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Got a surprise & shock today. All Japanese boys are being sent to the mainland to be organized as a provisional combat unit together with boys of Japanese ancestry on the mainland. All Japanese boys gathered in theater & a very straightforward & frank talk given by major general of 25th Div. & by the colonel of our regiment & the above he emphatically pointed out was most probably although it seems like it has clearly been so decided, 10% of the company, Japanese boys only, will go out on 6 hr leaves starting today until all have had a chance to go home before we go. Yutaka went home today & "M" & the rest all know about it already. I go home tomorrow morning at 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Home tomorrow so I ~~had~~ gave him a box of chocolate & 4 boxes of gum to take home for me.

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Went home today at about 9:00 a.m.
Was originally scheduled to leave at
6:00 a.m. but matter or organizations came
up & was therefore compelled to stay
until over. Family already knows
about all Japanese boys in Army are
leaving for mainland. Mrs. Nishimura
came over to help & prepare the eats -
informal dinner w/ the Nishimura kids,
Mr. & Mrs. & Taka chan. Yutaka's mother
came over and oh, I feel so sorry for
her. You know Yutaka's the only male child &
this has hit her pretty hard. Gave me
some things to bring over for Yutaka's which
I promised I would do for her. Told her
not to worry about it.

Called Dorothy at office. Not there,
a case of predicted (?) sickness. Agnes on phone.
She was shocked to hear about it. Had heard heard it
from Ito but thought that he (cont. on memo page)

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was kidding. Talked to Bertha also & said goodbye to her. Transferred to Mrs. Nicodermus & then to Miss Sue Hyland. Promised to write them as soon as possible. Asked her to say goodbye to the rest for me. Sung Dai wasn't in – he's in Hilo at present & Florence was not around at that particular time. Called Mabel & she seemed genuinely shocked – couldn't believe it – well said goodbye to her & to Sam by proxy. Dorothy's mother called & told me to drop in by. Ate dinner with bunch & picked up Hisashi Kamori, he happened to want to go to town too. First went to Benson Smith & saw Lefty's girl Kay Yoshimoto & Lefty sister-in-law was there. Poor (?) girl. Talked for a while & said goodbye & then went over to Dorothy's. She & her mother gave me 2 boxes of chocolates & "senbetsu" of \$5.00 & 3 rolls of comic magazines. Talked

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for quite a while with both of them.

Mother is a nice lady. Promised to write.

Called to visit Agnes but she wasn't at home either at her sister's or at her parent's. Saw the second to the youngest child & told him to say goodbye to Willis & Agnes for me.

Visited Kihara, Nadnae (?) & her mother & Natsuko who was just coming home. Went right on to Murakamis. Kaname san had gone to a funeral & was not at home. Saw the lady & she gave me an address of Yutaka who is now in Oregon & to look him up in case I should be there. Took pictures in the morning with the Agnes C2 (?) & Iwa, Ichi & I went to a studio to have our pictures taken. Hope it came out good. Took a bath, ate little & picked everything ready to go back at 4:25 p.m. Parting was pretty busy.

Hisashi, Masayaki, I & 2 others came back on ? bus. \$5 Nishimura, \$2 Yutaka, \$2 Omai

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Received notice that we were to work together with those from E Co. at Regmt'l Hdqtrs. Wore fatigue clothes and went to Fort De Russey, just out of post across Swanky Franky in Kalia to work stacking barb wire pickets & unloading barb wire. Took it easy. Called home at 12:00 noon & got \$35 which Ichi brought over. Matsuko, Aiko, Yoshie went with him Oh they also brough some pies. I now have about \$60 in my purse. Darn it I could have sneaked home on pass, which I had with me had I worn CKC Uniform. Called Willis on phone. Working, not home. Agnes not home either. Sung Dai ? from trip. Called but told phone disconnected. ? work at 4:00 p.m. Drank so much soda spoiled our appetite for supper.

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Received pay today. Totaled \$31.13 - insurance & laundry deducted. Asked "Pop" for pass to go home & complete some Business. Said to wait until he got back from lower first. Came back at 1:00 p.m. Too late already to go home so decided not to ask.

Got my goat - If I had not handed in my pass I could have sneaked home.

Called office this morning at about 9:00 a.m. Talked to Agnes, Sung Dai & Dorothy which I had to cut off since time was up.

Otomitsu (?) brought some lemon preserves from Sung Dai for seasickness – in case of.

Yoshitagawa (?) just through working, came up & talked for a while w/Takashige, Major, Haruo Doi & I.

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Called office & spoke to Agnes, Dot & Sung Dai. Meant to call home but too many fellows waiting. Had inspection of all personal & other equipment, for shortages, etc. & placing of articles in sequence in respective barrack bags – 2. Had physical inspection at 1:00 p.m.

Tom Ibaraki brought over “senbetsu” from Fujika, \$3.

Wrote letter to Ichi re important papers, e.g. insurance, savings, etc. Expect to phone them again sometime tomorrow.

