

## The World War II Diaries of General Joseph W. Stilwell (1941–1945)

### Introduction

The World War II diaries of General Joseph W. Stilwell, my grandfather, are a subset—albeit a historically very significant subset—of his diaries that span the period from 1904 to 1946 and form part of the Stilwell Papers at the Hoover Institution Archives. Stilwell wrote these private diaries not intending them to be seen by anyone else. In fact, not even his family saw them until after his death. As such, from time to time, and especially during World War II, he used the diaries to vent his daily frustrations in sometimes very blunt language. As he put it, they were his outlet to “keep from biting the radiator” in exasperation.

Over the years, some people have assumed that the language Stilwell used in his diaries reflected his daily behavior. This, however, is not the case. As Eric Larrabee has written in his book *Commander in Chief*, “An assumption is almost irresistible that what someone sets down at nightfall in the privacy of the bedchamber is the 'real' person, the authentic individual concealed from others during working hours. The assumption is quite unwarranted. Diaries, too, have their distortions, especially when they are used—among World War II leaders, by Stilwell and, for another, Brooke—as an emotional outlet, a dustbin for the psychological *dreck* that accumulates during a day of putting up with ignorance and folly.”

My grandfather's World War II diaries were first transcribed several decades ago, when his widow—my grandmother—and a daughter-in-law, Bettye Stilwell, manually typed them. The diaries, along with the rest of Stilwell's papers, were deposited at the Hoover Institution in stages from 1951 on. In 1998, my cousin Deborah Bunce started entering the manually typed transcriptions into a computer database. Several years later, Elena Danielson (director of the Hoover Library and Archives) came up with the idea of putting them on the Hoover Archives Web site. With this goal in mind, I then began proofing the computer database text against the original diaries. Deborah input the corrections I noted, and Stefanie Diaz (a Hoover Archives staff member) rechecked the revised transcriptions. Janet Gardiner (an independent editor) compared these updated transcriptions with the original diaries, in order to make final corrections. Heather Wagner (audiovisual specialist, Hoover Archives) scanned Stilwell's maps of military maneuvers, and Polina Ilieva (technical specialist, Hoover Archives) pulled everything together and created this Web page. For their generous support and friendly encouragement, we are also indebted to both Elena Danielson and Linda Bernard (associate archivist, Hoover Archives).

-John Easterbrook

### Principles of Transcription

Every effort has been made to replicate accurately Stilwell's spelling and punctuation, superscripting and dash length, underlining and abbreviations—however unconventional or inconsistent in usage. Sometimes Stilwell deliberately used inventive spelling to poke fun at the accents of British military top brass and diplomats and of the Australians or West Africans. At other points, he wrote under such time pressure and preoccupation with the campaign that he inadvertently omitted terminal quotation marks, periods, and parentheses. Whatever the reason for the idiosyncrasies in the text, the transcribers have respected them.

That said, this online presentation of the World War II diaries uses larger text pages than those in Stilwell's 2 ¾ x 4 ¾ inch spiral-bound notebooks. In addition, 1.5 spacing has replaced the single spacing of the original text, and entries are separated by line spaces, rather than by terminal line rules. Dates are in boldface and set off from the text with extra space, while preserving their original format. Stilwell's miscellaneous and undated jottings at the beginnings and ends of some of the volumes have been aggregated at the end of each year of entries, with their provenance indicated.

-Janet Gardiner

## SYMBOLS USED IN THE TEXT

Roman characters denote Stilwell's own word(s) and use of square brackets.

Italicized characters indicate an editorial note.

\* denotes Stilwell's use of either Chinese characters or military unit designations, according to context, that are not reproducible online. On a very few occasions, Stilwell himself used an asterisk to key an explanatory note to a text sentence; these cases are clearly identified.

( ) or ( ) denotes Stilwell's circling one or more initials or numbers in the text; an editorial note alerts the reader to the first such usage in a series. Where one or more entire words are circled, an editorial note so indicates.

III (superscript) is the standard military designation of a regiment; by the same token, II (superscript) denotes a battalion.

<sup>xx</sup> (superscript) denotes a division

<sup>xxx</sup> (superscript) denotes a corps

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**MON. JAN. 1. 1945.** Win & I cleaned up the house. Bill & Wright in. P.M. Inman & Strachan in. (Mr. Green called.) Egg-nog. Nance, Doot & Eddie for New Year's dinner. – Hearn called to say good-by. – Ben in at 2:30 A.M. –

**TUES. JAN. 2.** Harry did not show till 2 P.M. Win & Bill waited till noon. Worked on yard & burned trash. Wick called – Wright made pancakes.

**WED. JAN. 3.** Charlie's party. We worked all day on it. They ate on beach, & danced in living-room till 1 A.M.

**THURS. JAN. 4.** Worked on yard. Letters. Hist. report on C.B.I. P.M. with Nance, Doot, & Walt Nielsens to Nino Russo's for dinner. Excellent chow. ("Dining with the butcher".)

**FRI. JAN. 5.** Montgomery takes over 1<sup>st</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> U.S. armies. (Christ again.) Lunch in town at dairy. – Caught the rooster at Nance's – Win got the parrot from the Findlays – Dinner – Berrigan, Miss Thompson, Carl, Mason –

**SAT. JAN. 6.** Small Nancy has flu. Usual day at home. Ben & I worked on the yard. Ben out to movie. Win took Wright & Gilberts. Bergin back. Young back from L.A.

**SUN. JAN. 7.** Last day for Ben. Lunch in patio. – Bergin & Wright & Young. "Monty" sounds off. Capt. McGinnis called –

**MON. JAN. 8.** Took Ben to the train. Breakfast at Walt's with Bergin & Wright. P'an paid for it. Visited Nielsens'. Saw Nance & Doot. Kid still sick. Hair-cut. – Worked around. Lunch in patio.

**TUES. JAN. 9.** Correspondence – Bergin & Wright to L.A. – Called on Dickinson & Anderson. (Landing at Lingayen.)



**WED. JAN. 10.** Papers. Pants altered at Zubov's, A & N store in Monterey. Lunch with Carl & Hallinan, at Walt's. Win with the girls. P.M. worked in yard. Drew pay & per diem. Wrote G.C.M. Berrigan in for supper.

**THURS. JAN. 11.** Get income tax data together. Bill, Carl, Dick for lunch. Worked on yard. P.M. saw Nance & Doot. Dinner with Bergin & Young at La Playa. Phoned Ben.

**FRI. JAN. 12.** 10:30 – off to meet Ben. Nice ride. Lunch at Ste. Claire, San Jose. Buchanan Hall at 2:00. Picked up Ben. Back home at 4:50 – Dinner with Carl, Strachan & Inman (Al, Ben, Win, & I). Berrigan proposed to Al yesterday. (“No.”)

**SAT. JAN. 13.** A.M. Sat for Howard Smith & portrait. Good job, but charitable. P.M. worked in yard. Win, Ben & I went to the rocks. Dinner at Pine Inn, girls & Win & I with Bill Bergin. Ben sat with the kids.

**SUN. JAN. 14.** Saw Ben off at Monterey. – Radio from G.C.M. last night. Encouraging. Offers A.G.F. at once, if desired. Am leaving it to his judgment. – Strachan, Inman, Carl, & Bill for lunch. Win & Al to concert. (Col. M<sup>c</sup>Carthy called from Washington about msg. from G.C.M.) –

**MON. JAN. 15.** Sent Young to S.F. with msg. for G.C.M. Taylors from Hollywood here to show “Objective: Burma.” Good film. Scare-crow to take my part. – We took the party to lunch at dairy.

**TUES. JAN. 16.** Met Paul & Loomis at Monterey at 6:30. Breakfast at Greyhound station. P.M. got out Chinese collections. (G.C.M. got msg. last night.)

**WED. JAN. 17.** Worked on report. Lunch at dairy. Win called at Nance's. Errands. 5:30 P.M. to Monterey to see “Mr. Skeffington”. O.K. Garry did not eat till we got back in the car. – To Walt's for hamburgers. Good evening.

**THURS. JAN. 18.** The report again. P.M. Win & I walked. Supper at Nance's. (Joneses, Carl & Dick.)

**FRI. JAN. 19.** – Paul & Loomis left at 7:45. Win developed a bad throat. To Wolfson's at 3:00. – Worked in yard. – Orders came at 5:00. Went up to see Nance.

**SAT. JAN. 20.** Win better. – This & that – P.M. called on Wick, & Eliz. Bigelow – with Win & Wright. ("Conference" with Al & Nance – ) To U.S.O. at 8:30. Stayed for the show. Chinese-speaking soldiers.

**SUN. JAN. 21.** Time running out. Sorted out junk & papers. Called on Mrs. Elliot & the Scheningers. Beautiful day. Crapper sick. Nance brought her kids down. – Chinese students in. Finished yard. Packed. Went up & saw Doot.

**MON. JAN. 22.** Shoved off at 9:00. (Last run with Garry.) Smooth trip via Kingman, Grand Canyon, Albuquerque, to Amarillo. – Gen. Connell & crazy wife at Amarillo field. Slot-machine fiend. Maybe she was drunk. Cold night.

**TUES. JAN. 23.** Off at 8:00. Saw O'Hara at the field. Wichita, K.C., Indianapolis, Dayton – Circled Harper's Ferry. In at 5:00 P.M. Bergin & Dorn at field with Christiansen. To War College. No. 8. With Bergin & Dorn to Shoreham. Dinner. Talked till 11:00. – Dorn relieved. The New Boys are making a clean sweep and wrecking everything. Chinese in a daze. Letter from Ho Ying Ch'in. He went to bat for me. M<sup>c</sup>Clure is overbearing & both he & Wedemeyer are making a case that we messed it up so badly that even they will have trouble putting it straight.

**WED. JAN. 24.** Breakfast at mess – A.M. at office – Lunch at mess. To Q.M. for graft outfit – jacket, slacks, shoes, shirt, underclothes, gloves, cap. P.M. saw G-1 (Hissong. A.M.) – G-2 (Rogers) – G-3 (Donovan) – Requirements (Waldron). Christiansen in after dinner. Cold & windy. Snow flurry.



**THURS. JAN. 25.** Lear's job announced yesterday. – 9:00 Saw G.C.M. – Stayed for conference – Saw Surles. He is strong for taking it easy. The point is that if I don't, any chance for field command may be prejudiced. I've got to "be a good soldier" & bow down. Back at noon. Cafeteria. Dorn, Bergin & Wright in. Carey Crane called. Saw the G-4 (Haynes). Movie at 1:30 (short). All P.M. papers & talk. – Find that Lear never spoke to anybody – The old stiff, up & down atmosphere – News of assignment given out to-day. – N.Y. Tribune had a very nice editorial about the Ledo road. – Wedemeyer has three stars. (Christ again.) RIDINGS is a B.G. Also Elliot Roosevelt. Christ again.

**FRI. JAN. 26.** Cold almost caught up with me. Still ahead. – Snow on the ground. – Shang Chen in. – DeWitt ("I'm for you," etc. at considerable length) thinks I ought to be starting now. Barton in. Spragins in. Pennell in. Very friendly, been following my fortunes. – Saw all the special staff heads. Saw Ferris, Lloyd Jones, etc. Told Christiansen to put Bergin in as deputy C/S & get ready for Dorn, Arms, & M<sup>c</sup>Cabe. – Dug out Wedemeyer's nasty radio on Dorn. "Questionable loyalty, unco-operative, immature judgment, not dependable. Bright, clever, decisive. At first intended to reduce him, etc." – Capt. Toy in. B/G Kernan in. Dinner with Bergins & Dorn at Kennedy-Warren. – Several good notices in press. Phone from John.

**SAT. JAN. 27.** 9:30 to Pentagon. Talk with Patterson till 11:30 – (He talked.) Saw Tompo, who is slowing up. P.M., office. Hair-cut, at P.X. Long talk with Dawley, on T.D.'s & org. Pennell in – Patterson scorns Nelson. Hints that A.G.F. are slow to take new ideas.

**SUN. JAN. 28.** A.M. at house. Office at noon. Cafeteria for lunch. Called on Christiansens. Read & wrote.

**MON. JAN. 29.** – A.M. visited the band. A-1. Movie ordeal at noon. Press conference – at least 40 – at 2:30 – More photos. G-2 talk – Papers & business. A day passes quickly. – Considerable friendly manifestations here & there. – Dinner with Wrights. She's an "old army" dame. Likes dirty stories. – Ziff was there & Sen. Langer came later. Strangely enough, I had to-day read Langer's speech based on Ziff's book. Bergins also present. Eliz. scintillating. — Roberts in for dinner with Young.

**TUES. JAN. 30.** Tank conference all A.M. – Blessé in – Wurtz in – Hankins in – Nixon in from C.B.I. (Things are at a low ebb there.) John called from N.Y. – Evening – Hockey game. Wash. vs. Boston – (5-6) – Good rough game. Oysters on the way home.

**WED. JAN. 31.** Covell in. Tom Wells in, on way to Hawaii – Looks fine. Gen. Haffner, 103<sup>d</sup> Div., in. Col. Dawson, Eng. with Yoke – 600 million on Burma Road. 235 million on Nietu Road (300 kilometers) Wei Li Huang got 17 million, put 100 soldiers to work, & called it 5000 laborers. Dawson's wife is dying of cancer. – W K Wilson phoned. – Cold as hell. – Movie.

**THURS. FEB. 1.** Cleveland in. Been to Leavenworth – Lunch with 1904 at A. & N. Club. The dodos gathered to the number of 18. Some I knew, & some I did not recognize. (Wise, Diller, Carter, Reynolds, Robins, Kingman, Wilson, EM, Scott, W.R., Pickering, Corbin, Harbold, Benedict, Golden, Garges, etc.) Staff movie Dinner with the Bergins. Then to band concert. – Russians at Kustrin.

**FRI. FEB. 2.** Office – of course. Photo in color – sweaty Colliers man. P.M. Hockey – W<sup>n</sup>. vs Balt. A brawl. Young had a Wave along.

**SAT. FEB. 3.** Peggy Boyden in. Cocktail party of section chiefs. – Greenspan turned up. Shad roe for supper –

**SUN. FEB. 4.** Lazy day. Had Donovan in about trip. – Red tanks in Frankfurt? – Nap in P.M. – “Keys of the Kingdom” – Good movie. S.W. wind – milder.

**MON. FEB. 5.** A.M. office – This & that. Off at noon for Bolling Field. Called back to Atlanta, on acct. bad weather at B'ham. (Col. Holafield.) Cup of coffee & off again. Reached B'ham at 5:00. Hazlett met us. Went in to Tutwiler Hotel & talked. Hazlett stayed for dinner.

**TUES. FEB. 6.** To H.Q. R. & S. (2 floors of hosp. bldg.) Saw the C/S (Curtis) & section chiefs – Left at 10:15 by car for M<sup>c</sup>Clellan (65 mi.) – Arr. at noon. Lunch with Fuller,



Kammerer, etc. P.M. to Morrisville – platoon problem, (attack), Close combat in woods, German village, Casey problem, Hogan's alley, & art. overhead. Dinner by Woodward (1<sup>st</sup> Tr. Regt.) for staff & regtl. comdrs. Made it informal – Slept at the chateau, after looking in at clubs & library, etc.

**WED. FEB. 7.** Breakfast at 7:00. Then to L.M.G., bazooka, mine & booby traps, A.A. firing, mortar firing, transition course, 2-squad patrol “problem,” had coffee at jap kitchen, rode all around post, “cryptography” class, lithograph plant – \* [Stilwell's asterisk here, to connect next (parenthetical) line.] – At noon, by car to Anniston airport. “Bad weather at Gordon.” Bunk. Go anyhow. \*(Battle indoctrination, bayonet class.) So we went & at Augusta it was open & O.K. Landed at Daniel Field. Greene (U.S.M.A. 1913) met us – Rode around camp. Parade & decoration. Bronze star for Cpl. Steele, 45<sup>th</sup> Div. Dinner at 7:00, staff & regtl. comdrs. B.G. – Hewett, Col. Watkins (fat boy), Ardery, (D.B.) Ryder (Post K.O.) – Thorne, Lyon, Shelton, etc. etc. Good chow. Talked with Greene.

**THURS. FEB. 8.** (Yesterday, U.P. had article on candidates for China invasion C.G. (1). JWS. (2). M<sup>ac</sup>A. (3). Nimitz – Surprising.) All A.M. on problems – Close combat, German village (top of hill – Hure Haus – ), battle indoctrination (backwards) etc. Lunch at 11:45 – Symphonette played. At 1:00 to art. overhead. Close-in explosions. Lt. Col. Archie Roosevelt there. Back to pick up bags. Airport & off at 2:30. Arr. Spartanburg (Croft) (Hester) about 3:30. Started at once on inspection. Saw German village (poor) & battle indoctr. course. Rifle ranges. Late for review. 7 P.M. dinner at club. Hester, Logan, Fox (post), Murphy (G-3), Baer, Greene, Quinn, etc. (regtl. C.O.'s,) Jones, etc. (Steak – alligator.)

**FRI. FEB. 9.** Breakfast with Quinn. Then close combat course, after scouting & patrol demonstration. Then to airport & off at 11:00. Lynchburg, Staunton & Pt. Republic, down So. Fork to Front Royal, Strasburg, Winchester, Harper's Ferry to Sharpsburg. Then to Bolling Field. P.M. in office, catching up.

**SAT. FEB. 10.** Left here 3 years ago to-day. – 12:15 in Sec War's office in front of a line of Hot Shots, Henry Stimson himself read citations for the D.S.M. & L. of M., and pinned them on



me. He then said he had never awarded any decoration that gave him more pleasure. Can't remember his talk, being too embarrassed, but it was most kindly. Then some hand-shaking & photos. (The L. of M. was the Chief Comdr. The W.D. got caught with its pants down on that one.) The citations were extreme. Somebody had been told to bust himself on them. – Bergin, Young & Christensen went over with me. – Had lunch with Handy. – 2 P.M. OPD gang in on training for re-deployment. – Gen. Campbell (Ord.) in to call. Dalbey (A.B. Center) called – N.G. Gen. Lowry in, bleating about injustice & discrimination. Sent him to Terrell at Livingston. Hair-cut.

**SUN. FEB. 11.** Dubbed. Walked around post. – 7:30 buffet at Pattersons'. Surprise. Quiet, normal people. Rayburn, Walsh, & Morse (Speaker of House, sen., sen.) & Krug there. Patterson kids (7 & 11). Home is Cold Spring.

**MON. FEB. 12.** Office till 11:30. Took off at 12:00. Cyclone in Miss. & Ala. We went around & got to Livingston (Alexandria) about 6:30. C.G. is Terrell – FAT. Has aged considerably. Met his crowd at dinner.

**TUES. FEB. 13.** All A.M. on inspections. Good lay-out & good construction. Off at 4:00 – Arr. Wolters (Mineral Wells) at 6:30 – Magruder, older but full of life. Dinner with Magruder, Babbitts, Jones, etc. Talk with Magruder on his experiences with the cavalry.

**WED. FEB. 14.** Inspection at Wolters. Imagination obvious. Everything clean and working. Brains, energy, & results. No kicks. Lunch with staff & regtl. C.O.'s. P.M. inspection. Shoved off at 4:30 for Howze. Arr. 5:00. – Talked with Muir till 7 P.M. (Paschal present – ) – Just a long stream of complaints & can'ts. Muir is a querulous old man – Dinner in the dirty officers' club. Mrs. Muir & Mrs. Paschal. Good God.

**THURS. FEB. 15.** Inspection Camp LOUSE. Everything sloppy, inefficient, & listless. Rotten instruction. No imagination. A new low in R.T.C.s. Shoved off at noon 12:30 for Maxey – Arr. 1 P.M. Landrum a refreshing contrast. Hard luck on seeing anything. Old

Olmstead got us to all points just too late to see the work. Inspected kitchens. Shoved off at 6:30 for Wash. – Escort in & out of Paris by hell-raising mtc. Saw Lange, Rolfe, etc.

**FRI. FEB. 16.** Wash. at 1 A.M. Av. 220. High tail wind all way. Smooth trip. Up at 9:00. Office. Usual crap – all day. M<sup>c</sup>Hugh (Marine) in to apologize – Also to ask me to clear him with W.D. Some nerve. Balamuth in –

**SAT. FEB. 17.** Sleet. Colder. Jane engaged. O, hell – All day on Red Cross speech. 1:30 Redeployment belly-ache by the staff. (W.D. sending a new plan over.) Maxwell (W.D. G-4) in. Sent flowers to Stimsons' At Home. Took Patterson kids to Ice-capades. Grand show.

**SUN. FEB. 18.** Worked on speech. Nap. Paul & Loomis in. Supper at Naylor's.

**MON. FEB. 19.** Up early. Off at 9:30 for N.Y. Headwind. La Guardia at 11:15. Met John & Red + delegation. In to Waldorf behind mtc. cops. Met slew of people before lunch – 1500 present, floor & 3 balconies – A few preliminaries, they gave me a yell & I yelled back & it was over. (Relief.) Later found that only good part of the talk was cut. – Up to Presbyterian Hosp. & saw H.H. Kung. Back to Waldorf & saw Mme – She says everything is lovely now. Claims it was a long build-up against me – Back to field – off at 5:00. Bolling at 6:30. – Arnold has pneumonia. (?)

**TUES. FEB. 20.** Somervell called. Also Oldfield – P. Wood – Crist. – Dubby day. Fighting a cold.

**WED. FEB. 21.** Office. War Council at 11:00 to 12:30. G.C.M. back. Lunch at Olsens'. P.M. Edwards, W.D. G-3 in. Treas. Dept. present painting – Gaither in. – Sutherland squawking about assignment.

**THURS. FEB. 22.** Office – Staff movie. Phoned Sutherland "No." – Capt. YEO called, – Wilson (ex-capt. P.R.O. in Burma). Called on Mercedes Victrola Moore. (She sent over cold medicine.)



**FRI. FEB. 23.** Col. Williams, (med.) in, with Blessé. (Ben's asthma, with respect to induction. Blessé says he will not be accepted. For limited service, maybe, on account of his Chinese.) Joseph Hall (Upton Close) in. Wild-looking bastard. Bushy hair over ears. 4 sons in service. M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin in. Had lunch with him. P.M. "Fighting Lady" – Chinese chow with Cahills, Noreens, Thysens, Emersons, Ellis, Brewster, Linebarger, Carl, Roberts, Young.

