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Have been transferred back to live in Camp
 Barracks #10. - Some dump! - were able to bring
 most of our stuff out it's back to bamboo plate gran.
 Hamburgs not allowed.

9th Have had impaction already - just got set free
 up & had to jerk again. All of us from Power have
 been incommunicado - available but no detail.

10th - Another detail left today - Napfon - go-
 mainly enlisted men, only 106 left & must
 be another 1000 leaving in 20 days. How??

12th - Am transferred again to N-6 - Special.
 working only day time now. Niles & Sunday
 off. Betty good but hard to get used to quiet.
 Latrine seems miles away. Have to get used to
 this regimentation. Bangs 5:25 A.M. Tungkobif.

14th - Rumors have whole Division front along
 Betu on Tanjany Kiporing before 3rd I still hold
 still be there Oct 12. Hope I lose.

15th - Lost a man today - Lt. Hargrett, formerly
 of 4th Com. Staff. Was picking straw in his garden
 evidently too close to fence. Shot & buried under
 3 hours. Japs seen tonight but shattabell!

New fence on island now. All Japs patrolling
 inside - rumor, so far - det. level. How low!

20th - Japs all earned news button insignia.
 We all wearing West front - night Paris. Understand
 the French only will enter some. Does limit
 worked 3 times in as many days. Doing a little
 business in socks, water & shoes. Got some money
 anything to help the chow situation. P. V.

between the Salween. Maj. Takasaki immediately on
 escape plan - no sleep for anyone excepting
 wood detail & garage. See below like this in
 too.

24/11 - Jeep back & forth, can't make out why.
 plenty of plane action. When start we see ones
 have men or can settled into new routine at the
 P.H. - cleaning & servicing of engines. Work going
 ahead on new engine. I succeeded some to show
 Bambi's somebody. 7 months since any word.
 Next source every time the fellows get letters
 last news received was from Anne in May. The
 nostalgia is hard to take.

26/11 - Turned down mango juice & deal the
 less to do with them the better. Have lunch of pudding
 in mouth - left hand numb from slight hair burn.
 Taking fields, but show is long, cracked soil &
 corn - panned! Get of sugar & am using some of
 the received in Bilibid last Oct. Almost
 you said I saw my Bible! Don't will have almost
 so much time in the house was received. Do a
 marriage! The catching had & down again! Hope
 for local action next month all work details out of
 camp except to work at a field. Jeep now carrying
 trucks, hospital, beginning to feel up. Rep. still on
 more E. & W. - also out Hoop over.
 at the Union again off on mission. The day used the
 before. Some better getting some reports also from
 Yutaka, Shuntai, etc. but the fellow said to some
 will not take their bits to finish.

29th - ... for race - ...
These use ... going to get a race in ...
have the war over - + use it still here - ...
at Base House - Bob + Okie at check pumps. Can't
go anywhere now without guard. Highest lesson
to close for comfort. Some believe it was object
lesson. Beautiful ride now - think of my ...
so nice, it hurts. How to be used by ...
+ so bat it out w/ mosquito. Will sleep lower -
Am reading Good Country by A. J. Cronin good.
30th - Job pay tonight - \$5 - raise total \$10 - Only
commissary is down at 70¢ per can. Captain
is now being kicked \$20. each for welfare. Hope
someone get some good out of it. Letter from
Fater say all allowance now \$300. for 12 lbs. few
lbs of ... - Should be able to afford that trip
with the Bambino - Wonder how he's feeling
are now? Almost 3 years can make a change
+ I'm paying my luck with food. Am prepared
to work all over again, if necessary. Would be
fun at that. Only hope someone else hasn't come
along. Must stop or I get the fitter!
Sept 1st - Closest match deal - 300 to the good.
Detailed memo, apparently by ... 470 leaving
today. First heard of this when ... ordered
reby right after the war struggle to get 3.
He come + me down. Bought for ...

2nd - Detail left at noon. Officer found the wood
 going only just before he had to leave. No
 chance to get study fixed - weather of H.S. as
 pulling anything. They leave tomorrow &
 then what? Only officers left now and I
 can't see them leaving here. Rumor
 has it St. Tonin & Baguer may move here.
 Some hope! Still, we are dealing w/ strange
 people. My Navy, seven into shelter of Comm.
 Am & British - no one in our vicinity, Budapest
 taken by Russ & Rumanian armies. The battle
 appears deserted. Mrs. Okie rather, he goes
 on a person - so likable. Bill Gutler also
 made the detail. Ted Lewis, B. Garcia still
 here. Bar-b-que in chow line almost makes
 you lose your appetite. Am now taking a
 B. - sailed now. Left hand steel muck. Am
 supposed to get back P.O. for airt. Coated G.
 Mind broke down to Okie's old place, now
 have a mattress, 7 springs - pretty soft for
 my calouses! After 3 years - some fun.
 going to have hard time to get replacements
 for our own details - we had to get officers!!
 Japs only will start up - probably from
 here on. we had to go back & get yourself
 with - 8:30 pm, leave it to them & they'll
 come it up. (Pencil mark)
 3rd - Detail of detail left today. I thought
 up some deck from Bilisid & what takes

call it a fish pond - how that for propaganda?
 Gouso bookfully requesting details & auto-mech.
 May not be able to keep his men if appears.
 Got Jack Newsom to replace Obie - took him
 down to relieve Bob - after 20 hrs! Japs again
 trying to get info on amt. of water pumped
 daily, may be intending to move men in
 here - grounds for minor anyway. New Meet
 smart-aleck (speaks English) wanted to know
 why I bathed over across road - referred him
 to Toshio - period! Another quiet Sunday -
 what is my Barbara doing - can she be thinking
 of me - ? If only I could get some news from her
 Drivers say they detected General's order on a
 party of plane activity. Searchlights all night
 & camp at 9 pm. Please God it may be the be-
 ginning of the end of this. Another detail
 removed for welfare say. Trying a back up
 W's - 1st time. Pretty scary - may not go thru
 it. Best la vie! Will be very careful anyway. B
 usera mi.

4th - Bob very ill. Was suffering from acidity
 (then after repeated operation on low wall in
 kidneys were) - took 2000 cc. back out in
 each 2000 cc. given at 1000 cc. to sound out
 Result - went catching, looking out a few feet
 but with later given inspection of 1000 cc.
 poured out cold.

closed when Bob's road circulation under
lock to be ordered here. Pasencia, + will try
to deal for it. Hard rain + everything damp
5th - Drivers + trucks returned 11:30 p.m. last
nite from Manila - excellent. Bought in fish
+ oil. Kind of Devas bunting + American whist
5 miles from Gen. Baker in Belgium. Now fighting
for Brussels. Russian now being held. Kieloh
+ Nielson fields now closed to details. Look
like they'll going to dry + sleep everyone out. Will
try to stick here as long as possible, even
if this is turned into hospital camp. Bob
much better today + keeping to bakery. May
be able to work tomorrow. 4 new slaves
(all appear) taken on today. Guess they could
have selected better ones, but it's their
worry. Am trying up engine + generator.
One short circuit somewhat getting us hell.
Quantity of flame actually today almost very low
appear they are cooking over the adjacent
field. Come on you!'
6th - Today is Bob's birthday - he's better than
you. Had nice lobster, coffee + butter, snuffed
poult butter from all gas, very nice on
siding. Guess we had potatoes + carrots.
Very tired today, worked hard on road for
ridemill + fuel shed. Hope you can come to
road + fish / pork for our Christmas red frog

so every thing is cozy. Cudarest expected to
leave. Remain of 600 men - details to leave
in few days. The drivers breaking up the
trucks faster than the mechanics can fix 'em.
First call for assembly - cheerio.

7th. Don't feel too good - lost night. Jim
didn't go so well. Plenty of people activity
big stuff going on. Early, Bougo today
all kinds of rumour. New detail number
very strong.