Notified to go on guard tonight.

P.S. Stood guard from 12:00 M to 3:00 a.m.
Post #1.

JUNE 3 – Felt tired this morning. Lack of Sleep last night. Slept for a few hours. Checked on shortages, name not called. My reported shortage not requisitioned – so says the supply sergeant. Don’t know

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why. Told to wait until all other have theirs & if left over I'll get it. Supply sergeant is very inefficient I'll say. Burns me up. Waiting for about 4 days for my pistol belt & still not received. Should receive also 2 pr. socks, 1 pr leggings, 1 denim cap. Got field jacket today. Sleeve too long – size 34 L. Had roll call of "B" Co. at 6:30 p.m. Called in order of way we will enter ship. Told to set out "B" bag – to be stored in ship's hutch at end of co st. by 7:30 a.m. tomorrow morning. Packed both bags & everything is ready.

JUNE 4 – It finally appeared that the order of our troops here leaving her is finally taking shape. All bags, B, were packed & laid out to be placed in ship's hatch. With permission of Capt Johnson saw Major Lovell & obtained pass for leave up to 4:00 p.m. Left at 10:00 a.m.

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& reached home at 11:30 a.m. Didn't leave me much time to go around since time of trip will consume about an hour or so. First ~~conducted business~~ home & together w/ Ichi & Bishop Nat'l Bank & changed my savings to a joint acct Ichi & I. Then to Terr. Bldg & Loan Co. for transfer of my acct to Iwa & Ichi. Business completed visited office. Saw Dick, Gentzel, Dot, Bertha, Sung Dai & the rest of the boys & girls of the office. Agnes & Florence & Sue were not in office. Received parting gift of \$3 from Bertha (senbetsu). On way back decided to drop in on Holcomb. Did & talked for a while & bid him goodbye, nice fellows all. So short a time to do so little. Got home about 2:30 p.m. Ate & dropped over at Yukata's he just happened to come home then. Started for camp at 3:50 p.m. Picked up Lefty & girl friend at Hawn Pine entrance. Ichi drove. Reached camp about 4:30 p.m. Reached Received victory (?) today. Issued to all Japanese boys here. Mine is from a Janet Komori Kalihi St. Will

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write letter of thanks as soon as time permits. Oh gave Ichi \$4 & Iwa \$5 as a gift for graduation.

Oh I must remember to send Dai a picture as soon as I get it – a good one. Notified that we will board ship tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Should be ready at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

JUNE 5 – Well, it has finally come.

We started moving out today at 9:00 a.m.

Started out on truck & then transferred onto train. Train came on to wharf – pier 26.

Every body was on board by 1:00 p.m. SS Maui.

Settled in bunks a little before 3:00 p.m.

Started sailing at 3:00 p.m. Well, here

We are on our way at last. Sea is calm but by night quite a few are seasick.

I haven't been affected yet. Slept on top deck up to 1:30 a.m. Came down to bunks & slept until 8:00 a.m. Oh, I took a bath last night – salt water only-lousy.

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Woke at 8:00 a.m. to brush teeth. Only salt Water. Soap does not form later. Had to use water from canteen. Stayed on top deck all day. Nothing unusual.

After all that saying “Water, water every where but not a drop to drink” seems bearing here that is it applies indirectly to our shower bath – fresh water. Feel a little woozy once in awhile. Otherwise ok.

JUNE 7 – Did nothing today. Stayed On top deck practically all day. Didn’t feel so good during morning. Had some fun during afternoon & improved. Slept on top deck last night. Too cold so came down about 2:30 a.m. & slept in bunk.

JUNE 8 – Did nothing today. Stayed on deck all day. Felt much better today. Just stayed up watching card

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games. Looks like it will cold tonight.

JUNE 9 – Nothing as usual. It's getting colder now. Had a nice warm sleep last night on that top deck. Felt best so far on this trip. Go on guard tonight from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. as surface lookouts.

P.S. It was cold ~~last~~ tonight. I'll make it a point to bring out My blanket tomorrow night. The sea was calm today. With it gradually getting a little rough.

JUNE 10

Had no sleep up to 12:00
midnight last night. Guarded
from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.
Woke early this morning at
6:00 a.m. Felt tired – lack of sleep.
Guarded again today from 10:00 a.m.
to 12:00 noon. Ate & sleep to about
4:00 p.m. Will go on again tonight
at 10:00 p.m. Cold out on deck
today & windy also. Sea getting
rough – someone of them's
sick again. I'm feeling ok
seems used to it already.

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Wed Thurs- Sea has become very rough today or should I say that we have instead hit rough waters.

Felt all right up to about late afternoon when I felt a little dizzy head- achy. Got it from staying below deck too long. Fresh air on deck helps a lot. Boy, but it's sure rough.

The ship pitches & rolls like a really small inter-island boat – the sea is that rough – had been feeling ok up to now. Although so far I haven't missed a single meal. Well I guarded today again from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon & I'll go again tonight at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight. Boy it's cold like heck & dark too.

