instead of eggs, which are now 25 centavos each. 40 in this ward are getting it.
- 13-14-15- Nothing exciting. Have been have some pleuracy around my heart but am feeling better. Have been making soap drawings of a boat. It has started a lot of discussions. The last few days have been clear w/ nice moonlight. Tonight is the night of maximum moonlight. It is a shame that the moon is wasted in such a place as this. Dreamed the other night that I went home & found my wife living in a beautiful apartment which had the most beautiful barroom in the country. Rumors say we have Sicily and are bombing towns in Italy & Germany. One bit of scuttle says we have landed in the Balkans. Very quiet in the Sou Pac. Saw a booklet of cartoons which say that it is utterly impossible for the Americans to come back to the Philippines.
- 16- Have been drawing plans for a boat. That is about all that keeps me from going off the deep end.
- 17- A man died of peritonitis following an operation for appendix. Issue of 9 Nip cigarettes. Phil got 5.00 from the messons.
- 18-19- Still nothing exciting. Had a chill.
- 20- Got a new assistant ward surgeon today. His is Capt. Sidney E. Seid. B. Goyne sent P1.50 he borrowed last wk.
- 21- Had a talk w/ Capt. Seid about photographing this morning. He has done a lot of color printing.
- 22- There are some patients being shuffled for the purpose of giving special treatment for the bug. They have emptied wards 1 & 4. Just another P. G.
- 23- Moved 5 to Ward.
- 24- Saw Frank Riley cutting grass along the fence today. The weather has been nice lately. Beautiful sunrises & sunsets.
- 25- Frank was inside the hospital area today as was B. Gwynn.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- 26- Met Hix Neur today on the same detail w/ F. Riley. Haven't seen him since Bataan. Moved 3 to Wd 1 & 2 to Wd 4. Bango now down to 62. Duty rumor is buzzing again.
- 27- Have been drawing maps of the Pac NW today.
- 28- This is a hot, sticky day. Everyone in this area is looking much better than a few months ago. The food is not so good, since there have been no vegetables for the past several days. Some Japanese doctor & a General recently inspected the camp and ordered that there be no more personal kunning so now it must be done by Bahays. This system is not so good due to the fact that the medics on duty at the kian stoves seem to think that they must have co-mashaw. The doctors have started the new experimental treatment of the patients in Wards 1 & 4. In 1 they are strictly bed patients & get shots of emetine. In 4 they are getting Xatren orally & are not bed patients.
- 29- Just a rainy Sunday. If I were home I would be working in my shop or darkroom. Heard last night that my friend Old 36 was ready to come here in Nov. 41. My boat drawings started a series of snow jobs that still continue. No good rumors for several days except that we have troops in Northern Italy & NW Rumania.
- 30- Same old stuff.
- 31- Signed the payroll today. Our room & board was cut from 60 to 30 Pesos per month. It is rumored (officially) all company grade officers will draw 25 P & field off 30 P per month.

Sept 1943

- 1- It is rumored that we have been put on rice & greens for 72 days.
- 2- Pay came today but still got our old 10.63. Our meat issue has been cut. The moon is about to change to the new one & it is raining daily now. Got 10 cigarettes today.
- 3- Dressed last night of home & Eleanore. I was sick & she was my nurse. Happy day. I wish I were home. Met a man by the name of Roy Johns when "Machinery's handbook" I had found & brought out of Bataan. Signed cards for home. Sent this one to Marian. It was announced that there will be American Nationals leaving Manila in a few days and the cards are to go on the same boat.
- 4- The inspection scheduled for today was called off.
- 5- This is the first clear day of the month. Saw Schoenock & Frank cutting grass in the carabao area this am. This would be a good day to be on the Sound in my boat. Bananas issued today. There have been no rumors on the war lately, but there are rumors again that the whole camp except the amoebics will be moved to Japan. A Japanese 4-engined flying boat went over today. It was a good looking ship.
- 6- Hotter than hell today. Salted peanuts are now 80 centavos per cup.
- 7- The medics tore the floor out of the morgue. It is used so seldomly that they probably figure that the metal was more valuable

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

for some other use.

8- This being the 8th the Japs started the day w/ their usual flag-raising ceremony. Two yrs. ago today was the last time I see it again. Played cribbage today for the first time in several months. My feet have been infected again for the past 10 days. In fact it is quite painful to walk on them. We hear that the detail that left July 23rd was used in Manila by the Japanese to make a propoganda motion picture depicting the cruel treatment of the Philipinos by the Americans. They used some American Army equipment in making the picture.

9- The moon is at the half and so the rain should stop but they haven't. Daniels & I have been talking a lot about going to Wash.

10- But the rains continue. Saw a map of the U.S. issued by the Nat'l Geographic Dec. 1940. It is good to get a look at the good old U.S.

11- There is a rumor that Italy has fallen but we have heard it so many times that we don't believe it. It is also rumored that Japan has been bombed.

12- A nice P O Sunday. There is plenty of confirmation about the rumor on Italy so it could be so.

13- Rumors say the hospital will be moved to the other side. Here goes the "Old soldiers home". Lost a cut for a cup of peanuts. A new rumor says that a greater catastrophe has happened in Japan than the earthquake of 1923 but they won't tell the details. A new batch of Tokyo Times came into camp.

14- No details yet on the rumor. There are many speculations but no facts. Last night was the first clear show-nite in several weeks.

15- Jack Woodson was over this morning w/ Daby. They have volunteered for an outside detail, maybe to Japan. It is too bad they can't get married.

16- Rumors are flying thick & fast. Togo is supposed to have resigned and to have been replaced by an admiral of the Navy. There was supposed to have been a terrific earthquake in Japan that killed 150,000. Germany has quit and Japan is about to do the same, by another rumor. These are very hard to believe in view of the fact that Japan has been going so strong.

17- Last night the rumors were so strong that they had me believing them but after sleeping on them & then checking up this morning I now refuse to believe them. One of the men on the perimeter guard was called over the fence by the Japs about 3.00 this a.m. After being beaten he was turned loose this morning. That seems to be some sort of an oriental joke. Dr. Barshop announced this morning that 1/3 of the bhay would go to duty so he at down & put my name on the list. At least one of the long-rumored details drew their clothing this morning & will soon be going out. Walter King was over to see me at the fence. The German rumor keeps popping up but I still don't believe it. Some are willing to bet on

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

it. This has been a rather chilly day with a misty rain falling part of the time.

18- Capt Barshop & Maj Strand decided that my feet were in too bad shape for me to go to duty for which I am most thankful. That leaves 17 from this ward. The rumors are still conflicting as to the fall of Germany. Personally I still believe that it has not fallen and bet Capt Derrick \$10.00 (gold) that the German army is still fighting as of this date while he says they fell on the 13th. It was announced on the other side today that Germany had not fallen.

19- It is still raining after several days. Had a pair of coveralls repaired & another old pair made into shorts. The Japs issued 10 cigarettes. An 800 man detail left camp yesterday. Presumably they are on the way to Japan on account of they get all new clothes & shoes. They were given toilet paper & a piece of soap. The only other thing they could carry was a towel & a mess kit. No baggage or even personal papers were allowed. Today another 800 man detail left but they had no new clothes & many were barefooted or wearing skivvies and could take baggage so they must be going to work on the island. Scuttle says they are going to new Bilibid to get it ready to move the whole camp there. It has been announced that the whole hospital will be moved to the other side, probably on Thursday of this week.

Lieut Joseph Goodman, who was picked from this ward to be on the duty party called for Tuesday. Goodman thinks he is being discriminated against so called for a medical board to examine him. He promptly got it but got nowhere because you can't buck the entity set up here by the Medical officers. Have heard artillery fire for the past three days. Dressed again last night that I had built an apartment house.

