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 Zeller, Jim  
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 Schaeffer  
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March 2-44  
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 3-29-44  
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 3-31-44  
 Munda  
 5-4-44  
 Admiralties  
 8-21-44  
 Wakole  
 9-27-44  
 Noumfoor  
 11-10-44  
 Morotai

Coleman  
 Lynch  
 Link  
 "Porky" Harris  
 Dietrich  
 Bob Beasley  
 "Pixie" Dunbar  
 Goldwell  
 Les K. Louten  
 "Stinky" Davis  
 Bambrick  
 Foriman  
 Rawley  
 Kuyper  
 Fuller

Carson  
 O'Malley  
 Hoel, Grant  
 Harris  
 Rice  
 Royce  
 Lewis  
 Frost  
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 Jerry Slesinger  
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Truck

Searchlights - night flyers

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 Steffy  
 Morgan  
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 Geo. Koenig  
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 Wheeler, Tom  
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Thursday FEBRUARY 10, CALIF. 1944

1944 There was a very good stag show at the officers' Club tonight. The strip teasers were the best I have ever seen.

Retired at 3:00 A.M.

9T6; B-24 1943 April - May 24 KINGMAN, ARIZ. (AAF 45) GUNNER  
9T7; B-24; CGO June 3 - Oct 7 HONDO, TEX. (AAFNS) NAVIG.  
B-24 Oct 19 - Nov 5 CLOVIS, N.M. (AAB)  
B-24 Nov 6 - Jan 1944 PUEBLO, COLOR. "  
B-24 Jan 20 '44 - Feb 14 TOPEKA, KAN. "

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Saturday FEBRUARY 12

1944 Awoke early this morning to finish packing for the clothing inspection.

A truck picked our crew + the baggage up at 9:00 A.M.

19 promptly, and took us to Combat Crew Headquarters where they proceeded to outfit us with what equipment they deemed necessary for the theatre we were going to.

They required us to have all summer uniforms so we believe were heading

19 to Australia for additional training + from there we expect to go to Guadalcanal + to be stationed at Henderson field.

19 Went to town in the evening with the crew + the pilots wife. We all proceeded to get as our Radio operator puts it "feeling" uncomfortable well. Retired at 2:00 A.M.

Friday FEBRUARY 11, 1944

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There's a brisk cold biting wind from the N.W. today. I noticed it especially while walking from the B.O.Q.

19 to combat crew Headquarters to check the bulletin board before leaving the base.

One of the officers in charge was making up a

19 notice pertaining to us; (our crew) We were to report there at 9:00 Sat. morning to have our clothing processed. We then went to town +

19 celebrated Lois' birthday by having dinner with them + the people they were staying with. After eating the four of us, Lois, Dorrie, Jack, +

19 myself went to the show. We then returned to the base (Jack + myself) + straightened our clothes for the processing. Retired at 3:00 A.M.

Sunday FEBRUARY 13 '44

1944 Had a very short day + a long night. Awoke at 2:00 P.M. + checked the bulletin board and saw that we are to be at the infirmary by 3:00 P.M. tomorrow and leave the field at

19 9:00 P.M.

We're all little disturbed by the fact that there was no mention of a partial pay before we leave. We're all broke so as wishful

19 thinking would have it we decided we would get paid before we left - we hope.

We're all very anxious to get overseas mostly because we'd

19 like to find out where we're going + how our base will look.

We'd like to fly our own plane overseas but from the looks of things we may not.

19 The tension of going over is showing a little on everyone. They seem more serious than they were before. We took Lois home + then went back to the club + drank beer. Retired at 11:00 A.M.

Monday FEBRUARY 14 LEAVING TOPERA,  
KANSAS VIA TRAIN

Tuesday FEBRUARY 15 44 Train  
Colo. / WY.

1944 For a change had an exceptionally long day. Bright & early at 8:00 A.M. we were up & raring to go with a mouthful of feathers as a remembrance of last night. After breakfast we paid a visit to the finance office & drew some funds for

our trip to Calif. I came out with \$25 which should keep me out (or in) trouble till we leave for combat. At noon the whole crew went to the infirmary & had a short physical. It really was a "collateral quickie." In 5 minutes the entire crew

was finished. We returned to the B.O.Q. & I repacked my B-4 bag. It's so full I'm afraid my clothes will be scattered all over the state of ? when I open it.

At 9:00 P.M. the crews were loaded into G.I. trucks & taken to the depot. All the enlisted men were feeling pretty good, I might even go so far as to say "drunk."

By 10:00 P.M. we were at the station waiting for the train which wasn't due till 1:10 A.M. so to help kill time we killed a pint in 5 minutes. After that things had a

shell we say a rather rosy outlook. The train arrived on schedule, & in a great confusion as possible - we boarded it. For at least half an hour the whole car was in a turmoil - everybody was running back & forth with luggage & here & there a wrestling match was

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1944 At 10:30 A.M. this morning I was up, against my will - but up. Circumstances & "noise" kept me from sleeping longer. I had breakfast in the diner & then went back & played poker till we pulled into Denver. There was to be an hour & a

half layover here before we left so - in a mess - the whole crew made a bee-line for the nearest bar. The train at 5:05 P.M. (M. 10.7) pulled out, luckily with everyone on board. We continued where we left off in our poker game. When it finally

19 broke up I was only out a few dollars so all in all I consider a very cheap train ride "so far."

There's a crap game going on in the back of the car with \$500 in it. A sailor M.P.

19 has dropped \$250 so far & still hasn't hit bottom. One of our boys, a navigator, is really cleaning up the cash, \$229 when he finally quit.

We've passed through Kansas, Colorado, & are now in Wyoming. By morning we should be in Utah.

It's getting late now & all you can hear is an occasional clink of money & the roll of the dice.

Retired at 12:45 A.M. (CUT)

Wednesday FEBRUARY 16 W. 15200T

Thursday FEBRUARY 17 SAN FRANCISCO CALIF. 5174

1944 This morning about 1:30 A.M. I, along with the rest of the car, was awakened by our co-pilot trying to find his berth. While he was hunting for it he ran into Wilker, Clary's co-pilot, & the two

got into an argument over who was the ugliest. (By that time they were both pretty ugly to me.)

Anyone who was asleep till then was awake now. What a commotion. They finally went to bed but

it took the whole car to get them in it. I went back to sleep & awoke at 11:05 A.M. in Ogden. We

19 (the crew) got off the train there & went to some restaurant & had lunch. When we got back to the train a poker game started up & I lost my

remaining \$8.00 in it which left me flat broke. At 5:30 P.M. we left Ogden.

19 Just after crossing the Great Salt Lake a journal box in the diner burnt out &

we lost a couple of hours in side tracking it onto a siding.

I had supper in the diner and Retired at Midnight.

1944 At 10:00 A.M. this morning I awoke in sunny California. Having slept all through Utah, I lay back in my berth & enjoyed the scenery & tunnel of mountainous eastern California. After half an hour of looking I got up & had breakfast. After

19 eating I did very little except read. As we descended into lower land you could see the

traces of grass getting greener. It was really beautiful in the lower levels of California. We

19 pulled into Sacramento at 3:00 P.M. & stopped just long enough to stretch our legs & get

a breath of fresh air. We left the capital city & passed through a few small towns

before we came to Oakland. There our baggage was loaded onto a ferry & we climbed

19 with it. The ferry took us across "Frisco Bay" & into San Francisco where we

chartered a bus to take us to Hamilton field. On the way to the field we pass

by Knob Hill & over the Golden Gate bridge from which you could see

Alcatraz, stuck out in the middle of the bay all by itself. It looks like

a big rock with a brick building on (continued in Feb. memo)

Friday

FEBRUARY 18

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1944 This morning after breakfast we began our processing. At 10:00 A.M. our mailing addresses were straightened out. & after that they gave us a lecture on troop movements & their security. At 11:00 A.M. some captain explained the use of the medical equipment we were to carry with us overseas. This afternoon about 5:00 P.M. Clary & Kader were told they were to leave in the morning. Everything went well with our processing so P.O.E. Hdqs. gave us a pass to get into town for the night. Naturally we went when we arrived in San Francisco Kent & I walked around for a while & then headed for Chinatown & the International Settlement. The first place we went to was a follies & it was awful. After the follies we went to the night clubs in the International Settlement & spent an hour or so there & then headed for uptown Frisco to see what it was like. Walking soon wore the glitter of the city off so we decided to go to a night club again. We ended up in the "Forbidden City" in Chinatown, a nice club run entirely by Chinese with an all Chinese girl floor show (continued in Feb. memo)

Sunday

FEBRUARY 20

'44 CALIF.

1944 By 5:30 A.M. we were up, eager to get started on the flight to Hawaii. By 7:00 A.M. all of us were down at the passenger terminal fully expecting to take off but the plane (C-54) wasn't ready yet. We were scheduled again to take off at 9:00 A.M. tonight with nothing to do till then we (the crew) proceeded to bum around the post aimlessly. At 1:00 P.M. we went to the movies & spent a few hours there after which we returned to the B.O.Q. till take-off time. Just before we were to take off we had a bite to eat. At 9:30 P.M. we loaded into the plane & taxied out on the ramp. This time we were sure that our flight was about to begin; but no - something was wrong with the oil pressure in #3 engine. We unloaded & went to the passenger terminal to wait till the plane was repaired. By 10:30 P.M. the plane was ready to go again. This time we got off. At 11:05 our wheels left the ground & we were on our way, over Oakland, past San Francisco & Alcatraz, over the Golden Gate Bridge out into the Pacific. I watched the lights of Frisco fade from view & I said to myself, "that's the last of the States I'll see for God only knows how long." After 16 months of training it begins to look as though I'm going to get into this war. Our orders show our final dest. as Corney Field, Guadalcanal. Below us is darkness & above the stars. Retired at midnight

Saturday

FEBRUARY 19

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1944 At 8:30 A.M. We got up & began preparing our clothes for the clothing check we were to have at 10:00 A.M. Everything went O.K. & by noon we had all the clothes we were to take with us ready & the rest were on the plane. The money I wired for arrived today with \$20 more than the \$30 I had requested. I paid off some debts I had with it & still have plenty for the trip overseas, I think. This morning we took out our guns & knives and are wearing them all the time. We are to report to briefing tonight at 7:15 P.M. & plan on leaving sometime tonight. At the briefing they told us the plane would be ready to go till 7:00 in the morning & to be back at that time. They also explained the use of the life raft & its equipment. When it was all over we headed back to the B.O.Q. & got cleaned up & went to bed. Retired at 11:00 P.M.

Monday

FEBRUARY 21

HAWAII '44

1944 Awoke at 8:00 A.M. in the middle of a storm. The plane was rolling all over the sky like a leaf in a March wind. Last night I dreamt of Barbara Jean. I wonder. I paid the navigator a visit up front it seems he's not quite sure of our position. You can see the ocean now, the surface is almost calm. The tall cumulus clouds rising out of the ocean in the distance form what looks like a New York skyline on the horizon. Every now & then a fluffy white cloud passes under the wings. They look so soft & clean you want to get out of the plane & roll around in them. It's 10:30 A.M. now & we're running into pretty rough weather, all about us are stratus clouds & through occasional holes in the clouds you can see the ocean is getting rougher. I got into a little poker game & played till 12:10 at which time Oahu came into view. We made our recognition circle & came into land. At 12:20 our wheels hit the ground. As soon as we stepped out of the plane they took us to our B.O.Q. & settled our transportation problems to Guadalcanal. The B.O.Q. we're living in is really shot up. There are machine gun port marks all over & here & there an occasional bomb crater. This afternoon we visited Honouliuli & looked it over. In spots

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Tuesday FEBRUARY 22 '44

1944 Awoke at 9:30 this morning. After breakfast Dorries & myself took our watches to Instrument Repair. The Finance office was our next objective. The mission there was completely successful having all received a partial pay (for myself it amounted to \$25.00). From there we departed to Waikiki & spent the afternoon riding surf boards. After leaving the beach at Waikiki I wandered around the streets of Honolulu looking the city over. Sometime later I returned to the Field (Hickam) after all of Honolulu closed up on me. (After 6:00 P.M. there is very little left to do in Honolulu). Had supper at the officers' mess & retired to the B.O.Q.  
Retired at 11:00 P.M.

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Thursday FEBRUARY 24 '44

1944 Awoke at 1:30 & cleaned up for the trip into Waikiki which was sure to come. After breakfast I had my brush haircut rebrushed at the barbers. After my hair was decapitated I had enough energy to punch the bag in the gym for awhile. About 11:30 we left for Honolulu where I left the gang to buy a gift for Barbara Jean. After walking around for an hour I found the store I had been seeking. The clerk wrapped the pin for shipment & I took it with me to the beach at Waikiki where I rejoined the rest. After splashing around with the surf boards for awhile in an attempt to ride the waves we donned our clothes & went looking for souvenirs. After much dilly dallying we caught the bus for the field & caught up on my diary in the officers' lounge. Had supper with Dick & returned to the Officers Lounge.  
Retired at 10:00 P.M.

Wednesday FEBRUARY 23 '44

1944 Awoke (the usual preface) at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Visited "Pearl Harbor" at 11:00 & caught a glimpse of the Oklahoma & a lot of transport vessels. We went to Waikiki again & as usual I tried to conquer the leaping surfs with the usual success - none. Our party had dinner at the "Kewelo" & then adjourned to "Hickam Field." They held a dance for transient officers at the field tonight & I had my first dance outside of the States, also my first dance with a Hawaiian girl.  
Retired at 10:00 P.M.

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Friday FEBRUARY 25 '44

1944 Awoke at 7:30 and took a shower to clean the salt off me from yesterday's dip in the ocean. We had breakfast and then I went to the P.X. & bought myself a Khaki cap. I mailed the pin to Barbara Jean just before leaving for Waikiki. At Waikiki we all went surfing as usual, but this time I had considerable success on the confounded things. We stayed there for 2 hours during which time I acquired a very brilliant sunburn. After swimming for so long I was in the mood for a good dinner so I stayed in Waikiki while the others went to Honolulu. I met the gang at the bus stop & we returned to the Field together. At the field we saw a U.S.O. show which proved to be pretty good. After the show I met a fellow I knew at Ellington (John's hip name). We went to the movies & got caught in the rain on the way back, but it sure felt good on my sunburn.  
Retired at 11:00 P.M.

Saturday FEBRUARY 26 '44

Sunday FEBRUARY 27 '44

1944 Awoke at 7:30 A.M. + after much deliberation, crawled out of bed at 8:30. I hacked my watch at the operations building + went to the officers' mess + had breakfast. After breakfast I ran into McCollough, an old buddy from upstairs T-1131, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

I came back to the B.O.Q. + hit the sack till 1:30 p.m. when I went over to the Officers' mess + had a steak dinner (.90¢).

After eating I stayed in the Officers' Lounge till 5:00 p.m. when I went to my room + filled yesterday's resume in my diary.

At 7:00 p.m. I summarized my diary for Dorries who was just starting one.

Had supper in the Officers' mess at 8:30 p.m. + returned to the Officers' lounge to review the day for my diary. Began the transfer of this diary to another one.

Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Monday FEBRUARY 28 '44

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. but on general principles stayed in bed till 9:30.

Had breakfast with Jack + returned to the room.

At 12:30 Donai, Lonni, + I went to the Gym + lifted weights, boxed, + fooled around a bit. We quit at 3:30 p.m. + went up + took a shower.

Had dinner at 5:30 p.m. + then went out + watched some G.I.'s play softball.

When they quit we came over to the Lounge, had a beer + listened to Donai play the piano.

At 7:30 p.m. we went to the A.T.C. theater + saw another U.S.O. show. Unlike the first, this one "stunk".

Came back to the B.O.Q. at 9:00 p.m. + Retired at 10:00 p.m.

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. but being as it was Sunday I didn't leave the bed till 9:30. Clary + Kader + Co. left at 4:00. Dorries + myself had breakfast together + were joined by Jack at the mess hall.

After breakfast I hacked my watch + retired to the Officers' Lounge + read till 2:30 p.m.

at which time my sunburn must have gotten the better of me. I decided to wash some clothes + promptly proceeded to do so. At 4:30 p.m. the "dirty" job was cleaned up + I then took a shower to remove the sweat from my panting pores.

Dorries, Jack, Ken, Red, + myself at 5:30 p.m. took off for the Officers' Club to see Ray Kyser in "My Favorite Spy." Before the show I had my supper there - a milkshake.

After the show we had a snack at the Officers' Mess + returned to the B.O.Q. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Tuesday FEBRUARY 29 LEAVING HAWAII 1944

1944 Awakened by the crew at 8:00 a.m. Shortly afterwards we (the officers + Mac) were notified of our exodus to take place at 9:00 a.m. this morning. The game of us all jumped at once + began + finished our packing with 15 min. to spare. With this extra time we dashed down to the mess hall to snag a little breakfast.

At 9:00 we were taken to the pass terminal + had our baggage inspected + weighed in, + placed aboard the plane. We boarded the plane at 11:05 a.m. + took off at 11:20. We flew over Pearl Herd Honolulu, Waikiki, + out toward Canton.

I read or played poker all the way to Canton + went broke in doing so. Total loss \$5.90. The trip wasn't too bad on the weather alternately smooth + rough.

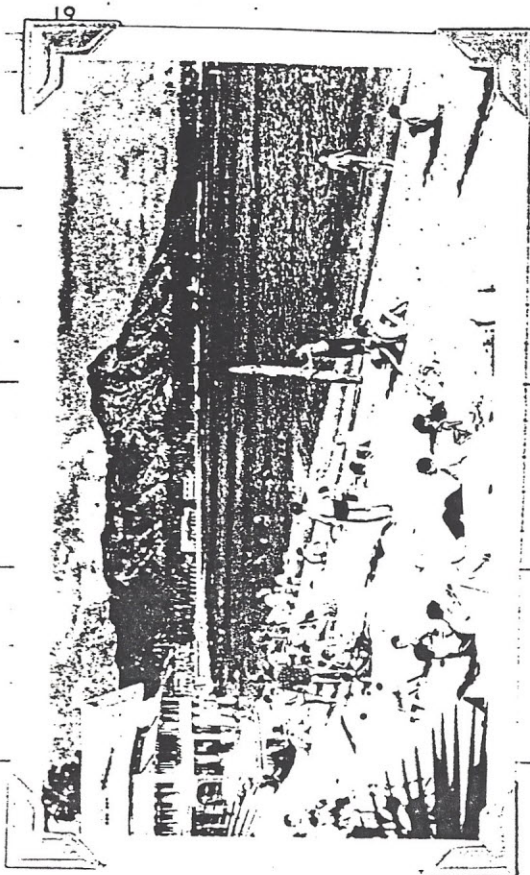
Canton was sighted at 11:20 (Hawaii time) + at 11:30 p.m. we landed. The first item on our list was food + so we ate + loafed around till 10:45 p.m. (Canton time) when we boarded the plane. We

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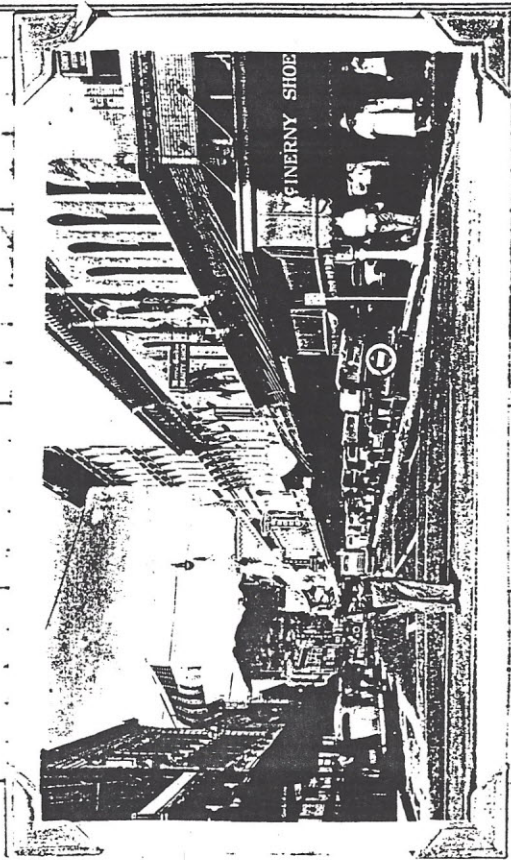
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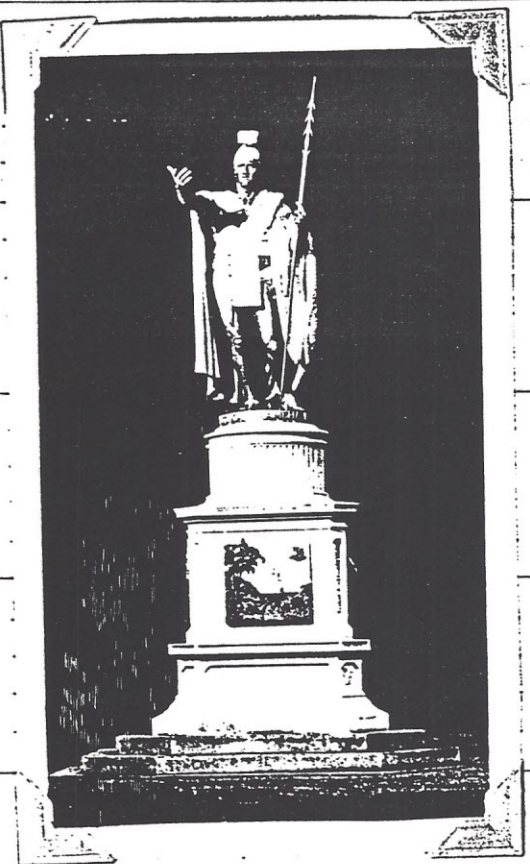


WAIKIKI BEACH - HAWAIIAN OFFICERS CLUB IS LOCATED JUST IN BACK TIME BUILDING ON THE EXTREME LEFT.



MAIN STREET IN HONOLULU - OAHU

FEBRUARY-8



KING OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LOCATED IN HONOLULU.

KAMEHAMEHA (FIRST HAWAIIAN ISLANDS) HONOLULU.

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going on. Before things quieted down I had a little tussel with Haffner, our co-pilot, in the berth below me. It ended in a draw.

All is peaceful & quiet now & we're on our way to California & combat.

Retired at 2:30 A.M.

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Feb. 17, 1944

The anti-sub net could also be seen from the bridge. It extended from one coast of the bay to the other.

After we crossed the bridge San Quentin Prison came into view. A very confining sight to say the least. We arrived at Hamilton field at 7:00 P.M. & were assigned to a B.O.Q.

So far California looks like a nice place. Nice climate, scenic, & some lively cities, just about everything you could ask for.

Retired at midnight.

19 (Continued from)  
Feb. 18, 1944

An hour later we left for the International city again & stayed there in one of the night clubs till they close at 12:00 A.M.

19 After closing time we stopped at a restaurant & had something to eat before we came back to the base.  
Retired at 3:30 A.M.

(Cont'd from Feb. 21)

1944 it's really nice & elsewhere it's awfully shabby. There are flowers everywhere you look, beautifully colored flowers & palm trees just like it's pictured in the movies. We stayed in Honolulu just for a little & then left for Waikiki. There were quite a few surf riding

19 ~~there~~ when we got there so we all rented swimming trunks & surf boards & tried our luck at it. I didn't succeed in surf riding but I did succeed in drifting a mile out in the ocean without realizing it - believe me I did some fast paddling to get back into shore. As

19 it was it took me half an hour to make it half way in. We soon became weary (muscle weary) of surfing & got dressed & went to the "Tropics" & had something to drink & had dinner. After eating we headed back  
(OVER)

19 to the field & visited the officers' club which is situated on the entrance to Pearl Harbor. It's a very nice club but there was little you could do there after five o'clock so we went to a movie instead.

After the movie we ate at the officers' mess & returned

19 to the B.O.Q. In my opinion the islands are a beautiful spot; mountainous, colored with beautiful flowers, & villages built on the mountain sides surrounded by gently swaying palm trees paint an unforgettable picture of beauty. The showers which come usually a bout

19 noon seem to float down as though they're afraid to spoil the beauty of Hawaii. I intended going back here one day on my honeymoon with Barbara Jean (She'd fit in here beautifully).

Retired at 11:30 P.M.

19 (Cont'd from Feb. 29, 1944)

taxied out on the ramp & at 11:25 p.m. (A.T.) taxied back for repairs on No. 3 Magneto & to change the plugs in #4 engine.

With nothing to do till repairs are made

19 most of the fellows went to get some "sack time," but I preferred to stay up & read.

2:00 a.m. & still awake.

No Retirement



Wednesday MARCH 1

19 (continued from March 31)  
off. I went to the movies & saw the shorts but I had already seen the main feature, "Winter time" so I returned

19 to the barracks & read "Genghis Khan."

Retired at 10:00 p.m.

P.S. I found a tent with 2 other

19 fellows - Phillips & Judkins.  
Later Jim joined us.

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1944 It was 3:30 a.m. when we loaded into the plane for our final hop to our destination, Guadalcanal. We taxied out on the ramp & taxied right back again for further repairs. I fell asleep in the plane. I slept till 5:30 a.m. when we were ready to go again. At 5:45

19 we took off & were on our way. No sooner did the plane leave the ground before I was asleep again. I was sure tired. At 7:30 a.m. I awoke & had my "K" rations, horrible stuff, "K" rations. For the rest of the flight I read or played paper in the poker games I lost \$2.50 more.

19 We sighted land at 3:20 p.m. Not Guadal. but an island adjacent to it. We flew directly over it & could see the dense undergrowth. As we came out on the coast of this island we could see Guadalcanal. As we drew closer we could see many ships in it's harbor & some all around the island patrolling it.

19 On our way into landing we flew over a couple of airfields & over regularly spaced tall palm trees. We landed at Rali field at 4:30 p.m. (Canton time)

19 All the above times were Canton times. Some of the events depicted under this day should be under March 2nd since we crossed the International date line on our way here, but for convenience sake I left it on this page. (The rest of the day is on March 2)

Thursday

MARCH 2 GUADALCANAL,  
SOLOMON IS.  
(GARNEY AIRFIELD)

1944 After we landed at 2:30 p.m. a G.I. truck took us to the 13th Bomb. Com. where we were given living quarters. Cramped as hell, but living quarters. You can smell the sweat of perspiring men lying in their bunks. After we had signed in at the orderly room we stopped at the A.G.'s office & the A-3 building.

19 When we first arrived here & unloaded our baggage we met Ready & Zurry. Clory hadn't arrived yet although he left 2 days ahead of us. They told us Singletary & his crew were all killed 2 days before when they were buzzing the ocean. They only one alive yet was the tail gunner Engleson, & he was almost dead. We ate in the mess hall after we left A-3.

19 The food wasn't too bad - pretty good as a matter of fact. When we finished eating we all took a shower & returned to the B.O.Q. till 7:00 p.m. when we went to the movies. Saw "Topper Returns"

19 We met the rest of our crew after the show on the other side of the foot suspension bridge. We helped them carry their baggage to their tent & returned to our Barracks.  
Retired at 9:15 p.m.

