

recognition. In fact the time will come when you will have to renew recognition." Finland has quit. Headline in the local paper: "Interned persons disregard being prisoners of war due to their benevolent treatment in Nippon." Coal arrived!

Sept. 7 - Papers at last describe a final stand on the Siegfried Line. Japanese say that the German crisis is a crisis for them too. Mountbatten says there will be no postwar Japanese problem because there won't be any Japs left alive. Belgian radio says Germany has capitulated. Must be false. Germans have accepted a Finnish ultimatum to get out of the country by the 16th. Uno has gone. Morale is up, except for the fact that Shenk is still ruining our yeast. We are definitely going to report him to Hishikari if he doesn't stop wasting supplies. An Australian Warrant Officer, John Dooley, arrived from Bangkok at 10:00 p.m. He has been broadcasting in Singapore. Says that POW conditions in Malaya are terrible. One Red Cross parcel between twenty men. The Japanese take seven parcels for every one they issue. The man talks incessantly.

Sept. 8 - The new Mr. Dooley went out. Said our breakfast was unfit for human consumption. He'll learn. He threw a terrific line at Miyoshi this morning about a mutual dependency existing after the war between Japan and Australia. He predicted this guy's going to cause us trouble. Have asked Hishikari to put Shenk and Dooley in another room. Hishikari says they must have the ceiling repaired first. (All the plaster fell down in the last rain) "War Deciding Diet Session Convenes."

Sept. 9 - Mr. Dooley mate! Says he thought the food in Singapore was bad! He talks incessantly - seems to be trying to justify himself about something. He's concerned because Hishikari hasn't interviewed him and he hasn't any idea why he was brought here. He has begun writing his own program - to show us how it was done in Singapore. Dooley told Major Cox that the stuff we are writing is not intelligent enough for the average Australian listener and that the British contributions are too stuffy. Says that he knows how to appeal. The authorities have asked him for several articles which he has written. They approached him in regard to broadcasting direct to Australian troops in the front line. He refused flatly. He quotes from speeches which Fairwright and Foreival are supposed to have broadcast (we heard that these speeches were faked). Dooley says he has already broadcast three messages to Prime Minister Curtin. Hishikari has asked the Postmen Calls planning committee to take over the planning for Humanity Calls. Major Cox asked Shenk to turn over the yeast-making job to Pearson who knows something about it. Shenk refused. Milian - the chubby little girl at Radio Tokyo - gave Joe a small package containing coffee, cream and sugar. Joe shared it with me. Unbelievable!

Sept. 10 - Had another attack of asthma last night, and am flat out again today. Miyoshi took Noblitt and McNaughton to town this afternoon. They say there is absolutely nothing in the stores. Had our first hot bath in three weeks.

Sept. 11 - The new committee met this morning and decided to read everything before it is submitted to the Japanese, in order that we may eliminate as much bad stuff as possible. Streeter refuses to cooperate with us. Says he will take his writings direct to the authorities. Gawa in southern Mindanao has been hit

by a task force. The battle for the Siegfried Line has started. Nothing has come out of the extraordinary diet session but determination!

Sept. 12 - A new Japanese Warrant Officer has taken over. The other was relieved because of appendicitis plus considerable loss of face.

Sept. 13 - New theme music has been rehearsed for Postmen Calls. "When You're a Long Long Way from Home" is the opening. Tsunoishi arrived to listen to a reading of the initial broadcast. He asked Ince what he thinks is the purpose of this new broadcast. Ince replied: Human service, free from propaganda, which will create a good impression for Japan. Tsunoishi asked: What sort of impression? Ince: It's hard to tell. Anything is better than what's already thought. It'll be O.K. providing the usual propaganda isn't injected into it. Tsunoishi: Will this program be considered a peace plea? Ince: Hardly. Tsunoishi: What if some prisoner should send in a message which attacked the Roosevelt administration? What would you do with it? Ince: We'd throw it out. Tsunoishi: Well, what if a prisoner says he is sick and lonely. Would you use that? Ince: Sure. Tsunoishi: Why would you use one and not the other? Ince: Because one is the truth whereas the other - even if it were the truth - would sound like Japanese propaganda. Tsunoishi asked the whole program and said that future instructions regarding its production would be issued through Hishikari. A short, stout man attended the audition with Tsunoishi. His name is Boneto. After the meeting he talked with Wisener - told him he liked the new program. Says he is against propaganda broadcasts and very much in favor of the prisoners' ideas. I believe he said he was a graduate of Ansher!

Sept. 14 - Kurayama has been discharged. He left a message with Wisener that he has always been our "very good friend". Said that he had accomplished a lot for us but just couldn't get along with Hishikari. War on War has been stopped! McNaughton's "Quiet Interlude" - a new program feature which he was required to "think up" by Hishikari, made its debut today. It features classical music with bits of dialogue between Jack and John discussing historical facts about composers and music. Parkyn got loose in Radio Tokyo today, cornered several of the stenographers from the English department, and gave them a talk on the differences between Japanese and American economies. Hishikari, of course, caught him.

Sept. 15 - Uno visited camp today. Was snubbed by everyone. Hishikari called a meeting this afternoon and introduced Boneto who is to take Uno's place. Hishikari says that now - for the first time - he will be able to see that we are properly cared for. Quebec parley has started. It is rumored that they will vote to abandon the unconditional surrender slogan, - "to prevent further sacrifice in carrying the war further against already defeated nations." Australia says to stand by for messages to prisoners in Japan. Parkyn snaked the news from a file in Miyoshi's desk. Visited Major Cousins. He seems better. Miyoshi says he doesn't know what they're going to do about the messages about to be broadcast from Melbourne. Those from New Delhi were stopped because they were never acknowledged, I guess. Miyoshi says that Uno started all this without any authority to do so. Ince and I warned him that the Japs had better handle it properly or else. Wisener has turned out a Missing Men script on war prisoners being advanced one rank and one pay grade per year of captivity.

Sept. 16 - Miyoshi reported our conversation to Hishikari - regarding the reception here of the Australian broadcasts. Hishikari says he has checked with the foreign



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office. They have no plans yet, but believe that a Vatican representative is going to handle the matter. Mikhikari is worried because we may have initiated the whole thing and are now at a complete loss to handle the situation. We don't have the authority or the facilities. Stalin is in Czechoslovakia and Warsaw. We're attacking the full length of the Viegfried line. Mikhikari says that the Vladivostok Red Cross arrangements have been satisfactorily settled. McNaughton's eye was operated on today.

Sept. 17 - The Palau Islands have been invaded. Local papers say Germany is finished. The new motion picture studio which has been built in the other building has opened. Generals from Imperial HQ saw Gene with the Wind, and afterwards inspected us. Several members of the group have threatened to strike unless we get a cigarette issue, and better food. They have been quieted, but the matter must be taken up with the authorities. Stille, I think.

Sept. 18 - Bread arrived from Mori. Each of us was issued a half loaf for lunch. The group is really on the verge of striking on the food and tobacco problem. We are waiting for an opportunity to make an official complaint. Uno visited again, censored several scripts and pointed out dubious lines to Mikhikari. "See what they're doing since I left!" Shank raised hell with the supplyman about the half bread issue. He came through with a full loaf this evening, afraid we might report the noon shortage and the authorities discover he'd stolen half our ration. Uno called me on the carpet as having committed a breach of Jap etiquette. The other day, when Tsunishi was here listening to a reading of the first Postman Gulls program, I sat on the table. This just isn't done. I offended the Japs. Onoto visited the officers this evening. Brought in a few sandwiches made with ground pumpkin seed spread.

Sept. 19 - Committee meeting. Have been relieved of Missing Men: Will now handle dramas only. Have really broken out in pellagra. Major Cox has made a formal request for medicine. Uno is here again censoring everything and writing inserts in his usual style. He is making a last desperate effort to keep his job. Mikhikari called a meeting this afternoon and dissolved the so-called prisoners' program committee. Wonder why? Ordered that everything be turned in direct to the Jap censors whether we or the committee like it or not. Obviously someone has talked. It must be Streeter who refused to let us check his writings. Miyoshi admitted today that morale here is very low, everyone's mad, and the work is seriously handicapped due to the food and tobacco shortage. Trevo asked him what else he expected from circumstances like this and then proceeded to turn out the best commentary he's ever written. It urged America to come on in here shooting and not to worry about the prisoners. Sacrifice us - we don't care - it's a worthy cause. Don't believe it will pass the censors. Invasion of the Philippines is expected at any time.

Sept. 20 - Uno is still here trying to cause trouble. He has postponed his departure for Manila. The threat of invasion has him really scared. Our food has hit a new low, and we have no smokes! A very strong anti-front office feeling has grown out of this desperation during the last few days. Anything's liable to happen.

Sept. 21 - Had another attack of asthma last night. McNaughton has finished his rewrite of Act I of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, but the Japs announced that no further acts will be presented unless the whole play is submitted for censorship.

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They're afraid of what might be put over in continuity. Cornered Onoto and asked him to impress upon the authorities that we cannot live on vitamin pills alone! They will not do the work without a proper diet. We are very low on messages for Postman Gulls and no one among the Japs has sufficient authority to ask that more be sent in from the camps. The girls at Radio Tokyo confided today that the emperor's brother will be in our Jamboree audience on Saturday. Tarned us that it was extremely confidential. Mikhikari announced this afternoon that on Saturday and Sunday this camp will be visited by "important people".

Sept. 22 - Today I broadcast a message for Commander Arthur L. Maher, USA. He glad to hear that he is out of Ofuna horror camp. Parkyns, as usual, has spilled the beans! He went to Ozaki with the story we got from the Radio Tokyo stenographers that important people - including the emperor's brother - will be visiting us over the weekend. Ozaki reported it to Mikhikari. Parkyns was called to the front office for questioning and was banned from going to the studio for an indefinite period. He will clean the latrines and work on the bath detail as punishment. Nurses in the maternity ward next door have complained about certain prisoners who have apparently made passes at them over the fence. Parkyns was listed as their chief annoyance. He has been ordered to stay away from the wall. Major Cox has been authorized by the Japs to use physical force to control Parkyns, if such is necessary. We've been without cigarettes for days and McNaughton has threatened to wreck the Jamboree unless an issue is made. Ozaki heard him but made no comment. At five o'clock this afternoon we were shown Gene With the Wind in the new studio. The machines broke down at the three quarter mark. Pearson, in Wednesday's Missing Men, reviewed "Crime and Punishment". The censors chuckled the script. Guess it was too deep for them. Five hundred United States planes raised hell. Trevo's latest commentary telling America to come in shooting was cancelled.

Sept. 23 - Jamboree was lousy. No cigarettes were issued. All the windows on our side of the maternity ward have been nailed shut by guardmen. No royal visitors come today. The reason is obvious - Parkyns couldn't keep his mouth shut! Our luncheon ration was the smallest we've ever had. Ozaki was furious about it, called in Mikhikari to see it, and both of them went into a huddle with Shank. Shank blamed the supplyman. Mikhikari says he will investigate. We have been ordered to clean the entire place for a visiting general tomorrow. Two hundred United States planes over Manila. Miyoshi told us that I must take over the writing of Missing Men again. He says that Pearson is to have a new job and that Parkyns is incompetent. Lucky Harris slipped me some cigarettes at the studio. Mr. Reginald Hollingsworth of the German Bear confided to McNaughton that official complaints have been lodged by the Japs through the German embassy in regard to their talking with us. He asks that we please steer clear of them. Says that local Germans are taking quite a beating. Hollingsworth says that when he can get tobacco or food for us, he will see that we get it somehow. Miyoshi told us that the prisoners' committee was stopped due to Streeter. It seems that the new Count Kabayama asked Streeter to write a special propaganda article and Streeter told him it was useless - that we would prevent it from ever reaching the censors. Of course Kabayama reported the matter to Mikhikari who ordered our group dissolved, and all scripts submitted direct to the Japs by their authors!



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Sept. 24 - The Philippines have declared war on Britain and America. McNaughton had a long talk with Donoto. Told him that we must have more food and cigarettes. Donoto says that Hishikari meets with a lot of opposition every time he tries to do anything for us. He will do all he can. It seems that Hishikari is on the spot with theampi-Tai for being lax in his administration of this camp. Their accusations were brought to a head by Parkyns last outburst on the royal visitation. Donoto says that while Parkyns was interviewed in Hishikari's office, guardsmen were listening in the next room by listening device. Donoto says that there is a strong peace movement in progress and he thinks something may come of it. However, it must be kept strictly confidential. A general inspected us today, was satisfied, has promised to send us some cigarettes. Told us our work was good, and to "take care of your health". He has given Hishikari permission to use his name at the local monopoly house to draw cigarettes for us. He also said - "give them sufficient bread". We are to have bread tomorrow. Wonder how much?

Sept. 25 - Capt. Ince and J. Martinez are both down with dengi fever. Hishikari brought in a doctor who was a quack if I ever saw one. He examined Jose. Said his case was a result of being too healthy. "See - the welts disappear when they are pressed. Therefore the disease is not infectious!" He told me I did not have pellagra, but scabies - "which comes from infrequent bathing!" Lunch bread ration was only half again. Had an attack of asthma at noon. I guess it was the result of nervousness and the fact I've been raving mad for the last day or two. Donoto brought us a box of Melachrine cigarettes from his own reserve stock. Fifty cigarettes were issued to each man this afternoon, and the supplyman was severely reprimanded for not having gotten us an issue sooner. Shale meat arrived, and Shenk - for fear no one would eat it if he told us what was being prepared - said it was crabbed. Everyone enjoyed it.

Sept. 26 - It is rumored that Humanity Calls may be stopped. Postman Calls has drawn favorable reports from high quarters in Tokyo. Ozaki may leave. Capt. Ince fever is getting steadily higher. He has received no medicine yet. Parkyns is sulking.

Sept. 27 - Donoto says that Japan is at the end of her rope. The local government authorities - observing the terms which have been given Finland, Italy, Rumania - are discouraged. The locals are reported to have proposed preposterous peace terms. Feelers are supposed to be in progress through neutral countries. I'm convinced we'll never get home. But that's just a momentary state of depression. Have been doing the turntable for Postman Calls during Ince's illness. McNaughton and I visited Major Cousens today with Ozaki. He's been moved to a quieter room - seems better. The food shortage in the hospital is terrible, and their black market has stopped. Our supplyman was caught today by Hishikari - stealing food from the stores. An increase in our millet ration has been ordered. It will start tonight. Complaints were lodged on other sore points - the inadequacy of bread and sugar issues.

Sept. 28 - A truck load of vegetables arrived. The supplyman knew nothing about it and asked the driver who had ordered it. The latter said "Imperial Headquarters!" The supplyman is sulking. He has lost much face. Suggested to Shenk that we have a party. Shenk refused. Said that every time we have a special meal our daily rations are cut for weeks afterwards in order to pay for it. The supplyman insisted. Said he'd guarantee proper daily rations. The matter is still pending.

Obviously the supplyman has been ordered to issue "party" rations by Hishikari.

Sept. 29 - Supplyman raved at the galley force this morning. Says he hates "horios" (war prisoners) - that Japan is all-powerful. United Press reports that if the emperor is responsible for this mess, he must be done away with. The local Japs are furious. Ince is better. The Australian Warrant Officer Bosley has again been approached to broadcast to troops on the front lines. He refused. Was then asked to write a thesis on the differences between Japanese and Anglo-Americans. He is working feverishly. Donoto brought in some medicine for Ince. Advises that when we are asked if we have enough cigarettes we should say "Thank you". The reason is simply Japanese courtesy. "Thank you" means - thanks for your consideration. The person asking will then question other sources and get the true picture. Then, if we have been courteous, he may do something about it. We'll try it though we think it's odd reasoning.

Sept. 30 - Damboree good. Ince is on his feet again. Cigarettes issued in bulk - 800 for twenty-four of us. They are not making individual packages anymore. They were drawn from the monopoly house with the general's name. Bosley is still working on his thesis. Hope for a quiet Sunday. My nerves are shot. A birthday message to Baba will be broadcast tomorrow: "anticipate wonderful reunion" was deleted. "Regards to Mad. L. Waterbury (red label Waterbury's iron tonic), Uncle Bill (Vice Admiral Wm. Calhoun) went through O.K.

Oct. 1 - Spent day in bed. Slept through message to Baba. Must hear playback. Ozaki was here for supper. He talked about the present Jap foreign office policy and how it has been interpreted by the head of his department at Nomei. He said that Japan knows she has been defeated; that remaining battles must be fought only with words, cautiously.

Oct. 2 - Donoto talked to Wisner at the Radio Station about Parkyns' foolish conduct. He said that the authorities felt they should suppress all prisoners in order to prevent further blunders. Says that he and Hishikari back us; that the one Japanese who is most against prisoners is about to be discharged. He meant Uno. Major Cox is to decide whether or not Parkyns will be allowed to go to Radio Tokyo again. It is rumored that Uno's trip to the Philippines has been cancelled due to his illness. Shenk has again been ordered to plan a special meal. He refused on the grounds that he cannot prepare a special meal without oil.

Oct. 3 - Donoto says he will lunch with us regularly in order to know more of what goes on here. Says our meals are unfit for human consumption. McNaughton told him that today's lunch was better than the ordinary, and suggested he have a talk with Shenk. Shenk told Donoto that our main concern is the supplyman's stealing and hatred of us. Hoblitt cornered me this afternoon, said he was going to quit working, that he can't get along with anyone, that the group is divided and there is no leadership. Told him to be less egocentric, do his job well and forget about the rest. I then told him that the original prisoner administration under Cousens was tops, but that Provoc and Uno had succeeded in having him replaced by Major Cox. Expect that Hoblitt will relay this report to Provoc. Speculations will be interesting. Hoblitt says that Streeter is completely out of control. Wisner's birthday. His acute stomach trouble didn't prevent his



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eating the special meal Shenk had prepared for him. He managed to have several dozen cigars brought in for him at three yen per.

Oct. 4 - Pearson is doing Wednesday's Missing Men regularly. Am still burdened with two scripts, which is enough. Vote within the camp was almost unanimous for reelection of Roosevelt. Jap authorities want let it be broadcast. Hishikari says he hopes we will stop complaining about cigarettes. Said we would, providing we get regular issues. Visited Major Cousens. He seems improved but says that food in the hospital is desperately short. Black market is still closed, and his nurse is stealing part of his ration.

Oct. 5 - Shenk was summoned by Hishikari today over his refusal to prepare a "party". Shenk kept saying "the trouble is - - -". Donato says that the word "trouble" is what caused Hishikari to go into a rage. To a Jap it means dissatisfaction. Shenk was told to use the word "difficulty", but of course he didn't. He was ordered to prepare party food with what supplies are available. The lack of oil is just too bad. Hishikari says that the party is for us - that we must have it - all of us - but Shenk has been told to prepare sixteen extra rations for Japanese guests. Donato says he'll try to get blackmarket oil and meat. Apples arrived. The supplyman has eaten ten already. My pellagra is still bad. Provoe is making a great play for Count Kabayama. They talked this afternoon.

Oct. 6 - Miyoshi is down with an attack of asthma. A line in my Missing Men script: (with reference to the folks at home mailing Christmas packages to prisoners in Japan) "a lot of good it'll do!" was deleted. Of course, I never thought of such an interpretational. Believe Provoe had something to do with it's being deleted. He's much to elated since his interview yesterday with Kabayama. He told Wisener today that he was to be moved back to Onori. Wisener is delighted. Then he told McNaughton he had a "presentiment" something big was in the wind. Provoe knows something. He never could keep quiet. Uno arrived. Said he was leaving for Manila on the 10th. Ozaki visited Major Cousens today and brought us the sad news that the Major has had a relapse. Ozaki says he ought to be moved. Hishikari is very much concerned about this. Called Ince and Cox to his office and gave them their choice of four solutions. Major Cousens will either remain where he is, return here, go back to Shinagawa or be sent to the home of some civilian in the country. Ince said he plugged hard for the move to a country place. Provoe and Ince talked until the early hours this morning. Ince said that Provoe talked about his relationship with the rest of this group, and tried to find out just how much we know of his "affair" with Wisener. Ince was noncommittal and let him rave. Since his talk with Kabayama, Provoe seems to think his feet are on solid ground again. He has apparently found another Jap to whom he can appeal "spiritually". We feel certain he's going to be a nuisance again.

Oct. 7 - The hospital called to say that they are convinced Cousens has suffered a nervous breakdown. Imperial Headquarters has ordered a specialist in on the case. They advise that he be moved immediately. He is raving about committing suicide. Uno came into camp this morning, told Ince he'd take a letter to his wife in Manila. Then Uno called a meeting. Streeter, down with malaria, was ordered out of bed to attend. Uno delivered a tirade against us which lasted for an hour. Miyoshi, listening, was dumfounded. Uno said that Parkyn was a fool, but had been "victimized". Said that he was the direct cause of our losing the greatest honor

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that could have been bestowed on a group of prisoners. (Visit from the Emperor's brother) Then he turned to Streeter, called his work "mad" and predicted he'll have a breakdown if he doesn't come to his senses. Told him that if he just hadn't gotten out of a sick bed he had intended to give him a "few beatings". Told Provoe he had been on thin ice lately and to be careful. For Ince he predicted disaster unless he stops trying to influence other prisoners into playing the game against the Japanese. He intimated that the authorities believe Ince to have been the instigator of the officers' petition for removal. Uno told Cooley that he was too set in his ways and shouldn't try to force his views on other members of the group. Major Cox was ordered to take care of Smith. Told me to take care of my health and quit trying to buck the Jap's red pencil. Said he thought the authorities might be able to cope with me and my "strange ideas". Uno said he knows he is going to his death, but he plans to meet it with courage. It is for a good cause. He then adjourned the group. Donato told me Miyoshi had made a report on Uno's meeting, and advised that we ignore whatever was said. I told him we were quite accustomed to such abusive tirades. Hishikari came over to announce that Major Cousens is to be moved here from the hospital. He will stay in a room in the administration building and I will stay with him as nurse. O.K. A typhoon is headed for Tokyo. They expect it to hit us at nine o'clock this evening.

