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Dec 8 - This morning has been spent not sitting but manning guns; are standing by as yesterday the Japs bombed Nichols and Clark field - we must next who know - this afternoon 8:00hr and I am enjoying our dinner and hear bombs exploding - yep they are trying to <sup>destroy</sup> ~~destroy~~ and locate the Naval base, all guns are ready but the down gun <sup>turns</sup> and <sup>go</sup> back the other way. (but one didn't seem to respond got it)

Dec 10 - This waiting and wondering when our turn will be - as north side Luzon has been attacked by land troops. 80 transports landed troops there.

Dec 11 - This afternoon 1:30 Planite is again bombed. (Carite is only 20 miles from us) - 37 planes with the big red sun) After twenty minutes they swing into us. We are standing around the plotting board watching the movement - Then there they come - Our hour is here the feeling cannot be explained as we are not afraid or nervous but a little weak in the stomach. Capt. McNAIR is yelling and we watch the motion air head. Then our 3" guns go into action but still know

bombs fall - The planes are 20,000 feet up and flying in a long column to the west over North Channel - (BUA) the last plane is waving attitude and falls - "O" Battery has hit one - boy I'm glad that's over.

Dec 12 - This morning the ceiling is 1000 ft and too low for (Plak, so I thought) - 10:00 AM they come over - Bomber first then Torpedoes - about 50 B + 40 T's - We cannot see them but from many - then three drops heard to have a look - well they were open up - but know he's other time - But one of our P's down two and run half the rest - so for so good all mother nature helped us out this time.

Dec 13 - This morning it has rained and know we expect a raid, so we all carry on; but as the dinner hour nears and everyone is eating the air raid sounds again - it never fails just at meal times. So we all rush to the C.P. to carry on and help if possible this may be our day.

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At 12:40 four flights of bombers (Heavy) start for Cavite and Nichols field but form together and head for Ft Mills. The altitude is 3700 yds - some higher. They pass between Ft Hughes and Ft Drown flying south - then they turn right head over Corregidor - this may be it - As they come in range the 3 guns open up. The four flights break up - one plain begins to loose altitude we hear one - later we find out several others fall - the Heavy bombers are very hard to put out of action on the spot.

Misc: - After bombing Cavite & Nichols field the enemy planes flew toward Corregidor. When A.A. guns at Corregidor opened up enemy planes split into two groups one leaving off over the south channel and one over the north channel and. Between area and it is believed that, and know, A.A. fire brought down one of these. The formation split as one would shot down. The altitude is 12000 ft with cloud formations interfering with the enemy air action over Harbor. Defenses during greater part of the day. The shells were correct in air and to hit not in range found to be Type No. V. as we thought the No. V.

was 2800 but think it is near to 2725. A work about the sleeping we are located in the W47 powder rooms - but there is 5' of concrete and steel - which will stand 1000 lb bombs - however being we have only 999 lb. bombs. What few eggs the enemy dropped for landed in the sea with no damage. As a rule the raids only last long enough for the enemy to get out of our way.

Dec. 14.

We expect the enemy about noon as many Obs. planes have tried to get us out - but we have not fired a shot as we want plenty of planes and not just one - P.A. what that if we fire at all planes. 11:10 24 heavy bombers appear from the north east head to Corregidor to get us out - but we hold fire and the turn south between Ft. Hughes and Drown. Another group <sup>27</sup> appear over Ft Frank but they do not fire due to orders and P.A. troubles. Not bad.

Dec 15 This marks the first week of war - as far as we have been on the low side - first the air force here is nothing. The

Japs have the run of the air. They have landed in several points and have one air base. The <sup>remainder</sup> of our air force was knocked out the first day - which is night - but we are ~~now~~ forming habits which will help. At 12:16 and 12:15 two flights of 27 came in view - one over Manila Bay and one over Manila - the altitude is 6800 yds over Manila Bay and the other one 2400 ft. over Cavite and drop their eggs. The last two days can be as - No Change.

Enemy still occupies Northern Luzon from Iloilo to Aparri. Enemy has landed near Iloilo. Iloilo Area. Enemy continues bombing attacks against our air fields. Alongago was bombed. Three enemy planes dived on Ft. Wint but she parried quickly when Ft. Wint opened fire. Enemy bombing operations were conducted at high altitudes and with much less accuracy than previous raids. Damage to air installations was very small. Enemy bombing planes have been arriving shortly after

noon each day. The type of Bombers used was identified by AA as the "MiK 2d" Heavy Bomber 48-page 51 FH30-38. Indications are that this bomber may be operating from bases in Formosa or Hainan. It was scored on two enemy transports near Iloilo by our hostiles. Our intercept or planes interfered to a great extent with enemy activities and although not impeded several enemy bombers were believed to have been brought down. Enemy land operations in Northern Luzon and Southern Luzon may be only for the purpose of establishing land bases from which their bombing planes can operate. These locations will cover ship approaches to the Philippines on the North and South. (Our Flash system is set up as follows.)



Dec 16. Another rainy morning with a very low ceiling which we do not expect the Jap navy - but about 10:05 the again appear - those we only see them once or twice as they never come down to look at us - so the rest of the day is spent in filling sand bags or clearing the place up.

Dec 17. This morning I was on duty front - 4 AM and about 1:15 AM the ship Corrigidor ran into one of the army's mines as the story goes this ship <sup>is</sup> one of the inter island ships but had about 1500 people trying to leave the Philippines to the southern islands. The captain didn't <sup>ask</sup> the Navy to let him through or to locate the channel. So he makes 2 mines but hits the third. These are new type, both contact and contact which the army was or wanted to test - yet they work. The ship went down in 1/2 minute. From figures the death ran very high. But the Japs did not come today as the shipping was very low and almost

rained & from reports the last bombing the enemy did they used 1500 lb bombs but our air force caused them to dump all eggs into the water so they failed to hit the marks. We still are wondering when they plan to drop the <sup>coal</sup> ~~load~~ on us & how they must have something <sup>big</sup> ~~big~~ grand <sup>plan</sup> in store for us. But the Jap navy on the new reef cause the gaps to stop. Our remarks how is dinner in Tohoyo on July 4.

Dec 18 - To day has been just another day for Ft Mills as nothing happen & the enemy is in North Luzon and has the extreme part <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>things</sup> ~~things~~ are the same.

Dec 19. At 1350 two split flights came in north of Ft Mills. One split off and bombed Cavite at 1400 the other split were high over our out post only trying to feel us out but we did not fire. <sup>at</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>1234</sup> ~~1234~~ Two flights were south of Corrigidor with alt. 7000 yds. 9 planes in each flight. They were in on the extreme south to east and bombed Cavite at 12:45 P.

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Dec 20- at 12:30 Several planes very high over Manila but one Palawan plane caused them to return into the clouds and we did not see any more of them.

Dec 21-

This marks our second week of war and still we are holding in North Luzon - but saying Uncle hasn't forgotten us. The only thing big attack was a few planes very high over Manila.

Dec 22

First of all 100 ~~low~~ ships reported at Lingayen Gulf of which 30 are troop ships - not so nice - but the Philippine troops used the 155's and caused the Japs to withdraw and take up landing at Alibon which is north of Lingayen Gulf. One story which you can take or leave is that the Japs captured a car full of Filipinos College ~~high~~ boys and killed the driver then raped the girls - just things of war but may cause the Nation to be hard to hold. There was one tank battle but reports were the enemy was killed with many losses.

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As to air attacks we had three alarms. The first came in north of Corregidor very high but out of range which turned out to be a B-24. The second came at 1342 which the bombed <sup>CA 3000</sup> Ben air field killing 2 and wounding 1 of which one was a U.S.P. I saw a piece of the bomb dropped in Cavite and it's the old 4.5 7000 - the steel is cast iron with very sharp edges - one piece would cut your toes to pieces. That - this war ~~is over~~ <sup>over</sup> have a few funny moments as today Capt O Toole reported to H W A H Manila that a blower was over Corregidor and after great <sup>starving</sup> ~~starving~~ <sup>into</sup> the sky we found it and it was only a large star near the moon - the first star I have seen in the day light. The third alarm was at 1434 which turned out to be one Jap plane just taking a good look at things. Main force reports they haven't a ship that will reach it.

Dec 23. This morning we find that the Japs have 100,000 troops in Northern Luzon and the battle is on - no reports today as the ant come but hope at 10. The high

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commenced at the far east proceeded  
to Corregidor so things must be  
hot. Last night another mine  
went off and this morning bubbles  
are still coming to the top so we  
have another job but get the water.  
We was in the hospital getting my  
shot for tetanus, the air alarm went  
off again we would hear the  
planes but cant see them. Again  
the bomb came the soon the plane  
went to there. From the USFFE says  
the planes are holding they were  
but the enemy had great air activity  
all day.