JUNE 12

Friday – Got up about 7:00 a.m. this morning & dressed in OD pants & shirt preparatory to reaching port. They say will reach port about 1:00 p.m. Heard other rumors that we'll reach tomorrow morning instead. Did not eat breakfast this morning. Felt too tired & woke late & did not feel any too well, what with the headache I had. Felt pretty lousy today.

Guarded today from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Slept on top deck & with sun up & we hitting calm waters at about 3:00 p.m.

First sighted land at about 4:00 p.m. my head cleared somewhat and what a relief it was. Sighted & entered San Francisco harbor at about 5:00 p.m. It was a beautiful sight indeed. What will all the modern buildings. Twas really a sight though I don't ever hope to forget it. And the Golden Gate bridge it sure is an example

JUNE 13 (note – still 12th)

of men's ingenuity & skill. Lefty says
he saw a whale just before we entered
the harbor, (I didn't though) passed thru
San Francisco & docked at Oakland port.
Just beyond Golden Gate bridge we saw
Alcatraz prison of those hardened criminals.
It had fine buildings, modern, & didn't
look like no prison at all. An island all
by itself & separated from the mainland by
about a mile of water around. Passed under
the San Francisco-Oakland bridge which
is much longer than the Golden Gate bridge –
connects S.F. to ~~Oakland~~ Treasure Island to
Oakland. And Treasure Island with all its
buildings – all places we've read & heard
about so much. Hit Docked at 7:00
p.m. & when we finally got out in the
wharf it was already 9:30 p.m. & no
blackouts here. Reminds me of the
Pre War Honolulu. Boarded Pullman.

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& other small hick towns of Utah.

Entered Wyoming about 10:00 a.m.

this morning. Passed towns of Bitter

Creek, Rawlins, Praco, Laramie,

Sherman & Cheyenne in sequence

(forgot other names). Laramie was

pretty big about the size, I'll say,

about Wahiawa or Waipahu. Cheyenne

was the largest. We just stopped, passed by

& didn't go into the town. It seems like

they it's just a little smaller than Honolulu

or may be bigger, I don't know. The

others are very small dotted w/just

a few houses & business district, if any.

Otherwise in between it's just

plains & mountain sights. It

gets to be pretty cold during the late

afternoons & continues getting colder

until early morn. We just reached

Sidney, Nebraska & its 7:05 p.m. now.

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Just talked w/one of the ?

a middle aged man, & he says that

this town, Sidney is just 60 miles

away from Cheyenne. ? is

much smaller although it looks like

a good sized town bigger than Wahiawa/

Ewa/Waipahu. He says we still have about 470 miles

more to go before we're out of Nebraska.

Nebraska is noted for its wheat & of minor

importance is corn. Iowa is the

great corn producing state. Still a long

trip to go.

JUNE 15 – Passed several towns last night,

Small. Stopped at North Platte at about

11:00 a.m. & received some apples from

the folks there. Passed Sergeant Bluff,

Sioux City (8:30 a.m.), Leeds, Hospers (9:50 a.m.),

Sheldon, Lake Crystal, Mancado, Meridan (3:35 p.m.),

Owatonna (4:00 p.m.), Rochester (5:00 p.m.),

St. Charles (6:00 p.m.). Average, just

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small towns that we just reach
& before we know it whiz by. Read
practically all day. Reached our
destination at 9:00 p.m. & lodged in
tents – Camp McCoy. Went to PEx there
& bought a Sheaffer pen, list \$5 for \$3.75.
Tonight is cold. Just got thru a shower bath –
practically freezing, cold weather. Camp
is really in the sticks. The nearest town is
6 miles away.

JUNE 16 – Did some fatigue work in
morning & went to the P.Ex during afternoon.
They sure are buying the place up. Bought
some post cards. Pens are going fast. We
don't do any guard work.

JUNE 17 – Woke up early this morning
at 5:45 for reveille at 6:00 a.m.
Had close order drill & instructions
On military courtesy, interior
guard duty & articles of war were

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read to us. Afternoon we played
some games or should I say
we ran races & placed up to
4:00 p.m. Stood retreat at 5:00 p.m.

Night's pretty warm – not so
cold as last night.

JUNE 18 – Woke at 5:45 a.m. & stood
reveille at 6:00 a.m. Started drilling
from 7:30 a.m. Calisthenics first,
then some close order drill & then
lecture on military hygiene &
first aid. Afternoon spent in
tent kitchen & map instruction.

Went to recreation room & played some
ping pong tonight. Oh last night I
wrote letters to Dorothy, Agnes, Ichi, Sung
Dai, Bertha & cards to Mr. & Mrs.
Nishimura, Tadachi Ueoka, Social Security
Board, all letters dated June 16. So far getting
back into the ice cream habit. Ate 1 pint yesterday
& 1 pint today. It's 9:00 p.m. & still lighted.