Oct. 9 - The authorities want Missing Men to broadcast a political campaign which will end in a straw vote. I told Miyoshi I'd only handle it if they guarantee that a true picture can be presented. He said he'd find out about it. Streeter has submitted two of the worst commentaries he's written in months. Everyone is upset about them. He doesn't want to be bombed by planes labeled "USA". He wants someone elected to the presidency who will stop the war and cease profiteering. Provoe approached Wisener and asked if they couldn't "just be friends". Said he was suffering. Ozaki and Miyoshi seem to be feuding as to which is the senior man. Major Cox went to Donato about Streeter's writing and the trouble it is causing in the camp. Donato said that if Streeter was a disturbing element, have him stop writing and do the upkeep work. Cigarettes were issued. Sgt. Light was sarcastic to Donato about the price of them, and laughed about the Onori ration which Donato told him was two per day. Light also mentioned that other camps have Red Cross supplies and we don't. Donato was annoyed - told Ince that Light would do well to talk less and attend to his job as office boy. The political campaign for Missing Men has been approved. It will represent an absolutely true picture. Shenk is hard at work making pumpkin pies for the "party" which is scheduled for tomorrow. Of course he drew a lot of extra flour and produced extra pies for us after muster tonight.

Oct. 10 - Completed two absurd scripts for the Missing Men political campaign. Miyoshi says the authorities want an outline of the entire series in advance. Told him it was impossible. They haven't provided me with any information. Several days ago one of our men's disappeared. Shenk thinks he saw it in a box in back of the hospital next door. Inquiries were made. The hospital people admit it is our man, but demand a price. The supplyman gave them twenty sweet buns from our "party" rations. Thirteen Japs are to eat party rations in the front offices and seven with us. Wisener is ill with stomach trouble again. Hoblitt was detailed to carry party rations to the Japs in the other building. En route the supply men ate the guests' entire meat ration, thirteen balls! The party was dull but we had the best food ever. Tameichi couldn't come. He's going to the Philippines with Uno. Donato announced that plans were progressing to move our



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camp to a farm in the country. Nam has gone out again on another job. This time she'll nurse Uno's wife who is expecting. Shenk produced another bunch of "extra" pies after muster.

Oct. 11 - Visited Major Cousens and took him a pie. He's very sick. No treatment, no food. Says he can't stand it there, that he's almost committed suicide three times. Says that the food he is sent from here must be divided with his nurse, and that she gives a lot of it away to other people. The blackmarket is producing eggs. He gave us fifteen. Said he was visited by Hishikari and another man (Domoto), and that he had talked to this other man because he spoke such fluent English and seemed so understanding and sympathetic. He believes that Hishikari was offended. Hishikari came over to see me this afternoon about Cousens. I told him the Major should be returned here immediately. Hishikari said it was impossible, that Cousens is a nervous case and must be disciplined. Hishikari said that he was deeply hurt that Cousens had been so completely dissatisfied with everything that has been done for him. The Major, he says, "lacks appreciation". He backed Cousens. Said he hadn't been given poor food, uncomfortable quarters, practically no medicine. Hishikari complained that on a recent visit to the hospital Cousens had talked directly to Domoto - a complete stranger. Hishikari is mad. As a parting shot I told him that something unfortunate will happen to Major Cousens if something isn't done to alleviate the appalling conditions under which he is trying to recover from this serious illness. Hishikari seemed unimpressed, hostile. Too bad.

Oct. 12 - Hishikari says that more chickens have been obtained for us. Our food is unbearable - quantity is O.K. but the quality is incredible. The supplyman told someone that the keri (millet) may be replaced by proper rice. We have twenty bags of keri to eat which will take two months at 2 1/2 bags per week. Gaski visited Uno at his home. Says Uno is annoyed with Nam - that she has refused to use her blackmarket contacts for him. Good.

Oct. 13 - Uno is due to leave for Manila today, but cancelled his departure due to an American task force off Taiwan and other islands. Local press reports one of our carriers sunk off Taiwan and a battle still raging. While reading Missing Men on the air today, the turntable broke down. Lost my place in the script amid such gesturing and screaming from the control room. Domoto is upset and has intimidated Gaski may be relieved as a result of the incident. Miyoshi and Gaski are still feuding about the authority here. Domoto asked Uno for our absolute minimum requirement in tobacco per day. Uno said seven.

Oct. 14 - Eleven hundred United States planes over Taiwan. Corporal Watanabe from Omori was at the radio station today viewing the program. He returned from the studio with us. After we told Domoto who he is - Domoto was scared, shaky. Watanabe asked (1) that this camp return useless personnel to Omori and get replacements; (2) how is the cigarette issue? Domoto said "inadequate". (3) Do we receive regular issues of salt and soy sauce? No. (4) Further questions about food. Later Miyoshi told us that we apparently aren't getting the supplies Omori is sending us, and that both he and Domoto had really gone to bat for us as regards food and general supplies. Plans for our farm are progressing. Miyoshi says that it will provide us with extra food and at the same time provide employment for inactive personnel here.

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Oct. 15 - Fourteen hundred United States planes over Taiwan. Major Cox has suggested that Watanabe's visit was prompted by one of two motives: (1) Uno may have told the Mori people of the food racket here - as a parting jab at Hishikari and staff. (2) In their efforts to get us moved to a country place the authorities may have told Mori that lack of food was one of the primary reasons for requesting the change. Mori, of course, sent Watanabe to investigate and find out where their supplies are going. How they know.

Oct. 16 - The local press has announced that Vladivostok will not be used for handling Red Cross relief supplies. Another port has been designated - Nakodka, 47 miles north of Vladivostok. Japanese blame the Russians for the hold up in getting relief to prisoners. Domoto asked us if Shenk and the golly force had been informed as to Hishikari's latest order - that we are privileged to cook our food as we want it cooked. No. Shenk hadn't heard of it, and when he made inquiries, the supplyman got annoyed, cut our rations again. Shenk is helpless under this system as the supplyman simply refuses to issue necessary ingredients unless he is permitted to prescribe preparation. Hishikari says he is trying to get us a pig through the black market. Our food couldn't be worse. I told Domoto about the bulk shipments of Red Cross supplies which we had at Lentsuji and asked him if he couldn't get us enough to last over a period of time. He promised to ask Count Kabayama to get busy with his big connections and see what can be done for us. Taiwan naval battle still rages. Domoto says 7,400 houses have been razed, that the populace is irate, war fever is mounting, we must be cautious. Hishikari says Major Cousens may be returned after another examination. Turned out a Missing Men script several days ago on the southern game of "chinky pie". Authorities slashed it with red pencil. They were furious that I had talked of eating something in Japan which is only used in a childish game back in the States.

Oct. 17 - Dragged out Pearson's old Vladivostok Red Cross script which Uno shelved pending a decision at this end. It may be used. Streeter has submitted a commentary entitled "What Will Dewey Do?" Miyoshi says it must be used in Missing Men's political campaign series on orders from the front office, and that we're free to boo it or do anything we wish. Miyoshi called me in this afternoon to make inquiries as to conditions in other POW camps and how they compare with local conditions. Gave him an earful. Told him the men here are cracking, that our food is unbearable, we have no tobacco, everyone is suffering from colds, beriberi and pellagra. That the authorities ask the impossible: - that a group of prisoners do this sort of work under the most wretched conditions I've ever experienced since becoming a prisoner. Have asked for a dental appointment. An old filling dropped out of one of my back teeth.

Oct. 18 - Wrote closing dialogue for the Missing Men script which will feature Streeter's commentary on Dewey. Smith helped me with it. It's strong language. Visited Major Cousens with Miyoshi, and enjoyed a few boiled sweet potatoes he'd gotten through the black market. Cousens looks as if he's going to collapse. All nerves. The Jap doctor has told him he'll be returned to camp as soon as they take another electrocardiograph. But they can't do that until they get a new battery for the machine. Getting one may take some time. Major asked us if we couldn't visit him more often. Says he's O.K. now as regards food. The black market is wide open again.



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- Oct. 19 - Meeting today at which Hishikari told of the terrifying tobacco shortage in America. The States have been cut 9 percent! Rally ration for prisoners of war is two cigarettes per day, and a further cut is predicted. However, Hishikari says he'll try to get us more due to the importance of this work. Warns we must not talk with outsiders at the radio station. Minits says two ships damaged in the Taiwan naval battle. The local press has claimed eighteen carriers, twelve battleships plus - in headlines. The authorities have added a whole page of their own ideas to Streeter's commentary on Navy. Our dialogue has been approved. Streeter will be used as a means of getting the Jap propaganda across, but just how long the authorities will tolerate our being him is questionable.
- Oct. 20 - Momoto said that Corporal Katsube's recent inspection was provoked by Uno who told the Mori authorities we were running wild. We believe Uno reported local food racket in order to get even with Hishikari for discharging him. Momoto says we'll be better off "when Uno leaves the country". He told Momoto that the authorities here know absolutely nothing of how prisoners are treated in other camps, and that's why we've suffered so many restrictions, poor food, general lack of essentials. He says he'll check. It is rumored that Imperial Headquarters may take over the radio station. Dooley's voice was tested today. He's awful. Muner has it he may take Conson's old job on the "Zero Hour". While going into a downtown store today to purchase some cigars for Sgt. Fujita's birthday, Pearson fainted in the street, injured his arm. Ince was called to the front office and questioned by the authorities as to Postman Walls. They are desperately short of messages and Hishikari wants to use commentaries in order to keep the program on the air. Ince insisted that unless they can keep the show clean, as promised in the beginning, that they take it off the air. Hishikari asked him to try to keep it going for a month, until they can get a steady supply of messages arranged from the camps. He told Ince that American forces have invaded Leyte, P.I., and warned that we are being watched at the radio station. Pearson is out as accordionist on tomorrow's jambores. The authorities are desperate and have hired a Jap accordion player. Wisener is ill again with stomach trouble.
- Oct. 21 - Local papers announce the invasion of Leyte. The jambores was O.K. Pearson played. The professional was lousy. Came two hundred fifty miles in order to be here for the program. Said he had traveled all night, and had not slept. We were watched today at the radio station. Uno visited camp, had his picture taken with Sergeant Light whose letter he's taking to Manila. Light's wife is there, and he's never heard from her. Uno says he's leaving today despite the Taiwan battle and the Leyte invasion. The supplyman inspected Shank's reserve stock today and found hoarded sugar, rice, and other supplies. It was all he needed to prove to the front office that Shank can't be trusted. Group rations were cut again as a result of this incident. Dam Shank and his carelessness. Was not taken to the dentist today as promised. Minits announced that in the Taiwan battle a few planes and two ships were lost. We were issued twenty-four cigarettes per man - to last us three days.
- Oct. 22 - Wisener still sick, stomach and chest pains. Have asked for a doctor.
- Oct. 23 - Dooley is not to be used on the "Zero Hour". He must work on Humanity Calls with us. Hiyoahi, desperate in his efforts to run this group, asked Provoe what he thought to be the best method of getting work out of us - whether he

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should assign articles and order them written as Uno did, or whether to put the matter before us and ask for our cooperation in getting the Jap assignments filled. Provoe recommended the latter. Uno cooked his goose with the other method. Momoto wasn't here today. Ozaki brought us a few old Town and Country magazines. We're all homesick looking at gorgeous homes, women. Streeter read his Navy commentary today. There was almost a riot in the studio. The boys went wild booing him, the mikes went out, Jap technicians rushed in with emergency equipment, Ince screamed at them to get out and mind their own business. We can't wait to hear the recordings. I'll bet they're good!

Oct. 24 - Momoto absent again. Wisener is in agony. A doctor examined him, prescribed common vitamin pills. Hishikari ordered him fed white rice gruel. Wisener went out it. Doesn't want Jap doctors around him. The "postal savings" account which McLaughlin and I were compelled to start when we came here is untouchable. We have asked to draw our money which was deposited under Lt. Momamoto's chop. Now we find that Momamoto was an alias and the money can't be touched until a new chop is made and an O.N. given by Headquarters. Ozaki says we'll get it Thursday and then go shopping. Shank made a gelatin desert for us. Very good. Car broke down on the way home from the studio. Had to walk. Missing Men today plugged need for Red Cross. Sounded good for us prisoners.

Oct. 25 - This morning Sgt. Provoe, while snooping through Hiyoahi's desk, found a copy of a letter written by Streeter to Count Kabayama. Sgt. Light, on orders from Major Cox and Ince, stenciled copies for many of us. The letter follows:

Tokyo, Japan, Oct. 3, 1944

Mr. Kabayama.

Dear Sir, Because of recent observations and subjects I have heard discussed I wish to make the following remarks:

From past experience I have found that the common people of America are getting tired of hearing the empty phrases of the so-called great men of politics, intellectual theorists of distinction and government bally hoo men, and would pay some attention to sound common sense coming from men of their own class. I have every reason to believe that the condition still exists.

I believe the most effective way to arouse the American public conscience against war is to expose the political corruption that exists in the present Administration and their flagrant disregard for constitutional law and the rights of the common people. Also, to expose the horrors of war as it is, thus arousing people's emotions. However, I doubt the feasibility of that plan of attack or its success via radio from Japan. It would work very effectively in America and draw thousands of supporters who are only awaiting someone to take the lead.

As I expressed before and I repeat, Japan is overlooking an opportunity that is not often presented and will no doubt not be presented again during this war. The opportunity of having a strong



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organization in America that would to a large extent cause the desired effects upon thousands of American people, and at the same time effectively pave the way towards better relations between Japan and America and hasten peace between the two countries.

The remarks of Rep. Martin Dies, Chairman of the Committee in exposing un-American activities, threatening a sensational expose of the Roosevelt Admin. in May 1941, and the report of Sept. 20, 1944, of Rep. Forest A. Barness, of the Military Affairs Committee, asking for passage of a resolution to subpoena "all records" and personal for investigation and etc....and other various items appearing in the news from America indicate that the feelings of the American people that were aroused by my actions in 1941 have not subsided entirely. They still want to see 'the records' and pass their own judgment. No more effective means of exposing what is in these records and getting definite action by the American people could be had than by the opening of the suit now pending in the United States Supreme Court in which I am the chief plaintiff for the people. The time could never be more ripe for its opening than during the next few months.

I am sure that I have proven my friendship for the Japanese people and I am also sure that ways and means could easily be obtained to place me back in my own environment within a short time where I could render a very valuable service to the people of both Japan and America. I am sure that the cost and risk of such a venture would be insignificant in comparison to other risks and losses Japan is paying, where the risk and loss is many thousands of times greater and the accomplished aim much less in value.

Place me where I can walk over the Russian or any other country's border with 500 American dollars in my pocket and I will be in America within 30 days and within 30 days more have my activities in America well under way. The American news broadcasts will record them for you to read. If given more time I can explain in further detail things that I cannot write here.

I am sure that Japan's troubles are not going to be alleviated to any great extent by the best efforts that I can produce while here. However, I wish that they could.

I do not wish to seem obtrusive by my constant repetition of this matter. As a friend I merely wish to if possible, impress you with the sincerity and importance of what I say that I can accomplish in America, even with all foolish youthful arguments to the contrary.

Do not misconstrue this as braggadocio when I say that I have written perhaps more articles and plays for the program, and articles with no hidden meanings, nor written to hide feelings, but articles that were frank, open and fearless. Articles that no other member of this program had the desire, or, using a good old American phrase, had the guts to write and would not have written unless they were forced to do so. And why did I write them? Because I felt them. Because I have a

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burning desire to accomplish something worthwhile for all mankind.

The common enemy of both Japan and myself is the Roosevelt regime and the precedents set by it, and you are doing your enemy a great favor by keeping me here as a prisoner of war.

The American people do not pay as much attention to conventional things as those which are unusual.

Because of the many men in the armed services the big majority of people in America now are middle aged or older, who are more settled in their ways, willing to listen to common sense reasoning and are little affected by hysteria.

Probably the most vulnerable place in American society today is women, who now greatly outnumber the men. They are more susceptible to being aroused through their emotions, and the importance of women's influence on men in America should not be overlooked. There is a powerful force is properly approached.

I have never misrepresented my qualifications, and have never failed to produce (deliver the goods) when given the opportunity.

Upon previous occasions I have offered Japan my services to do research work for peaceful building construction, as a creative building technologist.

To any Japanese who is interested in the building industry, I will gladly give plans and specifications of the Streator System of Construction, of which I am the originator hold patent and copyrights. The Streator System of Construction being built entirely of steel and cement, is fire proof, water proof, termite and rodent proof, and one of the most earthquake resistant types of construction there is, which would be ideally suited for Japan.

I offer this merely as a friendly gesture.

I have offered to work with Japanese economists in showing how energyocracy could be adapted to Japan's social economy to the great advantage of the nation and its people.

I have offered to cooperate with the Japanese in any endeavour which will bring better relations between Japan and the rest of the world.

I have respected Japanese customs and opinions and offered them sincere friendship.

In fact, I have offered Japan everything that I would offer or give the land of my birth, America. No test of friendship could be greater under these trying conditions of war. Upon several occasions I have been threatened with bodily harm and death for that friendship.



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I hope that I have not bored you with this correspondence. If you are not interested I will make no further mention of it. However, to ignore what I have said will be Japan's loss. All that I can do as a friend, who by all rights as I see them, should not be a prisoner of war, is offer a valuable service to you to accept or reject as you wish.

Thank you. I remain, your respectfully,

(SIGNED) Mark L. Streeter,

(TYPED) Mark L. Streeter.

Civilian Prisoner of War

The group is very upset about this letter but we are certain there will be no violence. Cox seems to have things well under control. Donoto confided to McLaughlin that there are two opposing factions trying to get control of this group of prisoners. One is an advertising firm, the other - Osmi. Michikari's administration has been branded "corrupt", and he is trying desperately to get us moved to the country place within the month. There we'll be out of reach of these various groups who want to get control of us. Donoto says we must be cautious, that the atmosphere in the Jap offices is tense. He conferred especially of Streeter - who knows that something is going on. He conferred with the authorities for forty-five minutes today. Visited Major Kawano again with Ince and Ozaki. He seems much better. Wisener's illness has been diagnosed as "neuralgia". The Japs have prescribed one of their special balms and some sort of chest plasters. Perhaps we should wave bamboo over him and make guttural noises! Ince started a crap game in the officers' room this evening. I raised hell with Cox for allowing this sort of thing to take place in our quarters which are usually out of bounds for enlisted personnel. He shrugged his shoulders. Ince lost 150 yen. Delighted! Streeter cornered Joe Antarita this evening. Told him we were rapidly reaching a serious crisis in this camp. Warned him to stay away from the prisoner officers and that he'd put in a good word for him with the Jap authorities. Joe told Streeter he wasn't interested - that he's our orderly, likes his job, and will keep it no matter what happens. Broad ismie was half loaf again.

Oct. 26 - Newspaper says that the Japanese people are to have a special issue of sake to celebrate their naval victory in the battle off Taiwan! The Osaka Mainichi (another local paper) suggests that the sake issue may be "premature", in an unbelievable editorial attacking the government. Wisener in on his feet again. Was taken to the dentist. Corporal Watanabe and a Lieutenant visited the radio station and then inspected the camp. Cigarettes were issued. The visitors were shown "Fantasia" in the movie studio, checked on our rations with the supply department, saw our three slices of bread for evening show. They asked why we didn't receive a full loaf of bread per meal. No satisfactory reply was given.

Oct. 27 - Rehearsed with a Jap steel guitar player who has been hired to assist us in presenting a "Hawaiian" Jamboree on Saturday. He's plenty good. Was standing nearby when Donoto introduced Miyoshi to the guitarist as "Kampi". (Gendarme) Have always suspected Miyoshi was a Kampi, but he never seemed the sword-waving type. Now we know!

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Oct. 28 - Ince, McLaughlin and I were called into conference with Donoto and Miyoshi. They say that Streeter has been ordered to write certain commentaries and that we must not interfere. We must see to it that other members of the group leave Streeter alone and give him a free hand. Outside factions are insisting upon the use of Streeter's writings on the program. If any harm comes to Streeter (as he has predicted to the Japs) the consequences for us will be severe. Have a cold and plan to stay in bed until I get over it. The Jamboree was good.

Oct. 29 - Stayed in bed all day. Thrashed out the entire local situation with McLaughlin and we are both convinced of one thing: that Streeter and Provoe are out to get us. They will keep on talking to the Japs until they feel that their own positions are absolutely secure. Then - if there is a showdown - they'll be spared.

Oct. 30 - Major Cox was called to the front office today and questioned by Count Mabayama as to how the prisoners feel about Streeter's being put on the air. Cox told him we don't like it, advised the Count to have Streeter do anything they want him to do, but not to allow him on the prisoners' program representing prisoners' views. That's what causes the trouble here. Supplies brought us another dog! Provoe cornered Wisener and warned him that if he continues to be so "anti-social", Provoe feels he will have to take up the matter with "the other officers or the Japanese authorities". Wisener was annoyed, called in Donoto, and told him the whole story of Provoe's persistent pursuit. Donoto seemed sympathetic, said that if trouble arises and the matter came before him, everything will be O.K. But if trouble develops, the affair is taken before higher authorities, and Provoe insists we are sabotaging the program, he doesn't know what the consequences will be. Donoto then said he'd back us in the use of force, if necessary, to curb Provoe's activities. Wisener, campaigning for the reelection of Roosevelt, has been written into Wednesday's Rising Sun. His commentary is a beauty, but Miyoshi has scheduled Streeter's anti-Roosevelt commentary to follow Wisener. He never said a word to me about it. I knew they'd double cross us on the political campaign business. My use of the Democratic Party's "Happy Days are Here Again" theme music has been deleted from the script. Rickert has refused to stencil Streeter's commentaries. The authorities are furious with all of us over this Streeter problem.

Oct. 31 - Donoto came into the officers' room this morning, gathered us together to issue a stern warning. It seems that word has gotten around "outside" that some of us are doing everything we can to thwart the Japanese policy in regard to this program. These hostile elements are in favor of using more Streeter commentaries! Donoto says they are complaining constantly about the program and reading double meanings into everything. He says that specific accusations have not yet been made but predicts that some sort of crisis will occur soon. He thinks that when it does - "certain officers will be removed". We are certain that all this has been brought about by Provoe and Streeter. Later in the day McLaughlin was taken aside by Donoto and again warned about our attitude toward Streeter. Ince, he said, has been accused by the authorities of being the instigator of what they believe to be a movement to buck Jap policy. McLaughlin said that the Japanese accusations were absurd, that Ince's tactless manner has been wrongly interpreted. Donoto agreed that it was quite possible, and then mentioned Sergeant Light as also being under suspicion. Donoto says that American propaganda, presented by



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American Japanese, is incredibly effective. It's apparently reaching thousands. Predicted that the only way the war can end is by an Allied victory which will kill off the Jap race, or an internal revolt. He believes the latter is quite possible.

