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5 SCARBILL

7 特殊技能  
Specialized work

8 家族現住所  
Address of family

427 Mexico Camp, Manila

9 摘要  
Remarks

10. REASON FOR LEAVING THE ARMY

11. FINANCIAL STANDING Rich. 1000-1000. Rich

12. FAMILY

① FATHER Age

PRESENT OCCUPATION

② MOTHER Age

PRESENT OCCUPATION

③ WIFE Age

PRESENT OCCUPATION

④ CHILDREN BOYS GIRLS

13. SICKNESS, IF ANY Dysentery

Barber  
Wilson  
Guthrie  
Kavanaugh

March 12, 1945

Fava Jansen - Rangoon lost -  
Australia to be invaded

A patient in surgery last night  
with hand grenade wound in leg -  
he had been sleeping - Faps 1-7<sup>th</sup>

Ann Kayan's father - 29. Pagu  
where as the

Filipino nurse organized

Four steps to be made

10, million men in Russia

Roll along with Joy + a USO staff  
after pipe - Marungs cut off - boat burning

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Col.  
McNair

Wed. June 30 - Rabiu (Sgt) Lt. Saucedo about came  
 to outfit today, coming from Bilid with detachment & a  
 case from Rock via Bilid. Rabiu had full dress uni-  
 formed some grey, blouse, healthy appearance. Teller of  
 (a) first month after capitulation, heavy work, soldiers  
 of army of invasion, soldier Tony W. Major at Bat-  
 tlemside, where detachment had been entering very well,  
 spoke to a assembled gang, asked if they wished to follow  
 him in break to Betand: appearance: Major, heat up  
 good cheer taken away. Barricade erected (b) - show on  
 peak: plain succeed more and more, nice work some at  
 night (c) Rabiu pd 23 pesos (d) Saucedo at Bilid (e) Gage  
 at Padua (f) Nichols field & Paray very tough fight  
 American prisoners; threaten to shoot (g) Very good cheer  
 at Sign (h) had access to rabiu on Rock, State-side  
 - some: (1) Lumber mill, dismantled, 7 cities wasted, down  
 (2) base by bombs (3) Italy's 3 islands capitulated  
 (4) Road from Serbia to China operating (5) Rumania suing  
 for peace (6) Big Hard Battle was in the Pacific  
 (7) Concentration of fleet & troops in So. Pacific  
 (8) US Pacific fleet in So. Pac. 30% larger than formerly  
 (9) Br. Royal fleet coming in, heavy rapid up west coast  
 (10) Amer. flyers out recon, mission over Italy spotted  
 3 Italian battleships and 1 cruiser lying low in  
 an out of way port; sunk them (11) More heavy strong  
 position in No. New Guinea & most probably bases in  
 Cebu & No. Borneo, indicating bases are Phil. soon  
 (12) Japs in China crying for help, saying "The Chinese  
 that used to fight against us in pitched battles & have now  
 have paraded rifles  
 Japs blew up bridge 1 1/2 km. west of here after leaving  
 substituted new bridge. good many Japs moving



July 5) Monday - No payday yet # story is: no payday  
 any more except for Officers & Medics  
 after 2 or 3 days sunshin it started drizzling rain  
 at 8 p.m. last night, kept up continuously until first  
 minutes ago # it was 12:40 p.m. # said about 2 1/2  
 miles, maybe more to come - my scotches on my coat  
 were today, now taking nicotinic acid, some aspirin  
 -> Rumors: (1) Chines pushing flags back  
 down Yangtze River to where they were 4 years ago  
 (2) 7 British divisions coming down Yangtze  
 (3) "All-Beer Takeover down south" (4) Japs  
 coming to Manila from Celebes for me (5) 10,000  
 trucks daily over new road north of Burma

-> got load of ~~new~~ Readers Digest for Oct '41:  
 new features (1) cartoons from New Yorker & (2) "Internat  
 ional People" from American Magazine # good time of story  
 by Agnes Mackay Crawford -> set down at  
 has moved 2 bldgs (old 27 & 28) down to open area  
 # still 30 to go, carrying wood, small tools  
 every day - Francis again my best yesterday,  
 advised partial bridges - good many loads #  
 Cavers, Gumbars, etc # Potopy still has rum