JUNE 19

Did not wake up for reveille. No bugle call & no way of knowing time to get up. Had calisthenics, close order drills & at 8:30 a.m. started on a 5 mile hike w/pack, gas mask & pocket belt. Reached destination & pitched tent. Pretty tired out. Afternoon had close order drill then did fatigue work up to 4:00 p.m. Ate & left camp on leave at 6:15 p.m. w/ Fred, Komatsu, Kewpie, Kawamoto & Kimura. Reached Sparta & shopped around a bit. Small town but nice. Caught taxi & went to LaCrosse, reached at 7:00 p.m. Walked around & shopped. Late supper again at 9:00 p.m. Had T-bone steak. A large juicy one. Best I've eaten so far since coming into the army. Did a little more shopping. Covered the whole town before 11:00 p.m. People here are very friendly. Give you a smile & a hello greeting, almost everytime they see. Even the girls here, most of them

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though are very young. There young kids (?)
are in town up until very late, about
10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. I guess it's because
the residential district is right next to town,
adjourning. Have a Sears, Montgomery & ward.
Woolworth department stores here, chain.

Reached camp at 1:30 a.m.

JUNE 20 – Free and for reveille. No
bugle call. Calm & drill & rained
At 8:00 a.m. so went into mess hall
& had instructions on map reading. Also
gas mask drill just before lunch. From
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. was recreation period
& compulsory every one participate in
it. Lots of fun, although tired.

No where to go tonight. No show
here tonight. So read a little &
slept quite early.

P.S. Last night ate ?

JUNE 21

No reveille this morning. Ate breakfast about 7:30 a.m. & washed underwear & socks, handkerchiefs – about 30 pieces in all. Received pass for leave & went to LaCrosse w/Fred, Komatsu, Oguro, Kawamoto & Ono.

Walked to Mississippi River just along Outskirts of town & walked on Bridge #300 – new bridge over the Mississippi & crossed into Minnesota – that is we walked as far out the bridge & passed the other side of the river anyway & that's supposed to be in Minn.

Walked around ? more then ate lunch at Bodega Lunch Room – serve yourself service – good food & moderate prices. Rode bus & streetcar – just for the hell of it. Met a Mr. Jimmy Kapelas who obligingly offered to take us up to Grandad Bluff & back.

Stopped on way at his home & introduced to his wife & each of us drank a glass of whisky. Nice people. Grandad Bluff is

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to LaCrosse as Punchbowl is to Honolulu.

Had a nice time. Oh & we saw
apples for the first time – growing
on trees – not season yet so still small.

Attended show at Hollywood Theatre & saw
“My Gal Sal” starring Rita Hayworth & Victor
Mature. Went Ate supper at Star Café &
then went to shore of Mississippi & took
some picture. Went to bowling alley &
bowled a “116” game. Came back at
9:30 p.m. All in all had a nice time today.

JUNE 22 – Woke up at 5:40 & stood reveille
at 5:55 a.m. Boy its cold like heck.

Started out w/usual calisthenics, then a little
close order drill. After that had instructions
on map reading again. Instructions in afternoon
on care & cleaning of clothes & equipment.

At about 2:30 p.m. given permission to cut
hair – which I did. 40 cents. Saw “They
All Kissed the Bride” starring Melvyn

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Douglas, Joan Crawford, Helen Parrish, Roland Young,
etc. It's a good picture. Weighed 121 today.

JUNE 23 – It's very cold this morning.

On top of that feel a sore throat coming
on. Started calisthenics at 7:30 to 8:00
a.m. Hiked from 8:00 a.m. to ~~12~~ 11:45 a.m. –
distance of about 8 – 10 miles. Glad that
this is over. Feet aches. We're in
for another on Thursday. Feel tired all
over. Afternoon listened to lecture on
scouting & patrolling as yesterday, then
about interior guard & mounting of new
guard. Nothing doing today. Name
was on list for those going on pass but
was crossed out, don't know why.
Throat pretty sore now.

JUNE 24

Wednesday – As usual did calisthenics for half an hr. up to 8:00 a.m. On my reading from 8:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. learned how to orient map & ourselves on map & took a hike up to swimming pool in back of camp studying features of terrain & comparing w/map as we went along. Afternoon spent for recreation – compulsory. Played softball & had lots of fun – first time – that is for a long time – that I enjoyed playing it just for the sake of playing – No retreat today.

JUNE 25

Cold again this morning & cloudy. As usual started w/calisthenics. Started raining & went into mess hall at 8:00 a.m. for instructions on scouting & patrolling & back out on the field for some close order drill. Afternoon spent in gas mask training & extended order drill.