9th. Feel on the crappy side, want to take
a yaccoonay - am entitled to one by now.
The number of people who have developed
things wrong with themselves, have suffered
themselves by cancer etc. Inguinity - not
going to Nippon, among them Lee Hwan,
I wouldn't you know it. The word too. Jim Jone
too yesterday - first time since he went to hospital
spoke to him re at 5 diary & borrowed his
compliance board - took the Board for Dr
Made P.D. - yesterday & room for more. May
have enough to hand out to those needed. Am
treating myself to a healthy white with, the
only, 1st of now. About actually coming
Papers. Don't seem being heavily touched yet.

by 10:15. Please God! Victor gave me a
Kooa cigarette - best trip one before. Had to
paid off on Bill's 3/2 SOU. (11) Officers now
replacing help in galley - result everything
beeled up again - getting ready for the detail.
Bob - now okay + working pump again. Am
getting the blower again + so impatient. If I
could only be free from bombing. Making some
head this p.m. Noon meal - plain rice w/
lungs + mush - + a vitamin pill - Tasty eh?
Cleaning up new engine for start Monday.
Jean Warren Gawick is in camp. Jean Davis
will try to look her up. Bill Rice very
shy - but apparently over both + around. Am
getting gear together for Col's breakfast Sunday
10th - Today's Sunday. I tried on laundry what
I say yesterday but had to be busy in deck now.
Started w/ breakfast of Steamed aburche, cold hot
sakes (red hot hot) came back + cleaned up my
stuff, cooking thing over - deciding on what to
take - just in case. Cal. Bread dropped me
9:20 AM for cup of coffee. Strange how this Cal +
miles get repeatedly. Both different I know but
absolutely perfect! Had some bread for
lunch + then some of that cross - chicken
in cubs that I tried. Still a cup in - 10/18

... Sunday - got letters!
 ... Haggerty got first for being his
 lighter. Tried to buy some Conical Duckies
 but no luck - put the word out - well see.
 Supposed to go over today but no w's so to
 hell w't. Went down to Hoop, trying to get
 some but still no soap. Came back w/ had
 some tea. Amusing for cooking that \$30
 for them. Victor played the bag w/ tea +
 spilt it all over his cap - badly burned +
 bitching like hell because the handle came
 off. - As to be expected supposed to play
 poker today but not in mood. Doble is
 working on something suspiciously like
 a hi-frequency box. It's wonderful what
 you can find in camp. Near Jap order
 away out from Beecher down to work on
 farm tomorrow. Probably seeing how many
 available to go to Nippon. Rumor are
 definitely in the bombing of Meind. Two
 serial news source. Big China doing
 things to pop generally in 3 weeks. Hope
 we can be home - or at least out of all this
 for Xmas. Seem to have a good chance
 but these things usually drag on. Have
 been wondering off you all day just what
 my Barbara has been doing. Guessing
 thoughts - all the time.

doing things together again. I've realized
 how beautiful our life really was. Saw -
 theatt today - looks very poorly after 3 months
 in the chess house. He's through "the pipe
 100%" + will try to ride in from now on by
 the hospital route. Also saw Polack + put
 out the word for stuff. Little plane activity
 today, but generally very quiet - too damn
 much of the quietness to suit me. Udi -
 look into Bodega situation for post war action.
Eric may be some help. Am having further
 talks w/ Joe Friedman - more sticks to the pipe.
 Tuesday 10th. Very tired - had a hard day +
 already know tomorrow will be a hard one.
 Tested new engine - full of knicks, but is
 getting straightened out. Moving D.C. Jan
 to new base - now will change
 over wiring - no yawing at noon. Had
 a laugh at one of the Pantanes - tried to
 catch a ball + came away with a black
 eye - a beaut! Was told by Yutoku I
 'd take care of both engines - missed!
 Tried making combread - a flop. Will
 have to leave all that to my Aunt.
 How I should like to come back to
 cooking again - soon.

arrange \$200 loan, but no cash on the
 side - will see how he does for how long.
 Heard Foreman say he was going to Mea in
 3 days - does this mean the detail? Will
 try to keep off - just to be the closer to the
 family, else I wouldnt mind - the couple left
 a memorandum, wonder how they are doing
 in Ho T. - where is my B. - Mea, Boyer
 or Antipolo? If I could only know. Hope I
 can sleep tonight - am really jangled.

B - be necessary for much!
 Sunday - 17th - Have literally been too busy
 (strange!) all this morning) to enter and
 a few times. The new engine has some kinks
 necessitating taking it, that kept us over
 but it was too sick to write. Rumors of the
 past few days - Halimahan + Palau have
 been occupied - heavy bombing (continued)
 of Davao - also 3 Park force in vicinity
 Zambo, Cebu, Negros + Leyte bombed. Her
 you expected any movement. Roosevelt + Chou
 convention in Canada - Hope its about the
 Far East policy this time. Maj. Pyzick
 about being on the top situation; when
 the belief J. may slide out of Germany. (and
 see it myself - am afraid to hope. But
 that if either continues, will be out for good

have my own authentic source: Look
 with disfavor on association of Joe T. who, by
 the way has received news of being promoted
 to 1st Lt. Unfortunately, not said pleore very
 one. I notice also that Rathbott + Sherman
 have been conspicuously absent lately. Can
 this be a gentle reminder? Childish! we
 are having Col. Bretel + today over for dinner
 - bread + coffee this p.m., some repayment
 on our past hospitality. Col. Crower very kind
 and our full cup of beef broth w/ meat yesterday
 which helped out immensely for noon meal.
 See Geo. Curtis quite often now as he is a
 K.P. in the kitchen - appears to be doing ok.
 Hawsey Bragdon came in from Davao +
 say he wants to tell me of his adventures.
 Probably needs some cash! - or am I
 cynical? Vintor paid back the pack of
 Snickers borrowed a week ago - still in
 mouldy Chedfields at that! Some day
 I'll learn I guess. He is now staying at
 the hotel - juggling things - considerable
 being about the quar for reason. He
 been invited to attend your Kapitan dinner
 8 P.M. - wonder what G. would think. 13.

supposed to meet 600 men draft in Biechid
Anway, I loan to Bill Ellis for \$175 -
Nips sent in a '9' in C notes to Joe G. to be
changed in Camp! M.P.'s on the alert in
town fastidiously. Nips also kicking on their
smoke issue - 'Round the World's issued
to officers only - they (9 D's) get native weed
- at 35¢! - we pay \$1.10! Co-forty: we
had breakdown last night - Pulley come off
D.C. Generator - Japs rashed bantoo flares
out + everyone thought it was a blackout. That's
how our logoo minds work now. No phone
activity for several days, but everyone is ex-
pecting things to break. Disaffection is
beginning to rear it's ugly head, am now
getting all the break fast - too much trouble
for V. - Will put it down to his bad leg,
Bob showed his de-pleasure last night at
Odenwood coming over to see me. Poemey
said I can see no reason to ask him
to stay away - in fact, I'm grateful for the
company, to say nothing of the small
services he does for me, which although
enough I appreciate. B. does not

supposed to meet 600 men draft in Richmond
 arranged soon to Bill Ellis for 814.
 Nips sent in a '9' in C notes to Joe G. to be
 changed in Camp! M.P.'s on the alert in
 town probably Nips also kicking on their
 smoke issue - 'Point the World's' issued
 to officers only - they (9 D's) get native word
 - at 3rd! - we pay \$1.10! Co- forerty, we
 had breakdown last night - Pulley come off
 D.C. Generator - Japs rubbed bantoo flares
 out + everyone thought it was a blackout. That's
 how our bigas minds work now. No phone
 activity for several days, but everyone is ex-
 pecting things to break. Impatience is
 beginning to rear it's ugly head. Am now
 getting all the breakfast - too much trouble
 for V. - Will put it down to his bad leg.
 Bob showed his desperation last night at
 Oakwood coming over to see me. Poor man,
 said I can see no reason to ask him
 to stay away - in fact, I'm grateful for the
 company, to say nothing of the small
 services he does for me, which strain
 enough I appreciate. B. doesn't feel
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up my mind. Would probably be I was
 a candidate for Purgatory, which I no
 doubt already am. Interesting to know her
 reaction, wish I could spend the p.m.
 with her. Get up each a.m. 5:30 - look
 for her start wondering how she is with
 a small prayer for her well being. Am
 blindly following the - no news - good news
 no news from the family - can they be
 thinking of me I wonder? Perhaps they're
 too busy with details to bother, but it makes
 me feel - out in the cold. Please God we
 can all be together again - quickly! This
 war can't be for much longer - my daily
 + constant life.

Tuesday - 1945 - Transferred to C. Swiftboard
 today + as usual have the regular V-show.
 Recommended for John L. to put in + share
 my responsibility. Staps. Had tough night w/
 rats + because V. wanted to sail ground up
 fish A. ration which was placed ordinary V
 bunk. Turned over on me, of course, had to
 finally get up + bathe 4 a.m. who says it'll
 doesn't get cold in the P.D. went back to

he '88 Bar must be. Fellows fishing me
 I should feel right at home. B - never
 succeeded like that. Thank God! Rumors
 persist in keeping good, but I'll soon
 get out of this blasted place - On a separate
 medic detail left yesterday, 7:30 A.M. Large
 number of guards - probably for balance
 of draft in Mea. Camp short on elements.
 Yoshino is O.P. & apparently in good mood,
 finished tonight's lunch before actual
 count over - Can this be a sign?

