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Cab. Group arrived Nov 8 - Nov 12 hat detail formed of Old officers
 Nov 26 Sick to Bar 1 & 2 Dec 1 Clams for us to Jap Kitchen Dec 11
 Inspected by a Jap Sur. Gen - Dec 24 holiday 1 pk cigarette ea - ball-
 game - tug-o-war 1 officer 2 enlisted men to G.H. for stealing our meat.
 Lt Navallo. Xmas program by Pino's and our band. Mass at 11:30 & 1:30
 Xmas tanks 6:30. 29 Bar leaders and Maj Mac & a conference Jan 1, 43
 1 pk S.C. cig funeral #8 Jan 2 #9 Jan 3 Ball game A. & P Jan 4.
 Movies of Japs in Java Sumatra Borneo & Philippines Jan 5 parade ground
 formation. Jan 6 close in details no guards. Jan 7 movies of Pataan
 & Corregidor. Jan 10 Memorial service at Mass & Cemetery. Jan 11 First
 soap issue Jan 12 F.O. paid Jan 13 inspected by general 1 pk cig.
 Camp called APCW #2 Jan 16 new compound opened Jan 18 rest of officers
 paid Jan 20 Red Cross supplies arr by truck Jan 25 2 trainloads RCS.
 arr. Jan 29 R.C. distributed. 1 South African ea 1 Canadian and 1 American
 to be split Jan 30 Odds & Ends distributed Feb 4 1st beri-beri shots.
 Feb 7. 1st postcard Feb-28 Field Day by Japanese children Mar 1 several
 radiograms from US Mar 4 holiday finished 1st rice planting March 20
 issued 1 roll ea. from bulk supplies of cocoa - sugar - flour Mar 30 hos-
 pital corpsman shot & killed other compound Apr 4 8 officers & 2 E.M.
 escaped Apr. 6 1 Jap soldier buried Apr 7. Japs General inspected.
 Apr. 8 personnel of 5-6-7-8 to new compound-sick returned. Apr 17 Maeda
 read to assembled criminals their sentence forfeiture of pay & additional
 meditation APR 20 Vacation end 25 men to rice fields. May 20 Philip-
 pine out of Dapecol. May 30 80 people to cemetery service on memorial
 day. June 10 to main compound 280 men to chapel. July 12 receive word
 from W.D. concerning additional 5,000 INS. July 25 shake down took all
 books. received four letters mailed May 42. July 27 Amorco letson in
 Chesal house for postcards Aug 11 50 extracts from letters rec'd Aug 19
 General insp. Sept 1 piece of peanut candy 10 centavoes 813 pieces
 Sept 14. Independence Day pino flag flown below nip flag Oct 25 PVTs
 Brown & Pease escaped Nov 3 Gen inspection, cut down coconut trees in
 rear of compound Nov 23 Bar 9 & new fence completed Dec 5 Announced
 R.C. supplies in Manila Dec 14 100 man detail sent out under Capt Ben-
 nigan. Dec 19 Field Day by Jap children Dec 24 short Xmas eve program
 Dec 25 coffee & milk for breakfast magazines issued for 1 week Dec 30
 Bar 8 quarantined I.P. Jan 1-2-3, 44 holiday. Jan 15 greetings from
 RC Canada & Australia received Feb 16 man died 440 grd. Mail an cigarette
 from Davao Feb 20 - 20 carpenters from guard road sent to La Sang to
 Build the new compound. Feb 24-3 trans of R.C. supplies Feb 25 1st
 letters Feb 28 holiday 1 regular & 1 broken box distributed. Mar 2
 600 men to La Sang, Mar 20 general insp by Homma & Yamashita Mar 21
 medical supplies found at Maetan March 27 panny poone killed escaped
 of 7 officers April 1 606 pesos 60 cent received from pope. April 2
 New major took over camp Major Takasaki. May 1-14 heavy air activity
 patrols. Excess camp equipment taken out preparation to moving. Move
 part hospital prepared to move on short notice. May 16. Studied Reak's
 Diseases of Horses Foot last of 10,000 letters today. Still none for me.
 May 17 Notice spot about 3 weeks ago. Hear about La Sang letters and

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were told a little news. Signed post card left out small & individual on my card. (18) Talked to Mike Brown yesterday. Mrs. Reed, Bill Kimball Boston - Lawyer Mrs Isabella Greensay. (19) Bats as usual canotes twice a day Ate last can of butter. (2) Water 3 ways for breakfast. (21) Took Charlie Harrison to Chesai house about 9:00 AM after beating him up at gate. Bill Graeger to HQ for questioning. Doc Brown's story about the American at the gate with a rifle & Col replies. Hurrah! we are rescued. Rope detail had to kneel from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM (22) Blackie Grossman E.M. Bar 9. was shot at by the guard picking kangkong near the fence. Started retreat today. Could have drunk the canotes for supper. (23) Had stool examination today. Only finished E.M. looks like japan not Luzon now. Finished Becknell's cigars. Certain officers provisionally assigned to E.M. companies and Drs' also hospital groups of Drs given (24) Took Olsen, Portz, Traeger and Schaffer to guard house. Stubbs temporary C.O. Small dipper and salt again. Pretty rough Lt. Col. Mitchell bar leader on guard tonite. Earthquake about 3:30 PM Dr. Yashimura made thorough exam of brakies and hospital. Started on teeth in exterior of the Horse. Wish I had Portich's Anatomy second on canote - squash pudding. Ate second last can of corned beef. Full! heard good news of palao Is. via ---- also rumors of increase in chow on guard 4 to 5 Qta came by. Following reasons given by Takasaki for officers - being locked up. He stated that he was punishing those in administrative command during the 2 recent outbreaks for their lack of control of their men and continued to give indictment based on the fact that American officers have on two occasions attacked jap privates while in performance of their duties. He stated that grievances between officers should be settled between officers and not by assaults upon his RM and that these occurrences made him question the gentlemanly qualities and conduct of the American officers involved. Sentence unstated period of contemplation the failure of these officers in their command junctions. (25) paid 30¢ today (26) Everybody out to weed canotes 700. Split can C.B. with Doc (27) Rumors: Luzon Bombard - Ia Sang & many details already gone, (28) Ended retreat with papal blessing. Found out Doc Barnes hadn't put me on heavy duty. Olsen Pontz etc. returned. gave them damn good chow and beer. Maj Harrison officially reported to have died of his wound ---! Nobody returned Gen Honna and other Gen here again day before yesterday. officers inquired about health arranged for ciggers and food. Dined with Major--What physiology these babies have. This will keep any squawk being made over Harrison. (29) Believe we are getting less actual food now than at any time. About 260 gms of rice and the squash is 90% water. We are all losing weight. No meat or fish for a long time. Takasaki says control of cattle passed from his hands about 2 mos. ago. But the Nips still got their pork and chicken. Col. Peter, camp surgeon sent letter to Jap HQ. today stating that the present ration is not sufficient to sustain life. (30) Memorial mass today. Rice serving by measurement 3 1/2" x 6" x 1 1/2". (31) Rumors of a 30% increase and the cross boxes tomorrow. Hope spring eternal. One basket of fish this morning for 1,200 men. Had 5 multiple vitamin pills yesterday and split last of C.B. with Doc. Got 2 carabac this afternoon. Peter told them either to feed us or let the Red Cross do it. kept bodega detail out until 8:30 PM. Nip civilian and pinoos drove meet of the carabac toward pavao. June 1 Reexamined E.M. today. Begin to look like someone is going to move soon.