20- Rumors today say that Von Wuroth is now at head of German government and Sigaguchi is head of Japan. Several truckloads of garden tools left camp today and rumor says we are off to new Bilibid. Rumors also say that Germany is retreating in Russia & that the English & American have landed in the low countries. The duty party was postponed at least temporarily. Still raining. The meat issue has been very very light of late. In order to make it stretch they make hash of it. About a week ago the officers were given the opportunity to act welfare show through the mess by donating one peso each. All in this ward took advantage of it and to date have received meat twice. Dr. Barshop asked at bango tonight how many had sore feet & 39 answered. Immediately the rumor started that they wanted to know in order to be able to determine how many could not walk to Cabanatuan when we are moved to Bilibid.

21- The list of 15 provisions to be fulfilled by Germany in order to have an armistice made the rounds today. They sound most logical & very fair. Japan is not mentioned. Rumors today say that Germany accepted the terms yesterday. Apparently the rumor about moving to the other side are true. The utilities detail moved several heads today. They also started tearing all tables, etc from the side of the bahays.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- 22- Rumor says that a 9-point treaty has been handed to Japan and that she has been given until midnight of the 22nd to sign or Russia will declare war. The non-aggression pact between Russia & Japan is said to be haggling over one provision, i.e. giving up her merchant marine. The moving of the hospital to the other side has been postponed until at least the 27th. I took my table off the wall & put 2 more legs & better seats on it so that it could be moved. That is the first work I have done since I have been in this camp. Got all my clothes fixed up & washed for the move to the other side. One of the men in the library, which has been reestablished, has found my machinist's manual which was turned in for censuring & will try to get it back to me.
- 23- Early this am. we got the rumor that Japan had signed the armistice on 6 o'clock the 21st. If that is pm London time it means 2 am here yesterday.
- 24- A man by the name of Yager (31st Inf) died of T.B., the 1st death this month. No rumors about the war today. Will it be like it was last year when Borneo was taken? - 3 wks w/no rumors & then a new set!! We hear that the hosp. may be moved tomorrow (Sgt) instead of Monday.
- 25- We have done it!! 35 men from 8 came over to 6 & we moved to 3 an old group one. That gives us a bang of 90. In the morning we carried all our personal gear in one trip & then made 2 trips in the afternoon to get our tables, benches, etc. This evening finds me plenty tired. My feet hurt like hell but otherwise I feel fair.
- 26- (Sun) The day started w/ mass in the chapel. The Jap. O D stopped by the chapel for a while. The men in the bahay spent the day putting up tables etc. The Jap. Camp commander camp comm. w/ his adjut. came around & as might be expected raise hell about some mosquito bars that were under the bahay. Capt Barshop was transferred to another ward & we now have Mal. Smith who has been in charge of our mess & Capt Shaw who was w/ old #10. Rumors say that Germany is still fighting & that Jap says they will fight to the last man. Some of the boys in the hosp. got telegrams from home today. They had been received in Tokyo on date from May 21st to July 15th. I am now a dhole on account of having landed here 2 yrs ago today.
- 27- Started the day by transferring 10 men & Capt Shaw to Ward 17. Al Lopez went in the group. Capt Gamelgaard went from 8 to be bahay leader. Rained nearly all day. Frank & Lorry were down this afternoon. They had to crawl through the fence. Dreamed last night that I had met a beautiful brown-haired gal who baked me a 3 decker chocolate cake & made some brownish looking ice-cream. Also dreamed that I was making a movie of kuan cooking in the Philippines.
- 28- A Japanese General inspected the camp today. There will be plenty of orders & rumors tomorrow. I finally was lucky enough to draw a cup of peanuts from the commissary today. Duke Rockwell died a year ago today. Bob & Hellen got married 2 yrs ago today. Wish I were in Seattle now.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

29- My right great toe hurts like hell.
30- Transferred 3 men to Wd G. We now have 77. Apparently the rumors about Italy, Germany & Japan were false and Tokyo has not resigned. It seems like the anti-axis powers are doing nothing. So ends another month.

Oct., 1943

- 1- Rained all day. One rumor says that new Georgia was retaken by the Japs.
- 2- Rained again. Got cigarette, soap & toilet paper. Two new patients in today. Men have been coming in from Bilibid the last 2 days. Read a brief history of England in a German Textbook. Got paid at evening bango. Received \$30.00 this time, which is our new pay of 28.00 plus 5.00 that we were to have received last month.
- 3- The Hq. ordered all good khaki garments, hats, helmets, rifle belts, & field bags turned in, to be used in a motion picture. I turned in a shirt & a field bag, which I will probably never see again. The Japanese have announced that there is a limit to the amount of money that one can have in his possession - 50.00 for field officers 40.00 for Co. grade, 20.00 for NCOs & 10.00 for privs & civilians. Any over this amount will be confiscated. This being Sunday & world communion day I went to church. A representative of Hq. camp through & inspected all personal property as to condition this am. He was some captain of the QI & he acted the part.
- 4- Believe it or not we get our stuff back today. That was certainly a surprise. The Japs took 1300 men from camp today toward Bongabong to act for a motion picture in the fall of Bataan. They were hauled out in trucks - including some of our 6 x 6's (one marked "Hq - 192") - and didn't come back until about 8:00 pm.
- 5- This has been a pretty nice day - cool w/o rain. Chaplain Teffany built some benches in front of the chapel. Only 300 men went out for the movie today. We got another case of rotten fish for supper. A man who tried to commit suicide - by cutting his throat about 2 wks ago tried it again this evening. Some good cigars came in the commissary at 4 centavos today. They were "Isabella Comrades". It is possible to now buy pretty fair coffee at 10 centavos. It is a good feeling to have money. My feet hurt like hell.
- 6- During the evening last night Jake Straka came over & asked me if the Canadian lorries that our battalion had were right or left hand drive, ie, whether the driver sat right or left of the center of the cab. I said "right" so he bet me a quart of good whisky that they were left which bet I called. Later on some one asked if the "Bren Gun Carriers" we had were "Right" or "left" and again I said "right" whereupon Homer Dutt bet me five (5) gallons of good whiskey and twenty (20) dollars U.S. money that they were left hand drive. Jake Straka then jumped up and bet me \$50.00 (fifty dollars) U.S. Money, that they were left hand drive. Dreamed last night that I was home & had a beautiful

