

**THURS. JAN. 1. 1942.** W.C. – Geo. sent for me at 10 A.M. In there over an hour. All about the troubles in the Orient Unity of Command – mute aloofness of Br. Navy. Arrogant R.A.F. Ground troops ready to co-operate. (Our subs couldn't get in!) Who to send to keep peace? DRUM. Staff? Betts and Boatner. Me? No thank you. – Arnold there about Casablanca – difficult job. Went in & saw Spatz & Crazy Burwell & their plan. No good. We haven't the means. Gave Handy my notes for George. Saw Donovan at 2:30 – (C.O.I.) He will play ball – dough – 5<sup>th</sup> col. & all – (Rumor that Daley has 10 million) Back to W.C. – Got Holcomb as engineer – Sea food at Naylor's –

**FRI. JAN. 2. 1942** MANILA TAKEN. – Powell came in. Letter from Win. Went to see K'u Kan, but called in by C/S. Conference on gymnast – Pro & Con. All against it. Clark had a list of corps. comdrs. In order – J.W.S., Fredendall, Joyce, Grunert, Daley, Griswold, Strong, Richardson, Thompson – or about like that. – Drum is in town – Prompt action. – G.H.Q. wants to get to work & organize divisions. Perhaps set up 2 more armies – 3 xx per mo. till July. Then 4 xx a month. – Br. say we can go into C.B. easy. That Sp. will fight Ger. bitterly & that Ger. won't bother us at all. Ha. Ha – PORTAL says with a “couple of squadrons” we could get air superiority! – I proposed Portugal, – a laugh. I also asked U.S. objective. Ans. – protect sea-routes. M<sup>ac</sup> Arthur calling for help – air force being organized to jump off promptly – – SHAPIRO of Texas Co. in for long talk on CB & D. – Good stuff – Drum left a call. Couldn't get him when I called –

**SAT. JAN. 3.** Wired Arms last night. – Call from Geo. as soon as I reached the W.C. 8:35 to 11:50 in his office and the secwar's going over pro & con. Arnold, Spatz, Lee, Gerow, Fortier, etc & I – All opposed. My points; (1) Uncertainty about Spanish (2) A complicated operation. Chances all against where they should be all for. Fortier says 4 to 1. Laid it down for the secwar. He sighed. “It's hard to always say NO. If there were some alternative – – .” Well, there isn't. (The limie-looking bird with the trick moustache is LEE!) Pecked away in P.M. It SNOWED in the evening. Letter from Win.

**Sun. Jan. 4.** Direct to W.D. Lee not in. E.R.W. McCabe JR is in G-2! Saw Hilldung @ Schman [*Circled.*] as G-4. Saw Hull @ directive. (New dope on Pearl Harbor, 3 BB to Brem. 1 to S. Pedro. 2 C damaged also. Christ. It was the worst. Pa. Ariz & Ok. are down. Only one left intact.) Pecked away till 4:30 – Calling off dem. at Aberdeen to-morrow. Too much conferring.

**Mon. Jan 5.** Townsend in. Saw Hull @ directive. Saw Osborn @ Ord. Saw Roshé [*Circled.*] & Stiner. Got WALKER as G-4. At last. (Handy's story. Two tramps asked for handout. "O.K. if you chop wood. Farmer's wife goes out & finds one doing flips & handsprings etc. "Didn't know your friend was an acrobat!" "He wasn't, either, till I hit him in the nuts with the axe handle!") Got started writing a plan. Pecked away as usual.

**Tues. Jan 6.** Cold. To W.D. & saw Lee. A lot of pomp & ceremony, but he doesn't know anything. Lieut. ERW McCabe, Jr. took us to Rodrigo. Dope on French garrisons, etc. Saw Gerow, & read notes on last conference. Amazing. The limies have our boys hypnotised. Over to W.D. bldg looking for Slats. He was in Munitions Bldg. all the time. Saw Ulio, who was not over-enthusiastic. To W.C. Mr de la Rue, financial adviser to Liberia, in to talk over the terrain. Lunch with Max Taylor. Sumner Waite in at 3 P.M. Pecked away. Phone from John at 8 P.M. He's coming down on Saturday.

**WED. JAN. 7.** Meeting with limies, (Napier, Bourne, Vogel, Payne, Pike) arranged by Malony. They pulled one or two, but I questioned each one as it came. The truth is they've been told to push, & this is the way they are doing it. "Of course, the Americans will predominate" – etc. etc. – Got going on Gymnast – list of units, etc. etc. Apparently, they are willing to take Am. Command. (I'm the sucker.) Arranged for meetings, if we want them. – Donovan phoned; he has some prospects to interview. (Paid hotel bill to include afternoon of Jan. 6.) Had chow at Occidental & saw "Man Who Came to Dinner." Snowing & cold.

**THURS. JAN. 8.** To W.C. & conference with G.H.Q. boys – all planning staff turned over to us. We now concentrate on GYMNAST. Everybody sure it's a crazy gamble. Sucked in by British. (Our air materiel still going to England. Our own units skinned to zero. Andrews says

any more dets, & he can't defend the Panama Canal. 120 F & 65 B on W. coast. Similar "strength" on E. coast. This business is serious.) The whole God-damned thing is cock-eyed. We should clean the Pacific FIRST, & then face east. We could do it by converting the C-3 cargo ship to plane carrier, get 50 of them ready, & crack down on the japs.) – Hull in with more notes for C/S to give Secwar. Over & over. Never anything basic. – To C.O.I. – Saw C.V.I. pictures. – Talked to Solberg. He says joint expedition will be poison to French. Fine letter from Win. John coming Sat. by plane.