Dec 24. Just one more day until  
Xmas would get busy if I want to  
catch up with my Xmas shipping.  
This morning all was clear but at  
14:48 light-2 motor Bombers came  
in our direction, but they turned  
just out of range of Corregidor and  
circled over Marvalles first  
time making a dive but not  
dropping their bombs, one of our  
batteries opened fire, but all was  
shot they circled again and  
dropped one bomb which made  
a direct hit on a 17X15 French

boat which caught on fire. The  
men went for their life boats as  
the plane circled again and  
machine gunned and drops  
about 10 lb bombs on them. After  
this cleared only one life boat  
was left and it was up side  
down. The boats started picking  
up the hurt and dead like wood.  
At 1300 6-2 motor Bombers  
came down from the north  
at 14500ft and circled and  
crossed Corregidor. We open  
fire and one plane was hit  
and fell, but no bombs were  
dropped. To night all the big  
shots from Manila came to  
the rock as McArthur, Flavin  
and the President of P. I.  
The Island is full of Col and  
B. G. This after noon I took and  
I had two nurses up for dinner  
and then we all went to the  
hospital, boy the place is very  
busy more like a mad house.  
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~~Dec 25 - Yip this in Xmas and  
just~~



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- Today as a round up, heavy fighting continues in Lingayen Gulf Area. Enemy has landed reinforcements. Enemy has started landing operations at Antimonas Bay area. About 40 transports reported in Lamon Bay area. Enemy bombed Manila Bay Area killing many but 3 P-39's came along and shot down all 8 of the enemy bombers.

Dec 25 - Many times - rather nice, and one could not believe that it is War time as the sky is clear and so peaceful and bright. More troops came to Ft. Mills during the night and just wondering where we will put them. We were hoping they would not bomb us but at 1201 27-2 motor bombers came over but still out of range they did bomb one of the ships in the Manila Bay, but they did not make a hit. The ship that was hit yesterday is still burning and has not sunk yet. The morning skies looked very bad but it felt much better tonight...

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Dec 26. Today has been just another day but not very much to worry about - all we did was just work and wait - no bombing.

Dec 27<sup>28</sup> still nothing - no bombing.

Dec 28 - This morning the clouds are very low and should keep the planes off, but at 1455 - a great number of planes came from the north - and after a total of 2:40" or so many numbers of planes came a total of about 50 - God was the only one left to keep the C.P. I had to plot all the courses of the Jap bombers - This was our first air raid we did not know just what to do - about the middle of the raid we had two direct hits over us - and found out later that it was 1000 lb bombs - but did not get them - luck - but they hit our house and left nothing on but just a bed. They did give us a once over but lightly. In total we lost 5 men and about 11 hurt - but after a few hours we were back again. Our P.A. gun brought down - 13 planes.

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Dec 30 Jan 1 - The last few days  
nothing it was very clear and  
the <sup>new</sup> gaps came - on something  
is still Manila fell today  
which puts only 30 miles off  
water between us ~~the~~ and the  
japs, boy I hope that stays  
there. All the troops have been  
pushed back and guess the  
so called help is out of the  
question as we just don't know  
if they are ~~even~~ on their way  
quite the state have forgotten  
us and it's only a matter of  
time until we fall into the  
hands of the japs - I will be  
a very painful dreadful battle  
and many men will be killed.  
We got one more gap plan today -  
so far they have not used that  
thing but 96 ~~new~~ type bomber  
Seriman made -

Jan 2

The sky is still very cloudy <sup>over</sup> but  
guess the japs will come - and they  
did appear about 12:55 by diving  
out of the clouds - at 2:00 they  
cut their motors and dived past  
us, we didn't fear them and  
the bomber hit go - at about

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caught the staff - off guard.  
They dropped about 8 bombs  
weighing near 300 lbs each. We  
lost 3 men and one officer. From  
lack of things we won't last  
very long if they keep up.  
They have sent us down to  
two meals per day and very  
light - boy we all are losing  
weight and I have lost about  
140 <sup>lb</sup> which is a drop of 20 lbs -  
in 5 days - so many ~~more~~  
I wait weight a thing. And  
thing today I received the telegram  
from Natina which helped  
greatly - if I could only keep  
her from worrying - she  
is the grandest person I know  
and love her very much.  
Hope tomorrow will bring  
us good cheer as help etc -

Jan 3 - This was one day we all  
wish to forget but never can. This morning  
we prepared for the evening by making  
more sand bag placements around  
the G.P. - then at 12:55 the first gap  
formation of 9 came in sight and  
ended with a total of 34. They  
made several passes at us before  
letting their bombs go. The first



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bombs that hit came near our C.P. and stuck us up rather hard. Then on their second pass they really let us have both ends - we figure the bombs weigh near 500 lbs. each. But the thing which caused the men to go crazy was - first the lights went out - then we forgot the darks finding flash lights - the building rocked and flames came through the doors. Then on top of that someone called GAD - it was a cry of death if I have ever heard one. If you have ~~never~~ <sup>never</sup> faced death one will never know just how you can ~~react~~ react - you heart speeds up about 200 times and you try to think but can't - the more trouble I had was trying to find my gas mask - I didn't see Jap marks but had to take them back later after we found out that the bombs hit one of the C.P. tanks near the C.P. and the gas came ~~under~~ <sup>under</sup> the door. We lost 100 or so men but 4 Jap planes were shot down and they did cause plenty of trouble. Thought we were moving to the tunnel because we are afraid the C.P. want take many more bombs.

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It did feel good after we did get to bed near 2:00 P.M.

Jan - 4 -  
We all feel just a little soft now in the tunnel and as to schedule the Japs came near to noon and dropped their eggs. The altitude was 24000 - 24500 feet and don't let anyone tell you that they can't hurt their ~~man~~ man. They were after the water port and destroyed it very easily. We had no deaths. That lost 6 planes for them and our air force of 5-140 brought down 3 - . The raids last about three hours. I still have my fingers crossed that help may come.

JAN 5 - Today was another air raid which only lasted a few minutes because of the sky was clear and our AA fire is rather hot these days. They tried for the water front again as some of our boats remain. They still ~~came~~ <sup>came</sup> near 24000' ft before bombing. One of the things one will find is they make several dry runs over the island letting out a pallor for wind and direction before

Dropping the eggs.

Jan 6 -

Another air raid at 12:55 which lasted 3 1/2 hours - the total planes in air near 57. The sky was rather cloudy and they ducked into them. The total planes downed was seven. The worse thing that happen was a cave in caused by the bombs which killed 31 men. Rather bad these the 60th didn't have any death. This was one of worse raids we have had. The place was rather damaged, but not much hurt. We still can take it in more ways than one. The all tunnel worked rather badly but we still are ok.

Jan - 7 - 10 -

They didn't give us anything these days but we wonder what's up. These the days off is like Sunday on the farm - we had our first bath in one week - the food is light but enough to keep going. Calvert and I had the gold chain cut we needed it too.

Jan 11 -

This ends our 5th and starts the 6th week of war with the Japs - so far we have been on the losing end; they have taken the Philippine Islands with little trouble in a few weeks. At the present I Mills and Balacan are the only holding of our forces, but now we must fight as this is our last stand. There were several Ob planes both this morning and part of the evening. This is our third day of rest, I'd guess that tomorrow they will give us the once over. Most of the light planes have been placed at Clark field and are getting ready for a last drive. The forces in Balacan have stopped the enemy for the present. Most of my day I was spent in sleeping - the one thing we do know is help should be here soon or there will be little to hope for. Things still look very dark and there are one song. The Navy and air corps have just set down and have done nothing or very little.

Jan 12-13.

Still a very dull day as only planes that came over were Ob's and we didn't fire. The men are in very high spirits. Those we are wondering what the japs have in the hat? but it must be something good. One thing that makes us mad is the 5th Column work here on the rocks, and there is little or nothing we can do. It's here and that's all - you can't trust a person.

Jan 14-

The japs started out early this morning with the Ob's. we expect action - and it came at 12:55 about 23 planes came over at altitude 8500 yds w/e 98. The first 9 came over and one plane was hit directly and breaking out the second. On the next pass they lost 2 more planes. They dropped bombs on the first pass hitting the island but doing very little damage - those they saw still lay there on the island where they wish they still know what and where to go.

It lasted only 1 hour. This time. The troops in Britain have pushed the japs back. We have found out that the japs are using Jap women to fight.

Jan 15 - to Jan 19 -  
The last few days have only been a man to man fight. There has been plenty Ob planes but no large groups flying around. The japs lost several Ob planes from A.F. fire on about 1 Sunday. The troops in Britain are still very busy. The japs will fall back drawing the USAAF troops in but at the same time leaving a few japs in trees which fire at the officers. But as a whole the japs are japed for the ground very heavily. The Jap planes still strike the troops in day fight. As a rule the japs make most of their dives at night and the Japs strike during the day. Our troops are holding very nicely but can't keep it up. That help should be here in two weeks or else.