Wednesday - Sept. 21st - Heroy no Hoops
 saw our first American^(?) planes. Counted
 almost 100 coming from East, circled
 Clark Field & went back E. - At noon time
 was taking work, saw a sharp black
 plane chased by refs. - Siren wailed
 & nothing was column of smoke just
 to the East of camp. Everyone a-jog, many
 claim saw Jap jet hit & crash. Am all
 jittery now. Betting no details that
 you ah God, please set this battle begun
 to the end of all this misery. Got some
 straight news to happen today.

this month. The lobster bitching. I can't be
 lost much bet of. i.g.t. total. I need bet
 of Lucas for a drink that Lankers would be
 here this year - another crick. Fogerson
 just come from prison (went to jail) -
 say all go in garage excitedly talking
 about American Hiroki. Again hooray.
 Bob still down at pump. Wouldn't it be
 missed all this - must go see the fire
 again - so excited - can only feel I
 will soon be w) Bombina. Trucks going
 west on main road - camouflaged!!
 Later - feel jittery - nauseated inside!
 Another 3 flights have crossed over camp
 and the thrill is almost unbearable. 2
 speedy planes? Indistinct insignias
 flushed by very low - speedy!! Bounded
 over 71 in one group. Somehow am sub-con.
 crowdily praying - can there only be a flash
 in the pan? Suppose we will have to wait
 a few days for another show - ?? Thoughts
 are all of Bombina + Mema - where are they -
 are they alright. How they must have been
 thrilled! Please Heaven may we be together
 again soon.
 Camp already itching to see a dog

day + we're hitting already. Every one
 wondering if we are to be moved - some
 claim it's - others as high as 10 days
 will tell the tale. I feel of something
 I feel I want to put down, but am unable.
 All I can think about is the worry of
 B-mother's family. I'm sure I shall pray
 tonight. ^{4:30} Two more have just gone over +
 we're already speculating on - friend or foe?
 Bill Foreman has come down to drink cele-
 brating by wearing his rugged yells shoes.
 Personally I'm having a cup of coffee!
 Saturday: - More flights have been
 over yesterday - big babies - just swarms
 of them! Straight over to Clark - what a
 bombasting they must have taken - +
 low - many of our boys were left behind!
 Nothing over today as yet - sky overcast +
 rainy - perhaps somewhere else, but given
 safe! - Air corps boys claim they don't
 expect them till Monday or Tues. Rumors
 are a life about landing. Lyops + Ahuman
 sound has been pretty accurate to date,
 so it may be true - I hope! Finally
 a few days ago Japs requested no further

possibly turned in my name of mother
as probable sender of address. I have
told today the address in g. they
won't pre-war address - why? Am
hesitant about giving this - probably will
let it slide, and last news Rose & Carl were
there. The thought keeps festering in the
Jap divers in fun - Mela last night - was
talking as yet - Osaka says - some re
cinema, many many Takaki. Both men
rushed to J. H. D. immediately & probably
killed & hurt. Siren has been taken
down. Trip who shot at Am. plane from
ground tower severely beaten, rifle bayonet
taken away. Japanese calm - believe this
spot safe from Am. bombing - how about
trips bombing it & blowing us? We
are not allowed any for Helen etc. Also
have news that last 2 details are still in
Bilibid. Can't help worrying of how & where
B. is. Has she been in Bogie's all this
time? Fear Mela caught that & stray
bombs can happen. Coco got shot &
dropping off - come must be giving
M.

fighting the impudence already seen I
know it is too soon yet - how weak we
must be! - Dreamed all night of my P.
Clearly remember kissing her -
believe I now know what the "Machinists"
strive for in Newiana. This getting sexy
is rather hard to bear - no safety valve.
Argument of V at breakfast before daylight
the 4th - on matter of \$30. - and took last
night - Coming so close on the cigarette
deal I should have my head examined.
In addition, to feeling Bob or me to have
gone off on his own re: the oil deal - says
he has to keep his butt covered - not while I
trying to keep the price up! Seems to be
willing to accept the cut he's been getting &
then just suit himself. Actions of some few
are extraordinary. Sherwood crowd, + his wife
(of all things) on his mind! Understandable,
the way I feel about a good cup of coffee,
still with such a shortage of food -
word has just come in that the P.D. has
beached war on his - Britain - chains!
Also - no more should die - legends
from now in - which is necessary for
Hope all air corps boys are right - all

see action tomorrow. Have checked &?
 when, where - P.P. General feeling this will
 be last commissary issue - personally
 don't think so. Can now \$10.00 per cup,
 paraita \$10.00 per portion. Devaluation
 w/ a vengeance. Having eggplant today for
 a treat Dugh! If I could only have a smell
 of Bambusa's course at Ilama to go w/ the liquor!
 Not too much longer please Allah! How so
 wonderful to woo her all over again; and I
 really do it right. How my case Babelot plan
 & boy become quite a bit. Arrived soon for
 John Lucas & another for B. - \$100. Have
 had to advance my son but feel I should be
 strict. At any rate I feel it would be long before
 we find who are deep who go to!

Tuesday - Feel very tired somehow - have been
 feeling on steel all morning but my real
 feeling is disappointment - again the phone
 today. Felt certain today would be the day
 in steel - ideal! Has been lots of traffic
 East side - 3 P.M. type of vehicles. People are
 continue to come apparently from town
 Hear boy seen 400 planes & ships in 2 days
 bombing last week. Trip have come

fox tail into dugouts now. Fixing S.A.R.S.
 in garage. Finishing up on lathe in our
 place. Have found pair of arch supports
 which I am forced to wear. Used try
 to finish making my fan today.
 Marked to pop on coco oil, believe
 V's generosity has started this - also no
 money idle - all in commission.
 Have ordered more corn @ 70¢ a cup.
 Rumor - Bickard being transferred
 up here - nothing official!

Wednesday - 27th. Very quiet so far today.
 Expected to see the boys again but guess
 it is just negative. One Jap plane seen
 around - probably seeing availability of
 adjacent field. Am making gobs for
 the trip now - They seem to have for-
 gotten there's a change in the offering.
 Wood detail has been cancelled. Seattle
 has it the Fairview will do the work
 from here in. People in camp making
 plans for trips etc in the spring.
 Chewwood broached idea of Lucy, Tablt
 going back to States w/ mother & Bob. 22

Wonder how they would wait out from
 be necessary? Hardly! In. Bath. Made
 bet \$1000 - were out by 1000. Should be safe
 but too big for the gamblers! Money now
 very tight in camp - wish I could buy
 some of the gold beads offered. P.D. Day
 going for 2/1 - offered 1/1. Day is somewhat
 hairy so will never see 2.30 - dream of
 Paupier being of me again.

Thursday - 28th - Today makes a week since we
 got our first glimpse and smell of the year.
 Everyone was hoping - but it appears unrain!
 They're busy somewhere - that we feel certain.
 Jack F. went into town this morning -
 described all the rumors of the place being
 deserted. Market appears going full blast.
 Lack of soldiers is ridiculous - probably
 up East of us. Many officers noted (on
 they be making Cab. a H. G. ? Wood detail
 went out this A.M. - another rumor gone!!
 Claim that all outside of force details to stop
 Monkey - Vanes a del! They need a few
 more demonstrators before this will happen.
 Trucks gone in for fuel today - Mission
 strike spring - Takotai makes than hell!
 Am finishing up 'getai' now. Hope no
 more. Lots of chatter between Tivans about
 Legaspi - what about??

more tanks reported going East. (One on
yankies) Right foot still bothering - Wonder
if I shall have to wear these sick pups
for some time

Saturday - 20th - Brought 'Sam' the monkey
over from the garage last night. Japs was
having fun slammimg him up against the
wall - mental degeneration! Bought a chow
for the monkey - has made many new friends
already. Wonder what my Bambino would
say? General feeling of disappointment in
everybody - No plans have shown up since
Friday last. What can be keeping them?
Not even rumors here for last few days -
Surely something must be going on some-
where! Greenwood has broached idea of going
'get together' for Motor Transport group, each to
donate something. Had him I want to see
what the others will donate first since
these things always find me begging
for help. The barbit getting on my
nerves with general uselessness. Has
been rather thoughtless lately - more nerves &
Yuba now beginning to beautify the
Power House. Haveling area all closed in
barbed wire & flanking papaya trees.
Don't think of all the work we put
in only to have it come out just what it is.

wants to come ready. Hope the yanks get
 here before we do either. Toshiko has new
 idea - is taking in all police - David
 want anyone cutting fence - even the
 Taisons all laughing - anyway there it is.
 Joe Goodman over 25 letters, all telling of a
 "crisis" her people have taken, morning love!
 Some more thoughtlessness. Wonder when my
 B. is 8 months now - no news from her.
 Reflecting on this almost shakes me w/ im-
 patience, but what can be done - Fascinia,
 damn it!, how I have learned the meaning
 of the word. Why doesn't something happen?
 Sunday - Oct. 1st - Cloudy day - small plane
 activity - Keeping busy working, shaving &
 grooming. Skeward over in a.m. & gassed about
 hobbies - business opportunities. The two
 monks having a wonderful time. Machine gun
 firing last night 10:30 p.m. Suspected guerrilla
 activity - didn't even bother to get up to see.
 Large bunch of nips went out of camp. Box
 series are in camp - 2000 flowers 400 ships as
 gain on our side. Germans making 3 planes.
 Nips have asked us to send in our im-
 pressions when Am. planes come over! And
 to figure them out, Danti house outa odda
 lost mile - can't blame us now! Palmer
 increasing again - Uncle Johnny relieved ^{10/25}
 11 cups of corn - quite a haul! God help the

were caught! Jayboy had 2 P.M.
 Further into tomorrow. Tomorrow will
 give no details rumor. Started on new day
 light time, - inside now 6 A.M., 1/2 hr. diff.
 Monday - Lasty-thru survivors came
 into camp last night - they were what Hel-
 showt want after. Left Mba p.m. of 20th (Sept.)
 after being cooped up on the ship for 2 1/2 mo.
 Stopped from Singapore, thence to Malaya
 before Mba. Were caught 3 miles off shore from
 Sibie Bay by our bombers. Ship hit by 3 bombs
 bow section aft, held blown open - most of prisoners
 in hold. - Were strafed after bombing. They had
 removed all marks identifying it. Relief
 300 total out of 1200 saved of which only 63 have
 been caught - balance believed to be guerrillas.
 Arrived in pitiable condition - underwear only
 clothing - several unable to walk. Statements
 from them have been restricted - but claim
 our machine guns - "bloody accurate".
 Rumor that Filipinos fed them - not J.S.
 Tips saved of poss from Davao to
 to Olangapo (guerrillas) Swam placed in edge
 of boats - 6³/₂₀₀ - pretty awful! Money
 no good in Zamboanga - situation unclear.
 only thing now going on. Reports of large
 movement of troops. reorganized up ship
 ways - ship plane actually all day, but

Company turned out + donated meat,
 oranges + blades etc. (stuff one couldn't buy
 Jimmy's + Dutchmen touched by generosity.
 Expect another of my visits by 10th. Taking
 inventory in P.H. today - after 2 1/2 yrs!!