July 6) Tuesday - 6<sup>00</sup> p.m. - no payday yet # practically  
 steady rain since into before last  
 Rumors: (1) All-Beer Takeover in South (2) 21 pronged  
 operations, 500,000 men, 400 ships, with magazines (3) 100 ships  
 lost in capturing Sumatra (4) We have all Solomons,  
 Jap says we lost twice as many ships (5) Confirmation (6)  
 on Yangtze - Boat # 9, detained to leave on 1st #  
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July 7 Friday - Another burial today, - death yester  
 # Browning, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 yrs old # acetone; pronounced  
 mastoiditis, meningitis - r. Machi, blood +  
 mucus, very ill several days better now -  
 Rumors (1) Naval battle in South, Allies win  
 (2) Russians capture full german corps in  
 central sector, 1100 tanks (3) 8 transports  
 in bay, night loading, looks like Jap rationaries  
 + household goods (4) Japs know friend  
 (5) 88 Jap planes above the quines, no fighter  
 plane escort 57 shot down (6) 5000 man detail,  
 all dynamite, history, light blond, released out, is  
 going to Davao (?) # Scott + Gray head the detail  
 (7) Japs will take out all able bodied, rest to  
 be sent to neutral country, to be cared for there  
 cloudy this morn - Cebu had sun  
 for some time, pouring, large - took down  
 car on road off rail, baby - gets dropped off  
 Baybay was on 7<sup>th</sup> - well dithered  
 a fair bit (?) - misty - fog comes  
 is thicker away than last year - fog comes  
 whenever it is still hanging on - shower  
 approaching from west - more gardens  
 today 4<sup>th</sup>



Quercus, the pine  
1943, and also

It was again warm on 14th at ~~the~~ same time when I had  
been assigned as S2, near Wheeler + other duties coming  
from the center of PA, to Kings, PA, Stationery -  
then by Carl Hurler at 12:00 in a discussion assignment &  
relations to troop duty at 11:00 in a discussion.

Extracted  
AC/Manning







do being seen do with before that used to develop a  
 -concern of vulnerability while holding up arms  
 power # numbers: (1) Italy surrendered yesterday  
 (2) Germany collapsing (3) thousands of wayans  
 (4) detail to base (Wou) (5) 100 more to go (6) 3 camp  
 some (7) a telephone #3 marched by backward line  
 left into (8) see "your arms" "used army" out being  
 (9) King & his personal to move to other side to get  
 in (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20)  
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10/11

10/10 Sunday - 8:30 = Overcast sky, clearing, apparently  
 - orchestra put on a semi-classical program last night  
 # excellent # long party, applause for most pieces #  
 less applause of Chuck Rollin's vocal recital  
 passed notes + excerpts lyrics, ruffling "I'll see you Sunday"  
 # principal pieces - Violin: Etude in C Sharp Minor,  
 Saariaho: Schubert's Serenade; Arch: Blue Danube,  
 Rhapsody in Blue, Funiculi from Morphius; Marshall,  
 You Alone (Phouler); two guitars "Two Gustos";  
 Marshall (Saxophone for Urali); no brasses - ? #  
 after one of first compositions "Japs as per Japs" "Marie".  
 # perhaps the many officers contributed heavily to applause  
 but E.M. another place # "Morphius" aroused  
 reciprocal criticism, ended "Rhapsody" in 40 min #  
 a tower building of some sort up to east camp  
 lit up, gave striking to beams of a "friendly evil  
 yard" (Ch. Chinese creation), watching, brooding  
 and grooving under a lampooning sky (thereafter,  
 looked at long, dark, faint SE, riding low, hovering,  
 obscuring the moon, dark for a dim meditation  
 of Japs, long, slow # S. Havelle: "In piece, orchestra  
 playing classical: Japs as Japs" # Biographies  
 of musicians - the Japs, Brahms, Beethoven + Bach;  
 Wagner (Vi-guns), Schubert (Schubert), Mozart, etc.  
 anybody should be involved over it, such as  
 Schubert + Strauss! " - Morning scene to top  
 of rehearsal - bldg - Japs detail (called off) causing  
 high expression over them + details - all the  
 players + musicians are "beautifying" their balcony  
 platform this evening - (all = Eddie Kautz, Bill  
 Parker + Bill Lundquist)