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This morning the 4 boats went  
out and sunk a troop ship  
off the west coast of Bataan.  
One of the boats was lost but one  
returned to report the price  
was 400 - that we didn't  
<sup>1000</sup> ~~lose~~ many. This day right  
this morning we lost the P-40  
and the Japs lost one B-24 and  
another B-24 was shot down  
by ground troops. We hear  
all kinds of help coming but  
so far it has only been seen  
in the air. I wonder if help  
we come. This war is a steam and  
burn all but the beds bug which  
is having fun eating on us. Boy  
if paper the Japs are tired of  
this war as we are. From  
the reports we find the Japs  
are treating the Philippines  
Jan 20

This day - has a few things.  
At 4:00 AM I was at the radio station  
to work several planes which did  
not arrive, but did get 2 hours  
of sleep before then. The morning  
was only the regular duty  
with two Jap planes circling  
around. But none of that nothing

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This afternoon I received the rants  
of Captain - not bad - only wish  
Nanna could be here to enjoy  
it with me - enjoy it - enjoy  
a dash of ice cream. They are  
feeding us very lightly and  
guess I have about 20 lbs. or  
more - We still haven't received  
any help - it better come  
the Japs won't wait always.

Jan 21-29

As a great many things have  
happened during little of this  
island. On the first of this period  
the Japs have still kept up the fight  
and hoisting themselves near by. One  
thing happens - 200 Japs landed on the  
south part of Bataan. They caused  
great trouble and they still have  
near 50 left there. At first they said  
that they were dug in and had been  
there about 1 month. We have done  
them a load of 15 shells and killed  
about 34 of the Japs. On one night  
the P-40's loaded up with 200 lbs  
and dropped them in the air fields  
near the Japs. I shot nearly four  
hours and got the Japs to  
one over. Another Jap plane  
one just shot down in corner.

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which was a great blow to us. We all felt sure that the States would give us the first help, but someone will give us some help. I say all these talks about fight on and you are putting up a grand battle. The boys in Batuan were shoten also and caught the Japs off guard. They made several drives but lost. Tonight made the round and all four men are in the best of spirits. After things about the Japs. First they keep getting through the lines and about only the Japs. We were a bit of speech with them in their hat and sit in trees until someone comes along then down. They speak very good English and keep many American Officers. We are now about twenty five miles from the front and can hear the 105 and the 150's. The night was very bright full moon. You give my light and sit to be home enjoying a good tux with Hanna. General and an attachment to his fan to 150 and am on 150 starting from Feb 6. Day I do hope the island giving us a little help - it should be here by now.

Jan 30 -  
This marks almost the end of this month yesterday was the end of two months of war for the 60th. Today we find only another day - one sub came in the other night from Australia with 3 AM for us which turned out to be only good for 1 gun out was 1417 stuff and only 25 rounds of that stuff - soon soon fun, but guess we can take it - This morning was very quiet - nothing - the heads say we will be back in Manila by Feb 15 - will we better or Batuan and the rocks will be here. The boys in Batuan are battling very hard and keep your fingers crossed they need it. This afternoon I was sleeping and dreaming what Hanna tonight. Been Crosby gave a program to the Philippines - shows rotten - almost the states would realize that we are fighting a war and not playing - we need help soon or else.

Jan 31 -  
This marks the end of Jan - and not much can said - we are holding on by only a narrow edge - our hopes are high and still counting on outside help to do things - soon - end of night war - some thing good in out for us should happen.

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This morning was spent on preparing the traps - but did not mean which we will have no place to go - all the way to the plain lands or to the sea. After noon I spent a few hours with Cabret watching Jess plans come in to Marika - I have only had some plans that could go over, and give them hell - I shall have plenty of desert in the high up and I'm sure that something will be done - as yet we still have had only the bad breaks. I must do some thing on an improvement of the Japanese the mountain side of the night - the result of the of the bed - I hope so. We know the Japanese are starting up large amounts of food as given. They plan to stay. I am sure I still look for help - sometimes - I am sure I will always be my duckmouth as I feel that the time will change for the better.

Feb 1-

To day marks our first month of good luck - today has only been a very little activity. The enemy late at night started a drive on the western flank, but enemy planes could not get in but did no damage.

The only thing which makes us tired is lack of sleep. I remain on duty until 2:40 and stay up several hours later just shooting the ball.

Feb 2. - Last night drive was stopped by our boys, they were ready for them. Our plans did plenty of damage and with the ground troops. This one was stopped. After the morning duty I spent the remainder in bed. I don't sleep as someone would get me up today. The Col is sending a word of welcome to each officer's wife - I do hope Hanna still is happy for him up - I'd like to see anyone more than her - I would be Hanna - someday I will pay her back for all the heart ache. I love & care. I do love her with all my heart - and I still trust in God that I heard I will carry on in this world together. I just want that it wait - his wishes to separate us - (Walter's half way over)

Feb 3 - I was planning today - but the gaps are taking up bright attacks and we are under fire. They better send help in the next two days or none at all. I guess the states are just playing around as the others do. But I know we can keep them up much longer.

Feb 3-

Last night didn't develop and much but they had us worried. This morning about 1300 we gave another air raid which developed the plan to drop a few paper but all missed the island as our guns gave him a work out - no hits - nothing until 1800 when one of our batteries made one plane start to smoke and go into the clouds. I sat on top of the hill with Calvert and we planned a trip to Lake Louise in Canada when the war is over. Also the radio was playing "I'll never smile again" which made me very homesick as Hanna did enjoy this piece very much, which brought back great thoughts. I still say I'm going back to Texas. (altre).

Feb 4-

Last night we received a large number of AA shells from the state by sub - this was the really first welcome help we can say that has arrived. This was one of the large subs and from their account there was no Japs around. This morning my first tank truck of "Quicksilver" hit me but I feel much better this afternoon. Several messages on Japs - ships in Manila, but none.

Calif reports that 61 ships from Formosa are headed south - which will put them here about two days from here. The state put out no bulletins which also that one can't believe them either. From reports of Japs prisoners, they don't want to fight, but there isn't much they can do - they are fighting only because they are ordered to. From the flight when the first letter I wrote to Hanna - I hope it gets there - well tomorrow is the 5th - I do hope we can soon hear from welcome help.

Feb 5

This day brought nothing as to something good the enemy was of little activity and not much aerial activity. Just another day and no word from home.

Feb 6-

This morning we were faced with a new problem. At 8:45 AM the enemy began to shell us from the Spanish land. First they fired at Ft Frank, Dream, Newset and then at this island. Dream was hit several times, breaking out the searchlight for good and damaging the guns. Ft Mills was hit many times.



Not until about three hours later  
 did our guns return fire - why?  
 only the great heads know. As soon  
 as the fire was returned the Japs  
 stopped. By then they had all ranges  
 reached on our places. Crossing  
 was hit but the fire was put out.  
 The engineers think the guns were  
 155 which the Japs picked up  
 as the ranges they fired from were about  
 20,000 yds. At night we can see  
 large numbers of trenches on the  
 inland moraine, toward Naie  
 which in my mind they plan  
 an attack from there by water.  
 One of the majors had a message brought  
 which killed Capt White (one of  
 the officers which came over in the  
 boat with us) and hurt 7 other  
 men. This afternoon Lt Frank  
 returned fire in about the same  
 location of the Japs guns but  
 we don't feel that it was a waste  
 of time as we feel sure they were  
 out to new position. The radio  
 made a statement that the school  
 children in the state were saving  
 their money to buy 26 aeroplanes  
 for General McArthur and  
 the first to be named "City of

Washington" - news said they got  
 too-so-guard - these death is  
 knocking at our door and they  
 are having the school children  
 to do such things - sometimes  
 wonder? - the state will be saying  
 remember McArthur's words  
 of remember the Alamo. - someone  
 better get their stuff hot and  
 plenty fast or it will be over soon.  
 Just to guess - I think the Japs will  
 try to drive from the inland  
 near Naie on Ft Mills also by  
 sea and air driving us to Bataan  
 then putting the Japs play on  
 us from there - it's only a guess  
 which I think worth shot and  
 who wait - We need planes badly  
 which the state say we don't  
 need - its too much new paper  
 talk which is playing us up  
 instead of giving us the people  
 the real truth

Feb 7

This morning about 8:45 I went out to  
 show and was almost ready to wet  
 my face when something whistled  
 over head and bang - I hit the dirt -  
 the Japs are firing again. They fired  
 all morning doing no damage but

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making it very uncomfortable for everyone - the jeeps got tired and stopped of which we returned only about 6 rounds. This was great - (As M.P. had his foot shot off - and no damage to our material. The afternoon after a dinner of rubber fish I spent it with Colbert so we just slept. To night the jeeps are trying another landing on western side of Bataan also sub cabin which may cause plenty of trouble. The states are putting out that the ~~1000~~ medevacs have landed yes they did 1 month ago - 700 - what a great help - I can't figure out why some of them get wise - Feb 8 1942

Well this morning we were all ready to meet the shelling from the enemy, but they didn't fire - We may have cause a little damage yesterday those our guns did give the shavers the one over lightly. Nothing very new - the landing was a mud mudder party which was not by our plan and stopped. This morning the navy lost one ship and 4 killed. This afternoon I found out that Paul Brown had

been so I found him and we had a long bull session - I do very good to see an old face - boy that helps greatly. Well that's all - hope they come tomorrow. Feb 9.

