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to harass the troops I shall begin immediately after this meal. Before you leave the hall, see me and complete a form I have the Japs desire. Thank you." The speech created a laugh and thereby got me off to favorable start with the 102d Div. I feel that today I have re-

ceived proof of the loyalty of the officers of this division to me. First, Frandsen told me this afternoon that they were glad I had been designated the CO. But that is not what was important. It is the fact that the officers are willing to share of their own

portion with me any food they have. Just after lunch, Mc Gee came in and forced me to take half a bag of boiled peanuts he had obtained in the PX. While walking by the quarters Lt. H.E. Miller gave me an egg, insisting that I take it as he didn't want and was afraid it might be rotten. This meant considerably because H.E. has felt that I have had a grudge against him for the time he took my jeep the day the war ended. I have since then been trying to get the idea out of his head and now I know that I have succeeded. Then at supper there was an extra plate on the table with a small portion of meat. Several lieuts. were going to split it between them but wouldn't until I had taken all the meat on it. And then Father Kennedy took me to his quarters tonight

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for a share of beef steak with onions and coffee that he and Graves, Miller, Cook, Nelson and Baldwin had obtained at the market. So I really had a full meal today. Almost forgot, the Wilsons had another disagreement this morning over Al's loudness at reveille.

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August 8 - Saturday.  
Rum<sup>19</sup> today that the Japs intend to pay us with  
in a week. Mc Gee had I went to the market to  
day and bought some more meat and found a couple  
of mangoes. The fruit was delicious, satisfying  
a much needed want. Frandsen made a pot  
roast of the meat, we ate part of it in the  
afternoon and the rest after supper. It  
was a masterpiece. Miller's monkey was finally  
caught today, it has been a nuisance  
around the camp getting into the quarters during  
the meal hours and tearing things up. The  
pay off was when Jocko got into a box of George  
cart<sup>19</sup>artie pills. Then everyone was afraid he  
would get into the quarters and make a real  
mess of things. We chased him for an hour or  
more on top of our quarters but couldn't catch  
him. But finally Bradshaw reached him and all  
sighed a breath of relief. I seem to have  
built<sup>19</sup> up somewhat of a reputation during the  
war here in Mindanao. Three people I was intro-  
duced to today stated that they had heard a lot  
of me at the front. This has happened so  
often since we have been concentrated that I  
could almost be excused for getting a feeling  
of <sup>19</sup>potance.

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August 9 - Sunday.  
Went<sup>19</sup> to mass in the club. Father O'keefe was  
the priest. The only ones present were McGee  
Richardson, Baldwin, Ennis, Miller and myself.  
This is not the regular camp mass but one for  
our group only. At about nine o'clock, we had  
to fall in for a check by Jap orders. As soon  
as <sup>19</sup> were assembled, Col. Valley came by and  
told me to report to the Jap headquarters. A  
Jap driving by in a car had directed him to  
have all company commanders report to the Jap  
office near GPY. On the way up I had a chuckle  
to myself. As I was passing through GPY, I  
noticed Sharp sitting in front of his quarters  
and Mixson and Carruthers in front of the GPY  
Headquarters. As I approached the Jap office  
I observed out of the corner of my eye the in-  
terest I was arousing. It was obvious they  
were wondering what I was up to. They seemed  
to <sup>19</sup> be squirming for fear I would get  
them in wrong with the Japs. That is an obses-  
sion with Sharp. No one must approach the Japs  
except Mixson. And here before their eyes was  
one officer who could stand on his own feet  
heading direct for the Japs. Finally Carruther  
can<sup>19</sup> dashing out to me, wanting to know where  
I was going. I told him. Then Mixson had to  
know. He was much upset that this order had  
been given without his authority. I thoroughly  
enjoyed the situation. At last I saw the Jap

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Commander. This was the situation. During the night a Filipino had escaped. The Japs wanted to impress the Company commanders that they were considered responsible that no men escape and that if any should escape then the company commanders would have to be punished. In Lane The Japs punished Col Vesey and two other Americans by bayonetting them to death. The question has been discussed for some time in camp whether because of such an order an individual is morally obligated to remain in camp to avoid possible punishment to other persons in the camp. It is a question of ethics. I settled it for my company when I returned from the Jap office. I announced that no one had any obligation to remain in the camp just because the Japs might kill me in retaliation. This caused quite a flurry. An officer told me that very few officers would have dared to commit themselves as I had. Gen Vachon was present at my announcement and I know he wouldn't have from a purely self-interested attitude. And Sharp has implied actually the opposite point of view. However I know that I am right and I have learned in this war that character is the most important factor in an officer. But I am no fool. If it should appear that the Japs would decide to take my life, they will have to catch me. And I am no babe in this country. Played volley ball with Col. Chastaine's group.