**FRI. JAN. 9.** Chow at W.C. Staff to Aberdeen. Saw Kroner. Talk with Rodrigo – dug up the I.S.I.S. on Gymnast. Another sample of inept organization. Good stuff kept concealed. Also Spanish mil. map – (10<sup>xx</sup> in Sp. Mor. instead of 8.) – (Dope on ORGAZ (mil. gov.) is a ray of hope.) – Staff back at noon – demon. successful. The RDX took 1 ½" of armor. – Saw Malony & M<sup>c</sup>Nair about Br. participation. M<sup>ac</sup> is for Gymnast – agrees on air & A.A. Says effect would be electrical. – Also, letters from C/S to Drum, DeWitt, & Emmons, telling them to calm down & quit bothering the W.D. "One refusal isn't enough, you have to repeat it 10 times."

**Sat. Jan 10.** John in by plane, at 9:30. Sat & talked all A.M. Lunch at Hogate's. More talk – To W.C. To hotel. Talk – Dinner at Harvey's with Sandy. John off at 8:45. We to W.C. for conference. Gymnast getting hot – At it till 11 P.M. getting data on dates & tonnage, etc.

**Sun. Jan. 11.** Word from Joe. Telegram. He's feeling fine! 99 temp. Well, thank God for that. – To W.C. – Maj Aumeron (COI) in with Solberg. The realistic French approach. "Come strong & you'll be welcomed; come weak & we'll fight." (– Malony's dope on Hawaii. 7 planes got off the ground & knocked down 21 bombers on 3<sup>d</sup> attack. Soldiers shot 2 with rifles, strafing streets.) To Stark's office at 3 – (Holcomb, Turner, Stark, King, etc.) Self-satisfied gents, preening themselves in their pretty gold lace. Never got to Gymnast. Beginning to realize its perilous in the Far East, but couldn't think what to do. All sore over England hogging everything. Geo's news about another hit on a jap BB received in stony silence. 3 planes a day now reaching Java. My impression is that they will get to point of economy of force, & cut out the nonsense.

**Mon. Jan 12.** Left Bolling Field at 7 A.M. Norfolk at 8. To 1<sup>st</sup> Div landing operation at Cape Henry. All day; back at 6 P.M with Smith (Howlin' Mad). Usual trouble with Navy. How they hate 'em. Rumor that japs will attack CZ. Word from CKS – Item Carrier at Pearl Harbor sent its planes in, & lay off, empty! Big mail to-day. Letter from Somervell of Dec 23 approving Ord Rec Project!

**TUES. JAN. 13.** Saw Somervell. Saw Gerow. Found that Magnet was reduced to 4000 last night. Iceland will probably be left alone. Brazil washed out. And presumably Gymnast also. – Conference with C/S – M<sup>c</sup>Nair, Malony, Hayes. Questioned about Gymnast. Br. cooling, in view of Libyan possibility of set-back. Ireland reduced to 4,000 – but Br. are sending Aus. corps home & must replace with Br. divs. that we relieve in Magnet. So . . . we send 21,000 to Aus. – to bolster Brett. 3 big B's arriving there daily. Also fighters. Q. of garrison for New Caledonia. – japs may contain M<sup>ac</sup>Arthur & Singapore & try for East Indies now. Emmons screaming for 200 B. (H). – F.D.R. anxious to make first effort big success – Churchill sure psychological effect on continent would be great. (am. in Magnet. Am. planes over France.) F.D.R. disposed to defer Gymnast till say, Apr 1. German disaster in Russia more & more possible. Spanish sentiment reported swinging against Germans. – 2 P.M. The big “presentation.” A frost. Our boys fessed out. – M<sup>c</sup>Nair told me to prepare an alternate plan – for tomorrow at 9 AM! That's all. – Edward in.

**WED. JAN. 14.** W. C. Turned in (1) Objections to Gymnast. (2) Plan for Black (Super) “Presentation” in P.M. Can't get our stuff through the port. – Meeting at house of Secwar at 9 P.M. Now what? – Much to my surprise it was just Stimson and me. Hour and a half on China, Gymnast, etc. He doesn't like Drum, & says the “finger of destiny” is pointing at me. Walked back.

**THURS. JAN. 15.** The high-powered boys (Malony, Hayes, & Robinett) were in & ticked us off on one plan. Robinett did not want our plan – “even I couldn't do it alone” – They start us off with no air for 30 days – etc. etc. When we get it done, we add that it's no good – Walters in town. Couldn't see him. Stood by for C/S call till 4:30 – Called off.

**Fri. Jan. 16.** Ger. air concentration in Sp. It. & Greece. The Gt. Auk is going to get it. Announcement of 4 million Army. Piddled around. – Geo. called at 2:30. Up there till 5. Hooking me for China,\* I think. All about Secwar did not like it because I held my head down. Geo. said it was getting ready to butt. Well . . . So Geo. said “See him anyway.” So Henry said he’d been “stimulated.” So Geo. says Can it be done & how & what could come out of it, etc. So I said Executive control. COMMAND. Well, how? And I said ASK C.K.S. if he will. And Geo. said Write the question. So I did & he’s sending it to Soong. I’m to co-ordinate & jump around & lead troops & generally raise hell. IF I go. It’s working towards it. Dough is no problem. 20 million? O.K. Geo. has plenty – Geo. ticked off Churchill yesterday & got away with it – Says he’ll make me a LT. GEN.

**SAT. JAN. 17.** (Did you? No, you wouldn’t). (Hello jig-saw. Hello – fire-cracker). Piddled all day. Wrote some letters Quit at 3:00 Called on Jo Tenney. Out. Movie.

**Sun. Jan. 18.** A.M. at W.C. Finished the convoy list. Date with limies to-morrow. Lecture by LIMIES on amphibious operations. They are just marking time. Read & doped. Crist in.