Wednesday - Very tiresome day - still in
 dumps - no numbers at all - something must
 break soon. Just killing time in P.H. Always
 took Yammy there for me, but decided against
 it. Nips bothering me again for watches, shoes
 etc. Asked Yhoshi to get some coffee - no soap!
 Cannot go to town. Only 1 more day supply
 of jamica left - chow will really be dreary w/
 it. Sherwood on the turn again - out of smokes.
 Gave him a pack, but am getting very low on
 these too. Lawler again caught stealing by J.
 3rd time already - Wonder what they will do
 to him? May have to let arberies go as food
 is getting so short we cannot afford to set
 any more - Am donating my cookie. George
 C. wants to have talk of me re post-war setting.
 Worked till 8:30 p.m. Lost milk - lost min.
 decision to jump all fuel into main tank.
 Getting it from there while able. Got some
 kopy akra left over from nips' meal for my
 machine - How I have come down in the
 world - !!

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Friday 14 - Am busy repairing parts
 for the gun - also making brooms.
 Hurry of plane activity noontime,
 safe air land! Major came back today.
 Jim says saw the boys in Balibid just.
 Puzick claims Masaha told him they
 had been looked on boat - what? If
 not wearing steel helmets today, or
 alert for something - claim all Filipinos
 are spies! Bet if Charlie Wesley sees
 of landing on island before Thursday
 next. Shumwood landing oil - slowly!!
 Many trucks going E. Supplies.
 Thinking of S all the time now, 9th
 Sunday 15th - Rosary Day - As I
 put it all down the G's are marching
 back from their pep talk - the "man" in
 the lead. Big bang yesterday - Nagasaki
 received! General shake-up all over - one
 detail cut down from 13 to 4! This leaves
 Bob alone at pump. but believe arrangements
 for relief will be made. G's party - in
 last night - rumor for it the major is leaving
 first thing today says Amagi - Camp will
 feel it if he goes! Persistent rumors of
 shuffling up North + South of des. The 28.

things are all kept up over something
 anyway. Sort of expected a visit today -
 maybe yet. All drinking one of my few
 remaining Cans in anticipation anyway.
Later - Okubo is new man - has rep. for
 being on the rough side. All sorry to
 see Nak. go - we'd see how it will work
 out. Dreamt of some gal w/ two cons. ^{blow}
 + in trying to decide which one to start on,
 lost out by waking up - !! Should talk by
 Dutch w/ off. last night, very interesting. Learned
 civilian males shipped out of Java to work
 on R.R. in Thailand + China. Lucky break
 for our people in Sto. Tomas - considering
 invited over to Stenwood's for some coffee
 - not bad, but wish I could have a real cup.
 Rice has been increased to grams - a speck!
 Still, a trend to improvement. Joe G. coming
 up on Spanish - getting in everyone's hair.
 Turner more beat up by fellow officers
 on G2-ing cause - probably due to riding
 on firm. Laundry to go + general fixing
 up. Wonder if B. is in church now - or
 has she risen yet? My weight now 100
 Certainly need to put some meat on
 me - + other things too!

Monday - 9th - Detail sailed 7:00. Lost
 night - 307 off - 120 Co. off - 200 men - First 1/2 left
 this a.m. 9:00 a.m. - pretty snappy eh! Bal. to
 go tomorrow. Rumors of another one on
 Thursday. Very quiet over on other side
 today - kept busy making shelves etc. for
 Japs. Rumors: - Wilkie + Al Smith died
 same day. 163 survivors: from Am bombing
 off Subic rescued by Am subs + taken to
 Saigon. Japan lambasted over their
 treatment. so what! McLeint + Honolulu
 opposed - MCA. - Can they be coming in
 at last? Allie pushing forward on W.
 front. Saw fist fight between 2 G.I.s which
 was pathetic. Farmer Moore beaten up
 by fellow officer as result of his lambastness.
 My Guam blisters breaking out again
 + giving me hell! Have been assailed by
 Cal's in the Kero that this is the month.
 Pointsa now P.V.V.O. for portion - am
 scraping bottom of sack! Lost Charlie
 Waschler (?) 350 - Ferguson + Pham to MIA
 of trucks, Nagatnie also. Hope they bring
 back some news!! Note - all guano taken
 by Japs from island. even canned food!!

Thursday - 12th - First 1/2 of new 4N message
 detail left today. Trucks had just returned
 from Mla. from shipping 1800 out of B. 30.

into large freighter, several weeks out
 in harbor. 3 buildings, several in P.A.
 among them Hyman Levine's business.
 Pier 1 + 3 bombed on 21st + 22nd. People
 had to get out of building - chow + times
 daily - average cost 17¢ per month. were
 told 1,000 more expected from here of which
 1/3 have already been selected. Learned
 Bob + I were listed - then scratched! Politics
 Lots of activity Eastward yesterday men +
 tanks - hell thru from coast. News from
 men expects to get face in any time.
 Juvenile trouble Malabar last evening! Joe 9.
 + Sherwood on detail - Everyone expects to go
 Col. B. opinion camp will be liquidated
 3/6 weeks. Another rise increase today -
 meat also. Appears they are cleaning up
 bodega stock - so there may be less for
 rations. Got myself blanket - a good one -
 Oct. 15th/19th - This period has been one of
 great activity - Tucker orders to move
 camp - 250/300 men for trip. Originally
 intended to entrain at this except very
 sick, however something happened to the
 train!

Sunday - ~~22nd~~ - This is the first time
 in years - to speak, I have waked up tired.
 Waked till almost midnight last night - a
 whole week of this since they started to
 move the camp. Starting last Sunday they
 have moved all but 700 odd from camp.
 They are all jammed in Cilibid. Have made
 2 trips to Manila myself - leaving + return
 immediately. Had hoped to be able to see
 'someone' - but was so fussed for time.
 Our planes have been over several times
 the past week - hit them very heavy 3 days
 ago. On my last trip down arrived in
 the middle of an air raid + saw the
 dog fighters. Told later 4 of ours, 3 Jap.
 planes shot down - the boy is a week
 only weeks - as is Port Area. Tried to get
 some stuff down to Bob but could only get
 in some - med by Hillshorst who was able
 to stay overnight. - Since my last trip
 down (arriving here 2:30 am) the trips
 are rather jittery about traveling at
 night. 'Field work no good'! Meanwhile
 all the necessities - as of the P.H. are being
 worked averaging 16 hrs. daily. Had me
 stretch of 30 hrs already.

They evidently have more things in mind
 for we are rushed on keeping the trucks
 rolling. Last trip back Bobie crushed all
 3 old tanks up - Chew completely wrecked.
 The fog mood did not improve! Heh he, I believe
 now they too can see the end. The camp
 has that terrible deserted look - is a mess.
 Surprising how much grass can accumulate
 which in reality is only debris. Yesterday,
 the staff left. Ryan made Reed in C.O. now
 w) Hanks (Campes) his adj. Only Lane and
 Lozy left. John Hesse has moved into the
 bakery but still grows elsewhere. He will
 probably be bakery leader - hooray! Will
 try to get some more sleep. The trucks are
 one back now, which means working
 p.m.

