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20 Aug. 1945. The following record of events  
of the personnel of Hawaiian Division of War  
Dept. is written from extracts of reports  
taken during the period covered by the officer  
in charge.

26 Aug. 1945 - Embarked from Manila, P.I.  
on USS Monro, a part of 1235 officers and  
enlisted men en route to Japan. We occupied  
one hold of approximately 40 ft. x 70 ft.  
and were not allowed on deck except in  
groups of five to make latrine calls.  
There were much victims particularly  
Koreans.

6 Sept. Arrived Majuro, Ryukyu. Luckily we  
had no leaks on board ship.

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9 Sept. Maj. J. H. Jackson, M.C.; Capt. E. B. Schuyler, F.A.  
Lt. Col. R. S. Puller, Jr. C.A.C., Lt. Col. John C. Long, M.C.  
and 446 white men arrived at Honouua, Oahu  
at the Professor, Hanaula Island. Health  
generally poor, malarial high. There were  
many reported cases of long duration and  
who had very nearly been found to sleep in  
the Philippines. They are not in shape for  
any type of heavy work. Our march is  
high due to the removal of the camp  
and the fact that it looks like we may  
be in the hot stages of our prison life.  
There is a temporary staff here including  
an interpreter from Jalapa named Condo.  
Two new couriers of the, body, dress,  
collar and trousers. The quantity, however  
is small.

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14 Sept 1944. Today the permanent staff arrived.  
21 Couriers of Jalapa, 57th Regt. I.C.  
from Jalapa to Hanaula, the age 700. Capt. Schuyler  
supplies and Capt. J. M. Schuyler, medical corps. I arranged  
to live on the 1st and now I found them in  
a very interesting manner by Mr. Gromonovich,  
the new interpreter.  
16 Sept. our cap. work case, work remains  
and several others issued to all men today.  
So Queta continues to give me an instrument.  
18 - Work details to mine. For first time  
we find out type of work. It is a  
Copper mine and we have 330 men who  
are to work underground and 141 men  
to work in the shop and another  
The men are very discouraged by the  
work and by the walk to and from work  
which is up the side of a mountain.

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24. Pvt Paul H. Miller U.S.A. #13013001 Sub.  
Cannon Bui-Bui, Malabritin and Ngat  
The gaps seem to be unimpaired.

25. Winter uniforms issued to all men. 2 blankets  
per man issued. Several of our sick boys  
are the targets of vicious attacks by the  
Japs Medical Corporal. It seems that any man  
needing medical attention must first get  
several beatings and if he continues to  
refuse for treatment his way is finally  
blocked.

17th. our men blankets per man issued. We  
now have four blankets, one maduro, and  
one comforter per man. The cold seems  
very severe on us, being so accustomed  
to tropical weather. There is an average  
loss of weight since arrival here of  
approximately 15/20. In spite of his continued

pretending, the medical report is found to  
affect the number of you have to witness.  
There are many serious cases now, however  
there would be injuries. Our doctors are doing  
good service. They are treating several with  
serious cases such as bronchitis and pneumonia.  
Thank God for our Sulfa Drugs. My personal  
believe we are likely to lose about 50 men  
this winter.

Nov. 5. There seems to be an increase in cases of  
our beriberi today, making approx. one case for  
30 men. We have some cases installed in  
the office of the doctor are allowed to be  
from 4:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. and from 5:30 A.M. to 7 P.M.  
All food must be carried by the men  
from the main. They are a great help.

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Camp Beni-Beni, Malakout in and Neglet.  
The paper seems to be unimpaired.

25. Winter uniforms issued to all men. 2 blankets  
per man issued. Several of our sick daily  
are the targets of vicious attacks by the  
Japs Medical Corporal. It seems that any man  
needing medical attention must first get  
several beatings and if he continues to  
refuse for treatment his story is finally  
believed.

1700. our men blankets per man issued. We  
now have four blankets, one mattress, and  
one cot per man. The cold seems  
very severe on us, being so accustomed  
to tropical weather. There is an accumu-  
lation of urine since removal here of  
approximately 15/20. In spite of his continued

frustration, the Medical Corporal is forced to  
accept the number of Japs here to witness.  
There are many serious cases now, including  
those several infections. Our Japs are doing  
good service. They are treating several acute  
cases such as bronchitis and pneumonia.  
Thank God for our Sulfa drugs. My physician  
believes we are likely to lose about 30 men  
this winter.

Nov. 5. Five rooms to be used in lieu of  
our tents today, making app. one room for  
50 men. Two more rooms were installed in  
the affair, i.e. Rooms are allowed to be  
from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. and from 5:30 A.M. to 7 A.M.  
All food must be carried by the men  
from Japs. They are in great help.

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25 Sept. Today 174 men were made quarters by our medical affairs. On returning from work the men found that our Doctor had been returned from all duties and that the Japanese medical personnel had taken care to cure and kill. Many men received quite a surprise on sick care that evening. They were thrown around by the Japanese medical students in a demonstration of their prowess at just against Japanese men. The result of the first sick care under the new set up was that he cut the number of quarters cases to 35 -

24 Sept. Red Cross medicine was demanded by me today for the use of our Doctor in treating the sick. I was told that the medicine was not sure, but the quality of the Japanese supply. The medical

Corps was very interesting and again I was asked an interview with the Commandant. The general attitude was to ~~not~~ meet the men the women possible without proper clothes, food, or medical treatment.