**Mon. Jan. 19.** Rain. Saw about Ross. (Whipple). (B.J. Richardson yanked back to duty.) – Had the limies in & squabbled over our convoy list. Dull day. (Letter from Win –Joe out of danger. – Letter from John; Bub is at it again)

**TUES. JAN. 20.** To W.P.D. got definite date – May 25. & alternate plan – Mar. Div. .only. (King is a hard-boiled “rejector”. Won’t co-operate or listen or help.) Had another “presentation” at 2 P.M. to 4:00. List of troops slightly changed. H. M. Smith there. – Worked on port org. Paid hotel bill. Saw “Green Valley.”

**WED. JAN. 21.** To Navy Dept. Wilson not in. Duncan says King’s plan is to use sea trains. (2x80 = 160F) This Yates is a great help. He hasn’t even gone up there. – Back to Navy at 11 – Adm. Wilson knew nothing. Adm. Edwards (G-3) ditto. Turner out – Left word to call. – Hot stuff. – 3 P.M. Edwards phoned – that they will call me! They have found out who is

responsible. (Comdr. Rogers – W.P.D.!) Wonderful. – 4:30 Rogers phoned. “It’s all in the Committee report.” O, Christ. – Dinner at Crist’s.

**THURS. JAN. 22.** Meeting with Navy – (Rodgers, Yates, Sherman, Robbins) Got the dope on carriers, sea-trains, & Luckenbachs – Gave it to Duncan, who made 3 priority plans on it. – Saw C/S about China.\* C.K.S. has answered – OK on exec. control. Man must be lieut. gen. Does not want Magruder – Wants an officer. Answer prepared, after conference with Geo., M<sup>c</sup>Cloy & Stimson. Latter was going to FDR with matter when stopped by Geo., who insisted that he first consult WPD & me. Geo. had left when we got the letter finished. Usual run-around day.

**FRI. JAN. 23.** To W.D. Saw M<sup>c</sup>Cammon & Roberts etc. Lend-lease picture. – To W.C. Frantic calls from C/S. Back – CKS has agreed. See M<sup>c</sup>Cloy. He showed me his suggestion for Soong’s answer. O.K. Geo. O.K. – “Will you go?” I’ll go where I’m sent.” Well, that’s refreshing after Drum.” Asked about C.B. affair – I said Fredendall. – Sent back to see Stimson. Fatherly talk. “Hand of Destiny.” “God bless you, etc.” – Got into Drum’s office. Wyman & Ferris. – Lunch with M<sup>c</sup>Nair. She’s recovering from some illness. Back to W.C. & cleaned out papers. – Told the boys the news. – Silence. – Went up to W.D. & read stuff. – Russians still raising hell.

**SAT. JAN. 24.** To W.D. & W.C. Fredendall in. Talked. Call on Soong – Arranged for chow with his crowd. Very cordial. Call from Chu, chow at 6:30. Saw G-1 @ personnel. Saw Eisenhower, Royce (AC) there. Will ask for him, Gruber & Sibert. Also III AC staff. M<sup>c</sup>Cammon luke-warm – Davis (Brig Ex at F.S.H) in. Met Boone (Lieut. 15<sup>th</sup> Inf.) Wharton in G-1. – Dinner with the Ch’u’s at Bethesda. Chinese chow. Took Hearn & Dorn.

**SUN. JAN. 25.** To W.D. Called Fredendall. O.K. on Staff. Got Royce from Arnold. Made out personnel list & gave it to Eisenhower. Talk with him about general set-up – He will send in the documents. Piddled. Went home at 2:30. Got a night’s sleep.

**MON. JAN. 26.** Back & forth. Back & forth. Arr. with M<sup>c</sup>Nair @ staff. Gave G-1 the list. Talks with Eglin, Ferris, M<sup>c</sup>Cammon, etc., Eisenhower, Bissell, Doc Gale. Find that C.D.S. is

all-Chinese. Goods are their's at the dock. We "recommend" – they requisition. The "control"-of-def.-aid-clause is to give it to me & not Magruder – The Jan 10. paper is the last. – Gave Wharton the personnel list. Saw M<sup>c</sup>Nair about it. (DeWitt in dog house – heading for CASC duty if he doesn't look out. Screaming all the time)

**TUES. JAN. 27** Got our gang & gave them the dope. (Mrs. Somervell died.) Tried to see C/S – no luck. Inoculations in P.M. Typhus, Tetanus, Smallpox, Typhoid. Blood test A-B. P.M. Dinner with Soong, Ch'u, Shên, Si. & 2 squirts from C.D.S. Usual nonsense & froth about transport planes & crap. Big guns. Dive bombers – & what have you. Good chow.

**WED. JAN. 28.** Saw George. He burned up Wavell on Br. friction with Chinese. Limies sending planes to Rangoon. Geo. says next 2 weeks will show whether the japs can be cracked soon or not. Can Br. hold Singapore & Rangoon? Re-iterated I might end up in Australia. Admitted the mission was a big gamble. – Had Youngman & Willauer in & we went over lend-lease matters. – Wrote directive, & letter for Soong – Roberts in with Chino Lieut. Young. Likely looking kid. Dorn got 27 free games on the pinball machine. – Going Home Monday! Dorn phoned Bergin; I wired Win. Whoops!

**Thurs. Jan. 29.** LU in all morning – on transport problems. Also Yen, signal business. Ordered blouse – Sgt. Arons in P.X. Got glasses ordered. Saw Arnold, sent wire to Magruder. – This Chennault mess is a nuisance. – Saw Stuffey Karlstad. Dinner with them at Werdman Park. She kept it up & kept it up about not looking them up.