Thursday - Cold! And I am about to rebel!
 All this work is leaving me fagged out.
 Chew seems to be better, but still as fierce as
 ever. Planes were active in vicinity
 all day yesterday & part of last will come
 thing up on E. coast. Hope landing is
 imminent. Manda hit yesterday a m. ³
 pretty heavy searching to there. Days

in Beirut have hi moral. Feel they will
 leave around 12th but they feel confident it
 will take at least 2 weeks - no shipping.
 Can't see how trips can do any either
 us or Layla. Jeeps seem to agree that
 Americans will come - mat. mat. Have
 been told it is all to outside of war!! Even
 Skubs (whom I am beginning to dislike)
 thinks he will go back to his sweetie
 - very soon!! They have turned out
 all the rifles today to work the farm.
 Rumored we will feed B. from here.
 Talked of Adams last night. Had distinct
 coconut business in Cambodia pres.
 married to Tillyar (looking for prep.)
 Very blue lately thinking of S. Hoping
 we can be together shortly. Two trips to
 Manila - and no sight of her. Then was
 in S. Tom. yesterday - low density here.
 Saw lots of people - mostly women - they
 looked well - His comparison again
 us here I guess. why can't I love Luck
 like that. Two love been given a

portable phonograph - "Tinny". Must get
 "Waltz of Memory - Slip Polka - Anywhere
 in Earth or Heaven - Three Little Riders" all these.
 Thursday - 26th - Have been given a yearning
 thin fan - of all things! No details were
 sent out today except ones. Reason - goods
 being transferred to different post, i.e. Sta.
 Jones, Bagin - Los Santos - were given trip to
 Town - first since 21st of Sept. Quite a bit of
 jeep plane activity today - all going E.
 & in good numbers. Am sending down
 com. mail & rice to Bob in Bilbo, by
 Jack who is going tomorrow. Had meat
 gravy & piece of corn bread for second
 day - Should this help up. I'd put on
 weight. Major Takasaki mentioned seeing
 my shortly - obta will then be in charge
 Having talks w/ Ruby's father to brush
 up my Spanish - makes me Louisiana
 every time. He has heard from her and
 let's as this month, and she had no
 word from B. since Feb. - Perseverance!!
 Have had no news for several days
 now - hope some comes in soon. Any
 remaining shot of razor blades - using 5.
 some more in the box - and now I
 know why Buckles wear beads!

Friday: - Spent a.m. just killing time - was
 prepared to take over from this p.m. but
 have now come down to preparing "at home".
 Hard to believe, but it's true. - Swiss liberty,
 plus expenditures are curtailed, they
 are bringing Mahomet to the mountain.
 Seven blankets (?) to take care of the
 needs of 300 odd men!! 2 buildings in
 old hospital area are being re-built
 for the fowling - we are putting in
 lights - water - lots of water!! Shorty gives
 info app. 2000 new Finns are in
 camp! Also 700 "new" American prisoners
 from "Borneo" - wonder where they can
 be coming from. Something about "hutschi"
 etc. but couldn't get it straight before they
 claimed up. App. 100 Jeeps left today for
 duty in Mla + Logins. Sent Bob over
 ride by Foranson. Had long talk last
 night w/ Adams. He has been "outside of
 fence" several times in fact! Believe he is
 leading up to proposition - we'll see.
 News box should be operating in next
 day or so. Hope they are happening.
 Doc. Reed came over this a.m. w/ info
 that J's have asked for list of "notables".

also how many boxes required to move
 equipment from base. (?) Have just
 about got my stuff ready anyway.

Monday, 30th - Have been rolling down
 all day + am gooped. Very cloudy w/
 some rain, heard planes but could
 not tell where they were. Hillcock came
 in w/ Brahma head - we surely vegetable
 for this tomorrow. Mess Sgt. did not app-
 reciate the gift of ribs etc. - Lost section
 of the army - Saw large flight of our
 planes yesterday around 5:30. We
 expected them today too - poeuees!
 Jack came in w/ paper showing map of
 our positions in Viayon - we have Tamay,
 Lyze, Sanigo, Bokol, Morbate + part of
 Zamogon including Legaspi city as of
 the 20th. News box about ready. Hope for
 something tonight. "Cats are not come
 in yet!! Had to speak to Victor about
 the noise he makes eating - disgusting!
 Bob has sent message he now wants the
 return of P.D. currency and some down.
 Understood he is in dispensary ward in Dilid
 Am down to smoking "Cayon" - feeling
 rough. Tips were really their own thing
 too. Concerned of opinion in the yard.

will be here by Nov. 14th. Hope they're
correct. Jack, incessant looking up
Lorraine I, afterwards - under how she is
doing. Have been dreaming of Dambina
again + waking up bump in my throat.
Rd. - Am down to about 20 "P.C. Commission
very 'stupid', so unshakable.
Thursday - Halloween - !! and a
very damp, highly dry for it. Depressing
at the camp so empty. Nothing special
at P.H. so look over lower camp from
Martin. Saw signs of good old st. made
by Bob + Jess + got the Blues. Only
Daffie indicated was a few tips brewing
Cannabaw. Read a little but mostly sat
+ thought of Dambina + family. Dabie came
in last mile of news that there is now
an R.C.A. broadcast station from M.S.A.'s
lg. in Leyk - "Is he to stay; with he was
come up a little further north. Payday
tonight - and nothing to buy of my P.C.
Had a "Barbasal" share from some
leftover of John + feel so smooth -
for a change - and so to Tengka
Dambina double extra?

Thursday - 2nd - Spent all day yesterday
 at fairs generally yammered a few foot
 troops going E. but nothing exciting. Two
 trip planes on patrol. None of our visible
 News - Roman under control; also J. Bernardino
 Fr. - Fighting still in Italy. 6 day sea battle
 ships lost approx 61 we sunk 40. Jap losses
 Roman by 2000 - over 700 + 1200. Russian
 in E. Prussia. Britain in Greece etc. Heavy
 fighting in Austria & crossing of Rhine for
 important crossroads. Japs adv. in China.
 Today cloudy again - Local hazing!
 Later - 5 trucks of US Navy went East. Have
 wounded myself by drinking engine oil. Not
 cut in h. knee. Rumor has it Gen. are in
 Manila - !!! Someday soon. I hope.
 No planes yet - ?
 Sunday - Nov 5th - Gen very tired, yet
 can not seem to rest as today saw our
 planes again - and plenty. From 9 AM
 till only a few minutes ago they have
 been going over almost continuously.
 Seem to be looking for Lingayen Coast.
 The wild rumor on usual grounds of
 something for their warrens. Somebody says
 has been catching hell today! Hope
 this action is covering a new landing!

Took over lower jungle few days ago and
 had a break down - way down at the bottom
 of the wall! Had a strenuous two days of
 work ending at 3: A.M. this morning.
 Had to work hard this morning & had 1 1/2 hrs
 sleep this p.m. - Wish I could relax! The
 "slopes" left for M^{rs} Kinley this morning.
 Got the "Dini" called me aside yesterday
 & told me another detail was leaving
 - on the 6th! May have been confused
 w/ today's party: - hope so! Wonder what
 B is doing today - somehow seem to feel
 she is going to the line. I just ache for
 that girl! Had to tell the "bandit" to leave
 the monkey alone - he's really useless now,
 and the boys are talking of getting rid
 of him, and the new man from the Hoop
 is doing all the work around here anyway.
 This person is interesting except at the
 American Dep. has eaten his return away
 & he now has a vest pocket symbol; literally
 & actually. The passage has been severed
 & a new opening made into his side which
 continuously supplies into a rubber bag
 but fellow who doesn't have to run to
 the latrine before "Langko". News: we now
 have out of Samar & Leyte & the Straits. Fighting
 in Antwerp - Americans have crossed the
 Rhine.

OK 110.

Consensus of opinion - 'something big' will happen here before election - only two days off. The Major gone to Manila again - will probably bring the 'cats' back with him. An Iced commissary will come back w/ trucks. Hope so, for am down to saving butts, and unless tobacco comes in soon am going to have to stop - there won't be much more I'd have to do without them!

Thursday - 9th - Very stormy today. Typhoon - wh weather blew up last night & disrupted our hopes of seeing the 'boys' today, Pociencia! News! - F.D.R. conceded election by Dewey - 440 Trip plane shot down & destroyed over Luzon in San & Men shindig, 1 destroyer & ships sunk. The boy fighting going on in Ormoc, Leyte. Airway taken - Stalin declares Gen. gov. Tatterling! Quit + our making advances in Burma - Jap. killed in China Okubo succeed over this morning, giving road yosume due to weather. spent it over in tailor shop w/ Adams & Pappas. Rauger who are both on next detail. we 17 still scared. Waste word do mother, hope she gets it. Yehoshia supposed to go on detail too - to Leyte! Vinton says he will be the 'captain' - ? Yes definite news of leaving yet - expect 4/10 day. Cats raised hell w/ my stuff last night - they're on by on 20th 41. And having my carbide gun made into a jacket for warmth - work B. well able to

Keep me warm. Dream of her every night
 now - wake up with the horrible thought
 she doesn't care any more!! Wonder just
 what my reactions would be?? Rugged!!
 Manila Division was strafed last trip!!
 Sat. 11th - Have acquired rifle for John L.
 who has no fear, so am putting mine to
 use. Have been busy all morning trying
 to make a rat trap, as the feet are running
 over things. Have several large holes in
 my bag where they have come thru in
 getting at my soap. While fixing capt.
 base for Hambohle was told by Okubo
 to throw them away as I would be a
 "civilian" very soon!! Guess I'll never
 be able to get on his radio and very pleasant.
 Have mailed another card to mother
 in hopes she can get word to B. Almost
 9 months now and no word!! Davies
 said to have trucks ready for instant
 moving, believe detail will leave in
 day or so - probably tomorrow. Beautiful
 day today - breezy & clear. Details clearing
 up wreckage from typhoon. Trust it will
 be all lost out this year. Hands are
 brought up & stiff, but holding steady.
 Heedon. Cutting down to 5 cigarettes

and 500 pipes for day now. Tobacco is
 just about gone & it doesn't look like any
 coming in. Hope "Chicken heart" will
 listen in tonight - was scared off last night.
 Tuesday 1stth:- Long day at the pump. Not too
 much good traffic. Read all day. Saw
 planes over for 3rd day. Can hear them al-
 most continuously but they are far to the S.
 Feel several "chuds": probably Clark Field
 getting a going over. Had my first total
 blackout last night 8:30 p.m. Five planes
 flew over & flashed their lights. Don't know
 whose they were (I think ours!) Japs did not
 take chances anyway. News has come
 that J's are leaving tomorrow - Adams
 among them. It are cowards. Expect
 them to go to McKinley. We'll know when
 birds come back - if they go! Am abating
 in the making of a "box". Dickie doesn't seem
 to get his working & John's contact is a
 rabbit. Expect to get some news in a few days.
 Have heard that our "girls" cannot leave
 camp! Virtual prisoners insofar as leaving
 the area - even to Cab. The J's certainly con-
 promise hard feelings - and so they over-
 work the girls! Chow is very dry there but
 hard to swallow. Chilly at night and hot
 new my Cambria. Somehow hope I'll get
 letter soon.