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Took many vegetables out. Believe the next two weeks will tell the story.
 June 3 No details today (4) No details - No mass because of lack of hosts. No tea for lack of wood this morning. Nip planes skipping from cloud to cloud. Good sign. Miles talked today; he likes Old Grand dad Lord Galvert. Mt. Vernon. Japs gave us 2 carabao, then came back and got 2 hind quarters and 1 fore after we had signed for two. To make home champagne. Filter hard cider; put in siphon bottle and discharge into champagne bottle one allow to clear. (Cap it quickly) Had petrice of Bel Geddes our Old Mexico last week. Mfg cost .07 per gal - p. was 5.50 SA. 55% of Fed. Tax. Canotes pudding for supper. Was eliminated in Cribbage tournament today by Putman. (5) Rumor: 15,000 Nips came into Davao yesterday with many sick & wounded also some American prisoners. Put up signs and lights on parade ground yesterday. Some one will move soon and probably at night Nips gave us 2 heads & 1 hides. The benevolent generosity of the Imperial Japanese Gov'ts Doc and I figured out that when we are not working at a profit to the Camp Comd, it costs them .02¢ a day to feed us. 7 sacks a day, 1,200 men. 265 gms. The few books they took away from us and then magnanimously returned are a blessed drug in the faculties of which we live on these endless days. We were paid 30¢ on the first of the month and wrote Carlson the third. At about 4:00 PM trucks started to arrive about 30 of them. Barrack leaders called and told we would all move in two groups. The 1st at 3:30 AM At 11:30 we ate breakfast, at 2:30 we got lunch to carry at 3:30 we loaded baggage and from 4 to 6 we were tied in the trucks, after making us take off our shoes. Then we were blindfolded and made to stand in the trucks until dawn with our hands on the fellow in front. It was a beautiful full moonlight night. I could see thru my bandage after daylight. They took us about 30 kms. to a place on the gulf we arrived at 8:30.

June 6 We waited on the dock in the hot sun until about 2:30 PM and were then lightered out to the Yashu Maru. Luggage instead of being taken by winch was handloaded. We were all put down in the hold and were hit with sabres & poles to make us crowd together and fit in. Standing room only. Later allowed back on deck. Slept in scupper of starboard forecabin. Had the runs and took more than 1 hr to get to latrine and back. There are six toilets for 1,237 men many of whom have diarrhea. They made me leave my possession in the hold. I have only my belt mess kit canteen and the clothes I wear. They made Wally Hinkle stand up all the way down altho some sick were allowed to sit down. About 1 O'clock we moved down past Samal Is. and lay off Davao city. Major & Yastrenev not with us.

June 7 Expect La Sang detail aboard to date. About 4 pm pulled anchor and moved to a small bay on south end of Samal Island. Fair sized barrico and large plantation here. Heat down in hold at night terrible. Slept between donkey engines and got all grease. Men sleep in scupper and beams on ice box & latrine under stairs on gagways. Sleeping space below assigned three men to one space. Saw John tonight in brokie war and port sight Col Carpenter under stairs with 2 corps men. Baxter had a bed night.

June 8 Long awaited Red Cross issued today-just enough for us. No sign of La Sang detail. Still off South end of Samal. Traded my coffee and cigarettes off for jam and butter. Order issued saying no smoking after that. Memories of Lt. Johnson is announcing.

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June 9 Allowed swimming over the side this morning by Lt. Gks. Incident of Howard Humpeterays diving from upper bridge. Story about Golby and my gullibility. Washed down sick with hose. Only two meals a day but fairly substantial and well cooked. Morning meals has small amount of sugar with oatmeal. Evening meal slight amount of pork.

June 10 Got my first bath since leaving. Depecol by slipping in with brokies. Moved back off Davao about 10 AM. About 700 Nips came aboard but no Americans. Moved in among several freighter tankers and Alaskan trawlers. Saw what appeared to be small task force still there. 1 old battleship 2 cruisers and several destroyers. Much air activity.

June 11 Smoking restricted to two areas. Cargo booms housed. 2 light cruisers and large new auxiliary cruiser with tanks and trucks aboard came in about 4 PM Picked up two seaplanes. Davao area very active. Would make wonderful target for bombing raid. Naval and Army airfields, shipping, and boat construction sheds. Nips use blinkers and flag signals a great deal. Cruisers moved out about sunset.

June 12 Slept below about 4 AM plane zoomed over closely as signal. Heaved beside us and three trawlers. Zigzagged about 100 to 300 yds off shore with escort doing same about 400 yds off port side. Passed Melissa. Saw 7 4 motored seaplanes and 12 or 14 pontoon jobs in lower gulf. 2 twin motored bomber buzzed us for about an hour we have had air escort all day. Several very small barriers, plantations and small boats. Seacoast very rough. Anchor at Saragassi bay in a neat little cove. Escort lay off month. Other freighter very good looking-reeling lightly cone shaped.

June 13 Sailed 3 AM as soon as the moon arose one trawler returned toward Davao passed 3 beautiful coves about 2 hours sail last of Cotabato. Saw mouth of Cotabato R. and plane landing beyond lighthouse. Anchored off Parang in Moro Gulf of Celebes Sea. Seaplane from east picked us up early and escorted us most of the day.

June 14 Sailed about 2 AM cut across gulf headed S.W. rained heavily last night and most of morning. All above decks got soaked set up all night. Passed Basilan Is. and arrived Zamboanga about 6 P.M. Saw - petit Barracks and Ft. del Pilar also barrico Hono an 4 large round tanks built by nips. Many more vintas and several jap ships. Town looks very picturesque and worth visiting.

June 15 Awakened about 12:30 AM by a splash followed by a bout 15 shots and much yelling. Lowered a boat and were gone for about twenty minutes. Col. McGee formerly of petit Barracks making Japs ordered everyone below and we spent a terrible night 250 of us in a space 20'-40' x 4' including mannest about 3 ft in diameter. Air putrid from smell of sweating bodies not bathed. Have been splitting my Red Cross with Mic and John. Don't know what we'd do without it. Many sick with cramps and diarrhea from bad pork. Now have to sleep 4 to a bed 6 x 2. Allowed on deck in groups of 20 to smoke. Nips very mad and rough. Goat hit on head with gun butt for touching ice shed. Erected barrier of boards and life rafts around rail also increased guard along sides. Sailed North about 10 AM. Saw wind sock of Wolfe field outside Zamboanga at about 8:30 PM. Herb. Wills 1st Lt 8th Ar. went up to latrine stepped upon boxes within foot of guard and dove over. Much firing and yelling but we didn't even slow down. We were about half way up Zambo Coast. Believe he has good chance. Now in a 4 ship convoy escorted by trim looking corvette. Now have MP's on

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companion way must salute guard and ask permission to go to benjo, also salute on return. Spent worst night yet. Smell of ammonia terrific. Cut cold slime and sweat off (illegible) with my hand before getting my turn to sleep. Stubbs, Lyons, stairs incidents.

