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Notes of 1st Lt. Joseph Goodman, O-4011410, QMC. G.R.S. AFWESPAC

Wm. H.L. De Groot  
Manondjaja Weg 85  
Tasikmalaja, Java  
Wife (Dutch Banker)

Harry Scheffer  
Djoharlan 12  
Batavia, Java  
DEI

Dr. Bealde  
Bandoeng, Java  
DEI

P.L. Brandts Buys  
Ond. Kertamanah  
Bandoeng, Java  
DEI

Dr. Jack D. Gordon  
San Joaquin Gen. Hosp.  
Stockton, Calif.  
or brother  
c/o R.H. Gordon  
604 Roosevelt Ave.  
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Col Charles S. Lawrence  
P.O. Box 34  
Romney, W.Va.  
AGO Wash. D.C.

Capt. S.B. Ocampo  
Dentist  
Inf. PA, Manila

James Boyd Norville  
306 N. Rose Ave.  
Kannapolis, N. C.

14049114-454 Ord. Co.

Peter M. Gaffney  
c/o Mrs. Dan T. Mathies  
604 Temperence St.  
Covington, Louisiana  
c/o Adj. Gen., Wash. D.C.

Chs. F. Atkins  
2121 99th Ave.  
Oakland, Calif.  
Taken at Wake Is.  
Picnic Grove

Jack M. MacKarson  
6583412  
Box 114, Davis, Calif.

Pop Hurber Hembree  
6230235  
280 Protacio St.,  
Pasay Rizal, P.I.

R. Kenneth Bates  
Arthur St.  
Koppel, Pa.  
Box 444

Dallas S. Burroughs  
712 Wash Drive  
Raleigh, N. C.  
Bolo-Krisses Woodcarving Linnen

Charles A. Francis  
Box 263 T  
Menlo Park, Calif.  
Interested in doing a business  
in States; candy, woodcarving

Walter Don Thompson  
1429 Princeton Ave.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Has chest in same place as Irv,  
Rathblotts, Manila.

Marion K. Shockey  
Route #2  
Mer-Rouge, La.

F.H. Stemmer, Mach.  
429 So. Orange Ave., Brea, Calif.  
c/o G.M. White USN, Size 15-32

In Baccolod Occ Nagrds  
Senor Flette Gaston  
Cost 27th by plane ICO Negros  
Plane from Manila Way

M.A. Quinn  
A 90

Col Dean Sherry  
3436 Zola St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

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- 12-13-44 Drew ration dbl. 1 mess cup Bilibid 4:30: 5 AM  
Boarded Oryslu Maru, drew chow 7 PM. 1600 men.  
100 men-hold 25' X 30', 4' high- 600 men to  
section- No air, no H<sub>2</sub>O - very hot.
- 12-14 Bombed all day, Omaru jamed by women and children  
Japs; Commander Bridget.
- 12-15 Sunk Olongapo- swam 300 yds. to shore. i direct  
hit in hold). No chow.
- 12-16 No Chow AM-saw bombing and strafing all day.  
ITBSP raw rice issued.
- 12-17 1 sack 1344 men
- 12-18 " (est) 300 Men casualties)-operations-no  
medicines.
- 12-19  $\frac{1}{4}$  mess kit steamed rice, San Fernando, Pampanga  
Prov. jail.
- 12-20  $\frac{1}{2}$  mess kit steamed rice- very cold.  
no clothes - diarrhea and dysentery prevalent
- 12-21 " " " " " "
- 12-22 2 planes over; medecine arrived Red Cross.
- 12-23 No Chow, woke at 3 AM to move.
- 12-24 " " 16 hr. train ride.
- 12-25  $\frac{1}{2}$  mess kit steamed rice & tomatos. San Fernando  
IA union - Xmas day.

Food is available but Nips will not give us any. Very hot in open  
terris court during the day (sun) and freezing at night. We have  
no clothes. Many sick, found some yellow flowers, eat them. Saw  
Figweed in road before we got into jail, ate that; starving, cold.

