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DIARY OF SERGEANT HERBERT E. EVANS

Company "K" 31st. Infantry left Manila Sept 4-1941, went to "B" range lived in tents until war was declared, Dec. 8-1941 Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7-1941 bombed Clark Field Dec 8-1941 at 12:45 noon, bombed Nichols Field morning of Dec. 9-1941 at 2:10.

We had taken they field were dug in West of McKinley. Then moved East of Nichols Field. Then was loaded on large red bosses bag an baggage an moved to Alicay, dug and built up line. Was there Jess day had steamed rice an cold salmon for dinner. Then about Jan. 1-1942 moved west in to mountains around Begay stayed a few days came back to Hermosa got caught in 8 hour shelling these Jan 6 1942 that evening made counter attack had to withdraw got on buses and went back to Green built up new line got bombed there two or three wounded. Then on Jan. 19-1942 moved back up to Abocay line up in mountains where it had broken made counter attack Jan 20-1942 but was not successful but made another short ways back. It held 3 days on nights Nips were attacking ever night just as the moon came up. Losses were heavy an food was very poor an small amount every body was were out. On morning of Jan 24-1942 I Sgt Evans got shot in left arm an went back to aid station had to wait there until night for ambulance. Line broke about 8:00 ambulance came at same time everybody was running everywhere. I got an ambulance but was so many Philipines in road had hard time getting though but finally got to Balanga stoped in old church at aid station an Nips shelled it an I got wounded in throat an back. Many of the wounded got killed there I came almost bleeding to death on rest of way to Linsay hospital got there about 10.00 morning of Jan 25 was wounded laying all over grounds but friend got me rushed into oprating room they gave me blood then patched up wounds. Early that morning was moved to little Sango hospital stayed there two days was moved to no 2 hospital got along as well as could expect. 31st Inf. came back did no more fighting for about two months don't know much of what happen. Then the Nips got reinforcement an things began to happen. I got out of hospital April 5-1942 had hard time finding my outfit all arms were taking a beating scattered everywhere. Then on April 9-1942 General King of Air Corp surrendered troops of Batasan to Nips. Then started on hike to O'Donnell. Hiked 4 days an nights without a bite to eat stoped over night in Balanga took bath in river got on road again stoped again at some little town called Lubao next morning got half canteen cup of dry rice an salt. Was the first food on hike. Then sun was so hot an was so weak I went out of head about 1:50 afternoon when came to was just at sundown an had hiked into San Fernando stayed over night there an next morning caught train into Capas walked on into O'Donnell evening of April 15-1942 food was very poor there most of time just rice little soup few potatoes. Everybody came down with malaria an disentry as many as 64 in one day died there. I came down with malaria an disentry about 15 of may would or died for the won't of medicine but June 2 moved to Cabanatuan an began to get medicine but got wet beriberi an swelled up like a balloon. Then wet beriberi left dry set in then go better went to work in kitchen work there a while swelled up again had to stop. Then went on duty at guard house as guard. Dec 25-1942 got British red cross box an bulk food. Then chow picked up I got better. Jan 1-1943 got Canadian box. Jan 25-1943 got American box between two men plenty of food then I got much better. But still stayed on guard until May 19-1943 then went to duty side got on wood detail got

