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Colonel, AGD

Done Sirs

In Answer to your letter of July 18, 1946. Here are a few things that might interest you.

ly name, rank, organization, etc.

Sgt. Bugone Jack Franklin----A.S.N. Hdg. & Hdg. Squadron, Twenty Fourth Pursuit Group. -- Bichols Field, and Clark Field, Papanga, Luzon, Phillipine Islands. Captured on Batsen April 9, 1942 by Japanese troops. Ede the Death March, to San Pernando, Taken to first prison Camp O'Donnell . Hoved from there to Camp Cabanataun June 1942. Taken from there to Port Area in the last of Sept. or the first of Cet. Shipped to Japan abourd the Japanese freater "Toroni - MARU. Thirty six days to Japan. Arrived in Shina Gawa prison camp November 11 or 18th. Sent to Tokyo Hospital Movember 28, 1942. (Tokyo Army hospital Bumber 2) Sent back to Shinagawa in May or June of 1943. Sent to Omeri in Nevember or December of 1943. Sent from there to Sumida gawa railroad in June or July of 1944. Was Liberated from Sumida Gaws August 29, 1945, by the U.S. Navy. Taken up the canal by navy landing barges, to the hospital ship Benevolence. Flew from tokye to yokohama to menile. Came by boat to San Francisco. Hospitalized at Letterman General Hospital for about fifteen days. Flow from there to Chicago, Hospitalized at Vaughan General hospital for about five or six months. Discharged from Fort Sheridan May 20, 1946.

Some of the people who did the prisoners a good turn, and some who kicked us around, Some of the names have slipped my mind, but I have not forget their nickmanes. The nickmanes may help some other former P.O.V. from the same camp's to remember their real names, places, a events etc.

All the names I am putting down are Japanese not Philippino.

These persons are from Japanese Army hospital Tokyo Number 2. The patients were american and British.

(I saw three guys killed by firing squad in cabanatuan, but cannot remember any names, dates etc.)

Kemi Kemi San --- Japanese nurse (female) nickname (Busty)
Tuni Kushi San --- " " " (Horsey)

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Weks Name Sen---- Japanese nurse (female) nickname (Big Syes)

These nurses from Tokyo Army hospital No. 2 helped American prisoners of War. I was interned in this hospital from November 28, 1942 to May or June of 1943. They helped us buy giving us extra medicine, footend vitamin shots, and kind words and treatment.

A japanese Colonel, in charge of the hospital also belied the prisoner; but I do not remember his Japanese name. maybe one of the other prisoners from this hospital might remember it. He was a former Japanese american) and was supposed to have practiced in New York City (Surgeon & physician). Spoke English fluently.

The names odd addresses of the stients from this hospital are:

S/Sgt. Veral H. Crowe -- 414 Main St. -- Springfield, Oregon Marine Jap Prison Camp Bumber (88)

1/H John Jacger Jr. Geddes, South Dekote Navy Number (65)

Corp. Richard Trask --- Route 1 Box 304 A - Albuquerque, New M. Army C.A. Jap heapital prison no. (73) (380)

O/Sgt. Armon J. Seeley -4743 55th St. Sen Diego, Cal. (Tel. Bandelph Herine No. (67)

Sgt. Frank S. Frah ---- 16123 Huntmere ave. Cleveland. Ohio (AAF)

R.A.S.C. Hong Kong South China

Bumber (49) T.B. both lungs Speaks Japanese.

Capt. F. S. Wayman S Crown Agents for the colonies- 4- Millbenk-No. (89) Westminster, london. (British officer from
Singapore)

Sgt. John T. Powell (Inf-3lat) 1119 Best second St. Monroe, Mich. /Army Pow No. (93)

Pvt. John Cliffton Crocker - S North Rome Fire Hall. Rome Beorgia Army pow no. (107) 61th C.A. (Rock)

Ter Jemes L. Strein----411 West Missouri St. Artesia. New Mexico

Pvt. Vernard J. Pecynaki -- 1837 Gerden Ave. Lerein, Chic Army No. (102) Stanley Pecynaki

Corp Henry Roy Hudson (Klendike) Goast Artillary Movice Texas

Jap Hosp. Musber (111)

Box 6

Jap Cmori e (399) Medical orderly in Shiagawa.