This was rather a day - of several things. In the morning the enemy came to the one or 4 again but nothing was hurt - we returned fire with our fingers crossed in case that we hit something. I got the tin set of our P40's brought off for the jeep & Blase but 6 jeep fighters came up. The dog fight started all over the place. But they shot down 3 jeeps and the 6th landed behind the enemy lines which was destroyed at once by our Artillery (155's) those we lost on P40 - and the plane that brought him down which I judge did hit the mountain. On the return from the front to a man something one will never forget or can write about - parts of bodies being all over dead jeeps all over. I would say about 500 and the flies were having field day. About half mile our forces were fighting the enemy hand in hand. You could hear them crying - screaming

for their lives and help. The machine gun fire was unbearable. trench mortars and principle were operating - the soldier ~~my~~ could not bring me more principle, to fill these yellow S. D.'s - life is just an end here. know one son in damn - you wonder why - all this killing because some guy back in aboves safe place is trying to reach some crazy goal - I know we are fighting - lives being taken - homes broken - minds broken - never to recover - men being thrown to the wind - Why - your answer that question - I of a few so called "big shots" could see only a small picture of war. They would not wait one minute to give us help to stop this great machine - Don't thing all just one minute ~~that~~ that the japs don't have a good army - they are plenty and want and willing to fight until death. They did I find one german officer in the group of japs killed - he was wearing the British uniform.

Feb 10 -

Sleep not much - spent the evening looking at the main land - We think we have found the japs' hide out on the main land. - I heard good news from home - if we only knew what the War Dept wants to do with us - He says say - "We are with you win or lose" - great stuff - BUCKEY'S -

Feb 11 -

Bay what a job to get up this morning to eat one piece of bread. When I get back food any kind will be just too good for me. This afternoon about 1:30 we had our air raid on about two weeks - one bomb was down in the north channel. We had 3 japs heavy bombers and 3 dive bombers. Our guns did not hit a thing and the raid ended at 2:00 PM. Our guns returned fire with the enemy batteries across the way - what damage is unknown. The enemy was active on all fronts - But at last the status find out that we are in great danger and need help - great stuff - I see we thought they would really do a few things - and now when we are most in danger. The

great fighting is on; they change  
find out we need help and  
send a great damage, ~~some~~  
some stuff - but it will have  
happened in the General - it won't  
be his fault if this thing falls  
down for putting all he has  
but there is something missing  
somewhere - to make my small  
fire in the way - but I could  
only get my shells in a few  
and put them in our place.  
I think things would be different.

Feb 12

This morning the Japs gave  
44 shells the ones over slightly -  
no damage to either guns or men.  
This evening is same - no hits, our  
12" guns fired from here - One of  
our batteries at Sataen shot down  
two planes. One thing the English  
gave up their port guns we  
are not - and still the states  
give us no help - damn it.

Feb 13

This day we should all stay in bed  
but nothing happen - no Japs - just  
beats getting answers and  
nothing very much doing.

Feb 14 - Well still not much happening  
we all are wondering when and  
when will they want us.  
I'm afraid it's soon as we have  
see four boats just out of our  
range coming near but keep  
your fingers crossed.

Feb 15 - 1864

Well prob the English gave up the  
ship at Singapore - the reason -  
was out of water - food they blow  
up their water supply but not the  
oil or guns and use this poor reason.  
This puts us in a very bad position.  
we all counted on that place holding -  
So now we expect our turn to come  
any day - nice - but it's the same  
old story the English were could  
fight and always have to have  
someone else do their dirty work.  
The Japs across the water have  
shelled us about six hours this  
each day the last three. So far  
only one man has been killed and  
no damage to material. It's a very  
funny feeling to be walking very  
nearly around the buzz buzz  
body - one shell over head - before  
you realize it your on the ground.

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 The much one can write - the Japs  
 have won all battles so far - the  
 states keep saying we'll give them  
 till in 1943 - I don't think one  
 year off - We at Bataan and  
 Ft. Mills find that 1943 is too  
 far off and the Japs will have  
 this place by then if we  
 don't receive help - All the  
 men are rather blue and a  
 greater part of our food supplies  
 are running low. Bay I don't  
 see why the great gods don't  
 snap out of it and realize a  
 few things. Here the Japs  
 are buying anything shells on Ft. Mills  
 and all they do is just sit here  
 and take it. Some Amis it would  
 be Hanna - if you should need  
 this reminder I have thought of  
 you everday and love you  
 more each moment - I guess  
 and know you are the main  
 cause it hasn't given any and  
 said hell with it all - You  
 are all I have to live and fight  
 for - I do hope it is God's  
 wish that we will remain  
 together always - but I put it in  
 God's hands.

Feb. 19th - 20th

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 The last two days have been very  
 blue ones - we fell at Ft. Mills had  
 only our faith in God at something  
 might happen to improve things.  
 The Japs from the main land push  
 one more of our ships near Ft. Mills  
 which makes it hard to get supplies  
 to them. Also the Japs blew up the  
 dam on Ft. Trapan water supply  
 so now they have to take water  
 from here to there. Only a few people  
 have been over but the shelling  
 has been very bad - I guess they  
 will keep it up for sometime if  
 until someone goes over and gets  
 a shot from here. Well today marks  
 the 20th year I was apart from  
 you and I do hope the next 28 years  
 will be spent with my very beloved  
 wife Hanna - I sit here and  
 her I feel and that life would be  
 very empty for me - I do love her  
 with all my heart, Albert and I  
 have planned to start the ranch  
 shortly after we get up on returning,  
 not to make a great amount of money  
 but to just have a very easy, lively  
 and easy life. I think we will  
 be very happy to get along with.

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Feb 21 -

This morning we had another air raid at 10:15. 16 planes came in from the west side of Bataan and came south-east toward us but turned north east in direction of Cabañon. They unloaded their incendiary bombs in that area and is very damaging to personnel as the houses are being hard to heal. This raid was made by these bombers flying at 2400 yds and glide desc. They broke up into groups of 5 three in each group. This afternoon I just rested. The Japs did not shell us today. We hear plenty of no stories but only the bad news seem to be true. Will last night President of the Philippines left on the Sub for the United States. I hope he makes it as the President not any aids and they may be able to bring him back today felt. And he may be able to make the states give us some help.

The new saying here is "We are building Baster of Bataan, No Mom, No pop No Uncle Sam"

Feb 22. Today is Sunday and the. Work birthday. The Japs from Manila give us visit 10:30 today to leave or else they will need over 300 airplanes and immediately destroy us. will only on 3. plane came

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over - but at 11:00 we did see ten barges loaded with supplies and men swimming try news on landing in the Subic Bay area - so they must be planning a new landing party. Today has been too quiet - we are wondering what will happen. Tonight I planned to attend church with the men but someone nixed the time up and no church - but I did have it in mind. Yes Hanna - I do love you very dearly and hope to see you soon - if it is Gods will - We are all ready for the worse. We hear of heavy fighting in the south and speak heavily on both sides - that plenty of Germans are coming out of there - so good and some bad.

Feb 23

Today has been just another day - we all are wondering if and what the president will tell us. Just hope it will be good. Feb 24 - Today we did hear the Japs. The Japs told their boat to exit the station out but no luck. The only word he had for us was - we are captured and nothing can be done - well I hope he is only trying to bluff the Japs - but they are know

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the states are in this world war  
and giving all they have. So far we  
are helping. The High Commissioner  
left for the states. I guess it's a  
- but only make out words of things  
or worse or what.

25th Feb -

Today not much just a few run-around.  
The Japs have pulled back and are  
digging in - it is reported that  
they are leaving and going to the  
Cavite area - many are sick and  
dying.

26th Feb -

Still just the same old thing we  
are wondering how the Japs are  
and what they are thinking.  
No air activity over here and  
little over Cebu.

Feb 27th -

This quietness is getting every one  
we can't figure out whether the  
Japs have been so still they go  
up to no good. Last night the  
Japs turned their searchlights on  
in Cavite area. The Philippines are  
running wild now and storming  
small towns - which have held  
day on cutting off Jap heads -  
not bad.

Feb 28 - This morning was spent in  
paying the men again - and by  
noon they were very busy in paying  
paper - many not believing that  
someday they might need a few  
dollars soon. The Japs are still very  
quiet and we all are wondering  
why - about 1:30 one did drop  
out of the sky over our heads  
but think the was lost as he dove  
back into the clouds. The sky was  
very low with clouds and we were  
just a little worried that something  
might happen. Calvert and I got  
most of the evening taking  
pictures of his positions for the  
Regimental History. We receive  
very little news from the states  
and they are running over each  
other about the 15 plants and shells  
from 1 sub. We hear they fired 1440  
rounds and hit 0. The Japs here  
want Gen. MacArthur to take the 14  
Corps to hold out 30 days and we  
will send them help. There is another  
naval battle in progress and  
understand that they have a lot  
- though the Japs win. This will be  
their first real test. The food is  
cut down another 20% - boys would



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and suit for just one ham sandwich.  
We just receive enough food to keep  
alive and no more - I couldn't stand  
up to a real hard day's work - sent  
Harry Mead this evening and learned  
he fell down carrying his gun to go off  
a shooting him through the leg. Now  
the guy is doing nicely, but looks  
like death is nigh. We - I hope  
tomorrow is much better and receive  
news from the states.