Got pass today. Went to Sparta. Ate T-bone steak meal \$1.00. Weighed 125 #. Went bowling immediately after. Bowled 8 games. Scores were 108, 124, 124, 127, 127, 139, 160, 131 & was 124 in 7th frame when it had to be called off on account of the place closing at 12:00 midnight. Last game had spares for frames 102, strike in third, spares for 4, 5 & 6 & had score of 124 in 7th. Could have made my highest total had I completed the game, I think. Lefty, Fred, Komatsu & Oguro all bowled together. Had a lot of fun. Hike on for tomorrow.

JUNE 26

Went on hike today w/full field pack. It was a short hike although we climbed a hill & pretty tired climbing. Pitched tents at end of march back in camp.

Afternoon taken upon practice of the hand salute & method of requesting, or rather reporting to company commander. Also on hand grenade lecture and practice on throwing.

Saw picture "Guns for Hire" at the camp theater starring Preston Foster & new actor Alan Ladd.

Oh, took my field jacket to (15 ¢) be fixed & my O.D. uniform to be cleaned & pressed 75¢.

JUNE 27

Pretty warm this morning. Had close order drill – double time march. Took up extended order drill by ? . Signed up for bowling team, try out & went on Army truck – 10 from B Co – to Sparta for practice bowling at the new bowling alley. Happy I scored 109, 132 & 160. Not bad.

Saw double bill picture tonight “Submarine Raider (John Howard) & “One born Every Minute” w/Tom Brown, Peggy Moran & Hugh Herbert.

JUNE 28

We were supposed to go out on pass tonight but asked Corporal in orderly tent for pass during the day and received same. Went to La Crosse & rode President Steamship, ferry on an excursion trip. Took off at 10:00 a.m. A heavy downpour of rain & I mean heavy – so heavy you couldn't see ahead of you more than 5 ft. Nothing much in the way of scenery. Lots of you boys & girls & their parents. Also had dancing there. Fred, Komatsu, Kimura, Oguro, Shinohara & I. Passed two dams w/locks. Reached Winona at 3:50 & picked up another crowd of passengers & boat really filled. Reached back at La Crosse about 8:00 p.m. Went to see Mr. Kapela, Oguro gave him some pictures, we ate some hotdogs & soda. Took taxi to Sparta. ? Lefty

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& bowled. I bowled seven games. Scores
132, 147, 162, 146, 133, 151, 151, Not bad,
improving. Average of 146. Fred made ~~156~~ 165.

JUNE 29 – Not cold at all this
morning. Had calisthenics & close
order drill. Saw a movie on the proper
use ? of the gas mask.

It rained terribly yesterday & today.
Some tents were flooded w/water but
ours weren't so bad although one cot
got all wet. My bed had a continuous
drop of rain falling at one spot. Took
time out in morning to "sun up" our
beds & tents. Dug ditches around tent.
Saw show "Ten Men From West
Point" starring George Montgomery
& Maureen O'Hara – good
picture. Mailed letter including
post cards to Ichi, dated last
Friday, June 26, 1942.

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Had physical drill as usual
first thing in morning. Then saw
2 reels of Map Reading. Fell sleepy
don't know why & slept mostly thru
picture. Last reel show "Sex Hygiene,"
very educational & revealing. Wide awake
this time. Spent remainder of morning
on map reading.

Afternoon had preliminary
marksmanship lecture & lecture
on military sanitation.

Saw picture at camp ? "The
Cardboard Lover" starring Robert
Taylor, Norma Shearer, George
Sanders. It's a good picture.

Nobody went on leave tonight.
That is from our company. Had
to sign payroll.

Today's my birthday – 26. Getting
along in years.

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JULY 1 Same again this morning on physical drill. Went on hike from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Hike wasn't so bad today. Had preliminary marksmanship sighting, etc up to 11:45 a.m. Afternoon waited up to 3:00 p.m. for physical examination for life insurance but too many guys & seemed like we would never be reached so left. Took a hot shower for the third time since I come here.

Saw "Friendly Enemies" starring Charles Winniger, Charles Ruggles & Nancy Kelly – good picture – patriotic & spy picture.

JULY 2

Same thing today.

Afternoon, right after lunch, saw
picture of army instructions,
bad examples of, & a reel of
“cover & concealment” pertaining
to scouting & patrolling. Felt sleepy
as heck again today. Couldn’t
keep eyes open in theatre.

Wrote letter tonight to Ichi
& sent some photographs taken on
Sunday, June 21, when we
to La Crosse. Seems like another
cold night. Same movie
tonight as last night. Expect
to go on leave tomorrow night
& go bowling.

JULY 3

Went on hike this morning from
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Also included
in hike was the double time march.

Had bayonet drill – no bayonets
or rifles received yet to drill on defense
from knife. Afternoon given test
& discussion on same.

Got leave tonight so went
bowling & scores were 127, 149, 130,
178, 101 & 123. Average of 135. I
scored my highest games so far
here & my lousiest games so far
here. Have a very good chance to
score pretty heavily on the 2nd & 3rd
games but slacked down terribly
during the late frames.

Tonight is cold again.

