

and paratroopers landed same day. 7) Hiding above clouds and occasionally near great white cloud banks, resting outside window; sometimes clouds (illegible) and scattered, other times, solid floor of white. 8) Occasional planes near. 9) Big air strip and dead cities on Mindoro. 10) Winding highways and rivers. 11) Pale bluish cloudy sky above us. 12) A bit cool at 8,000. 13) 1,000 ships in bay at Leyte air strip. 14) Many-many airplanes of all models. 15) Swamps, dust and mud from air strip to here. 16) Negroes here. 17) Many-many-arms. 17) Shower from barrels filled by hand. 18) Washing canteen here. 19) Going home on 20th on (illegible) liner Monterey. 19) Red headed drummer for companion. See---ashore at Seebes from distance (illegible). 20) Ceeb men so fat they are not easily recognized. 21) Physical exam; showing ea man has lost from 1/2 to 1 inch (illegible). 22) Buy can beer for 50 centavos.

Feb. 20 martes--12 noon-- 1) Now its "going home on 22nd". 2) Went to G-1 yesterday, futile, lots of mad, hitch-hiking. 3) Tried to go to Meires last night, M.P.s extremely cooperative, show too crowded to see, review of Irving Berlin here tonight. 4) Guerrilla sleeps next to me. Q.M. (Old man Col Wright, he worked for Col Murray (?). Zaulales M.S. Negritos, a blood brother to 25 hill folk, ate sel. (illegible), wild plegon and chicken, monkey dog, roots, web cat, ate python, longest 12 ft, saw black cobra 18 ft long. Many parachutes dropped (illegible) on Jan., one para failed to open, too late to get to help at landing, but Yanks met no opposition at Subic Bay. Elmer Young an 8-ball there, another 8-ball capt had head chopped off and (illegible) to Nips. A T/Sgt secret super (illegible) G-2er in Manila. One Spainard with party to Mindote was ratted on and killed in 24 hours. (illegible) man escaped from Death March by floppin over low bank wall and lying dogge from 9 A.M. to midnight. Raining now. Recruits from U.S. name, theyre "Pre-Pearl Harbor Fathers and 18 yr olders. Lots of beer, candy, cookies, hot cakes, fried eggs etc. Harry and Sadler out late last nite. Harry not around today. Coco cola in mess base, dark and muggy after rain.

Feb. 21 Nuercoles--noon-- 1) Irving Berlin last night, Alex Reg Time Band. Oh how I hate to get up in the morning, Easter Parade, (1993 from Smiles and Then Yours, (illegible) 1918). Song for the "finale" soldier, song for boys in Italy, (what'll we do with all the commissions?), God Bless America. AA (illegible) practice while Berlin was on stage, he joked it off, trucks sounded like planes. Projector shorted, no (illegible) "This Is The Army" showing here, also Hellzapoppin. 2) 8 pkcs cigs and 2 cigars, yesterday, I swapped for 15 cigars.

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Feb. 6, Tues. American chow came in at 4 A.M. for us, while waiting (about 7:30 A.M.), I sat on inverted rust eaten wash pan and caught 40 winks, dead tired. Corn beef stew, cereal, with much jam, hard tack, box of crackers, lemonade powder, 10 cig pkg., box of sugar, after breakfast I went to work in ward, per Yankers orders, but they were hiring Filipinos, I strafed 2 cans peanuts and one can cheese, and Charley Sigler strafed $\frac{1}{2}$ case, other boys strafed plenty, (they crowded in). We medics moved. I napped, lunch at 2 o'clock. Moved out in afternoon and eve, seriously ill to Sta Tomas (where Fil medics were in chg; their ambulances helped. Reason to Sta Tomas. An old man, grey haired, grey faced, emaciated, touples out crushed, dying. Yank doctors from Lt. Col. down and Yank soldiers helped. Woman tried to swipe my state-side brew. Two truck loads of mattresses loaded late by few men nearly finished my store of physical energy, bedded down that night after a wandering thru deserted streets with power lines dragging in streets (power off), no lights, threw off mattresses outside near radio of C.P., Yank helped in with mattress and baggage, (we got 5 man ration for Yanks and ate in dark) lock blue heaven from. Kennedy and I was out till 7 A.M.

Feb. 7, Wed. McArthur came in with staff at 10 A.M. Brought in wounded, cleaned up selves and mess in squadroom, water not potable and later turned off at latrine, bath with water carried by Fil boys, rumors of going to Clark and flying to Cebu, news men and newsreel photographers, rolling kitchens (3) in this afternoon. We eat from own mess gang tonight and from Yanks tomorrow. 4,000 Nips in Tutraires area being shelled and bombed and strafed out today. Making peanut brittle, cig issue.