### March I

This is her old Sunday-day of  
rest - but not in war time - we  
all nearly think about going to  
Church. Just many can not. One  
thing we do see is no more men  
reaching the bible and beginning  
to prepare for death. So many  
no time is very short for many  
of us. We expected the Japs to  
pay us a visit but nothing  
happens - very quiet.

### March II

This morning two Jap planes  
dropped two bombs on Ft Frank.  
We got into the sea and out there;  
motors and then a glide into  
the port. The port closed at 11:15; but  
the plane had fallen into the

water. I was sitting out taking  
my sandbath and happen to see  
a large column of water rise  
between Leo and Frank. There  
were sounds of motors and the  
the bang - so that ended my  
sun bath. Then at 5:45 they  
repeated the same from the  
other side of the island of Ft  
Frank, but also missed. And  
the Capita area the Japs are  
building many roads. They  
the islands and must be planning  
an all out attack on us. There  
is another great fight in Java  
with the U.S. Navy being out  
numbered. Boyd says they  
do win. And P-40's went out  
at 6:15 and sunk 3 ships for  
the Japs in the Sulu Bay.  
One merchant ship about 12,000  
tons and two smaller ships.  
They gave the Japs the once  
over. An reconnaissance plane of  
the P-40's over spot the field  
and were receded. but from the  
three they will be able to make  
one. All pilots returned safely  
safe.

March 3rd.

This morning was very hard to get up and go on duty, but after the bath and shave - I felt better and made it. You will now realize how any soap will make us feel good - as we are out of both soap and have to use laundry soap - also the toilet paper is running low. What next - things went on fine until - 10:00 P.M. and 50 D.B type 98 light bombers made an hour over Batavia. They arched twice and headed for us, but we were ready and they returned back. They came in from the north with a wing back north east, and thought landed. 7 air groups remained up - but they had <sup>us</sup> worried. I spent the evening with Calvert talking over what we will do and how much I miss Hanna. We had two pieces of bread - and made out it with the white meat of a chicken - being a bit injurious life when short on the normal life. Tonight the Japs are up again and

The moon is very full - rather beautifully - I'd could only remember it with Hanna. I hear that our air force is going to night of nothing happen - they say your fingers crossed. The Japs battle is worse and the Japs are putting all they have into it.

March 4th

Today things look much better - we understand that our force has in Java and killing many of the Japs they have landed in three places. The air force are giving them a fight. Things here are being quite true and reports of colic has broken out on both sides. The Japs are very busy building roads and air fields in Cavite area. I sit here with only a few glances -

March 5. This morning the Jap air force of two planes bombed a boat at a T French but missed. Our A.A. guns fired but missed a mile - I told the Japs. The rest of the morning quite. Our guns fired again at the Cavite area, hope they are doing some good. Major Peterson and myself made a few rounds to the third Battalion and "C" battery also having dinner with



with them, rice and "alop". The food is getting very low or sometime. The Japs are sending more air-drops into our lines, to help eat up more of our food; also they say they are going to bring the main bomb run to us from Manila. The Java area is being bad - Japs landed 60,000 more troops and our forces are moving back. They have the air like the sea. Very little can stay tomorrow. There is a group of Japs here trying to fight while they still have more men in Europe - what a war - if they lose Java it will be their own damn fault. They had three months to send aid, and not to Europe - the next two weeks will tell our out come - which we have stopped kidding and now it's only a matter of days until the back bell out of us, in a pair.

March 6

Today - ? This morning we are all worried as to the out come of Java - and find out that they are adding but need help - now is the time for the U.S. to step out and kick the hell out of the Japs. This afternoon I laid the baby down and went

rested - Only again I made another trip back to the states and enjoyed being with Hanna - She I did not know how lucky I was being with her - I do hope she will keep the love fire burning. I wish they happy to be back with the row and hope she is well and not too worried - I know I must be hell on the people back there. This afternoon Libby fired and the reports came in later that they shot down the plane. We have so. The battle in Java - is very bloody and holding. There is a very bitter taste in our mouth when we hear they are sending more troops to Europe & why - just afraid they are given us up, so don't give a damn what becomes of us. One thing I would fight another war for anyone - one is enough for any man. The next two weeks will be the turning point.

March 7

Today in just to think here we are located in the Philippines and know where to go. - Frank and Drums gave the Japs another war out but wonder what damage - nothing of real importance happens.

March 8 - 8th

Saturday is Sunday and as a rule the Japs will give us the once over. At 8:30 the O. C. plane came over and Frank opens up and brought him down - another Photo Jap. I think they don't like it. We also hear that Java is holding and all depends on help arriving - the same old stuff they pulled on us - its just talk and trying to keep up the men's spirits. Also the Victory Convoy is told by the English papers as arriving in Australia - that Convoy has been arriving every week of the war as I said along with artillery shot 24 trucks to pieces killing a great number of Japs going into Eastern Area. The total rounds per plane now is 128 rounds.

March 9 -

Well this morning the Japs gave us a few rounds from Carle's Area. The hit we heard they are still there - but most of them went over the island into the north Channel.

This came from Carle's area which is about 10 miles away. We worried that they are using time shells. Well we know now about Java - its only hours ago now that the plane will fall. The Japs are landing in great numbers - and having no trouble. I guess that great Convoy is out, it has died out just a great as we heard it. The great H.S. is still getting out that we will have a great army - 300000 - why don't some of the damn fools get off the job and send a force into the Pacific and turn this thing - at the present its only a matter of a very short time until they take us over - its no more kidding any selves any more - the state, she forgetting us a thick - ing to much about Calif. than a few naves in Boston fighting for life. But I still trust in God and hope he wait them his back on us. - There is a little navy battle on at Lababour and guess the Japs are trying to land and destroy the two Glaves we have.

March 10 - 12 The last three days has brought us nothing but confusion and bad news as how long we will hold out.

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The states are now asking why the boys in Beaton hadn't received help - yes we wonder also - the Japs have just about ended the war in Java and now taking on New Guinea - also new activity is developing around us and are wondering if it won't be long until they take again. The number one they left the other night to take command of the force - which maybe request help for us - I think he is the only one that will pull us out of this mess - We all are counting on him and God - I think God will give him in hand in this matter - there are many reports about the treatment of the British officers which all boys are not true - We have our boys hanging and waiting - and tomorrow is another day.

March 13

Today is Friday and we are all happy our planes crossed - but not much - there was 15 planes over Beaton but none over H. M. This afternoon - the islands fire at

the Japs in the Circle area, but from here I could not make out what they were firing at. Those from here we can see that the Japs have made roads and are moving in new guns each day. Tonight the 75's opened up on a very small boat in the North Channel and destroyed it. Now knows but they think the Japs were in it. They have started their drive on the last part and pulling out our front line.

March 14

This morning the only air activity was over Beaton for about 30 minutes dropping a few bombs. About 12:30 P.M. two small Jap speed boats tried to run the north channel but failed. Our 1.55 guns opened up on them at 9000 yds. One ship was hit and the other boat laid a smoke screen around it so we could not beat it. The boats were very small and our guns were hitting very near. Now they got away. I think they were feeling our guns. They expect to have to go out and destroy them but they refused. The Japs should say they will

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Destroy H. Mills by the 20th  
of March weather period we  
have to live thru. Gts. and  
General has left the spirits  
of the men has dropped. But  
I hope the General will send  
us <sup>some</sup> aid soon. He left orders  
to hold until sent to return  
which I hope is soon. The President  
had to order him out three times  
before he would return back  
to the south. We know in Japan  
no to the ant come. If he has any  
thing to say we can expect help  
soon. So no more is Sunday and  
the Japs always trust something  
on that day - say I wish some-  
thing would help us out of this  
mess. Just a side note. About  
our mess of or food.

## Break fast.

- Coffee - no sugar - only 6 macaday ft.
  - 1 piece of dried bread.
  - 2 small pieces of bacon very small.
- Lunch -
- 1 piece of bread.
  - 1 <sup>small</sup> ~~small~~ <sup>small</sup> piece of ham with a little  
meat in it.
  - Water

Night meal or dinner.

- 1 piece of bread
- 2 pieces of mule meat (get it the  
good old mule and is rather good when  
one is hungry.)
- 1 span of corn and gravy. & rice.
- Coffee - no sugar melts water &  
just enough to color the coffee.
- For sweets - only a very small piece  
of coconut - so you cannot see  
I don't have much to eat -
- Buy my weight is down. Buy  
later and how. We know hear  
that the workers of U.S. are  
forming clubs to help give  
boulders to the Japs in Canton.
- This is rather stupid in the west  
dirt. faces not turn away to see  
something here. I don't want  
to have a buy club and last  
night and I hope it get there.
- Buy I would order a copy of my  
letter. have gotten to S.  
but give so.