Friday

MARCH 3

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast (wheat cakes). After breakfast came back to the barracks & wrote a page in my diary. At 9:30 a.m. we filled out pay vouchers & address cards. I mailed them. Bought some fruit juice & had lunch. Went back to the barracks & read a little, wrote a little in the diary, & played some pinocle. At 4:00 p.m. we saw some Capt. from the A-3 building & listened to his lecture. Had supper & went to a mail call in vain. Talked with Hunnison & some of the other boys. After we crossed the foot bridge stopped & talked with a native boy. He was quite sharp & spoke English fairly decent. He didn't like the English or Japs, but did like Americans. He said "push, push no good make baby weak. Went to the movies with him & then came back to the barracks. On the way there I could see searchlights throwing their ray of light over the tree tops. Wrote in my diary again & Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday MARCH 4

Sunday MARCH 5

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m., too late for breakfast. I met the enlisted men coming from our hut on my way back from the futile trip for breakfast. They said we had missed our first class this morning. We made it up by going to a lecture at 1:00 p.m. Finished my return trip to the hut & went to the shower shack & cleaned up a bit. Played pinochle & read till 11:30 a.m. when I got dressed & had dinner. Returned to the hut & played pinochle till 12:30 p.m. when we went to the lecture. Came back to the hut again & went out at 3:00 p.m. & got our weekly or semi-weekly 4 bottles of beer. Drove one as warm as it was. Came back to the hut again & read some more & played more pinochle. At 4:30 p.m. went over to the mess hall & ate supper. After supper I took a shower & wrote in my diary. At 6:15 p.m. went to the movies. Before the movies they had a U.S.O. show which was pretty good. After the U.S.O. show they had movies. The sound track wasn't very good in the main feature so we left early. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. After breakfast came back to the barracks & played pinochle till 12:00 when we had dinner & checked the bulletin board. Returned to the shack & cleaned up around my bunk & wrote a letter to the folks at home. Had supper at 4:30 p.m. Started making a razor just to have something to do. Went to the movies at six thirty. Saw "Hi Ya, Sailor." Shortly after the shorts started, of which there were several it started to rain, and then pour. No one moved to get out of the rain & sat in the rain & mud till the show was over. After you're here awhile, not long, you get used to being wet, muddy, & full of sweat. Coming back from the show I waded through mud that was ankle deep. I stripped my wet clothes off down to the skin & went to bed after a few notes in this diary. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Monday MARCH 6

Tuesday MARCH 7

1944 Yap! Awoke again & had breakfast at 7:30 a.m. I'm surprising myself no end. After breakfast I waited & sweated out a line for an hour & a half to get a haircut & changed my mind when it came my turn. Had dinner at 11:30 a.m. & returned to the barracks & wrote a letter to Barbara. Played pinochle & had supper at 4:30 p.m. I finnailed some ice from the mess hall & pushed back to the shack we call home to put it in a bottle of my beer. & was that cold beer delicious. Went to the movies at 6:00 p.m. & saw "Girl Crazy." What girls they had in that picture. They were beautiful & so many. I'd give & so would any one here give a \$100 for one of them. After the show I returned to the barracks & penned a few notes in this, my diary. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

1944 Awoke, logical? Had breakfast at 7:30. came back to the shack & played pinochle till 11:00 a.m. when we went to lunch. Bought some candy and juice & came back "home." Wrote a letter to Bob & played pinochle till 4:00 p.m. when we took time out to eat. Had a pretty good meal. They had the most delicious hot dogs I have ever tasted, Really. They also had a schedule up. We are to fly at 3:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. We returned to the barracks & I prepared what navigation equipment I had for the flight in the morning. We went to the theater & played pinochle there till we decided there wasn't any show & then we left & watched the natives play soccer for a while. Then we came back to the barracks and played pinochle till 9:15 p.m. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Received a letter from Jim Dean

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8

THURSDAY MARCH 9

1944 Awoke at 3:00 a.m. + had breakfast. Took the taxi to the flight line + took off at 5:45 a.m. with but a crude diagram of the area. We flew around till 7:30 a.m. + then headed for the Rua Rika Reef to bomb it. We had all our bombs unloaded by 9:00 a.m. + flew around till landing time. It sure felt swell to get in the air again after being on the ground so long. We had a very smooth ride although there were plenty of cumulus clouds about 4,000' below us. We were flying at 11,000'. When we landed at 10:15 a.m. they told us there were men working on the reef we just bombed. They have the longest faxi strip I've ever seen here. Ate dinner + went to class at 1:00 p.m. till 4:30 p.m. We had two Intelligence classes + one aircraft identification.

19 Went to 13th Air Force headquarters + got some maps to fly with. Went to the show + played pinochle till it started. See "Whispering Ghosts" - Milton B...

Retired at 9:30 p.m. Rained tonight.

Wrote a letter to Jim Dean.

1944 Awoke at 8:30 a.m. almost too late to turn in the laundry, but not quite. I dressed hurriedly + rushed to the laundry + got it in in time, but I did miss breakfast. Came back to the barracks + drank some juice + played pinochle till 11:15 a.m. when we scuntered over to the mess hall. Took my atebine today as usual with the meal. Returned to the barracks + wrote a letter to Jim Greenslade. Played pinochle till 4:30 p.m. + then went over to the mess hall to eat. After supper returned to our quarters + took a shower. After showering went to the show + played pinochle till the movies started. Saw Basil Rathbone in "Sherlock Holmes + the Secret Weapon". After the show came back to the barracks had a bull session of the old cadet days.

Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Friday MARCH 10

Saturday MARCH 11

1944 Awoke at 7:20 a.m. + had breakfast. Came back to the barracks and wrote a letter to Bill Herron. Went to the mess hall + had dinner + atebine. Came back to the barracks + played pinochle till 2:00 p.m. when we had classes. Intelligence + weather. At 3:00 p.m. we got our ration of beer + 2 cokes. Came back to the barracks + played pinochle till 8:00 p.m. when we went down to the flight line prior to the flight we were to make. Only the flight was called off. Came back to the area + went over to the 5th Bomb Group's officers club + had a coke high - cold. Also a cold beer. They sure felt good. Jack + another fellow, I ate, got drunk + we came back to our barracks + Jack + Hoffman knew each other + they talked over old times.

Retired at 11:00 p.m.

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. - too late for breakfast. Wrote a letter to Muriel Lind. Played pinochle till 11:00 a.m. + had dinner - with atebine. After dinner played pinochle till 2:00 p.m. + at that time we were scheduled for a Navigation class. After that we had a weather class. At 4:00 p.m. when it was time for supper - we ate. Came back to the barracks + played pinochle till 6:00 p.m. when Dorries had to go to a meeting + got bowled out. Read till 8:00 p.m. at which time we proceeded to the line to fly. Took off at 8:30 p.m. + shot landings. The first few hours I was up in the air I was sure tired. Toward the end I was pretty much awake though. I was checked out on the Radar altimeter + the Radar Equipment in the plane. We landed at 2:15 after 6:05 of flying time. Ate at the mess hall + then to the barracks we went.

Retired at 3:30 a.m.

Sunday MARCH 12

1944 Awoke at 9:30 a.m. & played pinochle till 11:00 p.m. when we had our dinner wrote a letter to the folks back home. At 2:00 p.m. we started in on our class schedule which lasted till 5:30 p.m. at which time we hustled over to the mess hall to eat. After eating we checked on our flight schedule for tonight & found we weren't to fly tonight but tomorrow afternoon on a high altitude flight. From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. I listened to an all negro army band. Retired to the barracks and read till 10:15 p.m. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Monday MARCH 13

1944 Awoke at 7:20 a.m. & had breakfast. Monotonous isn't it? — Eating all the time. After breakfast ~~we~~ we had classes till 11:30 a.m. at which time we had dinner. After dinner we went to the flight line & took off at 1:45 p.m. While flying around the island it began to rain & cloud up. At 5:00 p.m. we got some wonderful music on the Radio compass. We landed at 6:00 p.m. & had our supper at 6:30 p.m. We visited the movies but stayed only a few minutes before we went back to the barracks. There we listened to some music on the Radio. It was the first radio program I've heard since I left the States. We played pinochle for awhile & then I wrote a letter to Mildred. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday MARCH 14

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Life here is the same as on a production line. The same thing over & over again. After breakfast we had classes again till 11:00 a.m. when we had an alleged dinner. Went to the finance office & got paid at 1:00 p.m. Returned to the barracks & wrote a letter to Barbara. Had supper at 4:00 p.m. After supper we went to the flight line and took off in our ship. By 6:00 p.m. up there we got Tokyo and Australia on the radio set. Bad weather forced us to land early. I was back in the barracks by 9:00 p.m. & listening to the radio. We heard Red Skelton & a lot of music. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Wednesday MARCH 15

1944 Awoke and had breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Returned to the barracks & read till 9:00 a.m. at which time I went to classes. After classes I played a little football till 11:00 a.m. at which time I had dinner. Made a futile trip to mail call & from there to classes again. After classes I wrote a letter to Bob. At 4:00 p.m. we had supper & went down to the flight line. While we were flying the engines played in my imagination melodies of songs. On the Radio Compass we tuned in on Tokyo and listened to the bull they put out on their newscasts & to the "zero hour" given so they said, for the American Soldiers in the South Pacific. Some S—! We landed at 10:00 p.m. & were in the barracks by 10:15 p.m. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Thursday MARCH 16

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. but was too lazy to go to breakfast. I read till 9:00 a.m. at which time I went to class till 11:00 a.m. Had lunch & retired to the barracks & read till 1:00 p.m. at which time I had to go again to classes till 3:00 p.m. Played black Jack till supper time. I ate & then caught the truck to the flight line. Took off at 5:10 p.m.

19 Wrote a letter in the plane to Jim Greenlade & then listened to The Mosquito Network & also Tokyo Rosa. We landed at 9:00 p.m. & were back in the barracks by 10:00 p.m.

19 Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Friday MARCH 17

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. After breakfast went to classes till 10:00 a.m. Had lunch at 12:00 a.m. & went to classes at 1:00 p.m. After classes came back to the barracks & played black Jack till 4:45 p.m. & then went over to eat. After eating I received my ration of 2 beers & 6 Ekes. Came back to the barracks & took a shower & then went over to Air Corps supply to get a piece of aluminum for a pin I'm planning on making. I found one & came back to the barracks. I drank my beers & lost a little in poker. & then played pinochle & won. After tipping of cards I worked on a lighting system for my sextant. Retired at 11:00 p.m.

wrote a letter to Jim Deen.

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Saturday MARCH 18

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to classes till 10:30 a.m. & then went to the line to fly. Took off at 12:00 a.m. & bombed a reef off the eastern coast of Guadalcanal. Landed at 4:00 p.m. & went over to the mess hall & ate. After supper I went to the intelligence building & got plans for the pin I'm going to make. Returned to the barracks & drew the plans on the material. I went to supply & tried to draw out a hack saw with which to cut it out but had no success. I returned to the barracks & finished putting the lights on my sextant. Read a little & then went to bed. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Sunday MARCH 19

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to classes at 9:30 a.m. Had lunch at 10:30 a.m. & then went to the flight line. We flew formation with Gary and Kader. We made three landings the final one at 3:30 p.m. Had supper at 4:00 p.m. and then returned to the barracks. I played a little football & then went to the movies, the first in a week. Judy Cenova was playing in "Sis Hopkins." It was a much better picture than I thought it would be. Oh! And I almost forgot. I wrote a letter to Mom & Dad while I was flying. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Monday MARCH 20

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. to late for breakfast. Had classes at ~~11:00~~ 1:00 p.m. Did nothing in the morning except read. Had lunch at 11:30 a.m. After the afternoon classes I came back to the barracks and whittled out a woman's head and listened to the radio till 10:00 p.m. when it closes down for the night. After 10:00 I "watched" (Being Broke) some of the fellows play poker till 11:00 p.m. at which time we had to go to the flight line. We took off at 11:30 p.m. but had to land early due to a faulty engine. It was the first time we had engine failure since we've been here.

Returned to the barracks & retired at 1:30 a.m.

Tuesday MARCH 21

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & went to partake of breakfast but it (the powdered eggs & cream of wheat) was so damned lousy I drank a cup of grapefruit juice & left the rest. Had a navigation class at 8:00 a.m. After class I returned to the barracks & played solitaire till 11:00 a.m. when I had lunch. It was a pretty fair meal. At 1:00 p.m. we had classes. Had supper at 4:30 p.m. Returned to the barracks & showered. At 6:00 p.m. I went to a briefing of our strike mission on Bougainville. After the briefing I went to the movies & trotted right back as soon as I found out there wasn't any. When I got to the barracks Schuster & myself fixed his fickle radio. Yes we really did. After that job was done I kibitzed a card game till 10:00 p.m.

Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday MARCH 22

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. Had breakfast & went to the plane. Took off at 8:30 a.m. & flew to Bougainville. Arrived at 8:00 a.m. Made five runs over the target. Dropped all of our bombs on the last run. We had about 100 bursts of flak pretty damn close. Returned to the field without mishap. Had the interropation & then went to mass. Had a shot of liquor at the dispensary when the strike was over. Returned to the barracks. Received two letters today. one from Barbara & the other Pat Emmons. Answered Pat's. Played solitaire & then had supper which was lousy again. Returned to the barracks & played solitaire some more. Learned a B-24 cracked up on the island killing all of the crew including a colonel. Had a briefing for tomorrow's

strike & then went to the show. Returned to barracks after the "Glass Key" was over & learned that 2 P-38 pilots bailed out. The sharks etc.  
Retired at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday MARCH 23

1944 Awoke at 8:30 a.m. The mission on Bougainville we were to make was cancelled due to approaching typhoon. I went to the line with Dorries & Jack trying to get a file to work on my plane with. No luck. 11:30 a.m. I had lunch & went to the P.X. & got my long delayed ration of fruit juice & went to mail call. Lucky me received a letter from Jim. The first with this APO #719. I returned to the barracks & wrote a letter to Barbara & Jim Greensted. Went to a Nav. class at 3:00 p.m. but was excused. Returned to the barracks & played solitaire till 4:30 p.m. at which time I went to supper. Had spaghetti. Went to briefing at six. Tomorrow we are to drop 4 2000 lbs. on Bougainville. The first bombing of its kind from this field. Bought some flowers for Mom for mother's day. Went to the show & saw "Your A Lucky Fellow, Mr. Smith" with Allan Jones.  
Retired at 9:00 p.m.

Friday MARCH 24

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the barracks & played cards till 11:30 a.m. & then went to lunch. After lunch I came back to the barracks & played cards again till 4:30 p.m. Had supper & went to the P.X. & got a ration of two bottles of beer. Prior to that I went to Nav. from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We went to the A.G.'s office to get our pay vouchers but it was closed. I returned to the barracks and played solitaire with Cressy till 6:00 p.m. & then played with Dorries. I drank my 2 bottles of beer & then got 5 more somehow from the fellows around me. I guess they'd of liked to see me get drunk. I didn't get drunk but acted as though I had a glow on. I kibitzed 2 poker games for a while & then wrote a letter to Tom Maydel. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday MARCH 25

1944 Awoke at 3:00 a.m., had breakfast & found we weren't flying & then went back to bed again. Awoke again at 8:30 a.m. Played solitaire & then went down to 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force & got my per diem & pay vouchers. I also got some maps. Ate dinner & then returned to the barracks & played pinochle till 2:00 p.m. & went to navigation class. Returned to the barracks & played solitaire. Had supper & came back to take a shower. After that I went to the movies & played rummy till the show started. Northern Pursuits was playing which I saw so I left & came back to the barracks & played solitaire & listened to the radio. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Sunday MARCH 26

1944 Awoke at 3:00 a.m. ate breakfast & went down to the line to drop those 2000 lb. bombs which we've been trying to do for the last week. We got into the plane & started the engines but they weren't running right so we gave it up & came back to the barracks. Played cards till 11:00 a.m. & then had lunch. Returned to the barracks & played cards again till I had to go to navi. class. After class I returned to the barracks & played cards till supper time. After supper I came back to the barracks after I received my ration of beer. Went to briefing at 6:00 p.m. Came back to the barracks & drank our beer. It was cold because we had gotten some ice from the mess hall into which we put our beer. Played cards & then tried to go to bed but some of the fellows had some liquor & kept me awake. Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Monday MARCH 27

1944 Awoke at 3:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to the flight line & took off. We returned to the field due to faulty Air Speed Indicators. The ground crew repaired a very bad one at that, the Indicators & we took off. It was a navigation mission. Sun lines turned out good. We landed at 3:00 p.m. & returned to the barracks. The B-25 crews had moved out & were going up. I slept a little & got up at 4:30 p.m. & had supper. Went to briefing at 6:00 p.m. Returned to the barracks after briefing. Went to the movies to see the shorts being as I had seen. "Holy Matrimony," the main feature. Retired at 8:00 p.m.

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Tuesday MARCH 28

Wednesday MARCH 29

1944 Awoke at 3:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the flight line & took off at 6:00 a.m. with 12,300 lb. bombs destined for Moritou Mission on Bougainville. At 8:30 a.m. we dropped our bombs on Tora Mission. We started 3 fires with direct hits. Headed back to the field. There was quite a bit of bad weather. Got back at the field by 11:00 a.m. Went to interrogation & then the mess hall. Went back to the barracks & caught about 3 hrs. of sack time. Got up at 5:00 p.m. & had dinner. Again I had no mail. It's getting pretty damn tiresome too. Went to briefing at 6:00 p.m. tonight for the Mori Mission to "Buttons". Came back to the barracks & tried to get some sleep. When I awoke I went to the mess hall & then to the flight line. No sleep tonight.

1944 We took off at 12:00 p.m. & headed for Santa Cruz Islands. We had bad weather all the way. After we flew for an hour & a half we turned back because one engine cut out. The cylinder head was cracked. We landed at 4:30 a.m. & I went back to bed & slept till 9:00 a.m. I played cards for awhile & then at 11:00 a.m. I took the weather report of past night's flight to the W.C. instructor. Had dinner & signed out at the A.G.'s office. We took our bags to the truck at 2:00 p.m. to move to our new sqdn., the 372. We got to our new quarters & cleaned out the tent. I had a run-in with our co-pilot. Answered Jim's letters I received today. We had talk with our sqdn. leader. A damn swell fellow. Went to a U.S.O. show at 7:00 p.m. It was damn good. Read for awhile and Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Thursday MARCH 30

Friday MARCH 31

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the barracks, or tent & read "~~Chomsky~~" Gandhi's Kehn till dinner time. Had dinner & then played baseball. Draw our flak suits about 5:00 p.m. & then went over & had supper. About 7:00 p.m. I learned I was to go to Munde with another crew to go on a raid to Truk. It was only a temporary stay with the new crew. Grizzle was his name. I went to the officers' club & got to feeling pretty high. We left the club at 11:30 p.m. & went to the barracks. Retired at 12:00 p.m.

1944 Awoke at 6:00 p.m. & carried my baggage over to the operations shack to be transported to the plane later. I then went to the mess hall & tried to eat but I was a little under the weather from last night & couldn't eat. At 7:00 a.m. we took off for Munde. I gave the pilot a heading & F.T.A. & then went to sleep. He must of thought me crazy, but I knew we couldn't get lost. We took our baggage to the new barracks but there weren't any empty barracks so we put it in 17 baggage tent. We had a briefing for the Truk mission but my pilot was flying co-pilot for another fellow. After briefing I went back to my temporary home & slept for awhile. When I awoke I took a shower & went to eat. The mission on Truk was called (over)

\* OPEN EYES, CHK COMPASS & AIR SPEED @ 10 MIN INTERVALS



19 April 14, 1944

Green Island our destination & a very welcome sight to say the least. We landed, had a few sandwiches & coffee & were interrogated. After the interrogation we had the ship refueled & took off for Munda. Thank God. Green Island is one hell of a place to be stationed at. I flew for a hour on the way back. We landed without mishap & went to our tent. I visited the P.X. & bought a bottle of grape juice which I promptly drank. Visited the enlisted men at 2:00 p.m. & fell asleep on a cot in an exceedingly cramped position. Awoke at 5:00 p.m. Received a letter from Green Island & mail-call (old faithful). Had supper & brought some beer & took a shower. I went to the movies & saw Van Haff in "Tennessee Johnson." A very good movie. Returned to the tent to update my diary. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday

APRIL 2

1944 Awoke at 7:10 a.m. & had breakfast. I returned to the tent & read till I finished the book "Gandhi's Kohn." At 11:30 a.m. I had dinner. On my way back to the tent I stopped off at the P.X. I wrote a letter to Bob & the folks back home. After I had finished writing I worked on an averager for my sextant till 5:30 p.m. when I went to supper. Just before I left it had been raining quite hard. After supper I learned that Lewis was down from the raid on Truk & Glass had a broken leg from a water landing after the same raid. I returned to the tent & finished the averager & drank the grape juice I had purchased from the P.X. I read for a while & then wrote today's entry in my diary. There was a movie showing - "Tonight We Raid Calais" but having seen it I didn't go. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday

APRIL 1

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & went down & had breakfast. Two fried eggs. They were the old fashioned kind too, the type you have to break. They were the first I had had since I left the States. I returned to the barracks or tent I should say & changed the bubble chamber on my sextant & fixed up my lighting system. Went to the Truk briefing room. I didn't go on it but M. Quatten & Kaser (our 2 engineers) did. They left for Torokina at 12:00 p.m. I had dinner & returned to the tent & finished working on my sextant. I took a shower & then had my supper. & damn good it was too. I played a little badminton after which I read some more of "Gandhi's Kohn." Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Monday

APRIL 3

1944 Awoke at 7:40 a.m. & decided to forego breakfast this morning. I drank a can of tomatoe juice & ~~lay~~ lay in the sun for an hour in an effort to get a tan. Had lunch at 11:30 & then took a meridional altitude shot to check my sextant. I took a shower & then read for a while. Earlier in the morning I had a chat with Kaser & Mac, just back from the Truk Raid. Kaser raved another ship sending it spinning into the ocean below. Lewis went down but all the crew were picked up by destroyers. 5 of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grps' planes went down. Had supper at 5:30 p.m. & met Jack, Dorries, & Hoffman in the mess hall. After mess I went to the P.X. & got my grape & tomatoe juice. I checked my sextant again when I got back to the tent & drank my grape juice. I read some more of Liberty magazine till I was ready for bed. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday APRIL 4

1944 Got up & had breakfast. After breakfast I got ready for the parade but flew with Rauzie to "Cactus" to pick up a crew. While there we went to Lundz point to check on the foot lockers. I bought some socks at the Navy store. It sure was dusty in that Jeep, I was caked with dust by the time I got back to the plane. We landed here at Mund by 6:00 p.m. Logged 4 hours on the flight. Had supper & then went to the P.X. I went to the show at 6:30 p.m. & saw W. MacDonald & N. Eddy in "I Married an Angel". Lousy show. After the movie I came back to the tent. We're flying back to "Cactus" in the morning so I'm ~~retiring~~ Retiring at 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday APRIL 5

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. expecting to fly to cactus but my pilot told me when I woke him up that it was called off last night. Fine thing. Went back to sleep & awoke at 6:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. We or they had eggs. Damn it. Played cards & checked my sextant before lunch. At 11:30 a.m. I had lunch & went to the P.X. Read & played my hermie & badminton till 3:00 p.m. at which time I had to attend a briefing. After briefing I borrowed a weapons truck & went down to the line to check my octant & our plane. Returned to the area & had supper. Went to the P.X. & bought my daily ration of grape juice. Came back to the tent & played solitaire till 7:30 p.m. at which time I had to attend a Nav. briefing. Returned to the tent & checked over my equipment for tomorrow's raid. Retired at 9:15 p.m. Truk.

Thursday APRIL 6

1944 Awoke at 6:00 a.m. in anticipation of the Truk raid to be pulled off tonight. Went over & had breakfast (slapjacks) & then went into operations & found out we had been taken off the list of those going to Truk. More sleep wasted needlessly. Returned to the tent & checked my octant. Had lunch at 11:30 a.m. & played a little badminton after which I checked my octant again at 12:30 & 4:00 p.m. At 2:30 p.m. we drove down (the E.M. & myself) to the quartermaster's & bought some khaki's & mattress covers. While down on the line I borrowed some files. Returned to the tent & worked on my P-40 till supper. After supper received my ration of coke & grape juice. Went to the show & saw A. Jones & D. O'Connor in "Johnny Comes Marching Home Again". A good picture. Returned to the tent. Retired at 10:10 p.m.

Friday APRIL 7

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & worked on my P-40. Also checked my sextant again. Had dinner at 11:30 a.m. & then returned to the tent again. I made a pair of shorts out of a pair of my khaki pants. I finished them at 3:30 p.m. I had supper at 4:30 p.m. & then purchased my bottle of beer from the P.X. which I traded for a coke. I played a little badminton till 6:00 p.m. & then took a shower, after which I went to the show. When it began to rain I left & returned to the tent. I traded my grape juice for 2 more cokes which I also drank. I worked on my P-40 again & finished all the filing on it. All there is left to do is polish it & make the propeller. Retired at 10:10 p.m.

Saturday APRIL 8

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & worked on my P-40. At 8:00 a.m. & visited Dorries & the crew in their tents. At 8:30 a.m. we were told to fly to Colonel Burnham to Torokina. Naturally we condescended to do so. We landed there & returned without mishap, other than missing dinner. Had supper at 5:00 p.m. & then played badminton till 6:30 p.m. at which time I showed & went to the show to see Lloyd Nojau & Carol Landis in "It Happened In Flatbush." It was a damn good picture consequently I sat thru a drizzling rain to see it thru. I returned to the tent & finished the body on the P-40 & then read poetry.

Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday APRIL 9

1944 Awoke at 7:20 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & worked on my propellor. Played badminton & then went to the mess hall at 12:00 a.m. & had dinner. After dinner I returned to the tent & played badminton & worked on my propellor again. Took a shower & went to the mess hall again at 5:30 p.m. Got my beer & grape juice but didn't drink my beer. Received 3 letters this evening 2 from Doris & 1 from Jim Dean. Played badminton again & then went to the showers again. Read a few poems & Retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Monday APRIL 10

1944 Awakened by my pilot at 6:00 a.m. We had to fly at 7:00 a.m. to swing the compass on our ship. Had breakfast, went down to the line, took off, swung the compass, and landed at 9:00 a.m. Had a discourse on ditching in a B-24. Returned to the tent, played badminton & had dinner at 12:00 a.m. After dinner I played some more badminton & tried to buy some clothes at the C.B. ship's stores but they refused to sell. Had some supper & then had a bull session with our group Nev. Drank my ration of cokes & went to the movies to see "Wm. Gardner in 'Bombay Clipper.'" Returned to the tent & sorted my laundry for tomorrow. We leave on a Truk road at midnight. Retired at 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday APRIL 11

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Prepared for our flight to Green Is. Took off at 12:00 a.m. & landed at Green Is. at 2:50 p.m. Got a tent to sleep in & ate supper at 5:30 p.m. Went to the movies at 6:00 p.m. & saw "Melody Parade" The sound track was lousy. Returned to the tent & went to bed.

Retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Wednesday APRIL 12

18 Awoke at 6:00 a.m. because of  
tents taking off over our tent.  
breakfast & went down to  
sea shore & checked my  
wt. To get to the sea we  
to go down a cliff 100 high  
ladder. We (Dorries & myself)  
ied up shells till 11:00 p.m.  
& came up & had dinner &  
ut down to the shore  
ked shells again till 11:50 p.m.  
& supper & then worked on  
propellor till briefing time.  
had briefing at 7:00 p.m. &  
re told we were to take off  
11:00 p.m. It was cancelled.  
retired at 9:30 p.m.

Thursday APRIL 13

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. by fighters  
& had breakfast. Checked my  
octant. Read magazines till Mathis  
came & visited us. I taught him how  
to work out a zig solution. When Kaser  
arrived I showed him also. Kaser  
picked it up more readily being  
younger than Mathis. Had dinner  
& read some more. I gave my  
Nav. Books to Mathis & Kaser to use.  
We were told we would leave for  
Truk tonight, definitely. Briefing  
was at 7:00 p.m. I slept a little  
till briefing & also after briefing  
till 10:00 p.m. when I had a cup  
of coffee & was picked up by the  
trucks & taken to our plane. We  
took off at 11:40 p.m. & proceeded  
toward Truk in a 3 ship  
formation. We lost the other  
planes after 20 minutes & went  
on to the target alone. We  
had bad weather all the way  
with only occasional breaks which  
(Cont'd on April 14)

Friday APRIL 14

1944 Made navigation very difficult. Up  
to the target it was able to get  
1 lone 3 star fix. We dropped the  
bombs on a red glow assumed to be  
the target. The gunners saw the  
bombs hit & also saw a little Ack-Ack.  
I saw none of this. All that was  
visible to me was an undercast &  
an overcast. We turned homeward  
& flew thru bad weather all  
the way back till 6:19 a.m. when I  
was able to get a 3 star fix which  
was very good incidentally. It put  
us 100 miles west of course so  
I corrected in to destination. It  
proved to be later the correct  
course to Green Isle. I took 2  
sun lines later also showing  
us right on course. E.T.A. was  
8:46. At 8:25 we sighted 2  
little Islands on our left.  
The first land we had seen  
since leaving Green Island 9 hrs  
previous. At 8:44 we were over  
(Cont'd on April 14/44)

Saturday APRIL 15

1944 Awoke at 7:45 a.m. & had  
breakfast. Returned to the tent  
& worked on a simple sextant  
to be used in case we're forced  
down at sea. It is accurate to  
within 30 mi., practical enough  
for navigation in a rubber boat.  
Read a little & then went to  
dinner. Later I checked the mail  
and laundry. I had 1 letter from  
Greenslade but no laundry. Max  
& I went down to the line  
& finished my P-40. Returned  
to the tent in a heavy rain.  
I answered 3 letters; Jim Dean;  
W. Greenslades, and Doris. I  
got my ration of 2 cans of  
beer & gave it to my enlisted  
men. I read a story in Post  
before I went to bed.  
19 Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday APRIL 16

1944. Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & collected the equipment needed for a raid on Satawan. We're having the briefing this morning at 9:00 a.m. Had lunch & took off at 12:00 a.m. for Green Is. Landed o.k. Read a little & then went to supper. After eating we went to the movies & saw "Squadron Leader X." An English film. Returned to our quarters & retired at 9:00 p.m.

Monday APRIL 17

19 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Took off for Satawan at 7:00 a.m. Good weather all the way. Hit Satawan at 12:00 a.m. Our bombs landed right in the middle of the runway. We ran into a little bad weather at Torokina. We landed there at 3:00 p.m., were interrogated & then had supper. We got a tent assigned to us & then we went to the movies. "Three Cheers For The Girls" and "The Living Ghost" were playing. Both old pictures. Returned to the tent after being lost in the woods for a while. Retired at 9:30 p.m. but the shelling of japs positions by our troops kept me awake for a while. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday APRIL 18

1944. Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. After breakfast we had briefing prior to our raid on Satawan tomorrow. Just before the trucks came to take us down to the line I dashed over to the ship's store in search of "T" shirts which I got. We took off at 2:00 for Green Is. & landed at 3:30 p.m. Read a little & then had supper after which we went to the movies & saw G. Montgomery & Wm. Lundigan in "Northwest Rangers." I had already seen the picture before I left the States. Returned to our tent & retired at 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday APRIL 19

1944. Awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Took off for Satawan again at 7:00 a.m. The weather was fairly decent all the way up & back. We hit the target at 12:58 a.m. & headed back home. We sighted 1 sub. Our bombs landed in the center of the runway again. We landed at Munda at 5:50 p.m. We were interrogated & then went to supper. Got my ration of fruit juice & 2 cans of beer. Went to the movies but left when I saw "Hi Y2 Sailor" was on. I saw it a Bomb Com. Took a shower & found that M. Kenzie had a letter for me. It was from Mom. Returned to the tent & caught up on my diary. Retired at 8:30 p.m.