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We lost both games. I didn't particularly enjoy the game because of Leschuk. We were short one man to make a full team. Instead of accepting this, Leschuk kept worrying about getting another player and thus affected his playing and that of others. I kept trying to tell him to forget it and play the game. The first game we were well ahead but Leschuk's fussing caused its loss. Then he practically quit. After the game as we were walking home, he started griping so I gave him and the others a lecture on sportsmanship. Winning the game is not all important. Instead it is doing your best. If you start a game under odds, accept the set up and play as though you had all the advantages. Never leave a game letting the opponents think you are a bunch of poor sports. Leschuk retorted that he played to win. I told him that if it was that serious with him he shouldn't play. I hope my talk does some good. The radio reports an attack is underway in the Solomon Islands by part of our navy. This may be the push at last. Personally I think the war will be over by Dec. Details of the battle are not available yet. Hope they show the Nips what we can do. Burgess got a fried chicken and some potatoes at the market, so we had another feast at McGee's on chicken and fried potatoes. Feel like I have been well taken care of the last couple of nights.

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August 10 Mon. THOMAS JEFFERSON—BORN 1743  
 Went to work for two and one half hours this  
 morning cutting grass in accordance with  
 Chastaine's idea of supervised activity. En-  
 joyed it. It doesn't do any one any harm to  
 get out and work in the sun each day. I  
 am arranging to have our officers work in our  
 own area so we can improve our own surrounding.  
 The general idea has been approved. Gave Byrd  
 a list of the officers in our group that must  
 be transferred to get them into one group that  
 will work three mornings each week. On the morn-  
 ings we don't work I will continue the 2nd Lt's  
 school. We are all sweating out the news on  
 the Solomon attack. Had a scare that we were  
 going to lose our radios. Col. Talley sent over  
 an order that use of the radios must be dis-  
 continued. Then about an hour later, he came  
 over and rescinded the order. Smells like Gen  
 Sharp had another one of his nightmares.  
 News is still vague on the Solomon's though I  
 am confident we will have a favorable final  
 report. There will many casualties I believe  
 because this type of operations, landings,  
 which we must fight, is bound to cause con-  
 siderable losses. I think the US will soon be  
 in to face its largest casualty reports since  
 the Civil War. announced in the mess hall th  
 the club is now in operation with the lights on  
 for the benefit of all members of the company.  
 This had an immediate effect on the 102d Dev.

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Many were on hand early, including Col. Morse  
 and stayed till closing. Forgot to mention  
 yesterday that Col's Mx Dalton, Killen and I  
 called on Morse and Vachon a courtesy call.  
 Col. Morse was most cordial. But I am sorry  
 that I can't say the same for Vachon. He re-  
 sents very much his displacement far from a  
 place of having his finger in things. But be-  
 fore I left I believe I put him in a more re-  
 ceptive mood. Instead of transferring the offic-  
 ers as I requested, Byrd rearranged the entire  
 grouping so we work again tomorrow. However,  
 I will begin our own area project. I have des-  
 igned Cook, who is a graduate architect, to  
 plan our area and organize the work.

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August 11 Tues.

Started work with our group on our own paths. The remainder, local group, worked on grass cutting. I call Cook the Park Commissioner. Fixing up our own area is more interesting. I believe there is enough interest to make the area very attractive, by planting trees, ferns, etc.