Sunday 15-

The Japs didn't fail - they  
started about 7:30 AM and never  
stopped more than half an hour to  
let the guns cool. All day from  
all accounts they fired about

100 rounds at the islands. Hot trunks and Ft Drum received about 600 rounds each. The damage was great as they were using 8" & 10" shells at 4000 and 105 M.M. at Ft Hauge and Ft Mills. No lives were lost and only one marine hurt, but not bad. The H.A. guns at Ft Frank and Drum were put out of action for good. Also one battery of 15's and one 6" battery of Ft Drum was also put out of action or for good. Our guns returned but no damage to the enemy. The sky was very hazy and the sun was in the eyes of our batteries. Some one should start thinking or the Japs will take the place soon. We hear that troops landed in the south and wonder if they will try to start things. Two light boats came by near Bataan and fired but they received a warm welcome and went back to Manila. Tonight it is reported that a ship is coming near the island, now would not be nice if that was some supplies. At the present we could regain the Philippines but could not be helped.

March 16 - This morning a group of sea planes landed at Subic Bay from Japan - with several fighters. Japs moving about as to bombing very little. Only a few bombs dropped on the front line, but nothing hurt. In the afternoon I watched the Carite batteries fire at Ft Frank and Ft Hauge. The Jap batteries are well hidden so they have many vice fire causing smoke. Also we cannot see the flashes or smoke but only hear the sound. Very few of the shells go well and many find their mark. They fired from 105 M.M. to 270 C.M. shells <sup>NO BOMBING</sup> one falling into the powder ~~mine~~ and did not cause any trouble. The Japs have forgotten us and never say a word about supplies to this place.

March 17 -

This marks the 100th day of war - so far we have fought on the losing side - our forces have lost nearly all batteries and won very few. The Japs fire very few shells today and only a few at Ft Frank. I understand that most of our firing was at land

forgot. from the grape vine the  
 japs General was killed Sunday  
 (March 15) by one of our shells - But  
 I think this was only wishful  
 thinking. Was the same General  
 that was in the battle of Singapore.  
 from the English. It looks as  
 still very light - but the old  
 horse (I mean male) is suffering  
 and keeps the stomach filled out.  
 We understand that the west land  
 is ready for the japs - Why? The news  
 only tells about the japs - the 6  
 Heavy Jap Bombs, went north  
 had loaded with bombs for  
 some unknown reason - the  
 war is still very crazy.  
 March 18th -

Well today has been one of the  
 very empty days which we are  
 facing. So far all indications  
 we have been sold down the  
 river bank, stock and bonds.  
 The japs report that they (MacArthur  
 leaving) was the same thing  
 the British did before the  
 fall of the Philippines. I don't really  
 know what the result will be  
 something smells and I want  
 nice.

The japs are the only ones that  
 are putting out any information  
 and very little truth. The  
 weather today is - we will  
 have pleasant weather here but  
 Saturday - The same old  
 stuff - I wonder how long  
 the people in the states will  
 put up with that kind. The  
 so-called leaders have been  
 putting all kind of junk  
 down their throats. If they  
 place full someone should  
 be made pay dearly for  
 this - Don't let the japs  
 have been grabbing gold money  
 out in bags. They would  
 be gratified from the japs  
 and what happens - the  
 japs just walk over us  
 without any trouble.  
 great people than American.  
 The President was making  
 all kind of back water today -  
 What someone had to  
 lead the USFFE and a gray  
 question had to be made the  
 Chapman we would. This  
 attack - I wonder if they will  
 take that - I say that!



(12)  
 someone with guts take up  
 the matter and demand a  
 few things. I hope each  
 and every one of them could  
 see just how it feels to  
 be in a place like this. We  
 are counting the days - how  
 I'll never thought we would  
 see the day when U.S.F. would  
 send 10,000 men to their death -  
 and I still can't see them doing  
 it - but what other picture  
 can we expect? This morning  
 a great air battle over Bataan  
 only gave - they dropped a few  
 bombs and I saw the first  
 run of the air. A few shots were  
 fired at Trunks but not  
 many - We returned a few  
 but no damage. Trunks fired  
 at the land with 75's but  
 no damage - great stuff. About  
 3 PM four Mustangs and two  
 crumbers passed in front of  
 us going north - now now  
 if we had only a few planes they  
 would not do that. Also one  
 air craftsman flying around  
 there here and there having  
 a great time. They have

(13)  
 The air, sea and land Calvert  
 Major Peterson and made the  
 records - but we can see that  
 the men have a worried look  
 on their faces - they smell some-  
 thing. The old fogies will be  
 surprise the brass hats left.  
~~Then~~ To night the Japanese  
 firing at the main beach at  
 Cabatuan from Manila Bay -  
 they seem to be firing from  
 Cavite in several places  
 and another light on this  
 island anew. - I was  
 the 5th Calumnet located  
 at work, their army works in  
 each duty where others fail. The  
 men have fought a great battle  
 to be let down by the states -  
 about the only thing I care  
 for the Philippines is to make  
 peace with the Japs and  
 forget it all. But deep down in  
 my heart I can't forget that God will  
 show us the right way. - I hope  
 will give us a helping hand. -  
 To night - "The Voice of Freedom"  
 played it'll never come again -  
 they at bring back dear thought  
 of Nanna and I - health both

before we were married and  
after we were married. The  
happy days and thoughts we  
had together - they can't  
take that from me. I know  
now how one feels before  
they meet their end. But  
I must not die - I haven't  
begain to live and given  
the world a thing - I've  
got to give it something  
more than just my life.

March 19-

Today has been nothing but  
General MacArthur in every  
land as supreme commander  
of the far East. - All radio  
speeches are giving praise  
to the "escape" of MacArthur  
and how he alone will win  
this war in one single blow.  
The only reason the Japs held  
out here - we couldn't and  
didn't have boats to leave.  
But there are many thoughts  
in the Philippines that the  
U.S. meant the strict don't  
know. Now what have we done  
here in the war of holding  
the Philippines? We were

into a very small area with  
only a few months of food on  
hand, without so far sight  
as there's come - no plans  
we made to move ~~from~~ before  
the Japs were in store's throw  
of Manila. I'm afraid the  
boys here have a little  
different story - but at the  
same time - if they think  
he is great it may raise  
the spirit and cause the  
men to put out. It has been  
reported that our planes in  
Australia sunk 11 ships  
and damaged 12 others yester-  
day - I hope so - but for  
storing the ships I wrote  
about yesterday are going  
south today - they are  
running in blocks each here  
so we won't receive any  
help. Cigarettes may be  
worth more than gold.

There is one remark made  
by the President. "I know every  
man and woman in the U.S.  
admire with me. General  
MacArthur's determination  
to fight with his men.



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with the Philippines, but I also know  
 every man and woman is in  
 agreement that all important  
 decisions must be made with  
 a view toward the successful  
 termination of the war. Knowing  
 this I am sure every American  
 is faced with the question as to  
 where General MacArthur could  
 be if we could only come here  
 answer. "You tell what about  
 the supplies in the Philippines,  
 don't think all is tactics - but  
 General MacArthur at least  
 a keen eye here and he may  
 be our only hope. Today new  
 planes land in Manila so in  
 great numbers - they may be  
 making an all out attack on  
 the fortified islands. The Japs  
 guns fire lavishly fire a few  
 rounds but not many. Our  
 guns fire next of the day -  
 In the south behind ancient  
 Carriols we can see great smoke  
 we think they are burning the  
 towers to ruin. The people are  
 your guess in god's name, no one  
 knows. A few things about  
 communications. - The Japs

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are very smart and use all  
 kinds and types of tricks. Find  
 the short cut the lines and  
 tape it back together or tie them  
 into some other line. The best thing  
 is line goes out at all times. don't  
 think the Japs are dumb as the  
 public has been lead to believe.  
 They know a few tricks we  
 don't know. Things are not here  
 been very quiet - Hanna - still  
 down if you can't sleep and  
 must doctor to gain some day  
 soon. - All my love

March 20

Today was the dead line for us.  
 The Japs reported they would have  
 a parade in Manila this after-  
 noon with the American prisoners  
 of Batuan and Ft. Mello - well  
 I'm rather glad it didn't come to  
 pass. Now they say 11 more days  
 they will have Luzon - they give  
 Corregidor until the 11th of April.  
 I hope they keep putting it off until  
 later days - before our new  
 the Japs may become very weak and  
 get less of works - sometimes I  
 think they are using us for a last  
 minute attack on Puerto Rico if

The states are winning or show signs of winning. The Japs are a mess - and they have some thing cooked up - Report and General MacArthur said upon his arrival in Australia that one of the two reasons why he accepted his new assignment there was he was anxious to hasten reinforcements to the Philippines. The announcement was greeted by the US AFPE forces in Davao and Corregidor with hearty and spontaneous applause. Say if anyone here can help in this. The only way we can expect to give us any real supplies. At the present things are just at a stand still - both sides and just waiting. We could take the Philippines tomorrow but couldn't hold a thing. The troops in Davao have lost plenty of men and officers. More than do might expect. This afternoon I walked to the top of Maslita hill - Japs just about killed me off - about a little food in heavy work

and can't do any hard work. We have just about enough food to last until the middle of May - then what - raining season - mud - water - sickness and war - couldn't think of any thing worse. The average things of life will be plenty nice for me. One of the boys just returned from Butuan and its rather rough there. The Japs could just leave us alone and we would have plenty of trouble by our selves - just poor climate and food alone. Not much activity. The Japs are dropping things just trying to wipe out troops. March 21