I am not sure as being quite an <sup>extensive</sup> ~~wide~~ practice of medicine, conducted without the knowledge of our general laws, however. By various means we have managed to obtain a small amount of medicine and while we cannot allow a man to remain in it we believe we can give him some help.

15. Some of our men would to help today. The American is allowed to care for them, but the Japanese will not permit a person in the Japanese to enter the hospital.

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24. Pvt Paul H. Miller U.S.A. #11018641 Sub.  
Came Suri-Suri, Malambit in last flight.  
The paper seems to be unimpaired.

25. Winter uniforms issued to all men. 2 blankets  
per man issued. Several of our sick boys  
are the targets of vicious attacks by the  
Jap medical corporal. It seems that any man  
making medical attention must first get  
several beatings and if he continues to  
refuse for treatment his story is finally  
believed.

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now have four blankets, one mattress, and  
one comforter per man. The cold seems  
very much on us, being so accustomed  
to tropical weather. There is an arrange-  
ment of uniforms since arrival here of  
approximately 15/20. In spite of his continued

breathings, the medical corporal is forced to  
attend the number of 4 or less to within.  
There are many serious cases now, some of  
them small injuries. Our doctors are doing  
good service. They are treating several acute  
serious cases such as bronchitis and pneumonia.  
Thank God for our Sulfa drugs. My father  
believes we are likely to lose about 50 men  
this winter.

Nov. 5. Saw some ~~to~~ increased in each of  
our tents today, making app. one room for  
30 men, one room some were installed in  
the office, etc. Shows an attempt to have  
from 4:30 to 8:30 P.M. and from 5:30 A.M. to 7:30 A.M.  
All food must be carried by the men  
from 20 miles. They are in great help.

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7230.10 - Robert V. King, Pvt. A.I.L. # 15317534 died today. He contracted pneumonia and was found to continue to worsen over many days until it reached the medical pl. tried to reach whether or not he was malingering. He was finally taken in the hospital on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. and died about 10 p.m. Considerable relief was felt an inspecting party arrived from Tokyo. Sr. Sgt. Sakata, the area Co. and his staff arrived on the 10<sup>th</sup> for a three day tour of the mine and the camp.

Nov. 11 - Today Maj. Jackson was called to hospital by the area surgeon, Dr. Sakata. This so-called Dr. questioned our M.O. on the death of Pvt. King, as a result of telling him that the man died from neglect, starvation and lack of treatment. Maj. Jackson was horrified, we were so afraid, are,

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that he was merely a prisoner and he was the friend of several officers who were by the Japanese Dr. These people do not stop at anything. One thing we found out that is the fact that apparently our Dr. we supposed to have the man and Dr. H. it is impossible for me showing it. Nov. 12. The following men were transferred to Shingawa Hospital today. With the suspicion of Maj. Jackson who was retained of conviction to this camp because of his statement yesterday, the men transferred are sick.

Maj. Edwin G. Jackson, Sgt. Earl R. Rowan  
Capt. Donald E. Sallenger, Capt. Robert F. Stines  
Pvt. James E. Knight, Pfc. Gordon K. Milton,  
Pvt. Robert S. Sims, and Pfc. Clifford J. Squire

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20 Nov. Capt. Dan Sabatinski, M.C. arrived from  
sonar camp to assume duties of Camp surgeon.  
The rest of Army units have almost complete  
control of the treatment of the sick. Our  
Medical Corps activities are reinforced and

3 skins are used for much better now.  
9. Dr. Prof. Simon W. Smith D.S. #14029400  
died today from Bui Bui and Malaria.  
The state of health is continuing to get  
worse, the month is low and there is  
nothing encouraging in sight except the  
red cross food has to be issued know say.  
24 Nov our red cross parcel for man died.  
The camp used wild for the entire night.  
Over the fire we had received a note  
of 12 cigarettes for man, and now to have  
5 packs of American cigarettes and he  
able to have a cup of coffee for make

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see men very happy.  
25 Nov. A busy work day. We had good food  
issued including 2 fruit pies for man at  
dinner and a small piece of ham steak.  
We had a get together in the afternoon and  
sang songs. The paper furnished in lecture  
photograph and we enjoyed some American  
Music during the day. There were 3 ft of snow  
on the ground today.

1 Jan. 1946. It has (C.C.) was issued today.  
2. I saw every day in December. There  
is much illness including 16 pneumonia  
cases and an enormous amount of sickness.  
20. The show issued for man in snow.  
Slightly warmer they are very satisfactory  
in the snow much as we have here.

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13 31. Winter skin caps issued again and half  
the winter is gone. The cap is a nice piece  
of equipment for these people and is a great  
help.

14. Pvt. Ray C. Woodruff Pvt. U.S.A. #693014  
died from pneumonia.

15 31. Inspection of Capt. Selena again.  
The weather is very cold. The Japs have  
winter clothing, shoes and comfort to it  
in the sturrock which has been there  
since before 1945 and they refuse to wear  
any of it.

16. Snow and intense cold continues. Temperature  
rangs from 10°F in the morning to 30-35°F  
at 1 P.M. During 31. we arranged 250 men  
to work each day.