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- blue Buick coupe & a woman who had twin boys about 2 yrs old.
- 7- The rumors say that Germany has withdrawn to her 1939 lines in order to shorten their own lines & to lengthen the Russian Supply lines. My feet are hurting worse. Am running again. It is still raining some.
- 8- Were supposed to delouse today but some medics went through & besides it rained.
- 9- Deloused today. We tore out the bags & chased out about a million bed bugs. It was a nice day. Col Schevartz inspected the hospital in the am and the Jap camp commander followed him. We (the Jap is supposed to have made the statement that if the Americans were left alone they would build a railroad through the camp. Larry Schoeneck was down during the show.
- 10- A nice day but just another Sunday. Got 10 cigarettes.
- 11- Am copying a roster of the Bn from Jack Altman's book. Dreamed last night that I had gotten home & found that Minnie had been living w/ a rich doctor who had gone to Texas & left her w/ a big blue Buick coupe. I bought her a railroad ticket to Texas. What dreams. Am still having trouble w/ my feet. The bunch running the mess are as unaccomodating a crew as ever lived. There was a wedding across the road today. A gay time was had by all.
- 12- One advantage to living on this side is that we are closer to the road & can watch the traffic go by. All the calesas are carrying the flag of the Philippines so it may be that the rumored independence is near. The west boundary of the camp is being moved to a line about 100 yds east of the old hospital area.
- 13- Went to the movie last night. Saw a Jap news reel, a sport short (Japanese & good) a Pepeye & Disney's Pinnochos. It was a beautiful night w/ a full moon. Another advantage of being on this side. About 400 brand new Japanese troops went last by truck today. They were in new uniforms & were probably on their way to Camp 3. The Japanese guards in this camp have been undergoing some rigid training since the General inspected about 2 wks ago. A duty party is leaving tomorrow. Sgt Klennedy tells me that Maj. Straud put my name on the list and that he (K) talked the major out of it. It looks like he is gunning for me. It could be on account of a round in I had w/ Capt Bruce the day we moved over here. (Capt Bruce lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa). I am running only 10 to 12 times per day now. Col. Beecher made a surprise inspection this am.
- 14- Early this morning the Philippines started going to town w/ their calesas all decorated w/ Philippine flags, etc. This must be independence day. Some Nips went by this am on the double wearing gas masks. It is hot & dry today. Last night was max. moonlight. I would like to see the hills of mo. in full moonlight at this time of the year. The "Welfare" gave each officer & man $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of centrifugal sugar today I bought 3 extra issues for 5 pesos total. No one will believe the rumors concerning the war situation since the ones about Italy & Germany fell through. Also Tokyo is still in power in Japan. There are rumblings of further changes in the camp & I believe it will not be long until we see some changes.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

- 15- Am getting another spell of fungus infection on my feet healed up, but am still running 8 - 12 x daily Al Kopek & Chief Diez were down to the fence. A bunch of American magazines came in to camp today. They were romance, movie, & comics & were published for Dec., 1941.
- 16- This is some kind of a holiday. The day was started w/a ceremony & flag raising. A few details worked until 10:30 am & then yasime'd the rest of the day.
- 17- A hot Sunday. Boyesen was down to the fence today, which is another holiday. We got an assistant ward surgeon this morning. He is 1st Lieut. Andler. A herd of goats feed along the east fence. It is interesting to watch them. I would like to own a herd when I get home. Something must have happened in the barrio east of camp. Two nips came riding into camp w/ their horses in a lather. Some nips went dashing madly out in a car & later came back with the appearance of having someone sick or injured in the car. The man who has made 2 attempts at suicide went over the fence last night. All searching brought no trace. He banged every hour.
- 18- Rumors today say that the Japanese OD was dragged to death by his horse yesterday. Another says that a Japanese soldier was drowned in the river east of here. At any rate the OD's horse was led into camp by an enlisted man yesterday. Rumors say that Germany has fallen on the 14th and that Italy has declared war on Germany. The British are half way through Burma. We are suppose to have sunk 142 transports & 23 naval vessels w/a loss of 22 of our naval vessels near the Solomons. Rumors say that a large duty party is going up tomorrow. I had best keep my fingers crossed. Got an issue of 10 cigarettes today whereupon a large creep game was started.
- 19- Nothing new today.
- 20- Read a monthly publication called "The Philippine Review". It tells about the fall of Italy under the dateline of Sept 3rd. Italy committed an act of treachery to the Tri-Partite pact by the surrender by Bordaglio. German troops are said to have taken over Rome.
- 21- Mindinao is rumored to have been bombed. I feel like hell today. Have an awful cold in my throat, a headache, cramps in my stomach, & sore feet.
- 22- Another shake up in the hospital today. The Japanese will allow only 38 doctors & 250 corpsmen to run the hospital & all others must go to the farm. There is wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- 23- We lost our ward surgeon, Maj. Smith, & Lt. Andler is now in charge. Rumors have English & Indian troops winning in Burma. Germany is again said to be folding.
- 24- It is rumored that details are in from Palawan & Mindinao. The doctor gave me something for my headache.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Cwandall, cont'd.

- 25- It rained all afternoon. The sidewalks are all muddy after being worked on by some of the "expert engineers". Several men received radiograms - rec'd in Tokyo Sept 9th to Oct. 4th. I still didn't get one
- 26- Built an apartment house in my dreams last night & was living in Apt. 506. As high wind came up in the east last night; we may be getting a typhoon. It rained off and on all day today. Rumors say we are winning in Burma. 10 cigs today.
- 27- It rained like hell all night last night & let up at dawn. The sun finally came out & it has dried up some. Have infection in my left hand again. A sailor died of TB today, the 1st death in over a month. It is a far cry from this time last year when they were dying at the rate of 30 or more per day. They were strengthening the fence cutting the grass on both side.
- 28- Nothing new.
- 29- The doctors are picking men for a duty party. 200 are supposed to go from the Dys. area. The crazy man who escaped was found by a working party under Maj Smith, our former war surgeon, in a stack of hay on the farm. He had burrowed his way into the stack and was living on camotes he had stolen from the farm. Took information for 50-word messages on cards, today.
- 30- Lt. Andler, our ward surgeon, read a list of 23 men & officers to go from this ward tomorrow. Col. Lackwood is among those going. The man found on the farm (McCord) is said to have died and been buried.
- 31- Eleven men moved in from Wd 13 and Capt Gamelgaard came down from 17 to be Bahay leader. Capt. Hibbs, who has been surgeon in 17, took over the ward to replace Lt Andler, who also went to duty. Bango now 64. It was a year ago today that they found the bug in me and informed me that I would go to the hospital. I have now finished a year under the medics. Am still running like a goose. Signed our cards for home today. These are our 6th cards. Gamelgaard informed me in a haughty tone of voice that he would call the roll, etc, so that the men would know who is bahay leader. All his actions are intended to show that he is the same. Had a positive stool today. Just a year after my first one Signed our cards for home today.

Nov. 1943 - Got Paid \$30.00 today.

- 1- It has been raining constantly for 2 or 3 days & nights. We must be catching the edge of a typhoon. My right foot is breaking out w/ fungus again. I hope to here G. When I get back to the States. We will let him know who is boss.
- 2- The Japs issued G-strings, soap, & toilet paper today. Later they issued a guest size tube of "Kolyms" toothpaste to each enlisted man. My runs are slowing down a bit. We also have 2 new corpemen & Connie Nolan is on night. A large group pf Nip soldiers left camp today. It is rumored that they are on their way to Mindinao to take American prisoners to Japan.
- 3- A lot of trucks came into camp last night loaded w/ goods of some kind. Already there is a rumor of Xmas pkgs. but that is false according to the doctor. A stray cat wandered into the ward about 3 o'clock this am and tried to have a mess of kittens in

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

Ellis & my bunks. We sat up until about 4 to keep her out and in that time she had four kittens under the deck. One died. We were inspected by Col. Beecher this am. He was accompanied by Col North, who took command of the hospital on the 1st by order of the Japanese. Col. Schevartz took over the surgery.

4- Got an issue of 10 cigarets today. Rumors are strong that the hospital & possibly the whole camp, will be closed. No rumors on the war fronts. The 2nd was started w/a flag raising & the 2nd & 3rd were holidays for the Japanese. The movie crew stopped in front of the camp at noon and when they left they took a small detail of Americans w/ them. They went east. Along w/ all the rest of my work, I am now bahay librarian.

5-6-7-8- Nothing much new these days. Rumors say Xmas packages are in Manila. Flag was raised as usual on the 8th. Jap. camp commander was through the hosp. today. A corpsman brought a photograph and a lot of records down & played them. They moved the morgue from the other side. They must be figuring on some deaths.