Sunday, 19th - Last of the 200 or Hospital
 cases left for McKeely (?) this a.m. to the
 tune of our planes overhead. Mechanics had
 worked late last nite getting trucks ready
 & then at last minute received word they were
 not to go. Anyway, approx. 15 trip. trucks come
 in & took loads of wood, farm produce &
 the detail out. Had a very heavy raid on the
 adjacent airfield & for a while thought the
 camp would be an objective. Green bullet
 landed about 20 yds from me crashing at
 lower pump - burned & exploded. Was thrilled
 to see so many of our planes & like a fool
 just gawped. There were about 50 in the group.
 Motors have been scanning all day long,
 several very high & hard to see. Heard the
 bombs on Clark & somewhere to the north. Had
 some corn-bread by stove for hours but could
 not eat it & so abandoned same. Food
 fellows are feeling lack of food from the
 reports received. I have been feeling a bit
 woozy for the past several days. Saw
 Doc Lewis re this: - Symptoms - Nausea &
 almost chocking out whenever I rise too
 quickly. Almost fell into flywheel of engine
 after starting. Tired - malnutrition. Will
 try to get some hidden shots of all things, etc.

accident! This may account for the blues & general depression felt lately, so I guess I really need Bambina's food etc in a bad way. I heard we are still cleaning up on Lytle so presume Mr. A. has had a job. Ministry states Jop Fleet is gone - so we should be seeing the boys pretty soon. Wonder what Mother's, Don - Annie's reaction has been to all so much in activity - Mr. Reed certainly be getting much more than we here. And where is D. - ? Is the family in Bogies or Ulla? Concensus of opinion is we will all shortly be sent to Mr. K. If so should I try to get to K. Have been giving this some thought. Don't want to jeopardize his family - and the obligation afterwards - ? May try to contact if possible. The longing is terrible & all these objections make me hesitant. Will give it much more thought before any action. The Gunso is separating tools for maintenance work in Mr. K. & has mentioned that one of the boys will have to go down - but one is keen on it. Personally I prefer going clear to Dilibid.

Sunday - 10th - A very slow week altho as always to look back it doesn't seem so long. The camp appears deserted - only 45, 120 left in our groups - 500 old camp total.

Everywhere you look one sees the sick & crippled
 which in itself is depressing. Have taken on lower
 farms almost exclusively; 1/2 day Sundays,
 which doesn't leave me any opportunity for
 trading. Have managed to get 4 packs of
 smokes (valued \$12. per) & with my cutting
 down as I have, will have tobacco for several
 days yet. Great deal of air activity yesterday.
 Did not see any close enough for actual
 identification but explosions clearly heard.
 None today so it appears they have no
 schedule. Plenty of traffic on main road
 from, ammunition & fuel going East.
 Have finally arranged for lewis shots
 for my anemic condition & so they
 hunt!! Steel have tried & dizzy spells
 on rising too quickly. Weight 116.5 lbs
 today. Doing as much reading as possible
 to make time pass but don't want to
 strain eyes at this stage. News received
 appears M.F.A. is moving very slowly.
 Japan bombed (Peking) from Japan. Far
 offering strong resistance! China steel
 taking beating. Appears we will still
 be here for Xmas after all our hopes! If
 they will only hold here by then
 afraid to let myself think of B. & the
 family too much. Blues are getting

Monday - Saw Japs taking up someone in lower guard house - but really! Learned later a Filipino caught in form digging up cartridges. Furukawa brought in truck w/ human takable head smell. Rumor for it some traps set for by guerrillas. They are now manning outer posts. - in pairs.

Tuesday - Reports of plane activity last night. Camp blanked out. Did not hear them myself altho up a little later. Several however do say it was plain - also bomb threats.

Traffic on E. road continuing moderately. News brought in last night for general also all along European front. MCA still piddling in Leyte - but this continued an action somehow makes me feel a little something is going on. Both arms are sore from liver shots but will continue regardless. Long confab w/ Col. Deed worth. Camp must be "skosh" for a mere Lt. to be so welcome. Am beginning to feel lack of sugar - hope some will come in shortly.

30th. Thanksgiving Day! - And am I tired! Worked till 11 p.m. last night as pony gave out just at 4 o'clock. Japs being remembered up and man nervous & looking them. - Proceeding good well? They are going out at diff. lower row to do their

dirty work - Hope somebody somewhere
is enjoying turkey. Here its corn, rice
& extra corn for the workers. 6:pm. Have
had a strenuous day - making pump parts on
lathe. Saw 8 of our planes this A.M. going
towards Clark. Heard there was another
group to north of us - Not too bad but giving
- had baked corn - salt & very stokin rain.
Okubo did some shuffling today - over one sheet
of newspaper! They have 6 Filipinos tied
up at guard house. Told they have stolen
60 sacks of cassava, & while this carries
the death penalty, they will get off lightly
with 15 days w/o any food - & very little water.
I try to avoid looking at them coming in
the gate - they are pitiful. Almost opened my
can of Spam, but since it looks like we'll
spend more here (?) will save it for later.
Japs are still trading cigarettes for U.S. \$.
Water restrictions are on - our side only!!
News - 48 ships including one Hvy. Cruiser &
17 planes destroyed last Sat & Sunday. Gen's
falling back along entire front E. side.
Feeling very blue - fellows playing old
records which put me in mind of Babelot.
Wish my nostalgia wasn't so hard! but
I'll be with them all Holy week at latest.
Cautious. We can't be any slower than it is.
am sending next card to Aunt Ellen in 48.
answer to her letter. Some sister Billy!

Dec. 1st - Twenty four nice shopping days before
Xmas - Hooley & Wacked all day on pump parts
on lathe - will probably be finished tomorrow
night - which means work on Sunday again.
Mechanics given yesterday this morning,
but had to go out on form this p.m. Did they
bitch! Harvesting rice of all things. Had every
available nip turn to also. Days seem to be
dragging by again + news from down South
appears to be held up due to rain! Checked
map he visit predicting any more "Laps" the
war in Europe will be over by late next summer.
More planes + ships destroyed in P. D. waters in
past day or so - when will they start up?
Tokyo sank for 3rd time from Saigon - SoLol!
Vinton offers me for W's to pay for cigar he has
been eating. Feel I'd doubt my share and
more for his upkeep - besides I have no
available supply since everyone's gone.
Bed right after breakfast for me - I hope
double later?

Dec. 4th - Am dead tired from working on pump
Expected to be there today but found we had
more lathe work to do. Yutashi going to Mela
tomorrow - said he would take letter. Wrote one to
Carl, Lou + B. but have decided against it
in view of the situation - Blue all the time
- I so expected to be home this time. Hell!
no flow today either - Feel - something is
going on - so am hoping. Too tired to think
of anything more - Chow not fit for frog
Japanese could grow - ugh!!