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Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> Lt. Col. Arthur J. Walker, USAF, Capt. Ervin C. Spotts,  
C. M. E., USA, Flt. Lt. Robert H. Thompson, RAAF (transferred  
from Hqrs. camp, Omori, Tokyo) Cpl. Stewart, Sellenberg,  
Pvt. S. B. Knight, Hilton + Frazier, from Shinagawa Hospital,  
Tokyo, arrived Camp 8-B, Hanawa at 2030 hrs.

Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> - Newly arrived officers and men were  
assembled in front of Japanese Hqrs. to swear to oath  
not to escape and to obey orders of Japanese. Oath ad-  
ministered by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Asaka, 57<sup>th</sup> Inf. Reg. Camp Commander.  
Lt Asaka showed an understanding of and ability to  
speak English. Snow packed 7 ft. deep under path  
ways, 11-12 ft deep in drifts inside compound.  
Incinerator completely covered, outside access to  
latrines impossible due to banked, frozen snow.

Mar 5<sup>th</sup> New Officers required to sign written  
oath same as verbal oath taken day before.  
Officer discussed legality of such an oath and futility

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of trying to evade signing or otherwise refusing to comply with instructions. All officers present had had first hand knowledge of Japs methods of persuasion.

Today had first interview with Lt Aseka. Interview took place in his office with Yamanuchi as a very unsatisfactory interpreter. After a short series of questions concerning my personal history, age, rank, marital status, education, etc. we discussed the health of the camp. I pointed out the fact that less than half the men were able to go to work at the mine. Due to their being poorly fed & clothed, the very severe cold, deep snow, the climb to the mine, and poor working conditions, the men in this camp were in the worst physical condition of any POW's I had seen. These remarks were received urbanly, after having agreed with me that the health of the camp was

our foremost concern.

I asked for an individual issue of Red Cross food parcels at this time. To my knowledge all other POW's in Tokyo area had received three parcels as opposed to 1 1/2 per man in this camp. Lt A. asked that I consider the proposal of the other officers, presented prior to my arrival (and under duress of not receiving them otherwise) of issuing the food thru the camp kitchen. All officers were agreed that the food was not designed for bulk issue, that in the kitchen it would be liable to rifling by the Japanese, that all men preferred individual issue, and that, since the food could be heated in the barracks on the heating stoves, there was no advantage to be gained by issue thru the general mess.

Lt A. appeared unruffled, cordial and

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friendly and terminated the interview without a decision on the RCB's, but with the statement that I might call on him at any time to discuss camp problems with him. This departure from his usual demeanor and attitude occasioned much surprise & hope in the officers' mess of improvement in camp conditions.

After evening Tinko, I went to each barracks and addressed all men. They were told my name, rank and the fact that Lt A had recognized me as senior POW. I told them that I would carry on with Capt Fleming's policy of doing everything possible to get the maximum number of men home alive. Cooperation of all men and maintenance of field discipline was expected. Word of early issue of RCB's, the news of the war we brought from Tokyo, increased camp morale

considerably.

Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> - Lt A refused to see me concerning RCB's but gave his decision thru his Sgt. Maj., Takahashi. Individual issue will be made, withholding soap and tobacco. Would not agree to this. This idea believed to be Sonkai's.

Mar 10<sup>th</sup> Individual RCB's issued to 489 off-men (excluding newly arrived off-men) withholding only soap. At my request, Sonkai says no tobacco M, G for two weeks is OK. 5 cigs/man/day, normal issue is costing us more than we earn per day, and Sonkai is always two to three months behind in paying troops. We held soap for future issue.

Pfc Joseph F. Werner, USMC injured at mine by falling rocks at 1100 hrs. Died at camp hospital at 2000 hrs of internal injuries. Pfc Werner was 20 1/2 yrs old, Catholic, Phys. cond. - poor.

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March 11<sup>th</sup> Very depressing Shinto funeral services held for Pfc Werner at Camp hospital at noon hrs. If possible, we will have no more Shinto funerals here, but cremation is the only means available for treatment of corpses. Werner had no personal effects to be turned over to J's. Pay due him + record card sent to Tokyo.

March 12<sup>th</sup> - Following officer's duty assignments given to Yamanuchi in Takahashi's absence. Self C.O., Capt Fleming, Exec., Capt. Thompson, Adj., Capt. Spotte, Mess + Supply, Capt Gelerternik + Lt Lamy, Med. Offs., and Lt Pullen (hosp.). Librarian + asst. adj. Expecting 70 new books from large supply at Omeri, to supplement pitifully meagre supply here (30 or 40, cond. poor). Officers duty assignts. hoped to open way to larger hand in camp adm. Yoshio, Med. Corp. leaves camp for new station.

March 14<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> trip to mine. Even tho Lt. Pullen had been going daily prior to my arrival, the C.O. frowns on my going for an occasional visit. Lt Pullen had started some experiments and was working on his speaking vocabulary (Japanese). Sonkei took me up of Jap type caps for the new officers and a glimpse of the above ground installations, nothing was accomplished. Sonkei is called the "Bill of the Woods", he is not completely sane and the J's fear him as do the POW's.

On return from the mine, Takashi requests complete inventory, remaining articles to be covered, and acknowledges receipt of assignt. of off's duties. Requests also any suggestions for camp improvement.

March 15<sup>th</sup> - Following is a copy of suggestions

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submitted this date in writing to Takahashi.

A. Health - Our first consideration is the health of the men. In this connection, the following suggestions are offered.

1. Food - Increased amount of protein; fish, bones, meat stock, beans - one meal per day at least. More vegetables + better care + storage of them to prevent spoilage. The purchase of pigs, chickens, etc., using officers' accumulated money for this to supplement the diet.