**SAT. FEB. 24.** Office all day. Ernie phoned from Totten. – La Coste in, fishing on Indo-China. – Christiansen shoves off to-morrow. So does Haynes (G-4 – Pacific). – Ernie got in at 7:00 & we talked late. Called Nance at midnight. – Letter from Joe. He & Cannon want out.

**SUN. FEB. 25.** Slept late. Ernie & I talked all morning. He went to see Gladys Collins. I wrote. Ernie shoved off at 5:00 for airport. Carl & I went out for oysters.

**MON. FEB. 26.** Office till 11:30. Off at 12:00 for Blanding. In at 4:30. Fales there – Rode to several training locations & back to camp. Warm & sunny. Fales – Connelly – etc.

**TUES. FEB. 27.** A.M. on inspection. Close combat, village, patrol, etc. Garamendi (Maj.) in charge. Everybody sitting, & instructors all talking – Took off at 3:00 for Rucker. In about 4:30. Met by Shallenberger & Col. Horr. Rode around. Dinner at Shallenberger's fancy club. Built by German prisoners. (Pool & terrace.)

**WED. FEB. 28.** Rode around the reservation. Wonderful ground. Took off at 10:30. At Shelby at noon. Met by Neal Johnson ("Will they make me a maj gen.?" My God.) Lunch. Rode all over the place. Big but not as good as Rucker. Linnell there from M<sup>c</sup>Clellan. Shoved off at 3:30 for Birmingham. In about 5:00. Had a long session with Hazlett. Tutwiler Hotel at 8:00. Chow in our rooms. Cold night.

**THURS. MAR. 1.** Off at 8:00. Bragg at 11:30 (their time.) Lunch. Rode all around with Cubbison from 1:00 till 5:30 – Saw Waters & his lay-out. Band played. In field with 155's. Saw the 240's. Shoved off at 6:00. Wash. at 8:00. Mail from Win.

**FRI. MAR. 2.** – A.M. in office. Again worked the God damn speech over – Arms here. Col. Coughlin (Eng.) called. Shoved off at 3:15 for Cleveland. Foul weather. No ceiling – no visibility. Ty found the field somehow & set her down. The clouds were right on the ground – C.B. Wolfe was there with Weatherhead to meet us & held the field open: 12 miles in to Union Club. Reception there & dinner at Statler. – All the Big Boys in the steel industry were there – Hell of a big crowd – lavish decorations – Special plates, etc. I felt like a country boy at a Ph.D. Gathering, & my speech suddenly became utterly inadequate. Never again will I manufacture anything. If I have nothing to say, I will say just that. – Sat next to Tom Girdler – then pres. of Republic Steel, etc. That was the type – 42,000 members in their assn; – 2500 in Cleveland. – Weatherhead had the plates made in 5 days. – Girdler, 68, tough guy, four wives, a real man, told me he screwed the hired girl in the barn when he was 13, & had had a good time ever since. (Dictaphone story – also Vice Pres. – “best offer I’ve had to-day.”) Got away at 10:00 Shoved off at 11:00. In at 1:30 (eastern time).

**SAT. MAR. 3.** Up late. Office in A.M. Off at 3:30. N.Y. at 5:00. Met John. To University Club for dinner. Then to games at Madison Sq. (John, Dorn, Bergin, Carl, Young, Ty, & Burberich & Bowles.) Army 73 ½, Navy 53 ½ etc. Former record 48. Chauncey came in from Annapolis. Army 50 – Navy 48 – basketball. (Four in a row.) Fine set of games. Great finish in mile relay. Hagg out of form, — last. To Yonkers & slept at Ardenw.

**SUN. MAR. 4.** Met Nowicki at La Guardia. Took Chauncey to Newburg. To Wash., arr. noon. P.M. Nowicki worked on income tax. Sent him back by plane at 8:00. He is going to do Everything. His birthday to-day. Wrote letters while Nowicki worked.

**MON. MAR. 5.** Up late. Office. Merrill in. Sultan orders his name in every press dispatch. (The Am. public must know him.) – Message from Ho Ying Chin – “Wish you’d come back.” — Sun wanted petition to F.D.R. from all Chinese officers. – Liao disgusted – – X-force in hell of a state. No fighting. Y-force did most of the work. Sultan afraid to move. Limies after him. Leese threatened to report officially unless he got going. – Louis now quoting me as in favor of this & that. – IB Hqrs. taking over the S.O.S. – Tactical situation a mess. Sultan never at front. –



Bhamo held by not\* more\* than\* 200 japs. – (P'an O.K.) Limies sore about it, & just biding their time. – Lentaigne sent word to me that he had to do some of the things he did. Ordered to by Mountbattan. — (Leese & Slim think Louis is a bloody fool.) – Pretty picture generally. Peanut still scared about possible consequences. — Editorial in “Star” on my Cleveland speech! My God, and I was sweating about how rotten it was. – Phoned Win last night. — Jo Tenney yelled for help to-day for Phyllis.

**TUES. MAR. 6.** Put Carl on the rental job for Jo T. Office all day. Dorn & Bergin in to spring their trap. (Chung\* Kuo\*) – Jones, Roberts, & Bellah in on P.R.O. set-up. — Lutes in on A.A. future – Byron in on S.S.O. – Morrissey & Rodney Smith in on G-4. – P.M. Don Cossacks' concert.

**WED. MAR. 7.** Gave Handy the C.B.I. report. War Council. Saw George about training centers, Hazlett, etc. – more photos in office. – Long talk with Doc Cook. – Weems in. – Letter from Joe.

**THURS. MAR. 8.** Called on Nimitz at 8:45 – Very cordial. I figure him as tops. – He's shopping for service troops. (Showed me the chart of Guam Harbor. 182 ships there recently.) – The Ord. Assn. boys from Detroit are after me now for April. Apparently the Cleveland flop wasn't bad enough. – DeWitt in about this & that. Reporting on A & N staff college stuff. Has hit on Ningpo for The Spot. Is boosting J.W.S. for command. Msg. from DOUG to GEORGE. “If the proposals about me are embarrassing, withdraw my name from consideration.”(!!) DeWitt sold me Col. Burkhardt. I turned down a talk to the class. He is most friendly about the future. – Sent to the White House with the Rangers, who were to meet FDR. Took them in and introduced them. Everybody at offices very friendly. FDR held onto me after the session & talked about shortage of men. And seriousness of attack on Japan. Said he was pleased that Ledo Road was named after me. That was all. He looked terrible, but not as bad as the Yalta pictures. — Radio about Joe – back Mar. 31 for staff college. Wired Mira. – Lunch with Morgenthau, just the two of us. Gave him the lowdown on China. He has good sources of info. Said he was for me. His boys have been reporting all the time. Had photos taken after lunch. For publicity in 7<sup>th</sup> War

Loan. Mayer in, had seen Joe in December. — Hartle in. Still at Walter Reed. — Tax data came from Win. —

**FRI. MAR. 9.** Office. Lunch for Rangers — (10 e.m, 10 off.) at mess. Movie afterward — Cleaned up papers. — Dinner at 7:00 at Carlton — Natl. Academy of Science to launch the new research board. Much cock-tailing before & much speechifying at dinner. Out at 11:10. Went to field & shoved off at midnight.

**SAT. MAR. 10.** Hood. Saw Hazlett, Dawley, Wood, Bresnahan, etc. (Gorder) — Inspected training in A.M. Lunch at club and out again. Capt. R.A. Smith — tops in instruction so far. Shrapnel fragments hit our car. Supper at an e.m. mess. Dropped in at officers' dinner dance. Then to e.m. dance & got mobbed. Shoved off at 11:00.

**SUN. MAR. 11.** Glendale at 6:00. Weather bad. Off at 9:00 — Del Monte at 11:00 To Carmel. Nance & Ernie & Doot in. Ben there. Talked & talked. Turned in early.

**MON. MAR. 12.** A.M. at Ord. Inspected the post & saw a detachment of 1000 off for S.F. Lunch with brass hats. Saw training in P.M. Home at 3:30 — Girls in. Took Ben to bus in A.M. when he shoved off. (Winthrop Pennock there.)

**TUES. MAR. 13.** Packing all day. To bank & Nance's & Doot's. Puttied two doors. Doot & Nance helped pack. Doot back home at 4:30. Call from Hyssong on Dawley. (9 new 4-star generals — Somervell, Handy, M<sup>c</sup>Narney, Spaatz, Kenney, Krueger, Devers, Bradley, Clark.) — Kept it up till midnight. — Betty Doe & Mrs. Bird in.

**WED. MAR. 14.** Shoved off at 1:00 A.M. Amarillo at 8:00. Garry got off & pumped ship. In P.M. he crapped & puked all over the plane. By 3:00 he was empty. In Wash. at 8:00 P.M. (16 hrs. flight). — Smuggled Garry in, & he promptly puked on the hall rug. Unpacked. House looks fine. All set but the drapes.



**THURS. MAR. 15.** Joe due any day now. Office at 10:00 – Win & Loomis over for lunch. Worked on the “Orphans of Battle” business for George. Saw the press at 4:00 & gave them a blast. Told George we were too damn apologetic. JOE blew in – mucho hablar – Looks tired but fit. Mira is on the way. – Win is enjoying the place. Garry is solid with Sgt. Smith. Off for Sill to-night.

**FRI. MAR. 16.** (Dorn’s report. Chiang Mon Lin says O.K. but not via the women. Either T.V., Ch’en Ch’eng, or Ho. – [CKS, via Ch’en Ch’eng, working on Ho’s subordinates.] – Chiang M. L. made Lung Yün retract his crack about my going for the ruby mines. — Not 10 people were with CKS in my affair. — Mme. Kung herself said I should be sent back.) – Shoved off for Sill at 1:00 A.M. – Head winds. Late arriving – 11 A.M. (Patterson did not go.) Had some food & spent afternoon on this & that all over the place, – F. A. school courses. – Big dinner in club.

**SAT. MAR. 17.** A.M. with Andersen at F.A. R.T.C. – Lunch there. P.M. out for F.E. Very impressive demonstration. The new fuse, with 240’s. – Support of an Inf. attack. – Rocket Bn – shoot at 5000 yds (4.5"). One short killed 2 men & wounded 3. – Museum – Metro lay-out (radiosonde) – Dodar – W.P. dinner at 7:30. Over at 10:30. Good film of W.P. To field – Off about 11:30. (On Fri. – art. shoot in dug-out. Brodie device – Motor instr. – Radio course – aid sta. etc. On Sat A.M. Radar demonstration for mortar location)

**SUN. MAR. 18.** In at 7:30 just after dawn. Win still asleep. Quiet day at home. – At 4:30 to Jo Tenney’s for christening of Phyllis’ baby.

**MON. MAR. 19.** Wire from Charlie. “Cashed check No. 62 etc.” – (To Walter Reed for TEETH – Doc. Scheuman says, “wait” – He will treat the gums & try to delay extraction.) – Loomis here helping Win.

**TUES. MAR. 20.** Lunch with Somervell. Tank business. Barnes in. Joe & Mira in for supper. Cleveland also. Found I am a criminal, – misuse of govt. transportation.

**WED. MAR. 21.** War Council. Politics. Yesterday Wedemeyer's request for Young came in. Disapproved. (Young had been flirting with the idea.) Preposterous performance on W's part. – Blossoms all out – (Told Somervell to buy me a car yesterday.) – Limie general Davidson in. Broad hint to put a limie on the A.G.F. staff. "Gen. Lear was so friendly" – "We must get integrated," etc. etc. – Barton in. – Haynes back from S.W.P. – Made Bergin P.R.O. – Dinner at Novers'. Vice Pres. & Mrs. Truman – Sen. & Mrs. Hill-Jones, Gunther, etc. – Judge & Mrs. Vinson. – Informal buffet. All of them friendly. Vinson told me the Am. people think of me as an institution. My God again. Truman wants to talk.

**THURS. MAR. 22.** Office. This & that. 5:30 Reception at club – All staff – about 4-500 present. Good eats. (Mrs. Holland husband killed.) Several old friends in the line. (Lear said to have stood in corner & refused to shake hands.) Home at 7:30 –

**FRI. MAR. 23.** Office. Chaplain Arnold in. Squabble over Combat Inf. badge for Roger Young. – P.R.O. stuff. Surles agrees to everything. – Declining all speech dates. – Saw the "Burma Campaign" movie, & it was putrid. All limie & Wingate & Flip Corkin & crap. Christ; the limies might well have made it –

**SAT. MAR. 24.** 8:15 off for Aberdeen – 18 from A.G.F. Sec. War (Under & asst.) etc. etc. All day looking it over. M24 & T 26 – 90 mm. gun – recoilless 57 & 75. Tank vs. concrete – Tanks vs. 14" of armour plate. Rockets. V-T fuse. Mine-destroyer. Automatic M-1 – Enemy materiel. – Lunch with Wacs. ("Call for Vinegar Joe.") Back at 5 P.M. – Sun-glare all day long. Campbell, Harris, Patterson, M'Cloy. – Sounded off on air pay, promotion & decoration. Mushrooms for supper. Looks like curtains in Germany.

**SUN. MAR. 25.** Bummed around all A.M. – 1 P.M. movies at office. 3 P.M. to zoo with Dorn & Bergin. Crowds. Evening – Whites & Jo Tenney in for movie. Cpl. Bird (Wac) also –

**MON. MAR. 26.** Walter Reed for treatment. Office all day. Atkinsons here for lunch. P.M. a string of visitors. (Heinrich, Henry (G-1) etc.) This & that all day – To airfield at 11:00



**TUES. MAR. 27.** Little Rock at 5:30 their time. Dark. Perrine & Co. waiting. All day inspecting. Rotten art. fire. (Bullet Basin – Old Pt. Comfort – etc.) Excellent phys. instr. – Waterbury's stuff. (Tree-climbing.) Gen. impression of Robinson not so good. – Off at 5:00 for Fannin. Arr. 6:30 – Butler. Thru Tyler, Texas, to camp. Small but efficient. Hartle not back.

**WED. MAR. 28.** Inspected all day. Hartle's platoon demonstration – tops. Good work all around. Butler is death on limies, so we took our hair down. Left at 6:20 – Arr. Wheeler at 10:30. Met by Hearn. Slept in Squire Taylor's place.

**THURS. MAR. 29.** Inspected all day. Gen. impression, mediocre. Weak colonels, as everywhere. Ran the boys considerably. Good squad work by act'g cpl. Aarens & 2<sup>d</sup> in Comd Dellabianca. (!) Good close combat squad. Weapons not in good shape. Phoned Joe at Columbus. Shoved off at 6:00. Washington at 9:30.

**FRI. MAR. 30.** To Walter Reed for tooth jabbing. Rest of day in office. Stream of visitors & papers. – Paul & Loomis here. – Garry had a fit yesterday.

**SAT. MAR. 31.** Office all day. (Condon in yesterday. Also Nover.) Dean back from E.T.O. Tank policy O.K. Home early –

**SUN. APR. 1 – EASTER** Home all day. Wrote speech all morning. P.M. preparations for party. Buffet & movie – 6:30. Peggy Boyden, father, mother, uncle, aunt, Cpt. Bird, Dorn, Bergins, Slat's Johnston, McCabes, Hyssongs, Mrs. Christiansen, & us. Good movie.

**MON. APR. 2.** Income tax check to John for \$4108.<sup>13</sup>. Sears, '09 in – prospect for training. Pennell in – going to E.T.O. for a month – Very grateful. – C/S due back. Came home early & bummed.

**TUES. APR. 3.** Pendleton & Crowell in. (A.A.A.) Going to S.W.P. – Freeman, back from P.I. – Ludden, from China. He is very pessimistic. Thinks just what we do. Blank check for the K.M.T. & they know it. U.S. casualties certain. Kirk in; just back from S.W.P. Very pleasant

guy. – [Charlie Dravo in yesterday. He is on. “No guts anywhere.” Says Doug will get the China job & yell for me. Baloney.] — At 2 P.M. M. of H. to Mrs. Boyce for her son. Grandmother & sister present. Nice people – Home at 3:30. – [Churchill forced F.D.R. into Br. naval participation in Pacific by threat of telling world he preferred to sacrifice American lives.] – (Br. feelers about having TRUK for a naval base!) – N.B. Freeman. “One year ago, Wedemeyer & Co. were in the U.S. telling the C.C.S. that an attack on Burma was impossible. Now they have fantastic ideas about re-taking Singapore – 8 divs. & “leading elements” – 360,000 men!

**WED. APR. 4.** Walter Reed for tooth. Henry Stimson there. Office all day. Bill Gruber in; long talk. He says it will boil down to me. The admin. can't take Doug. – Atkinson in for talk; on way to Moscow. Says my speech is O.K. – Bess of Sat. Eve. Post in for talk. – Christiansen back – Good trip. — Long talk with Haynes. – Win to tea in her honor at 5:00.

**THURS. APR. 5.** Chauncey in at 11:30. Vandegrift in for a talk. (Iwo – results of bombing – 0-30% more emplacements than at start. Camouflage blown off. 3 8" guns found on last day. The “New York” got them after all day fire with 16" guns. 12 feet of concrete.) – To 1904 lunch. Spalding, Kingman, Harbold, Tompo, Robins, Chauncey, Golden, Carter, Gregory, Corbin, Fite, Greaser, Wilson, Bryden, J.W.S. & 5 more. – Russians denounce Jap treaty. Jap cabinet falls – Dorn in for dinner.

**FRI. APR. 6.** Walter Reed for scraping & impression – Office at 11:00. Hanson Baldwin in (Said he had been for me in the Pacific – With Bergin to Mayflower – Army Day lunch. All the big shots there. Embarrassing reception upon introduction – Perfunctory claps for the others, but a real salvo for me. George Marshall spoke, giving a lot of dope out. He congratulated me on “the ovation”. Sat by Adm. Woodward, who said he wanted me to know he was for me. – Arms back. – Talked to Cook. – Parade. – Win tickled over the lunch episode. –

**SAT. APR. 7.** A.M. office. Usual stuff. 1:30 at field & shoved off. N.Y. at 3:00. Good trip. To Waldorf & at 4:00 Ern, Agnes, & J. Goette in. 5:30 reception. – A mess. (Constants there!)



Bullard. Drum, etc. Christ again. Drum drove me crazy at dinner with his God-damned pomposity. 4 ½ min. speech. Then escaped, to the room. A wearing affair.

**SUN. APR. 8.** Breakfast at 8:00. Nowicki in at 9:20, to 10:00 – Then Ern, Agnes, Berrigan, Art Steele & the Browns, & Pepper Martin. Shoved off at 11:30. Left field at 12:00. Wash. at 1:30. Nance & Ern here. Lillian Matchett & Mary Bradley here. – Left Young in N.Y. to drive new car down.

**MON. APR. 9.** Office – 10:00 to Ft. Myer to Somervell's show – Back at 1:15. P. Wood in. Told him to hold his water. Condon & Rothwell Brown in. Christiansen sick. Shoved off at 11:00. (Ernie to see G-1 W.D. @ radio to Sultan for his release – [Young came in with new car at 7:00.]

**TUES. APR. 10.** Arr. Riley at 6:00 A.M. With Hazeltine to Cav. R.T.C. & saw platoon exercise & 2 squad problems. All putrid. Worst exhibition so far. Very windy. After lunch, went to the school. Saw Grimes, Jennings, Still, Spillane, Thompson (Sgt. Stevens, my trigger man, at R.T.C.) School doing O.K. Told Thompson he would probably go to R.T.C. Shoved off at 4:00. Fannin at 8:30. Head winds. Saw night patrol critique. Very high class. Speech. Bed at 12:00. Hazlett's gang here, – all R.T.C. K.O.'s (Speech to K.O.'s at 8:30).

**WED. APR. 11.** 8:30 platoon in attack. All A.M. with squad work, messes, day-rooms, etc. Murals in club pretty hot. Off at 2:00 in rain storm – Tail wind. Knox at 5:30. Saw O.C.S. parade, barracks & mess. Clear weather here. Dinner at 7:30. Then to night work. B.I. instruction. Very sad. Patrolling (!) Blind leading blind. Back at 10:20. (Get instr. from Fannin)

**THURS. APR. 12.** 8:00 A.M. with Scott & Wood, world champion talkers, both at once, & all the time, to tank gunnery & driving, etc. All A.M. After that, the Armd. Board, (Hightower) & lunch. Then the school, (Robinett), till 3:00. Washington at 7:00 (E. Time). [FDR dead, at 4:35 – well, well.] Knox is sloppy. Sent to Hartle for help.

**FRI. APR. 13.** 9:30 to Edgewood. Very soupy. Arr. 10:00 & went to demonstration of mortars, flame-throwers, & bombs. 1 P.M. lunch. At 2:00 made rounds of CWS school. Off at 3:00. Office till 5:00. (Win got mixed up with Hyssong dogs.) – Porter at Edgewood. KABRICH in charge of technical board. Saw Lilly – & Capt. Schmertz. Also Esmond, Joe's friend.

**SAT. APR. 14.** Walter Reed for fitting. Parade to White House with the corpse. – Joe Green of Inf. Journal in. Had lunch with him. – Pearce of Wash. Star (P.R.O. at Calcutta) in – Herzog in – Jack Service in. (M<sup>c</sup>Clure's fight with Hurley, who cursed him – ) (“Ya-hoo” at Yenan.) (Asst. Amb. & Counsellor, – the 2 sergeants) (Service gives him one month.) – Movie at house – Novers, Olsens, Daisy Sherer & papa, & us. Bette Davis – good.

**SUN. APR. 15.** Rainy. Up late – Bummed around all day. Ernie & Nance off at 5:30. Ernie forgot his brief-case – The sgt. got it to him.

**MON. APR. 16.** Office. Alerted for quickie on re-depl. – 2:30 to recording studio with Nover. – Paul gave us hell for doing it – small time stuff. – W.D. trying to force my hand on questionnaire for the quickie. Paul got after them. – 7:30 – dinner with Shang Chen, Bergins, Dorn, Liu's, T'ien, Li, & Mme Chu Shih Ming. Back late. – Shang spoke openly of the “great mistake.”

**TUES. APR. 17.** To Pentagon for quickie. Stumbled through it – P.M. Gaither in; back from E.T.O. Nearly bumped off in A/B op. at Wesel. Dropped on a German 20 mm battery. — Mr. Biggers of Chrysler in, about May 14 at Detroit. – They couldn't get the Coliseum (5,000), so are restricting the dinner to 1500. (Patton & Hodges – 4-star).

**WED. APR. 18.** Pearson in – Down on his luck. No promotion. No decoration. Took him home for lunch. – Kilburn in – busted from 11<sup>th</sup> Armd xx by Middleton. Very straight story. Looks as if wrong man got the hook. Kilburn's case is that 4<sup>th</sup> & 90<sup>th</sup> failed him. – Saw the television working from an L-4. Very good. – Council meeting cancelled. – Enslow called after movie, just when stranded Wave & escort barged in. Boat turned over.