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- Nov. 1 - 1:45 Raided. Saw one B-29 - Japs say two were shot down. Everyone was ordered into the basement of administration building and remained there for two hours. The supplyman was a nervous wreck. Taneishi was at the radio station watching the broadcast at the time the sirens blew. He left immediately. Wisener and Streeter read their commentaries on Roosevelt. Streeter ran three minutes overtime. At 2:30 this afternoon we were shown "Fantasia" in the Jap's theater. Had late supper - best meal in months. The supplyman was so scared after the raid that all Shank had to do was order him about the storeroom. 3:45 another alert was sounded. Ozaki arrived to spend the night in camp. Shank caught Parkyns in the galley trying to contact the nurses next door. 1:15 a.m. earthquake. What a day. Only regret - we weren't able to visit Cousens at the hospital.
- Nov. 2 - Papers say that yesterday's raid was one B-29 on reconnaissance. (Strange they told us two had been downed) Rumor says the local populace was shocked at the ease with which the plane flew about the Japs much vaunted "impenetrable defense zone". Ozaki and Miyoshi, on orders from Headquarters, are to alternate spending nights here during raids. Visited Major Cousens. He's much improved. The electro-cardiograph has been postponed another week as they can't get a new battery. Cousens has spent 125 yen during the last week on black-market food. His hospital ration consists of 1/4 cup of wet rice per meal! He says all the doctors and nurses are sick with colds, etc., from improper diet. Told us that pandemonium reigns during the raids. Parkyns cornered Shank and threatened him with a beating over Shank's having reported yesterday's galley incident to Cox. Cox intervened and threatened Parkyns unless the latter recognizes the authority of rank around here. Didn't know Cox had it in him. A movie was shown to some visitors this afternoon. Five of them dined this evening out of our rations! Major Cox complained about it to Kemoto who said that the supplyman is scheduled to be relieved in a few days.
- Nov. 3 - Rained all day. McNaughton and Ince in bed with colds. Had a long talk with Ozaki when he asked why so many people were always sick. Told him our inadequate diet is responsible and not to be surprised if a great many more have to turn in. He says the reason we don't get normal prisoners' supplies is because we're not a recognized POW camp. Added that he feels sorry for us, fears the coming winter. Yeah - so do we! Told him we expected bulk Red Cross food. Ozaki doubts we'll get it.
- Nov. 4 - Ince still ill. Major Cox was called to the front office and informed that Streeter is to have a private room in the other building, that we have all failed to be civil toward Mr. Streeter, and in so doing have violated Japanese orders. In fact we have committed sabotage! Streeter has obviously been lying to the authorities. No one has threatened him or been discourteous since orders came from the Japs. Wisener received another letter from Provoc asking him to be kind to him or else he won't be able to bear life here. He says that he still loves him, and always will. Wisener is speechless with rage.
- Nov. 5 - Raid at 11:00 a.m. The Warrant Officer herded us into the basement again. Miyoshi arrived to spend the night. Twenty planes had been sighted over some peninsula. Mail arrived after lunch. Seven letters for Wisener who nearly went crazy with a photo of his 11-month old baby whom he's never seen. Had five letters myself - with pictures of my new niece. Mother says she received



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my March 7th message. Docley says Provoe confided to him that we are scheduled to move to the new camp on December 1st. All useless members of the group will be segregated at that time - plus those who appear to be influencing program policy in the wrong direction.

Nov. 6 - Donoto says that reports of our work are regularly submitted to the emperor. Said that last April a general move to do away with all war prisoners was stopped by one man - the emperor. My Missing Men script called "Who's Who in the Camps" was passed after the Japs made a phone call to Omeri and checked every detail of what I had written. Hiyoshi says the authorities are delighted at not having been deceived! Incredible. The Supplyman was discharged today. He is supposed to leave the premises within four days. Donoto says that he cooked his geese when he was caught stealing - not prisoners' rations, but Jap rations.

Nov. 7 - We had been on the air just three minutes today when the siren blew. Provoe came rushing in to say that we were actually being bombed. His reports were substantiated by a thunderous roar of anti-aircraft guns on the roof. We were scared half to death. After the program we discovered that exactly one plane had been over! At 1:35 it returned again over Tokyo, and a second time all Radio Tokyo personnel went mad. They screamed up and down the halls, put on weird blanket-like outfits with hoods, crouched in the corridors. It felt as if a thousand planes were overhead. Darwin Dodds was terrified and went completely to pieces. He protested to Hiyoshi over our being in a target area. Hiyoshi says he'll take the matter to higher authorities as he's alarmed at the state of prisoners' morale. Pellagra is so bad in the camp that Shunk and the galley boys have stolen a lot of greens from the storeroom to make us salads. My pellagra is keeping me awake half the night.

Nov. 8 - Donoto stayed here last night. Both programs have been ordered recorded for two days ahead in case we can't go to the station. However, only Postman Calls was done. The studio technicians were so scared that they couldn't get the recorder working. They suggest we only do one each day - which doesn't help matters in the least. The authorities say they can't get a recording device for our new camp in the country. In fact they can't get anything. Hiyoshi has suggested that both programs be recorded every morning as he figures the planes from Japan won't be here until midday or after. Visited Major Cousens. He's better than ever.

Nov. 9 - "Who's Who" script went over well. Darwin Dodds is a nervous wreck. Don't think he'll be of any use to us on the program from now on. Hiyoshi says the studio people are willing to record us every day at 3:00 p.m. Told him that was absurd, and he agreed that such an arrangement would alleviate absolutely nothing. Says he will plug for the morning arrangement instead. Donoto says he's trying to get us a recording device for the camp. Actually it's better for us to broadcast direct from the studio at the regular time when our people know we are there. Set up until midnight with Provoe who wanted to talk with us. He had been called to Donoto's office yesterday afternoon ostensibly to discuss a commentary he'd written. This matter was quickly laid aside, however, and Donoto questioned him in regard to the group. Provoe says he was asked what he'd do if all the officers were removed from this camp. He says he told Donoto he'd never do a lick of work again. Then Donoto bitterly criticized my Missing Men scripts as full of double meanings, and said I had thwarted the Japanese efforts to do a serious program

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by continuously writing light comedy which throws off the whole mood and tempo. The Japs don't trust my use of slang, etc. Then Provoe told us how much he has changed since the early days here, that he no longer likes the Japanese. Now he professes to be all-American. Provoe is definitely up to something. Before he called me in, he had talked with McLaughlin all afternoon. Major Cox says he also was cornered. All were on the same subject. Wisener got another long letter from him at noon today raving about how he'd changed - seen the light - and now he is a solid, manly person - thanks to Wisener's influence. Nuts.

Nov. 10 - Dodds is in bed with bad cold and shattered nerves. Donoto came over first thing this morning to report on his talk with Provoe. He says he asked Provoe what he'd do if all the officers were moved out. Provoe said: "I'd simply die!" Donoto says he doesn't know what Provoe is - "a man or a woman", but insists that whatever it is, Provoe is having some sort of monthly period. Each month at the same time he has observed Provoe getting hysterical, writing love letters, asking for interviews with the Jap authorities. Donoto says the purpose of this question to Provoe was to hint at Wisener's removal without actually mentioning Wisener's name. Donoto explained that Provoe - in a rage against Wisener for having ignored his advances, had previously told the authorities that all the officers were working together to thwart Jap program policy. But after his anger subsided, and love returned, he wanted to undo his dirty work. So - to gain an audience with the Japanese, he wrote a stupid commentary which he knew was unsuitable for broadcast and which he would be called upon to explain by the authorities. It was entitled "Farewell to the Mothers of America" - a hair-raising article in which all prisoners say goodbye before they're blown to bits by American bombs. Having gained the audience without raising suspicion amongst us, he told Donoto that he'd "simply die" if we (Wisener) were removed. Donoto says he never mentioned the Jap attitude toward my writings; that Provoe brought them to his attention as "full of double meanings".

Nov. 11 - Dodds is still sick. No further word on the recorder. Have been ordered to write a Missing Men script in which the prisoners say that KPO made an error in calling Yamashita the "Butcher of Bataan". Yamashita was the Jap's chief in Malaya. Noma was chief in Bataan. It must be ready for presentation Monday. Had a long talk before supper with Omeri. He is disgusted with Donoto's mistakes. Says that Donoto sent out the Yamashita story calling him the Bataan hero. KPO merely quoted it back. Now - to save face - they're making us prisoners correct their error and blame our side. Another example of their stupidity which he described was a recent error in translation. An Asahi article said that the governor of Taiwan - during a recent visit to Tokyo - said he was "unruffled by the bombings of his island". A brilliant Issei rewrite man, in translating the report for English broadcast interpreted "unruffled" as "unruffled". And the world was told that the governor of Taiwan was "completely unmoved by recent Allied bombings!" Omeri says that these errors are made because "they want give the nice credit for having any intelligence". He says that the nice are mistrusted as much as the prisoners. The men are furious with me because I refused to appear on today's Jamboree. At rehearsal Pearson was annoyed, is reported as having suggested that they tell the authorities we can't put on any more Jamborees unless better cooperation is ordered. Then he is said to have stated that we officers hold secret meetings with the Jap authorities and never let them in on the details. He announced that the officers had let the men down,



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and recalled our resignation last August. Smith is reported to have stood up for us and told Pearson to "quit crying". Called in Smith and Pearson after muster and informed them that we are all cognizant of this morning's meeting and the derogatory remarks passed at that time. Informed them that we prisoner officers will hold as many conferences with the Japs as we feel necessary and that only such information will be passed on to the men as we think advisable. Pearson apologized for his outburst and blamed Provoe as having aroused his feelings with incessant chatter against our administration, the pending move to the country, and talk of his own influence with the Japanese. Smith confirmed this saying that from time to time Provoe corners different members of the group and "preys on weaker minds". Smith said he is with his officers 100 percent and will back us in any move. Says Provoe told him he had informed the authorities that only when the prisoner officers are removed will the enlisted men feel that they can write without restraint. I suggest they quit worrying, that we have things well under control.

Nov. 12 - Quiet day except that Pearson called Provoe aside and read him the riot act. Told him to keep his mouth shut and stop trying to influence other people with his "perverted ideas". Then McNaughton got hold of him, and after he finished Wisener took over. The latter has more influence than anyone else.

Nov. 15 - Donoto says that plans for a portable recorder are progressing. Their main difficulty at the moment lies in fixing up a sound proof room here in camp. We reported Provoe's recent activities - the way in which he's been trying to stir up the men. Donoto said not to worry. Most of the Japs have his number.

Nov. 14 - Count Sabayama asked McNaughton today "is it true that the officers are censoring the program?" Donoto has ordered a Missing Man on how POWs feel about air raid shelters.

Nov. 15 - Visited Major Cousens who says he's organized the hospital nurses in order to stabilize black market food prices. He has really learned the language. Cousens says that his nurse is stringing our supplyman along in order to get extra rations for herself.

Nov. 16 - This afternoon we were shown a Jap propaganda film which "bared" British cruelties in India. The first part was a cut from Hollywood's Gunga Din. Talks by Chandra Bose and other leaders followed. Tsuneishi was there and called Wisener and McNaughton aside after the showing to ask their views on it. Both said it was a good effort but rather late.

Nov. 17 - Donoto warned Dooley that any member of this group who is found to be writing double meanings into scripts went stand a chance of getting home alive. His recent Dooley has written and submitted a commentary describing this organization. He came right out and said that the Japanese had rounded up intelligent prisoners from different camps, and brought them to Tokyo to broadcast their propaganda. There wasn't a double meaning in it. It was an open statement of fact, but the Japs can't face it. Have caught another cold. Ozaki confided to us that the Red Cross shipment has arrived. Donoto later told us that he has heard we won't get much. The Japs plan to distribute a major part of the shipment to prisoners in Manchuria and Korea.

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Nov. 18 - Local paper verifies Donoto's report on the bulk of Red Cross going to Korea and Manchuria. But we know it has all arrived in Japan. Morale has hit a new low. We have barked on that food for the winter. We're now going to have bread three times daily, 240 loaves arrived today. The boys made quite a haul.

Nov. 19 - Stayed in bed all day nursing my cold. We're only having bread twice a day - millet in the morning. This arrangement has been worked out so that the Japs can cut into our bread issue. Food is terrible. The men are building a cat trap in their determination to get a little protein.

Nov. 20 - Donoto says that only twenty Red Cross parcels have been allotted our camp by the distributing office. Everyone is furious. Noblitt confided to me that several months ago he was asked by the authorities to do special work for them - reporting our activities, etc. He refused. Added, however, that Hishikari told him that if at anytime he had personal difficulties, to bring them direct to the office. Noblitt says he will now accept that offer and put in a strong complaint on the food problem. Donoto says he had no idea we barked so much on the Red Cross supplies. He will try to get us more. Kiyoshi saw and approved the idea of the cat trap.

Nov. 21 - Caught an alley cat. Fujita and Smith slaughtered it in the bath house and Chenk soaked it in salt water all night. Eysaska has formally taken over the supplies. Chenk has been authorized to prepare our food any way he desires, so long as the Jap rations are cooked the way they like them. Had soft millet for breakfast, bread for lunch and supper. Had individual sugar issue - the biggest ever. (two tablespoons!) The new assistant supplyman saw the cat - issued oil and flour for CAT STE! Only fourteen members of the group have indicated their desire to partake of this delicacy. The others turn green at the thought. The Japs seem to approve of our eating cat. However, Hishikari is at home ill - and I don't think he has heard of it - yet. Mr. Go confided to us that there are 20 large Red Cross boxes at Shinbashi station marked for our camp (80 individual parcels!). Donoto was right about the 20. Winter may not be so cold after all. The cat stew was delicious. Provoe refused to touch it. "Dis-mal" Quille refused to eat in the mess hall. Both went to bed, disgusted with their fellow prisoners.

Nov. 22 - Big day. Donoto is scheduled to leave for my old camp - Kentsuji - on Sunday. He's promised to take a letter from me to Commander Keene. Says he will identify us with this work if we wish. We do - definitely. He is making the trip in order to play recordings of our programs for the prisoners, and ask that they send more messages. This afternoon - from our window - we saw the Japs unloading 20 large boxes - all with Red Crosses on them - and taking them into the front office. Not a word was said about their arrival until just before supper when Major Cox was called out by Donoto. "Sorry - only 20 arrived." So sorry. Advised we wait for an issue until he can arrange to get another five. Cox said not to worry - that we had seen them being carried in, and counted 20. Explained that there are four small boxes in each - a total of 80 or three complete issues for us with five left over. Donoto said he hadn't seen them yet, that he'd only been told by the other Japs that 20 had arrived, and thought he'd pass the information on to us. Explained that an officer is coming here from Headquarters on Friday to inspect them with Major Cox and at that time a decision will be made as to when they can be issued. Mr. Go came over after muster



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and asked if we'd told on him. Explained we hadn't - that we'd seen the arrival of the stuff from our window. It seems he was called into Hishikari's office after Demoto returned there with the word that we knew about the arrival. Go was accused of having told us. Hishikari was furious. We assured him we had not said a word about him, and thanked him for having put us on guard as to their arrival. He was relieved. Said he has given us a lot of information from time to time and will continue providing he isn't doublecrossed. Something is screwy about the arrival of this Red Cross stuff. Why is Hishikari so mad? Why didn't he have it put into the regular storeroom instead of sneaking it into the other building. My damned filling has fallen out again, and the pellagra is worse than ever.

Nov. 23 - Today is rice harvest day or something. No one is around and the programs were recorded presentations. Joe's down with a cold. Bickert's birthday. Mama went out and bought us some flowers for him. The bread supply ran out and we had to eat millet three times. It's impossible.

Nov. 24 - Alert at 12:00 - raided from 12:10 until 3:00. Yokohama industrial area hit with incendiaries. McNaughton and Demoto went a few rounds at lunch over the idea of the Red Cross supplies having to be inspected by an officer from Headquarters. McNaughton said it was "unprecedented red tape". Demoto says that no Jap trusts the Red Cross. Onori is supposed to have called to say that the parcels can't be issued until Christmas. We asked how they have any jurisdiction over the distribution when the shipment came direct to this camp. No one seems to know anything, no one has any authority, therefore no one in particular can ever be blamed for anything. Quite a system - if they like it! Hell!

Nov. 25 - Papers report 14 American planes downed in yesterday's raid. Damage negligible. Commenting on the number shot down, Miyoshi said: "They've gotta show me!" Demoto is leaving for Zentsuji tomorrow. Wrote a short note to Commander Keene. Demoto actually wanted me to write a long letter, lauding the program, and urging the writing of radio messages by prisoners. Sorry. Our cigarette ration has been cut from six to four per day. Onori says definitely that we may not have an issue of Red Cross food until Christmas. Demoto says that he is trying to get the control of these supplies transferred from Onori to local authorities. Headquarters is supposed to decide. Rubbish!

Nov. 26 - Morning papers printed what Onaki says to be the biggest shock local Japs have had in a long time. Stalin has appointed Voroshilov Cinc of Russia's far eastern forces. One chicken, supposedly killed by a cat last night, will be eaten tonight. Shenk said he saw it happen - as he was coming back from a nocturnal trip to the latrine. But he couldn't stop the cat. The galley boys did a good job of making holes in the chicken's neck with an ice pick - just to make certain it really looked as if a cat had done the job. One B-29 over at noon. Cruised around and flew home. Local people must be annoyed over the ease with which the raiders fly around. No defense, no fighters. Wonder if they have any? Another cat in the trap at 3:00 this afternoon. Miyoshi was more excited than any of us. At muster the Warrant Officer gave us a lecture in the inhumanity of eating cat. Ordered all cat eaters to step one pace forward. All but six left raps. He was furious. No one is to eat cat again. Do Americans eat cat? We said no - that Americans had never found it necessary.

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Pearson fainted at 8:00 this evening and was carried to bed. The first question the Warrant Officer asked was if he'd been in a fight. We said no - he simply fainted. Ah - the Warrant Officer announced it was the result of having eaten cat! He was hastily informed that Pearson was one of the six men who had not indulged. A Jap doctor arrived and said there was nothing wrong with the patient. He had no sooner left than Pearson passed out a second time and vomited all night. He has violent headaches, nausea, chills and general weakness. But a Jap doctor has said that there is nothing wrong with him. That settles it. No medicine or attention is necessary. And of course it couldn't possibly be the food - or lack of it.

Nov. 27 - All of us were ordered to stay in the galley shelter from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m. today by the Warrant Officer. The all-clear was sounded at 2:10. At exactly 2:15 a big stick of HE fell about a mile away. Scored us half to death. Mr. Maki of Radio Tokyo says that arrangements have been made for us to record every morning. Hishikari is no longer interested. Hishikari came over to our room this afternoon, smirked: "I hear some people are afraid to go to the radio station." I said sure they were, and who wouldn't be. The station is a target, and they have no business keeping prisoners in a target area. Ince added: "And anyone who says he isn't afraid to be in that station during a raid is a goddam liar!" Hishikari did not reply. Miyoshi interviewed several people today on what we think of Demoto. General opinion seems to be that he is liked by the prisoners, he is a gentleman, but we resent his endless stream of obvious lies. They are quite unnecessary. Another doctor visited Pearson and said he has beriberi and a weak heart. Pearson was given a vitamin C shot and advised to take plenty rest. The doctor was taken into the men's room by the Warrant Officer. Five people were in bed at the time. No salute was given. After the doctor departed the Warrant Officer returned to slap Bruce and Quille for discourtesy. He was justified. At muster he announced that from now on all blankets must be folded every day and no one may turn in sick unless he is given permission by the Warrant Officer or Mr. Go. Guess we brought it all on ourselves - as usual.

Nov. 28 - Paper says there is fighting on Samar in the Philippines. The landing was never announced. Last night's incident was reported to Miyoshi by Noblitt who predicted that a return of the old reign of terror stuff will show a definite decline in the work. The Japs say they have raided our bases on Saipan. A suicide plane carrying fifty soldiers landed at the new Leyte airbase and caused plenty damage.

Nov. 29 - Had a long talk with Miyoshi. Told him I thought it very necessary that we move out of here. My nerves are shot. I have too much of a load to carry. Missing Men, as far as the Japs are concerned, is simply written. They give orders only when they want a special script and don't know who's writing it. I can't get anyone in the group to write a script except Pearson. The rest I must do myself. If I quit, or report the matter to Demoto, it won't be right. So I'm left holding the bag. How long I can do it is a question. Some day I'll have to stop, and there'll be trouble when I do. Called a meeting this evening of all writers to ask their cooperation. Obtained no assistance but learned a lot. Provoe made an interesting speech. He said that from now on he will write nothing which isn't specifically ordered by the authorities; that he will help no one. Says he's been ill and has been through a lot. He doesn't care how much of a load the rest of us must carry. He isn't interested. I pointed out



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to Wisener that he was ordered to write at least one Missing Men script each week but has failed to do it. As a result, I must do his work or report the writer. Can't do the latter, so I simply carry his load and it's wearing me down. Wisener said that he wasn't obligated to anyone, that he went write and that settles it. Bruce and Smith said they couldn't help me as all the commentary writers have stopped writing and they each have to write six articles a week. Saw Major Douzens. He's doing fine.

Nov. 30 - Last night was an absolute terror. At 11:45 incendiaries started falling out of thick fog about three blocks from camp, and they didn't stop until 3:00 a.m. Muster was held by the Warrant Officer at 3:15 a.m. in the rain. All turned in and the raid started again. This time it was all HK. The second all-clear sounded at 5:00 a.m. Told Miyoshi they'd better get busy and move us out of here or they won't have any program. Told him that if anything happens to anyone of us - someone in the other building will be held responsible. Miyoshi said that unfortunately he himself has no authority, but he understands we are being used as "a sort of weapon". The Japs think they're radio station is safe as long as we're in it. Oh yeah? Dodds is still unable to do anything. Was finally taken to the dentist and got another filling. Lilian at Radio Tokyo cornered Joe Astarita today and asked him to please stop Parkyns from talking to them. He's getting them all in trouble. Major Cox and Dooley saw Miyoshi and asked him that Parkyns be kept away from the radio station for his own protection. That man can't keep his mouth shut. So ends November.