June 16 Picked up Dumagette. Negroes and coast of Cebu this morning. Saw seaplanes anchored off Hawk's Kawit Island. Maetan & Shell Islands considerably changed Cebu waterfront completely burned as reported except for 12 shamrock and postoffice. Picked 5 PM pier # (illegible)

June 17 Moved off ships about 9 AM got sun treatment about 1hr. Fed morning meal inside. Sudden clearing of workers and cooks from ship. All marched up to Ft San Pedro. Saw trucks guns and horses. All boats cleared Cebu Harbor. Got bath while getting water. Slept under table honey buckets Chow lines burned ruins.

June 18 Ships returned to harbor rained last night after 2 hrs of singing with Hiale John & Mick moved to bodega.

June 19 300 men detail sent out to work as Stevedores. Reports of both Nips and Americans looting our baggage.

June 20 Same details, unloading our boat and loading another much larger freighter. Rained again. Still have baggage trots. Many Filipino children 10-14 working loading coal empty drums & trucks.

June 21 Boarded large freighter at pier 1 about 2. P.M. Everybody kept below but have good place under hatch. Sailed about 5 PM and anchored in channel. Everybody ordered to turn in matches and cigarette lighters. Left Cebu about 11 P.M.

June 22 Still headed north. Shakedown inspection. Several boxes of matches found. Mass punishment ordered by Lt Gaa. Only one meal tomorrow and no water in the morning. Michmeer says we must control ourselves in our natural functions. Now have 2 five gallon cans as urinals. Some slept in lower hold. Many seeking baggage. Enlisted men in upper hold.

June 23 Had one meal about 2 PM. Much guessing about where we are. Decks ordered cleaned between 7:30 & 8:30 PM. Saw Corregidor in distance about 5:30 PM. Anchored outside breakwater in Manila Bay about 11 P.M. Estimate 100 ships in harbor.

June 24 Still outside breakwater. Report of white boats with red crosses on them supposed to be hospital ships.

June 26 First death about 5 AM. Lt Weden signal corps. Died from effects of living in hold of ships. Report Cobansky dead but not confirmed. Ate about 10 AM. Boat moved to pier 7 Disembarked about 12 noon. Marched past Post Office over Quezon bridge up boulevard and down Azcaraga to Bilibid prison. Manila looked comparatively empty but some business going on. Shirt worth 4000 Japs money on dock. Shakedown in Bilibid for papers etc. Americans there looks - run by navy. First meal very light but very tasty. Believe navy gets knock down on chow of all transient groups. Pocheaur & Buffey here.

June 27 Eat three times a day, here. Lugao for breakfast. Had bath under shower first since Cebu. Clothes filthy dirty now tearing. Moved into hospital area. Baggage brought into yard. Got my pack back. All my papers and my shelter are missing. Brundrette has malaria had got his 2nd and 3rd and my own once again. Issued small amount of pepaya in afternoon. Gave Grove mine he heaved them up. Doc Barnes brought me my papers that Bodie found about 8 P.M. Supposed to moved out early tomorrow morning 600 E.M. going to stay for shipment to Japan. Many rumors Reeley & Blinky &

Thompson & Henry going also. Hawk, Kennedy, Brown, Carpenter and many other sick remaining here. Report a twelve hour ride in freight cars before reaching station at Cabanatuan. Chance to have clear glasses fixed ruined by early departure. Report Praeger, Jones and Barker here among special prisoners. Also the Elizalde family and other political prisoners.

June 28 Arose 3 AM left Manila 7 AM Arrived 11:00 AM. Mangoes at Bigas. Taksan rumors Ford Car-1000 gal concoct Gas. 300 GE-Philco Radio 100 part Schi Marx 100 Florsheim - 3 Brewer 1056 states giving section of land others cash double base pay. For E nor promotion sevff. left Cabanatuan 1 PM Arrived Camp 3 PM. Marched 10 PM to 91st Div. Camp. took 2 1/2 hrs. to check us. Get wet. Took my pictures and papers. Work detail on baggage. Slept in #1 with Brundrette. Heard Henry & Edsel Ford & Jimmie Roosevelt & J.P. Morgan dead. Saw a detail from cap of about 2000 men go back on own train presently.

June 29 80-120 for Bilibid and eventually Japan. Lt Cols. Majors in Bahays. 6 Lt Cols and 12 Majors, Lt Cols have iron cots and mattresses 53 Capts to barrack approximately. Moved to #2 with Mick and Doc. Bay 8 upper More baggage came in. Got books & towels from Brundrette. took bath and did a little washing. Polly owes me one peso for manga. Very few officer details. Gathering wood and inside construction.

June 30 Started diary again. Things look bright. We are now treated as P.O.W. instead of criminals. Chow tasty but very chesey. Making P.X. list today. Announced we can spend what we are paid 30P PM. Lost shelter half housewife and tobacco on move. We are separate from other camp. Reveille 5 AM Taiso 6 AM & 7 P.M. No lights. Water faucets difficult. Feel continually weak and tired from lack of food. 25 gm salt issue 10 gm sugar. 300 gm rice 100 gm corn & vegetables and meat twice a week. Maybe.

July 1 Food seems to be getting better Announced we will get lugac & sugar 8 out of 10 mornings. Paid 75% of P.X. account. They use our own bugle calls here and so far Soupie Soupie sure sounds sweet. Ration increased by about 1/3. Mick has some garlic that makes the chow really good. Doc has a bad cold and so has Mick. The rainy season is starting. Much news about Saipan Rhoda and landings in France also landings of Japan. First time Japanese admit heavy losses. News of a large naval battle responsible for clearing of Cebu and Manila.

July 2 Teddy's Birthday. Looks like work details will go out shortly from the way they held sick call today. Had some fried greens for the first time in many months today. Rained PM.

July 3 Had general medical survey today. I will try working and see if it affects my asthma. Those who go out the gate get 240 gm. of corn in addition to the regular ration. We were told what the basic ration is and that the Japanese promise to meet it as often as possible, it includes flour which we may expect on occasion and 100 gm of meat per day. Which we can expect about twice a week. There is much conjecture and many rumors about personal package also of a new red cross shipment due this month supposedly. The P.X. is said to come in in driblets and no one has ever received all he ordered. Talked with Wheeler last night about former conditions here and who we might expect to see considering that details have been going to Japan ac the day we arrived. Everyone very optimistic we are beginning to recover from our boat trips our strength is coming back slowly. Sleep most of day and at night. Wonder how many more would have died without that red cross issue. We now realize just how much that

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trip took out of us. We also are finding out what became of some of our Red Cross supplies, shoes and food. Got 3 mangoes which we will save to celebrate the 4th.

July 4 Had mangoes for breakfast. Some of PX fund supplies received by mess yesterday to be use to give us a large meal today. This camp received entire pipe tobacco ration from Nueva Ecija. Salt to be sold to us today. Osborne says he will volunteer to go to Japan if they don't get some prediene in for his asthma. Had very good supper of mango beans, onions etc. Announced we have mail here but censoring is slow. Promised to find out about our personal packages. Major Oanaga inspected camp.