Feb. 8, Tuesday--11:30 A.M. The Yanks coming in (135th, 145th, 148th, 147th, (57th Div. Ohio and Miss) are as full of rumors and varied and exaggerated opinions as we have been. One man said 25,000 to 30,000 men on each transport from Bougainville to Lingayen. We are going to fly home! fly to Leytel; upped a grade Dec. 7, 41 and upped another each succeeding Dec 7, etc, etc! Report has Sta Tomas was shelled and burst into flames at about 3 to 4 P.M. again; they were evacuating while flames lit up sky; Gay and Frisby say they were overthere. 4,000 Nips in Tutraires pounded for hours prior to 3 A.M. snoche with 155s (short and long "Jobs"), 105s, 240s. In return Nips dropped over some kind of shell that burst within our compounds as well as elsewhere. We ex-prisoners got in on left over chow of late eating units snoche, peach cobbler, chocolate pudding, peas, beans, dehydrated shoe string potatoes, stew, butter, hot chocolate and roots. Sullivan, civilian, hitch-hiked from San Carlos (where Cabatuan enlisted men and civilians have been); got here at 4 P.M. Ayer, mooched chow here last night, told story of Cab;--fourteen Nip guards left Jan 7; tank outfit took over; Americans fed themselves raid Japs storage houses getting 600 cases of canned milk and other Red Cross chow, 70 (illegible), 700 sacks of corn; Sullivan gained 25 lbs from Jan 7 until Jan 30 when all Nip guards left and Yank tanks came in; old man Rose slept in and was found following morn sitting on latrine. Hands been and 20 others in Sanbago dungeons. Surprisingly heavy lighting this A.M. supposedly between Malato and Las Peñas; from 12 to 20 planes flights scaring over, our AAS being emplaced and taking practice bursts; Nips still in Tutraires, A Co of 147 lost 9 men ayer and snoche, 5 at one time, 4 another, from Nip mortars,

last show from our mess, kang last nite, with full pack of logs and box matches; with corn beef hash, dried peaches stewed; rolling kitchens, Phil. Civil Affairs Union P-Coop, fed us this morning; light ration, either because of lack of supplies due to poor bridges, or because of our acute invalidism--sereal, milk, 2 strips bacon, 4 biscuits, 1/2 cup coffee, rain about 2 to 4 A.M. this morn, caught supper in east compound last night. All (illegible) in west compound. Our men slowly recovering from jackal mooching and cushing and whinning. Few men getting outside on streets. Capt. Ayers' edulia bad. Look section boys on raspage this morn due to excitement and having strafed their medicine, peisams and your colic last nite. R.B.Clark has been riding high on dope.

Feb. 8, 3:15 P.M.--Sta Towns was hit ayer pero shell fell very close. Air full of dive bombers and P-38s etc all day. Mips (surprising me) have been shooting at them with 1 pounders or something quite frequently from scattered points. 10 graves, last on Feb 2, day before mechanized cavalry cruised down Quezon. A 3 star and 2 2 stars etc, came this A.M. the 3 star was Krueger. News-reel men and correspondents in camp heard chief story was Lt. Hutchinson (not Hutchins). U.S. Engrs., and his box bench radio, I got my name in the pictures. They didn't feed us this noon, but we ganged the infantry guard unit (half the compound) and got corned beef, (illegible) spuds, string beans, succotash, light bread and jam.

Feb. 10, Sabado-Neise Notes--1. Genr'l Casey (2star), another 2 star and a 1 star in camp yesterday. 2. Fil. Maj Capt., out with MacArthur, back with P-case, 14 year Pil boy shot in leg on Escalta, touringcast. 3. Lack of show and cooking facilities. 4. All water off. 5. Visiting and noting back and fro Sta Towns, Chas Sigler and wife. 6. Heavy bombardment last 2 days and nights Tutra-aires Pasay, some 81's, could see them. 7. Rent of heavy sick to Quezon. 8. P-cau Staff sergeant from Solinas. 9. P-cau Tech Sgt from Chicago and wife in L.A. 10. All P-cau strong (illegible) independence. 11. Coconut yesterday and rice every meal. 12. Allpassenger bridges out. 13. (illegible). 14. 6 psydeos to Tarlac yesterday. 15. We are leaving today for Pangasean. 16. P-38s and I-61s all arrived and many more planes. 17. Re-classification.

Feb. 12, Downing 7 p--Arrived here at "coconut grove", beyond San Carlos near Iagupau, 7 PWs from gulf, 15 PWs from Iinesayan, at 3:30 A.M. this morning, leaving Bilibrd 1:30 P.M. yesterday and stopping at Rau (Camp Old Pilar from 4 to 9:30), (show, most medic from U.C. who had been at Ieyte; 6 Nip prisoners); show here on arrival--pineapple, bread, butter, coffee, cookies, show at Pilar--stew, fruit salad, hard tack, iced chocolate; driver of our truck--Ober, 112 W 12th Ave., L.A., 22 yrs old, 4 yrs service, regular, father one time game official, Calif; all Yanks waved to us and wished us "God Speed"; all (illegible); about 50 Chevy trucks, 12 to truck, recovery smooth, fast, very very dusty. 2. Request Duzalap here. 3. Talked to 3 ex. 57th scouts and 145th, also 124th; saw a scout Staff Sergeant wearing civilian old trousers, curt and business like issuing orders, over 57th scouts (illegible), taller than average darker, slender, rather savage face, heard gone into dungeon of Ft. Santiago with 45 guerrillas from 3 to 4 weeks ago, and released 6 American prisoners, among them Handshaw, took them to butipolo, same scout, captured in Tutraires long time ago, wearing 2 (illegible) pistols, went to work next day dumping garbage in Pasig, done in afternoon and escaped (prisoner 1 day only), (illegible) out 3 bamboo strips beating him on back; they are now engaged in hunting pro-Nip files on black list. 3. Water boys picking up laundry; pieces--shirt or pants; 15¢, sock 2¢, etc. 4. Jackson and Gibbs last of Cabau medics to leave here, left this morning with last group of 60; they all flew from Dagupato to Ieyte on large transport planes