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Dec. 1 - Dodds saw Hishikari yesterday. Told him he cannot go near the radio station again. Proves wrote five Missing Men scripts and turned them in to me - "just to help you along". He further intimated that he regretted having been a traitor to his country in the early broadcasts, but to go on record as having been a traitor to this group as well - was unwise. Miyoshi advised Noblitt to see Hishikari about our going to the station during raids, and the effect of the raids on the work and morale. Noblitt asked me to accompany him to give the interview an "official" tone. I regret having gone along. Noblitt did all the talking, kept harping on the point that we were recommending a move out of the target area because of the detrimental effect of raids on the program and general morale. He placed too much emphasis on a weak point. Hishikari knows we don't give a damn about the program and Noblitt only succeeded in making this fact more obvious. He went on to say that Ince had inquired of studio people and that it was possible to record both programs in the early morning. Hishikari became incensed at this, asked Noblitt if Ince is "working for Radio Tokyo?" No. Well then he has no right to make such statements. Then to me: "What is your opinion of all this?" I said that many members of the organization were seriously disturbed by the raids and that I thought some definite step to insure our protection would ease matters. Hishikari asked if we didn't think that such matters could be left entirely to his discretion. Of course we had to concede him that privilege. The whole interview was a flop. Noblitt couldn't have handled it less intelligently. Every time he opened his mouth he insulted Hishikari. Wrote a Missing Men praising Mrs. Roosevelt and her activities. Miyoshi handed it back to me. "I hope you don't seriously think that this sort of thing will stop the war."

Dec. 2 - Donoto returned. He didn't get as far as Zentsuji, found too much to do in Osaka. There are 20,000 prisoners there in 300 camps. Most are from Malaya, Philippines, and Java. He brought in 300 recorded messages. Admitted their food is better than ours, but living quarters are worse. Said they have all had one issue of Red Cross food from this last shipment. Major Cox was called to Hishikari's office to help open 25 parcels and inspect them. He asked what was to be done with the remaining 65 boxes. Hishikari said we were to have three issues - Christmas, January and February. It has been ordered that way by Onori authorities. Onori's name is useful to them when blame for negligence or confusion must be placed on someone.

Dec. 3 - Raided from noon until 3:00 p.m. Seventy planes passed overhead. Japs claim thirty were shot down. Their defense must be marvelous, out somewhere where we can't see it.

Dec. 4 - The Missing Men script on Mrs. Roosevelt, which I submitted to Donoto after Miyoshi's rejection, was returned today approved! Miyoshi still can't understand it, tried to see some hidden meaning. Donoto says it's a fine tribute. Ozaki says that the local people get hysterical when the siren blows. All factories, streetcars, trains, shops cease operation. He says it's a tremendous problem.

Dec. 5 - The authorities predict a big raid on Tokyo for the 8th - anniversary of Pearl Harbor. They have cancelled all Osaka Prisoners' messages for that day and substituted all Tokyo. They hope to convey the idea that there are many war prisoners here with the hope of stopping raids on this city. One plane came over



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last night. I'm sure it caused as much emotion as a thousand would cause over Germany.

Dec. 6 - Rained last night. We were mustered and ordered into the galley again. Donoto says Manchuria is taking quite a pounding.

Dec. 7 - We're completely out of cigarettes. Food is worse than ever - if possible. McNaughton cornered Donoto - told him the authorities had better improve conditions or we'll be so sick they won't get anything out of us. Cigarettes were issued and Donoto brought us his lunch. What a hell of a mess!

Dec. 8 - Caught a cold last night standing in the shelter. Risk of bombing seems less than that of pneumonia! My new putty filling fell out again. Am itching from head to foot with pellagra. What misery!

Dec. 9 - Was ordered to the radio station for the Jamboree but spent the rest of the day in bed. Have diarrhea. Mr. Go went out and bought me a quart of castor oil - 2.50Y. Went take it internally, but it's good for the pellagra, eases the itching, and may be good for softening shoes. Can't eat this filth. Honestly don't know what's going to become of us.

Dec. 10 - Lay awake all night scratching, and making trips to the latrine. The cold is the least of my worries. Haven't had a bath for three weeks. We're out of coal. Papasan brought a little in on his bicycle. The group nearly went on strike for a bath. Hayasaka ordered sulphur put into the tub for those of us with pellagra. (8 men)

Dec. 11 - Wiesner is in bed with five boils. Provon is playing nursemaid. A doctor was brought in to examine me. His diagnosis - I have a bad cold - that is all! He gave me a shot of vitamin C and prescribed aspirin. All commentaries have been cancelled during the Christmas season. The Japs want only prisoners' messages and Missing Men used. Doesn't help us in the least.

Dec. 12 - Still in bed. Have developed a strange sort of indigestion. Not surprised. Stomach hasn't had anything to work on except water and kori (millet).

Dec. 13 - Had to get up at noon. Bed was too hard. Major Soudens was brought home this afternoon after a five-plane raid. He looks fine. Count Kabayama was brazenly warned by Dooley that all Japs who mistreat war prisoners "will, of course, be shot!" The Count asked if he was prominent on Dooley's list. Dooley said "Oh no, Sir - you're the last on my list, so far."

Dec. 14 - Cox was called to Mishikari's office to inspect Red Cross parcels again. Donoto says that an issue will be made next week providing Gmori authorities don't find out about it. Everyone is ill. The food is lousy. The Jap's building is full of relief supplies from our own people and we can't have them - until the authorities get good and ready. Makes me think of Lt. Hosotani's remarks at Kentsuji back in '42. "You must remember that the Japanese soldier does not have these luxuries," luxuries my eye! Well, there'll be hell to pay someday for the way they've mishandled the Red Cross. And that's only one complaint that'll be filed against them - a minor one at that.

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Dec. 15 - Count Kabayama mentioned Dooley's threat again. He seems seriously concerned about it. Good. Hope he'll spread the word and they all get concerned. Dooley reemphasized his point again. Said that those who had treated us improperly and mishandled our Red Cross supplies will get it in the neck - whether we're still here to tell the story or not! Rained at 3:30 a.m. Stayed in bed, but heard plenty dropping.

Dec. 16 - Donoto has suggested that we take up a collection for the purchase of black market beef. He will get it for us and smuggle it into camp providing we keep mum on the subject. He says he was prompted to make this gesture by his sister who visited the studio several days ago and was shocked at our physical appearance. The beef is 12 Y per pound.

Dec. 17 - Papa bicycled in with some more coal. No sulphur was issued this time. The castor oil, applied externally, seems to be relieving my pellagra rash. Too bad I can't fill my teeth with it. Am still waiting for another dental appointment.

Dec. 18 - Donoto is due to bring us a few pounds of black market beef at noon. Shenk has been asked to submit a Christmas menu for consideration by the authorities. His ideas and ours just don't coincide on the subject. He'll plan it anyway. Think it's time we did something about him. Have been ordered to do a Missing Men script on the issuance of Red Cross parcels. They are promised for the 20th.

Dec. 19 - Donoto had a long talk today with McNaughton about the proposed move to the country. Donoto says that he'd like to move us to his sister's farm in Hokkaido as someday, he thinks, Tokyo will be leveled. He asked if we wanted to go to church on Christmas day. Said we'd be delighted. Told him Ince and I had requested the privilege several times on behalf Catholic members of the group. Donoto then announced that all Christian groups in Japan had recently been merged into one; that there will be no separate Catholic services. I told him I was quite certain the Pope didn't know anything about it! Donoto replied that the Pope was cognizant of the new merger and delighted. "Oh yes, the Pope has been trying to do it for years, but of course such a thing could only take place over here." Of course!

Dec. 20 - Gmori officials inspected us today. They promised Donoto they'd look into the desperate food situation. Red Cross parcels were issued at 3:00 p.m. Joe Astarita and I have pooled our issue to make it last longer. Devoured a can of butter with coffee and Chesterfields. A real treat! After the issue was made, Pearson turned in my script on the subject, which he had been withholding from the censors pending the promised delivery. Miyoshi said "So you didn't trust us, eh?" Pearson said it wasn't that but merely a question of both parties keeping their ends of the bargain. Told him we have been promised so much and have never gotten any of it. We thought we'd try to force the issue this time with a little fair play for a change. Miyoshi said he understood, but of course is obliged to report the matter to the authorities. Good. Major Cox - at supper this evening - asked what we plan to do for the authorities out of this Red Cross food issue. All agreed there is to be no party, and no food will be given to the Japs. However, we know that we must make some gesture or put future issues in jeopardy. We agreed to donate one pack of cigarettes for each



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of the top seven camp officials, and we officers will invite them for coffee in our room. Everyone agreed except Sgt. Fujita who refuses to give the Japs anything. He said he'd rather go without his entire parcel than give the authorities a cigarette butt. He fully understands his position.

Dec. 21 - Collected the cigarettes. Most people gave willingly. Invited Demoto and Hishikari up for coffee this afternoon. The gathering was most unaccusable. Hishikari seemed annoyed, glared at us for ten minutes and then departed with his pack of cigarettes. Demoto sent me to the dentist and ordered Ozaki to see that a proper filling is put into my tooth. The dentist seemed resentful, but did put in something resembling ordinary cement. Things seem to be picking up again.

Dec. 22 - Wrote a Christmas message to Mother. "Have heard from Sonny several times. It is always a pleasure to have word from him." (Actually I've never heard from Sonny - he's a colonel in the Army Air Corps) Had toast, cheese and coffee this afternoon. Corned beef for supper! Lilian sent three pounds of flour and a pound of butter to the group for Christmas. Sweet kid.

Dec. 23 - Alerts during the noon hour but no planes passed over us. Ince and Hoblitt visited the Warrant Officer this evening with toast, cheese, a boiled pudding and coffee. Am sure it will be a most effective gesture. Astarita and I contributed to the cause.

Dec. 24 - All hands worked today on colored paper chains for the mess hall. Made 10 large candles for the tables which will be covered with white sheets and greens. Should be colorful. The authorities have offered us nothing in the way of decorations. Shenk's menu for Christmas has been approved. No one cares much for his ideas but we can't do anything about them. We know he did it deliberately. Oh well - our day will come.

Dec. 25 - All except Major Cousens went to church in a Headquarters bus. The so-called services were conducted in a former American Methodist school chapel on the outskirts of Tokyo, and were the most incredible performance the Japs have put on to date. Everything was staged. Two of the school's professors performed the services, technicians from Radio Tokyo were there with all their gear to record the event, former opera singers were hired to sing in the choir. The whole affair was thoroughly distasteful mockery. Yoshiko Kato, New York Opera star of Carmen lent her "strong female voice" so we'd sound good on the air! Christmas dinner was Shenk's worst effort to date. Coldest day yet and they didn't give us any fuel. Merry Christmas!

Dec. 26 - Ordered today to "observe" the Jap guards as they demonstrated how a fire drill should be conducted. Their system looked well once they got it going, but we thought it impractical. No water would be left in the buckets by the time they were passed to the scene. Astarita and I made a marvelous salmon loaf. Shettles has built a small cooker out of a tin can. The Red Cross food goes farther if it's cooked into our regular stew. And Astarita says that corn starch is within easy reach in the Jap storeroom.

Dec. 27 - Big raid started at noon. Astarita looked out the front studio entrance in time to see one B-29 shot down. Crowds in the streets cheered. We who were in the

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studio couldn't see any of it but the men back in camp who saw the whole raid say that the B-29 took three zeros down with it. They saw the B-29 crew bail out over Tokyo. Poor devils! Demoto's sister brought us five pounds of black market beef. Sherk ruined it by cooking it into a mash with sugar and soya sauce.

Dec. 28 - Papers say fifty planes came over yesterday and thirty percent were shot down. The Jap's anti-aircraft must be marvelous in other sectors! One plane flew over the middle of town at noon today. No alert was sounded until it dropped a big load, turned calmly and flew home. We are to be allowed 70 kilos of coal per week for baths. Fujita says it takes a minimum of 80 kilos for one bath and the Japs know it. We decided to take one - the best possible under the circumstances - but were informed that before we can get in the tub, Mr. Go, four office boys, and ten guards must bathe first. Of course we refused to bathe at all. Hishikari sent for Hoblitt at 4:00 p.m. and asked: "hy do you not bathe? Do you not wish to keep clean?" Hoblitt said the bath isn't big enough for thirty-eight people, let alone the usual twenty-nine. Hishikari said he didn't care whether we bathed or not. Hoblitt said he was furious about it. Demoto sat in on the interview and didn't comment.

Dec. 29 - Demoto apologized to us for the bath business yesterday. Said that the coal ration is exclusively for our use and he thinks we did right in refusing to bathe in filthy water left by fifteen Japs. Said that Hishikari's invitation to the soldiers to use the prisoners' bath was definitely a challenge to us. Our refusal to bathe threw him for a complete loss. Now he will have to change his order and refuse the privilege to the guards - next week. Tsuneishi, Demoto says, would not approve it, so Hishikari has to keep it quiet. Demoto brought in a bottle of whiskey for the officers as a New Year's present. We collected seventy-six Yen for blackmarket beef. Astarita and I had a corn starch pudding. Marvelous!

Dec. 30 - Demoto says he confided to Hishikari that he would arrange to get him black market beef providing they can use Hishikari's car, and providing some of the loot is given to the prisoners. Hishikari agreed and they purchased thirty pounds. Demoto says that various members of the local staff demanded a share and he made them pay plenty for it. He's sure they went ask for a cut the next time. Says he used Headquarters funds to pay for our share - six pounds. Major Cox ordered Sherk to make a stew of it this time - not a lousy mash. Astarita and I had a marvelous fried Spam loaf. Starving POWs!! This stuff is a real lifesaver.

Dec. 31 - Had a swell New Year's eve feed - blackmarket beef stew plus our own Red Cross food. Had a party in the officers' room after muster with prune pies. Sherk made them from our contributions plus flour which Astarita stole from the Jap stores. The men had a special cake made from Lilian's flour and butter. Sherk also produced a bucket of white rice for everyone, and in the officers' portion he mixed a can of his own salmon. Decent of him. Huga (Radio Tokyo employee) sent Ince and Cousens a quart of cake. It was the first time in years we've really felt happy and comfortable. So long '44! You've been a bastard!



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- Jan. 1 - New Years Day. All feel like hell - hard night - three raids of one or two planes - each dropped incendiaries directly overhead. Stiff wind blew them across the boat. Had swell supper of milk raisin pudding, creamed salmon on toast followed by indigestion. Hate to think how my system would react to a good Stateside meal!
- Jan. 2 - Shenk did well at breakfast. He produced white rice, the results of two weeks' careful stealing. Breakfast bread issue plus evening bread issue were given us tonight - two loaves! Had a chocolate pudding.
- Jan. 3 - Wrote a Missing Man script for Friday on British royalty. It ends with Astarita's plug for American royalty - Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Earl Carroll. Donoto talked optimistically today about our moving out to the new camp sometime in March. Our permit to buy bread has expired. Don't know when they'll renew it. It could only happen in Japan.
- Jan. 4 - My Grandfather's birthday today. He must be 88 or 86. God bless him. Drama group did "Night at an Inn" on today's program. Excellent.
- Jan. 6 - Jamboree good but we used all old numbers. Pearson and I are going to try to get it stopped. It is impossible to write and put over light material under these circumstances. Or is it? Donoto's sister sent us a half gallon of cream, for twenty Yen. Made rice puddings for Cousens, Bodley, Astarita and myself. Two raids of one plane each.
- Jan. 7 - Local papers say there are huge convoys off Lingayen Bay. Obviously they're going to land on Luzon. The guards are becoming increasingly active about the barracks. They're interfering in the galley - took half the grain ration this evening. Complaints will be made to Donoto tomorrow. Had a pork loaf with stolen rice and onions, and a hot bath with sulphur. The skin irritation is better, but midriff still resembles alligator hide.
- Jan. 8 - Our food is worse than ever. Donoto didn't touch his lunch. He just looked at it, got up and left. The use of the gas burner in the galley has been restricted as far as we're concerned. The guards and Jap kids, however, can use it anytime. The guards are taking all our tea water. All hands are demanding bread. Donoto says he's trying hard to get Headquarters to renew our permit. Also intimated that Hishikari had deliberately turned the guards on us. He says he'll try to curb their activities.
- Jan. 9 - Roosevelt's latest speech has put the Japs at their wits' end. He says that only unconditional surrender and an invasion of Japan can end the war. Cousens and Cox saw Donoto about our desperate food situation. Major Cousens said that he sees among us the symptoms which precipitated his illness - nervousness, overwork, starvation. Donoto said he would immediately get us blackmarket meat, and renew his efforts to improve conditions here. However - he says the obstacles are enormous.
- Jan. 10 - Donoto conferred with Hishikari and other Japanese immediately after his talk with Cousens and Cox. The results of their meeting: Our second Red Cross food parcel issue will be made soon. Donoto warns we must be careful of Hishikari. He hates us and deliberately bucks every suggestion for improvement

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- of conditions here. A place, twenty miles west of here near Fujiyama, has been selected for the new camp. It was once a girls' school. If the bombing gets worse, they will move us. Pork is coming tomorrow. Mori may order that future Red Cross food issues be made only to those who have worked well for the Japs! Major Cousens objected strongly to this idea - said that it was quite illegal and that we would not tolerate such a procedure. Donoto cautioned Ince on his tactless manner toward Hishikari. He says that it has had and will have unpleasant repercussions.
- Jan. 11 - Donoto wants me to write several Missing Man scripts on the subject of food. He says that such a series will give him strength in trying to improve conditions for us. Bodds asked Cox for help in getting either Proves or Wisener to act as master of ceremonies for the program. Cox refused to get involved or give any order regarding the program. Proves and Wisener both refused to assist. Wisener refused saying he's no good, and besides he's the "Camp Reporter" on Postman Calls. Proves merely refused because Wisener has set the example. Bodds came to me, desperate, nervous. He's scared to death of the studio. I said I'd help him if the authorities would permit it. Ozaki approved the idea and Bodds and I are to alternate. Papers admit the Luzon landing, clamor for increased population, admit the war is lost.
- Jan. 12 - B-29s are pounding Nagoya regularly. Donoto says the damage is heavy. We're all going nuts without bread. The Japs are now blaming the situation on "yeast shortage". Supplyman says it's due on the 18th, but that we'll only be permitted to have it once a day, in order that the Japs in the front office may have an issue too. It's only fair, he says, that they are given half of everything we get! Yes, of course. Half and then some!
- Jan. 13 - MC'd the program for Bodds. Returned from the station with Hiyoaki by streetcar. Tried to buy black pepper. None available. Popcorn on sale at one Yen per bag. Dried persimmons at seven Yen a stick. The Jap public starts drawing kori (millet) today in place of rice. There's sure to be a revolution now. What are they going to eat next - tatami?
- Jan. 14 - Quiet day - stayed in bed reading the Golden Falcon. Marvelous. The author is anonymous. What a loss. Ever one's going nuts without cigarettes and with the bad food.
- Jan. 15 - Bread arrived. We're to have it every evening. We're still sweating out the promised Red Cross issue. Both chickens have been laying for a week. No one knew about it until Micket and J. Martinez were caught boiling themselves an egg for breakfast. We've decided to run a roster on them - excluding the two silent egg eaters! How many they've already had - no one knows. Hiyoaki came into our room while Donoto was telling us about blackmarket purchases. When he learned that Donoto was smuggling us food, he offered to bring us eggs at 1.20 Yen each. Delighted. Says he may be able to get four or five a week. It all helps.
- Jan. 16 - Three pounds of blackmarket pork arrived - twenty Yen per pound. Major Cox was called to the front office today and told that Mori officials have discovered a written message in one of the Red Cross cigarette packages. Orders: In future, all Red Cross cigarettes will be unwrapped by the Japanese before they can be issued. Jap stenographers unwrapped while Cox counted. One hundred sixty one



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peaks. We told Donoto that the whole thing is absurd. Our people wouldn't do anything so foolish. But Dealey - with his customary tact - said that a similar incident had occurred in Thailand. No one can stop that man from talking. He knows it all. Good heart but less brain.

Jan. 17 - Three pounds of beef was presented to us by the Jap office. Shank made a good stew of it. The Jap guards are complaining about the food. They want more rice and vegetables. Donoto says that the unwrapped cigarettes may be issued tomorrow, if he can put the idea across with Hishikari.

Jan. 18 - The Red Cross cigarettes were issued, but not the parcels. According to Major Cox, 44 cigarettes are missing. Hishikari and Donoto both came over to watch Cox count and issue them. When the shortage was revealed, both left hurriedly. Donoto says that peace will never come to Japan with the present government. The Big Three are scheduled to meet. Ozaki brought in an edition of the New York Times which demands unconditional surrender. The locals like that sort of thing. It is a spark of hope for them.

Jan. 19 - Caught another cold. Donoto says the Red Cross parcels will be issued tomorrow. One hundred sixty five B-29s hit Nagoya. Local English papers are screaming against their lousy government, loss of the Philippines, etc. Ozaki says that Mitsubishi's aircraft factory (Bavy planes) is demolished. Hyasaka visited Omeri today to request an increase of supplies for this camp. He says that the commandant, Col. Suzuki threatened to cut our rations in half. We have been promised an issue of Red Cross clothes on the 22nd.

Jan. 20 - Still in bed with a cold. We were issued a seven days' supply of bread! The supplyman insisted we keep it as the Japs in the front office can't resist the temptation to steal an occasional loaf from the storeroom. Mr. So brought us the morning paper. Said he was told we weren't to have it today. The reason: an editorial predicts that the loss of the Philippines will cut off Japan's supply line from the south and provide an opening for an Allied landing on the China coast. It says they should have held Saipan, and that the Jap leaders responsible for its loss should commit harakiri. Egg number one went to Astarita whose name heads the roster. Red Cross parcels were issued at three o'clock this afternoon. Everyone seems to have a Shattles charcoal cooker going.

Jan. 21 - Still in bed. Fujita is ill from eating too much Red Cross chow. Very foolish. The bottom fell out of the bath. Streeter says he'll fix it if the Japs provide a few dozen nails. Goodness knows how they're going to manage that! Had a chocolate pudding with meat loaf. Delicious. Coffee, butter, bread after dinner.

Jan. 22 - Am still in bed and have asthma to help things along. Ince, Noblitt, Astarita and I had Donoto over for tea. Gave him a chocolate pudding, cheese sandwiches and coffee. The atmosphere was pleasant until Hishikari walked in on us. He was furious, announced Donoto was wanted immediately in the front office. Donoto returned an hour later with one pound of black market beef for us.

Jan. 23 - Donoto and Miyoshi have gone to Omeri to record prisoners' messages. Sent verbal messages to Gordon Braden and Sedgie Minson. Got up to MC the program for Rodds who is a nervous wreck after last night's two, one-plane raids.

Jan. 24 - Donoto says he played several of our recordings for the men in Omeri yesterday and that McNaughton and I were recognized. Miyoshi says that they have an electric victrola but no needles. Sent them all we could find in the house. Can easily get more from Mr. Waki at the station. Donoto says that the prisoners liked our programs; that they thought we were doing a different type of work. So we were! All are enthusiastic to send messages, but unfortunately the interpreter selects those who may send. It's based on a sort of merit system! We told Donoto we know all about those systems. He says he'll report this partiality, that it's all wrong. Omeri prisoners have also had a second Red Cross parcel issue. The Russians have opened up a big drive all along the eastern front. The end seems near in Europe.