- 12-25 Slept on station platform
- 12-26 Moved to beach - on gasoline dump. Got rice ball at  
daylight. Hot as H. in sun; freezing at night. 1 spn.  
raw rice at night.
- 12-27 Moved at night, 3 AM, to horse transport.
- 12-28 1 Meal -  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup steamed rice - soup  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup -  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup H<sub>2</sub>O
- 12-29 Air raid - 1 meal.
- 12-30 Arr. Formosa;  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup rice-hold very crowded. Many  
sick-no medecines or dressings. Dirrhea, dyst. bad.  
Much chiseling in chow line by rank - very weak.  
(lower and upper hold)

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- 1-1-45 2 meals,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup rice each,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup soup each,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup H<sub>2</sub>O  
Everybody dehydrated.
- 1-2 -----
- 1-3 Air raid, 1 meal
- 1-4 Dyst. bad, "
- 1-5 1 meal, 1 cup water.
- 1-8 Hold hot, dirty; cold at night. Hungry, thirsty, weak.  
Dog eat dog. Will we ever move on. We are at Tacoa in  
Formosa. 6 spoons H<sub>2</sub>O - they unloaded the ship.
- 1-9 Moved up on deck. When we tried to get water from the  
wenches, or get some that was spilling on deck, we were  
beaten. I got enough to wash my hands and face. We  
were split up and some went to old hold, some to forward  
hold. Irv Rathblott and I drew chow together. Bomb hit  
very unexpected and killed 260. Irv killed -(tea episode)  
I took his shirt. Many wounded and Japs gave us no  
medicine or food. I got some clothes and shoes from dead-  
men and so I was warm for a while. I was not a bit squeamish  
taking these clothes, (cold does that). We slept  
sitting up as there was not enough room to lie down. Next  
day we got  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup rice,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup tea.
- 1-10 Hold full of dead - cries of wounded horrible throughout  
the night - many died. I got several burns: arms, leg,  
foot.
- 1-11 Moved dead out. Putting them in wire sack and having  
wench take out, same over side of ship. (1-9, moving  
dead to 1 side to have room to let living sit. Smell  
of decaying bodies and excretions and defecations).  
Moved over into middle hold, occupying  $\frac{1}{4}$  space we had  
before. The bombing, 900 men. We got white rice of a  
gummy nature 2 times a day.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mess cup each,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup  
soup,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water. Sugar was stored below and some  
ate sugar. Much dysentery.
- 1-13 Started to move off ship at noon. I stayed and helped  
to clean up in order to get extra chow. We got some  
rice and  $\frac{1}{2}$  spoon water and sugar each. Moved to small  
freighter with bays built in hold for sleeping. (no food)  
at night (7:00 PM) usual conditions: crowded, dirty, cold,  
etc. Left Tacoa that night.

From that day 'till we reached Mogi, Jan 30, we went thru  
a series of horrors that can hardly be described. A mix of  
rice and red mullet some times once, some times twice a day.  
6 spoons; tea (cold Pevcay) no water. Sugar was stored

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below decks and we went down to get some at the risk of being shot, To get it. It kept many alive and killed many who ate too much and got the runs. Diarrhea and dyst. was rampant. We still had no clothes and it got colder and colder as we went Northward. Average deaths 25 per day. Before men were dead their clothes were stripped off and taken. Food was scarce. The Nip soldiers sold us all the mats (straw) at outrageous prices. 1 West Point ring, \$275.00, 1 mat and 1 canteen tea or H<sub>2</sub>O., or 2 mats or 2 canteens H<sub>2</sub>O or tea, or some cigarettes. I worked on the M.P.s and got workers chow -(thank god I was able to) and some deals of cigarettes for which I traded chow, also Water. Snowed Tues, Jan 23. It was bitter cold. I had no mats for covering. Got 2 sugar sacks and kept fairly warm. If the men attempted to get H<sub>2</sub>O, the guards beat them with rifles, or if you picked up snow on your way to latrine boxes on the side of the boat. some days rice came frozen a peice of raw cabbage that I picked up on deck (2 leaves) split with 4 men. Best I ever ate. We had air raids; fired at submarines; towed two disabled ships; ran into harbors at night, also during day - (no or little habitation). Arrived at Mogi 30th; colder.