9- The camp was inspected by a general - the same that was through a month or so ago. This is Phils' birthday. Due to the inspections we couldn't kuan today. Has been raining every day this month.

10- The kitchen force tore down the kuan stove & repaired it today so we had no mongo beans in our meals. The Japanese have brought in a lot of patent medicines. Apparently they have raided the drug stores in Manila. There are rumors of Xmas pkgs.

11- Celebrated Phils' birthday with a fish - rice loaf, cookies, & mongo beans. Jake Straka made the cookies which were first rate. This is Armistice Day in the States. They probably are not doing such celebrating this year. I can well remember 25 yrs ago today. I wonder if they played the world series this year.

12- Connie Nolan dressed my right foot w/ sulfanilamide last night and it is much better this morning. It is still raining daily. The rumors about the Xmas pkgs are getting strong. There was supposed to have been another big sea battle off Bougainville (Solomons). Hitler is said to have told his people that he would not surrender. Prince and I had a baked duck w/ rice stuffing for supper @ 4.10. It was good but very small.

13- Dreamed last night that I had gone home & was renting out fishing tackles. Col. Beecher inspected the hospital this a.m. Capt Hibbs says that sulfa is no good, only water & soap will cure anything!!!!

14- A rainy Sunday. Reminds me a lot of a winter Sunday at home. Rumors are still coming in about the Xmas pkgs. Rumors say we took New Ireland w/ a loss of 800 in landing, and 300 after landing. We are said to have taken 12000 Japanese prisoners. It is rumored that a combined fleet of Yankee & British naval units have come through the Med. & Indian Oceans and to have engaged Jap. naval units near Truk. Germany's losses since July 1st, 1943 are said to be 1,370,000 troops, 1700 airplanes,

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

- 1,200 tanks, 300 locomotives, 8000 box cars & tocsong artillery, light & heavy. Bougainville is said to have fallen. Have been reading Tom Sawyer & Robinson Crusoe.
- 15- A heavy wind came up last night from the north & east. This morning it shifted to the south. Plenty of rain is coming w/ it. Read Pinocchio this am. and have started Treasure Island by R. L. Stevenson.
- 16- Still blowing & raining like hell. The rainy season should have ended over a month ago but there have only been two days this month that it hasn't rained.
- 17- There are rumors that the general ordered the fences to be raised to 10 feet and that all the Japanese guards will be taken away & replaced by P. Constab. - also that the Inter. Red Cross will take over the camp & the feeding of the prisoners. The rumors still persist about the Xmas pkgs.
- 18- Dreamed last night that I had started a dry-goods & ready to wear store. Jake was circumcised today. His tally whacker is pretty sore. Phil & I baked a batch of cookies, using 1 cup of rice, 2 coconuts, 12 bananas, sugar, salt & cinnamon. Rumors say there are 14 car loads of Xmas pkgs in Cabanatuan. This is the third day this month w/ no rain. Believe me the sun feel good. I had a blackhaired stoy - in the dry goods store that was a beauty.
- 19- Slept soundly until 4 am. This was most unusual. Dreamed that I was running a large dairy. Sun shone part of today. A large crew moved in & started rebuilding the east fence today. First they put up an 8 ft fence w/ 10 wires, then they put up another 3 feet inside sloping about 20 degrees w/ 8 wires.
- 20-21-22- Nothing new or exciting. The fence is progressing nicely. The weather is nice.
- 23- A stinky rumor today says that the Xmas boxes weight 53# & contain 12 cans of corned beef, 25 pkgs of cigarettes, 4 boxes dried fruit, 4# dried milk, 8 bars soap, 1 pipe, 3 pkgs tobacco, 1 comb, 2 pkgs shaving cream, 4 bars laundry soap, 1 tooth brush, 1 can tooth powder, 1 pr G I shoes w/ extra heavy rubber soles, 1 swing kit, 1 razor & 15 blades, 8 cans spam, 4 can spiced meat, 16 lbs butter, 4 cans jam, 4 boxes cube sugar, 8 chocolate bars. In addition there are 6000 decks playing cards, 7000 individually addressed pkgs., equipment to outfit 4 baseball teams & 11 foot ball teams. A Japanese interpreter saw the shoes & said it couldn't be so because America has no rubber. There is said to be enough medicine for a 10,000 bed hospital for one year. Further there are reported to be much mail including the 7000 pkgs mentioned above. We now get meat about once in 4 days. Believe it or not we had carrots in the stew at noon today. If it weren't for the beans that Jake Straka & I kuan daily I don't know what we would do for enough to eat. It is said that the POW at Bilibid have received their parcels already.
- 24- Col. Beecher & his staff inspected as is their usual habit on Wednesdays. Col. North as always with Beecher but he had his own inspection on Saturday. These people are "inspection happy". Everything must be taken down & hid including the individual mosquito bars.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

- 25- This is Thanksgiving Day, 1943. Started the day by going to church where we had communion service. Chaplains Zimmerman (Methodist) & Tiffany (Presbyt) served. For dinner we had rice, mungo beans, greens, oaks. For supper it is rice, baked m. beans, pudding & cake. A detail of 60 left camp this am reportedly to get the Xmas pkgs. The band was in the area for supper. A navy man was around in the afternoon w/ an old phonograph and some old beaten records. He says there is a new machine & 7000 records in the Xmas stuff. Dreamed last night of Eleanor. For supper there was also french fried camotes, meat & gravy.
- 26- Am trying to recover from eating too much supper last night. E's Birthday.
- 27- Got an issue of cigarettes, $\frac{1}{2}$ bar of soap to all, & Kolyons tooth paste to the Enlisted Men. The pkgs. still haven't come in. Rumors say that some bridges were washed out between here and Manila during the recent typhoon. The storm really did hit pretty hard down that way. One rumor has it that the train was derailed & that 2 cars of pkgs burned. Col. North inspected the hospital this am. There is to be a Jap movie tonite but if we get caught going through the fence it is 30 days in the wet ward.
- 28- Two men in the ward including Corp Vandaril went to the show last nite and are now reposing in the wet ward. At 9:35 this am the first four truck loads of Xmas pkgs came into camp. They hauled all day and brought in a little over 4000. 1040 were carried into the hospital. Many rumors differ as to when they will be issued.
- 29- Nine men went to duty. Bango - 60. Larry & Benny Guoyinn were on the fence detail today which rebuilt the front fence. The first day that detail worked they set 23 posts in the whole day. This morning alone they set 111 and completely strung the wire - American production again. Got a Jap news bulletin today that says we have landed in the Gilberts. Seattle says that we have also landed in the Carolinas and have bomb Formosa for two days. Large R.C. boxes came in today.
- 30- During the night a dog howled & howled until he had everyone awake. This morning an old man, who had been operated on for cancer of the kidneys & bladder was dead. Japanese planes have been circling around for the last four days. It is reported that the Jap MP's are examining the boxes and that when they are finished we will get them. A detail cleaned out a small bodega just inside the camp entrance this morning. They hauled out several truck loads of trash & empty boxes. We didn't have beans for dinner yesterday on account of Sims took his bucket when he went to duty. Some one raised a small bucket today so five of us will have beans. Dreamed last night that Minnie & I bought an old hotel & were fixing it up. Oh, me, what a dream. A detail moved the bodega across the road just west of the Jap guard house. The medics held a post mortem on the body of Mr. Irwin. This pm Chaplain Taylor (Buptist) held a funeral service which was attended by a large part of the bamboo yankees in camp. Am again

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

having trouble w/ fungus infection in my feet. Read tale of two Cities.