Spent the afternoon reading H.G. Wells' book "Mr Britling sees it Through". The observation and philosophy of Wells is very penetrating. A discussion on marriage interested me very much. The subject came up while one of the characters was proposing to his desired wife. I quote " --

" -- You've had a lovely time. And Teddy is the dearest husband. And they have a sweet little house and a most amusing baby. And they play hockey every Sunday. And Teddy does his work. And every week is like every other week. It is just heavenly. Just always the same heavenly being. And this, you see, isn't heaven; it is earth. And they don't know it but they are getting bored. I have been watching them, and they are getting dreadfully bored. It's heart-breaking to watch, because they are almost my nearest people. Teddy used to be making perpetual jokes about the house and the baby and his work and lettuce, and now -- he's made all the possible jokes. It's only now and then he gets a fresh one. It's like spring flowers and their summer. And Betty sits about and doesn't sing.

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They want something new to happen... And there is Mr. and Mrs. Britling. They love each other much more than Mrs. Britling dreams, or Mr Britling likes for the matter of that. Once upon a time things were heavenly for them too, I suppose. Until suddenly it began to happen to them that, not being now ever happened..."

This must never happen to Ruth and me. I am one of those few men who has a wife with whom he can be completely and eternally compatible. To me, there is no attribute in any woman that is not already in Ruth, equal and beyond. Our marriage though nine years old is just beginning. It is potentially alive with excitement and adventure. It need never become boring and tiring. If it ever does it will be my own fault because Ruth more than meets me half way and will continue to do so. Of all the lessons that I have learned has taught me, the greatest is that I have never appreciated my wife as I should have and my foremost and most sincere resolution is that I shall spend the rest of my life doing my part to meet her half way that we may both receive the maximum benefits from a union with which I am so fortunately blest. Spent the evening reading and tried to make some rice candy. Burgess wanted me to try some CoCoa in it with poor results.

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Aug 12 Wednesday.  
 Worked an hour and a half in the garden this morning. Spent the time weeding with an improved hoe. Went to the market with some and obtained some meat. Upon return to our area we decided to make a stew of it. So we spent the afternoon preparing a big pot for the night. I decided to break out the quart of pure alcohol that I have been saving. Just as we assembled and had prepared a concoction of alcohol, pineapple juice, and oranges, Cole, Terkington, Lewis, and Woodbridge walked in and the evening turned into quite a party. We fought the supply problem of the war over again and I had the opportunity to set them straight on the problems we had in the South. We had a grand evening, climaxed with a perfect stew. Radio reports attack progressing favorably in the Solomons. However, no detailed reports of results available. Began again the End Lieut. school this morning. Sure enough Chastaine had Van Wostrand over to see if we were actually holding the school. He certainly trusts no one. But he will soon find that I am not accustomed to look for means to succeed. I do believe that I at least have a high standard of attention to duty.

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August 13 Thursday.  
 Organized the work in our area this morning. It progressed very satisfactorily. One group under Wohler, worked on the volley ball court, another, under Tuggle worked on the rear line of quarters, and the remainder, under Cook, on the front line. Directly after the noon meal 01 49 Chastaine assembled all officers and laid down the law. The following schedule must be followed daily except Saturday, Sundays and Holidays:  
 6:30-7:00 Reveille  
 6:40-8:00 Calisthenics  
 7:00 Breakfast  
 7:30-8:00 Police of quarters  
 8:00-9:00 All Physical activity as gardening  
 9:00-11:30 Study  
 11:30-2:00 On your own.  
 2:00-4:00 Study  
 4:40 Athletics.  
 Chastaine started off explaining that the orders were by direction of the Japs. His attitude was well taken until he launched off into a sermon directed against certain unnamed members of the camp. I knew at once that he was wrong approach. And sure enough considerable comment has been going around camp this afternoon. After he had explained the orders and why he should have sat down. Very hard rains this afternoon. The rains are back on their daily schedule.

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PATRIOTS' DAY (MASS, ME.)

Fred Roth came by tonight at the club and gave us a ~~in~~ talk on Archeology in the P.I. It was interesting though Fred is not a particularly good talker. The news of the Colson affair is good. We certainly hope this is the beginning of the end of the Nips. At least I hope this is sufficient force to enable us to find out just how we really can stack up against the Nips.

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August 14, Friday.