Jan. 25 - Donoto and Miyoshi went to Omeri again. Miyoshi says Minson was delighted to get the needles. Braden sent us regards. Donoto says Omeri is terribly corrupt. The prisoner officers told him all about it. Jap Waki run everything. The officers are negligent. Donoto says he'll report it. MacArthur is 54 miles from Manila. Quille is sick, Ince has flu, and Rodds has an abscess in his mouth.

Jan. 26 - Donoto and Miyoshi recorded Omeri messages again. Donoto says that if the authorities of that camp "knew the trend of things" they wouldn't abuse the prisoners as they do. Hishikari discovered our cooker today - made from an electric iron element which Shank smuggled into camp. He has ordered us to stop using it. If he only knew of the number of charcoal cookers being used!

Jan. 27 - Donoto says he wants a special program for next Wednesday. It seems that on that day we will be visited at the studio by Jap officers of the IJRA propaganda corps. The program must entertain them, not the overseas audience. He outlined the theme to Rodden. The Missing Men dialogue must present the war from a detached point of view - very humanitarian, and all that sort of rubbish. It's the same old idea they used to plug. Wrote it this evening. It's not good, but I think it will please all who hear it. Big air raid at noon. The Omeri was bombed, and they nearly hit Donai. Unfortunately, Noblitt, Ozaki and I were in the radio station at the time. The lights went off for a moment and the building shook. Hishikari came to get us in his own car, flying Headquarters' flags and with his back seat full of armed guards. Racing back to camp, there were huge fires on all sides of us.

Jan. 28 - Donoto arrived early this morning to censor the special Wednesday program. He said it was O.K. Asked him why we must do such absurd drivel, that it will only get a good laugh from the people at home. He said - confidentially - that this program's real policy is to sway local policy. The overseas audience doesn't matter. We're a political football. Donoto says that we talk - ostensibly - to America, but the punches we are ordered to deliver are for the benefit of local factions. Incredible. Donoto says that certain "royal blood" is keenly interested in our work, that we are highly valued. I'm beginning to see a lot! Ozaki came in for the night and brought a full report on the European show. Three hundred thousand Germans killed in twelve days, two hundred thousand surrounded in East Prussia. It's all over but the shouting. What a day.

Jan. 30 - Donoto said that this afternoon he was going to look over our new camp. He says it's near a camp of interned civilians and that the location is properly registered with the International Red Cross. Therefore - we'll be on safer ground.



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Thirty Jap girls are supposed to be living in the dormitory at the present time, but if Headquarters buys the place, they'll be moved. The portable recording machine has been obtained, but they're complaining about the impossibility of building a soundproof room. It seems that the radio station can't get the required materials. Beat that!

Jan. 31 - We did the special program! Ince was MC, I was at the piano. It went off without a hitch. Donoto was delighted. He didn't see the new place yesterday, but Major Tsunishi bought it. They plan to have us grow our own vegetables there, raise animals, and send recorded programs to the radio station. The Russians are ninety miles from Berlin. Hishikari called Hollington and me to his office and paid us our savings. They managed somehow to draw it from the bank without the Namanoto chop. We have five hundred yen between us and plan to do a little black marketing on our own!

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Feb. 1 - Donoto is trying to get us more Red Cross supplies. He saw plenty in stores at Chori. We have four bags of keri (millet) left. After that's gone they promise barley. Our new camp is reported to have an orchard and stream. The building isn't as good as this one, the latrine is open, and water must be drawn from a well. Authorities asked when we expect the next parcel issue. Cousens and Cox said between the 10th and 15th of this month.

Feb. 2 - Ozaki came in last night at 9:00 and woke us up with the latest from Donel. MacArthur has staged a commando on Luzon and rescued five hundred prisoners of war. Two are old friends of Ince. Many made comments to the effect that they had expected to be held as hostages by the Japs. How well we know their feelings! Lucky boys. God bless 'em. Wait 'til their stories get back to Washington. Stalin is forty miles from Berlin. Looks like the European show will soon be over, but then I've been saying that for months. Snow is falling like hell.

Feb. 3 - A new man has been added to the front office staff. He was educated in America and England. Ozaki recommends him highly. Donoto came through with five pounds black market beef. After delivering it to Shunk he came up to our room - asked: "Is there a saying in America 'as diplomatic as a Dutchman' - meaning just the opposite, of course?" We know how he feels. Dooley and Cousens had an unfortunate disagreement today. Cousens suggested that Dooley refrain from expressing his views to the Japs. Dooley announced flatly that he felt fully qualified to express his views on any issue to the authorities; that he's as good as the next man, and will do as he pleases. Someday perhaps he'll learn, but in the meantime he's an awful nuisance.

Feb. 4 - It's been three weeks since our last bath. The authorities have been unable to get Streeter the few dozen nails required for the repair. Snow and ice all over. Cold as hell. A third landing has been made on Luzon. Didn't notice where and don't care just so they hurry. Can't help thinking of the rescued. Our entire group is so happy for them we can hardly keep the news under our hats.

Feb. 5 - Ozaki brought in more news on the rescued prisoners - and vivid descriptions of their first meal of jam and eggs in three years. Only two of them were lost in the commando, and they died from natural causes - whatever that means. Jap guards were taken by surprise and killed. Guess there's no chance of a commando for us. We'll probably be the last out of the country - if ever.

Feb. 6 - Stalin only thirty miles from Berlin. Our forces are still getting into position for a final drive. It shouldn't be long.

Feb. 7 - Atrocity stories have started to come out as we expected. Most of us know them all - starvation, beatings, looting of Red Cross stuff, forcing officers to work, lack of medicine and clothing. Yes, we know them all and have actually experienced many of them. Donoto, who hasn't the vaguest idea that we know what's happened, hinted today that some prisoners in the Philippines have been recaptured and that some "odd stories" are being published on the treatment they received from the Japanese. Authorities here, he said, might retaliate on us if these stories aren't stopped, that local authorities know how Japanese internees in America have been abused. It was too much for us to stomach, but we said nothing. Someone suggested that our treatment hasn't been exactly in accordance with



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International Law, and the conversation stopped.

Feb. 8 - Donato opened up today and revealed the feud between himself and Hishikari. They can't get together on program policy. Donato says that some time ago he ordered Cousins and Dooley to write commentaries stating that Japan was ready for any peace proposals. He says that they were written, and well, but Hishikari refused to allow their presentation on the air. Donato says he has been defeated this time but he will succeed later. In the meantime, he's taking a four day vacation. It's the local custom. The defeated retire until the time is right for them to make a dramatic return. Gaski reports that more prisoners have been rescued in the Philippines. MacArthur pulled another commando. The local Japs, he says, are on edge regarding the Stateside publication of atrocity stories. Our food is worse now than it has ever been in this camp. We've had nothing but daikon and kori (millet) for ten days. There's nothing else in the store-rooms. Something must be done and done quick!

Feb. 9 - Rewrote an old Missing Men script of Pearson's on L. E. Meyers' Louisiana swamp story called "Strange Glory". The censors have thrown it out and refuse to give any reason. I think it's the title that baffles them. They think it conveys something. Alright, I'm quitting. Have instructed Pearson to tell Miyoshi that I will write absolutely nothing from now on unless I am given an outline with specific orders. There is no script ready for next Tuesday.

Feb. 10 - Pearson hasn't had a chance to relay my message, and there has been no word from the Jap office about the lack of Missing Men for Tuesday. They have no organization, no foresight. Since the left no one has taken charge except when they want something special. The work goes on because certain of us must produce. We're holding the bag. Well, I'm not holding it anymore. The Japs don't know how things are run and have made no effort to find out. The issue must be forced.

Feb. 11 - Another Sunday - one month without a bath! Miserable. Ninety planes hit Kobe yesterday. We've been six months without an issue of laundry soap, four months without toilet soap. Lucky I've gone easy on my blackmarket supply from Onori, plus what came in the parcel from Mother. Winter Red Cross clothes are stacked in the Jap office but they won't leave them. Everything is frozen stiff. We have no heat, no food, no bath, no soap! And no work! My nerves are shot, and I'm through.

Feb. 12 - Miyoshi is leaving for a month. No hint as to where he is going or why. Major Deverreux, formerly Wake Marine commander, had an acknowledgement from the States to a message he broadcast to his son regarding good treatment, etc. Authorities are quite excited about it. Some quarters think they may send for Deverreux to make him broadcast. Perhaps they think he's one man who can get them a reply which is, of course, what they've always wanted. Just what they'd say if the way radio traffic did open up, I'm sure they don't know. Another hunch: Miyoshi is going to Shanghai to get the civilians Streeter has requested for his own program. "Amerjocracy" is to go on the air soon. Called in both Miyoshi and Gaski this afternoon and told them that there is no Missing Men script prepared for tomorrow's broadcast. Told them I was definitely through writing, that we've been promised everything for the past year and conditions have gotten steadily worse. I would like to be returned to an ordinary POW camp. We have no bath, no food, no recreation, no supplies of any kind. Asked them to convey my feelings to the

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authorities. I have been their most reliable contributor through all the ups and downs here, and they have let me down completely. Nervous and sick, I'm quitting. Both men agreed understanding - to me! Sent to bed. Later Donato sent for Major Cox to check on the matter which had been reported to him. Cox said I was genuinely ill - weak, underfed, overworked. He then predicted that other members of the group will suffer a similar collapse if something isn't done. Donato says that another issue of Red Cross will be made in a few days. Promised to try to get things moving immediately.

Feb. 13 - Major Cousins believes that Miyoshi is being sent to Shanghai to get the civilians Streeter has requested for his program. "Amerjocracy" is definitely going on the air. The Japs must be nuts. Streeter is mad. Am still in bed, and haven't any intention of getting up until I feel steadier, the food improves, the Japs stop stealing, we're given a bath, and issued certain necessities like soap and Red Cross food and clothes. Either this war of nerves ceases, or the program can go to blame as far as I'm concerned. One can be driven just so far and then not even a bayonet or threat can make any difference. That is precisely my present feeling, and Donato knows it. He said today that he believes we will be asked to refute the Philippine atrocity stories. McLaughlin told him he would find it difficult to make us contradict things which we know to be true. Donato then talked of the reported maltreatment of Japanese internees in America. We said we too had heard they were forced to cook their own bacon and eggs each morning. They also have to build their own fires to keep warm. Told him we felt terribly sorry for the interned Japs - having absolutely no heating facilities ourselves, and never having been issued an egg or a piece of bacon. I got up and left the room after this. Couldn't stand Donato's drivel. Gaski came in for the night. Brought us some news from Daini. Big Three have had a conference. No reports on it. They're going to meet again shortly in San Francisco.

Feb. 14 - Am still in bed and plan to stay here. Donato reports that Hishikari suggested I was on strike and sabotaging the program. I questioned the point. Asked if it wouldn't be more accurate to say that the Jap authorities have sabotaged me - by getting me into this state of nervous starvation so that I'm unable to write their damned program! Ince reports he had a real session with Donato at the studio today. Says he told him we were all fed up. The Japs talk of International Law, and violate every principle of it right here in Tokyo. They keep telling us we're better off at Bunka than being in an ordinary camp, and we know we're living under far worse circumstances than other prisoners and under an appalling mental strain. Donato says he can only try to improve conditions here, but that he meets with such strong opposition it is almost impossible to do anything. Ince cited my case as an example of neurostenia the Japs have provoked by overworking and underfeeding. He warned that such cases will have to be accounted for. I feel weak, tired, nervous, and my heart seems to be acting strangely. I think it's more extreme than anything else. Don came up to our room this afternoon to announce he had a private interview with Tsumeishi. He says he made his "final bid for power". Explained our maltreatment in general. He has asked for a new supplyman, and blamed Hishikari for the present state of confusion. He demanded that either Hishikari be discharged or he, Donato, will quit. And he added that if he quits he will see to it that this illegal outfit is given plenty unfavorable publicity through his big business contacts in Osaka. He explained to Tsumeishi that the present nerve warfare being waged by Hishikari's staff is far worse than



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the original program of physical beatings. He called the present method "mental torture". Donoto believes that improvements will come. Predicts our move to the new camp within a month. Added that today the local Japs were struck with the realization that April 25th - the day set for the big San Francisco conference - is the date their non-aggression pact with Russia expires. Manila has been devastated according to Ozaki's Damsi reports. Donoto's description of Yamashita's "orderly evacuation" was cockeyed. Hishikari sent for me at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon and gave me a glass of milk, saying he had bought it for the sick prisoners. The atmosphere was too, too cordial. Came back to bed. Several others were sent for and "granted" milk.

Feb. 15 - This morning the story on the milk came out. "Toota" - the Jap girl who is master of ceremonies for the German Hour - sent it in to Perkins, who paid her plenty for it. Ozaki was caught by Hishikari while bringing it through the front building. Hishikari of course took the milk, gave most of it to members of the Jap office force, and "invited" a few of us to consume what remained. Ozaki is furious about the way it was handled but is powerless. Got up at noon as my backside is sore from the hard bunkrack. Have had a good rest, reading, drawing houseplans, etc. Raided by twenty-five planes. Two trucks arrived! One was loaded with barley which was immediately issued for this evening's meal. The other was filled with cabbage, carrots, potatoes, some of which were immediately issued. Japasan was sent out for thirty kilos of soup bones, and a five-gallon tin of lard. A good ration of everything has been issued for supper. Hishikari ordered a bowl of soup made from the bones. Donoto explained his reasons for wanting to taste it. Soup bones are not used in this country - it's against the religion or something. Hishikari wants to see what the results are that we think so wonderful. (He started asking for soup bones over a year ago! The Japs usually throw them away) Hishikari also asked Shank to give him some of the lard, recalling that at Christmas he provided us with a little oil from his personal supply. "Please repay the gift." Hishikari walked around the courtyard gloating over the new supplies - a little lard and a few common vegetables! What a louse he is. The boys think that my "illness" and so-called "strike" produced all this. If that's the case, perhaps I ought to get back in bed! Have a new book on Australia. Sounds like a good place to go after the war - if and when we get out of this mess. I like their "white" policy. Never want to see an Oriental again. Am really having a good rest.

Feb. 16 - Carrier planes did a little diving on a target about eight miles away. We think it was Nakajima Aircraft Factory. The new barley is marvelous. The change in vegetables from weeks of Bokon to carrots and cabbage is unbelievable. Five bombers with B-29s this afternoon. What a day! Donoto says there are three big task forces off Japan proper. Another is hitting Iojima. Obviously we're going to take it. Donoto made several remarks about the carrier plane raids - "They may fight their way into the metropolitan area" - - - "Very few will get back to the carrier" - - - "They can't be shot down over Tokyo as it is too dangerous." Darned fool. Anti-aircraft schrapnel and nosecones have been falling all over the neighborhood. We put up a bigger barrage from three anti-air batteries on Wake than the Japs can put up from their entire capital city's defense. Loose Red Cross cigarettes were given to us this afternoon. We hope to have the parcels around the 20th.

Feb. 17 - Paper says there were 167 American planes downed yesterday. Japs admit having

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lost 67 which is unusual. And they only claim one cruiser! (Not the usual 30 or 40 ships) They can't talk much untilimits leaves their coastal area. Five bombers returned this morning and stayed 'til noon. No mention of Red Cross parcels was made today. The Japs still have our 20 winter clothing in their storeroom. A truck brought in overcoats today, but no mention of an issue was made. Perhaps they will wait until spring, like they did last year. Donoto says that Hishikari is still harping on me as a "saboteur".

Feb. 18 - Our task forces are reported to have left this area. No raids were conducted today. It's Sunday - and again no bath! Have lost count of how many weeks we've gone without, and we're all damned tired of trying to keep clean in one basin of galley water per week. Hishikari walked through the messhall at lunch - "Humm - very good food these days!" No one replied. Someone asked him if he would produce the two dozen nails required to mend the bath tub. "Very difficult these days." Yeah - but it's going to be a different story one of "these days!"

Feb. 19 - One hundred B-29s over this afternoon. More schrapnel in the courtyard. Saw two planes come down and four men parachute. One chute didn't open! But then perhaps he's better off than those who landed. The parcels were given out at 4:00 p.m. The general food will undoubtedly drop again. American forces still regrouping on the western front, preparing for the final drive. Local papers have stopped minimizing the situation in Germany. In fact they are becoming quite hostile toward their German "allies" according to Donoto. Postman Calle is to be incorporated with Humanity Calls. Streeter and his group are to have the old Postman radio time. Streeter's group will be sponsored by Hishikari. Major Goussens complained to Donoto again today about my illness. Donoto sent word to me to take it easy and not work again until I feel like it. (Not 'til I'm ordered!) The idea of our moving to the country place has fallen through. The place was strafed by carrier planes the other day and the Japs think it's too dangerous. Donoto says the real truth of the matter is that they can't get a recording device.

Feb. 20 - Wakened this morning by the siren. Radio said the task force had returned. Later they announced it had been a false alarm. Some winter clothing was issued. Wisener and Ince were given USA overcoats. Streeter was given a complete civilian wardrobe. He invited Dooley to read his new program. Dooley reports that it is quite harmless, contains no tirades against the administration. He says it is all about "energocracy" and invites all nations of the world to send delegates, at fifty-thousand dollars entry fee, to a conference in Tokyo. The date for the world congress has not yet been decided by Streeter and Hishikari. But when the delegates meet they will decide how to form a "bright, new world, and the secrets of energocracy will be graciously imparted." Fifty thousand American dollars must be sent in advance. Someone is nuts around here!

Feb. 21 - Donoto says that Hishikari is still accusing me of deliberate sabotage. I guess Hishikari is conscious stricken over having produced to many supplies - so obviously in response to our demands!

Feb. 22 - One hundred thirty planes over. The doe gave birth to nine. One was born dead. We warned them against removing it. Result - the doe killed her entire litter.



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Feb. 23 - Donoto says that there has been publicity in the local Jap language paper about our program. Tsuneishi is supposed to be very displeased about it.

Feb. 24 - Astarita was caught today with ten loaves of bread which he stole from the store-room. When the supplyman discovered the loss, he sent for Astarita, asked him if he had taken it. Astarita said "Sure - do you want it back?" Japs were amazed at his brazen composure. Asked why he stole it, Astarita said he felt like "having a feed" for himself - "just once!" - that the Jap authorities in this camp get a lot more to eat than the prisoners do. The supplyman, Hyasaka, said it was true that the Japs got more and added - "but you are herlos! (war prisoners)!" Hyasaka said he would have to report the matter to higher authorities as he felt that Astarita was not alone in the theft. He tried to make Astarita admit that Shenk was the real instigator. Astarita of course was entirely alone in the matter and unfortunately didn't get by with it - this time.

Feb. 25 - Sunday. Ozaki spent the day with us and we had our worst raid. One hundred thirty planes dropped incendiaries through dense fog within three blocks of camp. We ducked all morning as they sounded as if they were coming down on us. Ozaki cornered Astarita for a long talk about the bread theft. He said that no one in the Jap office will believe that Astarita was entirely alone in doing such a thing. Says that Hyasaka and Donoto hate Shenk and are anxious to pin something on him so they'll have an excuse to get him ousted as head of the galley. We too know that our food will never improve as long as Shenk is there to antagonize the Jap supply department with his tactlessness and stubborn attitude. Large fires resulting from the raid burned all night. Heavy snow fell. Cold and miserable. No bath - of course. Not even the usual Sunday basin of hot water! The gas and coal fires were kept out on account of the raid. What a hell of a place! Humanity Calls!!!

Feb. 26 - The snow is over two feet deep. Looks nice - covers up the foul landscape. Ozaki says that one incendiary lit in the palace grounds. One of the stone-graphers in the Jap office was burned out. We were "asked" to donate something to her from our rations! Of course, we did! Imagine! Words fail me. What the hell next? Donoto wants five emergency programs written immediately. Haven't done any writing yet but expect to be "asked" before long. General meeting at 3:00 this afternoon. Hishikari, with Donoto interpreting, ordered Shenk removed from the galley. Deoley is to take his place. Their verdict: - as Shenk was in charge, he was responsible for the action of his subordinate, Astarita. Therefore, Shenk must be punished. Astarita wasn't mentioned. Shenk will do ten days' cleanup duty in the courtyard, and we will all have half bread rations for three days in order that we share in the punishment. Astarita is very upset about having brought a ration out to the entire group, but no one minds. He has gotten us much extra food in the past and no one has forgotten it. Guess the Japs had better be careful now that we don't catch them stealing from the storeroom. We're gettin' harder to handle all the time! This incident, Donoto reports, has been carefully kept from Tsuneishi. Had he discovered it and made an investigation, it might have been "embarrassing" to Hishikari's administration if the prisoners had stood pat and revealed a few things. Our hand is getting stronger all the time. So is Donoto's!

Feb. 27 - Was called aside today by Donoto and told that a letter for me from a girl in

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Honolulu was being held by Hishikari who plans to turn it over to a Jap army chemist. A few lines are censored and Hishikari wants to find out what they say. Donoto had memorized the contents and gave them to me. "George married. July message received." I think it was good of Donoto to do this. He further confided that he is trying hard to get us moved out of this place. The main obstacle, he says, is Hishikari who must divide his time between this place and his Damsi job. If we are twenty miles out of Tokyo, it will be impossible for Hishikari to keep both positions. Also - there is no recording machine for us. Hishikari bucks Donoto in trying to get one. Hishikari suggested to Donoto that he resign, but later retracted his suggestion. Don says he knows too much about this place and Hishikari is afraid of him, and his big contacts. I told Donoto that we back him as he has been the only Japanese who ever kept his word and produced for us. Hilian told Astarita about the article in the local Jap paper which commented on the prisoners' radio show. It said: "Humanity Calls is the most popular radio program from Radio Tokyo to the United States. It has a large listening audience in America." Then it described the American people as being pleased with the "prisoners' broadcasts." No wonder Tsuneishi was upset about the story. He's either afraid we'll get the report and be hard to control - or else the fact that Americans are pleased with the broadcasts has indicated to him that we might be putting something across. I'm beginning to see now why the supplies arrived so promptly when I quit writing and went to bed. A doctor from Otori arrived to give us smallpox vaccinations. Tried to get out of it but didn't. They do it every year in this country.

Feb. 28 - Donoto has "requested" that I turn out a series of scripts as soon as possible for emergency recordings. They are to be on daily necessities such as baths, clothes, food, etc. An easy assignment. Ran the first off my typewriter this afternoon on the luxury of a proper bath! (Not having had one in months, I was in rare form) Donoto censored it and ordered it on the air as soon as possible. I objected as he had ordered it for the emergency records. He insisted I do another and put this one on the air as soon as possible - IF we want to get the tub repaired. He is certain it will help him getting the job done. What an outfit. Calls to February!