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450 men sent up on top deck; given uniforms (POW) shoes, shirt, underpants. Went below dressed, not fed, waited, Disembarked.

At Mogi, 2 blocks from dock in unused theatre; cold H<sub>2</sub>O all we wanted. It was too cold to drink; first we were fed rice from boat (white). Given a box (wood) rice, and a small box of side dishes. It was wnderful, as we were hungry, cold, and sick of red rice barley mix. About 4:30 - 5 marched through Mogi to express st. car. Took ride (6miles) and arrived at camp #3, Fukuoka, a work camp, under Maj. Ritatjoke. We got in about darkness and they put us in barracks, gave each man 6 blankets hot coffee, with sugar and cream, and cigarettes. We thought we were in heaven. There were men in camp we knew from the Philippines and they gave us Am. cigarettes, etc. From then on, soup and rice 3 times a day, tea with meals and twice between. Red Cross chow. 1 box 8 men (approx). Soups of greens, flour and meat sometimes, greens, fish often, milk occasionally (Red Cross). Also a piece of fish to eat with our rice. Rice is mix of beans, rice, barley, red.

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No more beans. Red Cross issue small.

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- 4-1 Have had several air raids. We must go to the shelter (very poor protection) We are isolated from workers as much as possible living in same camp with them.
- 3-22 Paid, 50 Yen, commissary issues. Tangerines (162 weeks) cigarettes, mustard.
- 4-1 Nips insist on us working. They have a farm. Air raids daily. We are being treated more like workers daily.
- 4-20 Rice and barley mix, out of mullet. Rice white.
- 4-22 Red Cross. Milk and cornbeef in stew. Beans in my leg and arm raising hell, will not heal. Rice.
- 4-24 Rumors of a move to another camp. There are 75 of our original 100, 25 died.
- 4-25 Moved by train (coach) to camp #1 at Fukuoka. A 4 hr. trip. Very comfortable. Went to camp 1 met Beechers crowd and hospital crowd - 55 out of 100 died at hospital. Other gang lost about same % as us. All moved out to boat and took trip to Foesen, Korea. Chow in boat short but good. Boat trip very fast, rather crowded.
- 4-26 Arrived Foesen 5:30. Went to theatre and fed. Good Binto and side dishes.
- 4-27 Aboard train 7 AM, coach, (saw Nip soldiers using box cars). 2 day trip. Food 3 times a day. Rice and side dish, Binto very good. Arrived Mukden and camp.
- 4-28 Camp in middle of factory area. In concrete buildings. Wonderful food. Corn meal mush and barley bread for breakfast. Beans, Soy and bread and bakes other meals
- 4-29 2 QM men. I don't know them, but they treat us swell, and can't do enough for us. The boys got Red Cross boxes but no sign of ours yet. Doc Shaberd and Herbst here.
- 5-11 Have been getting some Red Cross food. It sure is great.  $\frac{1}{4}$  can meat,  $\frac{1}{2}$  can butter, etc. for 20 days. Still in Quarantee. Rumor has it that by the 15th things should happen. Food increase. Nip breakup. Still getting same food. Still hungry all day long.
- 6-1 It is alternately cold and hot. I gained 4 Kilo and feel fine. Working on grave registration details and rosters. Getting Red Cross, 2 issues per week.  $\frac{1}{2}$  box per man over a period of 3 months. Still studying Japanese. My leg still draining and hurting considerably. The full generals and colonels have been in camp about a week. Col. Lawrence

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Elms, Gen. Drake, Col. Balsam and Rodman. Still same food. Still hungry. Rank thinks 3 months should see us out of here. Rumors of landings on Kusehu Island. The Nips are going to let us buy some summer clothing.