Continuing to Chastaine's talk yesterday, I spent the time between 8 and 9 working around the quarters, and the rest of the morning in study. Am going to make an honest effort next week on my study of leadership. Thought of a new approach to work in the aspects of leadership in industry. This afternoon at five, a large group assembled at Lay's to hear the news broadcast from the States. Lay has a battery set. The other sets don't work until the lights are turned on around seven-thirty. Col. Chastaine appeared in a very agitated mood during the broadcast because it was so loud. When he saw me there he cooled down considerably and explained that he was afraid the Japs might swoop down and take it up. However, he doesn't fool me. I found out later that he is already had information that the Japs intend to take up all the radios in camp. The notice was published on the bulletin board tonight that all radios must be turned in to the camp by nine tomorrow morning. Chastaine was merely taking advantage to impress his authority on the liuets. Our group has created considerable envy in this camp because I have held them so well together despite all obstacles and, just as I told Chastaine the first night I came into camp, we have a bond between us that cannot be eradicated while we are in

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this camp. This evening, McGee's house made a candy of peanuts and molasses that was very rich like a caramel candy. It surpassed any candy we have purchased in this camp to date. I went to the club at nine thirty to hear the last news broadcast. Was much encouraged by the reported successes in the Solomon Islands. Lieut. Gallagher, the son of Mr. Gallagher in Zamboanga, was at McGee's this afternoon. He had a long winded story concerning his part in the Cagayan debacle. From listening to him, I personally would not want him around. I fear he is not responsible on his own. I have heard that the Japs killed Mr. Gallagher when they entered Masbo.

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August 15, Saturday.

Organized work on our area progressed very fast this morning. I worked on the back path, welding a pick. It is the kind of work that makes me feel fine afterward. I am sure to keep in good health at this rate. Chastaine came by to get an officer to handle the AC details that are working under Lieut. Gallagher. It seems that this morning Gallagher did not appear able to properly discipline the groups he was working. I gave Chastaine Lieut. Banks. He will be able to make them toe the line if anyone can.

At eleven this morning, all the company commanders were assembled by the Japs. Two more PAs escaped yesterday. The Nips were agitated. Announced that soldiers were now searching for the escapees and that when they are found they will be killed. They put out more of the blah that company commanders are responsible. That is wrong. The responsibility to keep us in this camp is purely a responsibility of the Nips. Turned in the radios this morning. We will be at the mercy of Filipinob rumors from now on. At about five this afternoon we were startled by the sound of rifle fire, on the edge of camp. On investigating we found the Nips executing two of the escapees who had been captured. It was most barbaric. The victims were tied to post with their hands behind them. The firing squad stood off about 100 feet. A group of

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Officers were assembled as spectators. I heard they were the officers of the regiment from which the victims had escaped. At the command of the Jap officer the squad started firing and continued firing at the victims as long as they made any movement. They must have fired at least fifty rounds. The marksmanship was terrible, when it was determined that the men were dead, they were cut from the post and buried on the spot by a PA detail that the Japs had present. His action is contrary to the rules of land warfare and I expected that Sharp would make a protest to the Japs. But I have learned through Father Kennedy that Sharp has washed his hands on the grounds that Texas is responsible and not him. Kennedy was quite upset about the whole affair and wants to lodge some sort of protest of his own. The action of Sharp is a disgrace. He can not relieve himself of his responsibility easily. The point is that he lacks a backbone. I wish that a West Pointer was here in his place. I don't expect that a protest would stop the action of the Nips but it would certainly put us on record that we are aware that the rules of land warfare have been violated. But the old general is thinking only of his own skin.

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August 16, Sunday.  
Went to mass this morning in the club. Carruthers came in looking for the officer in our group who turned in to the Japs north of Kaban on the 12th or 13th of May. We determined it to be Shultz. The Japs wish to return to him some personal property that was taken from him the day in question, Shultz is to report to Cpy tomorrow at 2:00PM. to meet the Japs. This is more evidence to back up my original contention that the Nips intend to treat us with respect. Had a discussion with Carruthers re the failure of Sharp to make a protest in regard to the executions yesterday. I think I sent Carruthers home with his tail between his legs as I took him to task for excusing Sharp on the grounds that the Japs had previously warned the camp. This may be true but at the time of the warning there was no protest made then either. I think that after we get out of here, Sharp is going to have plenty of explaining to do for many of his actions in Mindanao. Read an E. Phillips Oppenheim novel, "The Pawn Court", this evening. It was very light and enjoyable. Burgess tried to make some peanut brittle candy that would be like that made the other night at MGee's but he wasn't so successful as the boiled molasses turned to sugar. Today the Battle of Bennington Bay, reminded me of the day in summer camp, 13 yrs ago. Weather was very similar to a day back home this date.