Dec., 1943

1- There is much fuss in this area today because of a persistent rumor that Hq. is stripping the boxes of all cigarettes & will issue only a small pkg. per man per month. We do not like either of those things because the more these pkgs. are exposed to the air the more they shrink and we want our cigarettes. It is rumored that there was a free-for-all between the soldiers & marines in the upper area this afternoon. All evening the opening of the boxes was discussed by everyone w/ long faces.

2- A detail is building a new guard path about 50 ft. inside the fence to replace the old one which is only about 10 ft. inside. Bennie Guoyann was on the detail this morning and Frank & Larry were on it this afternoon. Am reading "Quietly my Captain Waits" by Evelyn Eaton. This morning they issued a can of Williams tooth powder, a can of Whitmore's shoe polish (can you imagine that), 2 bars of unwrapped unlabeled laundry soap, a comb, a sewing kit, a Simplex plaster razor, 2 pkgs "utility" blades, a Prophylactic tooth brush, & $\frac{1}{2}$ roll of toilet paper to each man. Also a tube of Mennen's brushless shave cream. Everyone got their first self-shave in many many weeks. Everyone in the upper groups got their pkgs yesterday and we are sweating ours. It is reliably reported that we won't get them until the Japanese have had time to inspect them. The show is very poor - nothing but rice for breakfast & dinner. Captain Hibbs announced that we would get our pkgs after supper. We did, mine contained - $\frac{1}{2}$ # Kraft American cheese, $\frac{1}{2}$ # Domino sugar cubes, 1 6 oz can "Rose Milk" Pate (Mfd by Stahl-Meyer, Inc. for Planned Foods, Inc, NY), 2 small bars "Swan" toilet soap, (Lever Bros), 2 bars emergency ration "S" Chocolate - 4 oz ea.) (Walter Baker & Co), 1# "Grade C Type I or Better" prunes (Calif Prune & Apricot Growers Ass'n, San Jose), 8 envelopes Bullion (W. Baker), 12 tabs (25 mg) ascorbic acid (vit C) Ivers Lee & Co. 1 12 oz can "Prem" ham (Swift), 2 cans (Field Ration K) Chopped ham & eggs ($3\frac{1}{2}$ oz cans) (East. 108), 3 3-3/4 oz can (KO) canned port loaf (Burnham & Merrill Co., Portland Me.), 3 3-3/4 oz cans preserved butter (Kraft Cheese Co), 2 4 oz cans "Deep Rafay", sol. coffee (American Distoids Co, Yonkers, N Y), 1 6 oz can Grape Jam (Welch), 1 7-3/8 oz can "Fisherman's Brand" salmon (chickoo) (Columbia River Packers Assn), 1 12 oz can "Bovril" corned beef (Bovril Ltd, London), 1 1 lb can "American Milko" (American Food Prod. Co., NY). This is called "American Red Cross Prisoner of War Invalid Food Pkg. No 1" & weighs about 12 lbs. There is much noise & jubilation over the pkgs. - all the grumblings of last night are forgotten. The orchestra was here to play during supper. What a red-letter day.

3- What a night was last night. After 3 cups of coffee, a piece of cheese & $\frac{1}{2}$ chocolate box I couldn't sleep so I sat up & batted the breeze until 2:30 am Gamelgaard & I talked about the stars & the various constellations which is a good topic these days, with the sky arranged in its "winter" setting. The moon is 3 days past new. This morning I had a can of ham & eggs mixed w/

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

my lugao for breakfast Y then afterward swapped my bullion for another can. We were issued 8 pkgs cigarettes per man. I got 4 camels & 4 Chesters. I bought Dutts 8 for \$10.00. Rumors persist about the bombing of Taiwan and now they say we have the Gilberts & that the Japanese have moved their Hq from Bougainville to Mindanao. Russia is said to have declared war on Japan. Dendy was taken before the "apanese for cutting up a mess kit lid. He & Mooney (who had stolen the lid from Aquilina) got 10 days in the Japs guard house at "hard imprisonment".

4- There are a lot of attempts at trading of kuan but few successful deals. Those who want to sell are asking high prices & those who want to buy try to get low prices. Powdered milk is currently 10.00, coffee 2.50 to 3.50, cigarettes 1.50 but not selling. Col. Beecher inspected this am. Deacon Mize went berserk just before noon. Dr. Katz later came, down & looked him over. After supper he moved to 10 A (Wet ward). This afternoon they issued 3 pkgs of Half & half tobacco to every 4 men. I won one. There was also one cheap pipe per 7 men. They first told me that I won one & traded it to Tripp for coffee & then they later discovered that I hadn't won it so I was highly pee'd off. There is a high wind this evening - quite chilly. Sgt Tice, one of our corporals, is very sick w/ a cold & is on the verge of pneumonia. It is reported that the Japanese are breaking into the balance of our pkgs for "Test samples". The ward got one deck of Bicycle playing cards. There were originally 6000 decks but the Japanese are reported to have taken the most. There is said to be confirmation of a bombing raid on Formosa. The Gilberts are said to have been completely evacuated because they had no military value & the Marianas are undergoing bombings. There is said to have been a conference in Cairo among FDR, Churchill & Chiang Kai Shek in which they said that Japan would be reduced to her 1894 status.

5- Starting at 4:00 pm. I feel like someone was ramming a couple of red-hot poker into my guts. It continued until noon. I slept until 4:00 pm. and when I was asleep the Dr. poked a duty detail which I suppose included me.

6- During the night last night a strong cold N.E. wind came up. This morning it brought rain. Am still having many pains in my guts. It falls somewhat like indigestion. Got a new pencil through the commissary today. The Japs moved in their new guard house at the camp entrance this pm. Maj Schotz and a captain (Dent Corps) examined the patients in 2 & 3 for the condition of teeth. Mine were ok. Maj Schotz said he would try to get two teeth replaced in my denture. Dreamed last night of starting a chevrolet agency.

7- The wind has died down a little. This pm they issued the "perishables" from a Xmas pkg to each of us. We get $\frac{3}{4}$ cube sugar (as compared to $\frac{1}{2}$ in our first box), 2 cans soluble coffee (1 Bordin's & 1 Coffee Products Corp), 2 chocolate emergency rations (Peter Cailler Kohler Swiss Chocolate Co, Fulton, NY), 1# prunes (California Pkg Corp), (40-50 size Santa Clara), & $\frac{1}{2}$ Cheese as before. Traded 2 pkgs Chesterfields for 1 can coffee.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

Steamboat "Schultz" was down & gave me his box of prunes. Had cheese, didn't sell unlabeled bulk cheese. On the issue of the foods items this pm Gamelgaard & the Dr. were handling the stuff out as I was checking the roster - as is the usual custom when G. has something coming. He picked up one can of coffee which had caked so he set it back into the box and then when he came to give me my stuff he deliberately gave me that can. Dear Diary - remind me to give him a first class Crandall screwing some day.

8- It was 2 yrs. ago today that this great war started. That was certainly a great day. It was certainly the irony of fate to spend 20 yrs in the Guard, expecting some day to be able to use my training for the good of our great nation, to suffer such an infamous end as this has been & will continue to be for some time to come. We got a new Japanese news sheet last night which tells of our terrible losses in the S W Pacific. According to the sheet, we have lost most of our navy and if so crippled us that we cannot possibly do anything for another year. We lost 5 carriers & 2 cruisers in the Gilberts & 1 battleship was left in flames, damaged beyond repair. Our total losses at Bougainville were 37 ships sunk (total cost 616 million dollars) & at Gilberts 9 lost (158,000,000). In the 2 battles we lost a min. of 21,270 men & a max. of 26,290. Capt. Derrick called me around this am & deliberately took up the argument about the cheese. He says that Kraft sells no bulk cheese that does not have their name stamped all over it. I don't know what the hell difference it makes or he likes to argue about so damned many things about which he knows nothing have have seen 2 people who challenge every statement like he & G. Remind me to look them up when I got into the NW. The Japanese flag is flying on the main flag pole today as it has been on the 8th of each month starting a year ago today. Rained all day.