**FRI. JAN. 30.** Doc LI K'AN in. Talk about med. supplies. Bissell arranging possible taking over of N.W. air-lines. – Checked up on O. P. Smith. Papers gone. Worked on eff. reports Letter of instructions to LT. GEN. etc. First time. No thrill whatsoever – To P.X. to fit blouse – To State Dept. for passport. – Wire from John. Sent reply.

**SAT. JAN. 31.** Rainy. Gen. Kiang in on Ordnance. Made out priority needs. Flight on. To PX. Got blouse, shirts, pen, insignia – Flight cancelled. Phoned Mabel. Got 1 P.M. Train – Penn R.R. Ticket buying experience – – Dull trip. Arr. 5:05 – Met John after usual search. To

Ardenwold & Mother's, Bub & Stuart there. John & Mabel left early to see Jane. We had dinner, & talked. Bub is crazy, all right. Mother bright & cheerful. Left at 10:30 – Got the 12:50 to Washington – (7 A.M.)

**SUN. FEB. 1.** To W.C. Piddled Got stuff ready for C/S. – Saw him about Hearn & Sibert, and proposed set-up. Bullitt at 3:45 P.M. – mostly crap – on the Br. in Libya. (Rommell visits Br. 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Sta. – So. Af. take Bardia with 1800 men. Br. tank fiasco etc.) Dinner with Dorn & Sanduskys.

**Mon. Feb. 2** Paid & checked out. C/S busy. Saw Eisenh. about papers. Lunch with Currie. Complaints about Magruder, etc. Arnstein etc. Apparently hard to please – Will go to bat for us, though. (To wire Chennault to be quiet.) Saw Arnold (Alexander letter) Saw C/S about policy, etc. Got some hope. Packed. Off at 5:15. Cold. Hair cut. Left at 6:30. Fine dinner.

**Tues Feb. 3** Home at 11 – Grand day

**WED. FEB. 4** Dentist. Income tax. Home [*circled*]

**THURS Feb 5.** Sent tax off. Office. Home – AL's day.

**FRI Feb. 6** Shopped, etc.

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**Sat. Feb. 7.** Shoved off. Left Monterey at 10:15 – family lined up & waving. Ben, Garry, Al, Doot, Joe, Nance & Win. All cheerful. Some send-off. – L.A. – left at 3:30. El Paso, Dallas, Nashville,

**Sun. Feb. 8** & Washington at 9:15. To hotel. 1 P.M. to W.D. Sibert, Gruber, O'Hara Daugherty, Boatner & our gang. S. G. Brown turned up. Called by Secwar on Bissell & jap situation on coast. Kilburn & the 8<sup>th</sup> Cav.! DePass & the Olivia scheme. Bawled them out for talking. Sandy looks like death.



**Mon. Feb. 9.** Missed the time change. Shots, usual rush. Shoving off Wed. Maybe Tues. P.M. First five of us – maybe 7 – now 14. etc. etc. – Saw the Pres. at noon for 20 minutes. Not too impressive. Just talk. 28,000 mi. front, etc. Over in 1943. One year from now the turn. 2000 planes to go to Australia. All in same boat. Tell Chiang bunk that Hitler is the one enemy. All are equally enemies. Independence is also bunk. Only way is fight. We are in to see it through. And till China gets back ALL her lost territory. (Mme. Chiang not to come.) Back at 12:40 – More papers & rush. 2:00 P.M. date with Currie (aviation program). Introduced Brown. Saw Arnold & Harmon with Currie – Surprise about Chennault. Stuck to Bissell – (F production – to U.S. (Feb Mar Apr.) 60+, 70+, 48. To G.B. – 400+, 325+, 375+!!) At 4:30 to White House. Harry Hopkins. Queer gnome. Wants to help. “Great Adventure” – “You’re going to command troops.” “C.K.S. may offer you the command of the whole Ch. Army.” His dream @ using the Normandie. Great stuff. Back at 5:45. To hotel. Saw Jo Tenney. Back for chow. The Normandie burned to-day. Is that fate? Called Holman. Called McCloy. Out. (Hopkins lives in Lincoln’s study, “where Lincoln first met Grant.” (Did he mean anything? Because I’m sure not Grant.) – McCloy sent a car; went out to his house. Worried @ the Ch-Biss. fracas. Calmed him down. Back again. Packed. Wrote.

**TUES. FEB. 10.** Dark at 8 A.M. Phony time. Usual rush. Saw Soong & Yarnell – Wrote to Hopkins @ shipping. Williams in. Saw Spruitt. (“Normandie” burned yesterday.) Wms. arrived. Saw C. of S. to say adios. Sent flowers to Jo Tenney & Mrs. Marshall. To train at 3:30. Out at 4. N.Y. at 7:30. Commodore Hotel. Evening with John & Mabel.

**WED.FEB. 11.** To airport at 7:00. Stood around till 9:00 Off at 9:30. Across L.I. & out to sea. Flew low. Stuffy & rough. Rotten service. Lunch at 3 P.M. Food spoiled. Got to Miami at 6 P.M. feeling poisoned. Cool here. Wool is O.K. To Columbus Hotel. Had some pompano. Claire Booth gets to ride the plane. How come? Singapore nearly gone –

**THURS. FEB. 12.** To airport at 6:15. OFF at 7:30. Turned back after an hour. Engine trouble. 9:30 Miami again. Walked. Movie. Ate. Airport at 6 P.M. Utter apathy of people

about soldiers & the war. Off at 7:30. Turned back again at 9:30. Dumped gas (8 tons.) In at 11:30, & back to Columbus Hotel!!

**FRI. FEB. 13.** It was. Test flight for the plane, & we stood by at 5:45 to go – Once more postponed; first to midnight; then to Sat. at 7:00 A.M. – Saw a movie (Woman of the Year). Shopped for under cl., shirt & pants – We all gathered for dinner. All chits on the P.A.A.