2. Medicine - The Drs. believe that with a permanent dispensary in the hospital, that is a stock of medicines available to them at all hours day + night, they would be able to treat sick men at any time instead of just during a few hours each afternoon.

3. Clothing - The men need socks, handkerchiefs, towels and underwear and work suits. This would enable them to have sufficient clothing for

changes for cleanliness. In this connection, if the tailors could be given patching material they could keep all clothing in much better condition. We need leather shoes and Red Cross shoe repair equipment.

4. Delousing Equip. - If the camp were allowed one old 50 gal steel drum, this could be used as a boiler and steamer for lousy clothing.

5. Benjols must be emptied at regular, frequent intervals.

6. Barbering Equip. - At the present we have only one pair of barber's shears and one pair of usable clippers. We need five pairs of each as a minimum to keep all men neatly trimmed.

7. Water - There is only one unfrozen water tap available for the use of all men. If more were flowed out now, with the use of blow torches, possibly all would not freeze up again this winter.

B-Morale, or Spirit - For the improvement of the morale of the prisoners, the following points are very important.

1. Heated Barracks - Increased supply of coal for heating the living quarters is of primary importance.
2. Mail - If all men could be allowed to write home regularly once each month and if mail and personal parcels reached them from their families they would be much happier.
3. Commissary - The establishment of a prisoner's commissary, with toilet articles, tea, spices and any other available commodities would be of great benefit.
4. Music - Additional and more modern phonograph records. Musical instruments, with the plan of forming a camp band or orchestra.
5. Library - The arrival of the new text books +

novels and the establishment of a circulating library will benefit all men.

All equip and supplies requested are available in store house or thru Tokyo Red Cross.

March 17<sup>th</sup> - Ration established at 705 gr. for workers, 570 grs. for quarters, effective 3/18. J's do not know that, except for workers additional going out ration, all men receive the same ration.

March 18<sup>th</sup> - New ration did not go into effect, mine supposedly furnishing difference.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Hilton #313, Cole #380, Hulbert #323, Paras #335, Sergeant #287, Meador #371, Prewitt #316. Sec 4-D to guard house for admittedly burning fire ladder in bk. store for fuel. When ladder was discovered missing, Takahashi ordered me to find it. All men who had a hand in affair did not speak up. In addition, Sec 4-D is not to have fire for

five days.

March 21<sup>st</sup> - Wheat, #140 to Guard House 1900 hrs for admittedly stealing R.C. food from McCarthy #44. Snow detail and coal detail, composed of quarters + L.D. men working daily.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Seven men above, 4-D, released from guard house 1900 hrs. Several are suffering from frost-bite and exposure. Huston, #24 + Gilcrease, #206 reported to J's for suspected theft of RCB's from store house. Sgt. Tibby's testimony believed by both men. Huston believed guilty for sure, Gilcrease concealing facts.

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Visited sec. 4-D at the mine. First time inside a mine, but methods of shoring, transport, lighting, excess water, no elevators, etc. are evidently bad practices. Capt. Spotts amazed at my description. Drs. asked for report of

conditions in camp and rec. for improvement. No action on answer on previous rec., Lt A. will not grant me an interview. Wheat, #140, released from guard house. Lt A. departed for Tokyo. Schmisso, new Med. Spt. <sup>1000 hrs. good</sup> ~~arrived~~.

March 26<sup>th</sup> Drs. reports, essentially same rec. as submitted before, turned in. Little hope of action on them. Bks. were blocked out for first time, for coal-trip. Snow not as firm as desired for use of sled and road will be impassable for horse + wagon for some time.

March 28<sup>th</sup> Permission granted us to rearrange work sections in bks. so that all men working together might live together. Move to be accomplished on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt A. returned. <sup>30<sup>th</sup></sup> 66 cartons of RC food parcels, 4 had been opened, 1 can shoe grease, shoes, leather, comfort rib, clothing, shoe last + stud, 1214

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arrived by sled loads. Capt. Colenterack submitted quarterly requisition for medicines to be brought back from Tokyo by Yamanuchi.

April 1<sup>st</sup> - Easter Sunday - No ministered to or allowed to enter camp. Possibly because German priest at x-mas was friendly. All sections rearranged, moves complete and 1<sup>st</sup> insp. of bks @ 1200, 2<sup>d</sup> @ 1300 + 3<sup>d</sup> @ 1900 hrs. Huston #24 + Gilcrease #206 had their RC food returned to them. J's would not prosecute because of lack of proof. They could discover no shortage of parcels in store house.

Recc. for spring farm program submitted. 50 duty men to comprise detail. One bar RC soap issued to all men.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> trip to proposed farm site. Snow still 2' 6" deep on the level as measured against tree trunk, but thaw beginning. J Dr. beaked

our Dis. policy of 10. of men off from mine. He asked about Lt Pullen + Capt Spotte going to mine. This evidently at Lt A's instigation. Capt Spotte has refused point-blank to go + Lt Pullen instructed to do the same.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - All stoves removed; supposedly because civilian mine workers can not have heat, so we like us, civilian on comfortably cold yet.

April 4<sup>th</sup> - 9 partial RCBS issued by Benghai after AM + PM on comfortably cold yet.