9- Rain let up today, but the wind is still blowing. Everyone in the hospital was vaccinated for small-pox today. They used Japanese virus. Each 2 wards get a pair of clippers & barbers shears. Each ward got a razor blade strapper & 3 "PDQ" razor blade sharpeners. Bought 2 cans of coffee from Dutt @ 2.50 ea. Bought one can from Tripp at the same price & traded him a chocolate bar for another. Rumors same as before. One piece of scuttle says that we had bombed Aparri. Such scuttle. Some people seem to think that we will be released in the next very few months.

10- A warm sunny day. Had an argument which started the office a bad way. It was about which state had the most illiteracy. Such a thing to argue about. One cannot make a statement but what some one wants to argue or bet or both. 10 men moved in from Ward 4 today, also one from the groups. Bango now 73. When the duty party goes out Monday they will close 4 & 8. Dr. Weinstein's gardening project may be kicking back on him. Jerry Foley was down to the fence to see us. He is going out on a detail of 100 tomorrow.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

We hear that Capt Weinstein is coming over from Wd 4 w/ his entire staff.

11- Another issue of perishables today - Coffee (2) cheese, chocolate bars (2), & raisins. Bought 2 cans of coffee from Steamboat for 1.50 ea. The coffee had hardened in the cans.

12- Just another rainy Sunday.

13- Rained all morning. Just after lunch 13 men went to duty & 12 moved over from Wd 8. No officers came. Capt Weinstein came over w/ his staff. I was officially appointed asst'd Bahay leader.

14- We started to move the "Carabao Cafe" from Wd 4. The perimeter guards moved into 4 & 8. Lieut Ellis has been busy w/ the doctor all day preparing a morale program.

15- (Wed) Inspection by Col. Beecher this am. About an hour later the Jap major - camp co - and his staff inspected. Got an issue of 2# cube sugar & 30 sheets of Jap toilet paper. Ellis, Tripp & I have been kuaning leaves every other noon. Today we had corned beef. Tomorrow we will have black beans. The only items of food that the kitchen issues are rice, poor gravy & greens. It is as bad as before Thanksgiving last year. The night before last they took up all shoes that we did repairing, including mine. Believe it or not they came back this evening w/ new 2 soles, heels & strings. I see that Beecher & his staff have the new issue shoes w/ rubber soles & heels. It is said that our hosts cannot understand how come we get shoes w/ rubber, & tin cans containing food when we have none of these things in the states. They moved one of the heads farther from the fence because they have built a new guard path about 50 ft in from the fence & nothing can be between the path & the fence. A stinky rumor says that Aparri or some part of Lingayen Gulf have been bombed. Stalin is supposed to have said that he would reduce Germany in 90 days.

16- The orchestra was down to play for the supper hour. The kitchen served cookies & some small pieces of cheese from some extra Xmas boxes. There is a rumor that the Japanese have promised not to open the boxes next year. It is reported that at Carcil de Bilibid they each got 5 unopened boxes. It is rumored that on two days recently 200 & 184 American planes passed over Manila.

17- Each man got a square of chocolate from extra Xmas pkgs today. They picked a duty party today. Five will go from this ward. Dr. Weinstein conferred w/ Dr. Hibbs in order to find out who should go. I see that Hibbs put my name in the list, but put a question mark after it. Each of the officers got one side of the bahay to beautify. I got the back (East) end so I chose Sgt Endin (USMC) & Pfc Wold, both from Everett, Wash. to garden our plot which is about 3 x 18 ft.

18- Ward 7 moved into 4 this am. It is rumored that 17 will move into 7 in the near future. Col. North inspected this am. Rumors are strong that there will be mail - in the form of letters & pkgs - in a few days. God, how I hope to get a letter from home.

19- Moved a bamboo archway from 4 this am. Before we could get it up the wind had completely demolished it for us. So we are putting it up piece by piece. Some of the boys say that they saw burst of A A fire in the sky north of us last night but if there were I think the Japs are practicing because I

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

can't believe that there are American planes here. Some of the boys are conjecturing that the Yanks will be here in March, 1944 but I still say not before Dec 12, 1945. For supper we got a lemon, 4 bananas, & 3 pcs. candy from the Phil. Red Cross.

20- Got 7 cigars each from the Phil. R.C. For supper we had fried dried fish that was really good. 7 went to duty & one to Wd 5. Bango now 66.

21- A rather uninteresting day. It rained a little. Dr. Weinstein's morale program is going by the boards. The construction around the ward is going slow & last night for the "sing song" 3 were present. We were doing very nicely here until he came along. Got a tooth brush to be used w/ false teeth.

22- Finished the east archway, after telling G. what I thought of him. They issued 3 pkgs & 8 Old Golds per man today. I am surprised that they were released. The celophane & outer wrapper had been removed. Tripp lost his ring which his girl had given him. He feels very badly about it. There are rumors of mail & more boxes. Got 2 spoons of Cinnamon for P1.14 and 3 spoons of ground pepper for P4.80. Cheap at 1/10 the price. And they say there will be no more. There is a story that an officer on the wood detail picked up a note written by a Phil. and was caught. So he was taken to Jap Hq and questioned w/ beatings. They tried to make him admit that he had been having intercourse with the guerrillas.

23- A man by the name of Gary died of TB in Wd 9 last night. We haven't gone a month w/o at least one death. Padre is decorating the chapel w/ Xmas colors. Capt Weinstein is very busy preparing for a Xmas party to be held in the Carabao Cafe tonight. It looks like it is a great joke to a big Jew. Since when did the Christ Killers start celebrating Xmas? Personally, I can't get into the spirit of the thing.

24- The party last night wasn't so bad after all - neither was it too good. We served beans for supper - after we had drawn rice from the galley - and by the usual Snafu the beans ran out before the last 4 men got theirs. The program started at about dusk and consisted of some music by the Saxophone & 3 guitars from the band, some singing, some readings, etc. Mr Trapp acted as Santa Claus and passed out chits for a peso in the commissary to 30 men & some queer bags & socks to about 20 more. The rest got nothing. Cake & coffee were served and as night be expected about 4 or 5 didn't get any. Col Schevartz, Majors Strand & Wernitznig & others were down.

This morning they passed out to each of us an unopened Xmas box. They were the same as before except that they contained cigarettes. Mine had 10 pkgs of Camels. I traded to Herb Ellis for 4 Chesters & one for an Old Gold. The Japanese were around at evening bango time taking moving picture in the area. They were using a Model 70D B & Hq. Sat up until midnight drinking coffee & shooting the bull. The Catholic held mass at midnight. There were Carol singers all over camp from 9 till 12:00.

25- The day started with Xmas services at 5:30. Bango was at 7:00 instead of the usual 6:30. I felt very tired this am. Dreamed last night that I had gotten home & that Dixie was there to meet me. I had to decide whether I would take her & Lynette

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

or Minnie & finally chose the former. It was a beautiful dream. Passed out some cigarettes & tobacco to some members of the battalion this am.