**SAT. FEB. 14.** To airport at 6 A.M. Off this time at 7:30. Over the Bahamas to San Juan. Only a 45-min. stop, then on to Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I. In after dark. Blackout on plane – Br. regs. To Queen's Park Hotel for the night. On P.A.A. Modern & clean.

**SUN. FEB. 15** – Up at 5:00. To airport at 6:00. Got a doctor down for tetanus inoculation. Over land in Guiana. A dreary jungle waste. Across equator at noon. Initiation of pollywogs. The Amazon delta, an immense flat, muddy waste. Over the Pará & in to Bélem at about 3:30. Tied up to a float in the river – (again the British) – & then in by taxi to Grand Hotel. Back door, via latrine & stage to office – Carnival time here. Big doings. Modern P.A.A. rooms on 2<sup>d</sup> floor. Walked. Got squirted with dog-water. Good dinner. Papaya. Dancing & singing all night.

**MON. FEB. 16.** Up at 2:00 breakfast at 3:00. Usual wait at airport – Off at 4:30. Dozed all A.M. In to Natal at 1 P.M. To hotel for lunch. Papaya again. To port at 2 & broke up – Four on 1<sup>st</sup> boat, 7 on 2<sup>d</sup>, rest wait. (Holcombe, M<sup>c</sup>Cabe, Bergin, Young ahead). With me, Sibert, Hearn, Dorn, Wyman, Roberts, Townsend – Fairly cool here. Off at 3:30 Passed Noronha about 5:30, right over it. On out to sea. Went up about 8:00, Turned in at 9:30 & slept all night.

**TUES. FEB. 17.** Hit Fisherman's Lake in LIBERIA right on the nose at 7:30. (Robertsport.) Big lake landing. Other clipper already there. In to town & lunch at Panair. Pretty warm. Usual nigger town. One store, etc. Back at noon & shoved off at 12:30. – more tales @ the limies. Obstruction & non-delivery at Bathurst & Freetown. – The Turkish lend-lease business. Limies got us to fill their commitments, we giving the stuff to them to hand over. And for 6 mos. they held it all. Turk emissarios could not speak English; the limies kept them in N.Y. Agreed to pass on all requisitions. Did not do so. (Halifax put it over on Welles.) Nice people. Now

Churchill says Singapore loss is our fault, on acct. of the Pearl Harbor fiasco. ( – ONE WEEK FROM N.Y.) — 12:30 OFF – down the coast over Monrovia. Regular coastline – sandy beaches – flat wooded plain – streams. (Out over the water from Ivory Coast (Fr.) on. Dozed. In at LAGOS at 11 P.M. Back & forth, twice, from one boat to another. Blackout on – Nobody can figure why. One P.A man at dock – More farting around. Rest camp at 12:30 A.M. Got to bed at 2:00

**WED. FEB. 18.** Singapore has surrendered. – 60,000 men. Christ. What the hell is the matter? Hurry-up call at 10, – seven can go – at once. Sent five & sure enough, word came that only 5 could go. They got off, without baggage. This is all of a piece everything screwed up – – We taxied to office & field. Saw Boynton, P.A.A. O.K. Baggage did go. Reason for cut to five passengers All set for to-morrow. Kano at noon. Maidúguri night. 2 ½ days to Cairo – “Ferry Com’d” conspicuous by its absence. HOT. My nigger is MIKE. Usual Br. set-up for service. Tea in A.M. Bawth, etc. \$4.10 = £1. (\$2.90 in N.Y.) Board here is 2 shillings a day! Got a hair-cut. Barber used a stump-puller instead of clippers – Siesta. Turned in at 9. (Nipa shacks with concrete floors – 4 rooms to a shack. Shower & can detached. – Walls of thin poles. Airy & O.K. Lagos is capital of Lagos Colony. Rest of Nigeria is protectorate) Finely built niggers here.

**THURS. FEB. 19.** Up at 7:00 Off at 9:00. Doug. transport to Kano (lunch) & Maidúguri (530 mi. to Kano. Mudwall. Old city – once largest in Africa. Mays (St. A.C.) drove us around. Emir’s “palace” – successive gates. Everything mud. Exactly like “Heroes of the D.C.” Lunch on P.A. Punk, of course – Maiduguri (300 mi.) about 4:30. Outside beds, all in a row. Excellent chow. Elec. stove & 4 Fridgidaire. Cook from N.Y. Cool & dry. Delightful air. 300 mi from JOS, end of R.R. Usual limie stories everywhere. Apathetic & snooty. P.A. gang at swords’ points with them.

**FRI. FEB. 20.** Up at 4:30. Good breakfast at 5. Off at 6 A.M. – To El Fasher, noon. Game country, but saw little antelope, crocs., etc. Pilot flew low to show us. El Fasher is just an oasis; good installation. Khartum at 4:00 P.M. – Saw Adler; may get his planes to go on. – This

installation was to be an agric. college. The night was made hideous by howling drunks. – I fear the P.A. gang, but hope it was R.A.F.

**Sat. Feb. 21.** Up at 6 – cool & dusty – Off at 8:00. (Tame lion at El Fasher – Americans in P.A. generally glad to see Am; & generally hostile to limies, whom they despise as slow, lazy, & inefficient. – The Ferry Command is non-existent. No discipline in P.A. (naturally) or among our e.m. P.A. aping limies with cute patches & insignia. Huge inequalities in pay.) ADLER did not show up. The Nubian desert is a hot sand waste; with black rocks sticking up here & there. Fine-looking native soldiers – the Fuzzy-Wuzzy, I suppose. Hit the Nile & a green strip of cultivation at noon. Past the pyramids & in at Heliopolis at 2:10 – Sibert & Co. there. To mission – Shepherd's hotel. Changed. Back to mission & saw Chickering & Gouler – Called on Kirk. Back to hotel. Adler in. Arranged to leave on Monday at 10, in a DC 3. Stragglers may catch up. Rangoon being evacuated. The world is crashing; & our navy will have to go to work. Kirk says Wavell wounded in Soerabaga. Usual story here about Br. apathy. Town crowded with weekend visitors from desert. Hearn got his star. No word about Sibert or me. As usual, Mrs. Luce bought a drink; she's for us – Good dinner. Room 60 PT. Chow 70 P.T. Not bad (@ \$5.50 a day.)