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back in pretty fair shape weight 171 lbs. when left there Oct 12-1943 on detail at Los Pinos to build air field. We were building it buy man power with picks and shovels an mise cars. Work was pretty easy at first food not so good but then they began to work us much harder. The men all began to go down fast with all kinds of sickness. There the Japs began to beat the men with pick handles an large sticks. Beat up two or three in hospital. Then some of the men got to breaking their arms on sticking picks in themselves, until the Japs would not let the doctors treat them unless they could prove it was done accidentally. This was July 9-1944. Then July 14-1944 220 men left camp due to sickness caused from like of proper food. The rains have began an most of us are going barefooted wading mud ankle deep trying to work. Which is almost impossible. July 20-1944 they gave us to pigs for chow that were so rotten had to bury them. They is now 557 men left in camp now out of 800 an they are going down fast we have been living on vitamins pills for some time now but they have run out an is 6 days past issue. Locks like the Nips are keeping all the medicine. This is the last of July an thing are getting worse all time. Working us in rain which is getting everybody down. Nichols Field detail broke up Sept 1-1944 went to Bilibid are expecting to go to Japan, heard they got on boat Sept 8-1944 but did not are still at Bilibid. We went to work in rock quarry getting out rack for runway. Had air raid Sept 12 sent guard out from came with full field pack to get us at 11:30 went in to camp nothing happen here bombed Legaspi. Went back to work at 2:00 came in at 6:00 air raid started an lasted all night are sweating going to work this morning. Did not work Sept 19-went to work next day thin was caught out on air field when raid came Sept 21-bombed Nichols field an around Fert Area strifed here where we are guards all run wild. Came to camp at noon, raid lasted from 9:30 to 11:30 ate at 1:00 went back to work at 2:00 going raid started again but went ahead an worked. Sept 22- had another raid about 7:00 don't know what part of island. Went ahead an worked until Sept 30-1944 came into camp at 4:00 told us to get ready to leave left Los Pinos Oct 1-at 12:00 noon got on boat at 5:00 anchored out in bay. Boat was not so good was down in hole where was 1/2 full of cole was crowded until just had room to sit down could not lay down, was just few men allowed up on deck at time. Had to use Buckets for latrine an pass it up on rope sure was a mess didn't have enough buckets so some of the men dug holes in cole. Had very little food rice an little scup twice a day an green soup at that. One man died another pested out from heat, in our hole, other hole men had same feir. This is only Oct 3-1944 are still in bay. Left Manila bay Oct 4-sailed 8 days landed in Hongkong bay Oct 12-Left Hongkong Oct 21-landed in Formosa on Sat Oct 25-sat on boat there until Nov 8-1944 got off boat caught train that evening about 6:00 rode train all night got off next morning. 9:00 started for camp a foot got there about noon got assigned quarters late afternoon. Last 30 men on this trip from Luzon.

RECORD OF BOAT RIDE

Oct 1-1944 boarded Japanese freighter moved into Manila bay. Oct 2- left Manila bay an anchored at Cabachen. Oct 3 left Cabachen anchored at Ibo Oct 4- left Ibo anchored at San Fernando union. Oct 5-left there, the convoy lost two ships by American Subs anchored at Batan island about 60 miles off of Luzon that evening. Oct 6-very early slipped out of Batan but were still followed by subs. That night lost a frieghter an a cruiser. Oct 7-about noon lost another freighter. Oct 8-still sailing Oct 9-still going. Oct 10- nothing happen.