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No change. McCarrison in hospital. 30 MKK relieved men go to camp 2. Rumor has it heavy bombings 60 miles south of here. Saw some silver work from Thailand, Fl. Lt. Diamond had, makes a beautiful watch strap. (bracelet of gold, silver) Bought in Singapore. Traded Traded soap for buns. Gaining wt. now weigh 60 Kilo.

June 18

Leg practically better. Bean ration cut  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Still hungry. Feel great. Had a chat with General Drake. Got recommendation for job after mess is over, on islands. No other change. Rumor has it that Japan may be invaded daily.

June 22

Nip inspection

June 24

Meat in Stew Goat?

June 26

Birthday party, Jack Hembree - I.  $\frac{1}{2}$  issue milk, 2 issues prunes 1 raisins, made into pudding with sugar;  $\frac{1}{2}$  can coffee, 10 buns and chow; some feast. Nip inspection by a 2 star general. All sorts of rumors of his taking over the camp. Talk he is from Tokyo and maybe the food situation will improve. Changed for buns, to ease hunger.

June 30

Air raid practice. Black out curtains and windows closed. Intolerably hot. Chow is being out.

July 1

Today is air raid practice. We assemble downstairs, then on given signal, run out to a foxhole. The Americans are not very excited (as usual) and so that makes the Nips furious. My leg is still draining and hurting very much. I forgot to mention that when we left Japan we met various officers that had left Cabanatuan on earlier details. Chuck Frances, Russel, Etc. and they were at various camps. in Japan, Tiwan, work camps. Rumor has it Chiang Kawig warned Chinks in Manchuria not to cooperate with Nips; if they do, they can expect bombings. Went to Prostest. Church services again yesterday. Gosh, I'm getting religous. Figures show we are about 300-350 from the original 1700 that started out from Cabanatuan.

July 7

Went out to the cemetery yesterday, 31 of us, all officers. we walked out and back, saw several Chinese villaiges; much dirt and squalor and filth. They have nothing, and the odor of defication prevales, as every is fertilized with it. The land is very fertile. Near the cemetery is a large dairy and 2 large airoprts. (The country is in a state of decay and everything is falling into ruin. We passed Manchu barracks and soldiers out drilling. We saw the lukden penitileusteng,

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(a rather grim looking place; no stores, just 2 or 3 road side vendors; very filthy, selling cucumbers. Chinamen, plums pop kas Leanz. Transportaion is mostly Jimrickshaw, by foot, runners or by bicycle pushing, or auto bodies drawn by mules. Carraiges made of an old soap box. Rumor has it that an envoy from Japan has landed in Vancouver, to go to 'Frisco for a peace conference. The cemetery is in the best shape of any cemetery I have seen. The walk was 5 Km each way and we saw where the old camp was located.

- July 10 Working hours changed from 7:30 to 6:20 Tinko, 5:30. Marada new work officer replacing Hijikata
- July 15 No change. Rumor, all American prisoners from Japan, now in Manchukuo. 600 in camp not far from here.
- July 18 Today we had chow cut, now 2 buns a day and beans cut in half. There is no need for this, it is just the "Jap way". We know they can never use all the beans they have stored, and we know they cannot ship them, but rather than feed them (even to their own people) they will let them rot. The factory name is Manshu Kosaku Kikai-Kabushiki Kaisha MKK Machine Tool Works.
- Aug 5 Went into hospital Sept. 21 came out Aug 3. Had temp. 105°. Could not eat for 4 days, heaved all the time. Started eating Red Cross bullion and milk 2 times a day. Then got so I could eat again.