10/11 Mon - 7:30a - rain at 1:30p, yells; at 7:30pm =  
 heavy drizzle, dark but yells. 1st tank slow  
 forward, rear wheel on heavy commissary last night,  
 many bananas (after a full view yells), sugar + other  
 things, more on a perspective Sat. (1) Water's  
 surface brown in up (2) Ketch "wash house" about 100  
 yards (3) Chapel - rounded (4) Utility criticized to  
 be moved on 20th, etc. → rd guard + web men  
 moved into #20 factor, → cloudy, mist over night  
 → Carolan always, scrubbed before slaughter #  
 not scrubbed in heat but swept out # 21 (at 5:30am)  
 washed a tall blade, → shining in hot water

10/12 Wed - 6 pm - many pictures last night - (1) News reel: Jap  
 + German sailors + soldiers fraternizing (Jap vessel  
 → German port?], an American, there says, growing  
 propaganda with: "that proves the Allied blockade  
 is not so good"; (2) two cyclones (2) Jap gymnastics,  
 extremely fine, parallel bars, horse, side horse, aerial  
 ring, horizontal bar (poor photography) (3) Top-eye  
 (4) West dish in "Paradise" (Alaska) + (horizontal, condenser  
 of periscope memories, Jap + the Jap, saw to the  
 shellman's lap + once that are in sally, missing)  
 → show area fence off new, we saw picture from  
 "back street" → Jap detail, 30 men this am, 30 this aft,  
 excused hard to move medical stores + road → perimeter  
 fence moving east + Jap → Hecker's made Wed. in  
 position this morn, searching for mattresses, +  
 carrying order, no 19 or 20 m mattresses →  
 building fence today behind 17 → reported chet  
 stop to be reduced to 30 off coast 150 E.M. →  
 show tonight → full moon (at night from  
 7 pm to 6 a.m. → very clear hot day  
 12 new P2 flag on top, carotilla exercise Japs are guarding  
 + riding again last night → there said active

10/15/74 Thurs - 7:45 AM. 1st page in good condition. 2nd page  
 flaps put in pocket & have 2 pages last night.  
 "Surrender" by Steve Smith. 1st page, not covered.  
 2nd page, has return note a success. 3rd page, 4th page  
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10/17 Sunday 12:30 p — variety show (ad int = 0) — "The Be-Be-Be-Be"  
 featuring "Key" at the drums (Key has long German, Polish or  
 Russian name) (2) the show sky, sticks, Eddie W. Carter, Lytle Hughes  
 & ? (3) the "Mystery - Politics" (4) "Scream S. + S." (5) "Cassidy man"  
 (6) Hawk Pule + his lyrics, good singing  
 (7) Champion, navy, "my cutter" — working birds into = stick  
 the moon was high yet the moon was a part of "dinner, flocks of sheep"  
 covered the sky # by 8:30 a. m. the sky was clear blue +  
 had # today is red, with towers & piles of white, thick  
 clouds all black # no rain for 3 days — foggy over  
 tower on other side of flag pole — Fil flag, red flying today  
 — many more flowers, colors across path from wood + field:  
 canes = light blood red; fur west - dark blood red; zinnias +  
 reds = pink; zinnias = yellow; ? - light purple  
 younger = asterisk # Van Horn - asterisk # black = "mimic"  
 Wolf # = 61, 100, lay for killed, dramatic school # "Maggie" =  
 "his camp is alright", but — "Hudson Sol"  
 officers papers, morning, fiction — "Spider" serial made  
 in paper = # — "Gumbert" Tony, 03 baron — "Shelby"  
 banded on commission + used as name — man in  
 moonlight becoming black silhouette tape

10/19 July — yesterday, Street? — "Gag AD, because possibly  
 just caught in stream, dragged to death" # "Last note, Bacon"  
 "dog, sailor, swimming, diving, struck old judge or bridge  
 that the safe had destroyed at start of war"; killed, pure  
 box brought out — no flag, flying, poster —  
 Ruines — (1) Signal bath (2) "By the Lewis" — "Loren"  
 got letter from wife: "German civil surrendered Oct 14,  
 fifty 5 days ago" (3) Laurel + bet — "Lewis" told  
 of having + shipping to hold over Marco Castle, west to  
 So Africa instead — fog started to roll in  
 this a.m., sun caught it # — Venus morning star of