**THURS. APR. 19.** Left for Meade at 7:15. Arr 8:15. With Mallon to various lay-outs. – personal service, messes, day-rooms, training. Carleton Smith there. Sasse. Yuill. Stokely is post K.O. Saw draft leaving. Good lunch of spare-ribs. Met all K.O.s & left at 3:15. Home at 4:15.

**FRI. APR. 20.** A.M. Pentagon for daily briefing & talk with C/S. Dope on N.G. & Res. – Separation of incompetents — Destruction of Japan. (Carthage) He's worried about Germany & effect of destr. — Proposed GAS. – Saw Campbell about Ord. Off. – Movie, "Hell of a beating.")

**SAT. APR. 21.** – L. of M. for Mrs. Holland. She, 3 kids, mother, Col. Brant, Win at office for presentation. Lunch in cafeteria. Isaacs in. (Resentment vs. me for insisting on taking it easy with Chinese. Feeling changed by fight with CKS. I must have looked like a prick. One of many gigs a K.O. must take.) Hurley = Senility. Had fight with M<sup>c</sup>Clure ("S.O.B." etc) – Cheeves sending snotty wires to I.B. Theater. (It wasn't so smart to break up C.B.I.). MtBatten "so sorry" to lose me, etc. etc. but evident relief that I'd been gotten out.

**SUN. APR. 22.** Up late. Office at 11:00. Arms in. Going to R. & S. command as G-3. He had word that Chinese special regt. had performed well. P.M. bummed. To field at 11:00.

**MON. APR. 23.** Benning at 6:00. (Walker, Weems, Hobson, etc.) Out with Weems all A.M. at various O.C.S. classes & exercises. Platoon attack on Elliot Hill. Talked to Parker's class. Lunch in field at village fighting. Talked to trainees. P.M. saw Joe. T.M.'s, L.M.G., booby traps, Bn. in defense, etc. Dinner at Walker's. Gaither over-talked again. Saw "Here's your Infantry". Made a speech. Hazlett here. Mira, Leighton & Joey out to see the show.

**TUES. APR. 24.** A.M. parachute school. Good lay-out. 11:30 Hook Range – Met ANSCOLL. Lunch with Hobson, Fulton, Joe. P.M. various ranges & the attack problem. Mobbed by trainees. Dinner at McPhersons'. Joey raising hell. To field at 11:00. Heavy storm, 80-mi. wind. Planes lashed down –

**WED. APR. 25.** Off at midnight. Back at 2:30. Bad weather. Off again at 8:30. Dallas at 1:30. Bliss at 5:30. Meyer, Van Volkenburgh, Hesketh. Rode around. Slow dinner

**THURS. APR. 26.** Breakfast with trainees. Then to close combat, phys. training, etc. Off at 10:00. L.A. about 3:30. Roberts at 4:15. Lawrence & party met us. Squad problems. Punk. Dinner at regtl. mess. Out to night infiltration.

**FRI. APR. 27.** Breakfast at regtl. mess. Enlisted messes all finished. All A.M. at various exercises. L.M.G. range, close combat, mortars, bayonet, phys. training, & platoon attack – Lunch with trainees, – Cal. & Texas lads. Very enjoyable. Off at 4:00. Monterey at 4:30. To Llanfair. Then to R.R. & got Ben. Supper at Pine Inn. Pretty punk. Ben has an owl.

**SAT. APR. 28.** Ben & I slept at Llanfair. Breakfast at Nance's. Ben & I spent morning at Llanfair with the birds – Lunch at Doot's. Off at 4:00. L.A. at 6:00. Saw the Arnolds. Off at 6:20.

**SUN. APR. 29.** Wash. at 11:00. Got the car-load of junk to the house. Callers. Mrs. Krueger & daughter-in-law. Mrs. McNair, thrilled with herself. Nap.

**MON. APR. 30.** Office. Mass of junk. Lunch with Somervell, Campbell, Barnes, Faymonville to iron out requirements business. – Dorn in. Barrett has been relieved as C/S of C.T. & C.C. China theater in a mess. Cheeves to be replaced by Maddocks. Feeling very bad between Chinese & Americans. Worked all day catching up –

**TUES. MAY 1.** A.M. to Walter Reed. – All day at office – Pennell back from ETO (Rock tunnel V-2 factory. Atrocities. Spotty damage in Germany.) McCullough (1913) in. McCabe leaving for Robinson. He is all perked up at the prospect. Doc Cook in on Plans Div. PICK & GREENE in, on leave. Good eggs. They are looking for work. – 5:00 P.M. to Bolling Field. Review & decoration of Bowles, nurse, etc. – Cold wind. Hitler reported killed.



**WED. MAY 2.** Wrote VE + 1 speech. No help from P.R.O. Sautschi in. Hughes in, on way to E.T.O. Dumont – old Dickman's aide – in. J. Goette in in P.M. Plugged all day –

**THURS. MAY 3.** Office all day. Maxwell & gang in. OK. Tregaskis in, looking for dope on China. Lattimore in. Mongols have taken new lease on life – He knows the score in China. Bob Bryant in; gave me a skag-holder. Staff movie. – Wrote on speeches. – Invite to Russian doings in N.Y.

**FRI. MAY 4.** Walter Reed for teeth. Got new plate. Back at 11:00. Kopsak in – Win went to Walter Reed to look over S.S.O. arrangements. Punk – Win to Jango grad. in evening.

**SAT. MAY 5.** Office all A.M. Just catching up. Home at 2:00 & got after Garry, – clipping.

**SUN. MAY 6.** To Mt. Vernon with Paul & Loomis – Ahead of the crowd (Record; 16,000). George's duck-gun. Kitchen, smoke-house, museum, tomb, gardens, etc. etc. Beautiful lay-out. Back at noon. Read. DeWitts in – Carl brought Miss Volin Cowan(?) in at 5:30 –

**MON. MAY 7.** Dubby day in office. All day. Win & Loomis over for lunch. Col. M<sup>c</sup>Nerney in for supper –

**TUES. MAY 8.** Office. Worked on speeches. It is now certain that I will have to write them myself. This is VE day. So what? – 12 o'clock, to sec. war's office. Henry paid a tribute to Marshall – P.M. office crap.

**WED. MAY 9.** Office. Continued battle on speeches. Slats in for lunch. Miss Palmer of "Reader's Digest" in. Babe in woods going to China. – Col. Bennett from old 2<sup>d</sup> Div. in. – Col. Starling from our M.T.O. board in. – 92<sup>d</sup> Div., msg. from Almond. Art., Excellent. Inf, hopeless. – 6:30, broadcast with Arnold & Somervell. – Win had tea-party for 35. – Bergins & Dorn for supper –

**THURS. MAY 10.** 8:45, saw G.C.M. He had nothing to offer, except that I could go & make my own arrangements. Doug will not have anyone senior to Krueger. Geo. says K. was on point of being rel'd. for slow advance on Manila. Doug obviously out of control; W.D. afraid of him. So I'll go out & look around. – Talked to Dorn, Bergin & Jones about it. They all say Go. – Movie of German atrocities. – Negro news-boys in, feeling around about the 92<sup>d</sup> Div. – Universal training committee in from N.Y. for 25<sup>th</sup> – Gov. of Maryland phoned for date in Baltimore. No.

**FRI. MAY 11** – Walter Reed for teeth. O.K. at last. Office crap. What, no callers? – Chennault sulking – asks for relief. Prob. because of Strat. commanding in China. “An air force, backed up by capable ground troops can stop an offensive.” Good God! – Win over for “On to Tokyo” – Quit at 4:00. – Gooler in (Lt. Col.) just back from German prison camp. Taken at Tobruk; limie Gen. Klopfer surrendered, – 30,000 men – without a fight. Gooler well-treated. Heard in prison of my troubles in Burma. —

**SAT. MAY 12.** News of Stalin's blast against Churchill on Poland. – 7 A.M. “Marie Bowlin” wanted on phone. Rosemarie Volin, of course. “She is staying at Gen. S.'s house.” Bawled Carl out. It turns out she is still here. — Back & forth about trip. Go or wait. GO. No one in all day!!

**SUN. MAY 13.** Win out to Mother's Day breakfast. Around house all day. Movie “Affairs of Susan”.

**MON. MAY 14.** A.M. office till 12:15 – To Pentagon – Saw Somervell & Eaker. One each general to go with us to Manila. Both grateful to be included. Bergin arranged for a C-54. Got Rogers to work. All set. Shots Thursday. 2:30 off for Buffalo. Arr. 4:30. Mayor Kelly & Streeter & others. Saw Chinese delegation. In to Statler Hotel – Saw the press, etc. McDowell, 1909 at airport; he came in, too. Changed. Reception – All the Buffalo big shots. Very friendly. Morgenthau already there. Dinner at 6:30 – Informal & simple. Speeches of course. (Got a dollar from Paul on bet.) – To civic stadium for Inf. show. 18,000 only. Cold, raw night. (Morg. said his assets were frozen.) The show made a good impression. Gehle (state loan



chairman) wants it in N.Y. Speeches again. – 9:30 to the theater (3,000) for radio show, 10 to 11. Raymond Massey, Barry Wood, Bee Wayne (“shirt full of goodies” & a wiggle.) Morgie said, “Between \$1000 & \$2000 a week for that.” Massey is a good egg. Morgie & I made speeches – Back to hotel with the mayor. To bed at 12:00. Buffalo is O.K.

**TUES. MAY 15.** Up at 4:30. Off at 5:00. Hotel had a bill for us! Take-off at 5:30. Detroit at 7:15. Biggers, Boatwright (B.G.) & Quinton (B.G.) met us. To Detroit Club. Breakfast, same crowd. To tank arsenal with Keller, (pres. of Chrysler) He took us through the plant. Rode a T-26. Then to truck proving grounds. Frenchy gave me a ride in the swamp buggy. (All trucks to be water-proofed now.) Grown-up jeep, i.e. cut-down ¾ ton W.C. They are making the 4 x 4 Chinese truck. Out to Willow Run. Lunch with H. Ford II; nice kid. Also Fairless (pres. U.S. Steel) Bricker, mgr. Willow Run, & a lot of others. All big shots, & all friendly, informal & natural. Through the plant by electric train. B-24 assembly line. To control tower. Left at 4:00. Went to Rouge River plant. 1200 acres. Saw them dump coke. Immense layout. Test going on robot bomb. Deafening noise – Back to the club. Dinner at 6:30, for 23. All the big shots, Gen. Motors (Wilson), Chrysler (Keller & Biggers), Penn. R.R. (Stackpole), Telephone (Dushay), Timken (Rockwell), Ford (Henry II), banks, etc. etc. – Keller & his stories (“Have you met the Yanks?” “I prefer it au gratin.”) – Long session on preparedness & compulsory training. Wilson & Ford against. All others for it. – Then an hour on China, all new to them. Gave them the works, laying off of C.K.S.

**WED. MAY 16.** Breakfast at D. Club. Davidson of G.M. there. Rain. Over to Ordnance exhibit in town – All the stuff made here. Then to Cadillac plant. (Mrs. Ben Adams called at club.) Mr. Dreystadt, unter-offizier in German subs in 1913, gen. mgr. Colby lectured – Armored personnel carrier. Assembly line for M-24. 700 ft. to complete a tank. (50 Cadillacs an hour). Making 25 a day now. Fine job. Lunch with Dreystadt, Kunkle, Davidson, etc. etc. Biggers & our crowd. Movie of M-24. (Swim suit for M-24.) Back to club 2:30. Went over questions. Press conference at Book-Cad – Hotel at 4:00 – Just blah. – Back to club – 6:30 to Book-Cad for dinner – 1500 there. Sen. Brown & Gushee ran it. Trouble with mike. Mumbled my way through. To bed at 11:30.

**THURS. MAY 17.** Thunder-storm – Off at 6:15. Biggers came to field. – Wash. at 8:45. – G.C.M. took my rec. seriously. Office. 3 P.M. home & took nap. Falling asleep at desk.

**FRI. MAY 18.** Office all day. Regrets off on all dates – All set for Sunday. – P.X. for slacks, cap & sox. – (Sen. Brown, Detroit – U.S.-Canada boundary. Ben. Franklin negotiated. Limies had choice of 45<sup>th</sup> parallel, or line of lakes & 48<sup>th</sup> parallel. Took latter & lost all the iron & limestone of Michigan & Minnesota – Got nothing along the lakes. Tit at Winnipeg. Nothing known about country there. So treaty read “From X, NORTH or SOUTH, as the case may be, to the 48<sup>th</sup> parallel.” It turned out to be south. — R.E. Lee ran the survey for the Michigan-Ohio boundary.) —

**SAT. MAY 19.** Office – finishing up. Saw Handy. G.C.M. not back from Leesburg. Later, msg. that George did not need to see me – Then at the Honeycutt wedding in he came & was seated next to Win. Talked a blue streak & ill at ease – Phyllis Murray there with the Herrs. Margaret Honeycutt very casual.

**SUN. MAY 20.** Up early – Off at 7:30 – Take off at 8:30. Via Toledo, Chicago, Omaha, to Ogden. Head winds. Gas at Ogden. Saw [*Blank half-line.*] – Off at 6:30 – Hamilton at 9:00 their time (midnight, Wash.). To club & turned in.

**MON. MAY 21.** Off at 7:40 via S.F. & Golden Gate. 2400 mi. in 12 hours. Saw nothing but an aircraft carrier – Smooth trip. Arr. 7:40 P.M. (5:20 here). Oahu looked just the same – Met by Richardson. Up to Shafter. Bath. Dinner for general officers. Ruffner, C/S – movie. Plenty of dope on POA & the Navy.

**TUES. MAY 22.** Chewed up by mosquitoes. – 8:00 A.M. briefing at Rich’s office, & he gave a spiel on command relations. The Navy is after complete control. They have not complied with J.C.S. orders to separate A. & N. They want to go to Chung\* Kuo\* – LONG TOM. Army all against it – incl. Wedemeyer. – Nimitz to Spruance to Turner to Buckner is the chain of Command. (Buck. recommended GEIGER to succeed him if he were a casualty!!) – Everything being moved west from eastern Pacific. – Harmon was inefficient & stood well with navy



because he gave in on all points. Smith (Ralph) was victim of H. Mad Smith's misrepresentations. – Richardson wants a field command. Apparently Doug does not want him. Navy on all occasions disparages & belittles M<sup>ac</sup>Arthur, & he plays into their hands. (Family, amah, etc.) — A.M. to replacement depot etc. Big lunch at club – Towers & our crowd. – Immense swimming pool. – Out to combat training camp. An hour ride. Saffarans, ex-Lear satellite. Childish lay-out. Rich. thinks it's wonderful. "Letters of commendation from divisions." – WILLIE CHU & a dozen fan-i-kuans with hua Ch'iao det. Made a speech – a bad one. Back to Shafter at 5:30. Doolittle there with Partridge. Not so bad as I thought. Then to dinner at Erdman's – niece of Walter Dillingham (Pick's double). Couple of admirals & wives, etc. Not bad. 15 yr-old Erdman girl sang. Bob & I got away at 8:30. Shoved off at 9:15. – Honolulu is greatly developed & expanded.

**WED. MAY 23.** OUT. We cross the 180<sup>th</sup> meridian.

**THURS. MAY 24.** 7 A.M. Kwajalein. Met by Ross. Mr. Kuter & Gen. Parker there. I do not warm up to them. Breakfast with Ross. Tour of island. Only jap remains are a couple of pill boxes. Island covered with A.T.C. & Navy & Marine installations. All water distilled. 6,300 ft runway. Shoved off at 9:15 – (12 hrs. from Honolulu – 7 ½ to Guam.) – Guam at 3:30. Held up by a B-29 off runway. Circled harbor & fields. Met by Nimitz & Giles. All around island with Larsen, island comdr. 8,000 japs killed since fighting stopped. Still getting 10 or 20 a week. – B-29's (700) in 4 wings of 4 groups of 4 sq. 12,000 men in a wing. 2 wings here, 2 on Tinian, 1 on Saipan. Saw LeMay – They claim 32 sq. miles of Tokyo gone & about 30 more to do. All A/C factories hit. – Our losses at Okinawa – 26,000 + 235 ships have been hit mostly by suicide bombers. (4,000 sailors killed, 4,000 wounded.) Nimitz expects break-up on Okinawa. Sherman thinks japs will quit. So does Larsen. – Back at 6:00. Bath. Dinner – M<sup>c</sup>Morris, C of S., Sherman, Mandel, Donovan, Heileman, & a bunch of Red Cross "executives". – Amazing job being done on Guam. – Roads, depots, fields, docks, fills, dumps, pipe-lines & what have you. Mostly since Nov. – About 160,000 military pop., plus 22,000 civilians.

**FRI. MAY 25.** Breakfast with Nimitz. Good-bye. Off at 8:15 – Smooth trip. In along N. coast of Luzon, cut across at Laguna de Bay & landed at Nichols Field. Capt. Shubert sent us to

Admiral Apts. Tie-up on arrival. Their idea was tomorrow at Tacloban. Elevator working, water running, furniture a bit short. First floor blown out by time bomb. – Phone from Col. Wheeler. Audience at 11:00 to-morrow. (Osmeña conferring with God to-day). Sutherland sick. Donovan says they really want to see me! – Took a ride. Manila is sure flat. Intramuros looks like Tengchung – Escolta area & all S. of Pasig, ruins. Levelled or burnt shells. Two Bailey bridges in across Pasig. No entrance to Walled City – still danger of mines. The city is a bee-hive, but it will take years to straighten it out. Back at 5:00 – (They thought here we were to land in Leyte. Nichols field phoned that they would not let us land. We had 100 yds. to spare.) Hot, but not too bad. – Willoughby, Russell, Whitlock, at dinner. Chamberlain ate with us. Same story about Navy. They just refuse to obey the directive. – Kyushiu wanted only for the air-fields. Not possible up to now to use A/B troops on acct of fields. Had to choose, – tactical air or A/B, – not both. Great shortage of service units, & not enough tonnage to move them.

**SAT. MAY 26.** 7:30 breakfast. HOT day. No breeze & heavy haze. – Hair-cut. – To City Hall – Saw FELLERS, WHEELER, KRUEGER. He looks just the same. Everybody most cordial. Anxious to have me visit them. Message from P. Swift (“Come on up”). Msg. from Eichelberger. Saw Dr. ELLIOT, Col. Ijams (?), & Col. X, of Tyding’s party. Ijams mentioned the Mayflower Hotel incident. Adm. King was at his table & said “There’s the man for my money,” when I had to stand up. (More embarrassment.) Saw Doug, who made a speech – Fair enough evaluation of conditions. Says he wants a friend to speak up for him. Told me I could do anything I wanted to do. “Go see Krueger. Go see Eichelberger. Go see the air people.” Planes, cars, anything. Make suggestions. He wants ideas. 1 P.M. out to Santa Mesa for lunch. Bachrach house. Mrs. M<sup>c</sup> is small & lively. Murfeesboro – Very informal & O.K. At lunch Dr. Elliott said that Doug had the affection of the American people, & had only one rival – And he was sitting opposite – (What a conception.) The old car disappeared & a nice new one took its place to take me home. – Nap. – Donovan having trouble finding out who is who. USAFFE, AFPAC, SWPA, USASOS, GHQ – etc. Personnel not so hot. Chamberlin stands out among the mediocrities. Dorn had same experience. G-4 to G-3 & back. And Eastwood asked to have us come. Now they send us to the armies! I told Dorn not to go.



**SUN. MAY 27.** Bawled out Dorn for his action in arranging 6<sup>th</sup> A. trip. He did not call it off last night, hoping to get me to change decision. Went down to see Marshall in USAFFE. He turns out to be the Asst. Q.M. at Benning in 1924-25. First guy we met who knew anything. Got the dope from him, found out about the equip. board & repl. Command. Dorn to see the board at 3:00. This will give us the proper start. Back to Adm. Apts. at 10:00 – Bergin saw Fitch (A.G.). – The Sutherland wac is a jewess, & relations are cooler, on her account, between Doug & the C/S. – Nap. – 4:00-5:00 tour of bay & sunk ships. 300 already moved. 60-odd large ones still there & well over 100 small ones. Dead jap on cruiser hanging from bridge. One ship loaded with bullion. A cruiser, – sank in 4 minutes – had complete log. Was at Pearl Harbor, – flagship. Operations orders, dated Nov. 5 – Gen. Baker went with us on a crash boat. – 6:00 P.M. called on Sutherland. He was in pajamas with his wac. She went into the bed-room as I came upstairs. Very friendly talk. Carte blanche to go anywhere. – Another gorgeous sunset. Dorn & Donovan saw their people.

**MON MAY 28.** To G-2, Mr. Willoughby. Got the estimate on Chiu\* TAO – (6 xx +). Called on by TUAN MAO LAN & “Gen” WANG CHIH, Willoughby’s nuisance. Always sending scraps to CKG & the japs intercept & read them. – Lunch with Fitch & Sen. Tydings – We struck a common note, To hell with the British & no handouts to the P.I. politicians. O.K. about bases here. The boys do not want independence. Tydings agreed that the Empiah is on the down grade. – 4:00 P.M. out to McKinley; a wreck – Scattered buildings left. Our old house gone; just a pile of rubbish – New road across Pasig to Quezon City, 15 mi. out of Manila. Not much damage in N. Manila. Came in past Malacañan. Market. Mangoes, 1 peso each. Papaya, two pesos. Avocado, 1.50 a kilo. Bananas, 20 ¢ each – The prices generally are terrible. Litter of jap planes around M<sup>c</sup>Kinley. 6<sup>th</sup> A to-morrow.

**TUES. MAY 29.** Shoved off at 7:30 for San Fernando. Absence of chickens, ducks, dogs, pigs, & carabao. Some carabao out in the country. Wild driving on road. Few towns hurt. Bridges all down. 6<sup>th</sup> A at 9:15 – (Gen. M<sup>ac</sup>Arthur’s billet in ’99.) – Saw Krueger for an hour. G-2 gave us the dope on situation. Only remnants of japs left. G-3 (Eddleman) till noon. After lunch talked to staff – Friendly business-like atmosphere; good staff. They say very few good officers at Doug’s H.Q. Chamberlin does the work & never gets out. – Replacements can be

handled (good div. comdrs.) No change wanted in T/O's. Uncertain about new weapons. – Dozed till 3:30; then to G-3, air office, & I & E. (2600 radio sets out; 3500 more on way!!) – Dinner at 6:00. Long talk with Krueger, who says do not ask for reduction. “Too old for div. comdr.”!!