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- Mar. 1 - Wrote birthday message to Mother for 7th. Will get Potts to give a standby at the start of the program. Missing Men script on bathing made a big hit. Donoto says a man is coming to repair the tub. Yeah?
- Mar. 2 - A big meeting has been called for tomorrow afternoon by Tsuneishi. Donoto will attend and promises to try to do something about the gays.
- Mar. 3 - Donoto reports that at today's meeting he requested complete control of prisoners' work and welfare. Hishikari didn't approve of this request and threatened to have Tsuneishi removed if he granted it. The Japs aren't getting along! Donoto says they have absolutely no set policy in regard to the program, our living conditions or anything else. We always suspected it.
- Mar. 4 - Foggy, cold day. One hundred fifty planes came over this morning and poured incendiaries through the clouds only a few blocks from camp. A huge area has been destroyed. We believe they know where we are - or else they're purposely staying away from the maternity wards.
- Mar. 5 - There's been a real ponction in the galley. James Martinez has been caught talking too much to Myasaka. He has refused to take orders from Dooley (galley head) and has stated that he wants Astarita fired. Astarita intimated to Martinez that he knew exactly what had been said to Myasaka, threatened to beat him up. The Mexican quieted down. Don't know what will come of it. There's always someone stealing. It's a damned disgrace.
- Mar. 6 - Yesterday's galley trouble was forgotten this morning in the heat of an impromptu inspection by Otori supply department officials. Our authorities went crazy, ordered all supplies carried from the storerooms into the court, weighed, returned to their places. The new assistant supply man - "The Flea" - has ordered Dooley to serve us bread at noon and barley in the evening according to regulations. Dooley has been doing the opposite because it is preferred that way by the prisoners. The Flea met considerable opposition in trying to effect the change. Cousens and Ince decended upon him. Cousens asked: "On whose authority do you issue such an order. We have permission to prepare our food as we want it." The Flea backed down. Discovered the real reason for his order. When Otori officers arrived they found the Japs eating bread and the prisoners eating barley. The Japs aren't supposed to have bread as it is sent from Otori for us. Therefore the Flea wants us to have it at noontime so we'll all be sharing the ration together if we're caught again.
- Mar. 7 - Tsuneishi brought a general to the radio station today. Donoto had asked us to do a smooth program. Said it was his final bid for control here, and if it failed, he'd have to resign. Ince and I put on a big act - lots of signals - consulted Donoto frequently during recordings. Ignored Hishikari. Tsuneishi couldn't help but be impressed with our complete dependence on Donoto. Donoto was pleased and Tsuneishi expressed his approval to us after the program. We'll have to see what results. As long as Donoto delivers the goods, we'll back him.
- Mar. 8 - Mother's birthday message. Donoto reports on a big meeting held today in the Jap offices. He gained much new power but had to give up the idea of moving us. He says that in place of the country farm we were hoping for, Headquarters has bought a half million dollar home about a block away from our present location.

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The owners have requested that if it is used for prisoners - only officer prisoners have it. The Japs approved. Another home nearby will be bought for enlisted personnel. Donoto says they haven't decided whether we'll move there while this place is burning, or whether we'll go there in an orderly manner ahead of time. We think that both places will be burned down in the same raid anyway. No one believes this story, but at least it's something to hope for. This camp is impossible. Everything is either broken or rotting and the atmosphere is hell.

- Mar. 9 - Chuck Yeehi (German Hour news commentator) slipped us a bit of news today. He quotes MacArthur as having said he's heading "straight for Japan proper." Stilwell has two million Chinese troops trained for a drive across the continent. Eli Eisenhower has crossed the Rhine. Churchill said one good organized push will end the war. Ozaki says the local cabinet is holding a hot session. It is rumored they are considering the possibility of asking for an armistice. Had our biggest night raid. It lasted from 12:30 to 4:00 a.m. We were entirely encircled by flames within two or three blocks on all sides of camp. Planes came in very low - one or two at a time - searchlights blazing on them. Three were shot down. The Barratt Officer was calm, told us to pack our gear and follow him quietly if we were hit. Everyone sat around during the raid eating Red Cross show - determined to take it with us - if necessary. Joe Astarita and I ate all our reserve bread supply, butter, stolen Jap sugar at 3:30 a.m. Hishikari arrived at 5:00 a.m. to check up on us. We must have presented an incredible picture. The fires made it seem like broad daylight. He'll wouldn't have believed it.
- Mar. 10 - Exhausted. Feels like hangover. The dental clinic was burned down. Just retribution? Streets are crowded with homeless carrying their small bundles of belongings. As far as the eye can see - everything built of wood has gone. Only the frames of concrete buildings still stand. The Chamber of Commerce opposite the Imperial palace entrance is only a brick skeleton. Donoto said "Good, it was no use anyway." Japs predict another raid tonight. Well, maybe they'll think twice before they attack Pearl again. The news is out that Jap troops entered French Indo-China several days ago. Can't imagine why they did it. Major Cousens says that all they can do at this stage is "exploit their nuisance value." It makes us fight them on all fronts. Prince Chichibu has been promoted to Major General. Last we heard he was under the Kampo-tai for "pro-British sentiments". Ambassador Grew, in a speech about a year ago, said that someone like Chichibu must take over the Jap government before peace could be restored. Six months ago he appeared at a festival. It was his first public appearance since the war started. Perhaps he's being groomed for something. Lilian told Astarita about "Helen" today. Helen is a Russian girl who lives about four houses up the street in front of our camp. She always seems to be watching when we make our exits or entrances to camp. Of course we've never spoken to her, in fact we've never paid much attention to her. But now we find: she has all our names and home addresses; she knows exactly when we are taken to the radio station and when we return; she knows the nature of our work! Lilian said she couldn't tell us why Helen is interested in our group, but she thought she'd let us know something of the contact. Perhaps she has given the information to the Russian Embassy - and perhaps the Russians have passed it on to Washington!

- Mar. 11 - One hundred eighty planes reported heading our way but turned off and bombed Fagyo. Ozaki came in for the night and brought the news. We've captured a



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bridge over the Rhine. Shaeef says: "the full might of the American 9th Army is pouring into Germany."

Mar. 12 - Ozaki says the latest figures are: 230,000 homes destroyed in Tokyo. One fifth of the population homeless.

Mar. 13 - Donoto is still complaining about how Hishikari prevented the move to the country. He predicts that Hishikari will resign soon and then another effort will be made to move this camp to safer country. The place selected was near a hydro-electric plant and he is afraid it would be even more of a target than this camp. He still prefer it. Donoto told Major Cousens he would make no further efforts to improve conditions here until Hishikari is out. It is no use, he says. There is too much opposition. We've agreed to back Donoto as he's the only one who has ever come close to delivering the goods. If he comes through, he'll be well off after the war. If we have anything to say about it, and I'm quite certain we will.

Mar. 14 - Nippon Times this morning says Uncle Bill (Admiral Calhoun) has been replaced as Commander, Pearl. Wonder where he'll go now? Hope he's sent out here. Nimitz says a landing on Japan proper can't be done until more islands are acquired and China bases secured. It's the usual pessimistic comment that precedes a big operation. Even the Japs have found that out, and feel certain that a landing is near. Chuck Yoshi (German Hour commentator) has sent his family out of Tokyo and is letting his hair grow in. He's plenty scared. He asked the boys at the station if he hadn't always treated us well. Sure, he's been a good egg all the way through - Christmas presents, news, help in general. One hundred eighty over Kobe last night. Ozaki says they nearly burned the city to the ground. Sure pity the poor prisoners in those dockside camps. Leaflets have been dropped saying that our people won't hit certain areas in Yokohama. The Japs are madly trying to evacuate to the specified districts. There is no transport. They're reported going by bicycle, pushcart, horse and on foot. The streets are full of them. The Russians have taken the last German stronghold of Westrin before turning on their steam for a straight drive into Berlin. We're pouring over the Rhine. Myasaka has settled the food dispute in the galley. He says we can eat our food when we want it. Consequently, we'll have bread in the evenings. Ozaki says that American propaganda in leaflets and from radio Saipan is having a great effect on the local populace.

Mar. 15 - Howero the Idea! The siren blew during morning classethenies. Radio reported a task force nearing Tokyo. No planes seen. Mail arrived. Rickert got seventeen letters. One says our rank and pay goes up one grade each year. Good. I should be a Lt. Comdr. Nice compensation for this drudgery. Hishikari resigned. Is to leave within two or three days. He may take Ozaki with him, seeing he brought him here and has been his sponsor since the beginning. We emphasized to Donoto that Ozaki is wanted here by the prisoners, and any effort he can make towards his retention will be appreciated. Hishikari has predicted that if he leaves the program will collapse within a week. We'll see. Donoto is too smart for that. Hishikari has asked the entire staff to resign with him. Donoto has warned Cousens and Cox to keep the prisoners in line and prevent incidents until the atmosphere clears. Says he may move the officers soon to the private half million dollar home up the street. Astarita has been selected to go with us as orderly.

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Mar. 16 - Donoto says a new agreement has been reached between Japan and America in regard to shipment of Red Cross relief to prisoners. Thank God. The final decision on it rests with Russia. Ozaki, in for the night, says he has resigned. He praised Hishikari as having helped him from the beginning, got him his job at Donsi. He says Donoto deliberately stabbed Hishikari in the back; that Hishikari has always had the prisoners' interests at heart even though we've seen little evidence of it. Says Donoto has a definite ulterior motive for wanting control of us. He doesn't want to leave us, but must out of loyalty to Hishikari. He's also obligated to Donsi having been schooled in return for three years' service. He says that Hishikari's policy was for an all-prisoner program rather than a broadcast for local effect like Donoto's. Ozaki says that the Japs may return to the "strong, determined and ever-victorious" type of propaganda again. Wisner said that if that happened, he'd quit. Said he has reached the end of his rope and won't take any more. Ozaki warned: "Be careful. You may not get off as easy as Kalbfleish." No one said anything. Ozaki continued: "Of course you know what happened to him?" No one answered. "They sent him back to Zentsuji." Everyone was aghast. We think that Kalbfleish's return to Zentsuji must have resulted from Cox's and my interview with Hishikari in which we pointed out that the letter had been ill advised in ordering Kalbfleish's removal. Hishikari probably reported our talk to Tameishi who ordered leniency. Thank God for that. Lauff and Comdr. Keene (Wake Islanders interned at Zentsuji) now know the whole story about this camp. Thank goodness. Latest: U. S. State Dept. has filed a protest with the Japanese government against our being kept in target zones. Stayed up from 2:00 to 3:30 a.m. as radio kept blaring reports of bombers heading for our area. Nearly froze in the court while waiting for them. None appeared. They pounded Nagaya instead.

Mar. 17 - We advised Donoto that Ozaki ought to be persuaded to stay on. Described him as the one Japanese who is favored by this group. Donoto said it would be difficult, but he'll offer increased pay, etc. Fifth Army drive on the western front has started and we're well over the Rhine. Donoto has asked Uno to take over office administration to prevent Headquarters assigning a new man to take Ozaki's place. Uno agreed providing all scripts pass through his hands and nothing is submitted direct to the Japanese. Donoto agreed! Miyoshi is coming back. No one knows when. Said goodbye to Ozaki who said he might return someday if he sees the way clear. Promises to continue keeping us informed on the news. He'll bring it to the studio and slip it to one of us. Local Japs are positive that Russia is about to enter the war against them. Lilian cornered Joe Astarita at the studio. (1) Japs are seeking peace; hope for some kind of early settlement. (2) It is rumored in Tokyo that an exchange ship will leave in early April. Astarita brought me a small package from Dorsey Kurakawa with the following note: "Dear Lucky, just a bit of something for you to nibble on. I told Mother that you mentioned you liked sake so she made up this little package of bread (sorry it's plain bread. Nothing on it), and sent the little bottle of sake. Personally I think it's a queer sample of sake but we got it 'hailku' (through ration) not 'yami' (blackmarket) so I don't suppose it's been doctored up in any way. It smells like pure alcohol, so sample it yourself, and if you think it would do more good applied externally, then please do so - although St. Paul said 'a bit of liquor to strengthen the stomach'. This is for you, so keep it yourself. Don't work too hard, and do get well. As ever, Dorsey." Darned nice of them. (Mr. Kurakawa knew my father years ago in Honolulu. Mrs. Kurakawa, an American woman, used to visit our studio on Saturdays to see the Janberce. Once she asked Uno if she could do things for me from time to time in view of her husband's acquaintance with my father. Uno



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refused, and Mrs. Kurakawa was never permitted to visit us again. Dorsey, however, has been allowed certain contact with us providing he reports everything we say to the authorities. They think he does this, but I am certain he does not. Lilian is trying to get us blackmarket thread, sixty yen a spool, and cold cream - unheard of in Tokyo. Both she and Dorsey are O.K. They've been darned good to us.

Mar. 18 - Quiet Sunday. Jap office boys and Hyasaka bathed almost all afternoon - left a foot of dirty water for twenty-five of us to bathe in. Will complain to Donoto about it tomorrow. This is too much. This evening Hyasaka and the Jap boys were seen in the storeroom. The boys drew some charcoal and Hyasaka ordered them back to their quarters. Then he closed the blackout curtain. Astarita and I watched from the second floor window. Major Consens watched from the courtyard. Hyasaka filled his overcoat pocket with sugar. We've got him now. Task force reported heading our way from Iojima.

Mar. 19 - Kyushu and Shikoku hit by 800 task force planes yesterday. Then they advanced and pounded Nagoya. Japs don't seem to have much defense against fleet movements. Newspaper photo shows the emperor inspecting devastated areas. Oh! he's getting concerned. All hell is loose in Germany. Berlin admits our complete air supremacy over the Rhine. Fatten going like blazes. How and why do the Germans hang on? A new Headquarters Captain has been installed in the front office. Consens and I, pacing the court, ran into Hishikari. Conversation was stilted. "I'm leaving." So we've heard. "Who told you?" Mr. Donoto? "Yes. 'I am sorry I was not able to do anything for you.' Oh, that's alright. Prisoners of War must be very trying to their authorities. Undoubtedly you have many more important things to do than stay here and listen to our complaints. 'Maybe.' Grunts and bows were exchanged. We slipped ten Chesterfields to Ozaki and said goodbye. He said he'd be around. Donoto came in to see us during supper. Made a dramatic entrance with an issue of cigarettes and mail. My entire family is well. Thank God. They received my message to Haha on her birthday. Donoto says some locals predict the end of the war within the next six months. Interesting that some think that way.

Mar. 20 - Tak took us to the station for the last time today. Asked Donoto if he could bring Astarita and me home by streetcar. Donoto said O.K. Then Ozaki took us upstairs into a dark hall on the third floor, called Lilian out and left, so we could talk. Lilian's getting the things we need plus a pound of flour. Cold cream is forty yen a quart! Ozaki poured out his heart to us on the way home, nearly cried. Said he never cared about his job, the program of his Jap associates. His only concern was for us prisoners - "my own fellow-Americans". Said he'd been glad to be in a position where he could help, encourage, and slip us news. Says he's going to miss us, but will be around occasionally if Donoto will permit it. Leaving us, he said, "nearly broke my heart". Formal meeting this afternoon. Hishikari made a farewell speech. Ozaki nearly cried when he was called upon to make "farewell remarks". Donoto's words were few but fitting. Hyasaka, in an effort to start off on the right foot with the new administration, delivered Astarita a pair of shoes which we requested a year ago. They were three sizes too small! Astarita was made to sign a receipt for them anyway, and they were given to Ince. Ince will now request a pair for Astarita. We'll see if an officer's request brings quicker results. Lilian says that the army has placed orders for millions of festival lanterns. She thinks they are to be used in a

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"final, grand procession" to be staged in July. We don't get it. Issued emergency kits. Sunday raid on Nagoya was from a thousand feet. Loss of Iojima has been announced. A new man, Tasaki (Hawaiian born) is being very friendly. He's written a play which he turned over to McNaughton to prepare for production. Jap guards are being friendly around the wash-rack, trading eggs, beans, cigarettes for razors, soap, gloves, etc. Metal items with United States stamp bring highest prices. Amazing!

Mar. 21 - Holiday. Only Mr. Go is here. Asked for a bath and got one. Headquarters gave us permission to knock a hole through the brick wall and dig a slit trench in the Count's garden. Boys started it. Jap caretaker was furious, protested. Mr. Go told him to lay off - that we're the "pride and joy" of Imperial Headquarters! It's about time we had a place to duck the bombs.

Mar. 22 - McNaughton saw Tasaki today and tried to be tactful in telling him his play was lousy. Tasaki was so persistent and obnoxious that McNaughton finally came right out and said it "stinks". Hishikari's chauffeur appeared in camp today with Donoto. He's living with Hishikari but working for us on the side. What a place! Donoto says he reported that Hishikari has accused Donoto of stealing the supplies sent in here from Omeri - Red Cross clothing, food, cigarettes - the very things Hishikari used to do.

Mar. 23 - Orders relayed to us by Donoto from the new captain. Anyone caught talking to either Hishikari or Ozaki, here in camp or at the studio, will get into serious trouble. Tasaki is driving everyone crazy in the studio. He tries to run everything and has never been in a radio station before. It's a complex from which they all suffer at first. So Berlin news in the paper "due to atmospheric conditions." Jap prime minister says that just as the enemy was destroyed in the Mongol invasion, after he took a certain island, so will the United States lose their navy after taking Iojima. He predicts final victory for Japan. Incredible foresight! Why must they keep referring to divine winds and spirits of 3,000 years ago!

Mar. 24 - A colonel and Major Tsuneishi from Headquarters visited the studio today. Donoto says they were pleased with a smooth program. That such productions on our part make his hand stronger in requesting supplies for us. Lilian delivered a quart of cold cream to Astarita and asked: "Shall I fight the invaders or go to the hills with everyone else? Really, I just couldn't kill anyone." Astarita advised that she go to the hills. She also sent us a pound of flour for which she refused payment, and two eggs. She then said: "If only they'd have the lantern procession quickly, then I shouldn't have to kill anyone." Astarita asked for an explanation. She laughed: "Any fool can see that! 'What the hell goes on here? Lanterns, processions, the end of the war.' Joe asked. She said the war would definitely end by June. We all know it." Dooley had quite a session with Hyasaka over the sugar. We're supposed to be issued 10 kilos each month. Hyasaka says the reason we haven't been getting it is that they don't know whether they'll be able to get any more when the present supply runs out in July. Dooley pointed out that issues made lately to the Japs have far exceeded ours. Hyasaka then gave us the biggest issue we've ever had - three tablespoons each! Perhaps Donoto has warned him that we saw the storeroom sugar business. Three pounds of beef arrived. Food is better since Hishikari left. Helen - the Russian girl who lives down the street - has been ordered to evacuate to the country, according to Lilian. Genie, Lilian's sister,



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sent me a cigar.

Mar. 25 - Quiet day, but hard night. 11:00 last night one hundred fifty planes were reported heading our way. Everyone packed, moved into the court, and stayed there for two hours. Nagoya was pounded. Ozaki sneaked in and stayed for supper. News: Europe looks ready to fold. Japanese domestic propaganda, Ozaki says, is criminal. It paints a picture of British and American barbarians invading Japan raping women, burning homes, raising hell in general. The gullible people believe it all. Authorities demand that they fight to the finish to defend the sacred land. Naturally they accept the divine command! Ozaki says the emperor is the only one who can stop it, and believes he will when the going gets really tough. High 'ap officials feel the war is lost for them with the loss of Iojima. But in typical oriental fashion, when things go wrong, they throw up their hands, get stubborn and sullen. That, Ozaki says, is the prevailing mood.

Mar. 26 - The raid last Saturday night occurred simultaneously with task force operations off Kyushu and a landing in the Okinawa group. Norman Reyes, Filipino boy, former officer in the Philippine Army, who was forced to accept a parole from Headquarters, is sending me a pair of shoes. He wants nothing in return for them. Says that he has been unable to trade or sell them as they're too big. The camp has starned all day with Mori officials here to inspect us. They came over after supper, a tough looking mob. Donoto has been asked to issue the five remaining Red Cross food parcels. He said he hadn't inspected the storeroom yet, and doesn't know if five parcels exist. He reminded him that eighty came into camp - we've had seventy-five issued. He says he'll check and put them out - one to each five men. A message from an officer in Zentouji asks his family to contact Mr. and Mrs. Kalbfleish and tell them that Ed is O.K. Now we know definitely where he is. Good.

Mar. 27 - Donoto says that Colonel Suzuki from Mori camp made a speech yesterday on the treatment of prisoners of war. He advocates - "treat 'em rough." Donoto said he couldn't stand it and left with Yamaishi before the speech was finished. My script on the rehabilitation of prisoners of war was broadcast today. (It was based on a news report concerning repatriated Philippine prisoners which Ozaki slipped us) Donoto says it impressed our authorities - made them realize our importance as American citizens - not "horios!" (lowly war criminals) He asked Ince why it wouldn't be possible for me to write all missing men scripts. Ince said it would be impossible under the present circumstances - no recreation, no stimulus, improper food, etc. He reminded him of my illness in January as a result of carrying the entire load. Donoto asked him to talk it over with me anyway. Told Ince I'd try to do it. My reasons: power, control. If the Japs find they must depend entirely on one man, they'll come through with fuel to keep him running. I proved that when I got "sick" and quit work once before. In fueling me, they'll fuel 25. If it doesn't work out, I'll quit. They'll improve conditions or they won't have a show. I'll be in complete control of information going over the air, and think I'm on solid ground with Donoto. Ince, Major Cousens agree. Yasaki and Ince nearly came to blows today. Yasaki had given Provoe an assignment to write several commentaries on Japanese culture. Ince resented the fact that Yasaki's order had not been given through him, as he has been officially approved in Ozaki's job. Donoto backed Ince. The results: Donoto is going to try to get rid of Yasaki. Ince has a vote of confidence. We're

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really cookin' with gas these days. Donoto promises us a clear cut work policy from Headquarters. Donoto told us a strange story. He was making a blackmarket deal with a man who refused to take Donoto's money for the goods purchased. He said: "No, no. You and I must stick together. We have something in common." The man is Yorsan. A general inspected us this afternoon.