Thursday APRIL 20

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had my breakfast (2 fried eggs & toast). Returned to the tent & worked on my sextant. Sent some laundry out with Judkins. Had dinner & worked on my sextant again. Went to a navigators meeting at 1:30 p.m. Later I returned to the tent & made a pair of shower slippers. Bought my ration of beer from the P. I. & drank one bottle at supper. I returned to the tent & ~~took~~ took a shower. The slippers worked fine. After cleaning up I returned to the tent. Later the C.B.'s came over to buy some beer & I sold them my other beer for \$1.00. In the evening I drew up an emergency map for use in navigation in a rubber life raft. Read a magazine & Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday APRIL 22

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m., had breakfast and went down to the line to repair the averager I made for my sextant. Returned to the Area & they had lunch. Prepared my equipment for tonight's mission & then caught the truck to take us down to the line. Took off for Green at 2:00 p.m. & landed without mishap. After things were settled down a bit I made an emergency Air Almanac and checked my sextant. We took off for Truk at 12:00 p.m. with 6 500 lb bombs & 2 bomb bay gas tanks.  
 No sleep for me tonight.

Friday APRIL 21

1944 Awoke at 6:00 a.m. but went back to sleep. Awoke again at 7:45 a.m. & rushed over to eat breakfast. Returned to the tent & worked on my sextant. Went down to the line & finished it. Returned to the tent & had dinner. Took a shower. Got a letter from Pat Emmons. Went to briefing for the mission on Truk tomorrow. Had supper. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Mom. Got a can of beer today. Played badminton with Jeffs. Went to the show & saw Van Hefflin in "Grand Central Murder." & a couple of shorts which I didn't stay to see. Returned to the tent & checked my sextant. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Sunday APRIL 23

1944 My ETA to Truk was right on the button. We were caught in a dozen searchlights before we dropped our bombs. After the bombs were away we tried to get out of the beam & were jumped by 4 or 5 night fighters. We finally got out of it & headed for Punda. Everything went O.K. & we landed at 11:40 a.m. after 12 hrs. and more of continuous flying in which time we covered 1316 nautical miles. We were taken to be interrogated after which I had my supper. I went to the p.h. & then came back to the tent & caught up on my diary. I took a shower & then Ruzzie brought me a pr. of G.I. shoes. I cut the tops off & made low quarters out of them. Drank my cokes & read a little on the theory of radio. Retired at 10:15 p.m.

Monday

APRIL 24

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast, as usual. But unusually we had eggs this morning. Returned to the tent and straightened my living quarters out a bit. Judd King left for Auckland today. Tiny brought over our A-12 sextants. We shot a little with them & then I read. Fell asleep, then woke up & had lunch. I learned today that our radio operator got credit for a night fighter we shot down last night. Got a letter today that Dorries had for me ever since he left Cactus. Some stuff e.g. Wrote a letter to Barkara & they had some ice cream that Hoffner & Japson (Gunner) made believe it or not. Had supper & wrote some more letters to Tom Moyal & Bob. Wrote a letter to Mom too.  
Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday

APRIL 25

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent and brushed my teeth. Went to the orderly room and got my special orders. At 8:30 a.m. I went to the transportation pool and got a command car. I went down to the line & got myself a watch crystal and tried to get some gas masks without success. Had lunch at noon. I worked on my back watch & changed the rate on that and played badminton after which I took a shower. I then had supper & went to a briefing at 6:00 p.m. for the raid on Truk we are to make tomorrow. I returned to the tent & then went to the movies. Saw the Lane sisters in "4 wives." It was pretty old but pretty good. Wrote to my dad & Jim Green.  
Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday

APRIL 26

1944 Awoke at 7:45 a.m. & had breakfast. Eggs - real fried eggs. Returned to the tent & caught up on my diary. Prepared my equipment for tomorrow's raid on Truk. Received a letter from Ed. Chasney. Had lunch & then caught the truck for the line. We took off at 1:30 p.m. for Green Island. We landed there at 4:00 p.m. I read a little bit after we landed & then I had supper. At the movies I saw "Cracked Nuts" with S. Erwin, and Mischa Auer. I had a cup of coffee at the mess hall & then went down to the plane. We took off for Truk at 11:30 p.m.  
No sleep for me tonight.

Thursday

APRIL 27

1944 We flew for 5 hrs. before we dropped our bombs. The weather wasn't bad at all. A little overcast in some spots but that was all. The bombardier dropped his bombs before we got to Truk. That damn pilot of mine wouldn't fly out my E.T.A. If he had of we would have dropped our bombs on Truk instead of wasting them in the ocean. He must be afraid to go over the target. Him & I are going to have a little talk. One way or the other he's going to fly my E.T.A.'s out. All my elastic/fixes came out good. We landed at Munda by noon. Were interrogated & then had lunch. I took a shower and then caught up on my diary. Draw a picture of the paintings to be put on our plane. Got our liquor today. 3 qts. for the crew. I gave mine to the E.M. till I have a whole qt. coming. Then I'll sell it for \$40.00 (Cont'd in April memo).

Friday APRIL 28

Saturday APRIL 29

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. To let for breakfast. They had eggs to. I went down to the line at 9:00 a.m. & draw the picture and name we are to have on our plane. Returned at 11:00 a.m. We tore the screen off the sides of our tent, preparatory to moving to the admiralties. I had lunch & then returned to the tent. Learned that 1 of our crews was shot down over Truk on the last mission. We saw him go down in flames. It was Peter's crew. He had in 20 mission & was due to go home soon. I fell asleep & awoke at 3:30 p.m. I took a shower & then had supper. We haven't on lights because we're moving to the Admiralty Is. & they tore the wiring down to ship it. We walked all over the Is. to find a movie. We found one "Claudia" which we had already seen. I stayed to see the short though "Hit Parade of the Gay 20's".  
(Continued on April 28 memo)

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & cleaned up a little. Went down to the line in an effort to get some paint for our plane's girl. The search was in vain but I did make a wrench to get the back of my back water off. Returned to the tent & began thinking of a way to make a battered machine. Had dinner & then returned to the tent to play hearts. We lost the game. Took a shower & then had supper. I went to the movies & saw some shorts & news reel but left when the main feature "In Old Oklahoma" came on. I had seen it back in the states. Returned to the tent & retired at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday APRIL 30

MEMO 2

4M Awoke at 6:30 a.m. Had breakfast & then packed up & tore a tent down prior to moving to "Maude's Mission" on the very end of this Island, Munda. At 9:30 a.m. we piled our stuff into truck & moved to Maude's Mission. They have 3 nude girls painted on a sign board over the entrance. We were assigned to a quonset hut & moved in accordingly. I took a shower & then had dinner. It was fair but exceptional in as much as they had milk. The first I have seen since I left the States. It was delicious. We went to the line to see if we could find some paint to finish the picture on our ship, "Persuad-er," without success. Returned to the quonset hut & read a story in the "American" magazine. Had supper & returned to the tent & read some more.  
(Continued in April Memo)

19 April 27, 1944 Had supper & then went to the movies. I saw several comedies & "Follow The Band" with Eddie Quillen. It was fairly good. Lot of music in it. Returned to the tent & answered Charney's letter & wrote in my diary. Retired at 10:00 p.m.  
April 28, 1944  
Returned to the tent and wrote 1/2 letter to Greenslade. Retired at 9:00 p.m.  
April 30, 1944  
Adjusted deck's and my back watches.  
19 Retired at 11:00 p.m.



Monday MAY 1

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and sorted out my foot locker.  
Retired at 10:30 p.m.

May 26, 1944

7:00 p.m. at which time I went  
to the movies & saw "Song of  
Bernadette." Starring Jennifer  
Jones. It was really a swell  
picture. I enjoyed even with  
the fever I had.

Returned to the tent &  
Retired at 10:00 p.m.

May 27, 1944

went to the movies. Tony Martin,  
Preston Foster, & Arthur Treacher

were playing in "Up the River."  
I had seen it a long time ago  
but didn't remember it. Returned  
to the tent & wrote a letter to  
Barbara Jean. Everyone around

here is getting drunk but me  
& I don't care to have on this  
Island. Read a little & then  
Retired at 11:30 p.m.

1944 Awoke at 6:00 a.m. & had  
breakfast. We then went down to  
Rouzie's ship & took off for  
Guadalcanal to get our foot  
lockers & some paint for  
our ship "Persuader." We  
landed o.k. & tried to get the  
paint but couldn't. We then  
had dinner at the 13th Bomb  
Comm. I met Lt.ellan there,  
an old instructor of mine  
from cadet school. Our Crew's  
foot lockers were in, but not  
Rouzie's. We drove to Lance  
Point trying to find them  
without success. We left  
Cactus at 3:00 p.m. flew thru  
a little bad weather & landed  
here at 6:00 p.m. Received 3  
letters while I was away 2 from  
Bob & I from Green Slade. Had  
supper & went to the movies. Saw  
Dennis O'Keefe in "The Leopard  
Man." Returned to the tent  
(cont'd in May Memo)

Tuesday MAY 2

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had  
breakfast. Went over to the e.m.'s  
tent & then went down to the  
line to get Dorries' life vest.  
I then returned to our quarters

but from there went to the  
finance office & got paid. I  
collected \$362.95. I then  
went to the Post office & made  
out a money order of \$100.00

to Mom. Met Hoffman at 6:00 p.m.  
& went with him to the hospital  
and made 2 gal. of Ice Cream.  
It was sure good. I missed  
lunch due to the line at the

post office. I took a shower &  
then had supper. Returned to the  
hut & played cards with Jeffs,  
and Balmbrick. Wrote 2 letters  
to Mom & sent the money order

to them. Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday MAY 3 LOS NEGROS, ADMIRAL  
(MOKERANG FIELD) 15.

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had  
breakfast. We then hauled  
all of our baggage to the  
plane and loaded it in.  
Returned to our hut and

took a shower. Had lunch  
& then returned to our  
quarters hut. I read a little  
till supper time & then went  
to the dispensary to see

my ear which was bothering  
me. I had some fungus in  
it & the Doc thought it might  
be perforated. Had supper  
& then went to the movies.

195 saw Cary Grant & Binger  
Rogers in "Once Upon a  
Honey Moon." It was a very  
good picture. Returned to the  
area & went to a briefing

of our flight to the  
Admiralty Islands. Had my  
car looked at again, & then  
Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Thursday MAY 4

1944. Awoke at 6:00 a.m. + had breakfast. Went down to the plane + took off for the Admiralty Islands at 8:30 a.m. Every thing went fine on the trip + ~~we~~ up. We landed at 2:00 p.m. We were assigned to a tent + immediately we started to work on it. We hauled coral sand in by the bags - full after we cleaned the inside of it out. We cut poles for the sides + tied them down + after the tent was set pretty well + started unpacking + sorting in baggage had supper at 5:00 p.m. + then took a shower. Went to the movies but I had already seen it so I returned to the tent. Retired at 8:00 p.m. 2 very tired men.

Friday MAY 5

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. + had breakfast. Returned to the tent + made a mosquito net rack. + a clothes rack + fixed things up in general around the tent. Hauled some more sand in for our floor. Had lunch at noon + then returned to the tent. + hauled some more sand in. Took a bath in the ocean + then had supper. Had my ear checked to see if it was any better. It wasn't perforated. Judy Conover in "Sleepy" 4,3000" was playing so I didn't care to see it. We had a black out but nothing came of it. Retired at 8:30 p.m.

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Saturday MAY 6

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. + had breakfast. Returned to the tent + cleaned up + took a shower. I bought a knife from a C.B. for \$4.00 I sharpened all my knives and then worked on a pair of shower slippers. Had lunch at 12:00 a.m. + then returned to the tent + finished my "claks." I found a letter that Mom sent to me the 22 of Jan. with a check in it. I had forgotten I had it I guess because this was the first time I read it. Caught up on my diary. I wrote a letter to Barbara + then had supper. Retired at 8:00 p.m.

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Sunday MAY 7

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. + had breakfast. Returned to the tent and fixed up a clothes rack + my mosquito netting rack. Dorries + Steinbrenner went to church today but I as usual didn't attend it. I'd like to but I just don't ever seem up to it. Had lunch. I received 3 letters today from Mom, Dad, and Jimmy Dean. Read a little + then slept a little till supper time. Took a swim in the ocean + had a pill session in Baldwin's tent afterwards. Had briefing at 6:00 p.m. I've an idea for a more powerful gas engine. A 4 cyl. motor of this type can easily fire 16 times for each revolution of a crankshaft. It may have to much friction. That's the only thing I'm worried about. Retired at 8:30 p.m.

Monday MAY 8

1944 Awoke at 4:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Packed up my equipment & went down to the plane for our mission on Biak. We took off at 6:20 a.m. 35 B-24's got off & hit the target. We picked up 14 P-40 fighters for our escort at Hollandia. We hit Sorido air drome at 11:45 a.m. & all of our bombs were downed. We returned to Los Negros without mishap. I fell asleep for an hour on the way back. We landed at 4:30 p.m. Went to interrogation & then had supper. I received 2 letters today from Doris & Eddy Chaskey. I went to the show & saw Irene Dunn in "Lady In A Jam." It was funny as hell. I really enjoyed it. Returned to the tent & caught up on my diary.

Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday MAY 10

1944 Awoke at 4:30 a.m. & had breakfast, after which I collected my equipment & went down to the line for our mission to Truk. We took off at 7:00 a.m. & headed for the target. We had a little weather on the way up but aside from that all went well. We bombed Dublon at 11:15 a.m. & we were then intercepted by 23-30 Zeros. We downed 1 & lost 1 B-24 when a zero collided with it & knocked its rudder off. It flew 1/2 way back before it had to ditch in the ocean. Landed at 3:30 p.m. & were interrogated. Had supper & then took a shower. At 7:00 p.m. I went to the movies & saw Fredric March & Loretta Young in "Bedtime Story." A picture I had seen 5 yrs. before. We were rained out after the first reel. Retired at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday MAY 9

1944 Awoke at 7:00 p.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & made a 5 cell out of my 3 cell flashlight. Had lunch at Noon. In the afternoon I answered 4 letters; Mom's, Dad's, Bob's, and Jimmy Deans. Had supper at 5:00 p.m. & then saw the Doc about my ear. It seems to be O.K. now. I took a shower & then went to the briefing of our Truk mission on Dublontown tomorrow. Had a concert given by the special service division. Returned to the tent & ~~retired~~ wrote in my diary.

Retired at 8:30 p.m.

Thursday MAY 11

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast after which I returned to the tent & layed out the plan of my B-24 on the aluminum. I intended making it out of. When I had finished that I took it down to the motor pool's garage & cut it out. I returned to the area at noon & had lunch. After eating I took my laundry & set it out in the ocean to clean it. & then I went looking for shells along the shore. I took my laundry in at 5:00 p.m. & then went to supper. I sorted my shells after I had finished eating & then went to the movies & saw John Carol & the Mars Bros. in "Go West Young Men" a w<sup>o</sup>ld film I had seen before but had forgotten. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Ed Chaskey & Doris. Retired at 9:45 p.m.

Friday MAY 12

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Saw the doctor at 8:00 a.m. & then went down to the motor pool & worked on my B-24. It's coming along nicely. The rest of the crew went on a mission to Biek but another nev. took my place. Had lunch at noon & then went on a detail to help clean up the area. When I had finished I lay down in my cot & fell asleep. Awoke at 5:00 & had supper took a shower & started a letter Barbara. I went to the movies when it was half thro & saw John Wayne & one Hanson in Lady From Louisiana. It was a very good picture. After the movie I returned to the tent & finished the letter & Barbara.  
Retired at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday MAY 13

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line in an effort to get some paint & finish the insidiaz for our plane. At this rate our plane will have been shot down before I get it finished. Couldn't find anything so I returned to the tent & worked on our new tent. Had lunch & then worked some more on it. I made 2 jewelers vice on the job too. We finished it at 3:00 p.m. & moved our tent & belongings into this one. Took a bath & a helmet because our shower blew down. Had supper & went to briefing for our mission on Biek tomorrow. Saw a movie tonight a damn good one. Walter Pidgeon & Rosalind Russell in "Design For Scandal".  
Retired at 9:00 p.m.

Wrote a letter to Muriel

Sunday MAY 14

1944 Awoke at 4:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Took my equipment & went down to the line after had finished eating. We took off at 0715 a.m. for our mission to Biek. Everything went all right all the way up & back. We didn't lose any ships or have too much slack. Landed at 4:30 p.m. & were interrooted. Had supper & then took a shower. After which I went to the movies & saw Ronald Reagan & Ann Sheridan in "Juke Girl". It was a good picture & one I hadn't seen before. I really enjoyed it. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Jim Dean & Mom.  
Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Monday MAY 15

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & built a mosquito netting rack. & in all modesty I think it's the best on the Island. Had lunch at noon & finished it up. Started chopping out a tree trunk that is in our path leading to our abode. Got about half thru it & then quit for the day. Took a shower & trimmed my doatee. Missed supper but had a piece of cake & coffee instead. Went to briefing at 6:00 p.m. for our mission on Biek tomorrow. Went to the movies after briefing & saw Ann Sheridan, Pat O'Brien, & John Garfield in "Castle on the Hudson". An old picture I'd seen in my civilian days, about 8 yrs ago. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Barbara Mangel.  
Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday MAY 16

1944 Awoke at 4:30 a.m. & had my breakfast. Then went down to the plane & made ready for our mission to Biak. Took off at 7:15 a.m. & went up & back without mishap. Good bombing. When we flew over the field on the return trip we went into a 6 ship echelon & then landed at 4:45 p.m. We lodged at 9:55. Went to interrogation & then had supper. Went to the movies & saw a double feature both of which were pretty good. *Wm. Powell* & *Myrna Loy* played in "The Shadow of the Thin Man." & some British Actors played in the other feature entitled "Suicide Squadron." Returned to the tent. At the movies they killed a 7' snake. It started to crawl up some fellows legs. Navy creature.  
Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Thursday MAY 18

1944 Awoke at 4:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Then went down to the plane for our mission on Biak. Our plane wasn't in flying order so we took off. Everything went O.K. up & back. Bombing was O.K. too. After we got back we were interrogated & then had supper. Went to the 5th camp to see Clary but saw a show instead. A band & a U.S. show I had seen before in Hawaii. They were both good, especially the band. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Jim Dean. It rained awful hard this evening & got *Stanhrenners* bed all wet which made him pretty mad.  
Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday MAY 17

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had 2 eggs for breakfast. Worked on my little B-24 till lunch time & then had dinner. Went down to the line & painted the picture on our plane "Persuader." Returned to the area then had supper & went to briefing. After briefing I took a shower & wrote a letter to Barbara Jean & Doris. I received one from Mildred Keer today. I didn't go to the movies tonight because "Tobacco Road" was playing & I had seen it before. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

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Friday MAY 19

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. I went down to the line till noon & assembled my B-24, all except for the cabsines. Had lunch & then cut down a tree stump that was in the path to our tent. Took a shower & layed around till supper time. After supper I went to the movies & saw "Goodway For Tomorrow." & a lot of shorts. After the movies I wrote a letter to Jim Dean & Barbara Jean.  
Retired at 11:00 p.m.

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Saturday MAY 20

1944 Awoke at 7:00 p.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & loafed around all morning till lunchtime. I whittled awhile & then Clary & his boys came over to pay us a little visit. Had supper & then went to the briefing of our Truk mission for tomorrow. "In Which We Serve" With Noel Coward was playing at the movies. I had seen it in the States so I didn't care to see it again. Returned to the tent, played my harmonica awhile. Then Haffner started to play. Retired at 9:00 p.m.

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Sunday MAY 21

1944 Awoke at 4:00 a.m. & had breakfast & then went down to the line & to the plane for our Truk mission. We took off at 6:35 a.m. & went to Truk without mishap. We had a lot of Zero interception & persistent attacks. McMullen shot a hole in our rudder. That's all the damage we had, but the 5th Grp. lost 2 planes as usual. We landed O.K. - loomed 9:40 hrs & min. Had supper & took a shower. Went to the show & saw a U.S.O. show which had been seen twice before. I saw a movie after that which was very good though. "F. March & Lake in 'I Married a Witch'". Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Monday MAY 22

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast & then went out looking for some paint for the plane. We found some after looking around the Island for a couple of hours. We, Dorries & myself, also saw Clary & Henni. Returned to the tent had dinner. Made small paper airplane & then loafed around. I took a shower. We went to the 104 C.B. outfit on the Island for supper. It cost \$50 but it sure was worth it after the lousy food we've been getting here. Dorries had ptomaine poisoning last night. We had pork chops, potatoes, asparagus, apple sauce & peaches. The first real meal since I left the States. Went to the movies & saw "Pistol Packing Mama" which stunk. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday MAY 23

1944. Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Then Dorries & I went down to the line & put the finishing touches on our insignia, taking time out only to have our dinner at the C.B.'s. We couldn't, by any means, afford to miss that. We finished working on it late in the afternoon. It looks pretty neat. There's only one other ship on the field I think that has a better drawing than ours. We went to supper at the C.B.'s & then came back to our area. While we were down on the line a Grizzly came in for a landing & cracked the plane up completely. No one was hurt. Back here we went to the movies & saw a good movie, "J. Payne, Linda Dornell, in 'Stardust'". Retired at 10:00 p.m.

wrote a letter to Barbara Jean

Wednesday MAY 24

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had my breakfast. Later in the morning I hung my wash out to dry & took a shower. I also shaved my "goatee" off that I had been growing for 2 weeks. At noon I went down to the C.B.'s & had a steak dinner. From there I went to the line & worked on my B-24 & also my ring. I returned to the tent then read a magazine & went & got my ration of 1 bottle of beer & had supper. Went to briefing & then returned to the tent & finished the setting for the stone of my ring. Wrote a letter to Mom & then Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Thursday MAY 25

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had a little breakfast & then went to the line for our mission on Bick. Except for bad weather all the way up & back all went well. We hit the target o.k. Landed at 4:10 p.m. & logged 9:30. Went to interrogation, took a shower & went to the C.B.'s for supper. Returned to the area & saw "Disputed Passage" with Dotty Lamour, John Howard, & Akim Tamiroff. A pretty fair show. Read a little while (2 hrs.) & Retired at 11:00 p.m.

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Friday MAY 26

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Eggs. Then returned to the tent & filled out a navigator's questionnaire form. Tiny gave me. He also mentioned to me that Capt. Scheffer told Col. Burnham of the good work I've been doing. I think I may be in line for Sqdn Navigator when Tiny leaves. After that I went to see the Doc & he gave me some pills for the cramps I've had for the last 3 days. He also told me not to eat anything for a day or so. I returned to the tent & read for a while. No lunch. At 3:30 p.m. I went to briefing for our mission on Bick tonight. The Navy is making a landing there at 7:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. No Supper. At 5:30 a.m. I went to see the Doc again. I had a fever of 101.2 & couldn't go on the mission tonight. I sure would of liked to have gone. Returned to the tent & slept till  
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Saturday MAY 27

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had some juice for breakfast. Went to the dispensary & got some more pills. Returned to the tent & washed my laundry. Took a shower & then McKenzie told me that 3 planes had cracked up last night. A Navy ship, 25th Group plane, & one of our own 372nd ships, Scheffer. He took off right in front of Dorries. Went down to the line & saw the Navy ship. There wasn't anything left of it. # of the crew got out. How I don't know. Worked on my ring & then had dinner at the C.B.'s. Returned to the tent & hung my laundry up to dry. Took a shower & worked on my ring again. Got a can of juice from the P.A. which has just opened & then went to the C.B.'s for supper. Returned to the tent & then  
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Sunday MAY 28

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Took a shower & then sent my laundry in. Went down to the line & worked on & finished my rino. Had dinner at the C.B.'s. Returned to the area & then read till 4:00 p.m. when I took a shower. Went over to the C.B.'s for supper & had ice cream for desert. Returned to the area & read for a while & then retired at 10:30 p.m.

"Turtles of Tahiti" was on tonight but having already seen it I didn't care to go see it again.

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Monday MAY 29

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Took a shower & then read till dinner time. Then I went over to the C.B.'s & had lunch. Returned & read some more & took a shower.  
19 Then McKenzie brought me a letter from Tom Mongel. I went over to the barber & got my first haircut since I left the States. Had supper at our mess hall & then went to the briefing of our Puluwat mission tomorrow. Returned to the tent & read instead of going to the movies & see "Around the World" with K. Kyser again.  
Retired at 9:00 p.m.

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Tuesday MAY 30

1944 Awoke at 4:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Then went down to the plane for our mission on Puluwat Is. Took off at 7:00 a.m. & went to & back from Puluwat O.K. except that I had the ~~diarrhea~~ diarrhea all the time. Most uncomfortable. We had moderate but accurate flak. In fact we were hit in 3 places. No one wounded though. The bombing was pretty good too. We landed at 3:45 p.m. & landed 3:50. Went to interrogation & then to the P.X. & drew my can of juice or today. Took a shower & sent my laundry from Kouzie. Had a lecture about eating at the C.B.'s transportation difficulties. Went to the movies & saw "Rio" with Ratbone & V. M. C. Whelan. It was pretty good. They also had a lunch which "stunk". Returned to the barracks & retired at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday MAY 31

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast (a cup of coffee). Returned to the tent & read a while & then wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. I found some balsa wood today & Hoffner & I are going to build a glider. Hoffner is to make the wings & I the fuselage. Had dinner here & then worked on the fuselage till 5:00 p.m. at which time I got my rationed can of beer & went to the C.B.'s for supper. Returned to the area & went to the movies & saw F. Tong, Ella Raines, Alan Curtis in "Phantom Lady." A very good picture.  
19 Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Tom Mongel. Read a little & then retired at 11:30 p.m.

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Thursday JUNE 1

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the area & cleaned up a bit. Then worked on my slider till 12:00 noon at which time

I went to the C.B.'s & had lunch. A very good one too. Returned here & went to the P.X. & bought some candy. Then worked on the plane

again till 6:00 p.m. at which time I ate supper here & then went to the briefing of our truck mission tomorrow. Got a letter from

Bob today. Received my ration of 1 beer today. Then went to the movies. I saw "American Empire" with R. Dix, P. Foster, & Frances Gifford.

It was very good. Went to the club which just opened & got 2 cokes. Returned to the tent & answered Bob's letter. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Friday JUNE 2

1944 Awoke at 4:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off at 6:30 a.m. for our mission on Truk. It was pretty rough. We lost 3 men & another wounded although all the planes got back. Sawyer & Tymick were killed & one 424 co-pilot, Wade, Sawyer's co-pilot, was wounded but seems to be doing alright.

We landed at 3:45 p.m. with no damage to our ship. At 20 m.m. went into Sawyer's plane & wounded them. Went to interrogation & then to the C.B.'s & had supper.

Believing's. Received a letter from Greensted's today. After returning from the C.B.'s I went to the movies & saw a good picture. F. Mac Murray & A. Goddard in "Standing Room Only." Returned to the tent & answered Jim's letter. Drank a bottle of beer, read a little &

Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Saturday JUNE 3

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. At 9:00 a.m. went to the funeral of the 3 who were killed on our Truk Mission yesterday. Darries & myself were pall bearers for Heimlick. They were given a military funeral. Returned to the tent & worked on the slider. Had dinner with the C.B.'s again & then came back & worked on the slider. Read a little & then took a shower. Had supper at 6:00 p.m. & then went to the briefing of our Wolzei mission tomorrow. Went to the show & saw F. Langford & K. Taylor in "Mississippi Gambler." It was fair. Went to the club & got a beer & 2 cokes & some orange juice. Went back to the tent & drank them. I forgot to get paid today.

Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday

JUNE 4

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to briefing for a mission on a Jap task force headed toward Biak. Instead of going to Waleai. Returned to the tent & worked on the glider. Went to church today. It was very restful there, I'll have to go more often. Got paid today. \$139.45. Had lunch at noon & then took a shower. Worked on the glider again. ~~Had~~ took a shower & then went to supper. Chicken too. Returned to the tent, worked on the glider & then went to the show. "Escape to Glory" with C. Bennett & Pat O'Brien was playing. I had seen it before. It wasn't too good. Went to the club & got 2 cokes & 1 beer & some orange juice. Then returned to the tent, drank them & worked on the glider. Retired at 9:15 p.m.