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Oct 11-Nothing of interest. Oct 12-Anchored at Hongkong. Stayed in Hongkong bay for 9 days during this time we got a bath upon deck in salt water. Had very little drinking water luckily if got one canteen of water a day. Had stool test taken. Oct 21-in evening we left Hongkong nothing happen until arrived at Formosa Oct 25- Oct 26- still at Formosa. Oct 27 - dysentery stool. Oct 28 still at Formosa. Oct 29-Suppose to disembark but did not. Oct 30 another dysentery stool. Oct 31-still expecting to unload Nov 1-still at Formosa wondering if we are going on to Japan. Nov 2-Capt said we would get off as soon as camp was ready got on deck to take bath. Nov 3-am 4 still nothing new. Nov 5 up on top for air an also another dysentery stool. Nov 6-sailed all night most of thought to dangares to stay in bay, came back in bay morning of Nov 7-got chow at midnight an at daylight morning of Nov 8 got off of boat got on tugs went ashore got sprayed with disinfecting then later got on tugs again went down bay docks got off stay around there until night without any food. About 6:00 got on train very much suprised to get coaches instead of box cars. Then got some rice an fish rode train all night. Nov 9-got off train hiked about 1 1/2 miles out of town stoped had a rice ball on tea. This was about 9:30 then started for camp carrying what few cloth we had. Got in to new camp about 12:00 noon sat out in yard until 4:00 then was assigned barracks with dirt an cement floors with rice straw for matting. Everything went pretty good for few days thought was going to be rest camp. But then began to work us carrying dirt an rock in litters. We thought kept hearing bombing an firing but wasn't sure until Dec 3-they bombed a strafed so close we saw the plains Dec 4-some thing happen we had just got out to work air raid run us in. Raids coat'd until we left there. Did not do much work after first air raid. Jan 12-1945 left camp with rice ball an messkit of rice. This was 6:00 in morning hiked to train rode from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 p.m. got off train sat on docks until 6:00 p.m. then got on boat got out first meal on boat Sat 13-about 10:00 a.m. had air raid some day at 11:00 a.m. fired 4 shots at something could not see. Jan 14-moved from docks to break waters an chered until evening. Then got under way have been moving since. Pretty ruff waters. Jan 15-getting colder but nothing has happen. Only had two chows. Jan 16-still nothing happen just finished my third meal on boat. some think we passed Shanghai in night don't know. Jan-17 It is 3:00 p.m. just anchored in big muddy river. Getting colder. Jan-18-Pulled anchor 10:00 a.m. sailed all day. Jan-19-nothing happen until 3:00 p.m. dropped anchor two destroyers pulled along side stayed that way all night. Jan-20 pulled anchor at 7:00 a.m. sailed all day nothing happen. Jan 21-still sailing water very smooth. Plane fly over once in awhile. The interper said two more days. The captain was told that Germany had fallen Dec 9-. No land in sight all day. Jan-22-land all around some say Japan. Moving around thought islands an mine fields. Jan 23-still moving slow several planes about us. Say we dock tonight get off tomorrow. Ten explosion 5:00 p.m. but nobody excited no damage done that no of pulled into break waters at 9:00 p.m. dropped anchor. Jan-24-still stoped got stool test at 10:00 a.m. Jan-25-got off boat thought were getting on train. But was Meiji an island so we got on ferry boat we across bay to town name unknown. Stoped in new building we called the ice house all like to freeze to death. Eat cold rice balls. One man died during night. Jan-26-stayed all day done nothing got more cold rice balls. One bag of Jap hard tack that evening. Jan-27-we left for the train at 6:00 a.m. got on train at 7:30 a.m. headed for camp suppose to be around Tokyo but wound up in the mountains rode all day an night. Jan-28-got into Tokyo 5:00

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p.m. get off train rode street car across town then drewed overcoats on one blanket then had more cold rice for sure was getting cold, got on train again at 7:00 p.m. rode all night but snow sometime in night. Jan-29-have been on train all morning snow getting deeper got off train at 3:00 p.m. got on another 3:50 p.m. rode until 7:00 p.m. then got on trolley for short ride. Then walked about hour to camp for night got there about 11:00 p.m. had first hot meal since got off boat. Got it about 12:00 midnight Jan 30-got to bed at 1:00 a.m. had to get up at 4:00 a.m. to go to our on camp where rest of our group now got on train 6:00 a.m. got off at 9:00 a.m. walked on into camp got there about 10:00 a.m. with snow about 4 feet deep on level were all about freeze to death now fire or anything. Jan 31-to Feb 24-we just layed around trying to keep warm with very little fire an very little to eat. Made wood detail few times. Wood was issued to us just about half enough. Had to stay in bed to key warm. I weight 137 1/2 lbs when got here. One man died 10 of Feb of Pneumonia, lots of men had pneumonia but sulphur drugs did wonders. Feb 24-1945 started to work half day at mine smelter was pretty cold snow was pretty deep got lots of men down. Food was increased some but not enough to keep out the cold. Mar 10 started to work all day was ruff but chow was riped little more. The mine company started to give one cigarette a day everybody went wild hadn't had no smokes in so long but then they out it to one every other day. We carried of dinner in mess kits was very cold for noon. Mar. 13-had another man died with dysentery. Mar 17-another died with dysentery. Mar 22-went on quarters with Rips on legs bothering me, Mar 24-moved to hospital worse an in very run down. Still in hospital herd yesterday March 29-red cross would soon be in. Mar 31-100 more men came in. Dutch, English, Javanese come from Tokyo got here 9:00 p.m. Apr 1-they had already received their red cross. Easter Sun. is rest day an is raining. We are getting few cigarettes issued once in while. Nothing happen much. April 20-an 4 man died because he traded his chow for cigarettes. April 22-we got red cross boxes one per man next day on birthday sure did have a feed. April 27 one more man died from not eating his food. Apr 29-got one more red cross box per man. This was on the impecr's birthday so they give us a shot of wine. An a rest day. We got 62 apples per man around May 1-sure thought things were getting better. May 13-about 10:00 a.m. 100 more Americans came to our camp witch made total of 350 men an officers most of last bunch were all in good shape. May 24-I got out of hospital weight 61 kilos when went in weight was 48 kilos. Went back to work May 25-chow is little better soup better. June 6-anotherman died don't know what was wrong. He was man out of 31th Inf. this left 144 out of first group total of 344 in camp now. Food has picked up some are getting beans quite often have been since first of June. Our mess Sgt said we had beans to run until almost Xmas if we get 50 kilos a day. Our meal consist of barley, rice, beans an soup made of few fish greens an water, little oil once in while. We are having air raid alerts here now. See an here few planes but they haven't bombed here yet. Herd they bombed camp next to us night of July 5, killed one American several Rips. Detail left here to go on fishing trip for the camp July 10, 1945. Fishing called off. We are having big food shorted here now, now claim are short in supply room, an are having to make it up before big inspection July 26, we are only getting 460 grams per man of grain beans an all, few greens in water for soup, no meat or fish. Men are getting in very bad shape but still have to work. They have taken all our clothes except one work suit, don't have any shirt, it is cold an rainy, about to freeze here in July 21, 1945. Had big inspection July -27-big big shot he was not pleased at all with the way the camp was being run. Kicked the Jap mess Sgt out of kitchen