April 5<sup>th</sup> - 9 partial RCBS issued thru galleys in soup, he had his cut. Meats issued thru galleys in soup, he had his cut. Meats issued thru galleys in soup, he had his cut. Meats issued thru galleys in soup, he had his cut.

April 6<sup>th</sup> - Camp no longer under Tokyo 1049, sounded. Camp no longer under Tokyo 1049, sounded. Camp no longer under Tokyo 1049, sounded.

April 7<sup>th</sup> - 6 wagons of coal enter camp. Road but now under Sendai + redesignated Camp #6. Received rumors from mine workers that Prof. R. had died Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>. Dr. orders many men to work. Rumor says FDR died of

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cerebral hemorrhage. Partially confirmed in camp.  
April 20<sup>th</sup> - Written request for shoes + work  
clothes turned in. LtA will not see me. J. Dr.  
orders 29 men to work the 21<sup>st</sup> + 20 additional  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> - LtA is believed behind the push to  
send ever more men to mine. Rumor says war  
over.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Kit insp. by Takashi. Lunch delayed  
supposedly because of insp., pure heckling. LtA  
delivers speech on magnanimity of "The Master"  
in giving pay increase. Pay day for March.

April 25<sup>th</sup> AM + PM farm work for all men. Rest  
days now to be spent working on farm. Rumors about  
end of war in 6-20 days. Dig insp. scheduled for

April 29<sup>th</sup> - Holiday - Emperor's birthday - Speech  
about pay increase, cigs. given by mine co.  
As a complete surprise to most camp personnel,

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1/2 RCB issued to all men except Tokyo personnel.  
April 30<sup>th</sup> Preliminary insp. by C.O. <sup>in the field</sup> in preparation  
for insp. of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rumor says war in Europe over  
in March. Change in J. cabinet.  
May 1<sup>st</sup> - Clean-up for insp. tomorrow. Rumors about  
peace conference.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - We were inspected by new C.O. from  
Sendai, who is the Lt. Col. formerly 2<sup>nd</sup> in command  
of Tokyo over J. Dr. orders hernia operations on  
Whoot + Crinal over our Dr's. advice otherwise.  
Also injections on bed-wetters.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Operations performed by J. med Dr's,  
civilian + mine with much extra equip. brought in  
for the purpose and then taken out again. Bks.  
shove down and delay in supper. The C.O. seems  
to be leery of possible arms or other evidences  
of possible-rebellious activities.

May 7<sup>th</sup> - 20 duty men kept in from mine to haul benjo to the farm. This is apparently to be permanent and is a big improvement over having sick men perform these duties. From today, overcoats may be worn only in rainy or inclement weather. LeBeau, #30, to guard house for admittedly stealing RC meat from Raymond, #44. He is to have no tobacco and one meal per day.

May 9<sup>th</sup> LeBeau escaped g.h. 1900 hrs. found in his bunk at 2030 hrs, replaced in g.h.

May 11<sup>th</sup> LeBeau, g.h. to hosp. for infected foot.

May 12<sup>th</sup> - News that we are to receive 50 more men 5/13. Song hai, perpetual disturbance, is transferred to another station.

May 13<sup>th</sup> - Capt. RCH. Eagle + 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. W.F. Willoughby Royal Eng., British Army + 4<sup>th</sup> British soldiers arrive at 2015 hrs. from shipbuilding camp at Yokohama.

They have latest war news, including VE day. Health, appearance, equipment and morale of new troops is excellent.

May 14<sup>th</sup> - New officers + men take verbal oath. Additional baggage brought up from station by horse wagon. New personnel given physical examination. Rutledge, #40 to guard house for being caught in J store house stealing barley. Once again RC food + supplies requested from J. No avail.

May 15-16<sup>th</sup> Mine holiday. 10 gigs to all men from mine.

May 18<sup>th</sup> LeBeau #30, hospital to guard house to complete sentence. Foot well. Trip to mine with LeBeau + Takahashi to find civilian with whom LeBeau traded J Army blankets. Sec. changes - 4A Konick replaces Strahl, 4C Anderson replaces Gorman, 4-B Abramowicz replaces Margiatta. These changes required because replaced Sec. leaders can no longer lead + control their men.



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May 19<sup>th</sup> - Called to Lt A's office to explain failure to report Lebeew's blanket trade when first known. Was ordered to perform shake down of overhead, under mats, etc + to make another inventory of POW clothing, shoes, + mess gear. Again requested issue of REB in store house (1/2 box per man), workers ration to be started again + issue of comfort kits in store house.

May 20<sup>th</sup> - Shake down performed, much junk thrown away. Issued verbal order that nothing was to be stored on overhead or under mats. Several men with more than one pair of serviceable shoes found. Extra pairs turned in to cobbler shop for reissue.

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Comfort kit received. Evident shortages, pencils, shoe laces, etc. Lt A present when contents inventoried; said he would get us more barber shears.

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Comforts divided + issued to all sections. Bread baked again with gen issue scheduled for

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Sunday noon, the rest day meal when soup (with beans) is had. May 26<sup>th</sup> - Farmer, #310 to guard house for stealing fish from the roof, where they had been placed to dry. Men will eat anything in the line of food, cooked or uncooked. It will hang fish, or otherwise put them where POW can steal them.

May 28<sup>th</sup> - British troops, new Sec 3-C, begin work at mine in excellent health after two weeks rest. Only Sec 3-B machinists + blacksmiths start, 18 men to form detail. Sec 3-B machinists + blacksmiths take first look at night work.