10/19 (Continued) - + 40° # Lumber explained why  
we were not out + pm star # I remember AC  
at 14 Starberg, Dec 41, about 11 pm, looking y trains  
over Marinduque. Hartman at Malabon yesterday  
saw me to be in support with my men, in a  
rough, peculiar way - detail of 13 leaving this am  
for group #2

10/20 Wed - 7 am - Heavy fog # I went to usual  
last into at 2:30, walking directly into fog bank  
spreading (Fuscipora) - a detail to go out over  
this am to locate bodies of men executed last  
year June '41 + robbery with economy  
"Movie Stars" - mostly officers + mechanics  
+ guards (100 Americans) with to Malabon in  
6 trenches yesterday - staff had agreement =  
7.5 for 1000 lbs of high school paper - very hot these  
days - 5 days no rain # Trip by 4 people from  
sinking clouds yesterday - camp watch  
wells finished yesterday - orchid, practicing on  
Ray Beyer show tonight, played "Beauty & the Beast"  
all night - everyone humming it - average  
of "Thriller" magazines being issued to take up  
Bargh whipped me again last night - finished  
jungle bath + Suca skins, by MC General  
see Dec 31 Nat. Geographic for trade wind effects  
on Columbus' voyage

10/21 Thurs - 4 p - 100 man detail from Bilal # Manning,  
withins, it is - no grass on 7 days # Sunday  
instead - granddaddy did not go to find executed  
pair - received strong on 20 Nov, 1941  
Carton from Burma + capture of islands  
18 Palau - wood detail, stop, group, heavy work  
(over)

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Wolves tonight #400 prop (3) - bananas out welfare  
 run - Shiving in Detachment crossing fence  
 Freya must identify dog house - Amochies must  
 to group #2 today, 7 uppers + 13 men # 9(?) more came  
 by bus exchanged 7 medals Miller's whistle +  
 horse caught

10/73 Sat 7:30a - Cloudy, slight showers last  
 nite, clearing now - McCork, suicidal unit from  
 #10, escaped at first call this am, while on to train  
 run, left shoes + scribbles near corner of room -  
 "fine detail" 60 men read off at special  
 lounge 2pm by order: Kennedy, Bessom, Snyder,  
 Clanton, Guth, Pitt, Leonard, Dutton, Haddock,  
 all WACs, Lussignat, Kestechi, Sullivan, et al  
 - little sea then coming back - all details  
 shot to hell from men leaving + reassignments,  
 building volley ball court - Trip Brown Thrus  
 - nite, skin flap, in action, very poor light, poor  
 continuity, scarcity of scenes, attack, monstrous  
 - Thermobert Stone sat on data trust watched McCork  
 - gather fence - Ho came from Rabbit Thrus  
 first noticeable NE trade Thrus # threatening, yellow #  
 NE breeze today

10/74 Sun - 7:45a - New Yashima day - great to do  
 about escaped McCork # generally believed to have gone  
 thru fence, under "haboo" of guard tower # 2  
 fence detachment registers for unit, search #  
 similar searches groups 142 # 400 hearing down  
 now = work must be carried, 7 to 7, thorough bumps  
 + check by officers # work must be always carried  
 ministerial show last nite = Super foot car rigger, ex-  
 69th Cavalry - cloudy very blaring, clay nite, rain  
 4-10-74 - "famous" ulnar yester



10/31 - Sun - Saw variety show last night not so good #  
 the Soravia finished his "rats reading" # Suzal gave  
 reading of the English canals # block for busch's  
 of Magrib + repetition of jazz dancing # 4 piece orchestra  
 began with Key on keyboard - 11:00 AM found 7 rats  
 after noon on farm under straw in corner over  
 20 meters # moved same evening - 50 FM tracks  
 + several species leaving today "for farm" # were  
 to go out - many patches of dirt, combing  
 wards: 17 + 15 cleared out # 170 to 18 # 20721 per  
 morning - mostly until 2 a.m. fog & clouds  
 by 6:00 AM sun # Venus nearly 4 times as bright  
 as it is last night 2:30 at 45° at 6:30  
 fog is now melting the melt - numbers 1100, 5000, 10000  
 Pop, Lewis, Lee, Walker (Chas), Robinson, Kowalski  
 Nordt + Schwartz to change jobs - greenery, coffee  
 for strong - Stockland writing to Corvino # meeting the  
 SAC # 1st again (fruit of Tony's)