25 to 29 inc- Much has happen during this period but due to the excitement I haven't written it down. First, Capt. G. get drunk as a skunk & kept the whole area awake until the wee hours of the morning. He & Dr. Weinstein got mad at each other so Dr. W. put me temporarily in charge of the bahay. Have been getting out details to make the garden. Things are being accomplished & apparently Dr. W is much happier. He confidentially told me that after next duty draft I would be bahay leader. Quite a bit of dried fish has been coming in from Japan. It is good when thoroughly fried. Several truckloads of stuff has come reportedly for the Japanese for their New Year's celebration. Today (20th), the Japanese came through searching for diaries, sharp knives, and other contraband. (Also uncensored books). They found some of each. It has been windy as hell w/ a little rain. We have signed the payroll & received our pay. Capt Derrick was found to have a small perforation and was moved to the surgical ward. He left me his bed, but I can't get used to sleeping on the springs.

30- Nothing exciting today.

31- The Japs suddenly came in & inspected the barbers & their equipment. They have been hauling hogs, chickens, & ducks into camp all day long for the New Years celebration beginning tomorrow. I would like to be w/ them for some duck & pig. After supper everybody sat around drinking coffee & swapping lies. There was a show in the upper area which was a review of all the shows of the last year. About 9 o'clock the band came down into the area & played a few pieces. About 10:00 the kitchen served cookies & tea. Some then went to bed while some stayed up until midnight. Dutch Meyer was down to see me. At midnight there were a few cheers. There was a little gin drinking in the area but not much. So ended the year 1943.

In the past few days Capt Derrick was moved into the surgical ward on account of a small intestinal perforation which had leaked about $\frac{1}{2}$ pt of fluid into the intest. cavity. They are afraid to operate because of the danger of peretinitis.

- 1944 -

- JAN -

1- This doesn't seem like New Years because there is no hang over. Buchanan, Kopele, Red Adair, & Jack Montgomery were down to see me. Dr. Weinstein ordered Capt. G. to stand Bango which should make G. very happy. Tripp baked a prime cake.

2- Dr. W. gave us a holiday yesterday & today. Frank & Larry were down in the pm to see me. They are having a yasime of the 20, 31, 1, 2 & 3. The Japanese do not beat the Americans on the details any more so all the details have become pleasant. The farms, which was formerly the worst of the details, is now the best. The boys say that the Japanese are now very pleasant. We quanned a corned beef loaf for dinner. A man came into the

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

ward w/ cerebral malaria. The doctor took G's springs for the man. The sparks flew!!! G. has been agitating some of the boys to go to Col. North & complain about Dr. W & his gardening but Dr. W knows about it so it will be interesting to see what happens. Was up to see Capt Derrick yesterday.

3 to 15- A very quiet period. We signed another set of cards for home. Sent mine to Gerry. Had another attack of malaria on the 5th. Dr. W. put me on another course of quinine. They issued new shoes to all who could wear sizes 11 - 11½ or 12. They took my name off the request because my old shoes had been repaired. On the 13th the orchestra came down - it seems without authority of J. Hq - so all musical instruments and all singing is forbidden. The Japanese asked for a statement from each man of the 14th concerning the most tragic scene and the strangest action seen during the fighting here on Luzon--- Also the present attitude of each individual. Commissary prices are going sky high and very little stuff available. Not much in the way of rumors.

16- Just another prison camp Sunday. Frank & Larry were not down today as they have been the last two Sundays.

17- Finished reading "Oliver Twist". Believe it or not I was called up to "supply" to trade my old shoes for a new pair-size 11 c. The sun is shining today and the wind has died down for the first time in several days.

18-19-20- Got another R.C. box (20th) containing 3 C. Beef, 4 butter, 1 Spam, 1 purty loaf, 1 salmon, 1 Pate, 1 milko, & 1 pineapple jam. Also got 14 pkgs cigarettes (Chester, Camels & P. Morris) & 2 bars of Stateside soap. The Japanese camp commander inspected the area (20th). Deloused on the 19th. Found a gillion bed bugs around my bunk. Rumors have the German army on the rout. 6 men to duty bango now 53. Phil baked a batch of cookies (20th)

21- Those who received only ½ of sugar on the last issue got ¾ of cocoa today. I was one of those to receive. Mongo beans are now 1.60 per cup when you can get them. It is hot today. Got an issue of ½ cup of sugar.

22- Inspection by Col North this am. I started a series of talks on photography last night. Tonight is the night for the weekly sing-song led by Danforth.

23- Just another dull Sunday. Had our weekly sick call this am. The malaria is still giving me hell. Dr. W put me on plasmocine.

24-25-26- A month has passed since Xmas. It has been raining heavy during this period but cleared off this evening -- I hope for good. The rainy season should have ended many months ago. There are many stinky rumors to the effect that Germany is about to fall. Apparently nothing is being done in the Pacific so the Japanese newspapers must have been right when they said they had damaged our navy so that we could do nothing for the next year.

27- Twenty-five of us started getting emetric shots today - myself included. It is stateside stuff made by Burroughs. Welcome Co & the helly Co. I have got some bad fungus on my feet

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

- again. We have a beautiful orchid in bloom. Tonight is the night of the bahay party. We will serve mungo beans, cake & tea. The kitchen got a little meat today so there were a few shreds in the gravy at supper. The Japanese are worried about flies & have ordered that every man must kill 20 per day. In addition Col. North has offered a prize of 10 lbs. of sardines to the bahay that turns in the most flies. The Japanese have ordered that all men must be in bed by 9:00 pm.
- 28- The Dr. put me on an upper plating process of curing my feet. The party last night was as successful as it could be w/o an orchestra. Phil was M/C.
- 29- This fly-swatting is quite a thrilling game. The flies are very scarce and you see people squatting in all sorts of positions waiting for flies to come along. The Japanese Hq released 27 letters today. They have been censured by an International examiner, again in Tokyo, & again here.
- 30- This bahay won second prize in the fly-swatting contest & we got 10 large cans of sardines. 52 more letters were released today. Steamboat Schultz, was down today. My feet are a little better. Letters were for letter M.
- 31- Letters today were for the G's. Pay day today. Guin got too.
- Feb 1- Letters were for the B's. Nip OD came through at 12:00 last night.
- 2- Increased emetine to 1 full grain in 3 ocs. Letters for W's.
- 3- My arms are sore as hell so took a shot in my buttock. Letters for R's. In the future only important events will be set down because of lack of space.
- On the 1st we got an issue of 8 old golds, 10 MP cigs., toilet paper, also 1 pkg half & half or Union leader tobacco per 2-7/8 men and 3 pipes per bahay.
- 5- The rice issue has been cut to 88 kilos per 294 men. The meals are pretty slim. Tripp has used all cans from his Xmas boxes but the rest of us are spreading ours as then as possible. Rumors say we have taken the Marshalls and the Germany is still advancing backward.
- 7- Dr Weinstein announced that he is leaving on a detail of 50 doctors & 150 Corpse men. I have been drawing plans for a Medical Center that he intends to build.
- 9- Ward 4 is to be closed & Dr. Wallace will take over this ward.
- 10- Twenty men moved in from ward 4 Bango now 69. Dr. Wallace will not take over until after Capt Weinstein has left on detail. Rumors are flying thick & fast - we have taken the Gilberts & Marshalls & have bombed the Marianas. There is a sea-battle in the Java Sea. In addition to the 200 man medical detail there is another detail of 300 men. Times are said to be hard in Manila. The Philippines have been rationed to 120 gr of rice per day. No highway traffic except military allowed in or out of Manila - Pres. Laurel made a speech in which he warned the Phils. to fight for the Japanese when the American arrive.
- A convoy of 41 trucks went east today & came back loaded w/ rice. The pencil I am writing this with cost 90 centavos.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

Coconuts are 70¢ ea. Unroasted peanuts in the shell are 50¢ per cupful. The moon is full and the rumors run heavy at the full moon each month. I bet Herb Ellis day before yesterday \$100.00 (gold) that the yanks wouldn't be in Luzon by May 31, 1944.