May 29<sup>th</sup> - Le Beau taken from G.H. to 400ps for questioning by Lt A about blanket swap. Capt Flemming also called over for questioning. Evidently Lt A is checking on statements I made to him. Strong rumors about landings on Busko.

May 31<sup>st</sup> Pvt William J. Havilland, #242, died in camp hospital of tuberculosis @ 1042 hrs. This is one of two such cases, for whom our Drs. hold no hope.

Capt Goutner questioned on LeBeau's blankets. Reason for not reporting lack of blankets as soon as #30 entered heap.

June 1<sup>st</sup> - 488 pairs of summer pants issued for use of Yanks in camp. Shortage taken care of by omitting hosp patients. Pants were Jap short "football" pants, long cots, and Phillipine Army issue riding breeches. They will not replace worn-out + lost work clothes, so the new summer trou will be worn to work by some, as were the winter uniforms. Kampie in camp. Two pigs brought in for camp feeding + possibly our future consumption.

Funeral services held in hosp for Pvt. Havilland. I used prayer book, prop. of Capt. Eagle, to read services. Lt A present + some of Havilland friends.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> - J. Dr. orders 33 men to work. Also tells our Dr. that he knows his country can not win the war. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> instance of a commissioned

Jap making this type admission. Our Dr. said ~~men~~ back a sick man to the mine to allow a sicker one to stay in. If they drop below the quota, the J's pull men out of Gen. Tialo and send them to the mine. They must also remember that they may be taken out of the hosp + relieved of all duties if they do not make a show of complying with J. instructions + orders.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Four skinny steers, black and hide rubbed off, 2-4 yrs old, brought into camp. Maybe, say "Tak" the horses will eat them later. We will take them up on the hill, where they may graze, there is nothing else to feed them.

June 7<sup>th</sup> - Strong rumors that fighting on Koko is completed and landings made on this island. Lt A left for Akita; we hope to get beans.

June 8<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Adrian R. Martin died of T.B. in camp hosp at 2230 hrs. The Drs do not have

any more patients at present for whom they have no hope.

June 10<sup>th</sup> - Christian funeral services for Sgt Martin today. Lt A returned. Takahashi represents J's at funeral. Partitions, quite useless, placed in bks. between bays.

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Rutledge, #85, released from Guard House after 27 days. #310, Farmer, guard house to Dns after 16 days. LeBew escaped guard house @ 0100 hrs. Caught in bks and beaten by Sheets + Reed for theft from Lambasio on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Returned to g.h. @ 0200 hrs. and guards told about how he gets out.

British cable car gang start to work.

June 15<sup>th</sup> - For the first time, civilian farmers come in and remove benjo. 3 truck loads of coal for the galley. Lt A makes long speech to all guards + civ. employees. Rumor war over.

June 17<sup>th</sup> - Big show; skits, songs, etc. Morale good. Camp personnel enjoyed show, in preparation for three weeks, very much.

June 19<sup>th</sup> - I lose a bet with Capt F. on this, his birthday. Believed we would be out by now. Rumor of Russian ultimatum to Japan.

June 21<sup>st</sup> - Money given me to pay troops for first time. I refuse to go thru pence of giving money to men who do not want it, deposited with Capt. for tobacco purchase. Weather now good, sun-bathing possible.

June 28-29<sup>th</sup> - Two day vegetable run to take up north. Result same as before; grass brought back. Rumor that no landings have been made either on this island or on Kashi but are imminent.

July-15 - 4<sup>th</sup> air alarm in 5-6 days. Two at night.

July 25<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> day of insp. Inspector worked on stores and books. Lt Col, area co., one other officer + non-com.

July 26<sup>th</sup> - Bks inspected by Area C.O. Lt A + guards jumped about holes in fence around camp. Insp. not pleased with camp, evidently. Fence repaired.

July 28<sup>th</sup> - DeBore #173, to guard house for being caught by Lt A smoking in compound.

July 30<sup>th</sup> - LeBeau and DeBore released from G. H. LeBeau to hosp. for malnutrition. We have been trying for two weeks to get LeBeau out to prevent starvation. Zero table started for chow traders, Holbert, Mines, Sampson, Taylor and De Voss. They will eat all meals under eff. supervision to prevent them trading.

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Koreans caught in our garden. Evidently, it is they who have been stealing potatoes. The culprits, we believe, were taken to civilian jail.

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> - Mail received. Hilton, #213 + Stanley, #211, caught by galley men, stealing veg. from jap booth. Hilton says he was trying to catch others. Hilton was stopped by guards and pulled a fade-out. Hilton was stopped by us, prove him malingering. I took him to hosp where

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> - Hilton, sent out on Hanawa detail after lying to me about not having received going out return. Cole gave me a note from Hilton, saying that he, Hilton, was going over the hill. He escaped from Hanawa detail @ 0900 hrs. Hanawa detail brought in. It's very excitedly start search. Hilton recaptured, returned to camp guard house @ 2200 hrs.

Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> Hester, #243 and Chambers, #112 to guard house for stealing potatoes from farm. They were boiling them in de-louser. We were given 1 lb of soap (100 hrs) for two weeks laundry + 1 lb of K individual soap for personal trading.

at mine.

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> day of camp laundry, to be run by sections + bks. using defouser drum to boil clothing. Mann issues soap in bath house for bathing.

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> - Irvin, #244, Sec 4-C, to g. h. for stealing green veg. on way in gate from mine.