**WED. MAY 30** – Off at 8:00. Clark Field about 9:00. Plane to Rosales. Met by P. Swift. Up to 25<sup>xx</sup> C.P. & got Mullens. Nice lunch (avocado, mango, club sandwich, coke!!) Up to the doings around Balete Pass. They have bull-dozed up the side hills on each side of the valley & gotten to Santa Fé. 37<sup>th</sup> now takes over. Beighteler at lunch. Typical griping, whining N.G. officer. Someone is always discriminating against him. Guerrillas working with the 25<sup>xx</sup>. Troops had been told I was coming. Yells of “Uncle Joe” along the way. [Mullens was putting on a show – Air strafing, 57 firing on jap positions. Report of jap M.G. across the road – And the usual sniper. Not very convincing.] Tough hills to climb. Japs holed up everywhere – 3 ½ months to get to Balete Pass from about 4 or 5 miles down the valley. Seems a bit slow if they are going to Aparri – 27-yr. old Col. at pass. – Col. Johnson (USMA 1939.) – 28-minutes to go back to the C.P. Heavy dust & rough road. P. Swift had to make his schedule, come death or destruction. Left Mullens & shot down to Rosales. Arr. 5 P.M. Guard of Honor – Good-looking soldiers. Had a bath. Chinese chow for dinner. Unimpressive staff. Murray, C/S, 1917, an argumentative Irishman – and dumb. Turned in early.

**THURS. MAY 31** – Breakfast at I Corps. By jeep to Tayug & up the Villa Verde trail to 32<sup>xx</sup> C.P. Met Gill & went on up to Galacsac Pass. Japs still on Yamashita Ridge, machine-gunned the trail – Gill had art. on them, in plain sight, about 1800 yds. across the valley & higher. Hell of a job to do what they did. Terrific slopes, with japs on the high ground & well concealed in their holes. Japs could see the whole advance all the time. Portable surgical hosp. right under the guns. (Operating table shot up.) LYMAN, asst. div. comdr. Troops on way out; job finished just in time. — Kid in hosp. from San Leandro – belly wound – 18 yrs. old. Looked like Joe – glasses. Just looked steadily at me, serious as hell. Answered questions, still looking me in the eye, unsmiling. Hard to take – 18 yrs. old. Lunch with Gill, Barlow (7<sup>th</sup> Div.) M<sup>c</sup>Bride (art.) – Back to Rosales. Inspected H.Q. troops lay-out. Plane to Naguilian along coast – over low hills where 43 xx went in. Met Clarkson. Jeep to Baguio (40 kil.). Stopped at site of “ball-field”



battle. Baguio is a mess – To Country Club – 32<sup>xx</sup> CP. – Dinner with xx staff – Movie. Paxton (art) Meyers, (asst. div. comdr.) Collins (29) Serff & Cavanee, regtl. comdrs. Young crowd – (Picture of Gill's problem.)

**FRI. JUNE 1.** 8:00 A.M. to Topside – art. O.P. 8000 yds from Totem Pole jc. Air hit with 16 planes (promised 48) & then the Bofors 90 mm did some shooting. 1 Bn attacking along road – with 2 tanks & 1 M-7. Air hit the right hill with help of white smoke on target, pink on our line, & a cub leading them in. Back through Baguio & out through Trinidad, then around a gorgeous valley on road to Totem Pole (Guerrillas learning on jap 75 hows.). 42's going in. Met Collins ('38), the col. & Blake the Bn. Comdr Paxton giving the art. support. Sniper popped off as we got out. Watched the shoot on Chocolate Drop hill. A cave was blown about 150 yds. ahead of us & a pair of pants flew through the air. 4 japs in the hole. Little reaction. Japs smothered & not numerous. (We had Choc. Drop at noon.) Back through Baguio & to Cavennee's replacement camp. Quarantined for mumps. Fine-looking bunch of kids; best they have had. A lot of 18 & 19 yr. olds – Talked to 3 tentfuls & then to the whole squad, lined up. Back for lunch. Then to airfield to a parade of a Bn. Fine div. band. About 20 awards & I pinned them on. Swift gave Clarkson the Air Medal. Shoved off at 1:45 Dropped Clarkson & Swift in Baguio & rode on down to Naguilian. Plane to Clark Field. Rain just over. Car to San Fernando. Arr. 4:50 P.M. – To-day is first day of right-hand drive. – Long talk with Krueger – his only chance to get things off his chest.

**SAT. JUNE 2.** Goodbye to 6<sup>th</sup> Army staff – By car to Chink Hall's XI AC Hqrs. by the Chinese cemetery – (Balintawak). C/S Hastings. CP in a shoe factory. Rode out through Mariguina to CP of 38<sup>xx</sup>. Gen Chase – Very dusty – Went up to OP opposite Mt. Purro & watched firing – 38<sup>th</sup> attacking regts. abreast; just getting to high rough ground from Montalban gorge south. Maybe 1500 japs in there. Not 15 miles from Manila. Very slow advance, with usual stuff about how tough the japs are. Saw Ives, now a Col. (formerly in 32<sup>d</sup> Inf) Also Spence, 1916, Comdg. div. art. & SOULE, asst Div. Comdr.!! (He has good reputation there) Went through a 155 Bn. on way back & talked to the men. Lunch with Chase, Spence, etc. Then to clearing station (Howells) & went through two wards. Everybody cheerful. Had a coke in the Red Cross tent & went back to Hall's C.P. Bergin had phoned to Rhodes, & everything is

set for Okinawa to-morrow. Back at Adm. Apts. at 4:00 & cleaned up. – Medico at 6<sup>th</sup> A says that no orders are issued here – Instead, people are asked “if they would like to do so-&-so” – In the interests of inter-national friendship, no whore-house can be put off limits. San Fernando is known as Kruger’s Whore-House. 16 pesos a whack. 90% infected. – All junior comdrs. are frothing at the mouth & straining at the bit. CAUTION is the watch-word. How the japs balled it up here is a mystery, but if they had 200,000 men, Yamashita is the world’s worst comdr. Nobody can tell you where there was any co-ordinated fight – – Graham (2<sup>d</sup> Div.) here. Rain. (Heileman – “Drive it home with a smart blow from a 2 ½ lb hammer.”)

**SUN. JUNE 3.** Up at 5:30 – Off at 7:15 in a B-17. 749 knots. In at 1:15 at Yontan. Lot of ships in Keramas, & at Okinawa. Big doings – roads, dumps, etc. No notice received here of our visit. A commodore took us to 10<sup>th</sup> Army in his jeep. Roads layout is ambitious, but the muck is terrible. Okinawa tombs. Surprise to staff, who were unprepared for us. Buckner, Post C/S, Schick, Dept C/S, Ely, G-2, Dumas, G-3 – etc. Had long talk with Buckner – After supper, met special staff. Then long session with the G-S. (Jap suicide boats at Keramas, & crews at Naha being briefed when landing came.) 29 jap planes to-day, just after we got in.

**MON. JUNE 4.** Heavy bombardment last night. Shoved off at 8:30 for Hodge’s Hqrs. Deep mud. Got there at 9:30 – Old fort (1457) on peak. Local boy protecting against encroachment from south – (“One of 8 views of Okinawa”). Monument to the “Loyal Dead”. Chinese inscription. 7<sup>th</sup> Div. took it; grenades. Left Hodge at 10:30 & poked on towards 7<sup>th</sup> <sup>xx</sup>. Stuck on cross-road. Rescued by Capt. Miller of Houston in an M-5 tractor with 2 trailers of art. ammo. Abandoned the ¾ ton & got to 7<sup>th</sup> <sup>xx</sup> C.P. Arnold, Booth, C/S, Reddy, asst <sup>xx</sup> Comdr. Had chow & shoved off for beach in 2 ½ tonner. Roads impassable. LVT along beach to Yonabaru. Then a ¾ tonner to Shinzato & up the hill to 32<sup>d</sup> CP. Keller (<sup>||</sup> ex.) there. Finn out. On to 184<sup>th</sup> & saw Greene & Bjork. On to 17<sup>th</sup> & saw Hachler. Then to O.P. & got a look at south side. Cleared after steady rain. Good view of fort & whole lay-out, nice, escarpment. Looks tough, but good approach near shore. Troops close to phase line – Back to 32<sup>d</sup> & saw Finn – Recognized everywhere & got friendly greeting. Yonabaru at dark – LVT up the coast again & back at CP. by truck at 9:00 – Chow & turned in at 10:30 in Arnold’s tent. CP is a sea of mud. 7<sup>th</sup> has no respect for japs (850 k. 3500 wd. in this operation.) Bn comdr. loss heavy.



**TUES. JUNE 5.** Showery. Breakfast at 7:00. Off at 8:00. To truck in a weasel, driver De Conter, original 7<sup>th</sup> Divver. Truck to beach. LVT to Navy lay-out & ¾ tonner due west on main cross- road to CP. Navy has big anchorage proposition on east side. Protected by islands. (Complained to Finn about a sniper south of Shinzato! 15 men in their party!) 4 japs killed last night coming ashore. – Estimated 15-20,000 japs left, & 2 weeks to finish them. They are holing up in S.W. corner. — Buckner's pee-mortar; very sanitary. Now further improved by a fore-skin at the lower end. (It would not do to pee directly into the puddle.) — Tactics – All frontal. 6<sup>th</sup> Marine landing S. of Naha only attempt to go by. No thought of repeating it. Buckner laughs at Bruce for having crazy ideas. "Two out of 15 are O.K. The rest are impossible." It might be a good thing to listen to him.

→ 1:30 took off in a cub. Down to Naha & across the island to Yonabaru. Looks like Verdun. Escarpment must have been tough. Caves, holes, & tombs everywhere. The poor Okinawans have had even their ancestors blown to pieces. Complete destruction in center of island. Naha harbor blocked by sunken ships. 6<sup>th</sup> Marines fighting on hill just S. of inlet. Went around the S.E. peninsula on sea side & came in at south port. 7<sup>th</sup> behind a smoke screen, apparently having a hard time. Circled close – Cruiser & destroyer firing from south – Back up east coast around the Chinese\* City\* castle & down to Naha again. How battery let off just as we went over. Back up coast to Ie Shima. One rocky hill, rest of island flat. Fight at the hill & in town, just in front. Complete destruction. 3 strips to go in on Ie. One in use now. Sunk jap cruiser near the leper island. Guns showing under water. Back to field. 1 hr. 40 min. (Col. Bentley the pilot). Jap parachute wired shut. Stopped to see the Baku bomb, rocket propelled; one man suicide affair. 7 of them here in crates. Back at 4:30. Report that Col. May of 96<sup>th</sup> xx is killed. – Buckner is tiresome. I tried to tell him what I had seen but he knew it all. Keeps repeating his wise-cracks. "The Lord said 'Let there be mud,' & there was mud." etc., etc. – Sat through No. 53 again.

**WED. JUNE 6.** "You probably can't reach the 96<sup>th</sup> or 77<sup>th</sup>." "May get stuck all night" etc. These boys are CP sitters. We shoved off in a 2 ½ tonner & got to within ½ mi. of the 96<sup>th</sup> before we stuck. Sea of mud there 2 feet deep. Two cats could not budge us so we walked it to the C.P. Saw Sgt. Meyers, redhead, formerly 7<sup>th</sup> – Bradley looked well. Saw Charlie White.

Lunch. Very modest & efficient atmosphere. The marines were following Bradley's advance, in his zone, till he complained. Poor showing by marines; they don't know how to keep their supply going & they certainly lagged. 96<sup>th</sup> has reached the escarpment. We were pulled back by a tractor & then went to the 77<sup>th</sup> C.P. without any trouble whatever. Saw Bruce & Hamilton & had long talk. Bruce is only man I've met who remembers his tactics. (Hamilton now regtl. comdr.) Back to X C.P. at 5 P.M. – Found that the boys had been out at last. Buckner went down to Marine 1<sup>st</sup> Div. to see why they weren't moving. Dumas took a flight in a cub, & saw the most amazing amount of stuff, – civilians, tanks, [?] guns, troops, fights, beaches, rockets, etc. etc. Had the nerve to say he had been attacked by a jap plane. The typical brilliant young staff officer. He & the nut Ely put on a daily show at the G.S. conference, which is a kindergarten affair. As Donovan says, this is merely an admin. staff, with no influence on the operation. – Buckner is obviously playing the Navy. He rec. Geiger as Army Comdr. Nimitz is perfect. His staff is perfectly balanced. Co-operation is magnificent. The marine divs. are wonderful. In fact, everything is just ducky. His own staff is perfect, – he picked them himself. It is all rather nauseating. There is NO tactical thinking or push – No plan was ever discussed at the meetings to hasten the fight or helps the divs. The 96<sup>th</sup> had the whole escarpment, & the 6<sup>th</sup> Mar. Div. is to be "pinched out".

**THURS. JUNE 7.** Air alert again twice last night. Nothing happened. Ty had a nightmare. Sunny day. Press conference at 9:00. – (Engineer troops that should have been helping troops were building rear installations. Getting ahead of ourselves as usual.) — Much b-ache & many pix. Left at 10:15 for field; shoved at 11:15. Not allowed over Kerama – In at 4:15 at Nichols after side trip up above Arayat to get under the weather. Bath. (Kuter at Kodiak. "Here, you can't have these fliers living in tents, while the Inf. is in those barracks." Wanted the K.O. (Clark) to move out. Clark said he'd be god-damned if he did & Kuter could go jump in the lake – The pests joined us at dinner, uninvited. (Chambers & Russell.)

**FRI. JUNE 8.** Got a hair cut & bummed. Shoved off at 1:00 for XIV Corps. Down No. 1 past Repl. Depot to Calamba (old sugar central). Griswold looks badly. Just had his backside reamed out & got an infection of the bladder – Thin & drawn & old. Full of sense, though. Has little use for Kruger, who has been hazing him. Kruger said if he'd known about Los Baños he



would have stopped it. 3000 prisoners out. Griz went across the Pasig in daylight, & Kruger didn't like that – Also Kruger told Griz that “God was with him” when he pushed for Manila. 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Div. is not the plush outfit it is advertised to be. It had all the tanks & air cover on the rush to Manila. Kruger again. Also Kruger stopped the 6<sup>th</sup> Div. Recon unit & left Griz's left flank open, with supposedly 2 jap divs. in the Cabanatuan area. Griz sent recon., found the area empty & shoved for Manila. All bridges were down, which made it a hard job. – Swing has done well. Much better than Mudge. Kruger says 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. is his best Inf. Div! – Bougainville was tough. Two divs. heavily attacked by japs. Perimeter broken 4 times. Japs finally caught & smashed in final prep. & concentration. – More on Kruger. EDDLEMAN is the spoiled baby & dominates the other sections. All sections work direct with their opp. nos. on Griz's staff, unknown to him. He is never told anything. He knew nothing of Olympic, nor of his shift to 8<sup>th</sup> A, as to date, etc. He is burned up over it. – Sat in the rain & saw a God-damned HORSE OPERA (Thunderhead). It was TERRIBLE –

**SAT. JUNE 9** – Breakfast with Griswold – Then to LIPA with him to see Swing & 11<sup>th</sup> A/B. Lipa a wreck. Near here japs killed about 8,000 civilians, stripping & bayoneting them. (Told them to report if they wanted to pass through the jap lines.) – Review of 11<sup>th</sup> Div. Fine show. Decorated 22 men. Swing put on a jump in C-46's, using both doors. One man hit on concrete. Back to C.P. & met all field officers. Lunch there. (Coke with ice-cream, avocado, pear salad!) – Went through the maintenance lay-out, & then to firing of recoilless weapons. First round of 57 wounded a man just in front of me. Cut over eye. Bled like stuck pig. Macolod hill was impact area. 1400 japs killed there. Back to 511<sup>th</sup> (Lahti) & looked it over. Then to Chinese guerrillas & talked to them. Swing has good outfit. Lipa is pleasant country. 1100 ft. elev. jap air-field; their take off for Leyte. — (Do Griz & Swing hate Kruger! And Eddleman – They call him VON MOLTKE. Army interferes in disposition of troop units. Eddleman tried it on Swing. Kruger will do nothing for the 11<sup>th</sup>. Favors 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. on all occasions. – Good dinner, – avocado, heart of palm, shrimp, chicken & ice-cream! Soldier show. Hypnotist, filipino orchestra & acts.

**SUN. JUNE 10.** To hospital to see Burg (eye wound). By C-45 to Lucena. Hoffman met us. Rode through 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Div. area. Coconut country. K.O.'s of 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Cav. C/S Sheldon – (Peking, 1937). Shoved at 10:10. Griz with us on ride. Goodbye to him. Back to Nichols field

over the Laguna. 1:30, shoved off for field. (Msg. from Eichelberger, be there till 11<sup>th</sup>, then out.) Heavy rain – Neilsen Field take-off at 2:15 – Leyte at 4:30 – Tananan – Met by Byars. To CP 8<sup>th</sup> A. – Eichelberger, limie gen. Gardner, Dutch Krebles (Col.), two admirals (Jones & Struble), etc. Drinks & talk. Quarters on beach, nice location. Eichelberger did all the talking. 2 hr. monologue after dinner.

**MON. JUNE 11.** Eichelberger got a Dutch decoration – medal & liver pad. Saw Burgess, G-4 – (ex-2<sup>d</sup> Div). Off at 9:15 in B-17 – Pretty ride to Del Monte in Mindanao. Stopped there. Saw Sibert, Haymaker, Nowakowski, Kirtlay. Had pineapple & went on down the valley & over the hills to Bigos, & then up to Davao. Met by Woodruff & into his CP for lunch. Then by jeep around Davao town & up to Pandacan. Saw Clifford ('36) of 19<sup>th</sup> Inf. Back to Davao & out to 34<sup>th</sup> & art. O.P. at ULA for shoot (T.O.T.) on Malagos. Rain. Wet. Back to 34<sup>th</sup> C.P. (Pearsall.) Then to Div. C.P. & chow. Turned in early. Eichelberger is first man to ask about China & my doings. Knew about them; sympathetic. Knew about E.R.W. M<sup>c</sup>Cabe, too. (Got a welcome everywhere from the G.I.'s, especially at 34<sup>th</sup> Inf. "What are you doing in the back seat?" Men waving & yelling "It's Gen. Joe Stilwell, etc.")

**TUES. JUNE 12.** Off at 8:15 – Across Mindanao to Zambo. Arr. 9:40. Eichelberger went on to Jolo to meet Doug. We went to Pettit Barracks with Haney. (Doc still in U.S.) Sat around & talked. Zambo completely wrecked. Haney (asst xx C.G.) Sweeney (C/S) Solem (art.) Had lunch. Read. Rested. Walked around post & old fort with Bergin. Bath. Read & turned in early.

**WED. JUNE 13.** [Gruber told Handy to get me out of there. He (Gruber) had the in with the Mme & could take over. Handy said "come in & tell C/S that". Gruber backed up on that. (Eichelberger) – Shoved off at 8:15. Up west coast of Mindanao & then to Negros & up past Guimaras to BACOLOD. Bacolod not hurt; japs pulled out. Met BRUSH, HERVEY, HARTSHORN, etc. & took ride before lunch. Sugar & hemp all gone. Sugar centrals all destroyed. Lunch at Brush's palace (home of Mr. Gamboa). P.M. out to O.P. at Lantauan (?) – 40<sup>th</sup> think it was an epic affair. It looked very dumb to me. They came in through a defile into an open flat, dominated from all sides. No tanks lost in this "campaign". Japs probably weak.



Road lined by saluting sentries (503<sup>d</sup> Pchte Regt.) & a cub weaving overhead. Endless saluting. Told Brush to get it cut out. Back to Gamboa's, 4:15 – Turned in early. – Brush has a gripe on Kruger, for prodding him at Stotsenberg. No one from 6<sup>th</sup> Army ever went to the 40<sup>th</sup> except 2 or 3 small fry for short visits at C.P. Brush is bitter about it. This gripe on Kruger is universal.

**THURS. JUNE 14.** Dorn was up at 5:00, coughing & spitting & raising hell. We left at 7:30 & shoved at 8:00. Across Negros N. of Malaspiña, then across Cebu to Cebu. Met by Ridings (Arnold in U.S.) Spent the morning (from 9:00) on a ride & lecture on the Great Cebu Campaign. My God. The japs were evidently a rabble of odds & ends. They ran away before the Americans got within 1000 yds. of their position. Pretty weak affair, but they tell you what a grand job it was. Just like Bacolod & Zambo & Davao & Baguio. Ridings very complacent. Had lunch & shoved at 1:00 via the Camotes & Ormer to Tolosa. Came down in sight of the straits. Got a look at the “ferocious” terrain of Leyte. To 8<sup>th</sup> Army CP. & took a nap. Long talk with Eichel. after dinner. Gruber went home as a psycho. Sibert considered DUMB by Eich. Does not want him. Fuller bitter against Kruger. Brush same. Irving relieved by dumb Sibert at Kruger's urging. Kruger & Sutherland cordially hated. – Doug has been told by Eich. that he will not serve under Kruger. Doug apparently knows about Kruger's ways, but he won't do anything, – a mess. (Press – D. Lawrence – in criticism of Okinawa!)

**FRI. JUNE 15.** Rain all night. Off at 8:00. Along the Samar straits & N. coast of Leyte. Then direct to Manila. Arr. 10:00. Quick trip. Goodbye to BRUSH & the limie Gardner. Pants shortened – Cleaned up. 3:30 shoved off for 6<sup>th</sup> Army. Arr. 5:10 – Hot day. Heavy traffic. Ran into an Inf. Day broadcast – Uninspired talk by Kruger, a tired old man. Long bellyache with him after dinner. He is lonely, no one to talk to. Can't make friends.

**SAT. JUNE 16.** Goodbye to 6<sup>th</sup> A. With Griz to 43<sup>d</sup> xx. Met Wing & went to CP. then up to 103<sup>d</sup> Inf. Guerrilla btry of 3 G.P.F.s. Fired. Up to O.P. on 860 to see the terrain. Then to Ipoh dam. Back to 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Talked to the men. Replacements stood out. To clearing Co. det. and went through. To CP and had lunch. Good gang. Chinese cook & waiter. Dusty ride back to Manila. Chink Hall not in C.P. All finished in the P.I. Heavy rain.