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for having such big shortage. We think the Nips have sold it down town. But the food hasn't picked up as yet. We are getting one soup a day an it is just water. Only 420 grams per man per day of grain beans an all men sure are loosing weight, an getting weak. July 31-1945 August 4, 1945 I went to mountains with 10 man detail to make garden Aug 5, 15 more men came up we cut the brush off of about acre of ground dug it up with hoes. Few men get sick came back all along. Then Aug 16, 11 more men came up an we finished planting the patch the 17 then the remains of us witch was 23 came back the 18, Aug an hard the war was over the 15, Aug an the men had stoped working day before, an food sure had increased from 300 grams to 711 grams perman per day an soup sure had improved every is in high spirit. They throced all the red cross medicine out to the doctors an they sure are put it out. Aug 18, August 5, 1945 lost another man died from eating pasin berries, this left us 343 men in camp. Aug 20, Japs did not hold rall call for the first time. Jap camp commander make talk for the last time I hope. We have done nothing Aug 17, but thing how to be done. Aug 25, American planes came over camp an all went wild then Aug 26, droped food packages from planes we are hoping to leave here soon. Aug 26, 6 men from hospital here was sent to Manila by plane. An the Nip guards carried them an their stuff down hill from camp to truck first time they have done anything like that. We are getting another meal tonight at 8 oclock which makes 4 meals today.

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RANK	NAME	ASN	
Capt	TALBOTT, CARAL M.	0-21313	Died-Cabanatuan-7-21-42 Lived-Little Rock, Ark. Suicide-colbrl-Mil.
1st Lt	GRISWALD, DANIEL W.		Died-Cabanatuan-6-17-42 Lived-Mid, Oklahoma.
2nd Lt	MALLETTE, JAMES I.	0-890279	Devac or Japan-11-6-42 Lived-St Paul, Minn.
2nd Lt	GURE JOHN	0-890598	Cabanatuan Lived-Conn.
1st Sgt	COOTNA, JOSEPH G.	6841476	Died-Malaria Cabanatuan-7-23-42
S/Sgt	JONES, ROBERT L.		Lived-Mauch Chunk, Finn. Rumor-Killed Gingsapo
Sgt	BEAVER, DENVER F.	6858400	Lived-St Joseph-Mo. Wounded-R-Arm-1-29-42
Sgt	EVANS HERBERT M.	6559859	Lived-Fondfork-Mo. Wounded-L-A-N-8-1-21-42
Sgt	FULKRODM JOHN H.	6775556	Died-C'Donnell-5-27-42 Wounded-L-Leg-1-20-42
Sgt	JACKSON, JAMES T.	6389312	Died-C'Donnell-5-23-42 Wounded-Nose-1-21-42
Sgt	JANSCH, EDWIN A.	6822247	Lived-South Dakota, Cabanatuan
Sgt	LEWIS, MORRIS F.	6895905	Lived-Creston-M. C.
Sgt	MILLS, LOUIE F.	6267596	Japan-10-11-42
Sgt	PATTERSON, WILLIAM H.	1267720	Lived-Sinton Texas
Sgt	PALATOSKI, WALTER	R-1030910	Died-Cabanatuan-10-26-42 Wounded-back-1-21-42
Cpl	CAPE, JACK	18050385	Lived-Pauls Valley, Okla. Wounded-Neck-1-1-42
	CARL, EARL J.	6864138	Lived-South Dakota
	GROWELL, ROYAL	6829445	Lived-grand-Rapid, Mich. Wounded-L-hand-5-1-42
Cpl	DREGER, FOREST F.	16021777	Lived-Wisconsin
	DUNN, JAMES W.	6287339	Died-C'Donnell-6-8-42