Sunday - Am waiting for 9 A.M. bell to go
 back to work - Seems that's all we do since
 from dropping into the bag. Finally got
 thru with lunch 11:00 P.M. Last night we
 were fogged! Know why the soldiers hate the
 7:30 A.M. call. How bad lots of traffic going both
 west. 16 of 20 tanks returned from Baker way.
 They went up at night but came back during
 daylight so presence 'short' is fact. Having
 queer weather - semi-rainy & very depressing.
 Dreamt I was swelling my Daubina's hair
 - & she was telling me to hold her close.
 Seems every time I get a few minutes, I
 get blue thinking this will be another
 Xmas away from her & family.
 Jack gone to Manila - facts I guess.
 Nothing new in camp - Japs very quiet -
 say they don't want Amer. messengers, but
 felt this is only to try & get it cheaper.
 Thursday 7th - Was awakened @ 8 A.M. this morning
 by very loud plane noise - twice - apparently going
 west. Expected action overhead today but only
 heard distant hums of motors. Am re-reading
 "School For Eternity" by Harry Hervey - very
 good & am really enjoying it altho I think
 had treat for dinner today - a papaya
 says to had given John. The food is really very
 poor - very little rice - and considered.
 The kids are stripping our gardens faster.

than they can grow. Even on this side in the
 fenced off area where we are supposed to have
 a detail go every 3rd day. Written complaints
 only get a vacant stare + the comment - 'but
 we only take a few' - ?!! Jack came back
 today after 3 days in Mea. Mason + Bird
 both smashed up! Major riding in Newcom
 cracked visor shield with head. Should
 be ice cream! Toshiro now head of Dilikil.
 no contact w/ McKinley. Jack claims saw
 P38's personally + no mistake. Hatch's boy
 now working in B. - we have broken
 through Sieg. line again + advancing.
 Our source states - zero! Glad they have
 a morale lifter anyway. Had long talk
 of Bob Hill - full of millions + bills -
 Seeing Red Keyes tonight. New talk
 re. matchwood + R.R. train. Hands very stiff
 from pump work as can be noticed.
 Sat. 9th: yesterday made 3 years of war! As
 far as we have could see there was no sign
 of activity - even on the rip side. Beyond
 the regular traffic going E. of rice apparently
 nothing startling. - Jacks had their lesson
 day - which we had had hopes of not having
 to go thru again! Am all gassed up again
 - and how! Diet is almost entirely controlled
 now and they just don't agree w/ me. 5

Really out of order yesterday, but will
John gave me 2 facts from some he owed me.
paradise I guess will bring everything - away
the end of this. "That love is all there is - is all
we know of love"

If you were coming in the fall,
I'd think the summer by
with half a snail and half a spum
as housewife as a fly.

If I could see you in a year
I'd wind the months in balls
and put them each in separate drawers
until ~~their~~ ^{their} time befalls.

If certain, when their life is out.
That yours and mine should be
I'd toss it yonder like a seed
and taste eternity.

Should think by this time I'd be immersed
to this longitude, but somehow it's just a
cable, as in Balacon. Received two cards
yesterday from Mother + Ann - dated May.
Got an idea of how long it takes to send
them to States - 7 months for 150 kms!!
No news from any of them about Bebelst.
Wonder where she can be. - ?

I gave myself to her
and took herself for pay
The solemn contract of a life
was ratified that way.

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Have finished reading School for Eternity
 by H. H. Clegg - for some time and the philosophy
 therein laid left me somewhat blue. or
 perhaps it's the Christmas season affecting
 time is beginning to hang heavy. and I
 miss Boulderina some.

Sunday 10th. - Raining all day & looks
 like continuing. However the wind
 has died down - perhaps good weather
 from now on in. Had journey this p.m.
 with car to mother & then just had
 a blue time with thoughts of Babelot
 & home. Getting too much that way lately.
 Had a short haircut & look a people
 'oldies' now - "Maddewata!" Follows
 getting accused playing game home &
 always say about old pals & gals! Feet
 are cold - wearing socks, uniform &
 wool cardigan - winter is here I guess
 one floor above going north & very low
 convinced it is a nuisance - so what?
 No news for post several days - checking
 in tonight - been hoping! My plan
 to visit the place, so will stop

Tuesday - nothing startling beyond
 new housing kept at the temple. Expect a
 shake down & further things, and
 Bored with & about you East.

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Dec. 27 - Have, returned my Cox boat from
storage - very much rat eaten - first chance
to transport a few notes: -

11/11 - Landing 2. is Part of Munkons!

After 30 minutes hunting & shooting.
Very little sport. Troops escaped from
Jolo & Tawi-tawi -? Hopes high for Texas,
but skeptical.

20th. Several shakedown in Jap. side. Pow. H.
- Jap. searched coming in Jolo - were
clipped off to this. No longer allowed to
bring in vegetables from our gardens.

22nd. Am. planes over today. News in
quarrels busy. Parag. Reg. Cebu - Mind.

24th. Told by tips one of their ships
torpedoed off Batavia by P.S. boat. News
also from Belitid 1600 cards have been
filled. Jap. have launched considerable attack
retaken to the anchorage. pushed 20 miles into
Calapan - some fighters. 10 trucks, 2 filled
guns have come into camp. Not so good.
Japs have given us 2 fags. 12 at ^{night} ~~our camp~~
& 10 at ^{night} ~~our camp~~. Very heavy cooperation to
last year.

25th - Xmas day. Worked all day on pump
(wouldn't you know it!) Lots of planes over
and P.S. up 1st time - speedy!
Am due for B. & am completely out of ^{54.}

tabasco - cross smoking papaya leaves in prep
to give us up. Rise of being shifted out back
of moon as present by Col. Seal. Chicken
gone to the - ribs on return. Large move-
ment of sleep. E. Several blackouts last night
sleeping for a few days ago - found several
sides of water! Have salvaged D.O.U. 3
Have not yet my bag going - many interruptions
to - New men came into camp. V. P. 800 men.
Worked on going all night. Very heavy fog,
looks like rain.

27th - Several blackouts last night. Chicken
came in from the top in scuffling about
morning. Sinking of sleep! Wonder if Bob
Fennimore immediately stepped again. Little
green for. Phys. of deceased in review. Claim
app. 500 left in range formation. Review. We
are to be moved to B. 2nd. Col. Cook will not
leave. (Brief letter) 3. Landing made beyond
this one again last night - none. Have been
re-classified again A-E. 7 badge on R. breast.
New camp rather being more - D wonder?
Winter pulled another foot out on coffee deal.
Claim someone else in last night? Disrupted.
Injured / Scrupful major? Surge like a...
wonderful! Have city need for it. Bounding
the sphere of camp and various...
come with. Roger for sale!

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3875 - I had sent me 1000 (total) in 1945 from
Longfellow. Cannot find out about Bob but
understand Watson still here & hope he may
have been able to do something. Am making
winter pouch for papers - for a case!
More trucks in of men. Continuous in cities
from 11/4:30 am. 2 truckloads (app. 100) nurses
came to camp but went back to town.
May be something to help nurses. Our trucks
going in to Camp tomorrow. John. expects me
he is tired of waiting, we will not be moved
top coming here, no planes today. How very
poor - huge stoves today! Am I hungry.
29th - Black out all last night. Lots of movement
on road - Rainy - no planes.

30th - Planes over today around 11:45 am.
Rad engine being overhauled by V. & J. L.
Told by J. there is 40% perpetual blackout.
They are auctioning their things off to the
japs. Claim they must keep their japs
small!! They are expecting to go back to
J. soon - (would be too soon for me) Red
Kreger & Don Robbins are to clear way. Red
and here cup of grains for my paper - very
kind. Machine gun firing last week, but
nothing came of it. Last officer told us
they are only in here for overhaul & will be
pulled out shortly. More people going E. John
belonging. Cab. app. 1/3 of former population.

Jan. 1st 1945 - Spent Jan 1st Day the 3rd in
 this immense valley - & altogether, who
 would have thought a year ago we would
 still be here - impossible! - Have few
 in any real excitement now. Guess they
 are moving in their own good time &
 will be here when they arrive - possible.
 Wonder how my Bambina saw the new
 year in - & with whom? Also how
 & finally are doing. Does Rose have a
 garden? If our food is any good,
 I feel for them. Rice (6 spoons) & being veg.
 & watery consisted to start it with. Had
 the big boys over again today. Seems they
 come over only once around 11 A.M. Could
 feel the concussion of bombs here. These
 are 2 required jobs & presumably from
 Jayce. 3 of the tanks rushed out at 4:30
 p.m. - led by a heavy howitzer etc. East.
 Incredible - ?? Only news - Germans have
 been stopped & face being cut off.
 Jan. 2nd Excellent jump engine down &
 got started 10:30. Chow is fine. - 2
 times today, 1/2 mess kit rice & greens for
 dinner. Can think of nothing but food.
 Went to smoking at 4 p.m. feel now &
 was given one by Victor. Troops going
 East again today. Big boys over again
 low blood bombs for many minutes.
 Have lost 2 lbs lost 30 days.

Trying new looking on box tonight. That
 about laundry + business deals to pass time
 Trading is about fair - nips out of smoke +
 sent get more - tough!

Jan 4th - Quite a bit of activity last night
 today. Saw + P 335 1:30 - finished writing
 going like hell - to westward. Nips having
 big sale of their things - even Boston
 bags. They put special guard over me so
 see I wouldn't look at all people who
 came. Am furthering my power struggle
 w/ 9th's boys for tonight.