**SUN. JUNE 17.** To M<sup>c</sup>Kinley to Kenney's H.Q. No one there except a limie wac, – a cutie in pants (Capt.!) and a sgt. Out to Kenney's quarters. Saw him. What you might expect. Complacent as hell. Strat. there. He is stymied in India. Insufficient tonnage to put 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. in China. ARNOLD there. Concerned about command. G.C.M. won't move on his own behalf. King doesn't want Nimitz. Navy playing it up for all the credit. Nimitz is cincpac & that appointment has never been rescinded. He stands on it. Went to docks to find Styer. Wrong place. Went to A.T.C. to find Alexander. Wrong place. Got him at wing H.Q. Back for lunch. — (It is now working around so they can see we should have built up the Chinese Army.) 2:30 press conference at Dillers. At least 50 correspondents. Radio broadcast from Hong Kong in cultured British tones. "If you don't want to get killed, get out of there." — Then to see Styer – After supper, Chink Hall came in. He's worried about the future, – action of troops, etc. (They don't get off the mark, or know how to use support, or arrange their fires. Too much art. Speaking of the OFFICERS. E.M. are O.K.)

**MON. JUNE 18.** Hot. 11:00 A.M. saw Doug & went over the dope on new weapons. He agreed on all points. Then there was a lot of talk about commanders and units. He has the dope on them all except Kruger. Refused to take Bradley. Wants NO group comdrs. Talked about Sultan as possible C/S. Asked me if I would take the job. Told him No, I fancied myself as a field comdr. Then he said, "How about an army? Would you be willing to step down?" Told him I would take a division to be with troops. He had asked about Okinawa & I told him. He has not a high opinion of Buckner. Agreed he was facetious. Told me he would rather have me as an army comdr. than anyone he knew, & if G.C.M. was willing, he was. This is contingent on a change in the 10<sup>th</sup> Army. He will welcome Buckner's relief and my transfer. Navy refuses to give up 10<sup>th</sup> A. If they persist, he will just take the troops & let them keep the army, asking for another, which I am to command. So I tell Marshall that if Buckner is relieved, I go to the 10<sup>th</sup> Army, & if Navy does not turn it loose, Doug asks for another one for me. (If Navy gives in & Buckner is not relieved, I get nothing.) — Saw Sutherland & turned in our dope. Arranged for liaison officers – Back for lunch with P.D. Uhl. – Ty to get souvenirs & arrange departure tonight, 10:00 P.M. — Copthorne (CWS) in. He is raring to go with gas – – Griz in to say good-bye – Col. Adams to see me about replacements. POA is out of business & doesn't know it.



Trying to put over a system of handling replacements. Told him about Uhl & his job. – Shoved off at 10:00

**TUES. JUNE 19.** Guam at 7:00. Met by Giles – Rumor that Buckner was killed yesterday. Breakfast at Giles'. To Nimitz office for daily briefing – (Blah, blah). Met Spruance. Nimitz announced death of Buckner. – Talked situation over with Giles & sent radio to Doug – telling him where he could get me. [“If there is any change in 10<sup>th</sup> A.” or if a new one is called for.] – (Is this the “June surprise” I was warned of?) Left Guam at 10:00. Flew up to Tinian & Saipan & saw the sights. Big development. Squared away at noon for Kwajalein. Read & dozed. Arr. at 10:15 P.M. Met by Gen. Ross. Coffee at his house. Adm. Harrill called (Gilbert & Marshall command). Off at 11:15

**TUES. JUNE 19.** Same as yesterday! Mangoes for breakfast. Eating light. Passed Johnston Island at 10:30. NB. Richardson passed us during night. On way to P.I. without doubt (“I must ask Doug to give me a field command.”) I wonder if luck is with me on this? Suppose I had stopped to make speeches, & Richardson had grabbed off an army — Maybe it will all come out O.K. after all. (But it wouldn't if I had not stirred around & gotten busy.) – Arr. Honolulu at 2:45 – Sure enough, Ruffner had radio. “Do not return to mainland until further orders.” They have been in a flurry trying to locate me??? – Report that Easley (96<sup>th</sup> Div.) was killed yesterday. – Radio from Doug: – “Command 10<sup>th</sup> Army – Return to Guam at once” –

**WED. JUNE 20.** Went over errands & messages with Donovan & Ty. To field at 10:00 – Took Dorn & Bergin & the C-54 and at 10:15 shoved off for Kwajalein. Ty to go back and move Win & then bring out a plane. – Sent for Sgt. Reynaud. Primed Donovan to get Joe sent out. Hightower wants to come. Sent letter to Win by Donovan. He is to give her the dope – Drew Pearson has scathing article on Hurley. Jack Service arrested by F.B.I. for espionage. Also the “Amerasia” people who wanted me to write for them. Just as well I didn't. – 12 hr. flight to Kwajalein – arr. 8:30. Got rid of callers, & had a walk – Turned in at 9:30. Cool breeze.

**THURS. JUNE 21.** was lost. Crossed 180° going west.

**FRI. JUNE 22.** Arr. 7:30 at Guam. Rain. Met by M<sup>c</sup>Morris. Breakfast with him. Then to Hqrs. Sat thro. the bellyache – Then talked to Nimitz & Arnold. Went to Giles' place for lunch. Lowell Thomas there. Left at 1:30 – Went to see M<sup>c</sup>Morris — Then talked to Goss and Mandel. Then took a shower. Dinner. Nimitz away at 3<sup>d</sup> Mar. Div. He came back at 9:30 & gave me my orders. M<sup>c</sup>Morris went to the field & we turned in at 10:00. Left at 12:30 A.M.

**SAT. JUNE 23** – Sunny. Arr. Oki at 7:30. Met by Richardson, Geiger, Hodge, Woods, Post – etc. (Wallace). To C.P. for breakfast. 9:00 to 11:00 – Wallace, Bissett, Nold. Went over construction plan. Usual impasse. – 11:00-12:00 talked to Post. New C.P. much better than old one. (Crist, mil. gov't., in). – 10<sup>th</sup> A relieved at not getting an E.T.O. "Expert". Operations about over. 5,600 prisoners (!) – P.M. went to various staff sections (G-2 & G-3) Hot. P.M. G.S. meeting. 300 cas. to midnight, 22<sup>d</sup> –

**SUN. JUNE 24.** 200 + cas. to midnight 23d. Hodge & Del Valle called. Long talk with Richardson. He feels dumped on; wanted this command. P.M., – read the JUNK – directives, plans, etc. & almost fell asleep. Very dry. (Coronet – I, VIII, X.) Dubbed till supper-time. Hubbard in hosp. – blown ear-drums. — Alerts every night. Nothing.

**MON. JUNE 25.** Kume postponed. High surf. Hot. 8:15 left for Iscom. Picked up Wallace & Bissett. To Yellow 3 beach LCM's unloading. Up coast to Bolo (VLR field) – Sept 15. target date. On up coast & over the Ishigawa isthmus to P.O.W. camp – japs, Okies, & Koreans. Crowded, all healthy looking & well fed. (2 K rations & 1 C each day!) – Jeep ran on stump, I hit the windshield & cut my forehead. Luckily, glasses did not break. Dorn patched me up. On out to CHIMU field (marine fighter) ready July 1. Back and out Haten peninsula to unloading point. Back to Awase & out to the dock. Sloppy work: two long lines of waiting trucks, all empty. Back to Awase airfield (target date July 5. They won't make it.) Bum location in rice paddies. Down to lower unloading point, where LST was hit by suicide plane last week. More life there. Called it off & came back for a bath. Very dusty. Wallace not impressive. Bissett improves on acquaintance. Casualties 23k., 118 w., 1 m. = (142). Geiger rel'd.



**TUES. JUNE 26.** A.M. 9:00–10:10 – long talk with Adm. Hill. The freight jam – must be 1<sup>st</sup> priority. Radioed for Cheeves as terminal commander – Pick to the Iscom, if I can get him, – very doubtful. Lack of co-ordination & drive is obvious. I have got to be an S.O.B. or risk disaster. – With Dorn to Naha & called on Geiger. (Graves of Perry's men located.) Rain. Lunch there. Over to XXIV corps & saw Hodge. They get 5 or 10 japs every night. Back to C.P. Saw Adm. Ring & Feldman. Same old story. Wallace asked for stuff that was already on the way. General dissatisfaction with Wallace. Woods called. Papers from S.F. with news of appointment. Editorial comment O.K.

**WED. JUNE 27.** At C.P. in A.M. Feldman in. Confirms my ideas. Read the files. etc. etc. No lunch. 12:30 to cub strip. Flew to south side. Arnold & Hodge there. To Hill 89 on extreme tip, via Hill 95. ("Hi, Uncle Joe!" from various G.I.'s.) 95 & 89 were tough. Scrambled down to Ushijima's (Gen. Cow Island) cave. Narrow entrance. Stinking japs. Back up. All commanders there. Ushijima & adj. buried on top. Bugler blew To The Colors, & the flag was raised. Then I made a speech to about 1000 of 7<sup>th</sup> Div. massed for the ceremony. Back to strip & home. – Today ordered the troops to produce 3 eng. Bns. 5 service groups of 1000 each, 3 truck cos., & a C.B. Bn. – We have got to get tough. After supper – 8:00 P.M. went to Awase, Kubo Saki & Yellow 3 to watch unloading. Back at midnight. – Story of jap who tried to surrender. Flute player. — Jap lieut. helping call out japs. "If the God-damn japs want to fight, we kill em!" —

**THURS. JUNE 28.** A.M. at C.P. Geiger in, griping on the orders. Told him "NO". He took it all right. – Heinrichs & Duffy, ordnance boys, to say good-bye. After lunch, 1:00, shoved off to Kubo-Saki to see Kirtland. (Kirtland, Mackey, Exec., Allbright, doctor & flag lieut.) ½ hour call & back through the dust to C.P. Dorn & I then flew by cub to Bolo Point & down to Naha, over to Baten Ko & up around Awase & home. No. 13 has part of new grade in. Machinato field looks 30-40% along. Awase field will make the date. Great activity on all roads. Naha harbor a mess, & of course, Naha, too. – After supper, recorded a broadcast for Army Hour – Session with Dill.

**FRI. JUNE 29.** Westervelt shot Bergin & me on Wed. night for typhus & cholera. He had Doc Phinney up to-day to look at my head. Nerve bruised, probably. Neuralgic pains. – 8:30 to 96 xx C.P. (1 hr 10 min.) via No. 5 thro. SHURI – – a mess. Much like Verdun. Japs held here nearly 2 months. Road construction going well. Very dusty. On way back, stopped in at Futema air-field. Good start. At 77 xx C.P. saw Randall. They'll be out by July 10. Back for lunch – (Man in 96<sup>th</sup> mopping up, felt a movement underfoot. he was standing on a jap's chest. They lie down & cover themselves completely except for their noses.) – (One man stumbled into a ditch & fell on top of a jap. He jumped back & shot the jap, & then 9 more, all lying covered in the same ditch.) – (The cave with 700 in it was sealed yesterday, after 2 doses of gasoline – 800 gals. & 900 gals. 4 entrances, 3 levels, access by holes 50 meters deep. Japs refused to come out, except 22, who escaped from their officers.) — (Letter from Mayor of Kerama – “The Americans have treated us very well. Everything is lovely. When may we expect to get the beer?”) – (Girl refugee Okinawan, born in Honolulu, caught here visiting family. G.I. said “Put a good dress on her & I'd like to take her home.” She came right back, in English, – “Why don't you, then?”) – (“Eleanor eats powdered eggs.”) – P.M. FELDMAN in just as I was leaving. He's a wind-bag. Listened to his song & dance & then went to the Kadena, Yontan, & Bolo fields. Things are really moving. All kinds of machinery, incl. “finger cranes”, all whooping up & down. The bull-dozer operator just goes ahead & does his work – no supervision needed. No dead-beating. – After supper, talked to Nold @ airfields & then went out with Post, Dorn, & Bergin to the beaches – White, Orange, Purple (M<sup>c</sup>Daniels, Rasmussen.) 77<sup>th</sup> pulling out; went aboard one of their L.S.T.'s. Back at midnight.

**SAT. JUNE 30.** Japs over early this A.M. & bombed. Hot. Rockey arr. to replace Geiger. Dubbed around C.P. Had a nap. Sun-bath. Extremely hot & enervating. After supper, out to dumps. (Mail beginning to come) – (Rotten movie.) Couldn't find any dumps. Went to Awase, Kubosaki & Yellow 3. Dinner hour at latter. (Ninkins) on the job, & knows it. Bum tonnage for June – Back at 2:00 A.M.

**SUN. JULY 1.** Up at 7:30 – Hot again. Dubbed on papers. P.M. 1:30, out with Ashton, Q.M., Nipper, Engr., Daniels, Ord. to go over the dumps. Saw the ration dump, clothing, Engr., ordnance, and ammo dumps B & C. DUST. Back at 4:15. These staff officers need more of



this. – Ex-cook 7<sup>th</sup> Div. Hqrs. called. Now tech. sgt. in the Jascos. Saw me on the beach & told his gang to be prepared to see me pop up any time right in the middle of them. — Called Wallace in & gave him the dope – He accepts Cheves readily. To-day, as I had a blast ready on Cheves, word came he was coming.

**MON. JULY 2.** With Westervelt to visit hospital lay-out. To Awase (63<sup>d</sup> Field), then to Marine Corps Field (#2) – dirtiest I ever saw – bastard org. of Navy personnel, Army nurses, for Marine patients under Army command. Then to 82<sup>d</sup> (goes out with 96<sup>xx</sup>) & 31<sup>st</sup> (stays & expands.) Back for lunch. Hodge in on P.R.O. matters (Marines hogging the show.) He stayed for lunch. Out again, to Machinato unloading point – good one. –& Machinato air-field. Good progress. Down to Naha & looked over the port. Should be good. Back at 5:00. Adm. Cobb here. Queer personality. He stayed for dinner – Got him going on football & that was the key. – Maj. Untermeyer in from Guam. He had nothing to offer. – Paper work.

**TUES. JULY 3.** A.M. wrote speech & worked on papers – 12:30 M<sup>c</sup>Caleb of I.N.S. in for interview. – Hubbard will stay on as A.D.C. – 1:30 flew to 96<sup>th</sup> Div. strip for decoration of about 60 men. Unusual no. from No. Dakota. Halloran there. Took off at once for 7<sup>th</sup> Div. strip for similar ceremony there. About 40 men. Band played “Lets Go!” – Back via Yonabaru along Route 13. They are getting action on it. – Bath – Early bed.

**WED. JULY 4.** A.M. dubbed around & worked on papers. Left at 11:30 for broadcast, Col. Carlton, SS<sup>O</sup> as guide. So he got lost! We phoned & got to the station O.K. C.B.S. & N.B.C. nets in the U.S. – Thrown off stride by a photographer making flash picture – From there to the Okinawa local radio & broadcast same speech to the troops. Then lunch with Wallace, Arnold & Jones. Then back to CP & had a bath. Hot as hell: In evening, grand display of pyrotechnics to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> – (Speech apparently went over all right.) – Big day in the evening, when the mail came. Letter from Win! The first. – Out looking over the beaches till 11 P.M.

**THURS. JULY 5.** Started for 27 xx. At 8:45, just before getting to strip, dump “C” began to explode – a big white cloud of smoke, with phosphorus streamers on all sides. I went up & watched it, but it kept getting worse so I came back to the C.P. Apparently much quieter at 9:45,

so tried again. No soap. Much worse again. Back to C.P. By 11:30 it was a continuous barrage over 1000 yds. wide & getting deep. Occasional heavy explosions, & then H.E., phosphorus, pyrotechnics, colored smoke, 20 mm. in clusters & what have you. Origin unknown. Defective ammo. stored there. (Jap?). Ordered thorough search in A & B & double guards. This is a bad set-back. Notified Nimitz. (One explosion nearly tipped our plane over.) – Racket kept up all P.M. with occasional lulls. Worst concussion about 6:15 – by 8:15, it had quieted down. If it just doesn't get over into the other areas! About 10,000 tons have probably gone up. – Mail – All the boys want to come out.

**FRI. JULY 6.** 8:30 off for NAGO – Arr. 9:00. Griner met me. To C.P., met staff (Ovenshine C/S, Bradford asst. C.G., Ferrin, art., & others. By jeep to 165<sup>th</sup> (Hart) & 105<sup>th</sup> (Winn) latter very unimpressive. Up to barrier line & saw a post. Back for lunch, chewed the rag, shoved off at 1:50 – Back to C.P. 5:00 P.M. press conference – Usual blah. 8:00 P.M. Kenney, Giles, Bissell, Wallace, Hutchinson in. They talked till 10:45.

**SAT. JULY 7.** A.M. called in the special staff for talks. J.A. (Walsh), I.G. (Buchanan), Art. (Edwards), Sig. (Taylor), Q.M. (Ashton), A.G. (Garfield) – Paper-shuffling. 1:30 gave Post the radio asking for Merrill, Condon, Cannon, Wells, Grindlay, Jones. Post took it very nicely and agreed to stay on if Merrill can't come. I'd be well satisfied. He's O.K. — Sent back the list of makes with only Post & Hamilton on it. (Buckner had recommended 10 staff officers and 1 combat soldier!) – Off to Naha. Went around with Col. Violante. Saw the engineer – Lt. Col. McMillan – Looked over the harbor works. – Went on down to the 6<sup>th</sup> Mar. Div. Shepherd & Clement. Lecture on operations of the 6<sup>th</sup>. Back at 6:00. Hot day again. No rain. Much dust.

**SUN. JULY 8.** Many press clippings from Paul. (Kenney's story of Mrs. Bachrach & jap atrocities in No. Manila. Rape & murder everywhere.) A.M. in C.P. 1:50 to see Woods at T.A.F. Hqrs. Traffic jam. Back at 3:30. Woods sent a case (36 bottles) of coke down by his aide! Young turned up. Win got home on the 3<sup>d</sup>. Letter from Al. – Roof is on the new house. — Air alert, ½ hr., then all clear.



**MON. JULY 9.** A.M. letters & papers. Gen Jones leaving. One of the vagrant & vapid “inspectors” 2 P.M. to Ie Shima. Met Thomas & Greeley (C/S) & went all over the island. Good breaks there, – plenty of coral, good water supply, good beach. Cargo daily 2800 tons; will go to 5000. At first 2500 was to be the limit. Field construction ahead of plane arrivals. Back at 4:30 (“You will get a bang out of our products.” (Bomb dump.) “The Gay ‘90’s” (A.A.A.) “We haven’t time to paint fancy signs.” etc. etc. Old Frederick Palmer called. Wanted an interview. No. – Got a radio receiver. — Movie. – DOMEI – “Succession of the strong-willed & arrogant Gen. Stilwell to command of the Tenth Army is significant because Stilwell is known as an advocate of the win-the-war-quickly school of thought.”

**TUES. JULY 10.** A slug signing several hundred efficiency reports. – Jap ammo went up, killing a capt. & 4 men. — 2:30, Post shoved off. – Bergin & Ruffner in. – Nap. – (19 cokes for the crew working on the house.) – After supper, to A.S.P. 6 & Area D (ammo.) No guard. Farcical patrols. Sloppy personnel. Told Daniels to do something about it.

**WED. JULY 11.** A.M. bawled out Wallace & Co. for ordnance dump deficiencies. – Saw Fitzgerald (P.M.), Greene (G-1), Turner (F.O.), Pulsifer (Sig.), Heilman (P.X.) – Hair-cut. Mathews of Tucson, & Stern, Phila. Record, in to talk. Very friendly. – Giles in – Drinks before dinner. Young told me at 6:50 about I. & E. talk at 7:00. Went down and sounded off. Men seemed to like it. – Worked till 11:30 on gen. officer board.

**THURS. JULY 12.** All day on gen. off. list. (Cheves arrived.) (Giles, Bergin, Hodge, Ruffner & I on the board.) Finished at 5:00 Limie air marshal in – Lloyd. The god-damn Lancaster outfit.

**FRI. JULY 13.** Oh-oh. A.M. at C.P. Paper shuffling. P.M. to Machinato, loading pt. and air-field. To Futema field. Via 30 to Awase & south on 13, – new location. To Awase field & back. – Cheves says we should make the grade. – It looks better. – White, 7<sup>th</sup> A.F. reported in. –

**SAT. JULY 14.** 3 weeks here. Eff. reports, etc. – “C” dump is exploding again. Oh, Christ. Wallace is just like Zasu Pitts. Chased him out to get some facts, & got after Col. Gibson.

Luckily the damn thing blew itself out towards 5:30. – At 8:00 inspected “C”, “D” & “B” areas – Also Awase dock – No action on cause-way – – Radio that Carl had gone to parachute school!

**SUN. JULY 15.** A.M. Papers. 2:00 P.M. to 1<sup>st</sup> mar div. cemetery for dedication. Back at 3:15. At 4:00 Adm. Price, Carter, Kirtland in with Bissett. This & that; indication that Navy don't like the Cheves plan. – Gibson reported on dumps. – Wallace in with report on July 5 affair at 10:00 A.M. (Needled him last night.) Adm. Cobb got nasty. “I have withdrawn the PT. boats till comgenten can guarantee that they will not be shot at.” Ordered to get them back on. — NEWS – Sheeny reported to have announced his “resignation” as head of 14<sup>th</sup> A.F. Hooray if true.

**MON. JULY 16.** Hot day. Worked on Coronet geography. – Whitehead, (5<sup>th</sup> A.F.) reported in. – Congressional committee coming. – Christ. – – Richardson pulling more of his administrative crap. (We answered a question from Nimitz direct.) – Cook, (B.G.) from air depot at Naha in. – Nap. –

**TUES. JULY 17.** Hot again. All A.M. on papers. – Bradley in to say Goodbye – – Worked on Jhi \*Pen\* G-2 stuff. – Doolittle arrived at 5:30 with Smith. Stayed for dinner (Spaatz to have strategic A.F. – 8<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> is old 20<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup> is old 21<sup>st</sup>.) (Kenney will have 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup> – tactical.) 8<sup>th</sup> will drop 120,000 tons a month – double the dose on Germany. 2 ¾ tons over the beach = 1 ton on Japan, instead of 5 ½ tons into England for 1 ton on Germany. Personnel – 100,000 instead of 200,000. Daily requirements here, 10,000 tons. (1,000 B-29s). Doolittle will be easy to work with.

**WED. JULY 18.** Eff. reports. 9:00 to Kadena, Yontan & Bolo. Back to Yellow 3. C.P. at 11:30. Sun-bath. 2:00 P.M. tank Bn. Comdrs. in on the back-scratcher matter. Smart boy Duncas approved the scheme. No tank comdr. favored it. So I disapproved it – – Englehardt here from Hawaii. – Blakelock back from Guam. Rumors, – Dec.1 release 10A. Oct 1 Release 7<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We can plan in meantime.