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August 17 Monday  
Quiet day. This afternoon, Col Talley told me that the Japs announced in conference that the Generals and Colonels are probably going to Manila soon. At the time he told me I was waiting at Col Chastaine's quarters to speak to him about my responsibilities with the mess company. He was in conference with Father Kennedy. Later the padre told me about it. It seems that someone reported to Gen. Sharp, the remark that Father Kennedy made the other afternoon at Coy relative to the executions. He had made the remark that "if no protest is made, it is an act that cries to the high heavens for vengeance." He believes that Halway-Cook to be the one who quoted him. But it didn't faze the padre. He stood on his feet before Chastaine and told him what he thought. Chastaine tried to tell him that as an officer he shouldn't criticize the higher headquarters. However Kennedy informed him that whenever any thing went against the norm of morality then he was first a clergyman and second an officer. Chastaine really learned he was up against someone who does know his ethics. Chastaine finally backed down with the advice for the padre to be more careful of the people with whom he ventured his opinions.

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August 18 Tuesday.  
While working around the area between the hours of eight and nine, Bridges came around and made a definite effort to be friendly to me. I couldn't understand this as he has not exhibited such attention since the night I backed him and Wood to the wall on the policies being pursued with the Japs. Then this afternoon he came up while I was at McGee's and informed us that the Generals and colonels are going and have been ordered to be ready to leave on a minutes notice. And also that Nelson is to be in command. Then I found out the reasons for his friendliness. He wanted me to advise Melac not to disrupt the setup at CPV. That is the last thing I would tell Nelson. I went down after supper to see the General and find out if I could just what is to be the set up. He didn't know. But McGee found out that Melac is to be in command and he is the senior line officer present in the camp. But that Sharp is going to designate Robinson as the liaison officer to work with the Japs. I told Nelson. He doesn't like the idea of Robinson one bit and I don't blame him. Before the war while Nelson was at Davao, Robinson put Nelson behind the eight ball with Sharp over accommodations for the General. Nelson hasn't forgotten that. I told him about Bridges and told him to take his ideas for what they were worth.

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U. S. GRANT - BORN 1822

Nelson intends to bust up CPY and I think he intends to take me over there with him if he can arrange it. However I feel his hands will be well tied by Sharp at least till the old man leaves the camp.

Over at McGees's tonight we had some scrambled eggs. Very fine.

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August 19 Wednesday

The General came by bright and early this morning and gave me a pencilled letter of commendation to be ~~xxx~~ typed up for his signature. This is the only commendation he is giving in the outfit. I personally think he is a little brutal for it but he insists he had to continually keep after the others to get the simplest things done. It wasn't quite that bad. But I am most grateful to him because this may be the only record for my activities in this war and it may be of much value later on in the service. Bridges came up this morning looking for Nelson. Thompson came in and out of the clear told me to advise Nelson to avoid Bridges. Later in the morning Nelson came in and asked me what I thought of Bridges, stating that Bridges was up to see him about the matters he had mentioned to me yesterday. I told Nelson to not commit himself to Bridges and repeated what Thompson had said. Then Nelson told me that General Sharp had informed him this morning that ~~xxxx~~ he was to take over the camp. But that Robinson would be the liaison officer. Nelson asked me what I thought of the deal. I advised him to make no objections but to listen politely to whatever Sharp should say until the old man leaves camp. The important thing is to be sure to get the command. Then