Mar. 28 - I cornered Lilian at the studio today and asked what was meant by all this talk of lanterns and a procession in July. I suggested the annual Buddhist procession of lanterns each July which invites ancestors to visit earth. She said that these were to be a different type of lantern. Explained to me - what we've known for some time through Cousens - that her father is the baker in the Imperial Hotel. That he bakes for the chief of the Komi-Tai who occupies the entire second floor, and who provides much vital news. Her father insists that the parade will celebrate the end of the war! Local Japanese are counting on the emperor to ask for an armistice.

Mar. 29 - Provoe is talking too much. He told Yasaki that Donoto's policy for this program was to gain an arbitrated peace for Japan. Yasaki picked it up and accused Donoto of betraying the basic aims of Imperial Headquarters, the army and the emperor. Donoto called Provoe to a meeting with Yasaki. Provoe backed down completely, admitting he had no grounds to make such a statement. Said he was quoting program policy of a year ago. Never having heard anything to the contrary, he thought it was Donoto's policy as well as that of his predecessors. Yasaki has at last shown his true colors. He is definitely planted here by Kishikari's group to break up the program and have Donoto ousted. We will back Donoto and keep the program going in spite of all opposition. Prisoners' messages and information going through to Washington is sufficient reason. It's enough to warrant our keeping our necks stuck out, I think. Streeter called Shank and Docley to his quarters today. Asked them to relay to reliable prisoners that Donoto is our best friend; be careful of Yasaki and another new man in the front office whom we don't know yet. Both were planted here by Kishikari to break up the organization and oust Donoto. Streeter says to keep the program going at all costs and back Donoto. Kishikari outlined a plan for our disposal: Ince and Cousens will return to their old job at the radio station, Streeter gets a parole and broadcasts his own program, the rest of us get sent back to camps. Shank and Docley report that Streeter has already recorded fifty programs on "enjoyocracy". They say that aside from his hatred of Roosevelt and his balleyhoo on "enjoyocracy", he has really done some good writing. Many of his commentaries are for local consumption, telling the Japs they're licked and painting a good picture of what the future holds in store for them unless they surrender. He describes bigger raids, invasion, postwar occupation. He says that the Japanese credit sheet in the records of international goodwill is blank! He recommends immediate acceptance of Red Cross relief and proper distribution of it to prisoners. He has recommended that prisoners over forty-five be sent home, if not all prisoners as the Japs did in the war with Russia when they couldn't feed them. Docley says that in some respects Streeter is alright! Papers talk of evacuating Berlin and guerrilla fighting in Germany. Guess it's nearly over. Argentina has declared war on Japan. Manchester Guardian says that a quick invasion of Japan will end both wars at the same time. The whole world seems to be against Japan - including most of the Japanese. What an outfit!

Mar. 30 - Donoto says he went out lunches with us for a while. He has been called a traitor



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to the Japs once too often. Says he'll return when the opposition weakens. Humanity Calls is to be broadcast at 11:30 a.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. as we've been doing. That makes it 7:30 p.m. for reception on the west coast. Guess Honolulu's out from now on. Too bad. Hamsan's friend, Tokyo Rosie, is furious because Shenk was removed ahead of the galley. Shenk, it seems, won her devotion when he slipped her an occasional daikon. Tokyo Rosie says she'll buy him extra food through her black market contacts. Shenk gave her thirty-five yen and one hour later she returned with a Red Cross box full of peanuts. She's gone out again to get me a box. Donoto asked Major Cousens what his personal policy is in regard to this group. Cousens said: "to get these twenty-five men back to their homes in the best possible mental and physical health." Donoto said his policy was the same. Have been doing calisthenics twice a day with Major Cousens and feel like a new man. This new barley diet has strength in it. Thank goodness.

Mar. 31 - Tokyo Rosie brought in my peanuts, plus forty yen worth of dried persimmons for Major Cousens. Bless her. Donoto, through Ince, issued a new order to the men at the studio. No one is to leave the studio or talk to outsiders. This has been brought about by Parkyn's latest indiscretion. This morning he was listed to be taken to the radio station by Tasaki on the streetcar. Major Cousens smelled something fishy and called him aside before they departed. The major warned him not to allow himself to be pumped. Parkyns said he'd be cautious. BUT - Tasaki got what he wanted. Parkyns came through with reports on the situation in Germany which we could only have learned through contact with outside sources. Tasaki told Donoto he thought we were getting important information from the announcers on the German Hour. As a result, Donoto was forced to issue the order, and Cousens has been asked to explain the matter to us privately. Donoto said he could handle most of the problems here, but found himself at a complete loss to cope with Parkyns. He says that these indiscretions play right into the hands of the people who are trying to make trouble for us. This afternoon he had a long conference with Tsuneishi. Reports that things are going well, he's winning all around. Major Cousens read the riot act to Parkyns who was insolent. Cousens said: "I am speaking to you in my full capacity as a major in the Australian Forces. I am giving you a direct order." Parkyns is ordered to tactfully avoid all contact with the Japanese. If he doesn't, Cousens will see that he is court martialled when he returns to Australia. He further explained that Tasaki is planted here to disrupt the program. Parkyns is a bad type, but I think he'll behave for a few days.

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April 1 - General spring cleaning. Took bunkrack apart and passed the boards through an open fire in order to kill a few thousand bedbugs. Ozaki came in for supper. Said he had tried to visit us last Tuesday but was denied entrance by the Jap office. Eisenhower is broadcasting surrender instructions to German troops. Von Rundstedt, hero of the big drive last November 15 was arrested by Hitler for telling the high command that further resistance is futile. Three islands have been invaded in the Chinawa group. Ozaki says the locals are still discussing invasion of Japan in their domestic propaganda and have the populace on the verge of hysteria over American barbarism. They have announced that 50,000 first line Jap planes have been withheld for the purpose of fighting off the invasion. Maloney. All neutral embassies are leaving the country. Europe is expected to fold within two weeks. Ozaki asked us to keep quiet about his visits. Says he is nearly starving, would give anything to work here again but is bound by a Dorei contract.

April 2 - Another Missing Man script on the rehabilitation of POWs was broadcast today. Donoto likes the idea of emphasizing the fact that prisoners are not so low as the Japs like to think, but rather valuable citizens of our own countries. A Japanese soldier who surrenders is disgraced for life, can never return to his home. Naturally most Japanese have regarded us in the same light. One hundred fifty planes bombed factory areas to the west between 2:00 and 4:00 this morning, used flares. Donoto, through Major Cousens, announced his program policy at a meeting of script writers. (1) He hates war and will do all he can to stop it. (2) Special commentaries, sometimes on objectionable themes, will be ordered. However, he will try to use Streeter for this purpose. Streeter is to be left alone. (3) The subject of food may be used as often as we like. (4) Missing Men will continue to present a picture of prison life. (5) Rehabilitation. Donoto says he is in complete control, will try to move us out of Tokyo. Says the Japs in the front office are jittery, "can't take it" - want to move as much as we do. We are to be taken on a picnic next week!

April 4 - Will never forget last night. Lay on mats in the trench from 1:00 to 4:30 a.m. while thousand pounders dropped all around us. Nearest hit was about a mile west. Glass fell out of the hall clock, also a window out of the library. All clear was sounded four times. Weather turned bitterly cold and rain poured down. We were taken to the station today by Tasaki who is trying to be very friendly. He had tea served and passed out cigarettes. Shattles' message to his mother gave prison address as Bunka. The censors overlooked it in his script. He pointed it out to me before the broadcast and I told him to keep quiet and spell it on the air. Donoto isn't around. Colin told Tasaki if he wanted to be popular with us he'd better produce our cigarette issue. Today's the day. He did!

April 5 - Humanity Calls went on at 11:30 today. Hope all squadrons are aware of the time change. Donoto is back, brought in more cigarettes, gave us a bottle of prewar hair tonic, and twenty pounds of potatoes flour. Said he blackmarketed yesterday for his children. Got them a gallon of milk each day in exchange for an old divan and easy chair. He has to get it every morning by bicycle from a Korean family.

April 6 - Entire Jap cabinet went out yesterday. New premier is Admiral Kantaro Suzuki, 79, advisor to the emperor, elder statesman. He was shot in 1936 by ambitious fascist militarists who tried to rid the country of seven top men nearest the emperor. He is supposed to be pro-civilian and anti-military, a good friend of



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Grew's. Local Japs are anxious to hear a reaction from Washington on the change. Donoto is delighted with the new appointment. Papers, in an attack on the government, accuse their leaders of having been outwitted by America at every turn. They say that constant reference to each island being a "decisive campaign" is tiring. They ask what the government is doing - and answer the question themselves - "nothing".

April 7 - B-29s and P-51s pounded Nakajima aircraft factory during morning muster. Suzuki has not yet appointed a new cabinet. Russian has given notice she will not renew her non-aggression pact with Japan. The sweet potatoes flour brought in by Donoto is unedible. It's actually residue from a gasoline factory.

April 8 - Out of coal, consequently no bath. Storeroom is nearly empty. Dooley thinks it signifies we'll move soon. More likely it's a result of their usual bad organization. Former Ambassador Grew is quoted in the morning paper as having said that the new cabinet change is merely to further prosecute the war. Ozaki didn't make his usual Sunday call.

April 9 - New cabinet has been announced. The prime minister seems reluctant to consent on anything. A large supply of fish was permitted to spoil over the weekend. The supplyman could have avoided the loss if he'd issued more than the prescribed number of grams per prisoner. A large serving was finally given us for lunch, but we couldn't eat it. Donoto was furious. Mr. Maki, in charge of our program at the studio, says that the record factory was destroyed in the last raid. Therefore Humanity Calls cannot be rebroadcast anymore - only on Sundays. Guess that settles our move to the country. Lilian has offered us another pound of flour and some cooking oil. She's a beaut.

April 10 - Had a letter from Fred Jamieson in Honolulu. Brewster Morgan, old schoolmate of mine, is a German POW. Lucky stiff! Donoto brought in twelve pounds of beef for the picnic. The Japs in the front office have taken it for "safe keeping." Flour and lard were also issued. Galley is producing rolls stuffed with meat and vegetables. Only half the meat found its way to the galley. Donoto is plenty mad about it. Major Cousens had a hot session with Donoto about the general decline of health in camp. Donoto said he would arrange for a meeting between Cousens and Taneishi so the latter can be told the whole story direct. Donoto says that there are many personal parcels at Enari Camp addressed to deceased prisoners. He has requested that they be sent to us. Major Cousens said he would accept them only if we are permitted to acknowledge receipt for them and tell of the deaths on the air. Paper demands that the new cabinet either guide the people in a fight to death or a fight to peace. Suzuki, in his first statement, says he knew from the start that things would be as they are today. Hyasaka and the Flea entered the galley this evening and took flour, lard, carrots from the special picnic rations. The boys checked and found they were having a pancake feast for themselves in the Jap offices.

April 11 - Picnic scheduled for tomorrow. We're to leave by truck at 9:30 a.m. Donoto says that a B-29 pilot who parachuted down last week, was interviewed as to Stateside reception of Humanity and Postman Calls. He is supposed to have said they were both well received; that people have received up to two hundred telephone calls after one of our messages has gone through. Bless 'em. Donoto says Zentsuji camp is to be moved. Headquarters has listed it as invasion area number 21. He

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has suggested that I write a Missing Men script describing the location of this camp with reference to the rest of Tokyo. Says he doesn't think it'll get through, but for me to try it anyway. If it passes the censors, it may save our necks! Boys are working like hell on the picnic food.

April 12 - Half hour before we were to leave for the picnic a hundred planes passed over. We finally got under way at 10:00, and watched Nakajima's factory getting it in the distance. Cherry blossoms are out in full bloom. Saw miles of charred houses flattened by incendiaries. Huge areas of wooden buildings are being torn down to prevent fires from spreading. Liked and piddled. Liked again to Tanagawa river and waded! Saw the school building, high on a hilltop, where we almost moved. Looked like heaven. Have had the best day since our capture. We were escorted by Donoto, Kojima, the new captain, the Flea, and a Kempai-Tai sergeant-major. Latter was a good sport - under orders to be so. Tired, unburned, with a full stomach. Today has been a real tonic, thanks to Donoto. The galley crew produced extra stuffed rolls this evening - having made a good haul from the storeroom. They've decided that as long as Hyasaka and the Flea can't play square with the supplies - well, they've found them easy to deceive.

April 13 - This morning Donoto told us of President Roosevelt's death. Told us we could rewrite the entire program for today - handle it anyway we wished, and he'd be responsible. Cousens, Ince and I did the job. It was a magnificent tribute. Everyone is terribly shocked. Truman sworn in. Ninth army 100 miles from Berlin. A new censor, Watanabe, was introduced by Donoto. He's half white! Dooley is so mad about the supply man's thieving from the storeroom, he is preparing a detailed report. Major Cousens has promised to submit it to Taneishi when they have their meeting.

April 14 - Big incendiary raid last night from 11:00 to 4:00 a.m. Fires were right across the street from camp, and for a while we thought we'd be swept out. Lucky. Smith and Shattles deliberately prolonged the Jamboree today in order to prevent a section of the script from being broadcast. Donoto had ordered the particular section written in at the last minute and wasn't fooled by the deliberate sabotage. He told Ince that the violation of orders had been premeditated and he didn't like it. He said: "I am very sorry. I specifically wanted it to go over today." Can't see why the boys refused to do it. The gist of the dialogue which Donoto had outlined: Would it be lucky or unlucky if the war ended on Friday the 13th? It can't and then because today is the 13th in America and it's almost over. Well then - perhaps it'll end on the other Friday the 13th - in July! Personally I don't see much to it, but Smith and Shattles did. Too bad. As usual - by sabotaging the program they have sabotaged the whole camp. The meeting between Major Cousens and Major Taneishi on our food problems has been postponed indefinitely. And we have lost Donoto's good will - for the moment. Major Cousens had a long talk with him this afternoon and says everything is straightened out, but Donoto is definitely down on Smith. I talked to Smith - seeing he's Navy - and told him to cut the foolishness. He's free, as far as I'm concerned, to do anything he wants, but he's not to do anything in the future which reflects on the welfare of this group. He apologized, promised to be careful and conduct himself properly. We have no water. Entire system was blown up in the last raid. The men are hauling it from a well seven blocks away.

April 15 - Ozaki here. Ninth Army is forty-five miles from Berlin. Our Roosevelt tribute



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was acknowledged from the States within twenty-four hours after we made the broadcast. Goebbels was quoted first: "a divine miracle saved the life of the Fuhrer last July, and by the same power this other has been mercilessly and justly struck down by sudden death." The commentator went on: "In contrast to the German report, here is what the Japanese radio had to say: 'We interrupt our program of prisoner of war messages to present a few moments of music in tribute to our late President.' Then, quoting a Japanese commentator: 'It is not for us to say whether Roosevelt was right or wrong in regard to the war. It is, however, for us to say that his type was such as has never before been known in history.' Truman's first speech is magnificent. Osaki says that Suzuki made good comment on Roosevelt's passing. Now they're gettin' smart. Maybe hopes to bring us news of a German fold-up next week. We're still without water, baths.

April 16 - Two hundred planes over from 9:00 last evening 'till 2:00 this morning. Donoto couldn't get here due to disrupted communications. My Missing Men went over recommending that British and Australian governments compensate their prisoners in the same manner being practiced by America - a rank and a pay grade for each year of internment. The script which locates this camp was censored by Tanaki this afternoon. He cut references to Keiji University and the Russian Orthodox Church. The rest he OK'd. Lilian sent me a message through Asterita. "Keep your fingers crossed. It's almost over, over here!" Tanaki says that high officials are worried about this program and want us moved so we'll be in a safer area. No water, no food, no cigarettes. We're damned near out on our feet.

April 17 - We're twelve miles from Berlin. Eighty planes pounded Kyushu this afternoon. Donoto raised hell with Hyasaka over our lunch - a small bowl of barley plus a handful of boiled spinach. He said it was not only tasteless but quite inadequate. He called in the Flea, and Dooley presented his lengthy report through Major Cousens. Result: the Flea has issued the biggest barley ration we've ever had for tomorrow's lunch. Dooley reported the abnormally large issue to Donoto who called in the Flea for an explanation. The Flea said it was exactly what we're supposed to have! Dooley then produced his books and the supply department was over a barrel. They've been stealing - just a little each day - but enough to keep us slowly starving. Donoto says the Flea will be discharged. Three Red Cross parcels - all that remained - were issued. Donoto admits two have been stolen, but has no idea who got them. Imagine - three parcels between twenty-five men! Donoto was pleased with the Missing Men script which went over today locating this place.

April 18 - My birthday. I'm twenty-seven today. Have been a prisoner since I was twenty-three! Bloody terrible. Donoto is absent. There's no water. We're all filthy. Have to carry it into camp. Seems like the entire population of Tokyo is lined up at that one faucet. Joe and I steamed three loaves of bread and frosted the result with thick chocolate, butter, sugar. Saved these items from the last Red Cross issue for this occasion. Tanaki took Cousens and Hoblitt shopping. They say the Ginza is almost completely wrecked. Biggest department store is only operating the ground floor and sells bamboo spears, guns, old tennis racquets and vanishing cream. The latter, sold from a rusty five gallon can on to pieces of paper. The press features the German defeat, predicts complete collapse within a few days. Vile supper, but the galley force sent me a pancake and our five man syndicate had a chocolate pudding, plus the cake! Lilian and her sister sent me a bar of Palmolive. Major Cousens gave me a belt buckle and the group

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presented me with prewar Jap pine bathsalts. Now if we could only have a bath, I'd perfume the water!

April 19 - Bombers and SIs came over this morning. Two fighters dove over our courtyard and strafed an area about a mile away. Donoto, at a meeting this afternoon, bitterly criticized those of us who were involved in last Saturday's Jamboree. He said that those who deliberately sabotaged the program had unwittingly endangered Ince's life. (Ince is in charge of production - ostensibly) Donoto says that fortunately no one in the Jap office knows the details of the case, and went. He said that he had "requested" the shit, and that we should know by now that his "requests" are explicit orders. He says that he will discuss any point at any time with anybody and will try to be as fair as possible. Says he knows the people responsible for the sabotage and suggests that they be careful in the future. He all hand it to Donoto. He handled the meeting well. But I'm afraid that there are some here who require strong arm action before they'll behave. Consequently the rest of us are in danger of getting it in the neck through the thoughtlessness of others. Perhaps they realize now, direct from Donoto, that the sword is merely sheathed. Cousens and Donoto are to meet Tsuneishi privately tomorrow. Donoto has approved all of Cousens' points which cover our predicament completely - food, tobacco, relocation. Food is still rotten. No water.

April 20 - Cousens reports that he and Donoto met Tsuneishi in a palatial home in back of Imperial Headquarters. Donoto says that Cousens spoke well and made a deep impression. Tsuneishi admitted that he had never been told of the conditions in this camp. On the contrary, he said he had been lead to believe by Hishikari that our food, clothing, tobacco, recreation facilities, etc. were quite satisfactory. Results of the meeting: Tsuneishi promised a stable food ration, five cigarettes per day, Donoto in complete charge of the camp. He said that if supplies sent in from Guri Camp were not adequate, Headquarters would make up the difference. When told of Hyasaka's constant thieving, Tsuneishi said that there we were trying to buck a machine of long standing. Our civilian boss - Fujihara - a radical super-patriot - was formerly connected with the Jap consulate in Argentina with Hyasaka and the Flea. Their contacts are powerful and they have worked together for a long time. Tsuneishi says he will try to get them out. Tsuneishi asked if we preferred to remain in the present camp. Cousens tried to impress him with the fact that a change of atmosphere is desired more than anything else. Tsuneishi said he'd try to arrange the move with his superiors, and asked that the three of them meet again in two weeks in order that Cousens may report on progress. Major Cousens, in reporting the meeting to the group - seemed dubious - said it had been "as satisfactory as can be expected."

April 21 - Osaki came to the Jamboree today, handed Donoto a group of news sheets. The latter immediately handed one to us - the report quoting Humanity calls on Roosevelt's death. Donoto was very pleased. Says it makes his position here strong. Donoto says the move is uppermost in his mind and he'll do everything possible to swing it. No cigarettes yet. We're all going nuts without them. The aroma of tea throughout the house is sickening. Hyasaka is furious about his new orders from Tsuneishi on issuing our supplies. Still, he has not set the figures for daily rations. Don't suppose he will if it can be avoided. To announce a definite ration would jeopardize his thieving.

April 22 - Sunday. Hauled water with the Warrant Officer from 6:00 a.m. Cooked the rest of



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the day with Astarita. Steamed 2 1/2 loaves plus five tablespoons flour, oil, sugar, nutmeg. Frosted the whole thing with half bar chocolate, butter, klm, sugar. Roasted prune pits on top. Looks like the real McCoy. Unfortunately the last of the birthday reserve stock. Had a good bath - bright green from the bath salts. Ozaki in for supper with twenty pages of news. Eisenhower doesn't think there'll be any official surrender. San Francisco delegates are arriving. Shocked by news of murdered POWs in German camps, Mrs. Luce comments: "It makes one wonder if there is any good at all in the Germans." Ozaki let a big one slip. We were commenting on the accuracy of B-29 bombing. He said: "Don't worry. Those boys know exactly what they're doing. Just the other day they caught about ten Japanese Army officers out my way (Panagana River) with a transmitter giving the dope to 'Saipan.'" We must have all registered amazement in our faces for he quickly switched the subject. Gosh! As he was leaving I stopped him in the court and referred to the matter again. He confided that the ten Japs were executed immediately.

April 23 - Donoto called a meeting this morning and read us a lot of absurd news items: The shortage of kettles in Sydney, shortage of cigarettes at home. Why? Who is he trying to kid? Donoto warned everyone to be cautious what we say "in the presence of the Mexican element." (James and James Martinez) He says they tell Hysaka everything, and Hysaka is out to get something on Donoto so he can have him removed. Donoto says that J. Martinez told Hysaka that three prisoner officers were running the program in direct opposition to the Japanese policy. Donoto warned Martinez not to make such statements unless he can provide proof. J. Martinez is supposed to have told Hysaka that he wanted to be in the clear in the event of a showdown between this group and the Jap authorities. All of this, however, has been relayed to Donoto second or third hand and I doubt its accuracy. J. Martinez denies it flatly. A London political group believes the Pacific war will end in six months because of Truman's predicted change in foreign policy. They say Truman is doing well in international politics. More power to him.