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	FLAKE, FETTER M.	6526830	Lived-Arizona Wounded-leg-1-20-42
	MANSFIELD, THOMAS C.		Died O'Donnell Lived-Montana
	LOWERY, JOHN A.		Died O'Donnell-5-16-42
	McKEL, HARVEY L.	12036369	Lived-Texas Died Cabanatuan
	MYERS, ANROL L.		Lived-Colorado Died-Cabanatuan-10-31-42
	O'DONNELL, OSCAR J.		Lived-New York Missing
	SIMPSON, BRUCE L.	6560229	Lived-Amity-Oregon
Opl	SPANELLI, THEODORE	R-4117661	Wounded-L-Arm-1-19-42
	TAMLERITCH, ANTHONY B.	6086520	Lived-Pennsylvania
	TUCKER, CARL E.	6392718	Lived-South Carolina
Pfc	BARROS, CHARLES	R-2285646	Lived-California W-8-1-21-42
	GALLAGHAN, CHARLES L.	6570094	Lived-Arizona Died O'Donnell-4-30-42
	DAVID, RUDOLPH P.	34077134	Lived-Texas Japan-8-15-42
	DAVIS, PATRICK A.	20901558	Lived-Oklend. Calif. Wounded-Chest-4-5-42
	EDWARDS, EDWARD W.	18043520	Lived-Okla. Died O'Donnell-6-25-42
	FERGUSON, FRANK J.	19020562	Lived-Montana Died O'Donnell-6-5-42
	FRANKE, WILLIAM L.	39160682	Lived-California Japan-11-6-42
	GARZA, WILLIE L.	18040792	Lived-San Angelo-Texas Japan-9-18-43
	GIBSON, EUGENE		Don't know
	JONES, EDWARD J.		Died-Cabanatuan
	Longknife, JOSEPH	19019965	Lived-Montana
	McCAULLEY, FRANK		Died-Cabanatuan-6-28-42
	McPHERSON, FRANK	18033998	Lived-Dallas, Texas
	Milton, JACKSON T.		Lived-Cabanatuan-7-27-42
	McLAUGHLIN, EMORY		Lived-west Virginia Died-Dayton-7-16-43
	MOOREMAN, HERROLD B.	18049766	Lived-Oklahoma Japan-9-10-43
Pfc	PALMER, JAMES I.	6264397	Lived-Oklahoma Wounded-R-shoulder-12-5-42
	RALPH, PAUL	19054957	Lived-Washington Died O'Donnell-6-13-42