July 5 The third independence day passed under the nips and left us still wondering how that Column of Americans will look coming up the road, and when! Read translation of Oanaga's speech. How the time has changed! Very promising. Sat up 3 hours last night with asthma. Washed clothes and caught up diary on Ingersolls notes about trip. Japs asked how many available for plowing and field details. Had part of pemelo issue by mess from Pope's fund purchases in PX. Got 2 hind quarters & ribs in mess at noon. Rumor now that 30 items on free gift list. Arrow shirts and parker pens also. 360 packs of cigarettes. Got issue 1/2 canteen cups of salt. Peel much rested, talk of food continually. Major Oanaga to Manila about personal packages. 50 captains to work tomorrow.

July 6 Heavy chow of extra corn for breakfast with lugao and sugar. Ate addition mango last night P.60. Worked picking talinum very light and pleasant. Place looks very well cultivated and managed. Great efforts to keep us separate from other working groups. Meat and pony beans for lunch. All take canteens to field this PM. Saw several of other group in their bahays but recognized none. Have excellent private gardens. No signs of our grand cemetery beyond the hill to the south. Worked about 3 hrs altogether.

July 7 Rumors we will soon have movies twice a week. More can of coffee for Doc and Mick. Out of sorts from lack of sleep. Also rumor we will be paid P60. this month. Didn't work today. Tailor and Shoemaking equipment to be issued. Stories about peace term offering-Gallup poll and figuring impossible without allies-Tojo.

June 8 Heavy chow - no work. 8th of month and inspection. Slept 3 hours. Announcement about Deter's very unfavorable conditions. Guard 9-11. P.X. 2 gantas pepper 1 mango to barracks. Snyers received 2 books published '42 & '43'. Only one man died coming up. Havvelson Chinum incident. Death Penalty for stealing food. Returned from work PM. Announced no chow until nips send some in. Ate heavy rice chow 10 PM.

June 9 Slept till 10:30 on sodium amylal and ephedrine, from Osborne. John Wheeler had violent reactions to anti tetanus. Have wrote cards home today asking for chow. 5 gallons of muscovado came in thru PX. Sent out my opinion of beginning of this process. Supper late again. Hatsuma took tenko. Conversation has turned from farming to receipts and eating places.

June 10 Rumor 10 kilos of rice must be made up to Nips. Prospects not so bright since change of command. Visions of our dapecel days and methods. Details sent had shoes. Rich came over, read enough Rope. Went to reading of 3 harbors. Doc reports change of attitude in nips. No shoes, no talking carrying of news clubs, much Kurrayng. Trouble passing

other compound. Looks like the honeymoon is over. Kept us 3 hours for tenko.

June 11 Took about 1 hr. for tenko this morn. Kept us 20 min in rain outside gate. Got 15 bulbs of garlic for 3 of us. Brought 1 cart 2 liters of PX goods in yesterday. Onions, fish past, mongo beans, sugar garlic. Ask to guarantee 8000 P of sugar EM one barracks turned in 2000 P. Got work details out at 7.00 this morn. Early tenko from now on. 5.30 AM.

June 12. Didn't work today. 20 kl beef into mess. Rained all day. Got 1 1/2 cups of mongo beans.

June 13 Stand around 1 1/2 hrs. called off work for morning. Heard several rifle shots and automatic weapons about 9 AM. Signed payroll this morning. Rained PM. Worked on inside detail. More occasional shooting. Started multiple vitamin again. Remember Winterholler and Rosenthals, Chuck Sales also barrack locations & swamp graveyard.

July 14. Worked again today. Started planting rice in rain all morning. Nips worked too. Ate cup of mongo beans for breakfast. cooked for 3 of us 3/4 cup - soaked 18 hrs. cooked 4. Garlic. Small dipper for heavy duty of rice. Put in seal monthly order 60 P ea. Out in rain again P.M. Got some seed onions. Carried seedlings. Shorts No. 8197. clothes and shoes need repair badly. Drew another inside detail.

July 15 Had bad attack of asthma. Lost about 3 hrs. sleep. Cut grass near fence this morn. Heard about Allen and 135 grams rice check on heavy duty. No results as usual from Hq. Think another detail left other compound last night. 25 kl. Fish and fried onions for lunch today. think La Sang detail near. Left about 125 Bilibid and about 500 EM to Japan. Brought in eatings or mint for tea. Won first round of cribbage tournament from Jes Watson drew a lycen the 2nd round. No heavy duty even rice tonight, say nips haven't issued it yet. Boiled onions we found in rice paddy. Gave pig weed to Chusln. Fell very nervous and on edge these days after not sleeping at night. Very irritable. Had minor scrap with Green over drawing water. Got 2 1/2 cups of Panutsa tasted like a combination of maple-sugar and honey. Saw nips inspect detail and luggage. Several trucks left. Estimate most of the East camp left.

July 16 Sunday. Reminded that we are 118 EM from Manila to Cab. and about 9 A from Cab to here. Stotsenburg 96 km 3 hr drive. Devac 70 Long Manila, 14. 69 A to one degree. Saw another group in East compound loading trucks. Seemed to be leaving also. Had 1 cup of mongo beans for lunch made from rice coffee can of dry beans. finished my 1/2 kilo of panutsa this P.M. Had sugar for breakfast. Cucumber soup and prine can of salt issue for lunch. Beans peppers and cucumbers soup for supper. Also received 10 cigarette issue today. Find that I cannot have sweets or food near me and resist it. It distrubs me. I would rather finish it at once and happily return to my want. Also find that it irritates me not to be able to finish a book which I have started and been interrupted several times over a period of several days. *The Unearthly* lent by padre Casberry. Had Doc Brown give lecture on Spanish Civil war. To base club this morning. 14 officers 1 EM (Kittered Jr.) and several guests attended. Here is a wonderful teacher and really gets his points across. If I remain in Boston I must go to Fremont Temple and Pips Concerts, also to plays and opera. No signs of personal packages yet.

July 17 Blue Monday, planted upland rice. Extras of RC. came in shoe polish toothpaste shaving cream, razor blade sharpener and one pair of Jap

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books. Saw about 400 from East compound coming back from airfield. Turned us into camote patch and kept us strutting up in rain at the gate again. 400 for detail tomorrow to include Majors and some Lt Cols. chow lines in the morning.

July 18 53 brokies came in from Bilbid by truck last night, about mid-night. Brought much dope about latest developments. Thamps on's detail started but returned. News of bombing Japan attack on Bonins, France and Italy. Also rumor of statement by Adm. Nimitz about removing prisoners from zones of action in the Philippines. Treatment of prisoners at Nichols Field. They received their personal packages and mail. Gurs left Manila several days ago but Nips haven't said they were here yet when asked. Believe they are withholding until our punishment is lifted. Of course they haven't given and stated period of punishment but rumor has it it will be lifted the 10th. 1500 leave left here, East Compound for Japan in all. Report sick cases left there gaining considerably in weight etc. Planted upland rice again. Think Orson has malaria. Building new stoves in mess. Promised tea. Ration seems more since Joe Hughes got in there. Prices of food in Bilbid go wild when details leave because money is no good. Boys on boat get 2 Pean cans a day of water and the usual 2 meals. 3 sick returned to Bilbid Hosp. It is never so bad that it can't get worse. Afternoon details called off after taking us out, getting wet and then returning. Report ship blew up, burned 2 days in Manila Bay, also some hospital ships. Lt Cols. Majs. and quarters cases do light duty weeding with a heavy hoe 5 1/2 lbs. Corn, camote 18 mos cassava crop look well, soil soundly. Much cohra, cucumbers, gourds, eggplant & telinus.