JULY 4

July 4th - No drill today –
National Holiday (for us). Stayed
back in camp. Slept late morning
up to about 10:00 a.m. Washed
clothes. Afternoon slept about
an hour and a half. Attended
6:30 o'clock show at camp theatre.
Double bill of "Atlantic Convoy"
and "Smart Alecks" starring
the Dead End Kids. The former
featured Margaret Lindsay. The
I enjoyed the second picture
"Smart Alecks" very much. Comical &
sad. Played card up to 11:00
p.m. w/Fred, Komatsu, Oguro, Shimabuku
& Shikamura.

JULY 10

Physical drill at 7:30 a.m.

Started on hike at 8:00 a.m. w/
light combat packs. Reached
Silver Lake, six miles out at
11:05 a.m. Rested up to 11:30 a.m.
Had a little lecture on field
defences. Ate lunch there
at 12:00 noon & rested up to 1:00
p.m. Continued lecture on
same subject up to 2:00 p.m. By
squads, separately walked thru trees &
brushes & found our way to road
on other side way home. Started
marching back in a company at
about 3:00 p.m. Kept up a fast pace
up until the first stop for rest, 10
minutes. Reached camp at
4:25 p.m. We were all very tired
men at end of march. Hot &
humid. Name listed to go to Chicago tomorrow.

JUNE 11

Had inspection today of personal appearance of sleeping quarters.

Left camp at 12:00 noon for Chicago.

Reached Chicago at 5:00 p.m. Greeted by members of the "Committee on National Defence" of Chicago. Program called for a baseball game today but we arrived 3 hours later than expected – this is an excursion. Went thru Washington Ave – crossed bridge to Grant Park & just out was Lake Michigan – about 5 blocks walk from the Service Men's Center where we receive free meals. Went to Chicago U to International House open house where students of all nationalities congregate for socials, etc more or less meeting to further goodwill among nations. Saw only a ? part of Chicago U. Very big campus. Large building sort of medieval mansion designs. Quite a few Japanese girls there & lots of ?. Learned to dance & did 3 pieces not so good. Street cars were free too.

JULY 12

Visited Museum – Field Museum
of Natural History. Large bldg.

Takes hours to cover it all so saw only the
animals, fishes & art of bird section

Then went on to the John S. Shedd
Aquarium – pretty good. The museum
was very interesting. Ate chop suey
dinner then went to ball game at

Wrigley Field. Chicago Cubs vs New York
Giants. Late & arrived at 6th inning. Cubs

Lost 6 – 2. Won second 8 – 3. Lou Novikoff of
Cubs hit homer in third. Beautiful smak.

Saw second game up to 4th only. Novikoff
seems to be very popular w/the fans.

Stadium filled to capacity – standing room
only when we arrived. Biggest crowd
this season 37 & some odd thousand
people. Left for camp at 7:30 p.m.
cont. Saw floor show – burlesque – at Royale
Frolics. Very beautiful girls show acts.

JULY 13

Was warm last night. Woke up
for reveille. Felt very sleepy.
Had physical training & lecture
on intrainment ? (troops) & close
order drill. Afternoon took up nomen-
clature & parts of the 1903 Springfield
Rifle.

JULY 14

No physical drill this morning. Instead started on hike at 7:30 p.m.(a.m.?) w/light pack. Reached Stevens Knoll about 5 miles, I think about 9:30 a.m. Had extended order drill by platoon up to about 11:30 a.m. Ate chow & started back to camp at 12:30 p.m. Reached back about 2:30 p.m.

Cashed pay today \$49.49.
They deducted \$2.50 for laundry (why I don't know) & \$2.01 for insurance.
Should have deducted \$3.36 for \$5000.00 worth of insurance.

Apparently they forgot to deduct for the additional \$2000.00 I subscribed for.

Went to Sparta on pass tonight . Saw "Ball of Fire" starring Gary Cooper & Barbara Stanwyck at Sparta Theatre. Pretty good.

JULY 15

Caught K.P. duty today.

“Duck soup” compared to KP. In
the G. Co. 298th Inf. Pots & pans
doesn’t get black – coal stoves (army
ranges) used.

Subscribed for two \$18.75 bonds
to be made out; one to Ichiro & Iwao
& the other reversed, Iwao & Ichiro
the idea being to give one each to the
above. Gave Sergeant Koizumi platoon
Sergeant \$40.00 Should get change
of \$2.50 back.

Washed two CKC pants & a CKC
shirt today – hard work. Plan to
buy an iron for our tent. (cooperative)

Took physical exam today for
my insurance. Grand mixup here.