Monday

JUNE 5

1944 Awoke at 3:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & remained on the alert, ready to strike at a Jap Task Force. Read a little & then had lunch at noon. After lunch we played pinocle till 3:00 p.m. at which time the alert was called off. Returned to the area & took a shower. Worked on the glider till 5:30, at which time I went to the C.B.'s to eat. Returned to the area & went to the movies. Saw "Broadway Rhythm" with G. Murphy, G. Simms, C. Winniker. It was a very good movie. Received Barbara Jean's picture. I want her more than ever now. Went to the club & bought two beers & a coke. Worked on the glider & finished it. I believe it'll sail pretty good. Retired at midnight.

Tuesday

JUNE 6

1944 Awoke at 8:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Cleaned up the tent & took a shower. Went to the C.B.'s at noon & had dinner. Returned to the area & read a little. Played around with the glider & then took my per diem voucher to the finance office. about time too. Returned to the area & went to the club & had a couple beers & cokes. Went to the C.B.'s for supper & then to the Movies. Saw G. Garson, J. Crawford, & R. Taylor in "When Ladies Meet." After the show I went to the club & had 6 more beers & cokes. I felt pretty good at the club & had a good time too. Returned to the tent at 10:30 p.m. & talked a little & then Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Wednesday

JUNE 7

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Worked a little on another plane & then took a shower. I addressed & mailed a letter I had written to Jim G. 5 days ago. What a memory. Had lunch at the C.B.'s & then went down to the line to fly our glider. It didn't fly to well & we finally broke a wing. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. took a shower again & then went to see the Doc about my ear. Went to the briefing of our Truck mission tomorrow & then to the show. Saw "Hey! Doodie" with Ann Miller. It wasn't too good. Returned to the tent & learned that Hunnicke's ship was shot up on today's Truck mission. The crew folks went over with only 6 planes because of bad weather. Wrote a letter to Mom & Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Thursday

JUNE 8

<sup>19</sup> Awoke at 3:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the plane & took off for our mission on Truk. We turned back an hour before the target because of bad weather. When we got back here we couldn't see the land 10 mi. away. Luckily I saw an Island near here that I recognized. Landed went to interrogation. Lapsed 06:50. Took a shower & worked on another airplane & then went to supper. Saw a movie & a very good one. F. MacMurray & R. Russell in "Take a Letter Darling." Went to the club & got to feeling pretty good.  
Retired at 11:00 p.m.

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Friday

JUNE 9

<sup>1944</sup> Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Took a shower & then worked on my airplane again. Had lunch at the C.B.'s & then went to the quartermaster & got some clothes. Returned to the area & worked on my airplane again. Had supper & then went to briefing of our Truk mission tomorrow. Went to the show & saw G. Brent & Joan Bennett in "Twin Beds." A movie I had seen a long time before. Returned to the tent & retired at 9:00 p.m.  
Drew my case of beer today.

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Saturday

JUNE 10

<sup>1944</sup> Awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to the line & took off for Truk at 7:00 a.m. Had bad weather & Bombed on B.T.A. We got back alright but 7 or 8 of the ships were lost for 2-3 hrs. They all got in alright finally. We landed at 4:00 p.m. & lapsed 9 hrs. Went to interrogation & had ~~breakfast~~ supper. Went to the movies & saw Bing Crosby & Rise Stevens in "Going My Way." It was a very good picture. Returned to the tent & had a beer.  
~~Retired at~~ Received 3 letters today from Barbara Jean, Tom Munsel & Mom.  
Retired at 11:00 p.m.

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Sunday

JUNE 11

<sup>1944</sup> Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to church & then went back to the tent & worked on my plane. Went down to finance & got my per diem, \$33. They got some maps to work with in my navigation. Went to the C.B.'s & had lunch. Went down to the line & they came back & worked on my plane some more. Had supper & went to the origin of our Truk mission for tomorrow. Returned to the tent instead of going to the show. I had already seen it. "Lady Be Good" was playing. Had a beer & finished the plane. "Minor Moth." It didn't fly to well so I burnt it.  
Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Monday JUNE 12

1944 Awoke at 3:30 a.m. and had breakfast. Went down to the plane & took off at 7:00 a.m. for Truk. Everything went well. No one was lost. 1 plane lost an engine. We had a hole in our left rudder. We landed with 8:45 flying time. Went to interrogation & then returned to the tent. Took a shower & then went to supper. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Barbara. Went to the movies & saw an "Aussie" U.S.O. show & a movie. They were both pretty good. The movie was "The Fleets In" with Wm Holden, D. Lamour, & E. Bracken. I had seen it a long time ago, before the war.  
Retired at 10:45 p.m.

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Tuesday JUNE 13

19 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. I don't recall any events of this day so I'll have to omit it. The movie was "Retaining" with W. Barry & M. M. M. It was pretty good.  
Retired at 7:00

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Wednesday JUNE 14

19 Awoke at 4:30 a.m. had breakfast. Went down to the line to take off on our Truk mission. Our plane 567 was taken by Baldwin & we got another ship, which wasn't our good. No ships were lost when they returned. We didn't get off. Rouzié had a 20 man thru his ship. Had lunch at the C.B.'s - also supper. Bought a neck lace from the C.B.'s for Barbara Jean. Cost \$2.00. Went to the club & got drunk. Never again. That was too much. We killed a coral snake inside the club. Rawley & 3 other fellows had some nurses in the club with them. Everyone made a big fuss about them.  
Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Thursday JUNE 15

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. Too late to have eggs for breakfast. Returned to the tent & layed around till noon when I went to the C.B.'s for lunch. Had a little trouble with Hather again. Returned to the tent & made a box to send the P. 40 to Barbara Jean in. Had supper here & went to the briefing for our Truk mission for tomorrow. Went to the movies & saw "The Uninvited" with P. Hussey, R. Milland, & Cecil Russell. A very good & also "scary" movie. Returned to the tent & caught up the last 3 days of my diary.  
Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Friday

JUNE 16

1944 Awoke at 4:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off at 0625 a.m. for Truk. Everything went O.K. The bombing wasn't too good. Had zero interception & some ack ark. Landed at 0335 p.m. No one was hurt on the raid but one plane from the 424th cracked up on take-off. No one was hurt though. Went to interrogation, took 2 showers & then had supper. Returned to the tent had a couple of beers & wrote a letter to Barbara Jean & Mom. Retired at 9:15 p.m.

Saturday JUNE 17

1944 Awoke at 7:45 a.m. & had breakfast. Wrote in my diary & then polished the B-24 to a glistering sheen. Went to the C.B.'s to eat but they were filled up so I ate here. Worked on the B-24 some more till 2:00 p.m. when I went down to the line & fixed a pin on the P-40 so Barbara could pin it on her dress. Returned to the area and had supper. Took a shower & then went to the briefing of our Truk mission for tomorrow. Went to the movies & saw a pretty fair picture. It's "Meet The People" with D. Powell & Lucille Ball. Retired at 9:45 p.m.

Sunday

JUNE 18

1944. Awoke at 4:00 a.m., had breakfast & went down to the line & took off for Truk at 7:00 a.m. after we fixed the charging cable of the nose turret guns. We had bad weather all the way up & most of the way back. We bombed on E.T.A. We landed at 3:30 p.m. & logged 8:35 hrs. & min. Martin's Nav. got lost & didn't land until 6:00 p.m. We went to interrogation after landing & then took a shower. Had supper & returned to the tent & worked on the turrets for my B-24. I didn't go to the movies because I had seen the picture. Cary Grant & Torraine Day were playing in "Mr Lucky". Had a couple of beers & then Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Monday

JUNE 19

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & made a box to ship my P-40 in. At 10:00 a.m. I took the P-40 & sent it to Barbara Jean. After mailing the B-40 I went down to the line & worked on my B-24 till noon when I went to the C.B.'s & had lunch. Returned to the line & worked on the B-24 again till 3:00 p.m. when I returned to the area & worked on it again in the tent. At 6:00 p.m. I had supper & went to the briefing of our mission on Yap tomorrow. A brand new target 300 miles farther away than Truk. Went to the movies after briefing & saw S. Erwin in "He hired the Boss". Not a very good movie. Returned to the tent & looked over my maps on Yap. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

received letters from Mom, Don  
 Shilling & Jim Dean.

Tuesday

JUNE 20

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Eggs. Returned to the tent & worked on my B-24. Went to the C.B.'s for lunch at noon. I had to return there again to get my forgotten hat or cap. In the afternoon I went out in the ocean which was at low tide looking for shells & cat's eyes. After I was thru I took a shower & worked on the B-24 some more. Had supper & then went to the show & saw Dick Haynes & Lynn Merrick in "Swing Out the Blues." A fair musical. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Barbara Jacu. Retired at 11:00 p.m.

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Wednesday JUNE 21

1944 Awoke at 8:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Worked on my B-24 & played pinochle till noon. The mission the other crews were scheduled to go on was cancelled due to bad weather. It rained all day and it's still raining tonight. At noon I went to the C.B.'s & had pork chops for lunch. I returned to the tent & worked on the B-24 some more. Played some more pinochle & then had supper & went to the briefing of our Yap mission tomorrow. Went to the movies & saw R. Cummings, Nigel Bruce & Ruth Hussey in "Freaky Easy." A pretty fair picture. Returned to the tent & retired at 9:00 p.m.

Thursday

JUNE 22

1944 Awoke at 4:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off for Yap. We rendezvoused O.K. but couldn't get into formation so we bombed Sorrel Is. instead. We didn't hit the target because our bombs hung up. We landed at 5:10 p.m. & logged 11:15 flying time. Went to interrogation had supper & took a shower. Went to the club for a while & then went to the movies. Saw D. Powell, J. Oakie, & Linda Darnell in "It Happened Tomorrow." It was pretty good. Returned to the tent, talked with "Tiny" Meyers. He thinks Jerris may get in trouble over today's mission. Had a couple of beers & retired at 10:25 p.m.

Friday

JUNE 23

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast - eggs. After breakfast I went to S-24 & looked at the bomb hits of yesterday's target. They were damn good. There were about 40-50 planes on the ground. Returned to the tent later & worked on the B-24 till noon. Went to the C.B.'s for lunch & forgot to pay them. Went down to the line from there & worked on the 24 again. Returned to the area at 5:00 p.m. & took a shower & had supper. Went to the movies & saw Wayne Morris & Jane Wyman in "Gambling on the High Seas." It was fairly good but not too good. Returned to the tent, had a beer & answered Don's letter. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday JUNE 24

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. I had kfast. Returned to the tent & cleared out my foot locker. Kicked on the B-24 some more. Then went to the C.B.'s for ch. Went down to the line the afternoon & finished tip of the inboard engine of left wing on. It's not to do a job. A little crooked. Turned to the area at 4:30 pm took a shower. Mailed Mom's letter & had supper at briefing & exchanged 2 blankets for 2 clogs. Played a little pinochle with Gunstar & then went to show. Saw Robert Walker & Anna Reed in "See Here, Private Moore". It was a very goodedy. Were hitting Yaps arrow. Today they didn't have interception there today. Returned to tent & ~~finished~~ lined at 10:30 p.m.

Monday JUNE 26

1944 Awoke at 9:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Took a shower & sorted my laundry prior to sending it in. Mailed Bobby's letter & went to the C.B.'s with Hannigan & Dorries, & Steinbrenner. We had french fried potatoes & were they ever good. They were my first since I've been overseas. Returned to the area & played poker. Won \$300. Played McKenzia's phango ruff for a while & then went to the C.B.'s for supper. Returned to the area & McKenzia treated me to a beer. I lent him \$40.00 to go to Sydney for a saw day. Wrote a letter to Mom. McKenzia gave me one of his pipas. I like it so I guess I'll have to start smoking. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Sunday JUNE 25

1944 Awoke at 4:00 a.m. I had breakfast. Eggs. Went down to the line & took off at 6:00 a.m. for Yap. We made it up there OK but while over the threat. Zeros got Coleman. He was flying in our original position. In a double drift he shifted over & took our place. 20 m.m. burst in his cockpit & set the plane on fire. He did a loop over us & spun into the sea with 5 zeros strafing him all the way down. Our #35 eng. acted up on the way back but it was all right. We landed at 19:05 6:05 p.m. with 12:05 flying. Went to interrogation, had supper & went to the show. Saw B. Stanwick & J. McCree in "The Great Macas Lady". It was very good. Returned to the tent & had my last 2 beers & wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. Retired at 10:45 p.m.

Tuesday JUNE 27

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. I had breakfast. 1 egg. Returned to the tent & took engine off my B-24 to straighten it. Went up for a fast hop a noon & missed Canby. Returned to the tent & took a shower. Received 2 letters from Barbara Jean. Read a little in the readers digest. Mailed Mom's letter with the bank card in it. Had supper & then went to the briefing of our Yap mission for tomorrow. Went to the movies & saw Edmund Lowe & Evelyn Kayes in "Dangerous Blonde". A mediocre murder mystery. Returned to the tent & Retired at 9:15 p.m.

Wednesday JUNE 28

1944 Awoke at 4:15 a.m. I had breakfast. Toast & coffee. Went to the line & took off for Yap at 0605 a.m. We had one engine doing out so we bombed Sorol instead. 5th group had the plane with 2 engines out but it made it back o.k. the weather was bad up & back. We landed at 11:35 p.m. with 10:30 flying time. Went to intercession & had supper. Received 1 letter from Doris today. Returned to the tent & took a shower. Went to the show & saw G. Montgomery & G. Rogers in "Roxie Hart" It was a pretty good

comedy. Went to the Grand opening of the club. There were 15 nurses there. Returned to the tent & played Hamsters phonograph & wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. Simmons gave me a beer & we had a ball session with Hurley, Bruce, Dennis, Davis, Simmons, & Myself. Retired at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday JUNE 29

1944 Awoke at 9:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Took a shower & made a T.A.S. table for my computer. Went to the C.B.'s at noon & had lunch. At 2:00 p.m. went to the quarter master's & got some clothes. Had supper & mailed Barbara Jean's letter. Played the phonograph for awhile & went to the movies. Saw "Action in Arabia" with Geo. Sanders & V. Bruce. It was pretty good. Returned to the tent & played the phonograph & ~~then~~ wrote a letter to Jim Dean.

Retired at 11:00 p.m.

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Friday JUNE 30

1944 Awoke at 2:30 a.m. I had breakfast. Toast & coffee. Returned to the tent & cleaned up. Played the phonograph & had lunch at noon. Returned to the tent & drew a little bit & played the phonograph some more. Took a shower & had supper. Went to the movies & saw "Gateway" with D. Amecha & Arlen Whelan. It was fair. Went to the club for a couple of hours & then played the phonograph for awhile. Lent Simmons \$50.00 at the club. ~~Wrote~~ wrote a letter to Jim Dean today. Retired at 11:30 p.m.



Saturday JULY 1

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & cleaned up my foot locker & sorted our laundry out. Played pinochle till noon & then went to the C.B.'s for dinner. Had steaks & were they good. 2nd time I've had them overseas. Returned to the area & got paid \$130.69. Returned to the tent & played pinochle some more. Had supper here & then played pinochle till it was time to go to the show. We saw a damn good picture. "The Adventures of Mark Twain" with F. March & Alexis Smith. Had a drink & played pinochle again. I won about \$125 against Porries & Steinbrunn. Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday JULY 2

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. 1 cup of tomatoe juice. Returned to the tent & went to sleep again. Awoke at 8:00 a.m. again & took a shower. Fixed the band on my wrist watch. Played pinochle till noon & then had lunch. Returned to the tent & played pinochle & poker till supper time. Lost \$10.00 in poker. Had steak for supper. Pretty good too. Returned to the tent & slept till briefing at 8:00 p.m. Went to briefing for our mission on YAP tomorrow.

19 Bought 10 beers from the club & went to "Tiny" Meyers tent & listened to the radio & wrote a letter to Doris. Treated myself to a beer & had the other.

19 Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Monday JULY 3 WAKDE

1944 Awoke at 4:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Toast & coffee. Went down to the line & took off for Yap at 5:50 a.m. We made the target O.K. & were jumped by 30 Japs again. I was back in the waist windows firing a 50 cal. machine gun. I really enjoyed this mission today. I saw a Jap bail out & his plane crash also. We didn't lose any ships though some were shot up quite a bit. Lt. Mullen in the tail turret had a piece of flat between his legs. We landed at 06:25 after losing 12:35. Went to interrogation. Had supper, & went to the movies. Saw Rise Stevens & Nelson Eddy in "The Chocolate Soldier." It was pretty good. Went to the club & had a full session & drank some beers.

19 Retired at 11:15 p.m.

Tuesday JULY 4

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Toast. Went down to the line today - this morning - & cleaned the gun I had used yesterday on the mission - put the last engine on my B-24 & returned to the tent. Read for a while & then had lunch. Returned to the tent again & played pinochle & read. Took a shower & then had supper. Took my last two beers for the week from the club & put them in Tiny's Refrigerator. Saw McKenzia - just back from Sidney - & got my tobacco pouch & other stuff. Went to the show & saw S. Kay & D. Shore in "Up In Arms." Pretty funny too. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. & drank the two beers. Watched the ocean while & Retired at 10:45 p.m.

Wednesday JULY 5

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Went down for the line & took off at 9:00 on a test hop. Logged two hours flying time. & then went to the C.B.'s & had lunch. Returned to the area & played pinochle. Read for a while & then went to supper. Took a shower & then went to the movies. Pvt. Buckaroo with the Andrew Sisters & Harry James was playing. It wasn't too good. Went to the club & listened to the band & sang a few songs & then returned to the tent. I received a package from Mom & Dad with my accessories, sheets, & files. I was told for we lost one plane in the first of today's Yap raids. One plane had 69 of its crew bail out over the field & make belly landings. All were O.K. The second wave made out alright - No losses. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Thursday JULY 6

1944 Awoke at 8:30 a.m. and missed breakfast. Read awhile & then went to the C.B.'s for lunch. Pork chops, & were they good. Returned to the area again & read a little. At 2:00 p.m. we went out & played softball with the 371st. We lost. Took a shower & had supper. Went to the briefing of our Yap Mission for tomorrow. Went to the show & saw "Hi, Yo, Good Lookin'" with Eddie Quillan & "I Love You Again" with Wynne Powell & Myrna Loy which I had seen before. Went to the club & had a good time singing with the 371st boys. Returned to the tent & Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Friday JULY 7

1944 Awoke at 4:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Took off at 6:00 a.m. for Yap. We led the Squadron. Our ship had an oil leak in the nose turret & a supercharger out & Dorries got sick so we bombed Sorol Is. Again. It was pretty bad weather up & back so we almost missed Sorol. Landed at 5:00 p.m. & logged 10:50. Drier of our Sqdn. was shot up a bit. If couple boys in the 371st were killed. Went to interrogation & took a shower. High, Link, Porky, & Wickstrom are back. They're going home tomorrow. Went to the movies & saw M. Rooney in the Courtship of Andy Hardy. It was very good. Went to the club & had a couple beers. Returned to the tent & Retired at 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday JULY 12

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast, 1 cup of coffee. Returned to the tent & sketched a charcoal picture of Barbara Jean. Went to the C.B.'s for lunch. Returned to the area & played softball. No loss. Returned to the tent & went to a meeting after supper. Went to the club after the meeting which was about selling liquor to the E.M. Went to the movies & saw "Dinner on a Dime" which I had seen a long time ago. Went back to the club & had a beer & then returned to the tent.  
Retired at 12:30 p.m.

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Thursday JULY 13

1944 Awoke at 9:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Touched up Barbara Jean's picture a little bit. Went to the C.B.'s to eat but we weren't signed so returned here to eat. Received a letter from Bob today. Traded 2 native & bed sheet for 5 large shells today. Wrote a letter to Alvin & Ed Chesney & they had supper. Chocolate pie for desert. Good too. Took a shower & went to the show. Saw M. Rooney in "Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble." It was damn good too. Went to the club & had a beer. Returned to the tent & retired at 11:45 p.m.

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Friday JULY 14

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. 7 cup of coffee. Returned to the tent & loafed around till 9:00 a.m. when I went over & played ball. We won 4-3. Returned to the tent & took a shower. Had lunch. Met Amster & Marten just back from Sydney. Fixed a filter for pipe & cleaned up the other one. Went to the club & played cards & then had supper. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Dad. Went to club till the show started & then left. Saw Tom Brown & Peggy Moran in "Oh! Johnny how you can love" Pretty good to a show it was old. Returned to the club & had a couple beers - came back to the tent & retired at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday JULY 15

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Returned to the tent & fooled around till noon when we went down to the C.B.'s for lunch. Went down to the line & made another filter for my pipe & worked on another cigarette lighter made from j&w bullets. Returned to the area & had supper. Our Group lost 4 planes on Yap today. The one from our Sqdn that went down was Dedrich. The 370th lost their best baseball pitcher & their ship that went down. Went to the movies & saw Ann Harding & 9 other beautiful girls in "9 Girls." There were 10 short subjects on with it. Not too good a movie. Went to the club. Bob Besley's back from Sydney now. Wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. Retired at midnight.

Saturday JULY 8

1944 Awoke at 8:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Went down to the line & worked on my cigarette lighter made from two Jap rifle bullets. At noon I<sup>19</sup> went to the C.B.'s & had lunch. Returned to the line & worked on it again till 3:00 p.m. when I returned to the area & went to a meeting. Played bill after the meeting till 5:00 p.m. We lost again. Took a shower & had supper. Returned to the tent & worked out a new design for my cigarette lighter.  
19 Retired at 11:30 p.m.

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Monday JULY 10

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Went down to the line & finished my cigarette lighter which didn't work anyway & they went to the C.B.'s & signed in for lunch. Returned to the area & loafed till we went to the C.B.'s to have lunch. We're grounded now till we go to Sydney on our rest leave. Returned to the area & read for awhile. Took a shower & had supper. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Jim Dean & went to the club. Met Clary there.  
Retired at 11:00 p.m.

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Sunday JULY 9

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. had breakfast. Coffee. Went to church & then played bill. We won. Took a shower & went to the C.B.'s for lunch. Went to the line & worked on my cigarette lighter till 7:00 a.m. & then returned to the area. Missed supper. Steak too. Took a shower & then wrote a letter to<sup>19</sup> Barbara Jean & Bob.  
Retired at 11:30 p.m.

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Tuesday JULY 11

1944 Awoke at 9:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Loafed around till 11:30 a.m. when we went to the C.B.'s for lunch. Returned to the area & found 3 letters waiting for<sup>2</sup> me. 1 From Mpm, Dad, and ~~Greenlade~~ Barbara Jean. Tried a little oil painting but didn't turn out too well. Read awhile & then had supper. Wrote a letter to<sup>19</sup> Greenlade & then went to the club. Returned to the tent & Retired at 12:00 p.m.

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Thursday JULY 20

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Cup of coffee. Went to the line & made a filter for Tiny's pipe. Had lunch at the C.B.'s. Pork Chops. Returned to the area. Received a letter from Tom. Took a shower & had supper. Painted a little more of the insignia on Dorries Jacket. Went to the show & saw part of "Knickerbocker Holiday" with N. Eddy. It was lousy. Left before it was over. Went to the club & bought a couple of beers & drank them at the tent while answering Tom's letter. McKenzie is back from Sydney with Carson's crew. We should be leaving soon. Played checkers with Amster. Won all 4 games. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Friday JULY 21

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had 2 cup of coffee. Went to the dentist & had my teeth checked. They were O.K. Had lunch at the C.B.'s. returned to the area & played catch with "Dixie" Dunbar. Took a shower. Received 2 letters. One from Mom & one from ~~Tom~~ Mrs. Bergie. Had supper & went to the show. They had a stag strip tease show & Burgess Merideth in "Street of Chance" I left having seen it already. Returned to the tent & played checkers with Amster. It was a draw. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

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Saturday JULY 22

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Eggs. Worked all morning. Painted a little on Dorries Jacket insignia. Received a letter from Tom & Mom. Went to the C.B.'s & had lunch. Returned to the area & played catch with Dixie Dunbar. Played checkers with Amster won both games. Took a shower & had supper. Received a letter from Barbara Jean. Went to the club & played hearts went to the movies & saw "J. Ellison & Belata in Lady Let's Dance." I left. The picture didn't appeal to me. I bought 3 beers at the club & went to the tent & drank beer & answered Mom's & Barbara Jean's letters. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Sunday JULY 23

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Eggs. Went to church & then played ball. We lost 2 to 1. Had lunch. Returned to the tent & slept for a couple of hours. Painted a little more of Dorries insignia. Had supper. & went to the club & played hearts. I had seen the movie "Ship Ahoy" with E. Powell & R. Skelton so I returned to the tent & listened to the radio & played checkers with Amster. We each saw a game. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Monday JULY 24

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. + had breakfast. Coffee. Returned to the tent + played a little catch with Haxxon. Played ball with the 370th Sqd. We lost 9-7. I got 2 doubles + a home run. + drove in all 7 runs. Took a shower + had lunch at the C.B.'s. Returned to the tent + played hearts. Paid Schneider \$5.00 for a Ronson lighter. He's to give it to me tomorrow. Had supper + went to the club + played hearts. Saw the movie tonight. It was very good. Van Haffin + Marsh + Hunt played in "The Kid Glove Killer". Returned to the tent + played checkers with Amster. Won all 3 games.  
Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Tuesday JULY 25

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. + had breakfast. A cup of coffee. Got my lighter from Schneider + also McKinney's + went to the line. Repaired both of them. Had lunch at the C.B.'s. Returned to the area + took a shower. Went to the club + then to the mess hall for supper. Went back to the club + had a few beers + played hearts. We're on orders to go to Sydney tomorrow morning. At last. Went to the show + saw G. Francis, M. Roy, M. Mayfair + G. Landis in "Four Jills In A Leap". It was lousy. I walked out on it + returned to the tent + finished packing for tomorrow. We got up at 2:00 a.m. + take off at 4:00 a.m.  
Retired at 11:30 p.m.

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Wednesday JULY 26

1944 Left for Sydney at 9:00 a.m.

1944 Friday JULY 28  
Stayed at Charville overnight

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Thursday JULY 27

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1944 Saturday July 29  
Arrived at Sidney Australia at noon

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AUGUST 4

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Saturday AUGUST 5

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I stayed at Charters tower  
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Sunday AUGUST 6

1944 left Charters tower  
& Arrived here at Los Negros  
at 4:30 p.m.  
Received 12 letters.

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Monday AUGUST 7

1944 I woke at 10:00 a.m.  
Sorted my laundry & straightened  
out my foot locker. Had  
lunch & then returned to the  
tent. Finished straightening  
my foot locker & then had  
supper. Returned to the tent  
& answered Greenlades &  
Bob's letters. Went to the  
show & saw P. Foster in  
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It was fair. Had four beers  
& wrote 2 letter to Tom  
Manuel & listened to the  
Radio.

19 Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Tuesday AUGUST 8

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. + had breakfast. Toast + coffee. Returned to the tent + took a shower. Went to the barber + got a haircut. Tried tinting a few photos with non to encouraging results. Had lunch + returned to the tent. Loafed around a bit before going to the club to play cards. I found a letter from Barbara waiting for me when I went to supper. Wrote some letters, drank some beer + listened to the radio back at the tent.

1947 Answered 3 letters. Mom's, Ruth Westphal's, + Barbara's. The lights in our tent went out so I had to finish them in Caldwell's tent.

19 Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Thursday AUGUST 10

1944 Awoke at 4:00 a.m. + had breakfast. Went down to the line + took off at 6:00 a.m. for Yap. Had bad weather at the target so we bombed on C.T.A. Landed back at the field at 7:00 p.m. Logged 13 hrs. flying time. Had supper + took a shower. Received a letter from Barbara Jean. Listened to the radio + answered Muriel's letters. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

P.S. Gave McKinney \$10.00 to have some negatives printed + sent to Mom + Dad.

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Wednesday AUGUST 9

1944 Awoke at 9:00 a.m. too late for breakfast, loafed around till lunch time. After lunch I went down to the line + made a cigarette lighter out of a Jap 25 cal ~~bullet~~ bullet for Dad. I finished it + then came back to the area + had supper. Went to the briefing of our mission on Yap tomorrow. It's the first I've had since I was grounded. Received a letter from J. Dean + P. Schilling. Returned to the tent + answered Dean's + Doris' letters.

Retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Friday AUGUST 11

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. + had breakfast. Returned to the tent + wrapped up the gifts I had for Mom, Dad, Barbara Jean, + Tom. Had lunch + wrote a letter to Don Schilling. Mailed the packages. Returned to the area + had supper. Played cards. + took a shower. Went to the movies + saw a double feature. Not too good a show. "Seven Days Ashore" + B. Grable in "Pin-up Girl" was playing along with a lot of shorts. Retired at 11:00 p.m. We - Dorries, Mathis + myself are flying to Waka on a ferrying trip tomorrow.

Saturday AUGUST 12

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m., had breakfast & took off for Wakde at 6:15 a.m. Landed with an almost mishap. We hadn't any brakes & nearly ran off their short runway. Unloaded the cargo we were carrying, had a very poor lunch & took off for Los Neoros. I'm sure going to hate morning to Wakde. Landed at 8:50 p.m. Rested 2:00 hrs. flying time. Took a shower and had supper. Wrote a letter to Mom & J. Dean in the plane. Went to a meeting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss morning problems. Saw a very good movie tonight. "Show Business" with G. Murphy, E. Cantor, & Nancy Kelly. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Barbara Dean.  
19 Retired at 11:15 p.m.  
Received a letter from Bob.