July 19 Worked AM raking telinus got soaking wet as usual. Mongo Beans Fried fish and cohra. Received pay today 60 P. Blew work call then recall immediately HM. Rain.

July 20 Lugao only for breakfast. Heavy duty noon and night. Olson paid off dues. Fatigue & Recall this AM again. Buckett got shirt w. majors leaves on it. Put cement in bottom of sugar cans. P.X. issued 1-3/4 kilos of sugar today. No work HM. Think typhoon Manila.

July 21 Went to sick call last night with swollen lymph, gland & earache. Realey socked the medicine to me and put me on patient status feel very laxy from sulphaniamide. Col Deter trot passed there saying that 8 AM Sunday morning we would move to other Compound and be absorbed by "Div. 2". Here's hoping that means we face our identity as the bad boys from Davao and not that means we will be used to supplement groups for Japan. Fermented sugar today. Not as good as last as it had begun to ferment.

July 22 Howard's birthday today, 25. Moved 2 or 3 hundred nips into S. end of compound about dusk last night. Still on a patient status. Now quickly ones members fall asleep due to low blood pressure, also blackouts. Nips left this morning about 9:30 AM. Issued violet pinks oranges salmon cherries blues in undershirts. Tad Breitting gave me a 315th Cav insignia. Bill Leisen going to hcc. for kidney stone & infection of middle ear. Tokloy suspect amebic dysentery.

July 23 Moved to #9 E. compound. Saw Chandler, Flecher Traysnell, Cummings & Macellthattan also Fathons Zervas and Wilson. Bettings terrific. Rumor of Tojo's Cabinet being out. Saw Van Oosten, Ellise, Kircher, Barlow, Baer.

July 24 Will receive heavy ration next day instead of day work in done also must work outside gate for 6 hours or no heavy ration at all. John

Wheeler won 300 word radiogram to U.S. Included Reg't Ott brought material

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for table. Rules on drawing beans by credit and syrup instead of panutsa. Rumors about Hitler arresting 5540 officers and Russian advance into S. West. Front in Italy to Pisa. Roosevelt 43 message about RC. supplies. cholera epidemic. Peco an Cabanatuan Xmas. Clothes came in 2 truck loads. Weighed at 145 lbs. today.

July 25 Shirts were a Phil. R.C. issue; had debugging with hot water this AM. believe it to be of no use. The famous Art Wermath in detail leader in rice paddies. Story about short sacks of rice and Takmasaki having to put a guard on road between Nip & Camp. Issued 10 dobie cigarettes a week. PK of 1/3 Kl of camotes. That & beans at noon saved us from working on light chow all day. Issue lugao 3 times a day. Rice cookies every other night. Have good library here. Movies twice a week. No cookie tonight.

July 26. Sulphathiazol sells to nips from 20 to 35 pesos a pill. Cummings & Seay visited us last nite. Water situation very difficult. Time for rest lacking. Formal insp. this AM. Col. Beecher & 7 others. Report spies died in hills. Used man power method of weeding and clearing field this AM. Got yesterday ration today 1st time. Mess and Administration set ups here reek. Most of 26th have soft jobs. Some where we all got purple heart at library board. They make us raise the corn, camotes etc. then sell them to us. What a farce. Had some ginger tea for super 2. syrup. Very good, like gingerbread when used 2. our rice cookie. Went to glee club later and saw excerpt from HSP. napcre & Pirates of Tamsuec.

July 27 Paid .20 per ear of corn. Rafferty got lot w. stick out digging onions this AM. Tried using syrup w. hot water 3 times a day as a pick me up. Rained every day for last week but we work as usual. Guards get A & B rations also. Now skip morning break as well as afternoon. But news is good so we are living on hopes until something breaks. Went to library at noon with Mick...Saw 43 Digests about war. Wrote diary in tenko line standing over mud puddle. A very hectic and harried day. Got more pig weed for tomorrow.

July 28 Had easy morning weeding mustard greens. Had lugao from rice & dry ration from P.M. issued at 2.00 PM. Made up in a pie pan w. 8 spoons of syrup for quan. Called for detail at 2:15 and didn't have time to mix properly w. ginger left salt out completely. Will try just dry ration w. sugar etc next time. Spent P.M. w. pick digging drainage ditch thru puddings-tone. Report 5,000 troops bivocced between here and Bcngabong. Had good talk w. Jack Day about pips. Ex pect to sign payroll tonite. Story about plaster of paris sulfathiazol. 5 searchlights moving toward Baler & Dansalan Bays.

July 29 Cut ration from lugao to 1 ear corn at noon 2 smalls ears for supper. Made cwan w. dry rice and 9 spoons of sugar. Stud knocked over my blanket. No rice cake in spite of promise of Col Beecher. Say continually we exceeded our ration in other compound even if this Div. issued it. Heard about Yamamoto. Turned P.X. account over to Doc and put in order for next month. Had another inspection today. Get more peace outside the fence than inside. Had shoes branded 0524. Docs getting certificate of non-combatancy via same method as John Wheelers radiogram. Japs started bringing in camote tops now as greens since we quanned them so much w/ pig weed. Story about Roberts & Peets living in a nipa shack in Manila to save rent. Visited Maj. Burtz, Provost Marshall, Veterinarian instead of THE DRUNKARD which

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was rained out. Heard about Col Beecher & wood detail's chow. Also how R.C. was handled. Report 5 sacks or about 2500 letters in yesterday.

July 30. Report 2 bridges out between here and Manila as reason for delay in personal pkgs. and P.X. from there. Am determined this camp shall know about Wa zoo Byrd. If any petitions are circulated or desentation show camp officials see instigators are on next boat for Japan. Result - Camp HQ. and followers still eating R.C. chow and the whole administration reeks with graft. Guaned up our supper rice and ate it about 4:30 w. some beans we soaked. Read Pleegeer's report - saw Doc Reed Dr. Shaw 26th Cav put me on quarters for my athlete foot. Having no shoes and being in mud and wet all day it wouldn't heal pot. permanganate soak 3 times a day. Got Wis. of Chinese from Library. Had phonograph in barracks this PM.

July 31 Saw 1st part of 'THE DRUNKARD' last nite. Very amusing, must see it in Los Angeles. Did laundry and made table this AM. Sent shirt to tailors. Rumor tomorrow a holiday. Fort clearing up fast. Heard about sea battle between Jolo & Borneo supposedly a month ago. Rumor 800 officers to Japan before the 10th. Stud brought in taksan pig-weed AM. Had ginger tea for lunch. Corn cobs now boiled in salt, not bad if well chewed.