**SUN. FEB. 22.** To mission at 9:00. Beautiful Peking\* fall weather. Session with Fellers till 12:30. All @ how the Germans have put it on the Br. 17,000 Boches plus @ 26,000 wops – vs 80,000 Eng. Aus. S. Af, N. Z. & Ind. Br have lost at least 1000 tanks. Have about 200 now. Germans have @ 400 tanks & have received only about 100 all told. Germans have 200 planes, constant level. Wops about 400 planes. Br. @ 700. Ger. methods & equipment better. Rommel = another 50,000 men. Br. command not unified, – RAF, Navy, Army all independent. Ger. 88 better than Br. 25 lb-er. Ger 2 lb-er vs Br. 37 – no comparison. Ger. M4 @ = Br. medium, but Ger. M3 better than Br. light (2 lb-er vs. 37) Ger. stand off & use art. to silence AT weapons before tank attack. They co-ordinate – air, art, & tank, & Br. do not. They attack by air (1) opposing ground troops (2) communications (3) rear install. Br. reverse the process. Cairo is wide open if Rommel gets reinforcements. Br. don't think he will; they say he needs Bengazi first, & they interfere with its use All told, today, not more than 100,000 Br. fighting outside England. Fleet, completely bottled. Q. Eliz & Valliant wrecked, at Alex. (Hood, Barham,

Royal Oak, Repulse, P. of Wales, Royal Oak, Illustrious, Malaya, Q Eliz., Valliant, all out of action) 90% getting across to Tripoli from Italy. Malta completely blanketed. – Ger. tank recovery service excellent. Br. poor. – In Syria, 2 Inf + 1 armored Brigades. – What a chance for the Germans, unless the Russians can hold them to it. – Jumbo Wilson came in. He's defensive, too. No apprehension. "Will take 6-8 weeks for Rommell to build up & no indication yet. How can Ger. use air force in Libya & Russia as well?" etc. etc. Back for lunch at 2:00. – Our transport planes (2) may be in Accra to-day. (Amazing act of Br. in surrounding King's palace & forcing appointment of a minister (anti-Vichy.) Egyptians wild about it. Parades & yells of "We want Rommell.") – P.M. to Kirk's house for tea. – Pyramids right there, outlined against the sunset. Back to hotel; then to Fellers' house for dinner. Col. Popovich – Yugo-slav, there. Thinks Russians can do the job. Back to hotel at midnight.

**MON. FEB. 23.** Up at 6:30 & off at 9:30 – Over Suez Canal at Ismailia, then the desert. Soon green patches appeared along coast to Gaza & Jaffa. Turned in at Jaffa, went over Jerusalem, & Jordan R. Dead Sea to south. Arr. Baghdad at 2:30. Met Wheeler – Maj. Yount came on down to Basra & gave us the dope. Down between Tigris & Euphrates, circled Basra & in. Date palms. Toothy houses. Sand. Twisting ribbon of muddy river. Fine hotel – 1 dinar a day. – Russian stock high everywhere. Enormous build-up in Mesopot for 10 non-existent Br. divs. Port at Basra – road – R.R. – rolling stock, etc. etc. 2000 trucks & 100 A-20's monthly for Russians. GMC assembly plant at Bombay – 3000 trucks monthly in Indian army! At Karachi plane assembly plant & truck ass. plant going in. Everybody unanimous about limies. Bored & supercilious attitude everywhere. 3 Polish divs. at Ashkabad! Can we get them? Stalin won't use them. – Our most interesting day so far.

**Tues. Feb. 24.** Up at 5:00. Off at 6:50. Across Persian Gulf to SHARJA in Arabia. Lunch at BOAC, a sort of Zinder Fort. Arab guard of honor. Silver knives & eye Blackeners. They sang for us. The agent, Barrington, a live wire. Showed us everything, & made the boys dance & sing. 3 tame gazelles. – Cool. Just sand, water, & mud. Natives live on fish & dates. Oman was first foreign "power" we ever made a treaty with. Off for Karachi at noon. Along coast all way. Arr. 5:20 – Med. inspection. Group Capts. M<sup>c</sup>Farland & Bustle very polite. Bustle will notify Delhi. Arrangements are made to set up air Command, with Br. maintenance. Adler says

only 9 B-17's in India. Karachi resembles north China or No. Mexico. Much is imagined. Good port. Big military installations. Can handle anything. ½ hour in to hotel, "The Killarney." Dinner, & then Gen. Hines blew in, all dolled up. District comdr. Took me & Hearn to his house (Thought we were to run the assembly business) Georgia wife! Very pleasant. 25 yrs. in India. – Japs bombarded Santa Barbara: No more Indian troops available for Rangoon.