Monday AUGUST 14

1944 Awoke at 8:30 a.m. too late for breakfast, loafed around & read till lunch time. Returned to the tent after lunch & read some more of "Nana" took a shower & had supper. Wrote a letter to Doris, Bob, & Jim Greenslade. Went to the show & saw an excellent movie. Van Johnson  
19 June Allyson as Patsy; & Gloria DeHaven in "Two Girls & A Sailor." After the show we returned to the tent & cooked some soup  
19 which was really delicious.  
Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Sunday AUGUST 13

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Eggs. Returned to the tent & did a little pastel sketching for practise. Had lunch & returned to the tent & played cards. Rouzie & Steinbrenner procured some eggs from the mess hall & boiled them for a couple of hours. Had supper & went to the movies & saw J. Weismuller & M. O'Sullivan in "Tarzan's New York Adventure". It was sort of funny. The only character that saved it was a monkey. & she was a riot. Returned to the tent & drank a couple of beers through the courtesy of Harold Gunster. They took our electrical system down so now we were back to candles & gas as when we first arrived.  
Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday AUGUST 15

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Coffee. Took off at 6:10 a.m. for Wakde. Landed without mishap. Had a look at our future area & then ate lunch. Took off for the field. Landed after logging 6:45 hrs. in 549. Capt. Dixon, Sqdn. Commander, co-piloted for us. Returned to the tent & had a couple bottles of beer. Took a shower & had supper. Went to the show & saw Don Ameche & Joan Bennett in "Girl Trouble." It was pretty good. Received a letter from Doris. Had another beer.  
Retired at 9:00 p.m.

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Wednesday AUGUST 16

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent and sketched a picture of Dorries. Had steak for lunch & returned to the tent & sketched a little more. Took a shower & cut down a pair of tennis shoes that Dorries & Steinbrenner bought at the quartermaster's. Had supper & returned to the tent & played cards. Went to the movies & saw S. Stanwyck & Herbert Marshall in "Breakfast for Two." It was a very old movie. About 1934 vintage. Returned to the tent & made some cocoa on our stove. Played hearts & gin. We lost. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Thursday AUGUST 17

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to Dragoon Pier & caught the barge to Manus. Bought a pipe & some toilet articles there. Had lunch at their mess hall on the hill & caught the boat back here. Took a shower & played cards & hit before going to the mess hall for supper. Returned to the tent & played cards some more. Received a letter from Barbara Jean today. Went to the movies & saw G. Ritt & a lot of other big name movies stars in "Follow The Boys." It was only a fair movie. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Friday AUGUST 18

Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & arranged my belongings - I'm going to take to go tomorrow. Read a letter & went to lunch. Returned to the tent & drew pictures of the whole crew, self included. Had supper & returned to the tent & took a shower. Went to the movies & saw "177 The Circus" with Marx Bros. & Kenny Ker. It's at least ten years old. I saw it a long time ago at the & cameo theater. Returned to the tent & answered 2 of Dorries's letters. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Saturday AUGUST 19

1944 Awoke at 5:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off in a C-47 for Wake. We had good weather going up. I flew for an hour on the way there. Landed & went for a swim at our beach. Had lunch & took off for the Admiralties. I flew formation with another C-47 for two hours. Landed & had supper. Bismark ran off with my shower shoes. Took a shower. Adffner came back from Sydney today. Went to the show & played cards till it started. Saw "The Strange Case Of Dr R." Returned to the tent & Retired at 9:00 p.m.

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Sunday

AUGUST 20

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & took a shower. Had breakfast & sorted & packed my belongings I'm going to take with me to Wakde tomorrow. Tore up half of Iky's (mess off) floor to take with us tomorrow. Had lunch & hauled our baggage to the plane. Returned to the area & had supper. Tore half of Iky's (Eho. off) floor off for ourselves. Took a shower & drew some pictures of fellows around here for them. Wrote a letter to Barbara Jean & retired at 10:45 p.m.

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Tuesday

AUGUST 22

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went for a swim & took a shower. Had lunch & returned to the tent. Read a little more & then went for a swim. Took a shower & went to supper. Read a little more & then went to the show & saw a pretty good movie. G. Murphy & Lucille Ball in "A Girl, A Guy, & A Dog". Returned to the tent & read some poetry & retired at 10:00 p.m.

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AUGUST 21

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & packed up my remaining belongings. Hauled them down to the plane. We didn't have room on the C-47 for our lumber so we hauled it over to Sutters tent to watch it for us till we came back for it. Took off at 11:10 for our new home, Wakde. Flew thru a lot of weather but landed o.k. at 2:45 p.m. after logging 3:35 flying time. Wrote a letter to Plum while in the plane. Had supper & took our luggage to our tent. Took a shower & retired at 9:30 p.m.

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AUGUST 23

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to the plane & took off for Los Negros, landed o.k. & had lunch. Loaded the floors on the truck & then on the plane. Took a shower & then left for Wakde. Good weather. Landed here at 6:30 p.m. after logging 6:30 flying time. Unloaded the plane in a torrent of rain. Had supper & returned to the tent. Retired at 9:00 p.m.

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AUGUST 24

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Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & unloaded the lumber for our floor from the truck. Bob Hope had a show on the strip today with Fanny Ross (capt). We didn't go because we were too busy building the floor. Had lunch & worked on the floor 20 min till supper time. We finally finished it 5:00 p.m. I also made a hot box for my clothes so they wouldn't mildew. Had supper & took a shower. Went to the movies & saw a short & Pat O'Brien in the "Iron Major". It was pretty good. Returned to the tent & retired at 9:30 p.m.

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Friday

AUGUST 25

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Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & straightened out my foot locker. Played a little catch with Heffner & took a 15 shower. Went to lunch. Returned to the tent & played hearts. Read a little & had supper. We lost "Stinky" Davis & Kinzale today in the strike on Palau. They ran into each other in weather & after they left the target. Pambrick, Forman, Rowley were with Davis. The 5th Grp lost one plane due to fighters but they flew bad formation as usual. Returned to the tent & made some chocolate on our stove & wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday AUGUST 26

1944 Awoke at 5:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Hot cocoa. Took off at 7:30 a.m. for Palau. Had bad weather all the way up & all the way back. The bombing was bad in our Sqdn. today but the rest were pretty good. We were hit twice by oflak. No zeros though. Landed at 4:10 p.m. Were intercombed & had supper. Made some soup & cocoa. & wrote a letter ~~to~~ to Mom. We're, I & MacMullen are flying to Finschhafen tomorrow with Fraker & "Pappy" Carson.

19 Retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Sunday AUGUST 27

19 Awoke at 5:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off at 7:00 a.m. for Finschhafen to set some equipment for engineering. Had a little bad weather going up there. Landed with 4:10 flying time. Loafed around till 4:00 p.m. trying to find a place to stay. Finally found a place at the 2nd Air Cargo Control. Had supper & took a shower. Went into Finschhafen with Ike & MacMullen in an effort to find his sister at 7:00 p.m. Found a nurse there, Miss Elma Linkstrom, who knew her at Brisbane. She telephoned Mac's sister, who was at Doubodora; she talked to her. We bumbled back to the area & Retired at 12:00 p.m.

Played poker with the crew on the way up there in my plane & won \$22. Very good navigation trip.

Monday AUGUST 28

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. On the way down to the line we stopped & bought 1,000 airmail envelopes for the fellows back at Wakde. Went to the line but the plane wasn't ready to go. I went around the field trying to get some plywood & finally got 2 sheets, 4'x8'. Met 2 P-47 pilots & took 3 super-chargers to Seidor for them where we stayed for the night. Took off at 4:00 p.m. & landed at Seidor an hour later. Had supper & then they, 5th Air Force P-47 pilots, had a party to which we were invited & proceeded to get feeling good. Had some ice cream & retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Wednesday AUGUST 30

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & took a shower. Had breakfast & censored mail for a couple of hours. Returned to the tent & played hearts with Jack, Dorries, & Zeller. Had lunch & cut out some plywood for a chair & a shelf. Played cards some more & heard a lecture from a Marine Capt. about combat & chances of survival in a forced landing. It was very good. Had supper & went to the briefing our mission to Koror, Palau. Went to the movies & saw Gene Autry in "Melody Ranch." It was only a fair (fair) movie. Returned to the tent & made some tea on our camp stove & retired at 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday AUGUST 29

19 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Eros. & took off for Wakde at 8:45 a.m. Had bad weather all the way up to Wakde landed at 11:50 a.m. with BDS flying time. As soon as we landed we learned that Dixon & his crew along with Max Tenton, & Duncan, Carson's Navi, were hit by phosphorus H&K. H&K & crashed in the town of Peleu. Went to the area & had lunch & then went back down to the line & brought my plywood to the tent. Had a fellow saw it up into pieces for a table. Had supper & returned to the tent & Dorries & myself put the table together. Received a card from Barbara Jean, & a letter from Bob & Jim Greenstede. Took a shower & made a upse shield for my sunglasses & caught up on my diary. Had some tea tonight & wrote a letter Barbara Jean. Chatted with McLaughlin. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Thursday AUGUST 31

1944 Awoke at 5:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to the plane & took off for Peleu. Had bad weather all the way up & back. Bomb the target thru the clouds. Returned to the field at 4:00 p.m. & went to interrogation. Had supper & got a cluster for my air medal. Returned to the tent & took a shower. Went to the movies & sketched a picture of McLaughlin Rices co-pilot. Didn't stay to see the movie since I had seen it before. Pierre Himpert in "Hissoument In Brittany." Returned to the tent & answered Jim G.'s letter. Had tea & sandwiches in the tent & retired at 11:15 p.m.

Friday. SEPTEMBER 1

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. I had breakfast. Read a little & went to see Judith Anderson & her all girl orchestra. It was corny so I left. Returned to the tent & read some more. Had lunch & loafed around the tent till 2:00 p.m. when I received my air medal along with a lot of other fellows from Col. Burkhorn's C.O. Returned to the tent & played catch with Haffner. Took a shower & had supper. Returned to the tent & played hearts. Received our ration of liquor from the club, being as it's closing. Every one been drinking & before long Dorries was out cold. As I write this I'm feeling a trifle on the high side. Drew a sketch of Michaelin for him tonight. Our time was set back an hour today. Retired at 11:15 p.m.

Wakde looking toward our beach

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 2

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. I had breakfast. Made a drawer for my foot locker & a shelf to keep things handy for me. Straightened out my

19 foot locker & took a shower. Had lunch & played catch with Haffner. Received a letter from Mom, Doris, Barbara Jean & Ed Chesney. Took a

19 shower & had supper. Got paid today 609.30 Guilders (Dutch money). Went to the show & played hearts. Saw Kay Kyser in "Swing Fever." It was pretty

19 good. Returned to the tent & the fellows started cutting up for the next they were having for the steak fry tonight on our table. Answered Mom & Bob's

19 letters. I didn't care for my steak so I stayed here. Retired at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 3

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. I had breakfast. Went to church. Returned to the tent & worked on a comp. choir. Went to the finance office & had a \$200 check sent to Mom, P.T.T. Went to lunch & returned to the tent to work on the choir some more. Took a shower & made some chicken noodle soup. Played hearts with Dorries, Jack, & Haffner till we went to supper. Returned to the tent & played catch with Haffner. Went to briefing & returned to the tent & took a shower. Answered Barbara Jean's & Doris' letters. Had some tea & Retired at 9:45 p.m.

19 Hitting Palau tomorrow.

Monday SEPTEMBER 4

1944 Awoke at 3:45 a.m. Had breakfast & went down to the line. Took off at 5:35 a.m. for Palau. Led the Squadron up there o.k. Came back by ourselves 800 mi. to the right of course. We had 100% bomb hits. Landed here at 2:35 p.m. after 9:00 flying time. Went to interrogation. Received a box of candy from Mom. Took a shower & had supper. Returned to the tent & cut up the steaks & bread for our steak fry. Took the steaks down to the beach & fried them. McLaughlin gave me 2 beers & (Haifner) 1 which I drank tonight while trying to write to E. Chesney. McLaughlin came in & started to B.S. so I

19 I had to quit.

Retired at 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday SEPTEMBER 6

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Censored mail in S-2. Had lunch & returned to the tent. Played hearts & went up to swim & compass in GR4. Landed at 5:10 p.m. after logging 2:20 flying time. Had supper & went to a Group Navigation meeting but got disgusted with it after a few minutes & left. Returned to the tent & played bridge with Doc, McFall, Dorries, & Steinhilber. Had some pineapple & lemon pie.

Retired at 1:00 a.m.

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Tuesday SEPTEMBER 5

1944 Awoke at 07:30 & had breakfast. Went to sick call & got some pills for my cold from Doc McFall. Returned to the tent & fixed up a rigging to hold my mosquito netting. Had lunch & returned to the tent & went to sleep until it was time for supper. Returned to the tent & played catch with Hoffner. Took a shower & fooled around with card tricks for a couple of hours. Had some peaches & tea & retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Thursday SEPTEMBER 7

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. Steinhilber talked me out of breakfast. Returned to the tent & read. Had lunch & returned to the tent & read some more of E. Hemingway's short stories. Played catch with Hoffner & answered Eddy Chesney's letter. Took a shower & had supper. Went to the briefing on tomorrow's mission on the Holmabara Islands. Kolobato Field. Went to the movies & saw "Cobra Roman" with Sager, Joy Hall, Marie Montez, & the Chimpanzee, who incidentally stole all the scenes. It was a lousy picture. Returned to the tent & played hearts with Dorries, Hoffner, & Steinhilber.

Retired at 10:45 p.m.

Got a watch from Terry, our Sqd. Nav. for our Radio operator Sgt Mathis



Friday

SEPTEMBER 8

1944 Awoke at 6:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off at 7:40 a.m. for the Holmshears'. Had pretty good weather all the way to the target & back again. At 12:38 we dropped the bombs. We lead the Sqd. & thanks to Steinbrenner's good bomb run & bombing our Sqd. had a very good mission. There was heavy & fairly accurate ack-ack. They fired in a barrage form. We landed here at 5:15 p.m. after 19:35 flying time. Went to intermission & had supper. Returned to the tent & took a shower. Played hearts with Derries, Hattner & Steinbrenner. Answered Doris's letter. Received a letter from Ruth Westphal. Retired at 10:15 p.m.

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 9

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Made an opening in my hot-box for a reading light. Went on a fast hop in 614 for an hour & 20 min. Had lunch & returned to the tent & finished reading Ernest Hemingway's short stories. Took a shower & had supper. Went to the dispensery & had something put on my athlete's foot. Went to the show & saw a very good movie. "In Our Time" with Ida Lupino, Paul Henreid & some old guy who stole the show. Returned to the tent & drank the beer & ate the candy & talked to McLaughlin who brought a few goodies for us. Wrote a letter to Barbara. Retired at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 10

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to church & then to a meeting of aircraft identification. Returned to the tent & loafed till lunch time & then ate. Returned to the tent & loafed around. Impregnated a suit of khaki's for our trip to Owi, near Bink, tomorrow - with General Matheny. Went to a Visual Identification Class. Went to Supper & had steaks. Returned to the tent & played catch with Hattner. Bought some native pictures from a fellow who came around selling them. Practised drawing a pencil sketch of McLaughlin. Played bridge with Derries, Steinbrenner, the Saint. Drank a few bottles of beer. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Monday

SEPTEMBER 11

1944. Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & waited 45 min. for Gen. Matheny. He had with him my old Inst. War. & 13th Bomb Comm. Took off for Owi & arrived there o.k. Had lunch with the Gen. & took off for Hollandia. Waited around there for him for two hours & then left for the field. landed at Wakde at 5:00 p.m. after 4:50 of flying time. Had supper & took a shower. Went to the show & saw Orson Welles & Joseph Cotton in "Journey Into Fear." It was pretty good but a odd picture. Returned to the tent & took my writing material over to Baldwin, Aldridge Olsen, and Score's tent & wrote a letter to Jim Dean & Ruth Westphal between beers. Retired at 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 12

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & sorted my laundry. Straightened my foot locker & put my wool clothes & shoes in my hat box to keep them from mildewing. Sketched another picture of McHugh from the old one. It was better than the first. Mac is on his way to Sydney now. He left this morning. Had lunch & returned to the tent & took a shower. Had supper & came back to the tent. Drew a picture of Saint John. Went to the briefing of our mission on the Helmhers' again. Kolo bato. Were going after the K-K positions. Went to the movies & saw Eleanor Powell in "Priorities in Parade." It was pretty good. Had a few beers. Received a letter from Barbara Jean & Doris. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 13

1944 Awoke at 4:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off at 0525 a.m. We led the Group. The weather up there was pretty bad. 3 of our bombs started sweating. We dropped them before we reached the target so fear they would explode. The target was almost closed in so the bombing wasn't very good. We missed completely. Returned to the field & were interrogated. Took a shower & had supper. Brought 2 case of beer from Staffy. for 10 elders. Went to the movies but I had already seen "Dangerous Blondes" so I left. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter in Ole's tent again to Mom. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 14

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & read. Had lunch & the read some more. Took a shower & had supper. Draw a little & then went to the briefing of our mission on the Helmhers' tomorrow. There is to be a carrier task force up there tomorrow. Went to the movies & saw Betty Grable & Robert Young in "Sweet Rosie O'Grady" & a picture I had seen in the States. Returned to the tent & had a few beers & wrote a letter to Doris. Retired at 10:15 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER 15

1944 Awoke at 5:45 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off for the Helmhers. Had good weather all the way up there. A naval task force was in the harbor roughing the rips up a bit with their big bombs. We dropped our 2,000 lbs bombs right in the middle of the runway. Returned to the field. Arrived 9:40 flying time. Went to Pityrostation & had supper. Took a shower & went to the show & saw Joel McCrea, Maureen O'Hara, & Linda Dornell in "Buffalo Bill." It was only a fair movie. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday SEPTEMBER 16

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Had a class in Radar at 7:00 a.m. lastin<sup>o</sup> for two hours. A very interestin<sup>g</sup> & complicated subject. Returned to the tent & read a little about it. Had lunch & went to another class at 1:00 p.m. that lasted for another 2 hrs. Returned to the tent & read a little more. Had supper & took a shower. Went to the show & saw Laird Creger, George Saunders & Merle Oberon in "The Lodger." It was a thriller. A few scenes made my heart beat a trifle faster. Returned to the tent & had a few beers & drew a picture of Haffner.

Received a letter from Mont. Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday SEPTEMBER 17

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to church & censored mail after. Returned to the tent and painted a little on a picture which didn't turn out too well. Had lunch & returned to the tent, loafed around for awhile & then took a shower. Went to supper & then to briefing at 6:30 p.m. Returned to the tent & had a few beers while writing a composition. Retired at 10:00 p.m. Were hitting Ceram tomorrow.

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Monday SEPTEMBER 18

1944 Awoke at 6:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off for Ceram at 7:45 a.m. The weather up & back wasn't very good & the target was completely covered except for a small hole thru which we bombed the 4th target, Amichai. I flew a little on the way back. Landed at 5:15 p.m. after 9:30 minutes flying time. Went to interrogation & had supper. Returned to the tent & took a shower. Loafed around & watch Jorries, Steinhilberner, Itavir, and Bachmer play bridge. Had a few beers & retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Tuesday SEPTEMBER 19

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & started painting a picture of myself. Had lunch at noon & returned to the tent & finished the painting. It wasn't too bad considering it was the first one I'd ever done. Had supper & took a shower. Returned to the tent & read half of Bob Hope's latest book which I borrowed from Horv. Drank a few beers & retired at 10:15 p.m.

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Wednesday SEPTEMBER 20

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & finished Bob Hope's "I Never Left Home" book. Started reading Thornton Smith's "Turnabout." It's the funniest book I ever read. Had lunch & returned to the tent & read more from Turnabout. Had supper & took a shower. Went to the show & saw Humphrey Bogart Cole Poole, of the "Dead End Kids" in "Crime School," 17 1/2 old picture I had seen before but almost but not completely forgot about. Returned to the tent & had a few beers & read Turnabout some more. Retired at 11:15 p.m.

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 21 NOEMFOOR

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. It was raining like hell out. Several of the tents blew down but our rugged contraption held together. Went to breakfast & had eggs. Returned to the tent & read Thorne Smith. Finished "Turnabout" & ~~start~~ started "Raining in The Door." Had lunch & read the news bulletin. Doing pretty well for ourselves in Europe. All over for that matter. all over. Went down to the line & took off in our radar ship 954 on a test hop. I got checked out on the Radar equipment. Great stuff radar. Landed with 1:30 min. flying time. Had supper & returned to the tent & read some more of "Rain -- Door." Took a shower & read some more. Had a few beers & Retired at 11:15 p.m.

Friday SEPTEMBER 22

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & read Smith some more. Had lunch. Returned & read some more. Went down to the line & swapped 2 compass in 594. Fooled with the radar. Landed with 3:00 flying time. Had supper. ~~Mc~~ McLaughlin is back today. He left 3 days early. Went to the briefing of our practise bombing & radar mission tomorrow. Returned to Mac's tent & got to feeling good also with Galliet. Dirty "Harvey" "Doc" McFall, O'Malley, Foker, Had our crew naturally. Finished "Raining In The Doorway." Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday SEPTEMBER 23

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Censored mail & returned to the tent. Shaved & took a shower. Played hearts & had lunch. Returned to the tent & played hearts again. Had supper & returned to the tent & played bridge with Herir, Dorries, & Sternbrenner. Went to Baldwin's tent & played him 2 games of chess. I lost both games. Played one with "Doc" McFall & won by some freak of fate. Returned to the tent & Retired at 10:20 p.m.

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 24

1944. Awoke at 1:30 a.m. when I heard that Rice, Rogers, & Lewis had been killed in a night takeoff. Went down to the line & saw a little wreckage floating in the ocean but no survivors. It was raining. The rain looked like champagne bubbles in the searchlight. The nose wheel floated up to the area this afternoon. Returned to the tent at 2:30 a.m. & slept till 7:30 a.m. when I had breakfast. Returned to the tent & read. Had lunch & read some more. Went to the line & took off on a practice radar bombing mission. Landed at 3:00 hrs. Had supper & played a little basket ball. Packed my stuff prior to moving to our new base, Noamfoor tomorrow. Took a shower & went to the movie. Saw "Secret Enemies" with John Craig. Returned to the tent & had 5 beers & finished "The Glorious Pool".

Retired at 11:15 p.m.

Monday

SEPTEMBER 25

1944 Awoke at 5:30 a.m. & packed some of my belongings. Had breakfast & took our belongings to the plane. Took off for & landed at Noamfoor. Unloaded & came back again. Had lunch & returned to our tent. The plane had a bad supercharger & a cut tire so we weren't able to take off for Noamfoor again. Hooded 5:05 hrs. Returned to the tent & read a little. Met a new navigator to our sqdn. today. He's from Detroit. Had supper. It began raining & Dorries, Steinbrenner, Troost & myself played bridge. We lost one & won one game. Had quite a few beers &

Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 26

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & read a little. Played bridge with Dorries, Steinbrenner, Milo, Jerry Slashinot, & Porter. Had lunch & returned to the tent. Had a few beers & played bridge & hearts & read some more. Had supper & took a shower. Played cards again & went to the show. Saw the worst movie I had ever seen, bar none. Returned to the tent & played bridge again & had a few more beers. The picture I almost forgot (wish I could) was "Thumbs Up." Retired at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 27

19 Awoke at 6:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Packed my belongings & took them to the plane & took off for our new base at Noamfoor. Landed with 2 hrs. flying time in a torrent of rain. By the time we got to our area I was soaked to the skin. Moved in with Kouzie, "Doc" McFall, & Aldridge for the time being. Had lunch & went around the camp for an hour looking for my 2 missing pieces of luggage. I finally found them. This place is the worst I've ever been in, bar none. It's one big slab of red mud. Received my ballot & some news papers. Had supper & took a shower. Saw the "Doc" about my cold. He painted my throat & gave me some pills. Received a letter from Tom Mangot & Retired at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday SEPTEMBER 28

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & read newspapers. Had lunch at noon & returned again to the tent & had to read some more. At 2:30 p.m. went to a "target indoctrination" briefing for escape procedure on our pending target the 30th of this month, Borneo. Returned to bed & read some more. Had supper & procured an escape packet from Cpt. Scarr our C.O. Went to bed & read some more.

Received a letter from Ruth Westphal & retired at 8:30 p.m.

Friday SEPTEMBER 29

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & loafed around till lunch time & then ate. Went to a N.O.I. meeting of the Mission were I <sup>was</sup> to have tomorrow morning, <sup>leave</sup> but I'm grounded I <sup>couldn't</sup> get out later. Returned to the area & played bridge in Dryer's tent with Dorric Steinbrunn & Gill Clittle. ~~Steve~~ Steve won. Returned to the tent & loafed around. Had supper & played chess with Les King & Outer (Bis-2). I lost 2 games, & won one.

19 With one draw. Gave Morrell a pint of Rum (medium S-2) for a corral floor for our tent. Received a letter from Jim Graggis, Bob & Don Schilling. Answered Mom's letter & retired at 10:45 p.m.

Saturday SEPTEMBER 30

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Loafed around doing nothing all morning. Read a little from the Detroit papers. Had lunch & read a little more. The mission on Borneo didn't do so well. 8 B-24's were lost. From the 90th Sq. in the 5th Air Force & from the 5th Group in our 13th Air Force. Had supper & took a shower. Read the papers & wrote a letter to Mom, Bob, & Ruth Westphal. Retired at 9:45 p.m.

Sunday MEMO OCT 1, 1945

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Returned to the tent & read. Had lunch at noon. Returned to the tent & read some more from the Detroit papers. Played a little chess with Aldridge. He won 2 games & I won one. Had supper & took a shower. Played 3 more games of chess with Aldridge & with luck & love I won both. Got paid tonight. 285 guilders. Answered Don Schilling's & Tom Manuel's letters. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Monday

OCTOBER 2

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Spread coral sand on a tent site. Also went out into the clearing next to our sqdn. camp area & put poles for the tent corners. Went to radar school & had lunch. Went back to work on our tent. After a wrestling with the center pole for fifteen minutes we finally got it set up. We then moved all our baggage in & had a tent warming. Took a shower & had supper. While after supper we played poker (Dorries, Giles Morrall, Steinbrunner & a couple other guys & myself). Had a hot chocolate party & played a couple games of chess with Lex Souter. We each one a game. Had a few beers & received a letter from Mom. Retired at 11:45 p.m.

Wednesday

OCTOBER 4

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & worked on a cigarette lighter for Bob. Returned to the area & had lunch. Loafed around & had a bull session with the boys after dinner. Everybody is really sore about these asiatica Borneo missions. Under the present set-up nobody is going to fly to that target again. It's sheer suicide. Had supper & took a shower. Played a couple of games of chess with Lex Souter (s-2). I won all three games. Went to the show & saw V. Johnson & Lionel Barrymore in "Dr. Gillespie's New Assistant." It was pretty good. Returned to the tent & organized my flying equip. for our trip to Nadzab tomorrow to pick up some new planes to replace those lost at Borneo. Had a few beers. Played Rodsdaugh's game of chess. We each won a game.

Tuesday

OCTOBER 3

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Our planes took off at 12:00 p.m. this morning for Borneo. They really had a rough time of it up there. I'll go into detail later. After breakfast I worked on a Kalemua lantern. McLaughlin gave me. Had lunch & began setting in the bad news in the flash reports. Went to a target indoctrination on the Philippines. The flash reports that came in were bad. Very bad. Our Grp. lost 7 ships all told. Baldwin & Rouzie from our Grp went down. Only 4 or 5 chutes from each plane got out & they definitely weren't the pilots. Had supper & took a shower. Went to the show & saw Donald O'Conner in "This Is The Life." Returned to the tent & Retired at 11:45 p.m.

1944 OCT. 4

Went down & saw a 9' snake one of the boys had killed

Thursday

OCTOBER 5

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Took off for Nadzab at 9:00 a.m. Played pinocle with Dorries & McMullin all the way up. McLaughlin co-piloted for us. Landed at 5:00 p.m. with 8:10 flying. Unloaded part of our equipment from the plane 277 & checked in at a transient camp after driving around for a couple hours. Found 3 cats for Dorries, Mac & myself in the C. G. office next to an officers club. After much finagling Mac finally talked the mess off into giving us some supper. Returned to the tent & Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Friday OCTOBER 6

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Took a shower & played pinocle with Dorries. Haffner & 6 other crews were to leave for Townsville but didn't get off.

1 Played pinocle & loafed around most of the day. Went to the show in the evening & saw P. O'Connor & Peggy Ryan in "This Is the Life." It wasn't bad.

19 Returned to the tent & Retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Sunday OCTOBER 8

44. Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Rode around the island in the jeep trying to pick up an even A-1 into a Lt. dwards of 2 a.m. outfit & had very thing fixed up. The stuff as too bulky to carry in the B-24, were sending a C-47 after it. Laughlin was the promoter in his deal. Took off for Hollandia at 1:00 p.m. We saw the first B-51 in the S.P. area take off. Landed at Hollandia at 5:00 p.m. with 4:00 flying. went to an B-24 outfit for loading. Everything was swell but our tent. It was pitched in Kuna grass 4 feet tall inside & outside of the tent. Went to the show & saw Jack O'Neil, P. O'Connor, & Peggy Ryan in "The Merry Monarchs." It would have been a swell movie except for the sound which was lousy. I returned to the tent.