**THURS. JULY 19** – Dubby day. Woods in, back from Guam & Oahu. – Booze from Nimitz, – Old Forrester. – Wallace in; more Richardson “administration”: (Send engineers home.) R.C.R.



jr. is a prick, to put it plainly. – Chennault case to be told to Congress by Patterson! “The brass hats are pushing him around.” – 5 jap planes downed last night. Alerts every night, but little doing. – Wind and rain – Rotten tonnage yesterday, – 22,000.

**FRI. JULY 20.** At 10:00 last night Schick brought the J.C.S. separation msg. By Aug. 1 we are to be under Doug, who takes over all U.S.A. forces in the R., and the defense of the area – Blackelock & Shaw go to Guam as 10A representatives. Ambiguous radio – The whole thing is snarled up – Today, dubbed around with papers. Rain again. Not a ton came ashore yesterday. – Briefed Dumas, Blakelock, Wallace for trip to Guam.

**SAT. JULY 21.** Old Mama Englehart shoved off. He thinks he’s giving orders around here. “Staff officer from Comgenpoa.” Hot stuff. Richardson probably told him to throw his weight about. – Kenney & Whitehead in on A. & N. separation. They will play ball. – Trip to Awase, Kubosaki, Yonabaru, Naha, Naha air depot, Machinato & home for late lunch. Bergin & Dorn along. – (Kenney had a copy of JCS radio that clarified ours. “Naval air installations” only, to Nimitz.)

**SUN. JULY 22.** Dumas reported. Complete separation of A & N. 10A sits till Dec. 1 – then turns over to base command. Mama Richardson folding up. No admin. control. No supply after Dec. 1. (Maybe only 2 A’s do Coronet. Maybe 10 is not one of them.) A. & N. separately run ports & freight. Doolittle takes the limies. Kenney & he run the air. Everything else on me. – Did the west beaches – 8:00-10:30 – Usual jams of empty trucks – Movies on L.S.T.’s etc.

**MON. JULY 23.** 8:30, shoved off for Kubosaki. Boat to “Taney” Adm. Cobb’s ship, down near Yonabaru. 3 picket boats waiting for my “party”. Young again. Cobb talked & talked. Back at 11:30. Freight moving now. – P.M. Borden in on new weapons. Hillier (Chaplain) going to Oahu. Movie at night.

**TUES. JULY 24.** Dubby A.M. Papers – 1:30 to Yontan to meet the politicos. Strike coming in – Air full of planes. The visitors arrived at 2:30 Sent them to Iscom & came back. – Dumas back from Guam with agreements. – Politicos came in at 5:30 – Drinks at 6:30 & dinner. Loud-

mouthed Maas (ex-congressman), marine colonel. A mess. Izae a good sort. Farrington etc. Not bad on the whole. They had a press conference. I went to bed.

**WED. JULY 25.** Breakfast at 6:00. Politicos off at 6:30. Dubby day on papers. Wallace in about mil. govt. G.S. conference at 4:00 on A & N separation. Bum movie.

**THURS. JULY 26.** Still rainy. A.M. office. – Radio from Merrill. Arrive about 29<sup>th</sup>. P.M. to Bolo, Ishikawa & down No. 1 through the mud to China. Then home through a cloud-burst. Top down on jeep. We were soaked. – Cobb did not show up as dated. – L. of M. star for Blake.

**FRI. JULY 27.** MERRILL and Higgins arrived. Long talk on staff etc. – G.C.M. has lost confidence in Wedemeyer. — 350 Wacs for CKG. 175 already there. – Strat's Hqrs total of 647 officers. 142 in A-2 section. Total overhead in China now 6,000. – Br. participation in Coronet. 1 corps of 1 Can., 1 Aus., & 1 Ind. Div. To be under my command. Good God. This was brought up in war ministry and they recommended it. They said they knew where they stood with me. Mountbatten has to give up units for this operation! Ain't life funny? Merrill looks well, & agrees on Cannon, Wells & Condon. Says No on Willey. – Ft. Bayard to be opened. 5 ships in August. Wedemeyer shot off about what escort, rocket ships, etc. were needed. G.C.M. told him to shut up. – Aid to CKS is for the emergency only, with no strings beyond that. — Doug coming up.

**SAT. JULY 28.** Msg. from P.I. about max. air capabilities of island. Good God, more air. Blakelock & Dumas left this A.M. – Cheves in about freight arrangements. – Doolittle and Griswold (C/S) in to call & have lunch. – Radio that Cannon is coming. Further notice on Condon, Wells & Grindlay – – One bomb on Yontan last night. – Japs have been crying wolf on us for 8 days straight, but they don't come. –

**SUN. JULY 29.** Hot. Alert at 1 A.M. Nothing. A.M. dubbed around. Visitors – Ord. & A.A. (Marquette, Handwerk, Holm, etc.). P.M. walk with Bergin. Back & forth about rearrangement of Iscom to Ascom. Teddy White here – giving out much dope.



**MON. JULY 30.** A.M. in the office. Woods in – Sent a case of coke over. 1:30 – meeting of major commands. Quick acceptance of practically everything. Price is O.K. Navy generally is O.K. Ran it off in about 40 minutes. A.A.F. wants Inf. to protect them. Told them No. – Hodge in – Told him he would be def. comdr. – Bergin and I walked. Got a good sweat up. Bum movie.

**TUES. JULY 31.** White left. — (ROUSSEAU said “If there were a people of gods, they would govern themselves as a democracy. So perfect a form of government is not suited for men.” “The best and the most natural order is, that the wise should govern the multitude, provided that one is sure that they govern it for the profit of the multitude, & not for their own.” – A.M. paper-shuffling. M<sup>c</sup>NUTT coming in. Bergin to field at 11:00. No word. Finally coming in at Naha. Then, no. Then Gen. M<sup>c</sup>Mullen coming – Called Bergin back at 2:30 – Very considerate business. Rain at 3:00. – Sun bath. Dubbed in office (38,000 tons yesterday.)

**WED. AUG. 1.** Rainy. With Merrill to Kuba to call on Hodge. Then to NOB and saw Price. (He suggested Korea, & we had just been talking about it.) Price is simpatico. Jap attack did not come in last night. Leaving tanks on air-fields couple of days more. – P.M. Nap. More rain. Rotten movie. – We averaged 30,675 tons a day for July.

**THURS. AUG. 2.** Rain. Worked over Chosen possibility. Paper work all A.M. Dubbed in P.M. Nap. Zero tonnage. Ships left on typhoon alert.

**FRI. AUG. 3.** Dubby day. Went over 96 xx report. Papers. Dumas & Blakelock back. Much rumor. The Blacklist scheme is here. (SEOUL.) Manila is optimistic about it. Henry & Edwards (W.D., G-1 & G-3) arrived in P.M. They are working on the Point System & releases. – M<sup>c</sup>Nutt arrived at 5:45 with a dozen stooges. Sent him off on a trip by cub, with 5 of his entourage. – Went over Blacklist with Merrill – 8A in T. 6A in center, 10A in K. It will be OK if the Kuantung gang don't act up.

**SAT. AUG. 4.** Clearing. Henry & Edwards off. Woods in, to say good-bye to 10A. Sorry to lose him. – Merrill & I at 8:30 shoved off for Motobu field. Met Del Valle & rode through his

muddy area. Started back at 11:30. Campaign hat blew out of plane; fell in water inside reef. Went back. Volunteer search. No luck. Pilot circled. No luck. Offered \$25 or 5 bottles of Scotch – reward – Came back & sent Young up to look. Cpl. Donahue had the hat. Young brought him down. He took the Scotch. The newsboys took pictures. Everything lovely again. — Woods in with Gen. Moore, FMF air chief. Woods to come back to us. — Hodge & Struthers in to get wised up on Blacklist. — Cabell & Ritchie, smart boys from C.J.S. (or J.C.S.) – in for no reason whatever. All air squirts. God, they knew everything. (The Russians are dumb.) (The japs are dumb.) (Japan is wiped out by air bombing.) etc. etc. Very tiresome pricks. – Rain again.

**SUN. AUG. 5.** Air raid twice in early A.M. Went over us – Plenty A. A. but no hits. – A.M. office. – Com. Stone in from Guam. G.O. for Nimitz. – Wurtzmith of 13A.F. in. – Had Pulsifer in on J.C.C. – Cover plan for Olympic in. Usual crap. — Apparently, 10A is cut out of any part in Coronet (1 & 8 to be used). Result of the Doug-Nimitz HATE. Nimitz has been trying to have Navy cut in on occupation forces, & wants 10A, with III and XIV A.C. This raises Doug's back, so, fearing it may come off, he plans with other units, leaving us to sit on our hands. Even in Blacklist, we get the hot-spot to one side, instead of real participation. May be the limie pressure, plus the navy, will force Doug's hand. All I can do is wait it out. – P.M. nap.

**MON. AUG. 6.** Air-raid at 2:00. Knocked down two. They come in every night now. – Yesterday afternoon, 50 japs attacked Machinato air-field, – rifles & grenades. Engrs. got 10. Inf. Co. after the rest of them. (Possibly a part of the 'Knife' project.) – A.M. new J.A. reported – Col. Haynes – Looks like an improvement on Walsh. – Gen. Starr (– A.A.A. –) in, from Manila. (Formerly A.G.F.) – – To J.I.C. & got bored stiff by Ely's drool. He's just terrible. Looked over A.D.C. set-up. Down route 5 to new hotel on hill-top. Plush layout in Quonsett "huts". Jap waitresses. Steaks. Parker House rolls. – P.M. Gard. (96<sup>xx</sup> art.) in to say good-bye. Walk. Movie. Usual breaks & jams on machine.

**TUES. AUG. 7.** (As soon as Wheeler got control in I.B. he put in for L. of M. for his tramps – Kohloss, Holcomb, Lansing & Co. Wheeler is a two-faced bastard.) – Greer, B.G., B.P.R. in. – Yount, air corps training com'd. in. – Papers all A.M. – Sun bath in P.M. – Walk. – Heavy rain



in early A.M. – Styer on way, reported lost. Turned back to P.I. – (Richardson's heavy campaign in Honolulu papers.) Mail from Win, Joe, Nance, Paul.

**WED. AUG. 8.** Indications of repetition of papiloma – That would be just too ducky – Papers all A.M. – Schick left on leave. – Styer & entourage of eight stooges blew in. They don't seem to know much more than we do. – Rumor that Doug is coming. No message. No answer to my radio. – Letters from Win & Joe. – A jap in the C.P. last night. Much shooting. He got away, wounded. Air raid; I slept right through it, A.A. fire and all. – Boland got a bad leg at baseball yesterday. – The new atomic bomb hit Hiroshima & leveled 2 ½ sq. mi. of it. (So they say.) Plane 10 mi. away got severe concussion. Special meeting of diet supposed to have been called. Wishful thinking is rampant. – (G-2 bust on Olympic estimate. 6xx, up to 10xx; top limit that can be supported. Ha-ha. Fourteen already.) – Atomic bomb. “Leveled 7+ sq. mi.” Blinds within wide radius. Gives x-ray burns (The gamma ray.) etc. Wt. 9 tons (Kenney), Wt. 9,000 lbs. (Daniels) “Causes cancer,” – (Daniels), etc. etc. Latrine dope everywhere. — Went to Yontan on hurry-up call. Nobody came. At 6:45, came on back. Snafu performance. Nobody knew anything. – Styer in at 8 P.M., with Wallace. Told him how our soviet works. He sat till 9:30. Missed the movie. Then went over Blacklist with Stinking Breath Dumas, till 11 P.M. – Solution for landing by Dumas rather childish.

**THURS. AUG. 9.** RUSSIA entered the war at midnight. (In 1918 Aug 8 was the Black Day for the German Army, 27 years ago.) – At 9:30 Nagasaki gets one bomb. Hope it goes off. Much blah & splutter about the atomic bomb. Revolutionary, all right. Human civilization approaching suicide rapidly. – I will now acknowledge that the japs may quit – Russia, plus the bomb, should do the trick. – Papers all A.M. – Sun bath in P.M. – ADLER (N.Y. Times), KNIGHT, (Chicago News), Cowles, (Minn. Star) in for a drink & dinner. All sound on Russia, compulsory training, the Br. Empah, & unified command(!) – Good movie. – 2<sup>d</sup> bomb was dropped on Nagasaki at 10:30. No further news of Russia.

**FRI. AUG. 10.** [*Entire date circled.*] (Looks like a recurrence of the papiloma Doc. Gibson burned off in '41. At the worst possible time.) Got Col. Martin over (consultant, med service) & gave him the dope. He can do it here, if they have the apparatus. Otherwise, go to Marianas.

Will let me know. – Russians reported 14 mi. inside Manchuria. No report on Nagasaki. Japs say they have a similar bomb, but were too humane to use it! — 4:00 P.M. Col. Martin in to say that they did not have all the necessary junk here to handle contingencies, & I'd have to go to SAIPAN to get it. He'll go ahead & arrange things. Bad news. (Permission to go. Loose talk, etc.) Now of all times. – I thought it over & wrote out a letter to Doug. Told Merrill & detailed Eyestone to go. – Good movie – → DURING IT, report came in that Japan had surrendered. A lot of loose shooting went on, flares, etc. Like a N.G. outfit. Finally quieted down. – Message delivered to me at 10:00 P.M. giving S.F. intercept from Domei that Potsdam terms would be accepted, providing prerogatives of Emperor were not compromised. No other dope. SO ITS OVER. (Ben's case now O.K.) (And is that a relief.) Now for BLACKLIST and Korea. I don't feel any particular elation – Maybe this is bunk. We go on as before, anyway, & if the report is bunk, we won't have any psychological set back.

**SAT. AUG. 11.** Rain in night. Nothing new on situation. Except 11<sup>xx</sup> A/B coming here to hop to Japan. – Adler, Knight and Cowles in, nosing around. I gave them “Why we Fight” to read, & they grabbed it. They decided to let U.P., A.P., & I.N.S. take it, instead of restricting it to their papers. (They all offered me jobs writing! What a laugh.) – Merrill has gotten things well under control. He is good. – Air is not sending any bombing missions out. — Rumor (Radio.) Peace terms in next 12 hrs. at Okinawa. (Mush.) – 320 hospital cases from crazy shooting last night. – Dope from Dumas – B-day is day negotiations start in Tokyo (!) – VJ Day is day hostilities cease. 11 A/B jumps off on V-J day. – Arnold & Ty in. All sorts of stuff – booze, food, clothing, books, etc. etc. – Letters from Win & Ben. Shoes, accordion, jello, etc. etc. Big haul.

**SUN. AUG. 12.** Dubby day. Papers. Hodge & Griner in. K.B. Wolfe, Bertandsian (?) & Timberlake for lunch. – HOT. Sunbath. Read. (Just dead beat.) 11<sup>th</sup> A/B arriving. No new developments. “Bomb at Nagasaki made the first one obsolete” (!!)

**MON. AUG. 13.** At 6:00, radio from G.H.Q. 10A out of Blacklist; we give XXIV A.C. assistance, and they do the job! 10A sits on its ass in Okinawa. I wonder. Is it because we don't belong to the club? Can Doug possibly be unwilling to have me around? Have Kruger – Eichelberger – Hodge – Sutherland done it? – What's the use of wasting 15 or 20 years getting



ready, if when the time comes, the job is police officer in a back area? – I shove off for Manila at 10:00 to try and find out. Maybe they will break up 10A entirely. I may be nearer to Carmel than I think. – Taking Col Martin along to arrange for bladder-clipping. May get it done in Manila. — Off at 10:40 with Martin & Carl. Good trip in new B-17 – Arr. Manila at 3:30 – To Adm. Apts., & down to G.H.Q. Saw Wheeler & Gunner. Doug is in at 4:45 & I saw him for half an hour. He had an eyes alone. (Peanut radioed that he had heard a rumor that Gen. S. would be in command of US troops landed on China Coast. Truman answered that Gen. S. would not land on China Coast.) So they cut my throat once more. Why did they let me come out here if they were not going to back me up. Doug says: It would delay Blacklist 4 days to shift me to Japan. So he had to order XXIV Corps to Korea. If things don't break all at once, he will put X A in Japan. If it breaks now, I'm sunk. He advises do nothing for few days. Wire to Wash. to ask if Korea is included in "China Coast" would undoubtedly be answered "Yes". So I told him about the bladder & said I would hang around & see what develops. — He said the only time he & Wash. ever agreed was about my appointment. His list was 1. J.W.S. 2. Patch 3. Truscott, & Washington said OK on me. (He had already sent me my orders.) – So, here's the End of the Line, & I am thrown to the lions again – Rumor: press notice that I accepted the "Blue Sky White Sun" from CKS. Told Carl to deny it. – Martin went out to 80<sup>th</sup> Gen. to make arrangements at 5:30 – Back at 7:30 – We had dinner top-side – (Chamberlain, Gunner, Russell, Willoughby, etc. etc. All the brass of G.H.Q. there.) Out to the Hosp. Saw Col. Holman and Maj. Le Duc (San Diego) & went to bed. In room with L.W. Maddux.

**TUES. AUG. 14.** At 8:00 they wheeled me up, well doped. After I was on the table I did not remember a thing. Sodium pentathol is great stuff. Instead of being another ghastly experience, it was a pleasure. Just went to sleep & woke up about 10:00 with 2 polyps out, – one the size of a dime, one as big as a match-head. No after effects of anesthetic whatsoever. What I was looking forward to was a repetition of the '41 performance, with fire-hose. This time, no tubes in me either before or after. Wonderful. Slept all day & all night.

**WED. AUG. 15.** Apparently the war is over. The japs accept. Glad to hear that bombing missions went out to-day. (Only result of operation is burning of the dink when I pee.) Slept & read. Chill in the night. 101° temp.

**THURS. AUG. 16.** Felt fine after a good sweat. Practically normal. Chink Hall in. Also some chaplains & a Red Cross lady & various others. Herwig barged in yesterday without asking permission. — Japs due in here to-morrow A.M. to report to Doug. — Carl & Martin in; I chased them out to go riding. — Diller got out my denial of receiving any foreign decorations. 2:30 P.M. first pee in comfort. Yippee! Comfortable afternoon & night.

**FRI. AUG. 17.** All clear. Left about 10:30 & came back to Adm. Apts. Le Duc wants a look in 3-5 weeks. He says I should check up every 6 mos. (Tissue analysis due in 10 days; Martin will get it.) — Nap. Ridgway here. Blamey, a big fat tub. — The Russians get Korea north of 38° — (N. of Seoul.) The japs are being a bit nasty in correspondence. Chamberlin says we may have to jump on them again. I don't believe it. Notification will take min. of 48 hrs. to max of 12 days. B-Day was the 15<sup>th</sup> — Schedules for 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> A backed up 10-15 days —

**SAT. AUG. 18.** Win's birthday. Boat trip on 6 A launch — all day. Down the bay to Corregidor, around the island, over to Ft. Drum & Carabao Island & back to the Pasig. Nice quiet day. Lunch on board. Cut out supper & went to bed. Terrible dream — lost in Wash. & could not get to where Win was.

**SUN. AUG. 19.** Teddy White in. China a mess. Danger of U.S. getting embroiled. Reds linking up with Russians. Ch. New 6A to be flown to Peking, Tientsin, Tsingtao & Shanghai. Reds blocking off R.R. at Kalgan & Shih Chia Chuang. We ought to get out, — now.

Saw Doug at 11:00. Good talk. Brought up the plebe revolt in '99. He gave me the full story. — 1<sup>st</sup> A being sent back to the States. XXIV Corps to Korea — a 4-way command there. Hodge directly under Doug. 10A just a staff. Sit tight on Okinawa. Later a spot will be made for them in Japan. — Doug will keep all dealings in the open with the newsboys. He agrees we should close out in China. He will tell CKS to make all arrangements for jap surrender in China. (Civil war.) — Back for lunch at 12:00 — I am to go to Tokyo for the surrender on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Arrive there not later than day before. No further orders about this.

— Off at 1:20. Good trip. In at 6:20 — Merrill at field. Chow at new house. Orchestra played. We're nicely fixed now. Mail. Win having the usual trouble with Al.



**MON. AUG. 20.** Rain. 10:30 with Merrill to look over camps of G.H.Q. & 8<sup>th</sup> A, & then down to 11<sup>th</sup> A/B. Saw Swing. He is in a jam about plans. FEAF trying to grab the headlines. Back for lunch. Office on papers. Read & bummed. Fine dinner. Good movie –

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**TUES. AUG. 21.** Dubby day. Alexander for breakfast. He & Ryan called later. Bradley & Meyers at 2:00. (96<sup>xx</sup> & 40<sup>xx</sup>) Sun-bath. Read. Cpts. Faust & Miller & W.O. Hughes for dinner. Talbot got pork loin.

**WED. AUG. 22.** Rain. A.M. office. Nap. 4–6 office again. Movie – Claudia, & the Stilwell Road. No new developments. Surrender set for the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**THURS. AUG. 23.** All A.M. on papers. Nap. 3:30 – Ultra – Then down to 7<sup>th</sup> A.F. to call on White. He is fixing up a native house. Then up to 8<sup>th</sup> A.F. to call on Doolittle. Dinner guests, Capt. Fisher, Lt. Saceds, Lt. Martin – Staff meeting.

**FRI. AUG. 24.** Typhoon predicted for this P.M. Papers all A.M. Read & napped & office in P.M. Richardson, Hutchinson & Davenport for dinner Pinned L. of M. on Woods. Kiddled him about “a document bearing on conduct of the Marine Corps”. Good egg. – Typhoon did not materialise. – Oppen in. Newsboy from China.

**SAT. AUG. 25.** Yesterday Adm. Andrews in with Price. Andrews is now Red + Director for Pacific. He puts a Mr. Gibson here under me. Very co-operative. – Oppen confirms situation hopeless. Hurley impossible – A.M. to 27<sup>th</sup> Div. – saw Griner, who is all set & satisfied. Went over to Chimu Wan & looked over the beaches. Mil. Govt. had grabbed part of E.M. beach. C/S told to kick their teeth in. – POW cage. Our pampered pets have everything. – Back at noon. Eichelberger, Byers, & Barrows in. Eich. knows about CKS’ action. – P.M. nap. Dorn came at 6:00 for dinner. Swing could not make it. Dorn fishing for information but did not get it. He makes me a bit tired. – Br. Empah is in “a serious condition financially” because L-L is cut off!