Jan. 6th - A very active day. Navy planes
 have been over continuously and I do
 mean over. Started morning by shooting
 down 3 nips - 2 of them in sight - a
 lovely sight. A jet airfield hit several
 times today - and with heavy stuff.
 One man (Hall) injured. I shot thru belt
 by accidental (?) bullet over camp. Had to
 have fusion. Perhaps the camp will
 leave not to group + gawk at the side
 injured person was alone laying in
 the bunk; bullet came thru roof.
 Studiests all wonder - can they be hit?
 I'd love we all hope so - its been 00 58

long. It keeps up several days it begins
 to hope myself. The trip corpses were
 brought in around 1 p.m. & they scoured
 caps & remains. It appeared as if we
 were also stripping roads. Had two cig's
 all day today & am suffering from a
 nicotine fit. Have had no news since
 they cut the wires in camp & so yet
 Jim hasn't tried my P. supply down!
 Jan 15 - at Seven minutes to 12 o'clock
 Major Reed, Capt. Hibbs & King were
 called over to Jap. Hq. & told we were
 no longer Prisoners of War - we were
 considered free - as long as we stayed
 inside the fence. They do not consider
 themselves responsible for our welfare
 now - altho they say they have left us
 food for 30 days. Will give us nothing
 in waiting and are cleaning the
 camp out. Are trying to get enough
 fuel for Japs & may even get in
 small diesel generators in camp.
 Have been loading planes steadily
 all day - they want + want, (they
 want) Bamboo, how long will it
 be together?

This is a severe time - really between
the 3 + 4.

Later:- Had quite a time getting out
of fence to pump house at 5 p.m. Felt a
bit queasyish; however guards say + left
main gate leaving me all alone. Desire
very strong to walk out in street! All
tanks pulled out 5:30 p.m. after first noisy
bolegos for what was left of chow. Offered
to take patrol across street to salvage
anything possible but the power that
he desire to be "cautious" + will

"see tomorrow" - of all the shenanigans
crap!! All kinds of plane activity.
Wonder if Manila in some circumstances?
If so + I was there - I'd be home tonight.
Have decided to run pump in diff.
will try to get out soon tomorrow. Am
have put Red Cross + "U.S." made of
shirts on ground. Hope to have news
tonight. Rumor about San Jose - ?

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Jan 12th Have been very busy for the past several days, moving supplies over to this side. Pump broke down again yesterday + we broke our necks getting it repaired. We now have regular news coming in. One trip is in on Hosp. of conversation!! I have been given authority to arrange for fruit + sugar - also tobacco. Nothing in as yet. Very quiet in air port today much artillery at night.

Jan 14th Today makes a week we have been abandoned (?) A new trip outfit has moved in - apparently for a while since they have set up 'camps' for cooking etc. Not so good on the look outfit - they stop + search all Filipinos + apparently will not set anyone near camp. This spoils arrangements made to deliver fruit + tobacco - however we set thru my stuff yesterday and segregated it into two packs - one a must. Very heavy action overhead this a.m. Cabernation - down in still burning.

We are getting regular news by radio now -
Yanks are in Maloenig. If they will only
continue so we can at least get out of the
place. Am trying not to worry about
B. & the family and how they are coming
through this time. Feel it will get worse
where can she be -? Have felt that about
in prep of a relief when he wants it, and so
am a sort of Captain now. The usual frustration
of getting back under new regulations. People
are finding it hard to change over it seems.
We are getting plenty of chow now - all
kinds of meat - with the usual waste.
Human nature is that way I guess.
Sat. 20th - Very sleepy today - and full
of gas. Intermittent "thundering" off to
the N.W. Radio says MCA seems to
be slowing down - despite no is.
-? - Taken flower over camp, just
a pert. pert's - observation jobs flew over
for 1/2 hr - dropped nose but Jap on
guard got it - down! We have had the
out. of war sent to us by the Cal.
We also are not allowed to work to
our places!!

Large fire last night - Cuts. or Fuses?
 appears the Japs are burning their
 supplies. Am worried about Bib. being
 in Bogaid, which am told is one
 armed camp. Strange how I hope
 Bib is with them, somehow I feel he
 will arrange to take care of them?

Sunday. 2:45. It's been a rather quiet
 week altho there's a good bit of noise
 as I write them. Blowing to the South
 & planes overhead, going some direct.
 Good deal of activity last night & I slept
 thru it all. App. 50 Japs, including some
 & gelled their way into camp. Goodly amt.
 of artillery went East & 2/3 kms. of solid Filip
 refugees. Don't much care for their artillery
 to the E. of us. feel they would have no com-
 punction of shooting right into us. Our
 boys have been giving us the eye several
 times, directly over camp. but no results
 or no planes for miles - so far. They're
 more important things. The so far in camp
 but shown clear true colours again each
 to have had used in to gather vegetables for
 them. was at all play which to get out of helping
 them & they're already "harmed" two of
 of our carts used to haul wood & produce
 with those carts would get out

From a test news, we are beginning to get some information around Clark F. They don't seem to be pushing it, but then their activity is indicative.

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Feb. 2nd I am writing this from a cot in the Evacuation Hosp. Lincoln, N.C. — and am still muddled in my reactions. Night before last I had just listened in to the radio + 'had come back to the bakery' — bumped into Don Robbins + was going to slip him the news that we had taken J. F. + 'another' town a few hrs. E. when — out-bog. In pitch dark the general started creaking + belching + grunting + banging. In the middle of this a voice yelled out — 'Americans!! — ??' One of the boys, ascert from where I had thrown myself in the 'P', which they yelled — 'It down to the gate, + out of camp — With a million things in my mind — scared to death naturally — of what to do — what to label etc. etc.'

Did manage to grab my Japanese
 musette bag & some shoes & stowed out
 with the mob. Went straight across the
 North rice paddies - shooting & sacking
 going on all around. Stops: - Platacos,
 Balocain. Matas ng Cahoy & Sibol.
 The guerrillas were highly commenda-
 and using carabao carts for the litter
 cases which were pitiful looking to
 cross filapils, having their open wounds
 joined. One man who has his rectum
 protruding from his abdomen (due to
 dysentery) found his intestines lying
 out - but he got well! Figuring 2
 years of bakya wearing had really toughened
 my feet was surprised to find them
 cut & blistered from walking - did
 app. 50 kms & then had to take to a
 cart. Filipinos on the way gave us
 every cooperation - Needless to say
 tickled when army ambulances come
 to transport us to evacuation center
 at Lumbra. Cheers from our troops
 along the way - then throwing us real

American regarded as a general outcome
 almost moved me to tears. One Filipino
 shock we passed while everything had
 the American flag flying (this so in's
 behind the Jap lines) — and I did
 have wet eyes. Arrived Trinita, feet
 in patient pyjamas (what a fit!) +
 so felt absolutely dead tired. Had to
 take a blue blanket to get some sleep. Up
 this morn. to have a breakfast of hot water
 cereal + coffee — real coffee — had 4 cups.
 Tried making arrangements. I decided
 to avoid being shipped out directly (this
 is the rumor). Want to get to Manila
 first + see about Mom + Bombing — have
 been told this may be possible —
 please God it may be so — and that they
 are slight for news coming from there
 isn't good at all — People starving.

G.I.'s have sent orders to move —
 where — ? We're expecting to be
 sent to some base next day or so.
 — " — corporals in this ward are
 peevish — nothing but service
 — how diff from O'Donnell.

highly minor personnel, etc. have
taken. Believed prisoners to the front
Cagayan - somehow don't believe this
to have met. Went to Ellen, Samie & Doc
Kelly. Everyone saying will be rescued
& be sent back to the States & Hong Kong.
M.A. says you see anything they way.
As I will this they are bringing me
wounded - a Filipinero who found a
Jap grenade & wanted to know what the
stray was for - Gun of General Douglas
& chest wounds - The medical care is
beyond words - men with women's touch.

Feb. 14. We have been moved to
the 270th Repl. Bn at Malasiquie Png.
& are living in tents. G.I.s & Officers have
been separated & while civilians are
supposed to be over on the other side
a few are housed with us. Did not
wake any time - got to Dagonpon
- almost destroyed - & looked over the
prisoners at Calascao, but didn't
see any I recognized. Found some
water for the camp which left
needed badly following day 67.

went back to Cabanatuan to get
my stuff - Found camp had been
strapped by guerrillas + Filipinos - the
place a complete wreck. Town of Cab
burned to ground + his mulling
rings laying around. Bought
back the uniforms for all scouts. The
army had changed in quite a few
respects. Day following took tent from
here to San Fernando where the civilians
from St. Louis are supposed to be
+ want us to Manila finding some
in tent of a state. Wife was sheltered
the north section of city having their
home on South side of Paris. Got to
St. Louis found mother, Anne, Don
Milton + Miss - almost tried to
find how emaciated mother was - 93 lbs.
Everybody starved - all this summer
while shells were falling in the place.
got mom + the family some extra cloth
by feeling work. Have put in to stay
had till we can all go back together.
The mom wants to stay - The singles
must get back. Am afraid though
I had get orders to go on so they

flycatcher 'house' back. Rose & Carl
are still in the territory - no news
of Bebelst since last year when she
was going to Boykin to stay - ? If so,
God knows when we can again be together.
Drew \$5000 + gave it to them + will
arrange for more soon so able. Am
afraid if I don't go with these offers
I may be returned to duty with would
be possible considering anything for
dial Sunday for my saddle + am
freeing all things to go back together.
I have been assumed things will be
okay - but one knows how it goes.
Will try to get down again anyway
- surely must find my Benjamin
Feb. 18. Received letter from Rose
Bit in Boston. Rose & Carl etc.
Relieved but want to be back
with them.

4/21/45 - Def sailing on Monday
Wed. — Bon Voyage

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