Today a Red Cross rep. came into camp. The Nips gave us  $\frac{1}{4}$  extra sack of beans, so we had 9 pots instead of the usual 6. The Red Cross people were not allowed to talk to any of us, for fear they would find out things. We get beans every other day and Koa Liang the other days. Chow is very little and we are hungry all the time. The rumors are lots of Red Cross chow in town and the officers (Nip) are very much excited over our knowing it. It is probably there but they don't intend to give it to us, the Sleazy Slanteyes. Also an ultimatum has been given Japan to surrender or we will come in and tear the country apart. Personally I hope they tear the place wide open, 3000 planes a day over Japan.

- Aug 9 Tonight at 4:30 AM we had an air raid. The sirens blew from 4:30 to 5:30. About every 15 minutes rumor has that it was practice, but the Nips are in such a quandry that we don't know. The guard has been doubled. The Nkps refused to let J.S. operate on a man from camp #2 who came forit. Only  $\frac{1}{2}$  the men went to the factory at noon and brought back the rumor that the Russians declared war on Japan. That they crossed the border and have taken 2 cities. That they bombed Harbin, that 6,000 planes flew over Manchuria.

- Aug 10 Paper of 6th says we are going to have air raid practice. MacArthur called a meeting of the forces commanders in Manila and then they returned to Okinawa. The army is in

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- command. Doolittle 8th Air arm, 5th from Java and Malaya have been moved to Okinawa.
- Aug. 10 Air raids from 11PM. We went out to the fox holes. Nips very excited. They are digging fox holes all over outside. Have guard outside the fence also. Have camouflaged the buses and trucks with grass mats and millet. We only hope the Russian army is moving South. The Chinks at MEK have been issued Jap mess kits, coveralls and have gotten all the cash they could and took off. They also carry gas masks if they can get them. A detail of 27 Nips arrived today, fully equipped. Rumor - 3 landings on Japan. Honshu, Kiushu, and Shukoko.
- Aug 11 Rumor- Russians 5 spear heads over the Manchurian border. Advanced 100 KM in 3 days. MEK is burying records and welding equip. Men sent home early from the factory. Today Nips at factory given lecture at 3 PM and when finished, went home.
- Aug 12 Russia at war with Japan in papers. Nips seem to be moving in all directions. Rumor has Russians landing in Korea
- Aug 12 Bakers ordered to make 900 white buns, 1000 spuds. We fear a move. Change of plans. Beans and spuds issued to us for chow.
- Aug 17 Award. General Porker announce that armistice is in Britain, Holland and US, Russia still fighting. He said that we would have no demonstrations and the Japs will administer and protect us 'till we are taken over. Last night Honeker and Melvise was told the war was over at 9 AM this morning and all night long the men were up, walking, talking, smoking, card playing. Excitement was just like an open electric wire with current going through it. The branch camps are in and 6 rep. of US Parachuted down about 3 miles from camp and came into camp. They came down in red and white parachutes. They spend the night with Nips and this morning called over 3 senior officers for a conference, then Porkers speech. When I first heard it instead of feeling elated, I felt more like crying, but then I began to feel better. It has been announced that the officers have been promoted 2 grades, 1 per year, and all is under control. Rumors come so thick and fast that it is almost impossible to keep up with them.
- Aug 21 Today the 4 engined B 24 flew over camp bringing supplies. The Japs have surrendered to the Russians and they refused to let our planes land, but General Wedemeyer wired back we are landing regardless. The Russians arrived today at 6:30 PM and freed us again. Hot damn us, the Nips were lined up on the parade ground, their arms taken away and turned over to the Americans, who lined up the Nips, and

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marched them to the guard house. Dr. Oki given a letter of commendation for his good work and fine treatment of American POWs. He is really a man, I can vouch for it, as he stayed up all night for 3 nights with me when I had the fever.

Aug 30 Yesterday I went to Hoten. What a time, got trunk load of liquor and had a fine meal. Got several sabres and other junk. Ate pot roast, tomatos, lobster. Drank Vodka, Saki, beer, whiskey. Had real butter and coffee.

A TRUE EXTRACT:

*Axel G. Rasmusson*

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