April 24 - London Economist, February 1946. "Unconditional surrender for Japan means total annihilation. It will be a costly, bitter, drawn out affair. On the other hand, any indication of willingness to negotiate cannot be made so long as extremist military elements remain in power." This is interesting, because the Jap militarists are almost completely out of the running. Negotiations are being urged from the other side. I wonder how far the conservatives will get? Donoto told Major Cousens again today of the time Provoc urged him to remove the prisoner officers from this camp. Provoc said that if the group were put under his command that they would all feel free to write without the restraining influence of rank. Donoto recalled the incident in connection with Provoc's latest move. He is now refusing to do any writing at all. When given an assignment by the Japs he tells them that to carry out their orders will violate his oath of office. Then, after they give him an explicit order, he turns out a lot of absurd patriotic drivel. If anyone else wrote it, we'd lend a hand. But from Provoc it's insincere rubbish written to impress Wisener, his love. Consequently it impresses no one. Donoto is going to Headquarters tomorrow to see if he can't prod Teumaishi into carrying out his promises to improve conditions here.

April 25 - Donoto called Noblitt aside at the studio today and told him that Wisener had better watch his step, that he's a "trouble-maker." Noblitt reported it to

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Wisener as soon as they returned from the studio, and Wisener called a meeting of the officers. In a vulgar tirade he announced that the person who had put Donoto against him was in our room, but he couldn't name him - yet. Then immediately after the meeting he called me aside to assure me that his remarks hadn't been directed at me. I appreciate that, but can't understand his accusations. Later in the evening, Shank told him he was foolish to think that Donoto would have to be told anything about him; that if Donoto wanted to know anything about Wisener, all he had to do was watch him; that Wisener's "to hell with you, I've got mine" attitude was all anyone needed to know. Wisener hit him twice! It hasn't been a pleasant evening by any means. After muster a group gathered in the office and argued back and forth until 1:00 a.m. Wisener, Smith, Major Cox, Odlin, McNaughton, Ince, Provoc and I were there. Provoc, Smith and Wisener said that they didn't like the recent trend of the program and were therefore through writing. Several months ago, they said, they didn't think the show was harmful to American interests, but now they think it is. I asked if the situation today is any different from what it was the day we arrived in camp. They think it is. In what way? Provoc said that with Ince in charge of production a greater percentage of the writing is being done without specific orders from the Japanese. Asked if he thought such a situation was harmful to American interests, Provoc avoided answering, said it resulted in the program running too smoothly. "But is it harmful?" Provoc said it was because it resulted in our programs "being too smooth to be Japanese." He conceded the point but asked if he didn't think it better that such authority is in our hands and the predominant theme is prisoner of war life instead of controversial political matter. Provoc said "Maybe so, but maybe not." He asked him if he felt we were in a position to judge whether Humanity Calls is harmful to American morale or not. He admitted "not exactly." Then Provoc said: "Some people here appear to be willingly cooperating with the Japanese." I asked "who?" He repeated - "Some!" McNaughton then stepped in and demanded that he explain what he meant by "some." Provoc said - "the people doing the bulk of the writing." McNaughton asked "who are the people doing the writing?" Provoc said "Oh, Cousens, Henshaw, and - - -" I jumped in. "And on what authority do you dare to interpret the extent of Major Cousens' or my cooperation or policy or anything else?" Provoc backed down completely, said that it merely appeared so to him. I told him he was entirely too presumptuous and laying himself open to charges. Provoc then asked why Major Cousens' commentaries were constantly asking for a negotiated peace, clear thinking, strategy of bombing. We explained that they were the result of direct orders from the Japanese and Donoto, and that Cousens had voluntarily assumed the responsibility for all such unpleasant assignments in order that no one else in the group would have to tackle them. Seeing he was licked at every turn, Provoc began a lengthy spiel in which he attempted to justify his past actions. He said that from the beginning his personal policy has been to deceive the Jap authorities, to put over as such information as possible to Washington, and to do his bit to see that the American policy of unconditional surrender was carried out. McNaughton commented: "Your memory is very short!" Then McNaughton and I went up to bed. Ince says that the group continued the discussion long after our departure. Provoc and Smith said that in order to ease their own consciences they want the return of a sword-waving Kempi-Tai (gendarme) regime to direct us in our work. Otherwise, they're quitting. Ince emphasized the point that our original orders still stand, but unfortunately the comparatively easy living Donoto has brought to us isn't properly appreciated. And further added that no matter what Provoc and Smith advocate, the rest of us are not going to subject ourselves again to the reign



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of terror we experienced here in the early days - just to satisfy a conscience stricken few irresponsible, emotional, selfish members of the group. It was Pearson's birthday today. What a swell egg he is. Thank goodness we have a good, solid person like him in the group.

April 26 - Poor Pearson! Yesterday he made himself a birthday cake like the one I had, and last night he left it in the office. This morning it was gone. Talking with Smith this morning about last night's discussion, I learned that after everyone else had gone to bed, he and Provoc continued their discussion in the office. Once, after Smith made a trip out to the latrine, he returned to find Provoc standing over Rickett's desk - the place where the cake had been hidden. Provoc said he was "looking for butts to roll a cigarette." Smith said he thought nothing of the incident until he heard of the missing cake. Ince gave Provoc a long lecture today. Told him his record was the blackest of anyone here, accused him of having reported many of our activities to the Japanese, of being unstable, emotional, unreliable. Accused him of deliberately preying on the weaker minds of the group and causing uprisings like that which occurred last night. Provoc wept bitterly. Ince asked him why he didn't go out into the court and do away with himself - that such action would benefit his cowardly personality and benefit humanity all around. Provoc cried louder and admitted he had deliberately provoked last night's revolt with Smith and Wisener "because I had nothing better to do." Major Cox, Ince and I had a talk with Smith and finally straightened him out. Smith asked for a direct order from Major Cox to continue writing for the program and got it. Red issued the order, with Cox's approval. It was worded something like this: "You are ordered to carry out the orders of the Japanese in writing for the program, and will not contribute in any way to uprisings within the group which threaten the welfare of the other prisoners. Smith was satisfied, admitted that Provoc has been pursuing him, spending a lot of time in Smith's private quarters, (Smith has a private room because of his TB) and getting him upset about many matters. What a day. People have been smoking tea, cinnamon, butts. The food is worse than lousey, there is no water for washing, and it's no wonder tempers are short. To hell with it. The San Francisco Conference has started, but that's nothing to what's gone on here! Provoc isn't worth one tenth the space I've given him. He's just a scheming, perverted, traitorous bastard - and should be hung.

April 27 - Between Russia, America and Britain - two thirds of Berlin has fallen. Petain got through to Switzerland and gave himself up to French authorities. Hope they're easy on the old boy. Eden and Halifax are representing Britain at San Francisco - Solotov for Russia. Thank goodness. Kyushu being hit daily with one hundred to three hundred planes. As a result of the incident the other night with Wisener, and because of his trouble-making in general, Major Cox has asked Donoto to move Shenk out of our room. Donoto announced that Shenk was leaving camp shortly to work with Streeter on the latter's program! Now we know how information leaks out of the officers' room. We thought it was just Deoley and his big mouth. My God! What next? Bruce came to me this evening with tears in his eyes. He reports that Mr. Go and Hyasaka are planning to have Mamasan removed from camp. They have accused her of being too friendly with the prisoners, unpatriotic to Japan. Major Gouzens says he will discuss the matter with Donoto and put a stop to any move against Ma and Pa. Shenk confided to me that he is going to broadcast in Dutch on Streeter's "emancipation" program, and that he will cook for the Streeter's group at their new camp, a private home

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down the street. Donoto came in today with five pounds of black market beef and three quarts of Jap ketchup. Morale shot sky high until Hyasaka took a big cut for the Jap office force. He ended up with two pounds of beef and one quart of ketchup. Donoto says he'll fix them all someday, but right now he has to be careful. He's called a traitor every time he does anything for us. A doctor visited camp today on a routine Headquarters health inspection. Quills has been granted a four days' rest from the galley. He has jaundice. Rickett has bad beriberi. Astarita's severe case of acne is to be treated. Pearson has been put into the galley temporarily. Donoto says he may send Provoc out of camp to work with Shenk on Streeter's program. No one doubts Provoc's madness now - even most of the Japs are skeptical of him. Today he admitted having stolen Pearson's birthday cake. McNaughton has been summoned to give English lessons to a Jap captain from Imperial Headquarters. He will conduct classes twice a week! McNaughton hates the idea, but we talked him into liking it by suggesting it might provide a new field to exploit for cigarettes! We are alarmed with news that the house up the street which was taken over by Headquarters for our group - in the event we're burned out - has been occupied by a group of Army officers. Between that and the occupation of Meiji University by Jap troops, this so-called "inviolable" maternity ward district will soon be wiped right off the map.

April 28 - Today's our last Jamboree. Starting next week the Saturday program will be taken over by the Australians. Cooper resigns! The Japs are furious over an acknowledgement of a Humanity Calls message to Australia. A few months ago we broadcast a message from an Aussie prisoner which asked that his pay be put into victory bonds. The Jap censors missed it and now we're confronted with the report that the bonds were purchased for the officer in compliance with his request which went over Humanity Calls! The Japs came over to us today screaming about the impertinence of a prisoner "to send such a request from our radio!" Another matter which has panicked the Jap office is a message which we broadcast several weeks ago from Sea Is Wilkerson of Bentenji Camp. (Wilkerson is crazy, confined to the camp brig. I knew him when I was imprisoned there) The message, of course, was written and signed by another prisoner. Now the Red Cross has asked Japan to explain the matter. Mr. Kojima interviewed me on the matter. Asked if I thought Wilkerson's condition had been brought about by maltreatment. I said "of course". Donoto promises that Hyasaka and Mr. Go will not remove Mamasan. He says the reason they want her removed is because she has reported their thieving of prisoners' rations. Emperor's birthday tomorrow. We're to have four Jap guests for supper this evening in order to celebrate. Donoto says that he deliberately planned this "celebration" for us in order to use Headquarters' funds to buy us black market meat. Other Japs found out about our having it and decided to make it a "party for the prisoners" so they can get in on the show. Eight Japs arrived, the flea took ration, and the galley gave Ma and Pa their usual cut. Needless to say, we didn't have much of a party with what remained. Count Kabayama did a terrific act at supper: "My, you have excellent food here." Donoto replied: "Oh yeah? You'd better come around for a feed next Monday." Everyone roared. Donoto's O.K. He doesn't let them get by with anything.

April 29 - The entire neighborhood is singing the national anthem. The papers have started a new explanation of Nimitz' presence in coastal waters. They are now "deliberately enticing the foe" to the Japanese mainland. The island losses



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were deliberate and clever strategy. Once they get the foe close enough, they will annihilate him with one crushing attack. One writer dares to ask if perhaps they haven't noticed the foe a little too close, and isn't it about time they started delivering the decisive blow for which they did all their enticing? Berlin is nearly finished. There is talk of campaigns to route the Germans out of Norway and Denmark. Hope they don't prolong the agony any more. Five reconnaissance planes came over today. The sirens never stopped blowing. Ozaki didn't come around. What a disappointment. We all went out and hauled water for our first bath in weeks. Limited each man to three small buckets. But unfortunately the Jap office boys used about ten buckets each. As a result, twenty-five of us bathed in six inches of filthy water. I threw in the bath salts which turned it bright green and helped matters a little.

April 30 - Tsunishi has ordered Hyasaka to set up special facilities in the administration building for all Japanese cooking. No more Jap rations will be prepared in our galley as soon as they can fix up their own. Loose tobacco is scheduled to arrive tomorrow. We're to be issued a certain number of grass per day. Of course the amount hasn't been set yet. Major Cousens went to the station with us today. He says that my Missing Men dialogues would sell easily in Sydney after the war. Maybe I've a future in radio as a serial writer! Bruce told McNaughton today of the times he used to search Uno's desk. Says that on many occasions he found reports marked "secret and confidential" written by Provoc on the activities of every individual in this house. Bruce says that in the early days here, when Provoc wanted control of the group, he used this means to advise the removal of Kalbfleish. Ince and Henshaw! Hishikari backed Uno when the latter tried to get rid of Ince and me, but removed Kalbfleish and regretted it. Lots of bombers and 51s over - but they aren't working on our locality.

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May 1 - Len, Filipino boy who works at the P.I. embassy, slipped some short wave news reports to McNaughton. Two Fascist leaders and Mussolini have been murdered. Hitler surrendered unconditionally to Britain and America two days ago. It was rejected. He forgot to include Stalin. They've given him 'til today to remember. Molotov has left San Francisco for Moscow. Asterita and I opened a can of corned beef we've hoarded and celebrated Germany's fall. Topped it with an egg which Hilian sent us. Benito hopes Russia will declare war on Japan. He thinks it will hasten the end. McNaughton gave his first English lesson this evening. The Headquarters captain said the reason he wants to learn English is because he is going abroad immediately after the war. Mom. Got five letters today with a photo of Mother and the baby. Bless 'em.

May 2 - Mom gave Asterita a pack of cigarettes "for Henshawson". She's a beauty. Saw Len for a moment at the studio today. He says the British have landed in Borneo. He believes that the Pacific war is nearly over. Says the Japs are just bluffing, hoping to get better terms by reminding America of the war's costliness and by exploiting their nuisance value in such activities as the invasion of French Indo-China. Our Warrant Officer has gone to China for an indefinite period. Mr. Wetmore and Tasaki are to alternate in his job of watching us at night. Benito told me to write a dialogue in which the prisoners envy the release of allied war prisoners in Germany. Did a whooper called "Bless 'em All". Hope it passes. The boys think it's my best effort to date. Provoc hasn't written anything since the night we argued in the office. Ince gave him instructions today, backed by Cox, to "execute Japanese orders". Provoc is furious. He has hated Ince since the beginning.

May 3 - Had a real argument with Tasaki this morning. Major Cousens, Dooley, McNaughton and I really let him have it. He started the discussion in his usual manner - becoming the fact that the affairs of the Orient couldn't have been settled alone by Japan as leader of the Co-Prosperity Sphere. He says that their invasion of various countries was well received. McNaughton, Dooley and Major Cousens said that they had observed conditions in Malaya and that the Japs had not been welcome, that they were hated. They further emphasized that goodwill was not created by slopping people around, knocking the hats off Mohammedans, and stripping countries of everything of value. He then asked him what Japan was giving to these invaded countries, what she plans to give. He said - "well, not roads and bridges and buildings like America gave the Philippines, but the Japanese do give these Orientals spiritual assistance, a feeling of kindred spirit". McNaughton asked him how long he expects that spirit to last on empty stomachs and devastated soil. Tasaki jumped back a few thousand years and changed the subject. (That always ticks us. We don't know much about their dark ages) Tasaki then asked if we had a solution to the problems of Japan. He said "Sure!" Japan must get off the dime and realize that she cannot be a big nation, living in a community of other nations, without creating some sort of international goodwill, and that as far as we know, Japan has never made any effort along this line. Tasaki then asked for suggestions as to how this goodwill could be accomplished. Major Cousens stepped in. Get out of China - NOW! Tasaki laughed. Open the guanine market to the world - in spite of the war! Tasaki laughed again. Then I jumped in. "Mr. Iguchi, your Board of Information spokesmen, tries to refute hundreds of atrocity stories with absolute lies. We prisoners know, and the rest of the world knows that they are all true! So why not refute them by concrete action instead of just talking and lying? Why not accept regular shipments of Red Cross relief supplies for prisoners - as Washington has suggested from time to time during the past eighteen months? Japan



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will lose no face by doing this. On the contrary, she'll gain it in the form of international goodwill by doing the right thing for thousands of helpless war prisoners." Guess it threw him. He asked that we stop the conversation as it concerned a subject of which he knew nothing. But I got in another word, to the complete amazement of Major Cousens and McNaughton. "Mr. Tasaki," I said, "if you're such a gut-slitting patriot, you should feel it your duty to gather this sort of information from us and make an effort to pass it on to higher authorities who can do something about it." Tasaki said it was not his responsibility. Of course not. They're all like that. No one has any responsibility in this country. And when the war ends, if ever, we'll play hell finding the responsible persons because the whole outfit will be playing ostrich! My pet - Mr. Iguchi - has two columns in the morning paper on the sinking of the Awa Maru. (This ship recently transported Red Cross relief supplies to war prisoners in the southern regions. On its return voyage it was sunk - "by an American submarine" in Formosa waters. The Japs say it was lighted, marked plainly as a relief ship, and on its course. American submarine command says it was not lighted and forty miles off course). As a result of the sinking, Iguchi says Japan reserves the right to take any action she sees fit. I suppose he means against us. By golly - they'll have to go some to make conditions worse! Their so-called "relief-ship" was carrying 1600 passengers and cargo. What the hell kind of a relief ship do you call that? Von Ribbentrop is dead. Good. Lousy bastard. The paper says Hitler died gallantly at his post. Bonetz is his successor. No mention of Himmler - but we know. We were shown a movie this afternoon - "The Cowboy and the Lady". My Missing Men script on writing this program went across today. It gave a clear picture of this setup.

May 4 - My "Bless 'em All" script on the released allied war prisoners in Germany was returned by the censors unaltered. It's a beaut, raves about the successes of our forces having gone through the two greatest fortified lines in the history of the world and having defeated the greatest mechanized army in world history. Bless those who gave their lives that these objectives might be attained. Bless those living and may they be sent home quickly where all the happiness possible may be theirs. They deserve it, they have the best wishes of the prisoners of war in Japan - etc.

May 5 - Papers tell of the German surrender. Bonetz and Himmler together offered unconditional surrender. Streeter confided to Asterita that an entire POW camp in Osaka was wiped out in a recent bombing. Asterita thinks it might have been his former camp, but then we know there are dozens of small work camps in the dock areas. Boneto reaffirmed his primary policy - to send us all home in the best physical and mental health and keep the program as clean as possible. Received letter from Mother dated December 1. Grandparents well. Thank God. I've waited a year for some mention of them. Ozaki arrived with plenty news. Three fourths of Okinawa is in our hands. Kyushu being hit regularly by 29s. Himmler-Bonetz negotiations with the Allies incomplete as yet. Chaos throughout Germany.

May 6 - Tasaki got us all out of bed early this morning, into the court, bags packed ready to evacuate the camp. And he did it all on the strength of one siren, before details of the raid had been given. Only four planes passed over us. The rest went to some other area. We explained very emphatically that such is not the customary procedure around here or we'd be up twenty-four hours a day. The guards brought in several loads of wood from the de-housing projects, so we've been able to cook and bathe. No coal. British carrier planes are hitting Kyushu.

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May 7 - Trouble in San Francisco. Eden and Stettinius refuse to talk further with Molotov about the Polish problem. Hope nothing unfortunate results. Last week Tasaki assigned me a script based on news report which says Canada has sent only volunteers to the Pacific War. He wanted a lot of filthy propaganda written in. I objected to writing such sentiments for expression by prisoners of war, told him to get his own people to put forth such ideas. Unfortunately, he was insistent, so I had to write anyway. It describes the hardships of Pacific Fighting, malaria, jungle warfare, leprosy, and lack of amusement. Emphasizes the fact that America must use draftees who know little of war and really don't want to fight. Canada, on the other hand, can fill her quota with volunteers. She knows what she's doing. BUT - I wrote that conscription was made law in the United States. Therefore our army is also made up of volunteers, as a majority vote made it law. Tasaki didn't get it. Said he liked the script. He's crazy. I managed to kill his main point. Boneto called a meeting of prisoner officers in our room this afternoon. He said that Nomachi and Kojima are taking over the script department. From now on he will remain in the background and give them free reign. If trouble arises, however, he'll intervene. But not until. It seems that the other Japs are putting pressure on Tsunishi to oust him, but so far have only succeeded in getting him to surrender his authority over the writing. They have accused him of being too pro-prisoners and want the writing department run by a Jap committee. He predicts they will be assigning scripts with much Jap propaganda, spirit, culture, etc. He advises we carry out all orders and when their policy is proven ineffective, he will be reappointed head of our writing by Tsunishi. Major Cousens then told him that the new group will have to be cautious; that we refuse to be pushed around anymore. We have gone the limit, and our nerves won't stand any further difficulty. If this new committee goes too far, we'll lay down the pencils, demand an audience with Tsunishi, and he can call in his firing squad. Boneto seemed understanding, advised we proceed cautiously, said he'd stand by us in any eventuality. Then he told of an incident which occurred several days ago in the Jap office. Streeter was called in, surrounded by a group of Jap super-patriots who insisted he inject some Jap propaganda into one of his pet commentaries on "energy-journey". Streeter refused. The Japs threatened him. He refused again and pounded the table with his fist and told them he would never insert such rubbish into his program. The Japs backed down. Boneto says that Streeter may be a traitor to his fellow prisoners and a weakling in many ways, but he certainly displayed guts on this occasion.

May 8 - My "Bless 'em All" script went on today. McNaughton and Ince says it's the best thing this program has ever done. All that remained was the playing of the British and American national anthems. Bailed by seventy planes at noon. Boneto absent. Tasaki walked in and informed Ince that he had been appointed fully in charge of Humanity Cals. He ordered a Jamboree for tomorrow celebrating the fall of Germany, and produced official Stateside news reports on the subject. He objected on mass. "Our President has said that there would be no celebrations. Churchill said no celebrations. We don't wish to celebrate the fall of an enemy. Our real battle is just about to start." Tasaki insisted, outlined the whole program number by number and ordered rehearsals immediately. He assigned me the closing dialogue with piano melody. We all agree that something fishy is going on. Tasaki is either trying to make fools of us or jeopardize Boneto's prestige in some way. I wrote a very sober ending for the show, reflecting on the heavy casualties, tragedy of war, signed off with "The Last All Clear". Tasaki threw it out. Said he wanted



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May 12 - Aussie day. After all the disturbances, Dooley's strike, insults, apologies to Australia, no inspecting officers arrived. Tsuneishi sent for Major Cousins this afternoon and had a long talk with him. Tsuneishi refused to use an interpreter, insisted that Cousins talk in Japanese. He apparently did very well. Reports that he gave the Major both barrels on the new clique which is running the script department and their effect on camp morale. Tsuneishi asked if we are getting five cigarettes per day as he had ordered. Cousins said no. Has the food improved? No. We've had nothing but barley and boiled spinach three times a day for two weeks. Not to mention an occasional piece of semi-spoiled fish. Of course we could have it fresh, but they prefer serving it rotten. Tsuneishi or no Tsuneishi we know damned well that conditions will never improve in this place. It's just a matter of hanging on for dear life 'til the gang gets here. Sonoto reported later that Tsuneishi was pleased with his interview with Cousins and thinks it may help. Tsuneishi is still keen on moving us to the country schoolhouse, as he lives only a half mile from it. Gave Mami two cigarettes and ten yen yesterday, just because she's been so good to me. But today - she slipped me two eggs, bowed a dozen times and backed off. The eggs are five yen each on the blackmarket, so I don't think she derived much benefit from my present. Bless her old heart. Momochi came over