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SCHWARTZ, ADOLPH		Died-Cabanatuan-8-11-42
STOUT, JESSE F.	17011413	Lived-Wyoming near buried aliye
TAYLOR, IRA W.	6269437	Lived-Texas wounded-head-1-24-42
WHITE, MCNELL	13009985	Lived- ^{West} Virginia
WHITTINGTON, OTTO W.	6292507	Lived-Sweetwater, Texas
WILSON, JAMES B.	17016387	Lived-Missouri-wounded-Mar-4-6-42
Pvt		
AARON, JAMES		Died-Cabanatuan 7-16-42
ASIREBOTTOLA, SAMUEL J.	11030578	Lived-Miss.
BROCKMAN, AMBIT M.	6887502	Wounded-hand-1-23-42
CLARK, CLIFTON C.	6284091	Died-O'Donnell-5-17-42
		Lived-Arkansas-leg an arm-1-20-42
		died-Cabanatuan-W face
COUCH, THOMAS A.	1888015	Lived- ^{West} Virginia
DAVIS, PIERCE	19053012	Unknown
DURNING, CLAYTON C.	6539791	Lived-Seattle, Wash.
FETZER, LEE F.	13002533	Died-Cabanatuan-12-11-42
FLOWERS, DANIEL	17014694	Wounded-Arnanches 1-21-42
HUDSON, EDGAR R.		Died-O'Donnell-5-30-42
LANICK, CHARLES		Died-Cabanatuan-7-28-42
LOKEY, HAROLD		Died-O'Donnell
LOYAL, JOE	19056368	Shot-l-hand Lived-Kentucky
MATNEY, ROBERT E.	39160726	
MATTSCH, HILDING		Died-O'Donnell-5-1-42
MICHAEL, RALPH E.		Lived-Washington-D.C. Died-O'Donnell
MISZEKOWSKI, STANLEY	15027849	Died-O'Donnell-6-8-42
MERO, FRANCIS	18045739	Wounded-4-7-42
MORRIS, LEE M.	19052256	Lived-Calif. W-back
MORRISON, EDGAR M.	18036364	Lived-Texas Lost, eye-4-7-42
Myers, MELVIN J.	20938906	Died-Cabanatuan-11-2-42
INGRANT, CLIFFORD R.	20915854	W-leg-hand-1-20-42
NEWMAN, JAMES	6572947	
SLAWEK, WALTER	6904046	Lived-NewYork
SMITH, WALTER	13034980	Lived-Maryland
SHRYD, CLIFFORD E.	36117220	Wounded-Arm-1-23-42
SOGOL, CHARLES J.	7024479	W-arm-side-1-29-42
SLACKHOUSE, OVILLE M.	1905504	
STIGL		
TAYLOR, HOWARD E.		UNKNOWN
TORRES		Died-O'Donnell 5-4-42
VANHOUTEN, G. E.	39081021	Iowa
WILSON, CHARLES M.		Unknown

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Company "K" 31st Infantry left Manila Sept 4-1941-went to "B" range lived in tents until war started. Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7-1941-bombed Philippines Dec-8-1941-bombed Clark Field Dec 8-12:45 noon bombed Nichols Field morning of 9th 2:10. We had taken the field as were in line West of McKinley then moved east of Nichols Field. Then moved to Abcay built up line then moved west into mountains then came back to Harmona. Then we were in an 8 hours shelling from Jap field pieces this was January 6th 1942-that night we made counter attack then with drew to green built a line there, then on Jan 19th moved back to Abcay line to fall in where line had broken but without much success, made counter attack but men, withdrew built up new line was attacked there 3 night then on Jan 24th at 10:30 in morning I Sgt Evans got shot in left forearm but could get no farther back than an aid station because ambulances could not run in daytime this same evening about 8:00 new line broke an had to withdraw again I got an ablance at this time an started to hospital but got shelled before got there got wounded in throat an on back but made it to hospital at last 1:00 morning of 25th Jan stayed in hospital until April 5th then went back to Co.

Then Bataan surrendered April 9-1942-started on march to O'Donnell Apr 10 was on the road 4 days an nights without bite to eat, then got rice ball an salt, got to O'Donnell Apr 15 still in fair health except for hunger exarition. Then last 3 weeks was there came down with M fever an shits was about to die when on June 2-moved to Cabanatuan there got lots of pills an began to pick up but took me until May 19-1943 to go to duty, then got on wood detail, for camp, stayed on it until, Oct 12-1943 then came on detail to Los Pinos to build air part. We are building it by man power pushing dirt for the fills in mine cars.

Detail wasn't so bad to at start got all the food we wanted of the kind at start, an work wasn't so bad, had to wade mud up to knee then stopped raining. Got hot an dry work began to get hard. No water to drink part of time was very lucky if got bath, then got some showers in made it little better. Then the chow began to get bad not but very little of it, an it consisted of rice an rotten an dried fish enought for fish soup two or three times a week, an it was terrible even sme led rotten often cooked. Got very few vegetables an they were guard on some water wine greens. Once in while we got enough horse meat to flavor the soup an that was a treat. On this part the men began to go down fast with wet beriberi dry beriberi, skin deases sore mouths, an other things that is caused by not having proper food. The Japs made lots of the men that were sick go out to work because would not let but just so many stay in a day. On the men were to weak to do the work out there so the Japs in charge out there began to beat them with clubs, some of them got to breaking their arms an sticking pick in themselves so they could not work at all. Then it got to where the Japs wouldn't let the doctors treat them for broken arms an such unless they could prove it-was an accident, this is now the 9th of July 1944.