Today has been one day we should never forget here in the Philippines - As on this the Japs from Carabte area (7:30 AM) started firing on Ft. Frank and Davao and stopped near the 1:30 PM. After the smoke cleared the things were in favor of the Japs. At 9:30 AM they hit top side of Ft. Frank causing the officers quarters to burn. The fire roared high into the sky and jumping about

so thought the devil himself was laughing at us. Death was also sitting aside him counting his nasty deeds for the morning. The next round landed in the tunnel killing twenty-one and wounding forty-seven. I hope the devil was satisfied - but he wasn't. He then made a grand and record breaking jump to Dream. But death was too busy laughing and patting itself on the back to Sacramento from this trip. Dream had 17 wounded. A few rounds fell on Haugh but no damage. On to Ft. Mills - nothing just another day - and I'm very glad to live another day. Each day we all thank God for the last day and hoping he will give us another. The snow was very light - only several MacArthur is speaking up things, or trying to give his people's best one thing we all know the English have lost each battle due to lack of time, or - eating or

taking time out to drink a cup of tea - or putting off until later date to do something and then too late. But they have plenty of speed in running - we all wonder how the ~~same~~ beat the world's record in with drawing 10 miles yesterday. Not only has MacArthur planned to return but the people of dear old U.S. Thanks we are holding out - well just between us "gals" the boys are taking toughening water - and they spend plays on while St. Peter opens the gate - General Wain right was also jumping up to their stars today and given full command of the Filoamerican troops here. The man has one of the best records of leading men here - many a time he has thrown the Japs giving them a guess of their own machine. He is a grand leader and plenty of stuff on his belt. He can and guess will give them still plenty of headaches. The troops are fully behind him one hundred percent -

March 22-

The days are growing longer as the war is going into waiting of ships that never come in & hope the state try to give us a break. They are still giving more money to the soldiers in the Philippines but never find time to put that money into bullets and airplanes.

Do you may know the high commanding of Philippines (learned from the state) Thomas over. A few statements - he told the people if they expected to see the boys in Batavia they better give them some help and stop passing new bills; that the Batavia boys go through seven bills each day with all the shelling and bombing.

That 36 million are behind 30,000 boys - boy - the boys are behind you now what are you going to do? If you remember the newspapers and radio have never made any comment about Mac's speech. He is the first man that told the real truth about us and the great American public don't like to hear the real story - they like such things like hero of Batavia and the Super Man stories.

All the stories you have heard about hero of Batavia and Corregidor has caused us to suffer more than anything. And you - believe all this, well ask of few of the boys that saw action here - I assure stories will sound like night vision.

To day the Japs dropped Denver Mexico to the bay - the "B's" - they had eggs - coffee with sugar - ham etc - it make your mouth water. - some stuff, they are full of tricks.

The C. B. Plane came over again this morning and received several rounds from our guns but no hits - and about the same time two heavy bombers came up from down south and landed near Manila. From reports they have seven such types here doing patrol work around Philippine waters to keep this blockade going. But believe it or not things still get there. Planes go and come at will - except the few fighters we need at the

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present we are using trainers  
 the state was out ten years  
 ago to bring us supplies. Nice  
 but they will have to do. It  
 must hold out another  
 two months and "then come  
 the rains". McElbourne is gone  
 General MacArthur all kinds of welcome  
 and we wish they would stop  
 and go to work.

General MacArthur has become  
 full command of the Philippines  
 with a new staff - and it would  
 be expected the Japs made a push  
 in the east sector, but little  
 is known as to the outcome.

The final count from Ft. Trinita  
 was 29 killed and 44 wounded.  
 Though more may die later as  
 I am very bad off. Marshall was  
 the army gear being type. The  
 came through the top of  
 the tunnel falling into the  
 switch board and across the  
 hall was the hospital with  
 men being given Calcebracine  
 to shut the story. From  
 KGEI the Navy has put out the  
 Japs have lost one third of their  
 many, page 20.

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March 23-  
 Today - Monday - I think - its rather  
 strange to find one losing all  
 track of time so fast. Each day  
 runs about the same with only  
 one thought in mind - the enemy.  
 From reports the moros in  
 Zamboanga and gaining a little  
 might work on the Japs there.  
 It was reported last night that  
 a ~~great~~ great number attacked  
 the Japs there, killing many  
 and doing great damage  
 to things there. They are  
 using only balows as weapons  
 but very good. It would be  
 very nice to sleep with the  
 thought that your head might  
 fall off next morning if you  
 turned the darn thing.

The news today was little  
 or none - only a few things  
 but no great action. A few  
 planes damaged the Japs  
 any planes and sunk one more  
 heavy cruiser (10000 ton).

This morning two D.K. Blane  
 passed over the island at  
 very high altitude, which  
 may be only nitroen checks

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to see if they we have  
made any more changes.  
But on the other hand we  
may cause us some un-  
pleasant moment of desactivity.  
This afternoon we had our  
shots for colonie, not bad  
but made the arms rather  
sore. But much better than  
having the sickness.

From reports Manila is  
going back to normal  
as the natives are bring  
back food to sell in the  
markets. The great numbers  
of Jap soldiers are leaving  
leaving only the high officials  
are there with about a  
soldiers to control the  
people.

The Filipinians from here  
are returning to Manila  
but few are working only  
where they have to. They  
do no more work than the  
Japs make them do. The  
people are ready to make  
a drive as soon as General  
MacArthur gives the  
word.

Our troop in Batuan made  
a push last night killing  
a great number of Japs  
and pushed them back  
and only lost a few of our  
troops.

The Ft Frank tragedy  
number has reached  
30 - and several more may  
die - but the greater number  
will come out on top.

So far the effectness of  
the five pound air guns on the  
Japs. Batteries has been  
rather zero effect. The  
Japs fire one day and spend  
about three days bringing up  
more ammunition. So on a  
rule every third or fourth day  
can be expected to receive  
a few shots.

Last night I set out side  
looking out toward Cavite  
peninsula - it was very peace-  
ful - quite only for the  
war's work on the beach  
area. One would never guess  
that this would be a place.  
At the time I wonder what  
the Japs were thinking about.

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There hasn't been much news  
 but some have expected a  
 few help planes and supplies  
 soon.

March 29, 1942

Well? - Today - was one more day of  
 hell on earth. This red race started  
 about 8:30 with planes coming from  
 the north west toward Corrigedo, at  
 9:20 - five flights of planes came  
 toward us - first in a group of  
 nine which dropped two smoke  
 bombs; this group passed on to  
 the east but we did not fire on this  
 group. Then 8 more planes followed  
 this group and dropped a number  
 of bombs; but one of their planes  
 was hit and blew up in the air  
 rocking all the others. After this  
 27 plane followed which really  
 gave us a world out - all passing  
 over gang to the north. This group  
 also lost 1 ship. Then 18 more followed  
 doing the same thing. We were greatly  
 worried but our guns brought  
 down one more plane with a total  
 of 3 and thought one more. The 27  
 went south but came back and gave  
 us one more gang over they dropped  
 a total of near 100 bombs and a

greater number fell into the water.  
 From the load of the whole the smallest  
 bomb was near 500 lb. I examined a few  
 and the greater part were 25 lb  
 or more. One bomb hit the middle  
 side ammunition dumps and  
 blew up. This caused a jammy war  
 started. Another bomb hit the  
 top side barrels which was  
 filled with chainnet which  
 blew up. This thread broke all  
 over the place. Another bomb hit  
 one of the sea coast guns and  
 damage not known. All of our  
 communication lines went out.  
 Only two men were hurt but  
 not very badly.

Then at 2:30 27 planes came  
 back and passed over the landing  
 field - but this cost them 2  
 planes, a number of bombs & civilians  
 were dropped killed. This kept  
 up all the evening and only one  
 live did they pass over us.

All the planes were new types  
 never seen here. Also this after  
 noon there was 25 single motor  
 planes with machine guns in  
 the tail. They will use the best  
 I guess against us to get that

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final snacks out of flow.

Capt. Shewover came over to visit the rocks today and from his report the Japs are forming to make another drive on the front. He thinks our lines won't hold due to lack of food and a great part of the rear are sick.

As you may know the food is low and not enough to feed a man if he has to work. Also there are a few women (Japs) manning the machine guns, so from all this stuff about us being so great and heavy fighters - is just so bunk. We are suffering very greatly and Y04 people here in the states are regarding life at our expense. Wise - do the men are becoming very tired of it all and war is dead - but you my dear Mr. Smith just sit there and read papers - while we die here like a bunch of rats. So night we had another air raid two planes came up from the south singly and bombed. We think they were only trying

night bombing. Our lights went into action and carried both - or put his own own light on. A few minutes or a later another plane was reported in the south which turned out to be our own coming up from the south. As you may wonder what became of the 13 heavy bombers? - well they landed in Manila and are planning to stay here and fight us off - Great and Y04 - great people have had few months to send us help or planes and we sit here. What a fine bunch of friends Y04 turned out.