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after Sharp leaves he can do as he pleases. If at this time he raises objections Sharp may figure a way to put someone else in the job. And that must be avoided. And furthermore I advised him to look the situation over down there before making any commitments because he may find that the setup is ok and only needs a different leadership approach. Soon after dinner, Thompson came up and told Nelson the General ordered him to move down this afternoon to the Cpy area. About half an hour later Sharp himself came up to see Nelson. He informed Nelson of how capable the Cpy staff is and that he didn't believe any changes would be necessitated. Nelson very smoothly answered he was glad to hear that there were such capable officers available but he made no further commitments. People around here seem to take it for granted that I am going to be involved in this mixup. But I really don't think so. Today was Capt Miller's birthday. There was a party at his house and I was invited. Perry was up so I took him. I believe it did Perry good to come up. There is one satisfaction I have that can not be taken from me in this war. That is that I am always invited into whatever is going on in the area. This really means a lot to me. I have very few enemies and maintain the respect of the entire camp and a group.

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August 20 Thursday

A routine day today. Did our hours work on the area this morning. Spent most of the day working on the bridge card for Thompson. This has been a trial to me but I had promised it to him so I have to get it out before he leaves for Manila. In view of the change of command McGee feels different about our plans. He now thinks that Nelson should know everything. I agree. Ross Miller obtained 40 ears of fresh corn and roasted it all in his quarters after supper. As usual I proved that I like fresh corn. I have become very much interested in the Jesuit code of liberal education. I begin to understand why Father Kennedy is so obviously a learned man. The system that he was subjected to insisted on developing an intellect before specialization. That system believed that early education should be formative rather than informative. I am taking some notes which I have found most illuminating.

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August 21 Friday PHILIP AND ST. JAMES  
 Just before the noon meal all officers were assembled in the mess hall to listen to Gen. Sharp bid farewell. He made a speech which was hypocritical as such a speech could be. Then he called on Gen Vachon, Col Dalton, Mourse, Wilson, and Chastaine to speak. They were about as bad. The whole affair was ridiculous and a sorry affair. No officer took the opportunity to say goodbye for the officers remaining. Sharp read off the order appointing the staff to function after he leaves. He has tied Nelson's hands by appointing on the Cpy staff a personal from the Cpy Staff, principally with Robinson as liaison officer. Lewis is to be the officer in charge of the American camp. I received a surprise as I was designated as assistant to Lewis. This must have been a hard nut for Sharp to do.

Anyone thirty this afternoon the staff had a meeting with Nelson. There was nothing unusual. Nelson is not doing anything until Sharp leaves. Was talking with Latimer at the Post Exchange later this afternoon. He commented on the noon formation. Thought it was disgraceful. This brought up the subject of leadership. There is no doubt in my mind that Burns certainly started me on the right path. I am certainly indebted to him.

Accidentally picked up a writing of Burgess in which he had written a characterization of

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Here  
 Here is what he had to say about me.  
 "Lt. Col. is a good natured Irishman from Vermont. He graduated from West Point about 1931. He is a pleasant personality, a good Catholic with a glib tongue and considerable of a leader. He has been AG of the force and during the later days has been CoS. Everybody respects and likes Maguire." It is strange to read such notes concerning yourself.

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August 22 - Saturday.

They say that I did much work today with the gang. Roy Gregory dropped over and we sat in my quarters from eight to nine-thirty talking over the war. It soon came around to Sharp. His latest is the informing of Nelson that Robinson would live with him after the departure of the rank. That is certainly the limit. I wonder if Nelson will put up with. He probably will because he lacks force. Vachon noted that soon after the war began and tried to straighten Nelson out. He very pointedly told Nelson his faults at Kibawe one day the later part of January. I remember that Nelson was sheepish about but he should have taken advantage of the advice. But I fear he does not have it in him. Most of the afternoon was spent in reading "Queer Judson" by Joseph C. Lincoln. While I was in high school I remember reading some of his works but I don't believe I appreciated his characterizations and humor as much as I do now. Mc Gee and I went to the PX to get out meat but there was no meat. There were very few vendors present. This is due to the fact that the Nips have divided the exchanges and most of the vendors go to the PA side. and with good money getting scarce in the American camp there was not much activity. However, later in the afternoon Maj. Trainine brought up a couple of kilos that had come in later on. He knew we wanted some. So Burgess and I began

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the preparations for the Saturday night special. We prepared a beef stew. As usual it was a success. Guess I drank a little too much coffee because I couldn't get to sleep after taps. I became involved in a thinking spree. Wish I had taken notes of my thoughts. Mostly I was considering the problem of education and the approach I should follow with Mollie and Billie. I believe I must concentrate on seeing that they are physically developed as children and they learn to think and not just absorb a spattering of knowledge that they don't understand. It will be my problem to keep an interest in whatever they are studying and try to make their studies always interesting to the them. I must keep in mind that until they are ready to enter college they are in a formative period, mentally, morally and physically. And above all they must have character

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August 23 Sunday.