to Cahu, to await us (). 5. Fighting in hills west of Dau. (2 American companies badly strafed their; fighting in (illegible), (illegible), Teabela, Cagayan and Tayabas. 6. Planes frequently taking off from landing at nearby field. 7. Beautiful spot here, coco grove, Napa and Saccail in (illegible) below our level here. 8. Natives doing all work. 9. Issue of 3 pkcs cig. our choice brand today, plus choice of blades, shaving cream, soap, then 3 sticks gum and 3 choc. bars, 3 boxes matches; also 2 R.C. ditty bags to 2 men--playing cards, d. bag, shoe shine cloth, housewife, pocket strory book, tablet, envelopes, pk cig. life savers. 10. Breakfast this morning--scrambled eggs, (from powder), bread, butter, jam, coffee, 3 skinless wieners. 11. Supper--sauerkraut, pork, mashed potatoes, applesauce, bread, butter, coffee. 12. Negritos from Leyte and (illegible), accompanying our army here attending dance in barrie, I was refused dance, backed to wall, sprayed crowd with carbine, wounding 3 women. 13. Tents hot with sun beating down. 14. Navy will come in after cure. 15. British to Australia. 16. Magazines and newspapers at Bilibed and here: Okla paper, N.Y. Times, Time, Post, Liberty, Cosmopolitan, Readers Digest, Blue Book, True Detective, Life. 17. Talk of advancements (?) in grade. 18. Swell treatment here, some indignation. (a) 24th Field Hoop at Pilar, (b) this is 327th Replacement Co.--were casuals, (c) base hoop near. 19. Many (several hundred) Nip planes caught on ground from San Fernando to Dau.

Feb. 13. Whites & p--Beer and show last night, Irene Dunne in "Theodora Goes Wild". Issued clothes ayer; 3 shirts, 3 slacks, belt, bks bag, 1 suit fatigues, 3 socks, shoes, cap, towel, 3 undershirts, 3 undershorts, 4 handkerchiefs. "Processing" today. Beer and show quite. Chow very good and plenty. New canteen cup, mess kit, knife, fork, spoon, canteen cover, helmet. Many have indignation. G2 has my papers?

Feb. 16 Ulaimea--Regular issue cigarettes, 1 ox choc. bars, gum, matches and choice of toilet articles. One thing no good, this new army's small cylinder of tooth powder, unpleasant taste. Still royal chow, variety, hot cakes this morn. Signed temp. serv. record and form 20 ayer. First 85 left esta manana maybe 7 go tomorrow. Saw 1st Lt. Jas. O. Johnson, G2, 6th Army Hq esta Calaaie Manaha. 3 shows so far; Theodora Goes Wild, Irene Dunne, Intersiezzo, and This Is The Army; a band concert, beer almost every nite, payday ayer, poker (illegible). Film ask high prices; Cigars, 50¢ and 1.20; boloco, P25, (illegible) 5¢ but he asked 10¢. Amer turn fuselage in practice search light last night. Coffee at 9 or 9:30 at night. Big bunch coming here from states via south, from 2,000 to 6,000. Adding weight.

Feb. 17 Sabado--2:30. 79(?) Army left this morn. 99 Navy and Marines left this morn. Very hot these days. Starting to get fat. All remainder moved into Rows A&B. Winding up processing. Reading matter galore, not much gambling. 16 ---paid.

Feb. 18 Here. Left Lanagayan on C-47 (40 of us), at 7:45 arrived here about 11:15 (at Airport), then came to 4th Regl. Depot, found Gibbs, Paelsson and 56 patients, Cabanatuan. About 80 of us on 2 transport planes. 1) C-47 Sgt. stripped to shorts, cooking huge amount of fried bacon, the crew of 4 eating bacon, rolls, jam, butter, cooking over alcohol spirit lamps. 2) Had planned on 4,000 ft. but rose to 8,000 to avoid clouds. 3) On riding from Lingayen, a river, 2 great estuaries, 2 or 3 sloughs; checkerboard of fields, then nets. 4) Plane head 10 then west to China Sea, 30 to southern end Neinales, then E and E by Sto Taclebau and airport 10 miles So of Taclebau. 5) Took a last look at Bataan. 6) Corregidor quiet today; the Navy was seen shelling it, our 16th