The 14th of July 1944, 250 men left camp here due to sickness, of wet beriberi kidney trouble an other troubles all caused from like of food. The rains have began an the most of us are going barefooted wading mud ankle deep trying to work. The 20th of July the Japs gave us two pigs for meat that were so roten had to bury them, so we got no meat, same thing happen 21th still no meat so we had very little food. We have 557 men in camp now every one going

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down every day. We have been living on vitamin pills for some time now but they are all gone, an it is 6 days past medicine issue an Japs say we won't need no more here so don't know what is going to happen.

Everybody is getting terrible cold from working in rain an mud. This bring us up to July 29-1944, things are getting worse all time. Nothing much happen around here. Nichols Field detail broke up Sept. 1, 1944 went to bilibid are expecting to go to Japan soon. We herd they went on get on boat 8, Sept don't know for sure. We are working in rock quarry now getting out rock for runway. Had air raid 12, of Sept send guards out with full field packs to get us at 11:30 o'clock. We came all way to camp then went back to work at 2:00 o'clock. Came in at 6:00 o'clock air raid started again lasted all night still on are sweating going to work it is 8:00 o'clock did not go work it is 8:00 o'clock did not go to work that day but went to work next. Bombed Legaspi 12, Sept. Was caught and on air field working when air raid came Sept 21th bombed Nichols Field an all around Fort Area strafed all around where we were an guard all run an hid. Came in at noon air raid lasted from 9:30 to 11:30 we ate at 1:00 an went to work at 2:00 got caught in another going out. Had another raid 22 Sept starting at about 7:00 o'clock. Worked an air field until Sept 30th at 4 o'clock came into camp get ready to leave. Left Las Pinas Oct 1 at 12:00 o'clock, got on boat at 5 o'clock pulled away from pier, anchored out in bay. Wasn't allowed upon deck except few men at time, one canteen of water per day, got little rice an green soup twice a day, was so crowd had to sit up to sleep one man died several pasted out from heat. This brings us up to Oct 3, 44 an are still in bay. Left Manila, bay Oct 4, sailed 8 days an landed in Hongkong bay 12 of Oct after getting fired on 3 time, have been here 3 days now. Left Hongkong 21th Oct landed at Formosa 25th Oct Sat there on boat until 8th Nov got off caught train that evening about six o'clock stayed on train that night got off next morning about 9:00 started to camp got there about noon was assign quarters late afternoon.

RECORD OF BOAT RIDE FROM LUZON

Oct 1st Boarded Japanese freighter moved in to Manila Bay. Oct 2nd left Manila Bay an anchored at Cabaoben. Oct 3rd left Cabaoben anchored at Ibo. Oct 4th left Ibo an anchored at San Fernando Union Oct 5th Left San Fernando, the convoy lost two ships by American Sub marines. We anchored at Batan Island about 60 miles off of Luzon that evening. Oct 6th very early we slipped out from Batan but were still followed by submarine that night lost a freighter an a cruiser. Oct 7th about noon we lost another freighter. Oct 8 still sailing. Oct 9th still going. Oct 10 still nothing happen. Oct 11th nothing of interest. Oct 12th anchored at Hongkong. Remained Hongkong Bay for 9 days during this time we got upon deck an got a bathe in salt water once or twice. Had stool test taken. An had very little drinking water. Oct 21st in the evening we left Hongkong nothing happing until arrived at Formosa. Oct 25th dysenteric stool. Oct 28 still at Formosa. Oct 29 suppose to disembark but did not. Oct 30 another dysenteric stool. Oct 31 still expecting to unload. Nov 1 still at Formosa wondering if we are going to get off here here or go on to Japan. Nov 26 Capt Capt. said would get off as soon as camp was fixed. We got on deck to take a bathe. Nov 3 an 4 still nothing new Nov 5 up on top for air an also another dysenteric stool. Nov 6 sailed all night mast of thought danger to stay in bay, comeback in bay early morning of Nov 7 got chow at midnight an at daylight morning of Nov 8 got sprayed with some disinfections, then later moved on to