Ain't that just too bad? – And Churchill says we shouldn't tell those Russian bastards about the atomic bomb!

**SUN. AUG. 26.** Further two day delay on occupation, because of typhoon in Tokyo area. The whole move has been bitched up. – A.M. office. Sun bath instead of lunch. Read in P.M. Office again. Eichelberger, Byers, Barrows for dinner. Orchestra. Japs say they have “only enough trucks for themselves.”!!

**MON. AUG. 27.** Doc Ayers, from Chengchow, in. Doolittle in with Adm. Durgan, CVE comdr. — Orders to take surrender in Ryukyus. (Contrary to orders for Nimitz to take the islands.) – Grindlay begged off. O.K. – Tansey & Duff in. – Move to Japan starts to-night. – Mail from Win. – Dedicated Soldiers' Bowl, – with a bottle of Scotch. Won by a burly named Marker. (A lieut. came up & I declared him ineligible, amid loud cheers.) – Kay Kayser & his crowd in for coffee & salad – Stayed till midnight. Attractive girls, all kids. Well-behaved. Carl put his big foot in it by passing my photos around, – incl. the caricature – I could have killed him.

**TUES. AUG. 28.** Bawled Carl out. Paper work all A.M. Bishop Kennedy in. Seems like a good egg. Doolittle in. Dubbed. Nap. Rain. Office. We do take the Ryukyu surrender. Sent out notices for japs to radio us. – 11<sup>th</sup> A/B begin to arrive at Atsugi. – Dinner with Eichelberger. A horse's ass named SVERDRUP ruined it with his big mouth & conceit. Reserve Maj. Gen.

**WED. AUG. 29.** A.M. office. Art Steele, Steward & White in. No chance to talk, – Spaatz appeared with Giles & Doolittle. – P.M. read & wrote. Sun bath. Doug came in at 3:30 & we talked a bit & he shoved. Told him I wanted to take Merrill to Tokyo. O.K. Then Richardson appeared. We talked till chow-time. After supper, Richardson went to see Eichelberger & his crowd. – The japs are very respectful in their answers to me. Amami & Miyako both checked in. The guy on Amawi is rounding up the navy units there. – The party in Tokyo is not organized & promises to be a riot.



**THURS. AUG. 30.** A.M. office. Richardson to 27 xx and XXIV xxx. (Hodge & Griner are teacher's pets.) – The labor press came in & we had a good talk. They were O.K. Sent them on their way happy. Had a sun-bath. Griner here calling on Richardson. – 5:30 the approp. sub. committee for the W.D. of H. of R. came in – Snyder, Engel, Tibbott, Case, Hendricks, Norell, etc. etc. Gave them a drink & made them a speech. They are all right, – want to hold what we've taken & stand on our hind legs. Want me to put in permanent construction here. Don't realize my limitations. – More crap from R.C.R. about his great command & how the navy snubbed him, etc. etc. Very very tiresome. – In contact with all jap comdrs. now.

**FRI. AUG. 31.** Reported to Col. Martin on bladder. – Papers. – Off at 10:15 to Kadena. – Left field at 10:50 – – over water all the way; hit in over O-shima, then Misaki, Kamakura, Enoshima to Sagami R. & up to Atsugi. Raining. No distant views. Usual conditions at the field. Jap driver in ramshackle sedan to Yokohama. Bad road. Dilapidated buildings. Well-fed people. Soldiers saluting. Yokohama pleasant sight. Shanty town-in-the-ruins. Damage mostly by fire. Town dead. Few people. Electric line running. People had left town for fear of raping & what not. Billet at New Grand Hotel on water front. Harbor empty. Contrast. Navy units off Enoshima & Yokohama. R.C.R. at dinner, spouting as usual. Extremely boring. The Great I Am. – Farrell here; talked about atomic bomb at dinner; that is when not interrupted by R.C.R. jr. He went from table to table, being gracious & dispensing information.

**Sat Sept 1.** Rain. Wind. Dirty weather. Up at 6:00. Breakfast with Farrell. Dorn came in. "I was in the first plane." "I was the first one in Yokohama." etc. etc. He is running the motor pool! Kidded him about working up to H.Q. Comdt. – Wainwright here. Dutch, French, Aus., limies (Percival). A mob. We snubbed the jap "president of the hotel". Chow is fish cakes, heavy bread, potatoes, grapes, & coffee. Beef last night. – Passed convoy yesterday. It will beat the air move from Oki. – Doug here. White, Stewart, Adler, etc. GHQ gang. 8<sup>th</sup> A had to move out. They had marked everything "reserved" – – Farrell loaned me Smyth's report on THE atomic bomb. – – (Aug. 31 – clear urine, except pinkish or plain. Up at midnight. Clear. Sept. 1. Clear at 6:00. Feeling fine. Irritation MUCH less.) – 8:30 weather very dirty. – Farrell says the atomic scientists are a bunch of temperamental bugs. Screw each other's wives. Squabble. Rush off at tangents. Have to be herded & pushed around to keep their noses on the job. Only

war could get them together. He says they are capable of solving any problem whatsoever. Oppenheimer the keenest brain. Many jews among them. The limie Anderson violated the agreement & gave Jolliot's assts. unauthorized information. Jolliot wild because French not included. Threatened to tell the Russians. – U. S. is stockpiling materials & will strip the Belgian Congo of raw stuff as quickly as possible. We control secrets of manufacture. – Bomb armed by 4 barometric devices & detonated by proximity fuses. Force of explosion is measured by blast instruments on parachutes dropped by accompanying planes. – Light of explosion = 1000 suns. – In New Mexico 5000 tons of sand blown up & made radioactive. – The super-bomb, for which this one would act as detonator would produce force of 100,000,000 tons of T.N.T – The scientists were ordered to stop work on it. (It might burn up the world's atmosphere.) – 16,000 tons of TNT at Hiroshima – 30,000 tons at Nagasaki. News spread over Japan in 24 hours. Appalled. – (At upper end of atomic scale, energy by splitting. At lower end – investigation just beginning – energy by combining elements.) – Target for making 235 – 1 kilo a day by Jan. 1. 15 bombs a month by June, '46. – (Heat of sun is given by oxygen changing to helium. Bottom of atomic scale.) – – First pile experiment at Chicago. Dec. 1942. First chain reaction. – 1<sup>st</sup> explosion in N. Mexico – July 6, 1945. — Cook, asleep, blinded at 5 mi. — Radioactive particles carried 300 mi. — →(1:00 P.M. a little blood; 3:00 clear) –

At 1:15 rode thro. town, up the bluff to race-course & C.P., 11<sup>th</sup> A/B. Back and all thro. town to Kawasaki. The place is ruined. Completely gutted. Soul-satisfying sight. Only the stone, brick, & concrete buildings remain. Safes standing where the stores burned down around them. Shanties dot the rusty landscape. Almost impossible to locate anything. Main routes remain but business is 100% dead. Naturally the place looked dead when we came in. It is. What a kick to stare at the arrogant, ugly, moon-faced, buck-toothed, bowlegged bastards, and realize where this puts them. Many newly demobilized soldiers around. Most police salute. People generally just apathetic. We gloated over the destruction & came in at 3:00 feeling fine. – Rain continues. – Saw Beebe and Wainwright. Latter was slapped by a private & had to herd goats. Some prisoners beaten on buttocks with a base-ball bat. — Muddle by GHQ. Dope issued at 9:00 P.M. – 4 A.C. officers out of bounds in jap whore-house; stole the girls' fancy kimonos. – A soldier stole a watch from a jap on the street. – Bertrandias seized Sutherland's car! Hell to pay over that – Swing in; plenty of worries. Can't disarm jap soldiers. The U.S. Army is making a spectacle of itself.



**SUN. SEPT. 2.** Further change of plans by GHQ in middle of night. Breakfast at 5:45. Carl got coffee & we ate K-rations. Our car with Curley the tough guy as driver. Went to pier & bummed from 6:15 to 7:30 – 11<sup>th</sup> A/B band. About 7:00 the japs came & got on a destroyer – Shigemitsu, Umezu & 9 others. 6 thug jap M.P.'s also there. Hard, cruel, hateful mugs, under excruciating humiliation as we stared at them. Lots of fun – Off at 7:30 on the Nicholas. Down to Yokosuka & went alongside the Missouri. With us were, Spaatz, Kenney, Kruger, Eichelberger, Richardson, Blaney, LeClerc, Helfferich, Van Ogen, the Russians, Australians, Canadians, etc. I took a crap & then went on deck. “Missouri” is 45,000 tons on paper, & 60,000 in the water. We went aboard at 8:10 and I led the way to the quarter-deck. (Ranking U.S. Army officer.) Perry’s US flag had been flown out from Annapolis and was hung on the ship’s side. They put us in our places & we waited. Doug & party came aboard at 8:40 & went to Admiral’s cabin. At 8:50 the japs came & formed up. Everybody just stood & stared at them. Terrible experience for those bastards. The downfall of Japan in complete disaster, & they had to stand & take it. Shigemitsu & Umezu in front. Then an officer, a civilian, and an off. and a civ. & an off. In the third row, 4 officers. They stood stiffly and suffered. How we loved it. Then Doug came back, & at 9:00 made his speech, – his hands & legs trembling markedly. Kruger says it is not nervousness, but palsy, but it looked like hell. His voice was firm. Then the japs came up & signed. Shigemitsu had a cane & had trouble with a stiff leg. After him, Umezu. Doug then signed for the Allies, calling Wainwright & Percival out to stand behind him. He used about 5 pens & gave one each to Skinny & Percival. Then Nimitz for the U.S. Hsü Yung Chang for China. Fraser for Gt. Br. Derevantyoff for Russia. Blamey for Australia. Cosgrove for Canada. LeClerc for France – Helfferich for Holland & Isitt for New Z. Cosgrove for Canada, like Merkle for N.Y., failed to touch 2<sup>d</sup> base. He signed in the wrong place! Good God. Sutherland’s fault of course, for not watching out. It was terrible. Then Doug announced that the session was over, & the japs beat it. — I had avoided the Chinese, but now went over & spoke to them. – Hsü, Yang & Chu. They were much relieved & very friendly. – Had coffee in the wardroom with the kids & signed short-snorters. Got aboard the Nicholas & reached the pier at 11:10. Went straight out to Atsugi & found typhoon reported at Okinawa. Had lunch on plane, got a jeep, & drove down to Fujisawa & on to Kamakura. Saw the Daibutsu & drove back to Fujisawa & on to Enoshima. Walked out to the island & climbed to the top. Then back &

along coast to Oiso, which was completely burned out. Finally found road to Atsugi, after asking dumb cop if he spoke Japanese – Back at Atsugi about 5:30. Still grounded. The crew have been “collecting” – souvenirs & jap rations. Canned mikan, etc. — (Jap M.P’s are looting & running out truck loads of rations, furniture etc.) — Whatley, GHQ. HQ Comdt. arrived last night! – Hodges was present and as dumb as ever. – Air Corps gang in next room had a pow-wow on how the A.C. won the war. Principal speech by Kenney. He needs killing. — Percival is the weakest sister I have ever seen, even in the British army. God, he’s terrible, – a furtive, weak-chinned ferret-looking sort of a mut. Long skinny & stoop-shouldered. Q. Why did Doug have him step up while Doug was signing? — The allied signers were a scratchy-looking crowd. Nimitz O.K. Hsü O.K. Fraser a fat red dumpling. Blamey a tub of guts. Cosgrove an elderly masher or gigolo type. LeClerc rather trim, but his helpers a pair of dirty-looking apaches. Helfferich fat & bald. The New Zealanders amateur-looking. What a crew of caricatures in the eyes of the japs. The human race was poorly represented. And the God damn Canadian signed in the wrong place! O Christ. Met Halsey. Saw Nimitz as I left. – Talked with the gobs on the Nicholas. Good kids. – – Doug, when photogs. wanted a repeat on a picture with Spaatz. “You just took one.” “But they would like to have one more with you shaking hands.” “I told you I have already shaken hands with him.” Period – No love lost on Spaatz. — Giles’ 600 B-29’s fizzled dismally. Navy planes went over in grand style. B-29’s in scattered groups of 6-8-10, all over the lot. Total of not more than 50. – Blooey — Slept on the plane. → Good day with the bladder. Clear. ← General dilapidation in Japan. Business zero. Nothing in the stores. Tea-houses & restaurants dead. No one in streets. Buildings, rolling stock, roads, all in very bad repair. Good crops, but that’s all. The country is ruined, Thank God. People docile. They want to be friendly. That’s the great danger.

**MON. SEPT. 3.** Up at 5:15 & had coffee & nut-cake. Off at 6:00 – Fuji stuck up through cloud layer, with a cloud wrapped around its top. At Hamamatsu took off over the sea. About 10:15 over Amami. Oki at 11:15. Heavy cross-wind. Cut motors at 11:30. (5 ½ hrs.) – Jeeps came in 5 min. Junk lot of mail. (“This Week” offers \$500 for an editorial.) – Caught up on papers –



**TUES. SEPT. 4.** Schick back. In to say good-bye. Ditto Hodge. Col. Wiley (Benning '30-'33) called. – Bishop Spellman in for lunch. Typical Boston Irishman. Hot against the British Empah. – We had a good talk. Sun-bath. Wrote an editorial for “This Week.” Reported to Win about Tokyo trip. – Japs in from Miyako & Amami. Ten of them. At 7:30 brought them in & lined them up. Ely handed them the requirements. Then Merrill told them they could ask questions at 10:00 to-morrow – all very gruff & firm. Gen. Homi wrote to me asking help to prevent Ryukyus from becoming another Alsace-Lorraine. Army docile. Navy truculent. (The old Satsuma stuff.)

**WED. SEPT. 5.** Got the article off to “This Week.” – A. Smedley’s actor friend in (Manson.) – Wrote letters – 2 P.M. to Futema to see the “Yank” plant. – Read & dubbed around. – Paul & Grindlay in. Long talk about Ben’s future. – Hubbard also came. Letters from Win & Al. Candy from Al.

**THURS. SEPT. 6.** Condon in, late P.M. – Japs arrived for surrender – A.M. papers. Out to “New Jersey” (45,000 tonnes) to call on Spruance. She was ‘way out. Had a good talk with him; he’s a good egg. Looked in at a 16" gun turret, & the crew worked the loading gear. (20 seconds to load.) 2700 lb. projectile – 650 lbs. of powder. (N. Jersey, Iowa, Wisconsin & Missouri. Ahead of them, three more. Ahead of them, N. Carolina & Washington.) – Back at noon. Nap. – 3:00 P.M. newspaper men – Three of them, incl. Dealey from Dallas. Good eggs. Had a good talk. – 5:30 to dinner with Woods & his staff. Big filet steaks. Ice cream. Crab cocktails. My God. – Good letter from Al. – Win sent Jo Tenney \$100 & Jo was overwhelmed.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7.** Surrender day in the Ryukyus – Checked up on arrangements. Guards & band in at 11:00. Band played till 11:20. Japs came at 11:20 & stood at attention. At 11:30 I went out to the table. Ruffles & general’s march. Sgt. Oda, Nisei, beside me. “Direct the jap representatives to sign the articles of surrender.” They did so – Then I signed. “Tell the jap representatives that I hold them personally responsible for carrying out all instructions.” Then, “Have the jap. reps. withdraw.” No action; dumb Ely’s crowd just stood, with their mouths open. So I yelled, “Take ‘em out,” and got some action. Then I announced the end of the ceremony & we all adjourned for lunch – 60 B-29’s & 100 fighters went over. M-26’s & 155

S.P massed on road. Honor guards, – Army & Marines. About 40 guests. Big press & photo coverage. Films on way to U.S. at 3:00. Guests beat it at 1:00 P.M. O.P. Smith's brother here, – he is a prick. – Everybody said it went off well. We threw the hooks into them. Just cold, hard, business. –

2 P.M. to U.S. prisoners' camp on No. 1 – 2300 there. Looked it over & talked to some of them. C.A.C. running it – – Back to No. 24 to see set-up, for women & children. No one in it. – Then to 233<sup>d</sup>. Gen. Hosp. & looked it over. Talked to Exec. & neuro-psych. man. – Back at 4:45. – Cannon, Condon, Grindlay, Jones for dinner. Movie. Bogart & his tart Bacall. She can't act.

**SAT. SEPT. 8.** A.M. Papers. Wrote John & Bub about the M.A.S. will. – 11:00 Spruance called, & we had a long talk. I like him; he's a high class guy. – Arranged for junior officers to visit the new BB's. Fine day. Sun-bath. For dinner. Col. Bethune, Capt. Anderson, Capt. Breuner. – Talbot leaving in A.M. – Isaacs in. Long talk. On his way to Korea. He is pessimistic; situation in Far East just where it was before. No step forward for native populations. We have survived attack; no more. – Russia got all she wanted for now. Big fact of future is an expanding Russia. Outlook is "Peace by Expedient" or a series of them. O.K. It's still compromise – The Doctrine of the Mean. It may get us by.

**SUN. SEPT. 9.** (Hurley considers himself the counsel for the defense, & he'll do everything possible for his client! That's the American Ambastardor.) (One word for Hurley – INDIGESTIBLE – Spew him out.) – At the Surrender the G.I.'s were yelling, "That's right, Joe, – Make 'em wait! Keep 'em waitin,' Joe!" They would have been pleased to stand there for hours. — A.M. Papers. Sun-bath, under clouds. Spruance in, about evac. of our P.O.W.'s. Date for lunch Tuesday. – Tenth A – 23. 5<sup>th</sup> A.F (6 to 3) baseball. Excellent game. (The G.I.'s are the Real Guys.) 6:00 – 8<sup>th</sup> A. F., cocktail party by Doolittle. Usual stand-around, followed by buffet. Home at 8:15. Doolittle leaving Tuesday for Washington.

**MON. SEPT. 10.** A.M. office. Talked to Paul about this & that. P.M. wrote & slept. Davidson – (10<sup>th</sup> A.F.) – for dinner. Going home to retire. Ulcers in stomach. Nold joined the mess. Saw the "This is the Army" show. Excellent. 160 in the cast. Had ten of them come up



for a drink & bite to eat. Very interesting group of lads, interested in politics & anxious to get going straight. Want orientation. Sgt. Manson corresponds with Agnes Smedley & had some of her letters. Got one from her, telling about J.B. Powell's lies. — Doug has gone crazy. Jap officers keep their swords! They have only to say they are personal property, & not issue stuff. Thus he sets up military shrines all over Japan. It gives the game to the japs. Letter from Win about Ben; he is pretty low over it, but he'll come out of it.

**TUES. SEPT. 11.** To bed at 1:00 A.M. Good thing I had a nap. — A.M. papers. Weather too bad to make trip to "N. Jersey." At 10:15 Price phoned it was O.K. We went. Arr. "N. Jersey" at 11:40. Fraser there. Took a look around ship with Wooldridge the capt., & Spruance. Lunch with Spruance & staff. (He has total of 45 officers.) Fraser here on "Duke of York". Back to X at 2:45 — Nap. Read. "Leaflet" tank (searchlight) demonstration at 7:30 — Young horsing around for special treatment. Arnold wants to go home, too.

**WED. SEPT. 12.** A.M. Office — Read — Cloudy. — Doug revokes orders about swords. What happened? — 1:40 down to Yonabaru & around Chinen Penin. To Shichiya, Mil. Govt. village. To see about fishing for the Okinawans. Heavy rain; tail of a typhoon. Back via no. 9 & 48 to 44 & up to No. 5. Ambulance off the road. Back at 6:00. No mail; no business.

**THURS. SEPT. 13.** A.M. Papers. Sun-bath. P.M. ball game — XXIV A.C. & coon team. — Eyestone, McMillan & Hall for dinner — 7:30 Dick Jurgens show. — THE AXE. "Return of 10<sup>th</sup> Army to the U.S. 15 Oct." — So Doug's promise means nothing. We just don't belong to the club. — Well, the war is over, so what the hell.

**FRI. SEPT. 14.** A.M. Papers — Got Nold & looked over ammo storage dumps with Rosenberg. Then to new ammo. dock & back — (11:30) Sun-bath. Read. 5:15 to T.A.F., dinner with Woods. Fights afterwards. Mostly niggers. Not so good. Hot day. Rosenberg for lunch.

**SAT. SEPT. 15.** A.M. Papers. Read & wrote. Hubbard & Arnold for lunch. Sun-bath. Read. Depot, Schubert & Abbink for dinner. To Gracie Fields' show. Had her & husband, Monty

Banks, over after the show for a drink & nibble. They stayed till 10:30. Kendrick, (med.), Jefferds, (Ord.) & Stimette, (Chap.) in to meet them.

**SUN. SEPT. 16.** Typhoon coming in. 60 m.p.h. wind forecast. Getting strong at noon. Higgins & Young for lunch. Young says Arnold is low about life. Now I've got to cheer him up. Heavy rain & wind all P.M. Put the shutters up in the house – Two or three leaks. – Movie. By 10:30 wind coming in from west. 180 degree turn – typhoon passing over.

**MON. SEPT. 17.** By midnight it was heavy & we had a stiff wind all night. All flimsy stuff going down – Tents down unless anchored. – God-damn swinging base-board banged all night long like a pistol. Still blowing at 7:00. Cleaned up the room. Dubbed in office. For lunch, Ty and Prof. Talked to Carl & got him straightened out. Talked to Paul. – Nap – Wind gone by 3 P.M. – A lot of damage to docks; little on shore.

**TUES. SEPT. 18.** Papers as usual. – Kruger & Decker called at 2:45–4:30. Nothing new. Invited to Kyoto. Kruger is taking over the Miyako Hotel. – Fracas at Tokuno. One of our crazy flatheads machine-gunned japs & trucks near the airfield. No details yet. Garfield's party up there. Jesus, what jackasses. No mercy if we can just get the dope. – Edwards and Ely for dinner. Cannon did not get back in time. – Cornell (7<sup>th</sup> Div.) & Beery – RAMPS – here. Sent Hubbard to bring them up. Had long talk with them. Same old story about the limies. One limie had 15 pairs of shoes & wanted \$150 gold for 2 pairs. Our people detested them for their hoggish, inconsiderate ways. They also hate the God-damn jap. – Cornell picked up in Leyte. Was not at Bataan.

**WED. SEPT. 19.** A.M. Papers. Sgt. Friendly (CBI Roundup) for interview. – Woods in, on decoration for Col. Anton. — P.M. looked over Navy installations on Katchin Hanto. – Garfield back from Tokuno. (Let the japs entertain him.) He's out. — Dumas, Daniels & Westervelt for dinner – – RUMOR. Richardson to take over when M<sup>ac</sup> Arthur goes to U.S. for hero worship. My God.