Saturday OCTOBER 7

1944. Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & drove around with Maj. Lethrow & Dorries while he checked the planes. Procured a new & soft mazy west for myself. Took off at noon in a bit of weather & landed at Finschhafen O.K. with 1:05 flying in 175. Went up to the transient camp & got us a tent. After supper we went bumming around in a jeep. Stopped at a merchant ship & went aboard. Talked to the steward & Purser & bartered them out of some supplies. I got a pair of snappy shoes, pipe tobacco, and some toilet articles. Went to a nurses' club & tried to crash a party, but the whole outfit was quarantined because of an alleged diphtheria epidemic. Returned to the tent & Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Monday OCTOBER 9

1944. Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to Gen. McArthur's Hdqs. but couldn't get anything so we took off for WPKde. Landed at noon with 1:15 flying in 175. Picked up some eggs & took off at 2:30 p.m. for Noamtok. Landed with 2:00 flying. Dorries taxied into the prop of a P-47 & tore up our wing tip a little. Returned to the camp & had supper. Took a shower & read the papers I received from home. Had an alert tonight at 8:00 p.m. but nothing came of it. Last night a Jap plane bombed Bomber Command base on the island. No serious damage was done. Received letter from Mom & Dorries today. Had a couple beers & Retired at 10:15 p.m.



Tuesday OCTOBER 10

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Our ~~group~~ along with 5 others & P-47's & P-38's took off for Borneo (Balikpapan) at 3:30 a.m. Went to the line & finished the cigarette lighter I was making for Bob. Returned to the area & had lunch. Went into the jungle & cut some poles for a shelf. Played bridge with Lex Sauter, Courtois, Kimble. Had supper & read the newspapers. Had a couple beers. 2 planes from the 5th Grp were shot down one was believed to be Kader.

Harris from our Sqdn. was wounded. They had good bombs today. Harris landed at Morotai. Husward Mum's & Jim Greaves' letters. Received a letter from Doris.

Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday OCTOBER 11

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Made a shelf out of the poles I cut yesterday. Went to the PX & made out Xmas orders to Mom, Dad, Doris, Donald, T. Manole, Barbara Jean & Jim Dean. I couldn't send any gifts overseas. Had lunch & returned to the tent & read the newspapers I received today. Played bridge & had supper. Took a shower & played poker with Russell, Cortois, Kimble, Porries, & Steinbrunner. I won \$25.00.

Played bridge & one of Bob's letters. I received 2 letters from Bob, 1 from Tom M. & 1 from Ruth Westphal. Had a beer.

Retired at 12:10 a.m.

Thursday OCTOBER 12

1944 Awoke at 8:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Worked on an emergency escape kit in case I go down in the jungle some time. Played bridge & had lunch. Collected the name of the Navigators who are ahead of me in points. I'm tenth on the list to go home in Group. Read the papers for

while & went down to the line & swung the compass in 175. Worked about 1 hr. Returned to the tent & played bridge. Had a beer & took a shower. We had

big omelets of fellows (around 30) in our tent in a cake & cocoa push. Went over to O'Malley's tent & chatted with DeClere, Siassar, Haver, Mallias & Doc McFall. Wrote a letter to T. Manole &

Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Friday OCTOBER 13

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Collected my flying equipment for the mission on Borneo I expected to but didn't go on. Fixed up the electrical system on my sextant. Had lunch & read a little. Played bridge with Bailey, Rodabaugh and Russell. Opened some sticking envelopes by burying them in the sand. Saw Capt. Terry, Sqdn. Navigator, & tried without success to get on the mission tomorrow. Played bridge with Bailey, Rodabaugh & Lex Sauter & went to the show. Saw "You Can't Retire Love." It was pretty good. Had a few beers & buswaded Ruth Westphal's letter.

Retired at 11:00 p.m.

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Saturday OCTOBER 14

1944 Awoke at 10:00 a.m. in a pouring rain too late for breakfast. Read the papers & had lunch. Played bridge & finished the papers. Had supper & took

19 a shower. Went to the show & saw John Loder, William Beddix, and Susan Hayward in "The Hairy Ape." It wasn't too good. Returned to the tent & played

19 poker with Toon, Gill, Bailey, Giles Morrell, & Lex Souter. Lost \$20.00 (\$5.30). Had a cocoa push. ~~Pushed~~ answered Doris' letter.

19 Retired at 11:00 p.m.

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Sunday OCTOBER 15

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to church. Loafed around till lunch time. Went up at 2:30 p.m. & swung the compass on 370. Had a 2:30

19 flying time. Ole & I were down near lost. Had supper & went to the briefing on the mission for tomorrow. I'm flying with Patrick (Harris' co-pilot) & the new P-25 on D.S. in our sqd. Capt. McIlwain. Played poker & lost \$25. (\$12.50). Had a tea push & retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Monday OCTOBER 16

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off at 7:30 a.m. (banker's hours) on the practice mission to Ceram. Checked out a new navigator, Chrissy; a pilot, McIlwain; and a bombardier, Klien. The bombing wasn't too good although it was a very easy mission with no flick-flick or zeros. Patrick flew co-pilot. I flew a little formation

3 on the way back. Over the target a P-24 French was flying almost ran into us. Landed at 4:45 p.m. with 2:50 flying time in 400. The Capt. McIlwain makes the shortest approaches I've ever seen. Played bridge & took a shower after interrogation. Went to the movies & saw a lousy movie, "Girls In Washington. We have a new tent mate who used to be in the 372 Sqd, Mueller. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Tuesday OCTOBER 17

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & sorted out my laundry. Loafed around till lunch time & then ate. Played bridge & went to briefing for our mission on Borneo (Politpopen) tomorrow. Returned to the tent & loafed around. Had supper & went to the main briefing at 6:00 p.m.

19 After the briefing I went to the show & saw "Her Primitive Man" with Louise Britton & Robert Paige. Returned to the tent & had a couple beers. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

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Wednesday OCTOBER 18

1944 Awoke at 12:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off at 3:30 a.m. for Balikpapan. That was the first night mission I've had since Frub. I flew with Steffy, Morson, and St. John. The target was closed in so we bombed on Navigational a/c, at 10:40. Weched P-38 for fighter cover. Returned to the base & landed 400 at 5:55 p.m. for 15:05 flying time. Waited around an hour before the truck came & picked us up. Were interrogated & had to wheedle some supper out of the mess hall. Drank my 2 ounces of combat liquor from the dispensary. Retired at 9:00 p.m.

Thursday OCTOBER 19

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. from Muller's little Scotty dogwhinning. Went back to sleep & awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Took a shower & loafed around till lunch. After lunch I read a Post for a couple hours. Had couple beers before supper. After supper I played hex Souter 3 games of chess & won 2 & 1 & 3. Went to the show & saw J. Oakie, Don Hmeche, & Janet Blair in "Something To Shout About." An old picture I had seen before in the States. Returned to the tent & had a tea push with Dorries. Wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. Retired at 10:45 p.m.

Friday OCTOBER 20

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & shaved. Wrapped up the cigarette lighter I'm going to send to Dad. Had lunch & returned to the tent & played a game of chess with hex Souter. I won. Played bridge and had supper. Returned to the tent & played bridge with Russel, Lawson, Dorries, Steinbranner, & George Koening. Took a shower & wrote a letter to Mom. Retired at 10:45 p.m.

Saturday OCTOBER 21

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Loafed around awhile & received a paper today. The first news from home in 2 wks. Played bridge with Russel, Lawson, and Souter. Had lunch & played a little poker. Lost \$5.00. Played bridge & took a shower. Had supper and played poker again. Won \$2.00. Went to the briefing of our mission on the Phillipines (Cebu). Returned to the tent & gathered up my flying equipment. Received 2 letters from Barbara Jean. Retired at 11:15 p.m.

Sunday

OCTOBER 22

1944 Awoke at 1:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line and took off at 3:15 a.m. for the Phillipines (Cebu). We had good weather all the way up but the target was 75% obscured by clouds. The weather back was o.k. too. That was a pretty target just like the country-side of small towns in the States. Rex Souter & McIlwain went along. We landed at 5:15 p.m. with 14 hrs flying time. Had supper & my combat liquor & a beer & then went to the movies & saw L. Barrymore, Vdn Johnson, & Keye Luke in "Three Men In White." It was pretty good. Returned to the tent & fell asleep at 9:00 p.m.

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Monday

OCTOBER 23

1944 Awoke at 2:00 a.m. with multipedes crawling around with me in my bed. Threw them out & went back to sleep again. Awoke at 8:30 a.m. & had some hot chocolate made by Jiles Morrel. Played a little bridge and had lunch. Got myself a haircut and played bridge till supper time. After supper I took a shower and went to the show & saw part of "Gildersleeve's Ghost." I walked out on the last half partly because of bad sound & mostly because of a headache. Returned to May's tent after the lights went out where a poker game was going on under the light of a Coleman lantern. Answered Bob's & Barbara Jean's letters.

Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Received a letter from Jim Dean.

Tuesday

OCTOBER 24

1944 Awoke at 3:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the plane & took off for Finschhafen. McHauhlin was co-pilot. Geo. Koenig & a passenger. The weather coming up was swell. We landed at 12:55 p.m. with 6:40 flying time. Went up to the 2nd Air Cargo camp & set our stuff in a tent for the night. Played bridge for awhile. Had supper and went to the movies but there wasn't any show on tonight. Went to the P.X. on the way back & picked up some candy. Read a little & answered J. Dean's letter. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

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Wednesday

OCTOBER 25

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & went down to the line & had breakfast at the Red Cross. Loaded the store on the plane with McHauhlin riding around in a jeep somewhere. At 10:00 a.m. he came wondering in & helped finish the loading. We took off at 11:15 a.m. for Noemfoor. Everything went well except that I caught the chills & had a fever. Melone I think. Landed at 5:15 p.m. with 6:00 flying time. Returned to the area & saw the Doc. I had a fever of 102. He had me take stabines every 4 hrs all night. Had supper & went to bed & read the 5 letters I received from Mariel, Ruth W., and Mom.

Retired at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday OCTOBER 26

1944 Awoke at 6:00 a.m. with my fever gone. Had breakfast & fixed the tent up so it wouldn't rain in. The water was streaming across the floor. Went back to bed. Played a little bridge and had lunch at noon. Played a little more bridge and took a shower. Played a little more bridge and had supper. Had a temperature again of 101. Wrote a letter to Dad and retired at 6:00 p.m.

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Friday OCTOBER 27

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Loafed around and read St. John's funny papers. Had lunch & returned to the tent and kitized a bridge game. Spent a couple hours at it and hit my sack. Played a game of chess with Burns, Harris & navigator. He won. Went to the show and saw Deanna Durbin in ~~Holiday~~ "Christmas Holiday". It was crummy. I couldn't understand the first thing about the plot. I hit the sack after the show but couldn't sleep so I read poetry for an hour and a half.

Retired at 11:30 p.m.  
Wrote a letter to Barbara Jean.

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Saturday OCTOBER 28

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & wrote in my diary. Wrote a letter. Read all morning. Had lunch & played bridge all morning afternoon. The Saint & I beat Steinbranner and Jim Zeller by 4700 points. Had supper and read poetry for the rest of the morning evening while the others played bridge. Retired & kitized the bridge game till 11:30 p.m. when it broke

4p. Wrote to Ruth Westphal  
Retired at 11:45 p.m.

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Sunday OCTOBER 29

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had egg parties. Returned to the tent & did my hygienic duties. Went to church at 8:00 a.m. After church I played bridge. The Saint & I beat Steinbranner & Rodabaugh by 1940 points at 20 of 8 & a point. Had a good laugh at lunch. Came back and wrote a letter. Played bridge and had supper. Took a shower & fixed up our Coleman lantern. Went to show & saw a crime short. Left when "Hi, Diddle, Diddle". Returned to tent & kitized a bridge game. Had numerous laughs & scores when the lantern began acting up. Had some coca. Tried to fix the lamp till the wee hours of the morning.

Retired at 12:30 a.m.  
Letter to Mom

Monday OCTOBER 30

<sup>1944</sup> Awoke at 7:00 a.m. and had breakfast. Fixed up the lantern so it wouldn't work. Had lunch and played a little bridge. Didn't feel like playing so I went to the P.X. for nothing. Returned to the tent & read a story in "True Story." Had a good supper for a change & returned to the tent satisfied. Had a cocoa push again.

<sup>19</sup> Went to the show & saw a movie I had seen before. Dick Powell, Francota Tunc, & Mary Martin in "True to Life." It was pretty good especially Victor Horva.

<sup>9</sup> Returned to the tent & played bridge & had some cocoa. Received letters from Nuriel & Eddy Shasney.

<sup>9</sup> Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday OCTOBER 31

<sup>1944</sup> Awoke at 9:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Had some peaches & read from a Colliers. Went to lunch & returned to the tent. Played a little bridge and read some more. Took a shower & had supper. Played "Idiot's Delight" & was delighted with the card game. Played bridge and a little chess at which I lost in the later.

Retired at 11:15 p.m.

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Wednesday NOVEMBER 1 '44

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 Airframe, finished that at 7:30 & went to the movies. I got in just in time for the last reel of "Greenwich Village" starring Don Ameche. Returned to the tent & had some cocoa. Wrote & finished another essay called "A Personal Opinion." Retired at 10:30 p.m.

19 Woke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Glued some photos in my diary, later I filled out a report of my most interesting mission. Played a little bridge with the boys and had lunch. Returned to the tent and arranged my maps in my carrying case. Had some cocoa and went to sleep for an hour. Addressed and mailed my Christmas cards. Sorted my foot locker & had supper. Played bridge again & a little chess. Wrote a letter to Muriel.  
 19 Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Thursday NOVEMBER 2

1944 Woke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & worked on a silver collar for my pipe etc. Returned to the area and had lunch. Came back to the tent and filed out a set of initials & insetted them in the pipe also. Took a shower & had a little cocoa push. Bought a bracelet for 750 sildars. Had supper & played bridge till show time then saw "Song of the Open Road" with Frank Grille. Returned to the tent & had some cocoa. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

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Friday NOVEMBER 3

1944 Woke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Censored mail for a while & then returned to the tent & drew up some planes for a stick pusher. Took my laundry but to dry it. Wrote a few letters till lunch time. Took a shower after lunch & played bridge. Had supper & played bridge. Dorries got back from Sydney today & we had some Australian beer. Went to the show I saw Olsen & Johnson in "Crazy House." I had seen it before. Retired to the tent.  
 Letters to Mom, Ed. Chesney & Andy Reed  
 Retired at 9:00 p.m.

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~~Friday~~ Saturday  
NOVEMBER 4

1944 Awoke at 2:00 a.m. and had breakfast. Saw Schneider and got some maps for the run I'm going to go on. Saw Doc Cook & got an-  
19 grounded. Returned to the tent & had a little beer. Worked on my prop and had lunch. Finished the propeller & sanded down some wood. Found out I'm not going to Sydney. Had some more beer & played bridge. Had a cheese sandwich for supper. The best cheese I've ever tasted. Played bridge again & retired at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday NOVEMBER 5

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Shaved & arranged my stuff for the trip to Morotai this morning. Went to church & returned to the tent. Went down to the line & took off for Morotai. Worked on my sextant all the way up. Landed at 1:00 p.m. with 3:45 flying time. Met Chasney at the pine after I called up his area. He came down & got me & we went back to his area. Had supper there & he treated me to a couple of beers. Chawed the fat till 7:00 p.m. then he drove me down to our area & we talked till 9:00 p.m. when he left to go back to camp.  
19 Read a little & retired at 10:00 p.m.

Monday NOVEMBER 6

1944 Awoke at 12:30 a.m. in an air raid. Got dressed & went out & sat under a truck by our tent. Went back to bed & had two more attacks. The last time I didn't even bother getting out of bed. The 3 jap plane got P-40 & 2 P-24's. Finally got to sleep after the ack-ack & laid down. Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Saw Harris & Houk & went back to bed till 10:30 a.m. when I got up & had lunch. Went to the P.X. & bought some candy. Loaded some bodies for the Sgt. on the truck & went to the line. Stopped off & gave Ed. 8 candy bars. Took off at 1:00 p.m. & worked on my sextant. Landed with 3:30 flying. Returned to the area & took a shower. Played bridge. Received letters from Barbara, Dad, & Mrs. Schilling.  
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Tuesday NOVEMBER 7

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Took in my laundry & cleaned out my foot locker. Had lunch & returned to the tent. Wrote 4 letters & then had supper. Gathered my equipment together for our mission on Negros Island in the Philippines tomorrow. Read a little from the newspapers I received & went to briefing. Returned to the tent & played bridge. Exchanged the bracelet I bought for Barbara Jean from the Hussie for a better one & played bridge again with Russell, Len & Patrick.  
19 Letters to Dad, Walter Booth, Barbara Jean, & the Dorothy Welding studios concerning the photos I had taken there.  
Retired at 9:30 a.m.



Wednesday NOVEMBER 8

1944 Awoke at 12:00 p.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & attempted to take off but the plane swerved around like a damn snake & we never did get off. Returned to the tent & went to bed. Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast again. Took a shower & read my newspapers. Had lunch & went to the P.X. & bought some candy bars. Came back to the tent & then went down to the line & flew a test hop in 370-1105 flying time. Returned to the tent & had supper. Packed my belongings for our move up to Morotai. Took another shower & sketched some pictures of the fellows around here. Read a little in "Time" magazine & a tale "The Deluge of Norderney" an odd & interesting story.

Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Thursday NOVEMBER 9

1944 Awoke at 6:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & moved over to operations till I leave tomorrow for Morotai. Steinbrenner, Grizzle, & I tore the tent down & then Jack & Grizzle left for Morotai. Took a shower & read till lunch time. I returned to the tent after lunch and read some more. Composed a little prose entitled "Personal Opinion." Went to the 371st mess hall & had a tough steak for supper. Dressed up my composition a little & then went to the movies & saw "Humphrey Bogart in 'Sahara'." I had seen it before but with nothing better to do, set through it again. Returned to operations (home) & looked at "Esquire" Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Friday NOVEMBER 10

1944 Awoke at 5:30 a.m. & had eggs for breakfast. Returned to the tent & collected my belongings & loaded them on the truck. Went down to the line & loaded the plane. Took off with Harvey & Kimble at 8:00 a.m. The weather going up wasn't too hot. Before we finally got underway we had to land again & fix a leaking gas cap. We landed 862 after 4:15 flying at Morotai. Unloaded the plane & headed it away to our area. Stopped off at the P.X. & bought 4 "MILKY WAY" Helped dig a fox hole in case of an air raid which come all too frequently here. Had supper & went to the show. Saw Lloyd Colman in "Kismet" & other fair movie about B. J. & Ruth. Received letters from Beber, Joan, Jim G. & Ruth. Forwarded Ruth's. Retired at 12:45 p.m.

Saturday NOVEMBER 11

1944 Awoke at 3:15 a.m. during a bombing raid. He made 3 diff. bombing missions. attacks. I stayed in bed for the first 2 runs & went to the fox hole for the last one. After a minute in it I came out & watched the plane caught in the search lights being surrounded by ack ack. Fell asleep & awoke at 6:30 a.m. & took a shower. Addressed Ruth's letter & had a cup of coffee for breakfast. Returned to the tent & wrote an auto-biography of an air raid. Went down to the line to take off with Orkin for Numfoor on a ferrying trip. We didn't get off. Returned to the area & had lunch. Went to the P.X. & bought 5 candy bars. Returned to the tent & finished the auto-biography. Called insomnia. Had supper & took a shower. Went to the 5th Group for the briefing of the mission of the Carolina (cont'd on Nov memo)

Sunday NOVEMBER 12 MOROTAI

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line and took off for La Carlota airrome in the Phillipines at 7:40 a.m. Had beautiful weather all the way up & back from the Phillipines. The primary target La Carlota was closed in. We made two runs over it before we gave up & bombed the secondary Escalante at 12:40 p.m. The P-38's really looked good flying up above us in 5 furs. Every thing went off fine. There were 5 zeros up somewhere around us, but I didn't see them. They made a couple passes at another sqdn. We didn't have a single burst of ack-ack. to worry about. Nice, eh? handed 862 at 5:45 p.m. with 10:30 flying time. Went to interrogation & had supper. Saw "Kansas City Kitty" at the movies with Joan Davis. Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday NOVEMBER 14

1944 Awoke at 2:00 a.m. with the Japs bombing us again. It was 4:00 a.m. before I got to sleep again. They killed one Arzie & made a lot of holes in an Eng. outfit with their "daisy cutters." Awoke at 9:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Wrapped up the bracelet for Barbara Jean & the medals for Mom. Had lunch & returned to the tent & made a couple shelves. Had lunch at 5:00 p.m. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter. Went to the show & found out I was flying a mission on La Carlota. Went to the 5th Group for briefing. Returned to the ~~int~~ area & saw the last reel of "Till We Meet Again" with Ray Milland & Barbara Britton. Returned to the tent & had a little sino song on the beach by a for hole. Letter to Doris. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Monday NOVEMBER 13

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Carried our belongings outside & went to work building the floor for our tent. Worked on it till 11:30 a.m. & then had lunch. Went to the P.X. & sweat out a line a block long to get 3 condy bars & 2 pkgs of gum. Returned & started working on the tent. We finished it at 3:30 p.m. & started hauling our stuff in again. After that I took a shower & had supper. Went over to the dispensary & had my 2 shots of liquor for the mission we flew yesterday. Oh, Yes. We had another raid from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. by the Japs. Caught up on my diary. Wrote a letter to Barbara Jean. after I returned from the show. "Barbary Coast Gent. W. Berg" Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday NOVEMBER 15

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. We had a break in the raids last night. For some reason they didn't come over. Took off at 7:40 a.m. and headed for the target. We had good weather up & back. Hit the target "La Carlota" at 12:03 p.m. We really plastered the runway. Landed at 5:00 p.m. with 10:00 hrs. flying time. Flew 400. Went to interrogation & had supper. Got my combat liquor at the dispensary & returned to the tent. Doris got back today & we had a tentful of guys to welcome him home with a little push. He brought me back 10 pkgs of "Sir Walter Raleigh," my favorite tobacco. Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Thursday NOVEMBER 16

1944 Awoke at 3:30 a.m. with another air raid going on. Spent 5 min. in the fox hole when they were shooting overhead & then went back to sleep. Fiddled around with my Sir Walter Raleigh, trying to find a good blend with the other stuff I had but couldn't. Had a bull session with Pto K & M. J. Ivosh of the 371st. I'm ahead of them now & if they send 6 home this month I'll be first on next month's list. Took a shower & had lunch. Met Chesney when I was coming back from the mess hall. Went over to the tent for an hour or so & then went to his outfit. Talked for half an hour & then Benny took up to the Post Office & I mailed my photos to Barbara Jean, Bob & Mom. Drove around & went back to their camp. Had supper & played chess. I won. Had the quart of scotch I brought over. Played pinock. Ed drove me back here. Retired at 11:00 a.m.

LETTER TO MOM & BOB

Saturday NOVEMBER 17

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Read the letter I got from Bob. Caught up on my diary. ~~Played~~ Read the newspapers I received yesterday. Received some more today. Had Thorne Smith fill lunch & then ate. Went to the P. X. & returned to the tent & read Thorne Smith's "Skin & Bones." Yesterday I finished his "The Bishop's Jaegers." Took a shower & had supper. We haven't had a raid for 2 or 3 nights now. I don't know what's wrong with P. C. Charley. Went to the briefing of our mission to Alacante in the Philippines tomorrow. Went to the show & saw Abbott & Costello in "In Society." Returned to the tent & had a cocoa push. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Friday NOVEMBER 18

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Returned to the tent & read the Bishop's Jaegers by Thorne Smith. Had lunch and returned to the tent. Read some more & took a shower. Had supper & returned to the tent & answered Bob's & Jim Greenblades' letter. Played a little bridge & retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Sunday NOVEMBER 19

12 AM. Awoke at 3:30 a.m. due to an air raid. Had a this morning but we didn't see or hear a jap plane. Went back to bed & awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off at 7:00 a.m. in 400 for Alacante. Turned back because of bad generators. Had a little talk with Olson about my sleeping in the plane. Returned to the area & read my papers. Had a run in with Jack Stein, who was the cause of Olson's unjust accusation. Had lunch & got the maps from Jeffs for my run to Sydney I expect to make. Returned to the tent & caught up on my diary. Had some cocoa. Read a & took a shower. Had supper & went to the movies. They had our 1913th Air Force band there & the world premier of "Conflict" with H. Bogart & Alexis Smith. It was very good. Wrote a letter to Barbara Jean & retired at 11:15 p.m.

Monday NOVEMBER 20

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & worked on some initials for a pipe but quit & went to sleep till lunch time. After lunch

I went to the P.X. & bought my ration of candy. Returned to the tent & played bridge. Darries & Jacks. came back with some lumber & we

195 started in building a floor porch. Went to lunch at 5:00 p.m. Returned to the tent & finished the porch. It's really a hot job. Went in swimming &

19 took a shower after. Capt. Eichs, the fellow who lectured to us at Topka, came over to our tent & we had a little bull session. Played bridge

19 had some cocoa.  
Received a letter from Doris.  
Retired at 11:45 p.m.

Tuesday NOVEMBER 21

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had a cup of coffee for breakfast. Returned to the tent & fixed up cross-braces for the porch. Worked on some shelves &

mosquito bars for myself. Had lunch & went to the P.X. & bought some candy. Played bridge with St. John, Grizzle & Schwester. Took a shower & went to the orderly room to have a pay voucher made up for October. Returned to the tent & played bridge. Had supper & came back to the tent & played another game of bridge. Went to the movies & saw "Tampico" with E.G. Robinson & Lynn Bari. It was pretty good. Returned to the tent & had some cocoa.

Retired at 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday NOVEMBER 22

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & drew up a name sign for our tent.

Read my newspapers & went to lunch. Bought some candy at the P.X. & went to the orderly room and picked up my pay voucher. Went over to the 2nd Service Group & got paid. Went to the Post Office & had it changed into Australian money for my trip to Sydney. Played bridge & went to supper.

Took a shower & played bridge some more. Went to the show & saw half of "Brother Rat" with Wayne Morris, E. Albert & R. Reason before the raid started. Hosted 2 1/2 hrs. about 8-10 planes & 15-20 bombs. Biggest we've had yet. Lot of explosives down at the line. Called the show off & returned to the tent.

Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Thursday NOVEMBER 23

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Collected the 10 lbs. Grizzle owed me for some cigarettes we sold of mine in Sydney. Went down to the line & saw the damage the Japs did last night. 8 A-20's completely demolished with 4 B-24's & 5 B-24's damaged. Went to the P.O. to change some money but couldn't. Returned to

the area & had lunch. After I saw E. Chasney for an hour. Took a shower & played bridge after I had bought my ration of candy at the P.X. Read my

19 newspaper & had a bio Thanks - giving dinner. Went to a lecture at 6:30 p.m. given by Col. Haddon on the black cats, were to have every night. Returned to the area & waited around. Had a check alert at 8:00 p.m. Nothing happened. Received a letter from Dad.

Retired at 1:30 a.m.

Friday.

NOVEMBER 24

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter to Barb, loafed around & had lunch at noon. Went to the P.X. & drew my ration of candy bar. Returned to the tent, & played bridge. Mailed Barb's letter & received a dozen or so newspapers. Had supper & read a little. Played some more bridge. Baldwin finally got back from Brisbane & Perth. I & Sue were good seeing him again. Went to the mess hall & then to the orderly room to write a couple letters because of the blackout. Returned to the area & had a few drinks in addition to the 3 beers we were rationed tonight. Had an hour air raid beginning at 8:45 p.m. I & Sue had a beer downed. We sure threw up a lot of ineffective flak. Wrote letters to Bernice, Jean, Peter & the others at 10:00 p.m.

Baldwin got back today

Saturday

NOVEMBER 25

1944 Awoke at 3:15 a.m. & awoke again at 5:15 a.m. with 2 more raids. Awoke peacefully at 7:45 a.m. & had breakfast. Did my laundry for the Sydney trip & took a shower. Read a little & had lunch. Returned to the tent & played bridge. Read some more & had supper. Returned to the tent & played bridge with the movies & saw the best damn movie they've ever had grassers. Funny. Laughs at every line. "Dough Girls" was the title with Ann Sheridan, Jane Wymann, & Alexis Smith, Charley Rhodes & Jack Carson. Had an air raid just before the last reel. Returned to the area till it was over. A ship came over. The all clear sounded in 45 min. so we went back to the movie but they wouldn't continue it. That made everybody mad. Returned to the tent. Retired at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday

NOVEMBER 26

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & laid in my "sack" reading papers till lunch time. After lunch I hit the sack again. & read some more papers. Received 2 letters. Went to supper & took a shower. Played bridge for a while & then started out for the show. With one foot off the steps an alert sounded so that finished the show. One plane turned on his landing lights, probably our night fighter. The volcano over in the Helmsheg would flash every once in a while. The all clear sounded at 3:00 p.m. after a 1 1/2 hr. air raid alert, no planes. Went to the show & saw the finish of "Dough girls." Returned to the tent & answered Ruth's letter. Received letters from Vi & Ruth.