Treated me in all three) omori, and sumida gawa.

Prison camps -saved my slife.

(CHANGE OF ADDRESS---- Box 554 Freeport, Texas.

Pyt. Charles L. Johnson --- 3908 Verde Court Longbeach, Calf.

Pyt. Cecer L. Loomard ----- Mill Street , Snohomich, Wachington Number (124)

Civilian Fred 6. Gibbons (Doc) Redding, Calf. & Machinists Local .
Prison Camp No. (105) Civilian Wake Island 1897

The Resident Doctor (Japanese) and his staff of orderlys never took care of us, he came around once every week or two. The boys called him and his staff butchers.

one of the men from my Organization died in this hespital. Pfc. Benson Radio operator Hq. & Hq. Sqdn. 24th Fur. Grp. Benspaks Benson had dysentery (Japanese diagnosis) He had no control over his bowl movements. They best him up and left him standing on the concret floor, because he had messed the bed up. This was two or three days efter we errived in the hospital (the three of us----Richard Track Benson & myself) in nevember, and it was very cold, standing on this cold floor with out any clothes finished him, He died the next night, after they beloed him along with a double or triple shot of morphine. This was their method of getting rid of pow's who were too fer gene to use medicane on. They give the individual a shot of morphine and put a screen around him. They did this often, out of the first ten americans to enter this hospital Richard Trask and hysolf were the only two to live. The names and address'ss on pages two & three will help you check on this. The night before I entered this hospital, they killed a British soldier by beating him to death with a book for measing up the bed. I did not see it. George Brown (British) En wa all about it.

The guards used to stamp up and down the hall, as loud as they could, pound their rifles on the windows and doors, stamp in and out of the room leaving the door open so all the cold air came in, beng their rifles against the bedis, keeping the patients awake, sikk men can't take this, it killed a lot of them.

The nurses had to guit for four or five days because they treated the prisoners to ggod. The hospital was to short handed and at the end of four or five days they put them back to work on our ward. (P.S. We did'nt mind this a bit-the nurses coming back to work I mean.)

We received one British Red Cross Box from Shinagewa prison Camp, which they sent to the hospital. If I remember correct (Capt. Nemoto the Rice Sack brought the parcels to the hospital). They made the prisoners wash cloths, sheets, pajama's etc. in cold water. We were allowed a fire in the stove one month out of the winter. One small bucket of coal for one day. The quantity of the food was small but the quality was good, most of the men that lived gained wieght. I was sent back to shina-gaws about april or may of 1943.

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I weighed 88 younds when I was sent to this hospital in November and I weighed 110 when I was sent back to Shina gawa. I had pneumonia, Beri Beri, Yellow Jaundice, Fleurisy, Lung condition from pneumonia, Scurvey, Pellagra, Malaria, and Condition of the Gastro-intestinal tract Cut of the first nine or ten Americans that were sent to this hospital only two of us lived. Richard Trask and Myself.

After I was sent back to Shingawa, it was changed from a regular prison work camp to a hospital, the fit men were moved to Gmori prison Known as the Black Hole. I was in charge of a room in the Chest Ward because my lung was still bad. At Shina gawa hospital.

Before it was turned into a hespital, these men were in command of the prisoner's under the japanese.

It. Col. Jones was in charge of the americans Calf.

on the jop boat TOTORI-MARU, and was kept in charge
of us americans that were sent to Shinagawa-About May or June
It. Col. Jones was sent to Sensuji. (Officers TOW Camp) The
same camp the Jap's jused for the German prisoners in Werld
wer l.) With Colonel Sucuki still in charge.