AUG. 1. Released from quarters this AM. Read latest Readers Digest at Library and got haircut. Several med. corps men to Manila today to bring back patients. Began new fence inside other two yesterday. Worked carrying manure by litter about 300 yds. Gantry knocked cold, beaten and kicked when down for repeating laughing boys orders. Ted Parker collapsed carrying litter and hurt his leg. Dave Affleck cut his foot badly carving barefoot as usual across a slippery muddy broken glass littered field. Katsuma responsible by raising hell w. guards this morning. When appealed to, Air Raid laughed and said Batai OK.

AUG 2. Rang alarm gong in nip compound last night 8:30. Nips loaded in trucks and took off. Rumor 10,000 nips to be in Cabanatuan area soon also 500,000 on Luzon. Scribner took epileptic fit out clearing a field this morning. Boys are showing the effects. Saw Doc Reed last night he advises working when 240 gas of corn are issued. Records on 2 to 3 hundred people show that since ration cut last March non workers have gone down more. Bought mess kit knife and pair of skivvies yesterday 4-P & 3 P. Turned P.X. over to Steve.

AUG 3 300 Brokies arrived from Bilibid yesterday. Rumors, Hitler assassinated, Warsaw ours. Also 2 Bonins, Saipan, Rota 700 Tommies from Singapore on Ship in Manila Bay. 42 days over, 16 of them in Manila Bay before 8 taken to B. sick. Been working on roads in Burma 6000 left of 36,000 due mostly to cholera. 10 men to 1 R.C. package. May move rest of Bil. here. RC's painted on roofs and wells being dug in B. Report 250 ships in Manila Bay. 60 ship convoy left twice and returned getting to Lingayen once. Large flight of planes to N. & W. 4:00 AM. Ia Sang detail rumored sunk. Nips now select 1 man out of group and beat them up regardless of guilt as example. Bill Harrington today picked as choice of orange over blue undershirt. Cleared field w. grass cutter. Feel we will have an American Thanksgiving. Rained out of half of musical show, mostly Irving Berlin numbers. Caught bed cold on way home, had some mint tea. Drink our panutsa syrup. Quezon and Sen. McNair reported dead.

AUG 4 Worked AM cutting grass on dykes w. Stud. P.M. weeded upland rice with a 10 lb. pick. The people w weeding hoes were probably digging rock -

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but it can't last forever. Rumors of 25% rice cut. Chow very light tonite. Supposed to have confirmed rumors of Hitler's assas. Rec'd. 15 cloves of garlic and 1/2 prem can of panutsa yesterday, promptly finished off panutsa. Corn substitute for lugao again today. Rumors of large scale attack on Bonin. Rec'd another pair of shoes for my old ones #5289. Went to bed 7:30 only had to get up once. Increased air activity.

Aug 5 Picked telinum A-M. No squat no yasume no smoking, double weight on litters because tomorrow is Sunday. More rumors of german surrenders in France near Brest. Several more brokies in from Bilibid last night. They insist they are using Dewey Blvd for a landing field from Casa Manana on South. Believe Japs may hold out until after elections to see if they can get other than Roosevelt to deal with. Contrary to popular opinion that we will come in here soon so as to influence elections by a victory here. Corn substitute effective today on basis of 300 gas corn for 100 rice but they include Basks and Gobs. 1 canteen cup of panutsa syrup 5.80 P. Came in early Ht due to heavy rain got soak. Incident of Lt Larler HED also say nip that quaned Sgt McFee. Lt Katsuma asked yowler which we preferred pig weed or telinum. Took a note and a few fools raised their hands for pig weed. Bet we'll be issued that as another vegetable soon.

Aug 6 Sunday, dug garden plot for 3 4' x 4' Stud & Mick finished chairs and table. Went to library read Xmas speech #43 etc. News very cheering about break-thru's in France & Poland. Fall of Germany supposed to be imminent. Quote Churchill as saying Japan 2 weeks after Germany. Supposed to have bombed Manila Bay, but I doubt it. Heavy duty show today for yesterday instead of tomorrow. No explanation. Rumor we will go to airfield tomorrow Dec. Shaw says barracks contaminated w. scabies. No show last night because of leading lady having strawberry..... Had meeting of the 26th at Fleeger's house courtesy of Morris Cummings, coffee & cigarettes. Much good will and everyone had a good time. Garonso incident. George Raufman Mick, and Dr Shaw also there.

Aug 7 Rumors of Churchills speech very cheering and optimistic but it will happen someday. Said due to successes in Europe more attention would be paid Japan and where as Japan was expected formerly to last longer than Germany now with this new Cabinet headed by head of Mitsue Co on due to amazing progress in pacific it was expected to fall first. Some expect on good authority that it will happen in the next month. Japan admitting weakness in nos. and comparative qualities of 1st line planes, pilots w kaper actually seen home. King & Mitsue confer on Saipan showing bulk of A. Fleet here. Report 3 of Bonins curs persists. Nips very quiet this morning. Caught man with octine coming in, neither strafed nor used vitamin stocks. Looks as if Takasaki has returned from extended stay in Manila where he could't fail to see writing on the wall. Expect a complete about face when he does return. Report AM. Hq. told to prepare storage space for our personal packages. Morale of camp high as a balloon about to burst. Working duty chow today though we worked. Rec'd 2 ears of corn apiece 45 from PX. Finished Goodby Mr. Chips*. Trying to write Dr. Gabater for prescription and new glasses. Rumor Majors & Capts may quit work soon. Rumor American planes repulsed over Appari. R.T. and Cabanatuan newspaper.

Aug 8. Japs announced our packages will be shipped from Manila Aug 10 at end of our period of meditation. 4 Majors only this AM used as standbys. 2 Radiograms to our barracks last night Fr. Caloberra father dead. Looks like we may get 2 rations of panutsa syrup today (1/2 cup) 40 kls of meat issued

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yesterday 1000 men in Mr. Turnseeds group F weeding telinum. AM. Orson & Coombs talking about England. Read off on names of 3 or 4 RM who had been turned over to nips by C.O. for theft in our camp. punishment given was from 3 to 4 days on farm or airport without heavy duty chow but if a man steals a single piece of alire or eggplant they beat him and break his arms. Rumor only Germany collapsed.

Aug 9 Rumor permanent conscription back in U.S. Brought wheelbarrow full and 5 gal can of burnt out rice to corral detail, mounted guard over it and fed it to the pigs. Asthma & bad cold. Another Beecher inspection today. Rec'd portion of syrup last night, drank it.

Aug 10 Had easy morning in Banana grove. Stud on quirts for pagio trots. Rumors that 11 carloads of C ration came into Cabaatuan today. More panutsea and lots of other stuff in PX and issued corn. story about Pince passing rumors and some count asking peace terms for Germany denied in papers as he is a socialist. Bilibid group, mail and pkgs due today. From attitude of guards and increased PX I believe the war has turned. 1st Lt. now over Katsuna on farm details. Rumor 100 lbs. R.C. chow per man still in Manila warehouse as told to Mick by man from port Area detail stored there last April and not moved. Englishmen from Bilibid may come here. Drank full portion of panutsea today. 2mg on both A & B chow last night. Kitchen cookies selling for 1 peso. Got 3 ephedrine and aspirin also used sulphur ointment for scabies. More PX due tomorrow.