**WED. FEB. 25.** 7:30 from hotel. 8:30 from airport. Adm. Hart here. Veered off as I started to speak to him, so I let him go. Desert to & beyond Jodhpur. In at Delhi at 12:30. Hearn & I to C in C's house. Dorn & Sibert to air marshal's. Rest to Western Court. Lunch all same Peking\* "Dip. Set" – Lady Hartley is O.K. He's not so hot. Pleasant enough, but very much the Big Man. At 3:00 to the Conference. Room full of Lt. Gens. & Maj. Gens. & Brigs. etc. To put me on the spot, I suppose. Well, they didn't; after I made my speech, I started asking questions, & nobody but the Q.M. knew anything at all. The C in C was the biggest ignoramus in the room. The Haynes affair was new to me. So was the change from Wavell to Hartley. Dutton is relieved by Alexander. Everything arranged agreeably. They will play ball, but cannot help. I made it plain where our stuff had gone. Painfully small remnants in Burma. They will pivot on left flank & retire north. Promised some 303 ammunition. C.D.S. has made agreements. They must check with us. (Mr. Chao.) Talked to Lt. Gen. Morris, C. of S. Got our gang together & talked. Back for dinner. My stuff all laid out, – chewing gum, dirty socks, & all. This G.H.Q. is an enormous affair, big enough to run our W.D. and 3 brigades at the front! 70 F on way, & 77 coming in 2 months. – Dinner with the Hartleys & Lady Wavell & daughter. Quiet & unconstrained. No pomp or ceremony – Wavell has been hit, all right – Lady H. let it out – letter had come saying his back was improving. Lady Wavell evidently under a strain. She looks just like Mrs. Atkins. Turned in at 10.

**THURS. FEB. 26.** At 9:00 to G.H.Q. – (Yesterday when I looked down my nose at his one Brig., Gen Hartley said, "Well, it might just turn the scale. Miracles do happen in wah, don't they?" And the monocled ass at lunch. "One does enjoy a cawk-tail, doesn't one? It's so seldom one gets a chawnce. In my own case, I hardly have time for a glahss of beeah!" – To G.H.Q. & saw Manten, etc. Goodbye to C in C. who told us Abdacom was washed up & Wavell coming to displace him. Murder. To airport & met Adler. Arranged about Haynes 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. & grabbing

stray planes. Past Agra, Taj Mahal & old citadel – Latter far more interesting to me than former. Past Benares – over Calcutta at 5:45. Our plane is to take Wavell to Delhi. Met Brady – Same old story about British. No casualties. – No fight. To Gt. Eastern Rookery. Wrote Adler about plane –

**FRI. FEB. 27.** Saw Ch'en of CDS at Consulate. Merrell there. Shopped for sun-hat (R10) sleeping bag (R.120!!) & chow. Big lunch. Nap. Phone call, urgent, from Karachi. A Col. Logg, about a W.D. order to ship the planes on. One hour to get the call. R.180! A tip reduced it to R. 90. Adler in, & we had a session – He had fixed up an organization Sent for Brereton, who has been named to command the air here. To-morrow we'll iron out some things.

**SAT. FEB. 28.** Woke up with skitters, dizzy & feverish. 11 bouts before 1 P.M. Took Sal Hepatica. About 1 P.M. coming out of it. Magruder in this A.M. Wavell & Brereton coming this P.M. Snarl in arrangements; Adler balled it up. Dorn got money changed. – Cleared up about noon. Got up at 2 – To airport. Wavell's plane late. Finally, at 5:30 it came in, & they got off, Brereton slapping his ass with his riding crop, & darting around importantly. Finally, we went up & introduced ourselves. Arranged a talk at 6:30 at Gov't House. Wavell gave us the story. (70 F left & 9 HB, – out of 79 HB delivered. –) W is a tired, depressed & rather hopeless man. – A shock to Brereton to learn he had anyone over him. Expected to be the big boy here. Arranged to accompany Wavell to-morrow, but was told by B. later that the plane would hold only 5, & as W. wanted B. to go, I could stay put. (Brereton refused to ride in a station wagon at Delhi. Went to the airport in a taxi.)

**SUN. MAR. 1.** Conference with Chou, H.S. at 10:30. He's a live one. Shen & Matteson there. Weaselled out of Mrs. Heywood's luncheon. To Pao's for tea. Same old story about Br. Dinner with Brereton. Talked over possibilities. He has a gen. plan & is radioing to Arnold. Asking for Adler.

**MON. MAR. 2.** Talked to Magruder. Lunch at Firpo's – SHEN, PAO, CHOU, LING, CHOW, MATTESON & our crowd. To consulate. Wire about air transport line. 75 DC 3's by 6/15/42. Five C-53's on way for me. Freeman to use scrambled phone to Naiden. It looks like action.

1. 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. 2. Wheeler for S.O.S. 3. Air transport line. Incidentally – Brereton to replace Haynes in so many words. – To Merrell's for dinner.

**TUES. MAR. 3.** Usual fuss of departure. Saw Wavell at air-field. More hopeful. Had to buck them up. They were shy of information, to say the least. Off in the hot-box at 2:20 – (Sharpe working on the DC 3 shot up at Hong Kong. Over 500 shots hit it, – 2000 holes. O.K. in a week. More tales of Br. inefficiency. (Repaired wing not used. Borrowing grease gun, etc.) – Delta region, short water-hop, then Assam hills. Burmese villages on hill tops. Lashio at 7:00 (their time.) CKS there. Went to Porter's house. Pep talk on, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Army Comdrs. CKS & Shang Chen came in & we had short talk. Cordial welcome. Stay to dinner? – No. Shoved off at 8:10. – Kun Ming at 10:30 – To A.V.G. place at Agric. College. Had Chennault's room. Cool.

**WED. MAR. 4.** To air-field to wait for Chennault. Had a talk. He'll be OK. Met a group of the pilots. They look damn good. Off at noon – Rough. Chinese passengers all puking. Quick trip of 2 hrs. 15 min, hell of a bump landing. Met by Mayer, M<sup>c</sup>Hugh, & Magruder's stooges. Same old tough climb up the hill. To Lattimore's house (courtesy of government) Three cars. Servants. Mess, etc. Spent P.M. in office. Confirmation of Lt. Gen. came. Cables ref. Brereton & Naiden & Wheeler. Full dope on air units to India.