It. Col. Jones was edmired by every man in camp, no man get a
beating from the Jap's unless they beat him with the enlisted
man. He steed by your side and took what you took.

Captain Sponcer H. Bedger British Commandant
Fairfield Wodeland Ave. Guildford, Surrey. England
The Hiddle Sex Regiment "The Duke of Cambridge's Own"
Shina Gawa (and) Gmori
Capt. Bedger was in charge of the British P.C. 's in
both camps.

Then Shine gave was changed from a work camp to a hospital, it was just an experimental station for the Jap's. All the patients from all the other hospitals were sent here, when they were suppossed to be fit for work they were sent back to their respective camps.

The doctor that was in charge when we first errived at Shina gawa was a British doctor, and a good one. Captain Richard Whitfield, Surgeon Lieut. R.R.V.R.

London, Will, England. (Shine Gawa P.O.W. Doctor)

Doctor Whitfield and American Henry Roy Hudson "Klondike" address on
page two worked together and saved lots of lives (Nine for one)

I don't remember the HAN FROM MAR'S Japanese name this happened during july or August of 1943, I can't remember dates very accurate. The next time I was best up all morning by the Mad Sgt. To Bets (Tobits) for dropping a pail I was using to fill the fire bakes buckets. This happened about the same time July or August. I was best up five or six time's in the morning and made to stand at attention with a pebble on my head, every time I moved and it fell off the guards had been told by the Mad Sgt. to slapp me. The only guard that did'nt hit me was the Mad Man-she was good to the p.o.w.'s. Unless he was ordered to hit us in front of the Jap officer, then he did'nt hit very hard. The Hed Sgt and The Hen from Mar's also worked on enother fellow I know a marine Armon J. Sealey address on page two, he was beat up for being saloop during morning roll call, they both clugged him all ar und the parade ground. In June or July of 1943, Eurilma forced the whole hospital camp to sing the Japanese victory march, We all refused, so he used the excuse that someone was sitting down at tinko (roll call at night) and made us all stand at attention half the night. Then he said we would all sing the song or we would stand there all night, we still did'nt sing it so he beat the whole camp with a lusther shee using the heel. I was the first one to get it because I was room mammake commander. The room commanders got it twice. Once lined up in front of the men and then with the room we belonged in I received twelve cracks on each side of the face. I had a k hemorrhage of the left eye for three weeks I could'nt see out of it. I was treated for it by american Doctor Lieut M. L. Gottlieb U. S. M. Havy Doctor French Hospital 30th Street West, Hew York City, H.Y. who was then in charge of the prison camp hospital. Let's of mon have charges to press agains't this doctor. I was treated Okay by Gottlieb, and no remarks to make. If you correspond with the men I gave you the address'ss of maybe semething will turn up. To get back to single the cong. The Fig said if we did'nt sing it he would make all the bed patients get up too, so we had to learn it by heart by the next day. Some of the bed patients had appendectomy operations, some had hemorrhoids, and collappesed lungs, T. B. Dysentary, Malaria, Dipthoria, and lots other major operations, if these men were made to get out of bed it would certanly have killed most of them. Euritms and the guards did the bestings.

The other Jap that was a bad egg, was a fellow we called the Cheese cutter---because he always carried a sword. He used it to beat the men up. Host of the time for no reason at all. He was in Shinagawa Omori, and Sumida Gawa. His name was FUGITA (Fugita-san)

One of the jap cocks at Shina Gawa beat me up all morning and made me stand at attention in the cock house for not saluting him when I walked by the Galley. His name as close as I can come was FULLING (Fujimo) fujimosan) Corp or a Sgt. I think it was the latter.

The other Jap officer that I can remember at shims gaws was lt. or Captain Misu koshi. I don't remember snything about him other than seeing him pull officer of the day. Along with the rice sack Capt. Nemoto (Nemoto-san). Nothing about him either, He was big and fat, never touched me that I can remember.