Subscribed for \$3000.00 at Schofield – that’s okay.
Another \$2000.00 at Waimanalo & paid 3 payments.
Supposed to have deducted this also from my June pay

JULY 16

Physical training with packs (full Field) on. Marched up to hand grenade course (prior to this saw show of "Infantry Hasty Field Fortifications). Expected to take moving pictures of us so wore clean clothes. Very very hot day and we were all wet from perspiration when we reached the grenade spot. Temperature very likely over 95°. Some pictures taken of grenade throwing & when marching back – 3 or 4 minutes of it at the most hottest day experienced out here so far. Afternoon spent on marksmanship. Seems we're sweating whenever we move around & even while just sitting – even in the shade Honolulu not as hot as this. Saw Tomai about ins. He checked up. Only premium for \$3000.00 deducted. Today is Additional subscription totals it up to \$10,000.00

JULY 17

Bayonet drill first on
schedule. We really went at it
today in the correct manner which
pooped us out in a few minutes.

Borrowed some rifles from A Co.
Next took up marksmanship
and on triangulation sighting.

Afternoon went for urinalysis
but name not called so went back
to class at 2:00 p.m. Lecture on
anti-mechanized warfare by Lt.
Tanaka. Next came a test on
map reading & aerial photography.

Ironed my CKC trousers (2)
and CKC shirt today. Very hot day
today even though a moderate breeze
was blowing. Newspaper says 98°- humid.
Sweat so that I had to shower again at
10:30 p.m. Hard work too – ironing.
Last night saw Flight Lieut – good picture.

JULY 18

Saturday – Heat is just terrible today.
About 98° & very humid. Had
to bathe twice, same as yesterday.
Sweat even while sitting down in
shade.

Inspection today at 9:00. Passed ok.
Had close order drill again today up to
11:00 a.m. Then lecture by Capt Johnson
on future may-be schedule & tests
to come on Monday & Thursday & Friday
I think on 1903 Rifle, Technique of Fine
Marksmanship, etc.

Bowling tournament officially open today.
Lousy playing worst so far, bowled
124, 116 & 132. We, B team, lost 2 games
To A Co, B team.

Had leave tonight. Went to Winona.
Bus to Sparta, then bought round trip ticket to Winona,
\$1.50. Winona really a “ghost” town. All quiet & few
lighted stops. Most stores closed. Slept at hotel 2:20 a.m.

JULY 19

Sunday – Woke up at 8:00 a.m. Ate breakfast there & caught train at 9:50 a.m. back to La Crosse. Walked around. Went swimming at 1:00 p.m. Had a cold & wasn't going swimming but since can't get in pool section w/o swimming trunks, borrowed some & went swimming. Swam till 3:15 p.m. Oguro, Komatsu, Kanemura, Yokota, Yamada & I. Omori, Shintaku & Sugiyama were there. Also Takashige. Head & nose somewhat cleared but get dizzy from swimming w/o rest. Had a nice time. Charge for pool management. Pool is 17¢ & bathing trunks 15¢.

Ate at LaCrosse & returned to camp at 6:00 p.m. Felt tired & sleepy & hot head – fever. Showered again tonight. Preparing for early sleep tonight.

JULY 20

Felt pretty lousy today. Tired muscles & slight fever – throat beginning to get Sore. Weather today was all right. Cool Breeze. Hot in sun but cool in shade.

Had calisthenics in morning at 7:00 a.m. – new schedule beginning from today at 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lecture on marksmanship by Sgt Okazaki. Took up triangulation sighting, sighting on made sights & position w/ ? – correct position. Had a little of close order drill w/rifles – no rifles of our own yet.

Afternoon had mechanical training of the 1903 rifle and heard a speech or rather a message by Lieutenant Puroy of the French Army. He was one those at the battle of Dunkirk. Enjoyed speaker & he carried a message – what he term as being the exact sentiments of French people. Sleeping early tonight at 9:00 p.m.

JULY 21

Felt cold early this morning
even with a sweat shirt on.

Throat is worse – sore. Temperature
At 4:15 a.m. (newspaper weather
Report) was 67°. Cold up to noon.

Morning took up marksmanship
Again. Triangulation sighting. Sighting
& aiming bar, sighting by rifle at
minute $\frac{1}{4}$ in target. Afternoon had
marksmanship for another hour.

Hasty entrenchment from 2:00 p.m. to
4:00 p.m. Dug fox holes out of
camp in woods 2' x 35' x3' &
2' x 2' – 4 depth at back end ?

Hole. Took lecture today w/ Sadao Hikida,
Yutaka Kawasaki, Tom Ibaraki,
Hisashi Komori & Kunio
Fujimoto – several photo.

JULY 22

Wednesday – Warm up march up to about 7:35 – 40 a.m. Had lecture on use of scorebook & obstacle climbing run & exercise and some close order drill.

Reported to dispensary for Urinalysis test. Had medicine sprayed inside of throat & received some cough medicine from Jacob.

Did not go bowling today – Had to go to the above.

Mailed the two bonds to Ichi (for Ichi & Iwa) at noon. Postmaster says not necessary to send by registered mail so sent it just by Clipper Air Mail.