11- Jerry hundquist brought my machinery's handbook back to day, all duty censored. It has been up there only since June 20, 1943.

13- Sunday - Got the last of our Xmas pkgs today. Got 2 c-beef, 2 spam, 4 butter, 1 jam, 1 Klim milk, 1 Pate, 1 fish, 1 corned pork, 2 small bars & 1 large bar toilet soap & 8 Old gold cigarettes.

16- The rains have set in again and in fact has been raining quite hard. Dr. Weinstein is still w/ us and it is said that the details have been postponed.

18- A pyt Russell is charging Dr Weinstein w/ striking him during an argument yesterday. Capt Francis, hosp. P.M. has been around today taking deposition. Ward has come in in at least 2 letters about pay raises for enlisted grades & the establishment of technicians to replace specialists.

19- A Mr. Best died last night for the first death this year. Rumors have the Yanks making further small advancements in the S. Pac. We heard of an island No. or the Solomons where our troops found 1,200 poor starving J troops including a Maj Gen 26- The medical detail left out for Japan at 3:00 am. They are to get clothing at Bilibid. The rumors of individual pkgs still persist. Dr. Wallace has the ward.

March 1st, Movie tonight.

3- Each three men got a large can of sardines, a can of corned pork, & a can of ham & eggs. Each two men got a can of butter. There are rumors of raids on Guam, Saipan & Rota in the Marianas.

4- The long waited for pkgs came into camp this morning. By the time they are japonized, beecherized, quarterized & medicized there won't be much left & it will be a long time before they are issued. There has been no mail issued for the past week.

6- A 300 man detail left for Japan at 3:00 am Steamboat Schultz was on the detail. I am drawing another set of plans for a 40 foot cabin-cruiser. Richard A. Potter is helping me.

8- Finally got a letter from Mother & Dad. It was delivered on this date at about 8:00 pm. The moon was full but couldn't quite see to read so went up to Ward 9 where there are electric lights. Believe me it certainly made me feel good to hear from home.

9- Got the first issue of meat today in months. They killed 2 carabaos for the camp.

10- There was another movie last night, but as usual we didn't get to go. Capt Aton the new Provost Marshall who replaced Capt Francis who was sent to Santa Thomas, tried to catch those who went through the fence but to no avail.

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Crandall, cont'd.

- 11- An order came out prohibiting anyone from going to the latrine between 9 & 10:00 pm.
- 12- Sun- "Nigger" Bell died this am. from a perforation of the intestines & double pneumonia. He was 67 years old. Frank & Larry were down this afternoon. Both are looking ok. They read my letter and were quite thrilled since they have received none. Have run out of stateside cigarette so am rolling again. No rumors lately.
- (On the 8th a "duty board" composed of Lt. Col. Schuvartz & Maj Strand examined every man in the hospital. In this ward they marked 11 for duty & 14 to go up to "permanent quarters". Col Schwartz said he wanted me to stay here awhile and get some more treatment to my feet. I certainly expected to be sent up. Have been wearing my new shoes a little lately to break them in.
- 14- Got a letter from Minnie last night. It certainly pepped me up. (1/5/43) 25 went to the duty area this am. Bango now 42. There is a rumor that Uncle has declared war on Ireland. Frank & Larry came down about evening bango to read my letter. Made a set of cribbage board pkgs from the handle of a "Dr Wests Professional" toothbrush that I bought in Chicago Union Station on Mar 30, 1941. Made out cards for home.
- 15- A duty board came through again today and listed 12 more to go up tomorrow. After many days of sweating they started putting out the individual boxes - 50 bags. None in this ward.
- 16- Twelve to duty, bango now 30. An inspection by a Jap officer 70 bags of pkgs this evening. Potter & I can't draw on the boat for sweating the pkgs. They are right nice. Two in this ward this evening.
- 17- Another "hideum" inspection - this time by a Japanese General. No pkgs this evening. Made a pudding this evening - 4 cups cooked rice, 1 coconut grated, 14 bananas, 3 eggs hen, salt, syrup, cinnamon - cost 5.00 p's. Made one yesterday also. Ended 30 days of vitamin tabs.
- 15- They closed our kitchen and our food is now brought down from the other hospital kitchen. 18th Plenty stuff came in the comm. for a change. I spent 22.06. Prices are 5 times last year.
- 19- Six men in the bahay got pkgs last night. Corp Hugh Brauch got what I would consider the best one of all. They are supposed to put them out all day today. Five of us went up at 1:00 pm & 4 more at 2:30 to get pkgs. Mine was from Minnie and had been sent on Aug 23, 1943. It contained 100 vitamin tablets, 1 box malted milk tabs, 1 toothbrush, 1 Dr Lyons tooth powder, 1 Johnsons baby powder, 15 pkgs gum, 2 bags choc. drops, 1 safety razor, 3 pkgs blades, 3 drawers, 3 undershirts, 6 prs socks, 5 bars soap (asstd), 3 wash cloths, 3 towels, 3 pencils. All was in good shape except toothpowder, which was bursted as has been all of that brand; the malted milk tales had run together. There were no cigarettes nor playing cards!! I wonder why!! One undershirt & 1 shorts I had worn at home!!
- 20- They moved 10 men into the ward from 6 - also 10 to 2 preparatory to closing six. However, at the evening bango the Dr. announced that the Japanese wanted to close the wards nearest

Diary of Lt. Ralph E. Grandall, cont'd.

the road so we will move to 7 tomorrow and 2 to 6.
 21- Move made as above. We got 10 patients from ward 2. The dysentery area now consists of two sawale ward (6 & 7) and bed wards 5 & 9. 9 also has the TB section. Col. North is allowing us to use the Carabao cafe at 3. Bango now 51. The last of the pkgs was put out today. Carroll Guin did not get one. Got 29 hucky strike cigarettes per man today. They were the best cigarettes we have had. They were firm, moist & sweet - not mildewed as the others have been, particularly the Chesterfields. Some 200 telegrams were delivered this evening.
 25- Signed cards for home. Sent mine to Jim Beard.
 22- Seven more bags of mail came in - said to contain 35,200 letters. But where are the first 25000?
 28- It is rumored that three truck loads of personal pkgs came in last night. However later rumors say there were only 18 bags. The water is now being rationed - it is said that the fuel for pumping is getting quite low.
 29- There is a rumor that all the mail has been thrown into a warehouse & locked up. Got a free issue of 4/10 of a cup of sugar per man. Got matches in the comm. for the first time in several months. I got 11 pkgs @ 4 centavos each. A corpsman by the name of Miller, who had been irked by Capt. Rex Atom this PM of the hospital, tried to stab him yesterday so Miller is in the wet ward. I see Edwin Mize quite frequently as I go up to get my feet copper plated. A filling came out of my right lower 2nd bicuspid so I went over to the dentist this am and he put in a temporary filling. He told me that he could see the pulp chamber and that the next time it ached it would have to be pulled. The food is less & is said to be getting very scarce. Everyone is feeling shiftless & out of sorts from the lack of nutrition.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Ruth H. Essary

RUTH H. ESSARY
 Captain, WAC

499-2-5

Diary of

LT. RALPH E. GRANBALL

DUPLICATE

LT. RALPH E. GRANBALL
DUPLICATE

Diary of
LT. RALPH E. CRANDALL

MEMPHIS

LT. RALPH E. CRANDALL

Diary of