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The Japanese Dector in Shinagewa Was Dector Lt. Takeda (TAHODA) (Takeda-san) He was known as the Butcher. He treated me Okay simped slapped my face twice for not caluting, other than that nothing.

Colonel Suzuki was in charge of all the Tokyo prisoners.

Another Jap that was bad was one we all called the (RABEIT)
Nishi gawa (Bishi gawa san) He was a gament guard.

and in charge of the clothing stores for a while, also a guard cut of omeri, on the reilroad prisoners. He best up an american all one afternoon on the Sumida Gawa railroad for stealing Salmon.

The Yank he best up was: Joeseph L. Trojo 305 mast Revalles St.

San antonio, Texas (440 Ordanesce). He best me up for ten minuita
for cooking some white rice when we were not supposed to have it.

That was about april or march 1944.

In Cmori or the block holo as sms some of the boys called it. It
Kate (Gate) (Mate sen) Japanese officer was a bad egg. He cut
the feed rations gave the Jap. N.C.O.'s the authority to beat the
Frisoners any time they felt like it it. To break down our moral.
He beat up Captain B. J. Martin so bad he was a strecher case for
weeks. Captain B. J. Martin was later forced to move to Sumid gawa
railroad with us in charge of the prisoners. Capt. Martin was with
us till the sud of the war, when we were released by the navy.

Next was Corp. Vatababe or Sgt. I think be went up one. He was the Sisciplinary bose in omeri. His job was to break the merale of the prisoners by beatings, cutting our rations, standing us at attention any time he felt like it during the day or night. Then sending us out to work. He broke all my teeth infrent top and bettem plus chipping my jaw. I was beat up half a day for smiling. He said "Frisoners of war in Japan are not supposed to smile". Then he went to work on me. He beat me up with his fists, making me stand at attentionevery time he hit me-- then he used a soup strainer, made from a corm boef esm and wood till it broke and then he finished up using his belt, till I was unconsciens. (I have he rot's where its hot). Heused to come in and beat up a whele barracks for nothing at all. He was known as the (WAT BIRD) (THE WROWN BOLDER) (MR. BROWN) He helped Lt. Kato beat up Capt.

Lyt. Sato Japanese steremen Omori was good to the prisoners, he used to sneek in sweets, cookies, eig rrettes etc. Never struck a prisoner that I know of.

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Another interpreter that was bad was Ure hide (civilian or army don't know) He was known as: (THE NOP) (DAGO)

Eaver did anything to me or anybody I know. Everything I heard was just rumor.

A civilian guard that was bad was (MATANI) (Matant san) Omeri prison camp. He was in charge of groups of men leaving emeri for the reilroad yards every day. The men were afraid of him. He best men up for the fun of besting them. He best me up on MAY HING beach detail. digging, carry sand, pushing carts, etc. because I was'nt working hard enough. He used his fists, and kicked me in the stemach twice. The only time he worked me over. They also called him Nigger Balck Bastard But mostly by his name Matani

another guard at Omeri that was no good was Makabe, never worked on me, but the boys used to talk about him. One of the american P.C.W. Had the same name, they used to kid him.

The Japanese Doctor in Omeri was Doctor Pujii (Poo gee), treated the prisoners extra good for a month then he would be bad for a month, had moods, would send sick men to work that could just barely walk. He had a light linj, or Varrant Officer under him (ITO) METO had me burned by the Quakes doctors that visited the camp every day. Was strickt on Jap disipline, slapped a lot of the prisoners.

All of us Prisoners that worked on the Sumida gave reilred out of Cmori were sent down to the Reilroad in 1944 with american Captain B. J. Martin in charge under the Jap's. Henry Roy Hudson Klondike was sent along as acting modical orderly. We had Captain misu koshi (meesu kuces) in charge for a while, cen't remember much about him.

Also had Captain Goss same (sam same) in charge, disipline arian had to salute all the japs all the time under him. Food rations were very short too.