11/1 Mon - 5:15 - 49 671 + 7 officers to farm "yet"  
 scattered heavy showers last night # drizzle  
 rain all day # rats hidden by shifting mist  
 + rain - pay day # many many tracks  
 many new in 20421 - dry fence farther  
 down # 13 not dry now - by road to # 15  
 "Holly" an "honey" wagon - they say the  
 rest of outcamp tracks have not seen  
 Lewis - currently a road sign way in rear  
 over numbers

11/2 Tues - 11:45 - cloudy, sees shower - ramps up gear  
 today @ 204 in g. stamp + soap - hammer to crib back of  
 1306, (thereby worn - old Ham Martin, #00, notes of San Mateo  
 + some of 49 rats got here Dec. 5, 1941)



10/14) Thus Noon - Trench activity, last into  
announced heavy downpour last night, 9 to 10/30  
Pm, wind, lightning & thunder, then cessation,  
clearing by dawn, sunrise clear hot view,  
hate has obscured & caution, fleecy white clouds  
like blowing large bubbles through sea  
formed by thumb + index - like, fresh, Red at  
had chopping wood for exercise # staff office from  
other going down days - they bladed Patrick  
when Charlie made him help carry commissary  
barrels - Duffin, O'Keefe & Phillips regarding  
commercial cable - old Man Melian, Melian,  
son of sailor, started in early 40s, he's team  
with English, had acquired German fort  
penetration to US, but fascist - started out of  
sawdust from wood shed, tales of oil handling, 1000  
7000 in room, wood sawdust, wood to be  
box out, took fire, 70 dollar gold piece, 1000  
my - oil outleaves in #4, he helped load  
of canisters (sawdust) - weak group and green  
paths, one taken, & one smoking, which took out  
wind to waist, down to the parish, well sweet,  
cracking, philosophically, court easy, white  
of clouds, blueness of sky, pale light from yellow  
field, darker green of others, tried not to  
like state, red trees, (over sliver) small (2) #4  
Caribbean, colorful groups - arrival of  
men in #15 - from down in under that  
last into

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set back ~ 300 yds, and out houses ~ numerous stacks  
 of corn rising from old stumps ~ double guard  
 post ~ clustered tufts of bamboo clumped east  
 of area ~ the 2 lts. on 10B asking for sleeping quarters  
 last night, my here here ~ reported back from 10B, 10C  
 10 officers on 10B taking their turns at guard ~  
 Schwartz relaxing ~ Delany point #11 for fire  
 this morn ~ beautiful white cloud formations  
 in light, repeat blues by the east of back mts ~  
 Southern inspection by Beckler river ~ the  
 rough looking northern Idahoan river on 10B, "first  
 best hotel". "ask for nothing but for 500 guns of the  
 cutlery". "not a corner unit toilet in here for  
 gun". ~ all unexpected rain at midnight, great  
 weather care (Berger's trees, computer, a bar-b-que)  
 11/2 Mon - 12:45 p ~ mixed cloud sunshine ~ AA says  
 (muddy mtn) came wrapped in Flaco Economic &  
 chronic newspaper of Jan 6, 1941 (meeting of state legs,  
 invasion of by land & sea, police program ~  
 & of great detail to Co. headquarters, loading detail  
 ~ the special remark: (1) heard speech, do  
 not be alarmed by possible thunder of cannon, around  
 twice, at night, to our land batteries, down, and  
 cannon flat out to sea. (2) the missiles coming,  
 like in a bay, is "barbaric & atrocious" ~  
 gang cutting grass today down into fence by  
 latines & ~ 1st held special economy yard to  
 naval flag & regular 5th March "Imperial Rescript"  
 today, fly raising ~ ~ had a touch of  
 dengue fever = slight fever chills

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