Then the news breaks out with headlines about Russia with a great number of P-39's. And we are asking only for a few P-40's and what do we get - Nothing - just a write up as to the hero of Batuan - great -

Now they have changed our name from "MacArthur Magnificent" to "Wainwright's Warriors" - White stuff - with a few of us Y04 could just be in the most place for fine members ones, your story would be different.

March 25 This morning after last night's wonder. Last night we had our first night attack. The first try was three planes from east of Corregidor crossing island length wise, dropping bombs with hit at bottom side. Our lights carried the planes until last but no gun fire. One hour later another three planes tried but the lights picked them up and guess they blinded the pilots so they did not drop bombs. Our AA guns fired causing one plane to be caught on fire but the japs quit out the fire. The next try one hour later was also a miss - our lights picked them up before reaching the island and all bombs fell into the water. Alt. was 4300 yds. During the day we had six air attacks - even though the News papers reported no damage to hard on the noses. The flights were in 4 planes and come in waves from one to 1 1/2 hours - just enough to keep us on side. A great number of planes were hit but only 4 were brought down. The planes fly to higher as 5000 ft and still lay bombs on the island. One can tell very good of our <sup>own</sup> force if they are just half a good as the japs. As far as they put nearly all

bombs on the island. The men are showing signs of breaking up as the strain and firing has been enough to break down their nerves and bodies. There has been several reports of many boats in Manila Bay moving around as though they planned attacks on Corregidor. We are expecting almost anything.

March 26

This morning the air attack started out at 8:00 - as I had my bath at 07:00 just ahead of them. One thing the bombs really make had in nothing. Last night the fire dept did one fire get away from them burning all of our ammunition as we had one more left of a ton. The attacks were made by smaller type of planes but group of heavy as B in a group. This caused us to wonder. How is no way to make up for us up the ammunition which isn't a bad idea. The japs have changed all of their methods of approach and number of planes. Whatever thing they never use the same method. Some chattering during the day from Cavite. They started another grass fire on the evening

which our brave people let  
 get out of control and burn up  
 a great amount of small ammunition.  
 Some times I wonder what goes on  
 in a few of the big shots heads.  
 The news from the states is nothing  
 in the way of supplies to the  
 Philippines. They are still not  
 doing a thing <sup>serious</sup> of getting them.  
 We are in the dark. The Japs  
 are signing every time we give  
 an old class signed have them  
 on come another plane. Only a  
 few hours was spent out today.  
 No planes brought down as the  
 ground was small and very  
 high. At 8:00 PM they started  
 the night raid. One plane  
 came over and dropped while  
 a parachute but did not  
 do any damage. The Cavite towers  
 are always lit up when the  
 Jap planes return at night.  
 We are sure they are receiving  
 all our communication some how.  
 I hope someone give us a relief  
 or supplies soon, the nine cant  
 stand up to them much longer.  
 If we are we will receive a truck  
 soon if not too late.

March 27 - This morning the same  
 type activity over Corregidor - the  
 bombers started about 8:00 and  
 continue until about 5:30 P.M.  
 Activity in Batavia during the  
 past 24 hours was confined principally  
 to patrolling and search bombing  
 fire. The hostile air forces subjected  
 the front lines and some parts of our  
 rear areas to bombardment. Hostile  
 bombing of Corregidor continued until  
 early morning of the 26th. Heavy  
 bombers based on Luzon again  
 operated against Corregidor today  
 although number of bombs dropped  
 has been relatively small - they  
 just poured them all over the  
 place. Anti Aircraft artillery  
 is taking a heavy toll of hostile  
 bombers.

March 28th - Capt. Carlvent's  
 search lights went into action  
 last night and caused the night  
 raid to drop all bombs into the  
 water. Corregidor was under  
 continuous attack over A.B. guns  
 continues to force the enemy to  
 fly so high that his bombing  
 is very inaccurate - they all  
 hit the island and few fall

into the ocean. The altitudes no far has been from 8700 yds to 9200 yds - or the top of our AAA. The bombs are own their way before our guns go into action. One Japanese heavy bomber (Type 97) was destroyed by our guns. The batteries of the fortified islands shelled enemy targets on the Carile mainland. In Zamboanga there was very active patrolling and ambush fighting. Our patrol penetrated the within one kilometer of the city where with hand grenades and rifle fire they raided the Japanese and took effectivly. With no casualties suffered by our troops. In Bataan Enemy patrols were particularly active. Our Artillery fired counter battery and intense concentrations causing Japanese battery to discontinue fire and numerous enemy ~~and~~ causal casualties. Up to date the AAA has shoot 127 planes.

March 29th - 30th -

The same - air raids from early morning until evening with little or no rest. We are now grow very tired and the men need rest along with food. The forces in Bataan are having trouble with lack of food - they are growing very weak and a heavy attack would cause great trouble. Our AAA guns blasted away at the high bombers but no soap. They are now sending over only one or two ships to cause us to use up shells and not have their ships brought down. The alt. are still 9000 yds and they always fly with the sun to their backs. Both mornings and evenings. I do not have been raided many times, up to date no damage to our AAA guns. The bombs have been very near but little damage. Our compensation is the only thing that gives us much to do. But you know what that.

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March 30th -

Enemy forces in Bataan have remained relatively quiet since they failed to gain any ground with their attack on the night of March 28th. Our forces have continued active patrolling and have attacked hostile positions successfully on several occasions. The hostile air force continues to bomb our front lines and rear areas in Bataan. Base hospital number one in Bataan was bombed at noon today and rear area numerous casualties resulted. This hospital is plainly marked and has been astoundingly avoided by the enemy air forces until today. It is believed that up to the attack was unintentional. Day and night air raids continue against our harbor defenses. Effective use of F.F.I. has caused hostile planes to fly at such high altitudes that their attacks are ineffective. The harbor defense forts again find on enemy targets are ineffective.

One of the greatest sights today was - two planes came over from east toward the island dropping bombs - but all guns opened up and the planes were hit. The leading plane left wing jettisoned - the other caught on fire and fell into a gulch. The leading plane fell near the island in the north channel. Several pieces were brought out and one could see that these were one of the post grade and nothing left over quietly.

March 31.

In Bataan the enemy attacked last night in force with artillery and mortar support. Our forces struck back fiercely and had to hand fighting ensued. Superior enemy fire power and recent numbers compelled our outpost to withdraw a short distance. Enemy forces paid heavily in casualties. Our losses were slight. The enemy has now reduced the number of bombers used over Corregidor to not more than two per flight. An air raid yesterday afternoon was abruptly terminated when

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both of the heavy bombers taking part five - that dawn almost simultaneously over Corregidor.

April 1.

To day is Pat's birth day - and I hope that he never has to go thru war - its a tax living hell on earth - ones mind goes in a constant circle not knowing which way to turn. Our battle position in Batavia was heavily bombed and shelled during the past 24 hours.

The artillery concentration was very heavy. Last night my attempt was made by balance troops in barges to land on the East coast of Batavia. Our artillery fired on the troops laden barges and several are believed to have been sunk. The attack was repulsed with severe losses to the enemy. Corregidor was ~~for~~ forces I stayed the planes to stay at high altitudes but they when are dropping they drop bombs on this place and almost on the spot - you don't know but they

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but such a spot they see.  
April-2-5-

The last days have been things you don't like to think of - the air attacks here has straggled the lines to the enemy has been too great - the total aircraft down was 13 during the last air attack in Batavia. The enemy has started a great drive and so far has thrown back our lines, fit the present things are not so good. The summer summer was - we expected supplies in last night but as you know - nothing. There has been a great amount of sea patrol.

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And NAEI still keeps shooting off that the Japs cant hurt us - say that's the station that should be was plenty - I wish they could be here just one hour - and there would be more action than by talk. So far four months and no signs of help has come - and we are wondering if they parrot just forget us. The food supply is very short and can only last about two more weeks - can you see the picture.

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we are giving them our  
darkest days and the next  
seven will tell the story.  
I hope it is God's wish  
that we will pull thru—  
we all still have great  
faith in him.

~~After~~ April 6 ○

This morning the front lines  
are still having plenty of  
trouble — there was plenty  
of hand to hand fight with  
the enemy and our troops  
had to pull down to the  
front line; but soon they  
on they held their own. The  
troops have been put back  
on full rations and many of  
them threw out of the line.  
General Ainsworth has  
been in Bataan the last few  
days seeing that all things  
could be done. As to our band  
we had two this morning  
but nothing happen. So far  
no one knows just the  
out come of things. We still  
have our hope that some  
to our good will turn up.

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Most of air activity has been  
over Bataan and front lines.  
Last night several small  
boats came near shores but  
the gun boats sank one and  
set fire to the other one. We  
still are giving them a very  
dark day and I think are  
giving the Japs hell on the  
radio and through the news  
papers.

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