The best Jop officer we had was Lieut Cate (as to) He gave us five blankets, ellowed us to have fired in the stoves two months out of the winter, gave us musical instruments, allowed us to have concerts of our own making when we were'nt working. Save us one day a mosth off to do our wiching or whatever we felt like doing. Let us play cards, which was again'st the rules. Gave us a lot more to eat. Funished the Jap, guards for besting us on the platforms. He would come in and listen to us sing and play the instruments. He also increased our eigerrettes issue to ten a week instead of six. He spoke English. Captain Martin has all the data on him and all the other Japs we had in camp at Sumida Gawa Railroad. He also issued clothes and shoes, and red cross food when ever he get it.

He was succeeded by a Jap. officer we called the menkey. I think his name was (30 aux). (I have been typing and thinking to long I'm starting to get wixed up.) The first thing he did when he took ever was to take one of our blankets away. out our food rations. Allowed the guards to best us.

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Made the prisoners dig sir raid shelters which we were allowed to use once out of every twenty five oir raids or more, when the B-29's were dropping their loadson us be put guards all around the 1.0.w. barricks (Werehouse) so we could not get but or look out. He would not let us play our instruments, unless he felt like he wented a little emsement. During the Big B-29 Fire Raid of March tenth, when Tokyo burned, be made us carry all the bags of rice and beams weighing about 140 to 200 pounds a piece outside. the warehouse, with bombs falling all around us. Letting the guards hit the prisoners if they were not running fast enough with the sacks He was still in the orison camp when the war ended, August 15 1945 in Japan. (August 16 1945 in the U.S.A.)

I forgot a very important person, who helped a lot of prisoners, american Doctor Captain (Major now) L. H. Goad, M. C. 1027 West 7th Averme. Goay: Indiens Dr. L. H. Goad was in Charge at OMORI prison, He treated the prisoner vory good. He was also at Shine down for a couple of months. The prisoners liked him. He seved a lot of lives when we had a pheumonia epicdomie, in OMORI prison. He stayed up for weeks with no sleep. I helped him as acting medical orderly till I gotsick agein.

Here is another bad Jap. Sgt. Robo Hashi (MUBAYASRI) One Dyesses The One Lyed Sgt. --- Goom som. Sumida gava railroad. He was also at omori. Beat the boye up and stood them at attention without food or drink. He

He best up two Americans so bed they were bed patients when he got through, for stealing floor to min with water and est row, because. they were hungry, we all used to do this, but we were lucky enough not to get eaught that time. He beat them up from five O'Clock to About nine, then made them stand at attention till midnight, Maida (Sgt) (Jap) also worked on thom, he was in charge of the stores. The Americane he workded on ere: Set. Barl A. Wille A.A.F. 10510 South Tentworth Avenue Chicago, Illinois (Telephone no. Compdor 2101) .---- Cpl. H. A. Dovis -- (Stinky) Danton, Texas

The next incident was myself and a couple others, we get osught with salt, sammer chunk of leather, rice, row wheat, I had the salt on my shalf about one third of a sardine can, 8/3gt. Clarence G. Zeeler Army- A.S.H. 6133390 Prison Camp No. 385 Washua, New Bangehire, had the Chunk of old leather, to pretect his hands while lifting rice sacks on the reilroad platforms. Sgt. Jeel w. Griffin Buird, Texas got caught with a sock of rew wheat, and of British boy got caught with the rice. We were best up from five o'clock till zzeven, and then made to stand at attention with the look over our heads till one thirty in the morning, every time we let our arms drop the Jap sentry kicked us in the chins or the rusp or busted us with his hand corose the fice. He also his me with the rifle butt. To your not allowed to go to the toilet all the time we stood there. We were sent to work without supper the night before and no breakfast in the morning. That is a sample of agt Rubay schi's work at Sumide Onwe railrond.

