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Aug 18/45	Received Order # AGPE 210, 453, G. H. P. to proceed to Hqs. 5th Amphibious Corps.	
Aug 19	Received physical examination and am ready to go.	
Aug 20	Departed 24th Replacement Depot at 0655 Arrived Sangley Point 0810 Departed Sangley Point 1420 Arrived Saipan 2330 Spent about 3 1/2 hrs at Saipan reading, and sitting courts at Red Cross building. Passed International Date Line.	
Aug 20	Departed Saipan 0415 Arrived Majuro 1800 Departed Majuro 2000	
Aug 21	Arrived Johnston Island 0545 Departed Johnston Island 1505 Arrived Honolulu 1920 Had dinner at Johnston Island and were forced to change planes due to engine trouble. Spent night at Army Casualty Dept.	
Aug 22	Made arrangements for transportation to Hqs 5th Amphib Corps, located on Island of Maui. Spent night at Marine Hospital Center.	

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Aug 23/45 Departed Honolulu by plane 0900  
 Arrived Apr 5th Amphibious  
 Corps, at Muii Island. 1145

Aug 24. Received additional forms and  
 went over them. Also received  
 orders attaching us to the  
 5th Marine Division, located  
 on Island of Hawaii.

Aug 25. Left Island of Muii at 0915  
 by plane for 5th Marine  
 Division at Island of Hawaii.  
 Arrived at 5th Marine Div Hqs  
 at 1100. Contacted Headquarters  
 there. Referred to G-4 who  
 was advised regarding activities  
 and method of processing. G-1  
 preparing additional forms for  
 convenience of teams. Arrangements  
 being made to load organic  
 equipment aboard ship. Three (3)  
 C.I.C. officers arriving tomorrow  
 on temporary duty with Division.  
 Arrangements completed for at-  
 tending services of official  
 photographers.

Aug 26. Were informed as to time we  
 would depart from Camp. Packed  
 equipment and took it to  
 loading point.

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- Aug 27/45 Left Camp Tarawa by truck for embarkation point, located at City of Talo, at 8:30 P.M.  
Arrived at 11:30 and was aboard ship at 12:30 P.M.  
Had noon meal aboard ship.  
Departed for Pearl Harbor at approximately 6:00 P.M.
- Aug 28 Arrived at Pearl Harbor at 2:30 P.M. Ships crew and Marine enlisted personnel are anticipating shore leave, which it is rumored they will receive.
- Aug 29 Anchored at Pearl taking on supplies and fuel.
- Aug 30 Still at Pearl Harbor. Went ashore and visited Honolulu. Found city to be very overrated.
- Aug 31 Our 3d day anchored at Pearl. Should be leaving tomorrow on supplies and pretty well loaded and cooking formed.
- Sep 1 Left Pearl Harbor at 1000. Next scheduled stop is Saipan.
- Sep 2 Enlisted personnel were issued P.K. Supplies consisting of Cigarettes, Candy, Gum, etc.



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- Sep 3. Usual shipboard activities.  
Received shot for bubonic  
Plague. Due for second shot  
in 5 days.
- Sep 4. Went over forms. Outlined  
Plan of operation to be used  
upon arriving in Japan and  
starting the assignment.
- Sep 5. Attended first lesson of  
Japanese Language course.  
Proved to be very interesting.  
We were given Japanese  
Phrase book which should  
be quite helpful in questioning  
Japanese people.
- Sep 6. Submitted suggested plan  
of operation to G-1 and  
G-2. Copy was sent to  
Recovery Personnel Dev at  
Yamabiki.
- Sep 7. Attended lecture on courtesans  
and conduct while in Japan.
- Sep 8. Looked over various maps  
of Japan. Orientation on  
Japanese people, language, etc.
- Sep 9. Received second and final  
shot for Plague. Were  
given our room and boat  
team number for identification.

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- Sep 10/45. Usual shipboard activities.  
Cleaned cabins, had maps  
reading course.
- Sep 11. Attended another lesson in  
Japanese Language course.
- Sep 12. Evicted men received \$15.00  
payment from Purvis. Afternoon  
spent on Abarkation exercises.
- Sep 13. Arrived at Saipan 11:45 AM.
- Sep 14. Anchored at Saipan. No liberty  
given troops. Attended  
Japanese Language School.
- Sep 15. Spent day repacking and getting  
ready for continuation of  
voyage. Attended Japanese  
Language School.
- Sep 16. Had Abarkation drill. Set  
sail for Isebo, Japan at  
4:00 PM. Attended Language  
School.
- Sep 17. Attended Japanese Language  
School.
- Sep 18. Spent day going over forms and  
maps of Japan. More Language  
School.

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- Sep 19. More Debarcation Exercises and also more Japanese Language School.
- Sep 20. Turned in all American money. Received K. Rations for one day.
- Sep 21. Cleaned Carbines and made ready to leave ship. Drew ammunition in the evening.
- Sep 22. Arrived Sasabo at 6:00 AM. Reached dock area about 9:00 AM. Were told we would not leave ship until following day. Attended Japanese Language School.
- Sep 23. Debarked at 2:30 PM. Were provided with transportation to Sasabo Japanese Fortness, where we set up temporary Headquarters. Fortness was in pretty bad shape and both Marine & Seabees were doing their best to rid place of lice, fleas, bugs etc. Contacted Captain Allen, Liaison Officer with Corps.
- Sep 24. Determined that all POW's had been removed from Mochi area. Advised that Capt. Allen will contact Colonel Griffin, 6th.

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Army Recovery Liaison Officer,  
Jap instructions at Fukuoka,  
60 miles Northeast of Sasebo.

- Sep 25 Awaiting further orders
- Sep 26 Investigated P.O.W. Camp  
#22 at Sanyu. Found  
Camp to be in fairly good  
conditions according to Jap  
standards. Prisoners were  
mostly Australian, Dutch,  
and Dutch. Located grave  
of 20 who had died.  
Full report with pictures  
sent to Recovered Personnel  
Det. Manila.
- Sep 27 Awaiting further orders
- Sep 28 Awaiting orders to go to  
Fukuoka.
- Sep 29 Left Sasebo by train for  
Fukuoka at 3:30 P.M.  
Arrived Fukuoka at 8:40 P.M.  
Reported to Recovered Personnel  
Det there.
- Sep 30 Awaiting transportation to  
Manila.
- Oct 1 Being quartered in Hotel.  
Still awaiting transportation.



- Oct 2 Weather is bad and chances for getting out are none to good. Scheduled to leave tomorrow if things go right.
- Oct 3. Boarded plane and were ready to leave but two of our ships broke through concrete runway and were unable to take off.
- Oct 4 Left Fukuoka for Okinawa at 2:15 P.M. Arrived at Okinawa at 4:55 P.M.
- Oct 5-8 Awaiting transportation to Manila.
- Oct 9. Were caught in typhoon. Considerable damage done.
- Oct 10 Awaiting transportation.
- Oct 11 Left Okinawa for Manila by plane at 5:45 P.M. Arrived Manila at 8:45 P.M. Reported to Recovered Personnel Det.
- Oct 12. Awaiting new assignment.

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