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> - Alert from 0600 to 1500 hrs, 3 separate raids. Evidently carrier task force. Mail received.

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - Alert from 0545 to 1700 hrs. 4 raids.

Aug 12<sup>th</sup> - Hester + Chambers released from G. U. Oil detail list, turned in three months ago, revived by Japanese. Many changes would be necessary + desirable now due to changes in health status.

Aug 13-14<sup>th</sup> - Night raids. Apparently landing preparations under way. Morale sky high.

Aug 15<sup>th</sup> - Guard changes. New Guard says war over. 35 additional men picked for outside detail. Mine Holiday.

Looks very much like a camp detail going out or back of this camp.

Aug 16 - Mine holiday. Was called into Lt A's office and told me that POWs must have gotten into store house + ripped RCB's. We know, of course, that the J's are responsible. I went to store house, 1<sup>st</sup> time upstairs, and counted 219 unopened parcels and 17 struffed parcels. I had to sign for 248 parcels. Issue was made of 4 boxes per 10 men. The struffed boxes and extras were divided on point basis to all sections. 500 eggs were received; J's wanted tobacco to go to Griffith + RCB's to go to Yanks.

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> - The men did not return to the mine to work today. Sections sent to farm for 1/2 days work. Little or no actual work performed. Rumor says Prince Konoye is now premier and is talking with Pres. Truman! Taka-washi inspected bks at Tinko. Irvin, #244 +

Dudley, #37 released from Guard House.

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> - Nanahan houchi tells Lt Pullen that armistice effected 1200 hrs, 8/16/45. Departure from here Aug 21-26<sup>th</sup> inspected troops for cleanliness of body, clothing above, etc. Meeting with non-coms. All men believe war is over.

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> - Lt A returns. Takahashi says war is over and that C.O. will announce same 20<sup>th</sup> - Men singing at night in the compound.

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> - 0900 hrs. Lt A announces to all men, assembled in compound, thru interpreter, that peace has come. Talk afterwards. Camp control given me, with Jap guards outside fence instead of inside compound. We get plenty of food & butcher 1<sup>st</sup> steer. J's must keep keys to storehouse. Hilton to be turned out of G.h. We organize casual Bn., based on present bks. commanders, of Cos. A, B & C. Five former POWs,

4 Yanks + 1 Br. trooper spend night here on route from civilian jail in Senchi to Honoka prison camp near here. Word of Russia's entry into war on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. Lt A very meek & shy - claims no knowledge of when we will leave camp, thinks maybe one month.

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> - Another talk with Lt Asato. He thinks stay here possibly prolonged. I disagree. He leaves for Arita for stores for camp. Red Cross clothing, winter store house. Office organized in civilian shack. Drill for all companies started.

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> - We butcher again tomorrow. "Tok" visits us for chocolate. He doubts Lt A's sincerity. Lt Capt. Sato arrives, word of conference tomorrow. Possible departure soon by part of Aomori brigade by med. corp., Schmisu.

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> - All officers confer with Capt Sato, Lt A + interpreter. Evidently only

to give us opinion that we might be here for a long period. Also: Japan did surrender unconditionally. They claim not to know terms of truce + claim difference between truce + cessation of hostilities. Capt Sato says our govt have been notified of surviving POWs. They do not seem to know, or will not put out news that lower ranking Japs seem to have: Ex: conference in Manila between Marshall MacArthur + Kenoye.

Aug 24 - Shimizu returned from Senderi with word that 4 planes would be over to drop parachute supplies 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. That Amer. inspector is due 27<sup>th</sup> + we make out 10 copies, pencil, of complete roster to go to Senderi for our forces? Gap carpenters erect signs, "P.W." on roofs for use of our planes. Lt A does not want us to go to large drill field on to river for swim for fear of possible

civilian action.

Aug 25<sup>th</sup> - 12 planes, believed to be SB2-c's overhead @ 2000'. Circle + disappear North. J's can't do enough hosp patients to Jap mil. hospital at Morooka. We will not permit any patients to be moved from here until after we talk with Amer representatives. We requested medicins to be sent here. Our patients (litter) can only stand one more from here + then must be hospitalized for over 30 days. We want that hosp. to be under Amer. authorities. Nanzhoufu says troops in Feb, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>, 50,000 every three days, Amer. inspr here 28<sup>th</sup> - B-29's over 26<sup>th</sup> - Move Sept 2-4<sup>th</sup>.  
Aug 26<sup>th</sup> - 4 F-4-F's from carrier Princeton overhead 1330 hrs. AM memorial service held. Arrival of 1000 kg. of minnows. 1/2 sent to Henoko. LtA in twice; says communication

possibly dropped by air on move out. Says we may use all food + other stores we want. We have been doing this several days. Sunday - no drill or fatigue other than camp + benjo clean-up.

Aug 27<sup>th</sup> - Tok returns with word that new roster is necessary, but evidently is for Mips. He + I will go to Sendai tomorrow for a meeting of camp commanders. Today 4 F4U's came over + requested that we clear the area for drop supplies. Later TBF's drop is chute pkg, approx. 1630 hrs. K. rations, sigs, medicine, clothing, magazines, news bulletin.

Lt A + throws party; dinner + sake for the officers.