Then there was unother one, called Meida san (Sgt) he was in charge of the clething and shoes and red cross food and medi cine, he did't issue snything unless gentiniedhienoffene guvang him japanese case

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cash, er our ration of jap fage, or part of our red cross issue can food or cigarrettes etc. Unless the Japanese officer gave him an order to issue it. We found plenty of shoes & clothes that should have been issued after the war was over.

The civilians in charge of each party on the railroad were no good.
They were called Foo's /::::: That is the/mark they were on their arm band it means Foo in Japanese (/ foo They enjoyed besting up the prisoners. I can't remember there Japanese but maybe their prison nicknesses wight help.:::: GLASS EYE.
CISCO RID. Habbit. GREADY. (BIG INDIAN.::: Japanese Baseball player, supposed to have played with babe Ruth in Tokye before the War) Walkus.

These are the names of the omericans who were in my come of the wards of shins gave, :

S/Sgt. Clarence G. Zenler Nashua, New Hampshire Ash 6133390 Army Coast Artillary Corregulare (Patient)

Chief J. W. Storey (Mavy Gumm) Box 155 Alme, Arkens s (Not Sick) Hedical Orderly at Shinagawa Ward 2 (Not a Patient)

Set. Henry Roy Mudson ("Riondike") Bex554 Precport, Texas (Set-or Corp) Eddical Orderly (Sumida gave -- Prori---Shinegawa)

2nd Class R. L. Volcis (Nevy Guam) 4030 Verdant St. Los Angeles. Redical Orderly Ward 3 Shina gawa (Not a Patient)

Col. Herbert S. Berton 1881 Sc. 6th Hest St. Solt Loke City, Uto Bedical Orderly Ward & Shine gave (Not a patient)

Prison Camp No. (412)

Cpl. Stanley Esphorf 553 North Oth Street Ellwaukee, Wisconsin (Fatient) Chest Ford

Bet. Harlan C. Bickford Route 3 Don 506 Albuquerque, New Mexico Redical Orderly and Patient (Died from pneumonic at

Edwin Lee Civilian 548 - K - Road Demon Treet, Honelulu, Hawaii Chest Surd (Tetient)

Jook Senior R.A.S.C. Royal rey Service Cor -- Deptford

Chief G. J. Bueller (Mevy) 192 B ot 13th Street, Fond Du Lac.
Wisconsin Chest word (Patient) lost the sight of one
eye in the chest word.

Cpl. Edwin T. Ricchini 3362 Herrier St. Cokland, Calf. Chest word (Setient)

Pyt. Richard J Cabern S Ers. E. J. Cabern Ames Daily Tribune Ames, Iewa (Continued on page ten)

Richard J. Caborn ----- continuode---- Chest word (Patient) Sent back to his former prison out for stealing Red Cross food before it was issued in the Lospital.

Tyt. Derwood T. Hoffman 1345 West 53rd Street Los Angeles, Calf. Chest Word (Petient) Caught al ng with Cebore

stelling Red Cross Food, sent book to comp.

s/Sgt. Eugene L. Hartson 201 Adams St. Homer Mich.

Chest Word (Datient)

Pro. Paul Sandaval S Dra Grace Valenzuela Glendale, Arizona Medical Dept. Port Mckingley Med Orderly Shina gawa

Tyt. William J. Sheeben (Turk) Alten Mutak Hotel (Alten, New York

might come in handy, if you need them please onk for times. Please answerthis and let me know if it is the information you were looking for, and if there is enything else you would like to know.

I will have this neterised before I send it. I will be glad to make the companion of the war of the war bept. Or the F. B. I.

This is the most typing I have done in ye rd, and I really can say sching back.

I close he ing to be r from you soon,

I Romain

Eugene Jack Franklin

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SOUNTY OF ASHLAND (

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Personally appeared before me this 28 day of August 1946

Laurence A. Lanal

My Commission Expires Feb. 13, 1949

Notary Public

Asgland County, Wisconsin