Monday

NOVEMBER 27

1944 Awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Addressed Dad's & Ruth's letters. Read my newspapers & layed in my sack until lunch time. After lunch I went to the P.X. & bought myself a coke & some candy. Read some more & took a shower. Had supper. & returned to the tent & awoke. Played bridge with Dorrie, Jack & Grizzle. We won by over a 1000 points. Just as we were getting ready to go to the movies we had an air raid for 1 1/2 hrs. A ship came over. It ended at 8:00 p.m. & we went to the show. Saw half of "Rainbow Island" with D. Howard & Eddie Bracken & we had another air raid. Returned to the tent & it ended 15 min later a false alarm. Retired at 10:15 p.m.

Tuesday NOVEMBER 28

1944 Awoke at 12:15 a.m. with an air raid. false alarm. Awoke at 5:15 a.m. with another raid. 1 Jap plane. 5 men in Air Force were killed by frag bombs. Went back to bed & awoke at 9:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Played bridge & had lunch at noon. Went to the P.A. & bought some candy. Returned to the tent & played some more bridge. Took a shower & had supper. After supper we played some more bridge. Went to the show & saw the last two parts of the shows "Brother Rat" & "Rainbow Island" which were interrupted by air raids. Returned to the area & had some cocoa. For the last 2 nights we've been having orders for the expected Jap invasion. The information was gotten from a captured Jap who infiltrated through our perimeter. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday NOVEMBER 29

1944 Awoke at 11:00 p.m. with a false alert. Went back to bed & awoke again at 11:45 with another false alert that lasted for 2 1/2 hrs. Went back to bed & awoke at 10:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Went to the barber & got a haircut. Returned to the tent & loafed around till lunch time. After dinner I went to the P.A. & bought my ration of 1 candy bar & 9 pkgs. of gum. Returned to the tent & wrote a letter. Borrowed a "Readers Digest" from Wheeler & read that. Took a shower & had supper. Returned to the tent & sketched a rough plan for an engine. Went to the show & saw Ann Southern in "Marie Goes To Reno." It was a fair movie. Returned to the tent & had a little bull session with Capt. Kimmerle, Quincy & the rest of the boys. Letter to Vi. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Thursday NOVEMBER 30

1944 Awoke at 3:00 a.m. with an air raid going on. 2 Jap planes came over & destroyed 8 Fuzzie B-34's. Went back to bed & awoke at 7:15 a.m. & had breakfast. Censored mail from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Returned to the tent & read. Had lunch & returned to the tent again. Received 5 papers. Lay in my sack & read till 4:00 p.m. & then took a shower. Had supper & returned to the tent. Lay in my sack & read the papers again. At 6:30 p.m. went to the movies & saw Wm. Lundigan, Nan Wynn, & Red's Toomey in "A Shot In The Dark." It was a fair murder mystery. Returned to the tent & played a little poker with Kimble, Harvey, & Royce (Kimble's nev. who quit flying). I lost 1 pound. Returned to the tent & retired at 9:30 p.m.

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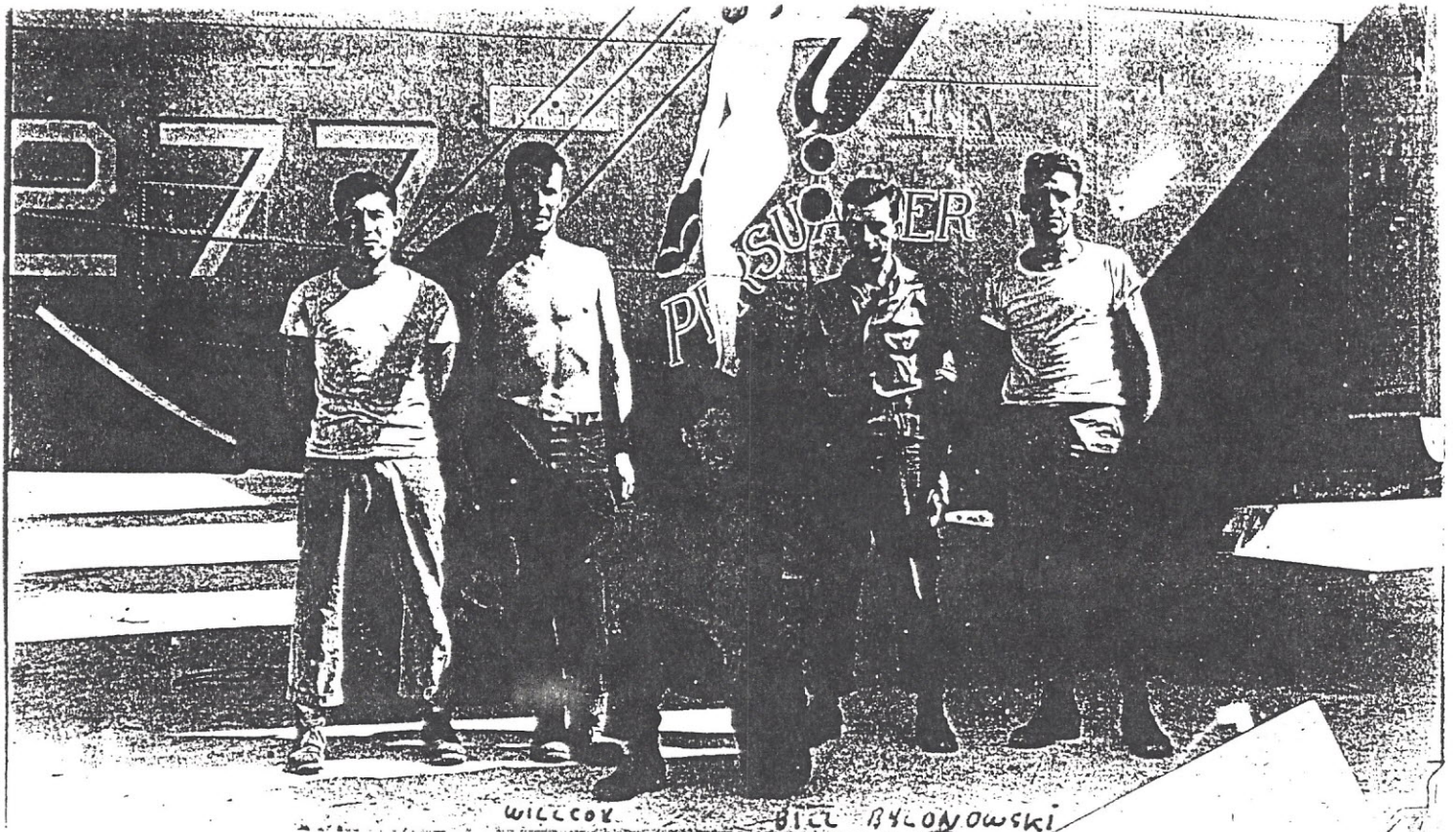
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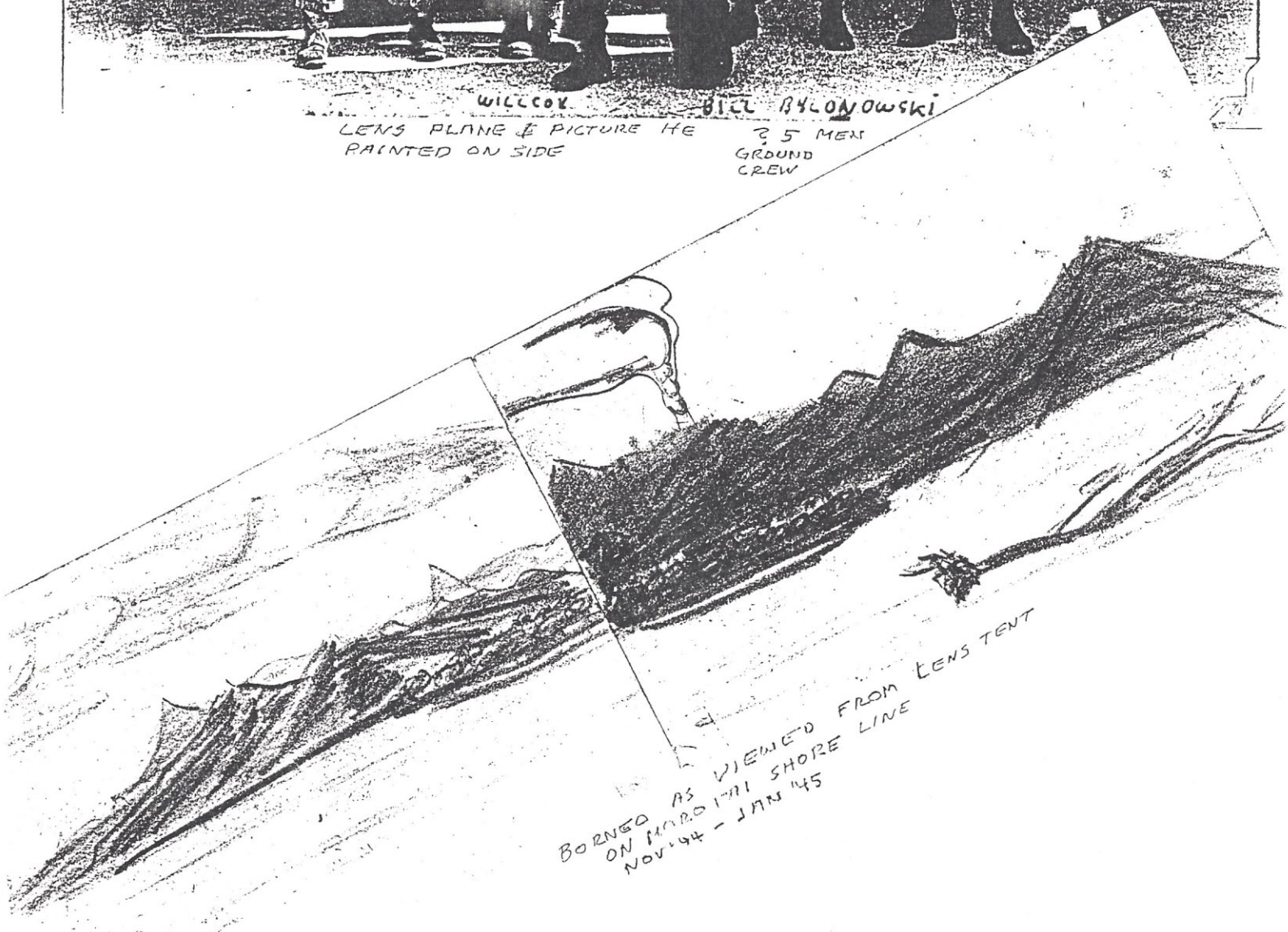
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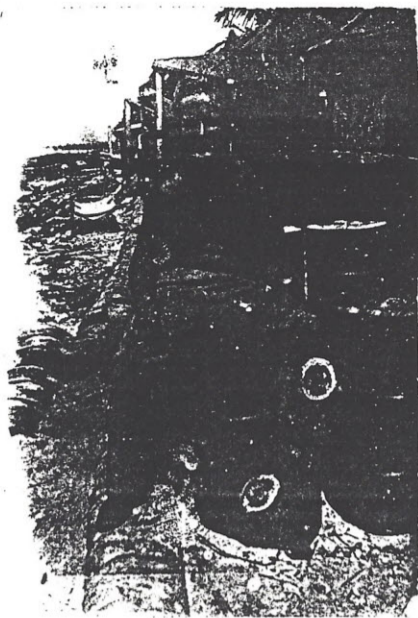


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ON MAR 17TH SHORE LINE  
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LEW AT HOSPITAL  
IN FRONT OF TENT  
TRIP - BARREL IN  
FRONT OF TENT

Friday

DECEMBER 1 '44

1944 Awoke at midnight to stand my  
turn at coast watching with Jim  
Zeller in case the Japs try to invade  
us. Went to the mess hall & had a  
cup of coffee with a couple of buns  
separated by a big slab of butter.  
Returned to the tent & talked &  
watched. Had breakfast 6:00 a.m.  
& returned to the tent & worked  
on my pusher airplane. Went  
down to the line & flew a test  
hop in 133. 1:45 min. Flying  
time. Returned to the tent &  
had lunch. Went to the R.X. &  
played bridge with Lex Souter  
& his pal Grizzle. We lost.  
Worked on my plane again &  
sorted my laundry. Had  
supper & took a shower. Received  
a letter from Walt & a credit  
from Jim G. Went to the show  
& saw Diana Lynn in "Our Hearts  
Were Young & Gay." Had a push in  
Scarr's tent celebrating his majority  
Retired at 11:45 p.m.

Hatched with letter

Saturday

DECEMBER 2

1944 Awoke at 7:45 a.m. & had  
breakfast. Returned to the tent  
& worked on my pusher. Finished  
it. Worked on the cat eyes for  
the bracelet. Had lunch & went  
over to McLauohlin's shack &  
worked on the setting for  
the bracelet. Took a shower  
& found out York collided with  
a '42 plane. All members lost.  
He flew all of Haffner's crew.  
Had supper & returned to the  
tent. Went to a briefing for the  
mission tomorrow. They're hitting  
the Celebes in an effort to ward off  
an impending large scale air raid of  
150 planes. Went to the show & saw  
Peggy Ryan & Leon Errol in "Babes  
On Swing Street." It was pretty good.  
Returned to the tent & looked around.  
Went to a meeting at 8:00 p.m. & had a  
little lecture on what to do in case of  
an invasion. Things are getting pretty  
serious now.  
Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday

DECEMBER 3

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had my  
breakfast. Went to church & finished  
putting pontons on my plane. Worked  
on my bracelet. Had lunch & returned  
to the tent & worked on the  
bracelet. Took a shower & went  
to supper. The strike took off for  
the Celebes this morning & Dorries  
& Steinbrauner went to Sansapor,  
which leaves me all alone in the  
tent. Sat on the porch for a while  
& tent layed in my bed reading  
the Detroit papers. Received an  
answer from Dorothy Wedding  
Studios concerning the photos I  
had taken there.  
Retired at 10:00 p.m.

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Monday

DECEMBER 4

1944 Awoke at 7:45 a.m. & had breakfast. Went out on the beach looked for cat eyes. At 10:00 a.m. went to McLaughlin's tent & worked on my bracelet. At noon I went to lunch. After lunch I got my ration & candy at the P.X. & then went back to my work on the bracelet. At 4:30 p.m. it began to rain cats & dogs. I quit working & went over to our tent. My sack, Dorries, & Grizzle's were all wet. Steinbronn's was the only dry one. The tent was about to blow away so I took my clothes off & went out in the driving rain naked & secured the tent. After that I went to supper & ate a hearty meal. Returned to the tent & layed in Steinbronn's sack reading poetry.

Retired at 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday DECEMBER 6

1944 Awoke at 7:45 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & soldered my bracelet together. Returned to the area at noon & had lunch. After eating I went to work putting the finishing touches on it. Took a shower & had supper. Played bridge for a while with St. John, Schuster & Jack Stein. Went to the movies & saw the best picture I've ever seen overseas. "Saratoga Trunk" with Ingrid Bergman & Gary Cooper. Returned to the tent & listened to the radio. Retired at 11:00 p.m.

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Tuesday DECEMBER 5

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the Quartermaster with Wheeler & picked up an old tent & a few handkerchiefs. Returned to the area & worked on building my sack up next to the ceiling. Had lunch & went to the P.X. & bought my ration of candy. Returned to the area & finished my bunk. Put canvas from the tent around the lower half of the tent to keep the rain out. Took a shower & had lunch. Today the lights went on & we had music from the radio for the first time in three months. Went to the movies & saw Greer Garson & Walter Pidgeon in "Mrs. Parkington". It was a very good show. Returned to the tent & had some cacao & read the papers. Jack, Dorries & Grizzle got back today. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Thursday DECEMBER 7

1944 Awoke at 2:30 a.m. due to an air raid. Went back to bed & awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & made a cabinet for my toilet articles. Had lunch & picked up some photos of the targets we've hit. Got my candy from the P.X. & returned to the tent. Received a package from home. Cookies from Paris. Took a shower & read the papers. Had supper & went to the movies. Saw another show. Gene Tierney & Dana Andrews in "Laura". Returned to the tent & Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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Friday

DECEMBER 8

1944 Awoke at 3:45 a.m. during an air raid. At 5:00 a.m. I got dressed & went down to the mess hall & had breakfast. Went to the line & took off for Sasapor & Biak with Dryer, Rossi, & Reed taking us to Sand. & Biak where we picked up our plane. 3:45 going down. Loaded life rafts in our plane. Took off with Heffner & McLaughlin. Had a little fun on the way back letting Marfole fly & turning the trim tabs back & forth. 4:00 flying time. Had supper & took a shower. Went to the show & saw another good movie, "Dragon Seed" with Walter Houston, Katharine Hepburn & Terence Bay. Returned to the tent & had some cocoa. Received a letter from Barbara Jean. Retired at 12:00 p.m.

Saturday

DECEMBER 9

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Had an air raid this morning but I must have slept through it. Returned to the tent after breakfast & started to finish the B-24. I started back in the Admiralty Islands. Had lunch & went to the P.X. & bought my ration of candy. Returned to the tent & worked on my B-24 again. Everything is finished except to make the propellers. Received a letter. Had supper & went to the show & saw a busy movie "In The Medetime, Darling" with Jeanne Crain & Frank Latimer plus a lot of shorts. Returned to the tent & had some cocoa while listening to the radio. Answered Barbara Jean's letter. Retired at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday

DECEMBER 10

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m., had breakfast & went to church. Returned to the tent & worked on the propellers. Finished one. Had lunch & returned to the tent. Started another propeller. Went down to the line & flew a test hop in 954. Fuller & I swung the compass. Logged 2:30 flying time. Returned to the area & took a shower. Had supper & returned to the tent & made another propeller. Played bridge & had some cocoa. Sat around making wise cracks with the fellows. Never laughed so much in all my life. Had an air raid at 11:30 p.m. & Jap plane. Received letters from Doris & Barbara Jean. Retired at 12:00 p.m.

Monday

DECEMBER 11

1944 Awoke at 5:30 a.m. due to an air raid. I slept through the first one at 4:00 a.m. I plane came over. Went to breakfast & had cocoa. Returned to the tent & worked on my B-24. Went to the mess hall again at 8:00 a.m. Had a couple more eggs. Returned to the tent & worked on my B-24 again. Had lunch at noon & went to the P.X. & bought my ration of candy. Returned to the tent & worked on my B-24 again. Took a shower & had supper. Returned to the tent & played bridge until we went to the movies. Saw a pretty good movie "Janie" starring Joyce Reynolds. Returned to the tent & answered Doris' letter. Retired at 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday DECEMBER 12

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. during an air raid. Went back to sleep & awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & worked on the last propeller for my B-24. Had lunch & went to the P.X. & bought my ration of candy. Went to the line & started putting on my propellers. Got 3 on & then returned to the area. Had supper & took a shower. Received a package from Doris today. ~~There~~ There sure was a lot of swell stuff in it that came in handy. Went to the show but didn't stay because I'd seen it before. Monty Woolley in "The Pied Piper" was playing. Returned to Sijesters' tent & played bridge with him, St. John, & Knorr. ~~Retired~~ Had a few drinks & Retired at 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday DECEMBER 13

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. G.O.S. Went down to the line & worked on my B-24. Returned to the area & had lunch. Bought my ration of candy from the P.X. Painted a little on the B-24 & then read the Detroit papers. Saddle soaped my A-2 jacket & took a shower.

19 Had supper & received a package from Barbara Jean & a letter. Read some more & ate a box of the candy Barbara Jean sent me. Went to the show & saw a good movie "Casanova Brown" with G. Cooper & Thersa Wright. Returned to the tent &

19 had some cocoa. I'm flying to Hollandia tomorrow with Hoffner & Liliadjal. Letter from Tom Mangel. Retired at 11:45 p.m.

Thursday DECEMBER 14

1944 Awoke at 4:00 & had breakfast. Went down to the line to take off for Hollandia. Had an air raid while we were waiting to take off. It was

19 a false alarm. Took off & read & finished "And Then There were none." the murder mystery Doris sent me. handed o.k. & let the crew off. They

19 were the crew that went down in the Philippines. Belovich was the pilot. They're on their way home. we picked up some ground men & headed

19 back. Played bridge with Bruce L. McMullan, & the R.O. Flew six in hour & landed back here at 5:45 p.m. Returned to our area & had supper.

19 Received 2 newspapers. Went to the show & saw Wm Bendix & Dennis O'Keefe in "Broad with Two Yanks." Had cocoa & Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Friday DECEMBER 15

1944 Awoke at 3:00 a.m. with an air raid on. Got up but was so sleepy I went back to bed. Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & worked

19 on my ~~last~~ B-24. Returned to the area & read. Had lunch & read some more. Took a shower & played bridge with Grizzle, J. Steinbranner, & St. John. Went

19 to the show & saw a pretty good musical, Kay Kyser, Ann Miller, & V. Moore. Returned to the area & had a bull session with the crew around

19 our tent & had some cocoa. Retired at 11:45 p.m.

Saturday DECEMBER 16

1944 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. + had breakfast. Went down to the line + worked on my B-24. Returned to the area + had lunch. Returned to the tent + worked on my B-24 again. Went to the P.X. + bought my ration of candy. Worked on the B-24 again. Took a shower + had supper. Returned to the tent + started fixing up my harmonica. Went to show + saw a corny movie Marilyn Maxwell, Bud Abbott + Lou Costello in "Host In Harcom." Returned to the tent + worked on my harmonica again.  
 Retired at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday DECEMBER 17

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. + had breakfast. Went to church + returned to the tent. Finished fixing my harmonica. Had lunch + returned to the tent.  
 19 Played solitaire + then played bridge. Had supper + returned to the tent. Went to the movies + saw "Till In The Saddle" with John Wayne + Ella Rains. It was pretty good. Returned to the tent + had some cocoa + a bull session with the gang.  
 Wrote a letter to Barbara Jean.  
 19 Retired at 12:15 p.m.

Monday DECEMBER 18

1944 Awoke at 10:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Played bridge + had lunch. Went out for a swim + punched Beechen's box and took a shower. Had supper + read for a while. Went to the show + saw a good movie: "My Son, My Son" with Genevieve Day, Madeline Carroll, Brian Aheron + Louis Hayward. Returned to the tent + wrote a letter to Troost's girl friend Lucille. Had a spy drink + a rum from  
 19 Read + had a bull session  
 Retired at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday DECEMBER 19

1944 Fell asleep in a chair out on the porch + awoke at 4:00 a.m. Went back to bed + awoke at 8:00 a.m. + had eggs for breakfast. Had + I cleaned out the beach in front of our tents. Took a shower + had lunch. Bought my ration of candy at the P.X. Went down to the line during a rain storm. Took off in 384 + swung a compass with a new nav. Williams. Logged 2:05 flying time. Returned to the area + had supper. Returned to the tent + played bridge. Went to the show but left right away. It was a stinker. Returned to the tent + played casino with Capt. Kimmick. Had some cocoa + retired at 11:15 p.m.

Wednesday DECEMBER 20

1944 Awoke at 11:00 a.m. with an air raid going on. Went back to bed and awoke at 9:30 a.m. Took a shower & read the Detroit Times. Had

19 lunch & went to the P.X. Read newspapers & coin & played bridge. Punched the bag for a while & took a shower. Had supper &

19 played bridge again. Had an air raid at 9:00 p.m. False alarm. Went back to playing bridge. Saint & I won. Had some cocoa.

19 Received 2 letters. One from Ruth Westphal & one from Jim Greenstade. Retired at 12:00 p.m.

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Thursday DECEMBER 21

1944 Awoke at 9:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Played bridge & had lunch. Returned to the tent & sorted out my laundry.

Fixed up a pair of shower slippers with the tops from a pair of moccasins. Played bridge & punched Maccham's striking bag & took a shower. &

Returned to the tent & played bridge. The others went to see the show but I stayed back & listened to the radio & answered Tom Majors's & Ruth's letters.

Had an air raid & played bridge. Retired at 1:15 a.m.

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Friday DECEMBER 22

1944 Awoke at 10:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Played bridge & had lunch. Returned to the tent & loafed around. Wrapped up a bracelet for Doris & a necklace for Ruth Westphal. Punched Maccham's bag for a while & had supper after I took a shower. Returned to the tent. Dorries got

back tonight & we drank some Australian beer, ate salami, watermelon, & fruit cake. Dorries & Steinbrunner sat their orders to go home.

Listened to the radio & answered Jim Greenstade's letter. Retired at 11:15 p.m.

Saturday DECEMBER 23

1944 Awoke at 6:30 a.m. & had eggs for breakfast. Returned to the tent & made another propellor for my B-24. Had lunch & went down to the mine & worked on my B-24. Returned to the area & punched the bag. Took a shower & had supper. I was the brine officer tonight.

That means I have to see to it that everyone takes their sto brine. Some of the fellows killed a death adder with young snakes in her that had fallen

from a cocconut tree. Went to the show & saw Jack O'Kie, Maria Montez, Susan Foster & Terhune Boy in "Bowery To Broadway". It was a pretty good musical.

Returned to the tent & drank a quart of beer. Mailed the necklace to Ruth & the coin bracelet to Doris.

Retired at 11:15 a.m.

Sunday DECEMBER 24

1944 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to church. Returned to the tent & said goodbye to Dorries & Steinbrenner. They left to go home by way of Biak. Painted a little on my B-24 & cleaned out the tent. Missed lunch. Painted some more on my B-24 finished Meachams bed & took a shower. Got my quart of + three feathers from O'Malley. Had supper & went to the Day Room & got my ration of cigarettes. Returned to the tent & mixed a blend of pipe tobacco. Played bridge with Knox, Mayer, & Lawson. Had a few drinks & some beer while listening to the Radio. Air raid at 10:15 p.m. to 10:45. 2 planes came over & dropped their bombs on the strip. They must not hit something because their was a big explosion. Cont'd our bridge. Numerous drinks out tonight. Received a letter from Bob & Retired at 12:30 p.m.

Monday DECEMBER 25

1944 Awoke at 7:00 a.m. Had breakfast & took a shower. Censored mail. Took a couple of bottles of beer & a little liquor with me when I went over to spend Christmas with Chasney. Grizzle drove me to his outfit. Talked about old times & at 1:00 p.m. we had a big Christmas dinner. Played chess & had a bull session with Ed, Benny, Adam, Martin, & Berger. I'm going to drop in & see his wife when I get back. Had supper & drank the beer & liquor. Went to the movies at his outfit & saw a 49 umy & 126 waving picture starring Andy Devine & Leo Carrillo entitled "Top Sergeant". Berger gave me some photos. Ed drove me back to my Area. Had an alert on the way here & 2 more later on. All false alarms. Retired at 12:15 a.m. Spit shot one of the japs down last night.

Tuesday DECEMBER 26

1944 Was awakened at 4:15 a.m. to fly down to Cairns, Australia. That was the first I had heard about it. Had breakfast after I packed up & went over to 13th Bomb Comm. Went down to the line but the plane was out of order. Cancelled the flight & took it up for a test hop. The field closed in while we were up & had to circle for 2 1/2 hrs. landed 1944 after loosing 3:45 hrs. Returned to the area & had lunch. Painted on my B-24 & went down to the G.M. with Wheeler. Got stuck in the mud. By the time I got back I was covered with mud. Took a shower & had supper. Put the props on my B-24 & Wheeler took a photo of it. Went to the show & saw a pretty good movie. Van Helt & Louise Helt bring in "San Diego, I love You." Had an air raid in the last reel. Returned to the area & developed the film.

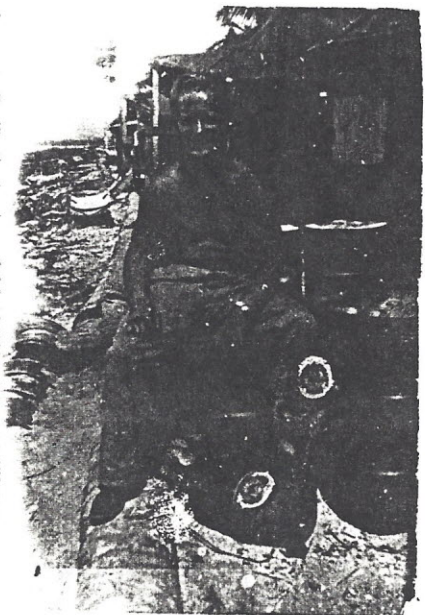
Wednesday DECEMBER 27

1944 Awoke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to the 13th Bomb Command & picked up Capt. Harris & Lt. Sterns. Went to the line & took off at 6:45 a.m. for Townsville. The weather was a little rough. Read Edna Ferber's "Short Stories" & wrote 2 letters. Read another short story from "Famous French Novels." landed at Townsville. The nose wheel collapsed on landing & we went skidding down the runway on our nose. Went to the transient officers area & got a room assigned to Haffner & myself. Took a shower & went to the club for a few drinks. Went in to look the town over. Bumped around & had a few milk shakes & banana splits. Went back to the club & had a few more drinks. Letters to Bob & Jim Dean. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Thursday DECEMBER 28 1944

1944 Woke at 9:00 a.m. & took a shower. Went to the Red Cross & had doughnuts & coffee. Went into town & walked around. Walked down by the beach & bought a few things. Went back to the field at 2:30 p.m. Took a shower & went over to the club & sat around for a while & had a beer. Went into town with Heffner. He got a room at the Great Northern Hotel. Went to the show & saw the "Black Swan" with Ty Power & Maureen O'Hara & "The Mummy's Ghost" with Lon Chaney Jr. Went to a milk bar & had a banana split. Returned to the field & retired at 12:15 p.m.