**THURS. SEPT. 20.** Usual morning paper fight. Adm. Barbey in – well-informed guy. – Sun-bath – 1:30 – to Yonabaru & Naha with Carl. Dusty on 44. Many wrecks in Baten Ko. Back at 4:30 – Sgt. Manson in to say good-bye & plug me for the A.V.C. – Radio from Nicholas (“This Week”) about the “Message to the G.I.’s.” He wants more! – Letters – from Win. BEN is in the NAVY! He has been broadcasting already. Camp Beale O.K. He likes it. – Cannon, Blakelock, Buchanan for dinner. – Sparks up to get photos. – Nimitz sent a good picture of the surrender.

**FRI. SEPT. 21.** Papers as usual. Visit to 161<sup>st</sup> Ord. M.M. plat. Group photo. – Woods put on air show for the Ramps. A good one. Scared the doctors in the 75<sup>th</sup> Sta. hosp. – Sun-bath. Read & dubbed. 15 in for buffet & drinks. Good crowd – They ate up everything – Movie afterward – “Laura.” – not bad.

**SAT. SEPT. 22.** Papers in A.M. – Hair-cut. The “Burma Survivors” had photo taken – Merrill, Jones, Grindlay, Bergin, Jones, Arnold, J.W.S. – Took Bergin for a walk. Cut lunch. – 1:15 off for Yontan & flew to Tokuno. Watched the landing. 4 LCVP’s – About 80 planes demonstrated. Our “fleet” was 1 CL, 1DD, 2 LST’s & 1 LCT. Very imposing. Circled beach several times & came home. Beautiful colors up there; water & rocks. Back at C.P. at 4:00. Read – Turned in early.

**SUN. SEPT. 23.** A.M. papers. – 11:00 – walk with Bergin – Air corps birds took our picture on No. 20 – Passed us 4 times before they dared stop. – Board on Tokuno shooting bawled out by Smith, 5<sup>th</sup> A.F., who says it’s none of my business. His board whitewashed the culprit – a Maj. Vogel. Merrill got it straight with him. He accepts my jurisdiction & apparently will co-operate. – 5<sup>th</sup> A.F. lost out on wrecking their buildings. Also on sending their men home. Navy got their backs up. – Call from Adm. Badger & Big Boy Shafroth. On their way home. – Definite orders to pick a list to take with me & break it up on Oct 15. – Going to Tokyo Wednesday to say good-bye. Joe should be here any time now, & go along.

**MON. SEPT. 24.** 8:30 to Yontan. Off at 9:00. Miyako at 10:15. Circled till 11:45 – Small island, but well dug in. Our “fleet” lying off, – mines are thick there. Jeeps ashore. Back at 12:15. Circled till 2:00. Very bad weather. Heavy rains. Late lunch, shuffled papers. Dinner

for Price, Lawson, Jones, Woods. — Very jolly crowd – congenial. All enjoyed it. – 3,000 ships here now – biggest shipping concentration in history. Woods gave me clipping with photo of Ben as a gob.

**TUES. SEPT. 25.** Rain. Piddled in the office. Tom Wells turned up. Discussed his case. Had him for lunch. Sent him out with Hubbard. – Rockey in to call. He goes to Tsingtao and Tientsin with two divs. Orders to help CKS disarm japs, & take weapons. Christ again – Nap. – At 5:45 went to Machinato to wedding of Capt. Siegel and Lt. Boody! Jewish ceremony. Very short & common sense. In the chapel built by G.I.'s. Crowd of quiet G.I.'s watched the show. Back at 7:30. – Tom Wells in. Daniels came to say good-bye. – Paul, Carl, & Grindlay came, & we all talked till 10:00. Good-bye to the last of the old crowd. – Boland turned in my extra junk. All set to take off for Tokyo to-morrow. – Joe went to Manila. Tom saw him in Guam & got letters from Ben, Al & Win. – We are shipping Tom back to Honolulu. – 7<sup>th</sup> Div. delegation in last night with letter from Arnold about air transport. No can do.

**WED. SEPT. 26.** Up early. Tom for breakfast. Said good-bye. Did the papers. Wrote Ben a note. Got photos of the guard – Packed. Off at 8:30. In the air at 9:15. Chofu at 2:30 – Circled Tokyo & had a good look at a good job. Patchy, but big patches. Fine weather coming in past Shizuoka, Numazu, Odawara, Lake Hakone, Oiso, etc. Beautiful country. Too bad the people are bastards. Met by Maj. Anderton – In to Imperial Hotel past palace grounds. (Guarded by U.S. soldiers!!) – Anderton says electric power plants are untouched. R.R.'s not hurt, except rolling stock. 75% of Tokyo population is gone – Casualties not known. Doug operates from 5 P.M. to 8 or 9:00. (Hard day.) – At 5:00 saw Doug (Daichi Ginko Bldg.) O.K. on Merrill and Bergin – O.K. for Kyoto & Seoul. Radio G.C.M. for Peking – (Fellers got the msg. off.) – Ryukyu surrender. Press notices. Navy insistence that it was Nimitz's job. – Directive to Doug. He objected & said it was an independent surrender to me. Neither his nor Nimitz's business. Apparently Navy was insistent. Doug was "re-directed" to do it with me as stooge for Nimitz – He simply ignored the order – N. radioed asking him what he was doing to implement the directive. Doug answered "Nothing." And got away with it. – Touchy about being sniped at. Spoke of Summerall's speech "I can take Côte sur Chatillon, if you will keep my rear from being sniped at." As result Pershing give Dickman the A of O, instead of Summerall. – Eisenhower.



“He will compromise & yield to protect his prestige. He will not fight for principles.” “It may well be a sad day for the Army when Ike goes in as C/S.” “The fact that Ike has political aspirations may keep him from being made C/S.” – Doug sore about Drew Pearson stuff. Insisting that W.D.B.P.R. should issue counter-statements. — (They were telling him to avoid being the cause of such statements.) – Gen. Wang, fat slob, greeted me at dinner. Russians, limies & Chinese here of course.

**THURS. SEPT. 27.** Up at 5:30 – Off at 8:00 to Yokohama. Saw Nogi’s home, where he hara-kiri’d – Then down to 47 Ronins’ shrine. No admittance to allied mil. personnel! On to 8<sup>th</sup> A HQ. at Yokohama. Continuous destruction all the way. Eichelberger being presented with a sword by a jap admiral! And accepting it. He’s just a blah handshaker. Spruance came in. Refused invite to go on trip with Eich. (He was taking Mrs. Doug to Miyanoshita to-day.) Back to 47 Ronins & got in with a pass. Then to the field at Chofu and shoved off at 12:00. Lunch on board. Up to Utsonomiya & Nikko – Circled, saw the temples, red bridge and Lake Chuzenji. Then up to Sendai & Matsushima. Landed at field beyond M. & met Swing & Pearson & Griswold. Dorn at Yamagata. Took Swing and flew to Tendo. Very thick weather. Dorn not there. Went to hotel billet & waited till 3:35. Then beat it. As we left the ground, Dorn arrived – Too late. Took Swing to Matsushima, & at once took off for Tokyo, at 4:45. Reached Chofu just after dark. Rain. Hell of a time getting down. Reached hotel at 7:15. Met Acheson, Service, & Isaacs. Dinner together – Very boring evening with Acheson, who sat on his ass till 11:30. I could have killed the booby. – Isaacs on Korea – Russians are rough. Divided control – how do anything? Hodge over his depth. Food will be a problem. — Helmick for Hurley in China? – Acheson to SIAM. Ignored by G.H.Q. — HIROHITO went to see Doug to-day –

**FRI. SEPT. 28.** Diller announces return to U.S. of Stilwell and Merrill – (They are making sure.) RAIN. (G. I. lesson in manners on street car. Yanked jap men up & seated the women.) (“It is not necessarily degrading to be polite to women in foreign countries” – Instructions to jap diplomatic corps.) (Remind CLEAR of his call at Carmel, when he told me how nice the japs were!) – Got money changed. Cleared off at noon. Left for field at 12:45 – Off about 1:30 – via Fuji south side. Fine look at Gotemba line, Hakone Lake, shore line – Over the Akaishi mountains – Rugged & steep – 5,000-7,000 feet. No roads. Down on Nagoya, — a WRECK.

Really terrific. On over a low range to Biwa & down to Kyoto. Skirted the hill twice. Looked at the field. Wet & soft. N.G. Went to OSAKA – Again terrific – Burned out like Nagoya. More impressive than Tokyo – Found a field E. of Osaka & sat down. Harper coming in with 98<sup>th</sup> Div. Bummed a car & came to Kyoto in 1 ¼ hrs. after diddling around in Osaka looking for the way. Kyoto untouched. Japs watching the troops coming in. To Miyako & found rooms ready. Krueger had just arrived. Had supper with him & Decker. Merrill & I have a suite. Very elegant. Coyes. I<sup>st</sup> Osaka, Swift X<sup>th</sup> Kure, Sibert – III Amph. Sasebo, Schmidt. – Krueger doesn't know he is to go to U.S. Dec. 1. Escaped to bed at 9:00 P.M.

**SAT. SEPT. 29.** 8:30, out to look for Shinmonzen. Back and forth, right on it; finally we ran it down. NOTHING. Everything closed down tight. Furumonzen same. Walked to Chion In. Big bell still there. Then over to Kiyomizu. Unchanged. But no activity. No bustle. No business. Got tea. Visitor said to old lady “They are quieter than was to be expected.” The authorities here were looking for reprisals in a big way & could not understand our forbearance. “Aren't you going to punish us?” – Walked back to hotel for lunch. At 1:30 took jeep & rode to Otsu & on up to Karasaki (the old pine tree). Looked over an air-field and got souvenirs. Back to town & down to Higashi Hongwanji – (Hair ropes.) Then out to Kinkakuji, S.W. of town. Beautiful grounds. Back to town, looking for Nijo Shiro, but missed it. Walked hotel grounds. Bath. (Krueger has not yet heard about Dec. 1.) The E.M. came up this A.M. & are having a grand time. Billeted in hotel.

**SUN. SEPT. 30.** A.M. walked to HEIAN temple (big cemetery) – stopped at zoo, which is all run down. (Monkeys in a pit.) Then walked out to Ginkakuji (just like Kinkakuji) – Beautiful grounds. – Back to hotel. (The hillside over there is full of temples.) Got jeeps (11:10) & went to NIJO castle. All the carvings down, & buildings all boarded up. Walked around the citadel. Hotel at noon – (About 3 hrs. hiking.) – P.M. out to Arashiyama & on to Moss Temple. (Sai-Ho-Ji) – Another good one near-by. Beautiful walk through Moss Temple – Surprisingly far out. How did we do it in 1911? – Back via KITANO temple – very interesting. Usual BAZOO at dinner. God, he's dumb –



**MON. OCT. 1.** “Most clean & sonorous shop”. (Barber.) “This porishu has flavorful elegance and odiferous brilliance.” No answer to radio yet. Took a walk to pigeon temple & other at entrance to Maruyama Park. (Eight Mounds Temple.) – To Shinmonzen. Shops opening. Got a Hokusai copy. Hubbard bought Obi, lacquer, etc. Back to hotel. P.M., sat. Sent Hubbard to Tokyo to get message, if any. Merrill & I rode to Arashiyama & walked up river. Pretty inn on bank. (Good C.P.) Back at 5:00 – Hot bath. Hubbard got off from Taisho at 4:10. – “No one can be a pitcher until he has been a catcher.” Movie of Andrew Johnson.

**TUES. OCT. 2.** Good-bye to Dorn, Paul & Decker. (B-ache at breakfast. Q: What has G.C.M. done for the ARMY? – A. Nothing. It is still dis-united – the N.G. is still in the saddle – We are still operating on the 1916 Defense Act.) Fine weather. – Sat around all day waiting for Hubbard. Plane finally came over at 3:00 P.M. Merrill & I took a walk. Hubbard in at 4:30. Went in at Atsugi; late into Tokyo. – Decided to cut out Korea & go to Oki direct in morning; G-mo having refused permission for Peking\*! (Sept 26 to Oct. 2 to get an answer!)

**WED. OCT. 3.** Up at 5:30. Off at 6:30. Accident in Osaka, – jap bicyclist. Stopped in old citadel. Taisho field take-off at 8:30. Over Osaka, Kobe, Okayama, Kure, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Shimonoseki, Moji, Kokura, Yawata, Sasebo, Nagasaki, Kagoshima. Desolation. All stacks standing. Queer. Hint on future design. Remnants of jap fleet. At Kure 25 SS, 25 DD, 1 CL etc. At Sasebo, 4 or 5 DD, 2 CL, few SS. Wooden freighters being built opp. Miyajima. Floods had covered hotel grounds there with sand. SS aground. Dirty weather. Rain from Kure on. – Hokusai views all the way. He had the right colors. – 7 hr. flight. In at Oki at 2:45. Yontan closed. Landed at Awase. 10 minutes later, all fields closed. – Everything O.K. here. The Vogel case is closed. He crashed in a P-38 with a nurse – both killed. Heavy rain. Cleaned up papers and turned in early.

**THURS. OCT. 4.** Papers all day. G.C.M.’s & decorations – (Nap) – Dinner for Priest (artist) & Miss Brent, (accordeon), Green, Smith, Potter, & Schindel. Bergin danced. Merrill played. Good party.

**FRI. OCT. 5.** Papers all A.M. Sun bath – good weather. P.M. read and wrote. (1<sup>st</sup> annual Amami Regatta)

**SAT. OCT. 6.** Tried to hop off for Miyako. Plane not ready. Our A.F. are an indifferent, sloppy, dirty, inefficient lot. Will get a plane from the Marines. Sun-bath. Quiet day.

**SUN. OCT. 7.** Off from Awase at 7:50 in Marine plane. Clean & ready to go. Pilot – Col. Sweetser. Miyako at 9:00. To docks with Col. Lewin. Off for Ishigaki at 10:00. Arr. 10:30. Met Cannon. Visited docks. Cannon hustling to beat typhoon. Getting out to-night. Lunch at field. Off at 12:30. Awase at 2:00 (Japs at Ishigaki, 80% sk. with malaria.) – Dead-beated the rest of the day. Typhoon coming.

**MON. OCT. 8.** A hell of a night with the rats. Trap outside, they were inside, gnawing out. Brought trap in & they jumped over it and kept on gnawing out. 12:00 to 1:00, went after them with a stick, then gave up & read till 3:00 A.M. They gnawed till dawn. – Papers & letters – Nap – Walk in rain with Bergin. Cocktail party for 35. Good party. – This H.Q. never got together. Letter from Joe. He is down.

**TUES. OCT. 9.** “Louise” getting worse. Rain & wind. At 2:30 it got bad & at 4:30 we moved out, down to the office. Wind 80 knots. Roof paper blowing off. Everything getting soaked. Tentage going down all around. At 6:00 even worse. A struggle to get to the mess-hall. Typhoon moving N. at 20 knots. Worst blow I’ve seen. Hard to stand up. – Dates all called off.

**WED. OCT. 10.** Inspected damage. To Naha & back. Bad. Up north in P.M. Bad. Party at 5:30. Nurses, Red + & staff. About 70. Big whoopee.

**THURS. OCT. 11.** Piddled in office in A.M. Early lunch. At 12:15 shoved off to Kunishi Ridge. Arr. 1:35 – At 2:00, ceremony to unveil Buckner marker. Short & snappy. Back again at 3:50 – Beautiful day – sunny with strong breeze. – Expected Joe, but no soap –



**FRI. OCT. 12.** Fruitless flight to Minami Daito, with Woods. Did not land. No personnel visible. Looked over derelicts (over 90) on east shore – & islands. Price is against a big base here. – Sun-bath – Doddered around. Radioed Joe –

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**SAT. OCT. 13.** A.M. papers. Leavey in (AFWESPAC). 2 P.M. funeral of Col. Dickey – Marines. (Heart failure – ) Joe here. Talked all P.M. & evening – Preliminary packing.

**SUN. OCT. 14.** Last day at Okinawa. Joe & I talked & at 9:00 I made a speech to the staff. Decorated Hubbard, Edwards, & Bentley. After sun-bath, heard Army-Michigan game – 3:00 P.M. staff cock-tail orgy. – Took Joe for a ride – Condon in for dinner. – Lawson, Leavey & Jones in to say good-bye. Joe and I talked till late.

**MON. OCT. 15.** Up at 5:00. Coffee at 5:30. Got Joe off at 6:00. Packed. Band Concert 7:30-8:30. Last photos & autographs. Good-byes. Nold in, Barney in. No other officers of the staff turned up. Thanked the band, said good-bye to the G.I's & beat it. Woods had the Marine band at the plane. Off at 9:15 – Nichols Field at 2:15 – Styer, Christiansen, Gunner, Donovan – all there. Went to 80<sup>th</sup> General & saw Le Duc. He said “go ahead.” So came to Admiral Apts. Christiansen called. After dinner Gallant called. → The cordial good-byes by Tenth Army Staff! Ha - Ha.

[Notes]

[Before entry of Feb. 22, 1945; vol. 14]

Talk on Decorations

Origin & development – Pride. Appeals to young – After seeing so many phony ones, become suspicious. Sour grapes with me – My dec. are principally bruises on the stern, but I'm proud of them, so they serve the purpose. Proudest of 2 I did not get. After considerable assn. with the limies; without even being considered for a bath, or a garter, or other lingerie decoration. A guy got up in the House of Com. & offered a resolution to wit. That inasmuch as I was a quarrelsome fellow, & had said that the Br. army in India was inept, I should be marked persona non grata in

any area where Br. troops were serving. – Well, he was not very accurate, – I did not say that they were inept. As I recall it, it was more to the effect that they were a God-damn bunch of pansies, but anyway, it brought notice. Condemnation. By the House of C. is to my mind a very high distinction. – The other one I didn't get was a very fancy Chinese dec., their no. 1, in fact. It is a large sunburst, with points all around it, & A long wide sash & belt complete with buckles. I at once told them where they could put it, but it was at once apparent that my suggestion would not work. 1<sup>st</sup> because CKS would probably not like it, and 2<sup>d</sup> because no one, however willing, was sufficiently intimate with him. So you see, I have not had much success getting decorated by foreign govts. The only noteworthy presentation I can remember are a sword that the Tibetan C-in-C sent me, quickly followed by a request for an M-1 rifle and 500 rds. of ammo. – And the Nagas gave me a goat, which was a replacement for the one CKS got from me. –(Pan. –Fr.) –

So I haven't had much luck on foreign decs. I wonder how some people get so many. They must be very "simpatico," for people to like them so well. It could not be that there is any trading going on; such a sordid note could never creep in. No, no; it's just superior ability & merit receiving the deserved reward.

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Handy – "This is especially hot because it is the 1<sup>st</sup> major matter on which HE has not taken the advice of his mil. staff. So he is vulnerable" –

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The W.D. has no opening. They want me to ask for A.G.F. Now that 5-star gens. are in, a 4-star is nothing. They expect the press & public to cool off –

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14<sup>xx</sup> going to China, followed by 22<sup>xx</sup> – Then what?

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HLS now has the picture. (CKS stands in the way.)

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Why did F.D.R. back off? Probably because the Sept 12 message slipped by without his considering it seriously. Not much interested. Then Kung got the "never mind that stuff" msg. & CKS put his back up. Then FDR tried to compromise & the Peanut knew he had won.

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There is no indication that the W.D. is any longer interested to raise an effective force of Chinese, or even save what we have. Somervell has to fight to finish up the Ledo Road!

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The limey joint C. of S. demanded my removal. Geo. told Brooke he was amazed at such a move, & was shocked to have them demand the removal of the only fighter in the whole theater. He talked turkey to Brooke –

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It was Adm. King who opposed my removal in '43. He has backed me right along. George hopes he will solve the Pacific Problem with King's support.

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Hap asked about 3 stars for Strat – I said I wouldn't – That did it.

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Buckner to Ryu. in May. (? To Bonins in March)

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Solomons, N. Guinea, N. Britain – to Aus. Cleanup on Borneo & N.E.I. to be left to Limeys – The Dutch want us to do it. No decision on Armory-Form., etc. (Hainan?)

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Limie's remark, N. Africa. "These Americans remind me of banahnas; they are either green, or they're yellow, or they're rotten." Beetle Smith had him canned.

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Chinese solder at Wanting – "The Americans give us everything, – food, arms, medical help, clothes. Why, all we have to do is to fight!"

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[After entry of Jun. 19, 1945; vol. 15]

Pretense & slop

"There were fresh dewy strawberries with clotted cream." Why clotted cream? & what the hell is it anyway. The author doesn't know any more than you do, but that's what it must be – etc. No Chinese words hit such a false note.

Neither would he blow his nose on a handkerchief & then put the mess in his pocket. He'd give his nose a good tight blow & hit a rock with the gob.

Rule – Never mention the bladder. And if you must, say comfort station but not toilet.

And the good old days. Just imagine the state of the velvet gowns in Chas. II's time – on a hot day. No running water. The toilets – the stinks – the teeth – the disease – the fingernails, etc. etc.

Imagine them all lined up naked. Churchill, Roosevelt, H. Hopkins & Co.

– To get rid of a guest “Have a cup of tea.” – “Ni tsenmo pu tsai che erh ch'ih?” –

They make you mad by barging in, but you can throw them out. There is usually a soft way of doing things. Not – “Look here you so & so, you're fired.” – but “I am going to promote you to kao chi ts'an mon.”

Best characterization of the Chinese is Smith's “Ch. Char.” Thought I'd find something in Lin Yu Tang's book, but he is too flighty. What does he know about China? He never lived there.

T.V. Soong & Co. – W. Koo – Wang Ching Hui – Alfred Tze – the pinstripe boys. Clever, brainy, intellectual, scholarly – not to be compared with Chiang Mon Lin & Hu Shih Pai & Li (Li's prop. at Hsüchow). Shang Chen – Tseng Hsi Kwei – Liao – (Sun) – P'an – Hsiao I Hsü.

(Old lattice with vines grown too strong to tear out. That's the K.M.T. – Rev. not over.)

Stupid Roosevelt & his friends “SHANG” – Backing the rotten gang. Wouldn't believe his own people. Preferred C.K.S. Hurley parroted what T.V. told him. Now Russia & Reds face CKS & U.S.A. We make him strong & he dogs on his promise. Only excuse for playing with him was promise of aid vs. Japan, which he never had any intention of furnishing (msg. of Jan. 1939 from CKG).