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tugs went down bay to docks. Got off layed around there all day without any food. That evening about 6 o'clock got on train very much surprised to get coaches instead of freight cars then got food, rice or some fish. Rode train all night. Nov 9 got off train hiked about 1 1/2 miles out of town stopped had a rice ball an tea this was about 9:30 then headed for camp carrying what few cloths we had got into and new camp about 12 o'clock sat out in yard until 4 o'clock then was assigned barracks with dirt an cement floors with rice straw for matting everything went pretty good first few days thought was going to be a rest camp but then began to work us carrying dirt an rack in litters. We kept harsing what we thought was bombing an firing but wasn't sure until Dec. 3, they bombed an strafed so close we saw the planes diving. Dec 4, same thing happen again, we had just got out to work the air raid run us back in. Air raids cont'd until we left there did not do much work after first air raid.

Jan 12th 1945 at 6:00 left camp with rice ball an mess kit of rice an beans. Hiked to train rode from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. got off train sat on docks until 6:00 p.m. then got on boat, got our first meal on boat Sat 13th around 10:00 a.m. meal was very small. Had air raid 13th at 11:00 p.m. fired 4 shots at something could not see. Jan 14 moved from docks to breaks waters anchored until late evening. Then got under way have been moving since. Pretty ruff water. 15th getting colder but nothing has happen yet. First finished my third meal. Some thing we passed Shanghai in night don't know. 17th It is afternoon 3:00 p.m. just anchored in big muddy river getting colder. 18th pulled anchor 10:00 a.m. sailed all day. 19th nothing happen until 3:00 p.m. dropped anchor, two destroyers pulled along side, stayed that way all night. 20th pulled anchor at 7:00 a.m. sailed all day nothing happen. 21st Jan still sailing water very smooth. Plane fly over once in while. The captain was told that Germany had fallen no land in sight all day. 22nd lead all around. Some say Japan. Moving around thought islands an mine fields. 23rd still moving slow. Several planes about us. Say we dock tonight get off day after tomorrow 10 expletions 5:00 p.m. out nobody seem to get excited. Pulled into breakwater at 9:00 p.m. dropped anchor. 24th still stopped. Got steel test at 10:00 a.m. 25th Got off ship. Thought were getting on train, but was Moji an island so we got on ferry boat went across bay to some town. Stayed in big new building, that was like a barn we called it the ice house, eat cold rice balls, one man died that night. 26th stayed all day done nothing, got more cold rice balls, 1 bag of hard tack that evening. 27th We left for the train at 6:00 a.m. got on train at 7:30 a.m. headed for camp around Tskoyose thought rode all day an night. 28th Got into Tokyo 5:00 p.m. got off train rode street car across town. Then drewed overcoats on a light blanket. Then had more cold rice for sure was getting cold around there. Got on train again 7:00 p.m. Rode all night. Had snow some time in night. 29th Have been on train all morning snow getting deeper got off train 3:00 p.m. got an another 3:30 p.m. rode until 7:00 p.m. then caught trolley for short ride then walked about hour to camp for the night. Had first hot meal since got off boat at 12:00 midnight. 30th Got to bed at 1:00 a.m. had to get up at 4:00 a.m. to go to our on camp where our group was. Got on train rode sometime then got off was in some little mining town with snow about 4 feet on leavel. Then we walked to camp got there about 10:00 a.m. From Jan 31st to Feb 24th we just

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laid around made few wood details but they wouldn't give us enough wood to warm up the place had to stay in bed of we kept warm. Had one man died on 10th of Feb of pneumonia lots of the men had pneumonia but sulphur drugs did wonders. 24th Feb started to work half day at mine smelter was pretty cold snow was deep lots of wind get lots of men down. Food was increased some. 10th of March started to work all day was ruff but chow was ripped little more. They started give 1 cigarette a day. All men went wild. We carried our dinner down with us in mess kits was cold for noon. 13th Mar. another man died with dysentery. 17th Mar another with dysentery. 22nd Mar I went on quarters with hips bothering 24th moved to hospital worse an in way run down candishing. Am still in hard yesterday 29th that red cross would soon be in. 31st Mar 100 more men came into our camp Dutch, English an Javaneses, came from Tokyo got here 9:00 p.m. 1st April, Easter Sun. is rest day an is raining.

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