DEC 29 Got a room at the hotel



LEN ON A BARREL  
AROUND FOXHOLE  
IN FRONT OF TENT



Saturday JANUARY 6 1945

19 Awoke at 3:00 a.m. & packed our belongings for our return to Morotai. Went down to the warehouse & picked up the stuff to take back with us. Loaded it on the plane & took off at 5:20 a.m. after a little breakfast at the Red Cross. Holed on the plane & read a little. weather was a little rough. Flew o.k.

Landed o.k. at 6:00 p.m. Returned to the area & unpacked. Logged 10:30 min. flying time. Had supper & took a shower. Went to the show & saw Bob Hope in "The Pirate & The Princess." Returned to the tent & addressed Bob's & Jim's letters. Received a pkg. from Barbara Jess & Ruth's picture. Received letters from Doris, Mom, Violet, & Ruth. Sketched a picture of Ruth.

Retired at 11:45 p.m.

Sunday JANUARY 7 1945

19 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Pasted photos in my album after cleaning my gun. Had lunch & painted the stars on my B-24. Arranged my belongings & swept the tent. Had supper & worked on my sextant. Went to the briefing of our mission on Nielson Airfield on Luzon Island in the Philippines. Returned to the tent & drew a picture of Ruth.

Mailed Bob's & Jim Deen's letters.

Retired at 12:15 a.m.

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Monday JANUARY 8 '45

194 Awoke at 1:30 a.m. & an alert sounded. Two Japs came over & dropped their bombs. Some of them hit pretty close to us. Had breakfast & went down to the line. Took off with Kimble in 544 at 3:40 a.m. Everything went well. Had good bombs on Nielson AFD in the Philippines. We lost one 370th plane.

19 Landed at 3:50 p.m. Went to interrogation & had supper. Took a shower & went to the show & saw Humphrey Bogart in "To Have & Not Have." It was pretty good. Returned to the tent & tried to answer Mom's letter but a ball session got started so I gave it up. Had a drink through the courtesy of

19 a new capt in the sqdn. Stank is his name.

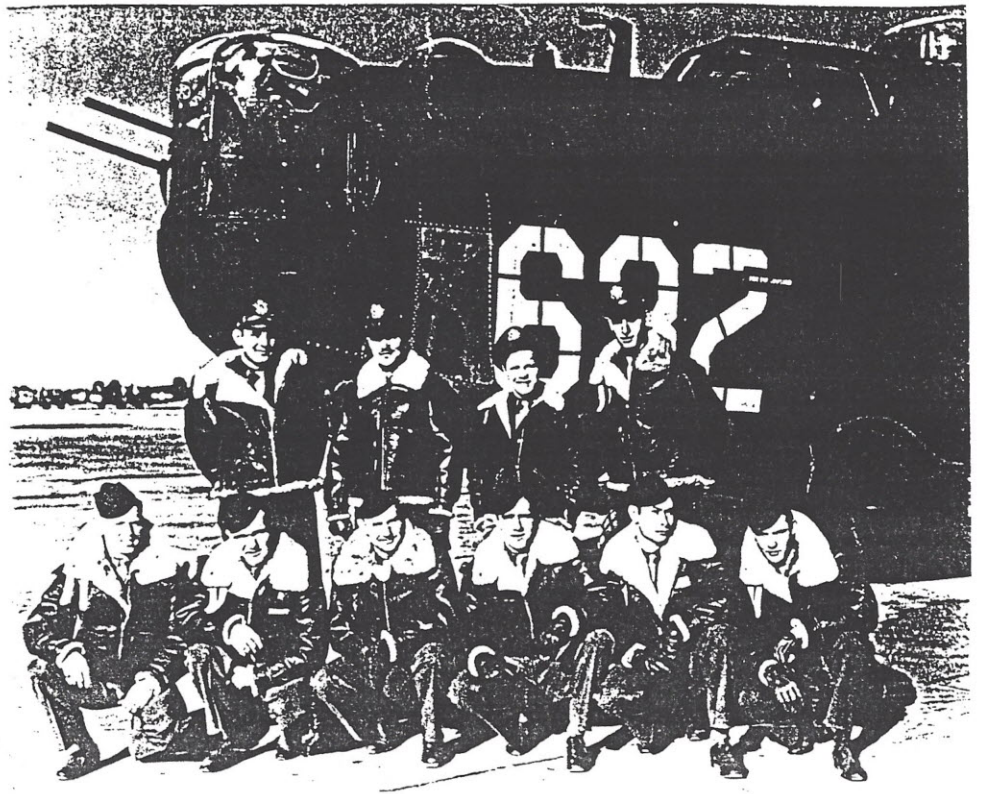
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Tuesday JANUARY 9 '45

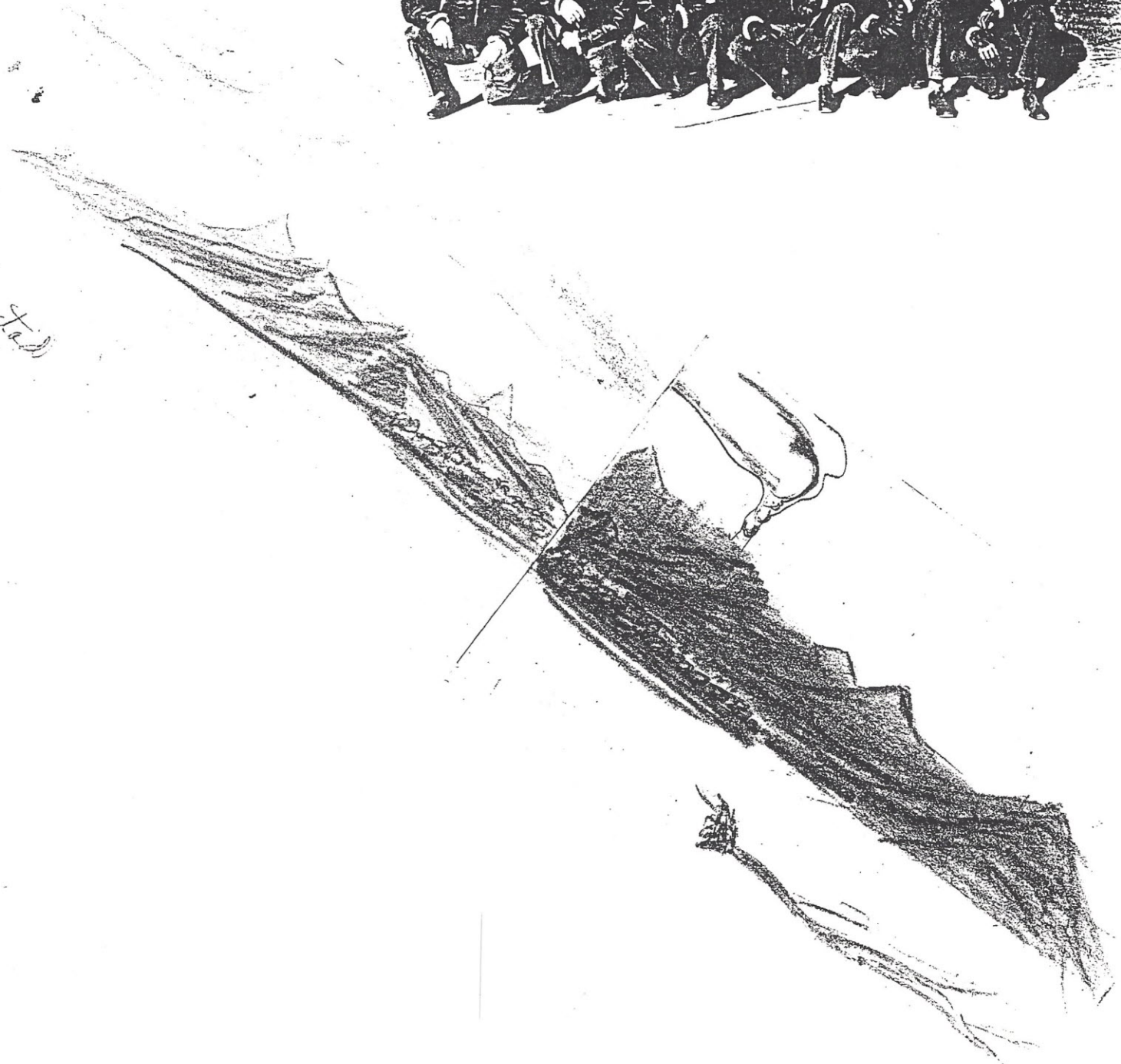
194 Awoke at 3:00 a.m. during an air raid. F-61 shot down 1 Jap plane. Went back to sleep & awoke at 9:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Took a shower & painted a little on my B-24. Had lunch & returned to the tent & wrote a letter. Played ball today. We got beat by Truys. 11-4. Got a hit & 1 line drive to 3rd base. Returned to the area & took a shower. Had supper & returned to the tent. Went over to Cummings tent & had a long talk over anything & everything. He's making miniature railroad cars. Returned to the tent. Letter to Mom.

19 Retired at 11:15 p.m. Letter from murich.





*Crystal*



Wednesday JANUARY 10

1945 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Had my picture taken with our crew. Returned to the tent & read some short stories & the Detroit papers. Had lunch & returned to the tent. Helped Wheeler print some photographs. Returned to the tent & looked around. Took a shower & had supper. Returned to the tent & looked around. Wrote 2 letters. Learned that St. John went down between the Philippines & here. Went to the briefing of our mission on the Philippines tomorrow. Returned to the tent & had some cocoa. I'm not feeling so hot. Getting nervous. Combat fatigue I guess. Never felt like this before a mission before. Wrote 2 letters to Ruth.

Retired at 10:45 p.m.

Friday JANUARY 12

1945 Awoke at 9:30 a.m. at 9:30 a.m. Had some cocoa & played a game of ball. The navigators and bombardiers stood the pilots. We won 13-1. Returned to the tent and took a shower. Had lunch & come back to the tent. Wrote some letters. Had supper and returned to the tent. Read a little and then went to the show. Saw Frances Langford in "Girl Rush." It wasn't any too good. Came back to the tent & wrote another letter. Had some cocoa & a bull session. Wrote letters to Yi, Marial, Doris, and Bob.

Retired at 11:30 p.m.

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Thursday JANUARY 11

1945 Awoke at 1:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & while waiting to take off we had an air raid. I heard the bombs come whistling down. They hit only a few hundred yards from the fox hole we were in. At 5:00 a.m. we took off. All the way up we had very bad weather. Dropped our bombs on the bivouac area but did little damage, I fear. Came back thru the same bad weather & landed at 6:20 p.m. Went to interrotation. They picked up 9 men south of Mindanao of St. John's crew. Went to the show & saw "Ministry of Fear" starring Ray Milland. Got my combat liquor & drank some cocoa. I had 2 bottles of beer. Received 2 letters from Bob.

Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Saturday JANUARY 13

1945 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & read until lunch time. After lunch I went to the p.x. & bought my ration of candy. Returned to the tent & slept a little. Read some more and had supper. Went to see St. John in the hospital with Cpt. Kimmerl, Poggi, and Grizzle. He sure looked glad to see us. The Navi. on Brown's crew as burned pretty bad but St. John wasn't too bad. Returned to the tent & took a shower. Listened to the radio & went to the show. It was very good. John Hodiak & Tim Baxter were in "Sunday Dinner for 7" Soldier. Returned to the tent & had cocoa & popcorn. Also received Barbara's letter. Retired at 11:05 p.m.

Sunday JANUARY 14

19 1945 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. After breakfast I censored mail of S-2. About 10:00 a.m. I went over to see Ed. Chasney at the 477 Engineers. Talked for a while & had a good lunch. Played some horse shoes. I lost. Watched their ball game for a while & then bummed a ride back to our area. Took a shower and had supper which wasn't very good. Returned to the tent & read. Went over to the tent in back of us & talked with Holt. Played with his trumpet a while & then returned to the tent.  
Retired at 11:00 p.m.

Monday JANUARY 15 1945

1945 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Read Coronet till lunch. After lunch I returned to the tent & read for a while. Wheeler took a couple of pictures of me & then we worked on a portrait attachment for his camera. Had supper & then finished the attachment. Went to the briefing of our mission to Miri Airbase in Borneo. Went to the show & saw Jean Arthur in "The Impatient Years." It was fair. Returned to the tent & then got my crew picture from Haffner & went over to the E.M. tent & had them sign it. Returned to the area & Retired at 10:45 p.m.

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Tuesday JANUARY 16

1945 Awoke at 3:30 a.m. I had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off at 6:00 a.m. for Miri. 1710 Borneo Weather was O.K. & so was the Bombing. 2 Jap fighters were up but no A-17. Read on the way back & landed 464 at 18:25 with 12:25 flying time. Lost my pipe somewhere. Had intercession & went to the movies & saw part of "Stars on Parade" before I walked out on it. Took a shower & went over to Happler's tent where a push up, going on. I had a few drinks, the rest of the guys were pretty high. Returned to the tent & wrote in my diary.  
Received a letter from Mum.  
Retired at 11:30 p.m.

Wednesday JANUARY 17

1945 Awoke at 8:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & sorted out my target pictures. I gave a few to our engineer McMillan. Read & I then went over to the 434 Sqdn. to see how the other navigators stood on the list to go home. I'm first with 13.5 points & Dunn in the 434 is next with 13 points. Had lunch & played the pilots a game of ball. We won 5-1. Took a shower. Wheeler & I took some photos of My B-24. Had supper & played some bridge with Grizzle, Munson, & I. Went to the show & saw O. Amache, Wm. Bendix & Vivian Blaine in "Greenwich Village." I had seen the end of it before when we first came to the Island. After a briefing at the 5th Gp. Had a couple beers & answered Bob's

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Thursday JANUARY 18

1945 Awoke at 9:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Had some cocoa at Kimble's tent & went over to the 429 operations to see who was flying. Returned to the area

18 had lunch. Played ball. The pilots beat us again 3-2. Took a shower & played bridge. Had supper & played bridge again with Lex Souter, Grizzle,

19 Klien. Went to the show & saw Virginia Bruce in "Brazil." It was very mediocre. Returned to the area & had a few beers with

19 Sausser & Spill in their tent.

Received a letter from Ruth Westphal.

Retired at 11:30 p.m.

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Friday JANUARY 19 45

1945 Awoke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Swept the tent out & read till lunch time. After lunch I went to the p.x & bought some candy and returned to the tent & finished reading "Coronet." Had supper & took a shower. Sat around on the porch & went to the show &

19 played casino with Burns and Wheeler. Saw a very good show. Joan Leslie in "Hollywood Boulevard."

Returned to the tent &

19 had a few beers & answered Ruth's letter.

Retired at 11:45 p.m.

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Saturday JANUARY 20

1945 Awoke at 10:00 a.m. at the insistence of Melnick to come to play ball. We played the pilots & won - naturally. Took a shower and had lunch

19 After lunch I returned to the tent & read. Found out that I had been one of the lucky few to win a cigarette lighter. I went over to the P.X. &

19 picked it up. Returned to the tent & played bridge with Nouns, & Lex Souter. We lost. Had supper & loafed around. Cummins invited me over to

19 have some iced cream which I of course accepted. Went to the show & played casino with Reed & Wheeler until it started. I won. Saw M.

19 Rooney & J. Garland in such old show, "Strike up The Band". Returned to the tent & answered Alvin's letter.

Retired at 11:30 p.m.

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Sunday JANUARY 21

1945 Awoke at 9:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Read some in Readers digest. Reed brought over a letter for me. Had lunch & returned

18 to the tent, & finished reading "Reader's Digest." Took a shower and had lunch. Loafed around the tent & then went to the movies. Saw a lot of shorts & Bob Crosby in "My Girl Loves Music." I didn't so I walked out & returned to the tent. Had a beer & listened to the radio.

19 Received a letter from Jim Greenslade.

Retired at 10:30 p.m.

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JANUARY 22

1945 Woke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to the formation where air medals & purple hearts were being given out. Left Early with Hopper & we went out sailing. Took a shower & afterwards had lunch. Ironed some cloths & then went out & played the 424 officers game of 22. We lost 2-1. Returned to the area & took a shower. Had supper & then ironed some more clothes. Went to the show & saw "Rhapsody in Blue" with Joan Leslie. It was the life story of George Gershwin. Returned to the tent & listened to the radio, had a few beers & answered Greensted's letter. Retired at 12:00 p.m.

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JANUARY 23 1945

1945 Woke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Had the orderly room make out my pay voucher for 3 months & checked up on my points at operations. A new system went into effect, counting only actual strike hours. Worked on an iron & finally fixed it. Had lunch & returned to the tent & ironed some clothes. Took military courtesy fast in the E.M. mess hall. Played ball & were defeated because of 3 runs I let come in. Returned to the area & took a shower & had supper. Went over to the officer's club & had a couple beers. Returned to the area & visited Poggi's tent & sketched a picture of him. Received a letter from Bob & Retired at 12:00 p.m.

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JANUARY 24

1945 Woke at 9:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Went over to operations & checked up on my points under the new system. So far as I can figure I'm still first under the new system with 12,293. Had lunch & returned to the tent. Kibitzed a poker game, looted around & read a little. Took a shower & had supper & checked the 2 fabric list. Returned to the tent & they went to the club & had a drink & a beer. Went to the show & saw Dean Jagger in "When Strangers Meet". It was a fair murder mystery. Returned to the tent & answered Doris' letter. Received a letter from Doris. Retired at 11:00 p.m. Flying to Susa per tomorrow with Poggi & Grizzle.

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JANUARY 25

1945 Woke at 5:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off for Sansapor. Read all the way there. Had lunch & flew 749 back. Played casino with Kaser. He won. handed O.K. & returned to the area at 2:30 p.m. Loafed around and took a shower. Had supper & went to the club & had a beer. Went to the movies & saw a pretty fair comedy. Billy Gilbert in "Three of a Kind." Went back to the club & had a couple more beers. Met a Detroit boy named Ryan Scott & Smithman started dousing each other with beer. What fun. My God did we laugh. Returned to the area & Retired at 11:20 p.m.

Friday JANUARY 26

1945 Awoke at 10:00 a.m. too late for breakfast. Loafed around & had lunch. Returned to the tent & loafed around till 1:00 p.m. when Wheeler, Reed & I went down to the line & took some pictures of the planes. Returned to the area & took a shower. Had supper & went to

19 the club with Reed. We played a couple games of ping pong with him. I won. Had a couple beers & went to the show. Saw

19 Helen Kadd & Lotretta Young & Susan Hayward in "And Now Tomorrow" It was pretty good. Returned to the club & had a beer. Went over to Wheeler's

19 tent & helped develop a roll of film. Retired at 11:15 p.m.

Saturday JANUARY 27 1945

1945 Awoke at 9:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Loafed around till lunch. Had lunch & went down to the line & flew a test hop & swung a compass in 700. Hooped about 2 hrs. Returned to the area & read a little of

"Arrowsmith." Had supper & took a shower. Went to the club & had a beer with St. John. Went to the show & saw "The Animal Kingdom" with Dennis Morgan & Ann Sheridan & Alexis Smith. Returned to the club & had a couple drinks & beers.

Came back to the tent & had a beer with Grizzle & Cpt. Delowitz. A medical officer. Grizzle & I took Cpt. Delowitz to the 15th hospital & returned to the area. Retired at 1:00 a.m.

Sunday JANUARY 28

194 Awoke at 9:30 a.m. hungry as usual. Loafed around & read till lunch time. After lunch I bummed around & read a little

19 from Arrowsmith. Took a shower & had supper. Read a little. Went to the club with Wheeler & had a drink & a beer. Went to the

19 show & heard our swing band & saw Francoise Foxe & Merle Oberon in "Dark Waters." It wasn't too good. Went back to the club

19 for a few more drinks & then took St. John back to the hospital. They had a dance going so we stayed & waltzed a few girls around.

19 Returned to the area. Received a letter from W. L. Barber, John Walter B. & Doris.

Monday JANUARY 29

194 Awoke at 9:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Went to Group S-1 for I'm shock troop officer today. Returned to the area &

19 had lunch. Returned to the tent & read "Arrowsmith." Went to the P. X. & bought a candy bar. Returned to the tent & read some more.

19 Had supper & checked the a to brine. Returned to the tent & read some more. Finished "Arrowsmith" & went to the briefing of

19 our mission to Sanco, Cavite pt. on Luzon. Returned to the tent & listened to the radio & had a few beers.

19 Retired at 11:15 p.m.

Tuesday JANUARY 30 '45

Wednesday JANUARY 31 '45

94 Awoke at 3:45 a.m. I had breakfast. Went down to the line & started to take off with Kimble in 838 but the nose wheel shimmyed to much so we went back to the bunker. Took a shower & read more of "The Robe." Had lunch & noon & read again till supper time.

Returned to the tent & read again till I went to the briefing of our mission on Cavite, Luzon in the Philippines. went to the show & saw a pretty good movie with Benite Granville & John Copper entitled "Gallant Sons." Went to the club & had a few beers & fooled around dancing with the nurses & Red Cross Girls. Set a hell of a sunburn reading in the dark. Received a letter from Doris. Retired at 11:30 p.m.

1945: Awoke at 4:00 a.m. I had breakfast. Went down to the line & took off with Kimble for Cavite, Luzon.

Read "The Robe" up & back. Bombs were O.K. & the mission wasn't bad. Landed at 6:15 p.m. with 12:00 hrs. flying time. Went to interrotation & had supper.

Went to the club & had a few beers & came back after it closed. Returned to the tent.

Received a letter from Mom & Retired at 11:30 p.m.

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WILCOX BILL BYLONOWSKI ? GROUND CREW

Saturday FEBRUARY 3 1945

19 ~~19~~ Awoke at 9:30 a.m. ~~to~~ late for breakfast. Loafed around & then posted some photos in my album. Had lunch & returned to the tent & read a little from my <sup>PI</sup> history book. Played a ball game with the Group officers. We lost. Returned to the area & took a shower. Had supper & sketched a picture of Wheeler. It wasn't too good. Went to the show & saw "Winged Victory".

19 It wasn't too good. Went to the club & had a couple beers. Returned to the tent & answered Barbara Jean's letter.

19 Retired at 12:00 p.m.

Garland W Dorries 1st Lt.  
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Jack A Haffner 2nd Lt.  
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Leonard A. Lystad 1st Lt.  
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Jack P Stainbrenner 2nd Lt.  
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Donald T Jepsen Staff Sgt.  
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Charles E. Jenkinson Staff Sgt.  
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Charles H. McMullen Jr S Sgt  
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Carl B. Mathis S Sgt  
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James W Houston 20803306 Sgt

Raymond R. Kasser 19142163 Sgt

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FL-518-CD-3 Topeka, Kansas  
4-0-73 Pueblo, Colo.  
WILLIAM C. HARRIS Jr 18039878 S. Sgt  
4-0-167 Clovis N.M. replaced Jenkinson

Sunday FEBRUARY 4 1945

19 ~~19~~ Awoke at 7:00 a.m. & had breakfast. Went to church & returned to the tent. Read some more & sorted out my laundry. Posted some photos in my album & had lunch. Returned to the tent & listened to the radio & read some more. Had supper & came back to the tent. Chesney came over & we B.S.'d a while & then took a shower. Went to the show & saw John Wayne & Hun Dvorak in "Flame of Barbary Coast". Went to the club with Chesney & had a few drinks. Returned to Poggi's tent & had some Cocoa & sandwiches. Retired at 12:20 p.m.

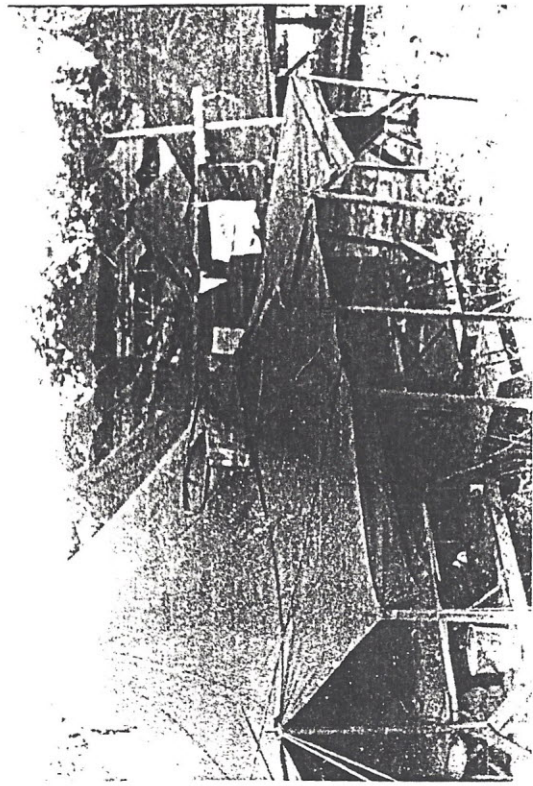
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Monday FEBRUARY 5 1945

19 ~~19~~ Awoke at 9:30 a.m. too late for breakfast. Read a little & had lunch. Returned to the tent & read a little more. Took the History book back to special service & got another one. Returned to the area & played poker in Dryer's tent till supper. I lost 20 Guilders. After supper, I went to the <sup>PI</sup> show & saw "Richard Dix in 'Mark of the Whistler'". It wasn't too bad a mystery. Went to the club after the show & had a few <sup>PI</sup> beers. Returned to the tent. Received & answered Ruth Westphal's letter today. Retired at 1:15 a.m.

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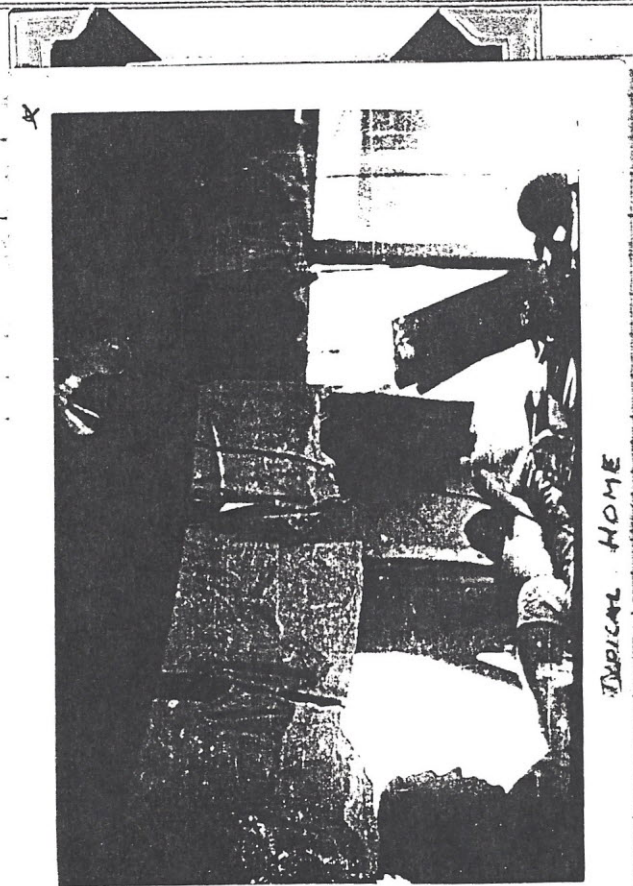




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Thursday FEBRUARY 1 1945  
 1944 I woke at 11:00 p.m. too late for breakfast & in just in time for lunch. Had lunch & returned to the tent & read a little more of "The Robe" by Lloyd Douglas. It's a very good book. Went to operation & checked up on my points. Fuller is 0408's point & heid of me. Returned to the tent & read again. Had supper & took a shower. Maj. Scurr wanted some one to go to the Philippines on D.S. Check saw him for we didn't like his attitude so we went to see Baldwin with little satisfaction. Olson wanted me to fly but I refused. Went to the club & had a few drinks on beer. Talked to the "Doc" about getting around. Returned to the tent & finished "The Robe". Retired at 10:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY



TYPICAL HOME

Friday FEBRUARY 2 1945

1944 I woke at 7:30 a.m. & had breakfast. Returned to the tent & holed around. Went to the special service & borrowed a book of History.  
 19 Returned to the tent & read. Had lunch & returned to the tent again. Read till 4:00 p.m. & took a shower. Had supper & holed around till 6:30 p.m. & went to the club & had a couple of beers. Went to the movies & saw a pretty good although old movie. Nelson Eddy & Jeanette MacDonald in "New Moon". Returned to the tent & answered Doris', Mom's, Bob's, & Walter's letters while listening to the radio. Retired at 12:30 p.m.