Aug 28<sup>th</sup> - 1330 hrs. comm. established with Navy F4U, Cu Bennington, (blinker + lime sigs) med. req. Either Navy or B-29's would fill. 1500 hrs. 4 B-29's drop food, clothing + medicine, from 2-3 tons.

Dep Henawa 0635 hrs for Kurosajiri, arr.

Morioka, (change) 1030 hrs. 3 hrs 55 min. Dep. Morioka, arr. 1158 hrs.  
Kurosajiri 1325 hrs. 1 hr + 27 min. Dinner at Hdqrs, where Lt Col, Ama C.O. "explains" shortage + difficulties of supply.

Aug 29<sup>th</sup> - Clothing (underware, socks, <sup>socks + caps</sup> ~~socks~~, handkerchiefs, etc.) + toilet articles issued. Meeting with Neutral Committee at Hdqrs. Their mission, as liaison for Allies to POW's stated. Date of move unknown due to complete lack of communications, also whether port of Em. would be Aomori or Kamaishi. We were to remain in camp until ship in port to receive us.

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 1300 hrs 1 B-29 dropped 20 cases food, cigarettes, candy, news. Recovery well organized. Approx 1 ton. Dep. Kurosajiri 0518 hrs, arr Odaki 1205 hrs. 7 hrs + 7 min. Dep Odaki 1430 hrs, arr Henawa 1610 hrs.



Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> - 1 B-29 over, did not drop. Telephone communications established with camps #7 & #8. Turn-over of profit of tobacco sales to us by Lt Asaka. Request to see Chinese civilians, indentured laborers, at camp near here, on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Weather cool.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Mine officials & local police will not allow me to visit Chinese camp until after terms signed. Rumor that Gen MacArthur landed in Yokohama only today. Telephone to hdqrs; talked with neutral's interpreter, who says we leave from Aomori, date unknown. Repo. to him about Chinese. 1020 hrs. one B-29 drops food, cigs, & candy (all in one drop) P.

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fake alarm on english broadcast of armistice terms. Meeting in Itanawa with Chief of Police and Lt Yamashita, Mil. Police. They were scruple & decision of giving us any aid.

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> - Banjo men come early. Drill held at large drill area. Call to Kurosarajiri did not go thru. No trans. available to go to Kosaku camp for jackets. Talked with Keller, Int. R. C., at K, he will call on return from Sendai. Talked with Capt Davis, Camp #8. Yamamoto says Japanese broadcast says we leave Aomori on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> - No drill account rain. One B-29 makes drops at 1530 hrs in bad, rainy weather. One civilian injured. Mr. Keller called with message from Kurz & Weadblock about radio broadcast of yesterday. No further messages to be expected. Evidently they do not have communications with Amer. officers in Kanto Dist. Calls made to camps #7 & #8 giving them info on move. Flatly refused invitation to mine party or any other party for officers; any benevolents can give food for entire camp.

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> - Chief of police, Mlt. Pol. Lt Yamashita +  
Ramada call. Later Chinese representatives call and we  
visit their camp. They need food, medicine + clothing.  
One B-29 circles over camp, takes a good look  
then heads South. Takahashi brings english communi-  
cation over, stating Army Officer to come.

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> - Clothing, tobacco, shoes, etc. sent by truck  
to Chinese camp. Dr's visit to Chinese and deposit  
of medicine for them with mine Dr. Talk with  
Yamaouchi, Mlt. Mine official in charge of Chinese  
camp, concerning food for them. Telephone report  
to Kurosawa jiri concerning them; talked to Keller's  
interpreter, gave him number of personnel, their  
needs, etc. Interview by newspaperman, photo,  
request for films, etc.

Plans for summer, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, more cancelled by Japanese  
Sept 7<sup>th</sup> - Drill continues. <sup>Sept</sup> Kunick, <sup>Winters</sup> Winters + <sup>Little</sup> Little absent  
from drill, refused to perform extra duty, placed in  
guard-house. Capt. Fleming visited Chinese camp; no  
increase in food ration. Sake, wine and whiskey ration,  
very, and fruit drink. Police, mine people, officers party.  
Pitts and Woods, <sup>2050471</sup> caught in attempt to leave camp,  
placed in guard house, pending trial for direct disobedience  
Call from Camp #8, Capt Davis, giving his message received  
from Gen. Ichelbergers legs. ~~2050471~~, <sup>outside of</sup> Pitts Submarine.

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> - Black, rainy day. Protz tries to and  
Willie is allowed to quit. Food req turned in for  
four days. Guard increased by six men. 4 additional  
lights placed outside perimeter of camp. Mouse  
low.

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday. Weather OK. Parties out  
well into all day. Eh. lunch. Spirits up. Telegram  
received stating Mr. Leouin, Yokohama for Shanghai

AM. of 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> - Drill. B-29 Drop expected but not received. Motion picture at Mine theatre for all who wanted to go. Call from Capt Davis, but no news. Train cars arrived in station 2:00 hrs.

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Phone news from Mr. Keller of movement to Shioyama midnite 9/13/45, with Italians attached. Train inspected & move organization given to Co. C.O.'s. Visit from Father Puhl, from Kemanoi. Telephone conversation with Mr. Jannelli, Italian consul. Conflicting orders from Jap Hdqrs, 1000 hrs. msg says leave 12<sup>th</sup>, 1300 hrs. msg says leave 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - Visit to Father Puhl's mission & Italian Embassy quartered there (Kemanoi). Mr. Jannelli phones Mr. Keller from here, but connection very bad.

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