August 11 La Sang rumored at Cavite & also sunk again 800 Americans 500 Japs Manila Bay 250 ships blockaded. It is an armed city and they are using Dewey Blvd as a runway. Pince given 10 days to get where they are going before roads are closed completely for military purposes only. Looks like a huge movement of troops. 6 Davao men to dysentery area for amebic cysts. To hold a survey on all the rest. Now taking general scabies treatment of sulphur ointment. No work AM due to rain. Report "now fighting in Davao", nip guard. The last two days, counting all the sugar I ate I have really eaten too much. We drew 2 full portions of panutsea again. 6.50 per portion. Report nips dropping depth charges in and about entrance of Manila Bay. Just 5 minutes ago the guard in the tower in rear of barracks shot a man working in the garden which he has done for the past several months. After he fell down shot the guard in about a minute after the first shot fired another into him. The several doctors in our barracks with R.C. on their arms were not allowed to go near him and right now he is being allowed to lie out there and die. Someone (Joe Revak) was gross enough to read, There goes our packages! We think that since he was inside by 5 ft of the newly erected wire fence that it was done deliberately as a disciplinary measure in view of the growing tenseness due to the closeness of our forces. Time of first shot at about 140 Hk. Victim Lt Huffcut of High Commissioners Office. Body brought in 1445 covered w sheet. Cold blooded murder is putting it mildly. I hope this will show this Cabaatuan group that we aren't the ones at fault and that for all their cooperation it can hap en to one of them. Recalls Sgt McFee who had his heart blown out while standing beneath the guard tower w. his companions saluting after coming there at the guards order.

Aug 12 Rumors, Mindanao bombed 3 times. Roosevelt & Nimitz meet in Honolulu. Whole army now on Saipan. Nagasaki in flames. 1st Lts. increase 70 to 80 Hk. Cpts 1500 per year 500 bonus for 3 yrs service for R.O. beginning Aug 1, 40 / 500 for each full year thereafter. Lt Yamaji issued

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5 oz corn to all farm workers today. Also rec'd cigarette issue - corn & cig. & panutsa from P.K. Funds running low. Came & got 10 cigs. back. Note how nice they are after yesterdays happenings. Same at Davao. Also promised to expedite exam of pkgs and mail which is expected shortly Survivors of La Sang & Davao group for Japan reported at Cavite. Left in large convoy, got in fight returned. 5 Jap boats lost. Taken sub about.

AUG 13 Sunday - s, rayed, boiled and salvaged for scabies. Variety show last night - joke about McArthur also Brown Lee's performance. Rumors five landings on Mindanao, bombings of Cebu and Iloilo. Sent message home today 25 words.

AUG 14 517 man detail asked for by nips for 'outside' detail including officers & medics. Took all medical supplies from Jap bodega to Cab and loaded on train. Nips spent Sunday digging fox holes & slit trenches. No work AM. Had corn I perched yesterday ground. 20¢ for Mick's birthday Wed. Cancelled all baking and most of boiling in cuan kitchen due to wood shortage. Cut wood & airport details in half. Building 15 revetments at airport. Charlie Osborne & Doc Jackson to go.

AUG 15 Osborne wretched with Col Deter. Help Laney to go instead. Worked messaging rice A.M. Airport detail canceled. Explosions all morning from direction of Arayat. All to have pictures taken by fives shortly. Rumor on pay increase 1000 2nd Lts 1200 1st Lt 1500 Capts. Base pay 325. RM weeded sanotes. Takasaki came by in his car. Poorly cooked cassava added RM as veg. ration. Had ginger tea w. Rich and George Buffman. NJ.

AUG 16 Mics Birthday no pancakes as stove is being repaired. Clausen sent out on Jap detail even the sick. Wrote note of protest for him. Picked corn AM. Quarters patients sent out now must be star quarters to stay in. Mic stayed in sick. Saw Lt Col Compton get strafed by 'Air Raid'. More men due in here from Bilibid soon.

AUG 17 Clausen's group left 8 AM. Harvested corn AM & carried corn stub to cows. Air Raid strafed 2 men good and then promised to beat the next one caught into unconsciousness w. an iron bar. Had picture taken 1665.

AUG 18 New tanks formations at times. Corral detail AM. Very good. Brought in 70 men, 5 does to go out as replacement detail soon. Cut hands on grass for thatching roof. Grass detail P.M. Gave ni p who shot Buffcut a star as a reward. Bilibid removed to Sto. Tomas Doc D'Amore Georgetown Ohio. RA to leave about 2 w. detail 5 capt 5 med off. rest warrant officers. If I had my package I would volunteer to go. This place is so crooked.

AUG 19 Virgin-Sturgeon gotten this AM. Increased air activity NE-SW course. Have rains & hamarroids bothering greatly. About 200 letters seen coming in. Weed rice RM. Ran back over knee in rain stood it surprisingly well. Detail tomorrow.

AUG 20 Worked AM shoveling. Held cere. for founding of camp 2 yrs ago tomorrow. Nips had parade about 300 30 off or NCO. Estimate 2 to Cav 1 Bat FA other camp. 1 coconut issued by mess today. Rumors of breaking up camp also eliminating PK. Saw Col "so they say". List of calls 5:30 Reveille 5:45 Tenko 6:00 chow 6:50 work details 9:30 15 min. break. 11 recall 11:30 chow 210 details 345 break 5 PM recall 5:30 chow 6:30 Bango 9 quarters.

AUG 21 Detail left 3 AM. Weeded upland rice w. hoe. Pa same in small typhoon. Nips had night firing problem for several hours. Many new faces at bunk including incinerator Sgt Hicks. Maj. Takasaki had dinner yesterday. Duck pork lobsters fish beer rice all they could eat. news very good.

AUG 22. Jap Lt says if situation were reversed he would be glad to work in the fields. Took Charlie Brown & 4 others to guard house last night.

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Moved farther and started new fence. Seems to be a slight increase in chow. Got one more coconut issued today. Everyone very tense. 20 sacks of our PERSONAL PACKAGES were unloaded on Jap side. People willing to bet 1000\$ on landing on Mindanao by US. Forces. Maybe Xmas will see us out if they don't move us. Rumors of 900 officers & 100 Medics to Japan between 25-30. Read 43 Digest on Inflation.

AUG 23. Made nips work in field with us. Our packages still on other side. Believe all this dissent and irritation due to lack of B I. Think we have used up reserve supply built up on brown rice in Davao. Rumor 700 man La Sanga detail on way.

AUG 24. Report 50 man detail unloaded RC boat Manila w. personal pkgs & bulk packages brought over this side. They say I have one. to be given out tomorrow. Mick & Orson also.

AUG 25. Several pkgs rec'd AM but ours haven't been delivered yet. My cold is beginning to break up. I think. Rumor 1 Jap cruiser sunk N of Luzon also hear bombings all over S.W. Pac. Joe Hughes burned arm 1 week ago. Recd. PHO.