JULY 23

Thursday – Hike scheduled for today at 7:00 a.m. I went on “sick call” – cold – although I felt better today. Thought would be excused from march but had to, w/five others, catch up, after check up by doctor, with the company at OK15. Reached there about 11:15 a.m. Wasn’t so bad going but felt pretty tired coming back, what w/the cold & sore throat, although not so bad as I thought it would be. Came back at 3:30 p.m.

Saw show “Jackass Mail” starring Wallace Beery in Camp Theatre.

JULY 25

Had inspection today. Several
that didn't pass will go on one meal
K.P.s & some on cigarette butt picking
detail.

Afternoon bowling today so
Went on fatigue detail. One of
Three from 3rd platoon (Ono, Sadao) &
Takenago ? who gold bricked & ran away).
Went to CCC headquarters & worked in
warehouse. Worked few minutes &
rested.

Went out tonight to Sparta w/Hatanaka.
Bought swimming trunks for tomorrow's
trip to Viroqua. Bowled games of
99, 139 & 159. Saw picture
“Maisie Gets Her Man” starring Ann
Southern w/Red Skelton at Sparta
Theatre.

Cold kinda became better. Still
hoarse voice.

JULY 26

Woke up pretty early before but
Fred woke me up. Washed up & woke
up Hata to prepare to go to Viroqua 37
miles from here, camp. Five of us went.
Hata, Oguro, Fred, Komatsu & I. Trip cost
about \$6.00. Small town like Sparta – population
3800 & some odd. Quiet in morning few
people around. Had a big T-bone steak
for breakfast – didn't have appetite for
lunch. Rained heavily up to about 2:30 p.m.
Played pool up to that time. Sun came up so
went to swimming pool. Nice pool &
warm enough water – seems like we were oddities
there – people looking up from outside.
Swam till about 5:00 p.m.,
Came back to camp about 9:00 p.m.

JULY 27

Very foggy this morning. Had physical exercise. Close order drill for about 45 minutes.

Test given on what we had learned so far in regard to marksmanship.

Afternoon taken up on marksman-ship – position exercises, triangulation sighting & obstacle running. Just drill at 3:30 p.m.

Supposed to have “problem” tomorrow morning at 3:00 a.m. but it was called off on account of changes being made tomorrow – transfer change of tents by platoons, etc.

Notified would go to 60 mm ? motor squad.

JULY 28

Had physical exercise this morning. Hand grenade practice up to 9:45 a.m. Rain started falling then & continued intermittently for whole day. Stayed in tent reading up to lunch hour. Wrote or completed letter started yesterday to Ichi – incidentally I received a letter from Ichi today – and mailed it by clipper air mail – wt 4 oz. so it cost me 80¢ - lots of snapshots in it that's why.

Afternoon instructions on BAR.
Had expected to move house today but could not on account of the rain.

Went to Sparta tonight. Saw Totilla Flat starring Spencer Tracy, John Garfield & Hedy La Marr – pretty good – did not live up to publicity given. Went skating afterwards ???

JULY 29

Changed tents and went to
different platoon this morning.

Transferred to 60 MM Mortar squad
as messenger. I don't like it. Took
practically all morning to move out
& replace tents. Educational movie
on the value of the vacuum tube
in the radio, telephone, etc. Slept thru
most of it. Felt sleepy – don't know why.
All strangers in tent – feel out of place.

Went bowling this afternoon. Bowled
109, 156, 138 & right after that in practice
bowled 186, my highest to date, & 158, 139
& 113. Played pool awhile, ate in
town, played ping pong at USO Sparta
& took in a show – "Fingers at the
Window" starring Lew Ayres & Lorraine
Day. Not bad – got back about
10:30 p.m. camp.

JULY 30

Rained this morning so had
nomenclature of BAR in mess
hall. Articles of war read to us.

Afternoon took up nomenclature
and parts of 60 MM Mortar
with Mortar squads. I'm messenger
and Hayakawa & Fukuda are
Basic Riflemen (similar position to
mine) and we're all disgusted
with it – rather be a plain rifleman.
We're now in the 4th heavy weapons
platoon.

Wrote a mailed letter to Agnes
today by clipper mail. Washed
today.

Saw educational picture on bayonet
instruction from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saw movie "This Above All" starring Tyrone Power &
Joan Fontaine. It's pretty good & concerned the present
war.

JULY 31

We still don't know how we stand –
what our job or purpose in platoon
is. Calisthenics first thing in morning.

Nomenclature of BAR then
practice in positions and
triangulation sighting came in
order.

Pay day today – required all
afternoon. Got paid about 3:10 p.m.
waited from 1:00 p.m. Receid \$47.99

Cut hair today - 40¢. Paid off
Sada \$10.00, Oguro \$6
& Komatsu \$6. Still owe Takashige
\$1. Received \$5 from Hatanaka.

Went to Sparta & did some
shopping – Bought CKC shirt for
\$1.98, towel 23¢ , soap 15¢, underwear
\$1.36, stationery 40¢ & some other
miscellaneous stuffs. Came
back early to camp at 9:30 p.m.