Had<sup>19</sup> deep discussion with Frandsen soon after breakfast with Frandsen on the attitude of the general attitude of the public with respect to science in general. He feels that a teacher of science in college is looked upon as something queer and in a much lower plane than an instructor<sup>19</sup> of literary pursuits. I disagreed with him and believe that I gave him a different slant on this problem. He is an exponent of a purely scientific type of education to the exclusion of a philosophical. He also feels that religion is an enemy of science. This attitude greatly surprised me as I have always considered him to be a tolerant broadminded individual. His developed into an interesting conversation. Some day I hope to get him and Father Kennedy involved in a discussion of the model type of education that should be given to youth. After supper<sup>19</sup> the discussion club assembled in my quarters and we discussed the need of a philosophical education prior to proceeding into a specialist type of training. From that we branched into a general discussion of leadership in the army. As was to be expected I monopolized the floor on this subject. Each time this subject comes up for a discussion I see more and more the need for completing a detailed study of this problem as a text for the development of leaders.

MAY 6

August 24 Monday

Miscellaneous day today. Mostly clouded and rainy. Spent the day writing a preface for the study of leadership. I completed it with considerable difficulty but it explains concretely my objective. Burgess had some jap cigarettes given him. He split with me. The first one I smoked just about<sup>19</sup> knocked my head off. It actually made me sixty dizzy. They compare favorably with Piedmonts, I believe though I am no connoisseur of cigarettes. Met Father Le Fleur today. He is an air corps chaplain who is tops with the men in the American camp. Attended a supper after the regular meal held by the officers who served at Zamboanga. McGee and I were invited by Dode Wilson. Sat at the round table with Wilson, Dalton, McGee and General Sharp. The general was most agreeable and pleasant. At the end of the dinner he made a little speech in which he explained his reasons for the surrender. He certainly has a good story. But he doesn't realize that it is the errors of prior to attack on Cagayan which may embarrass him some day before a congressional investigation.<sup>19</sup>

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August 25 Tuesday.  
West 19 continues to be disagreeable. Nelson spent the morning at the house jawing about every thing in general. Didn't feel so well today. Believe I have a cold coming on. Notice that some of the younger officers have named our officers like "Laguire Street". The senior officers are all set to leave but the nips are keeping them in suspense about the exact date. Gen Vachon came by and signed the letter of commendation. He thinks the letter will be of such value to us at some future date. Without doubt, it can't hurt. Sorry he is not giving Burg 19s one. Had three fried eggs and a wigger of Chicken at McGee's after supper.

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APRIL 6  
ARMY DAY

August 7 - Friday.  
Feel like I have had a busy day today though I really didn't do so much. To begin with Gen. Wachon and Coale came by early in the morning. I explained to the General the set up of the 4th Co. He is concerned to a certain extent because he is assigned administrative. The amusing part to me was that the old man actually commented that I was now the big shot and he must merely sit on the sidelines. How silly of him when you consider the real insignificance of my job. But concentrated as we are, the importance of small details is distorted. I told the Gen about the radio report last night concerning a possible trade of prisoners. About a half hour after his departure, Gen Sharp came by to ask me about it. I answered his questions politely but made no effort to extend the conversation. I announced in the mess hall my assuming command of the officers as follows:  
"Gentlemen, the officers of the 101st Div and the 102d Div are to be joined into one company to be known as the 4th Co. I have been designated as the Company commander. I will be glad to be of any assistance I can be to you. If you have any problems bring them to me. If you are not properly comfised, I will see that you so. I consider it a privelege to be the company commander to such a distinguished group of bolsheviks. Being a past master of the art of how

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