AUG 26. How can anyone express the days feeling of appreciation felt on receiving a pkg after 3 yrs of being without word & are forlorn. News very good. Romania rumored to have surrendered. Finished cheese, cocoa, vitalets. Gave away cigarettes to Doc, Mick D.L. & Booth. Also books.

AUG 27 My craving for sweets is as intense as ever. Howard & Ted over for a smoke. Takasaki may be relieved. Had very tasty chow last night w much black pepper.

(28)(29) Nothing new. Package gone.

AUG 30 Issued 39 cig. Several letters for Davao group. No work tail of Caluni. Pipe delicious breaking in nicely. Announced pay increased to 35¢ Col. Olson asked for 20¢ ea from money in Davao Bank for Welfare fund. Made out commissary order. Rec'd soap & corn. Fowler messed up on Mick's shoes. Am trying to get rid of spurs. Takasaki says many Americans come soon.

AUG 31 See Maj Wilson about glasses. Cut my little left toe and went on qrts. Had delicious muffin last nite w coconut & banana w it.

Sept 1-2 500 man detail leaving 2 & 3rd 20 doc and 500 men. Rumor detail leaving every 2 days until camp empty. Deter, Rader Say Osborne going also. F.O.B. Hqd Zimmerman put new stem on my Frank Medico. Gave away my chess set to Mark.

SEPT. 3. Detail left 12 noon many edema also took anyone on list who could get as far as the gate-100 brokies in from Manila.

Sept 4 Rumor German army in full retreat. Brokies read in paper 60 planes shot down over Formosa. Report 500 planes in raid. planted canotes AM-doc & Mic on corral. I find that more often now I must give way to the wishes of others. Johnson-Mick and Welfare Fund Col Englehart to keep peace. Rumor 500 more to go Wed.

SEPT 5 Germany rumored to have signed Armistice. Manila supposed to have been bombed last nite. Searchlights were definitely seen in that direction. Also large naval concentration north of Formosa. Water privileges all day since 15th mess to grind corn. Much air activity. I find I would rather eat alone than w people carry since from childhood days?

SEPT 6 Rumors of large naval battle in Bonins. 33 Jap boats sunk. Rumors detail going out as boy on motorcycle came to Bq again. Div Co inspect AM. 2 guard tours given for not shaving. Sugar now estimated at 15¢ Lt to incharge of farm. No strafings, no sticks, in when raining. Plenty of corn coming in.

Big meal last nite. Rice & corn, corn meal mush (HD)-fish order rice soup, and a rice cookie also had catnip tea. Sold 2 undershirts 20¢. Also had 1 cup of honey which we had to save for breakfast. Mess undertakes to grind corn today must be dried 3 days. Rumor 270 planes in 4 hr bombing of Mindanao. Heavy bombing of Formosa. Also claim Armistice w Germany and that U.S. has started demobilizing. Having big cake tomite. Mick-Poc-Don-Gernon-Franks Ott & Mac.

SEPT 7 Yesterday 1000th day of war. AM many bombers going N. Gut left big toe. Slept only 2 hrs ran 8 times from coffee. Guards very quiet on details. Increased fish ration for workers. More proteins. Weighed 146 today.

SEPT 8 Rumor all EM leaving soon. Officers cooks in kitchen tomorrow. Qrts. today for hemorrhoids. Doc Shaw sick.

SEPT 9 Bought pants-letters telling of receiving 2 pkgs of RC. in 43 while we eat this crap. Takasaki rumor he may turn farm over to Americans soon. Caribao off detail after yesterday's farewell speech. Takasaki returned from Manila and turned loose guardhouse prisoners put in by MP's on note and money business.

SEPT 10 Sunday-1500 men to go to farm tomorrow. Library closed. Had scrap with Mick over bake job. He tries to put words in mouth that were never there.

SEPT 11 Rumor Russia moved in to Manchuria. Coote asked me to be his best man. Visited w. Morrie Cummings. Got Beecher and other officials out the gate. Seems a repetition of Dapecol before departure. Doak smoke and other officers working in mess.

SEPT 12 Rumor from Corral detail R.C. coming soon-also about 2 American planes being fired on over Manila. Substituting officers for EM in Bq. also.

SEPT 13. Carried compost AM. Picadura tobacco today ½ pkg 3¢ good buy. Rumored bombing of Cagayan Cebu. Noticed spot still on my leg. Had 2/3 portion panutasa yesterday. Pick me up wonderfully for a day or so.

SEPT 14. Caribao singled me out again. I hope he's here when the yanks come. Looks bad for praeger says T. Jones. Hear the last bunch went down to Manila in parlor cars. Believe dope about large task force hit Davao.

SEPT 15 10 medical kits ordered by Japanese last detail cut now canceled. Air raid strafed 10 across the face w. stick.

SEPT 16 Rumor bombing of N. Luzon and sinking of 27 ship convoy there. To change messes tomorrow. These detail leaders would gobble the goop if they had a chance. The way they fawn on these nips is despicable. Finished Camotes. Think I am getting a little pellegra. Feel I have slipped generally of late. Vitamin.

SEPT 17 Nips had blackout practice with kerosene torches last night. Detail of 30 corporals and 10 doc go tomorrow. Herbsch, Whitley & Ruth.

SEPT 18 Rumor La Sang detail bombed & killed.

SEPT 19 Taksean vegetable ½ no guard.

SEPT 20 Had Papy Knowles on Frises last night. Orsons guard on corral worried about coming of Americans. New death squad leaders. May work in kitchen soon. Cassava now for H.D. Ration.

SEPT 21. At about 900 AM about 200 planes came from NE headed for Manila w. pursuits criss crossing over them. Came back about 3/4 hr later. Left rear guard of pursuits one of which shot down a nip bomber over camp about 11:30. Guard shot 3 at plane Nips running all over getting a detail to go

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over to plane which is burning about 3 mi. to E. planes were clearing guns going to Manila but seemed unopposed. Believe this only one of directions of attack on Manila. Also there may be a landing on the Coast at Baler or Danzalan. Nips sent 215 man patrols out at 12.N. Rumor they bombed S. Imson yesterday. Some wisecracker outside wants to sell his garden. Blizzard on road detail reports seeing 5 waves about Clark-- after they left many planes patrolled mountains. 2 pursuits climbed into clouds. Feel they used about 1000 planes. Green building hogpen. Identified Army Air Force insignia. PM. detail cancelled. 3 more large flights for Manila. Clark & Aparri or Baguio about 230 PM. Returned after we heard bombings. This is the happiest day since imprisonment. Short burst of ground fire on return over camp plus siren. 2 more flights came in as those went out. Seen to have about 40 bombers & escort of seavers. Guards now wondering thru camp in pairs. The only reason they didn't all come at once is that it seems there wouldn't be enough room.

SEPT 22. 40 bombers for Clark at 7.30. Another nip downed toward Arayat 10:00 Strafed Cabanatuan airport. Nips very quiet. Nip syoko strafed guard that fired at plane yesterday with his sabre after having immediately relieved him. Pulled us out of field and sat on road during attack. I estimate we'll be out in less than 6 weeks and home for Thanksgiving. Several Englishmen from Burma now here about 2 weeks ago. These are USN planes.

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