**THURS. MAR. 5.** (Magruder has never mentioned my promotion. He is a terribly nervous jumping-jack – Nose completely out of joint.) (Mayer looked like a fat old tramp.) (M<sup>c</sup>Hugh was the only decent looking one in the crowd.) (On plane, as I was admiring the view of the river & hills & fields, M. said "Isn't that a hell of a looking country?" Gloomy Gus. To office at 9:00. (Belden came in at 8:30. Same as ever.) Left (for south bank at 11. Called on Gauss. Lunch there. Gauss is fed up. Back at 3:00. Called on Shang Chen at his country house. Mme. Shang there. Back & called on Ho Ying Ch'in. Did it in Chinese, to Yang's amazement. Ho very pleasant. Back to house. Called on by Huo Yao Tsu. Hunan man. Hard to understand, Tseng translated. Belden & Fisher in till 11 P.M.



**FRI. MAR. 6.** Bergin in. Yesterday I balked on Magruder being with me at first conference with CKS. Worked all A.M. on getting ready, V. Tammen & Bienfait in, hoping for help. japs gaining in Java. 4 Divs. – Worked in P.M. At 5:00 to see Gissimo (Dorn buzzed Shang Chen this A.M.) Gissimo, Mme., H. Tong, (Tseng run out) Shang Chen came in. (Telegram to Stimson – “Arrival of Gen. Stilwell is most welcome.”) I went over the Pres’ message, my instr., & the help on the way. Also future policies. Tong translated till Mme. took over. CKS anxious about Br. control or interference. Explained SOS, ferry, air force, & command. Told him we were his gang – & would do what he said. Got it straight that India was just an alley for supplies for us. He was worried about command in Burma. Explained the sector arrangements, & asked about agreement with W. for operations. No agreement! “I told those army comdrs. not to take orders from anybody but you, & wait till you came.” Was that good news! In course of talk, he said “Isn’t Gen. S. my C of S.?” Talked about place to set up joint C.P. Here at first, then Kunming – At 6:45, he pulled out, & Mme – got on Chennault. I reassured her. Told her @ arrangements. She told me how he resigned regularly. Offered to help in every way. I’m still not sure about what I am, but Shang Chen says it’s No. 2 in China. — Tseng for dinner; he was guerrilla at Haichow. Defended Lieu Yun Kang.

**SAT. MAR. 7.** Fog. Worked on staff organization all morning. Lovat-Fraser in torn sweater, old pants, etc. P.M. Studied speech & dubbed around. Shang Chen’s party in evening. – Sent for rest of party to-day. WAITING.

**SUN. MAR. 8.** A.M. at office – conferring & studying map. P.M. ride around city — Hu T’ou Shan\* & down-town. Good idea of extent of bombing. Dinner at M<sup>ac</sup>Hugh’s. Keziak, (Limie) & Niehelm (?)

**Mon, March 9.** Two days gone & nothing done – To-day? Dubbed all day, waiting for CKS. Shang came in with the diagrams for the staff. Just stodge stuff. No authority in staff. Made me sure they wouldn’t do anything about command. CKS’ for dinner. Amb., Ho, Pai, Li, etc. There I was on CKS right & Li T. Jen next. Magruder shot off his face. After the party, CKS kept me & talked about Burma till midnight. Wiring to Wash. to give me command in B.! Not

only Ch. but Br. too – Bitter feeling @ limies. A lot of crap tactics came out. Liu Fei is a horse's ass. "Tsung Shèn "p'ei pei."

**TUES. MAR. 10.** Hanson & Co. at 9:00. Pai & Li at 10 – Office; Bruce at 11:30 with L-Fraser. Shang & Liu at 2:00-3:00. Mme. at 4:00. – Changed to 6:00 with CKS. 6 – 7:20 all about everything. Advice on attitude toward Ch. tr., their psych. etc. Burmese & their attitude. "Now you are going to direct operations" etc. etc. – Evans, Red Cross called.

**Wed. Mar. 11.** Msg. to W.D. & Wheeler. Phone from Yang (ad.) CKS putting 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> chün under Wavell (Suddenly the sun breaks through.) Li Tsung Jen wants to talk. Will phone. – False alarm. Clouds again. CKS did not say Wavell; he said Stilwell. (Adm. Yang to McMorland. Who balled it up? – Went to see CKS at 10:30 – more wên t'is. – Has telegraphed FDR – Order is out for me to command 5 & 6 chün. Rushed back & changed wire to Wash. Got stuff. Hearn & Townsend in. To air field – Off at noon. (Shang Chen & Tseng. Robts. Wyman, Dorn, Yang), Sibert. Kunming at 3:00 – Saw Chennault. To Lashio at 7:00. No wires received. Denneys at field. Went to Lin Wei's office. Tu, comdg 5<sup>th</sup> Chün at field. – Met Lin, had long talk with him & Tu. Then Yü Fei P'eng. Then the hunt for the Porter house & butted in – Porter not exactly enthusiastic. Denneys held forth till 12:30 on the SOB Chinese.

**THURS. MAR. 12.** To Lin Wei's office at 9:00. Endless B-ache. Off at 11:30. Dull, rough ride to Hsipaw (45 mi. SOBA of Shan States palace) and Maymyo – (88 mi farther. Dirty little villages. Pretty river. Deep gorge. Nothing else. Looted cars from Rangoon on way up. Met John Liu near Maymyo Went to Bapt. Mission. Merrell & Baid there. Sad story of Burma campaign. No plan, no recon. or security, no int. B. civil gov't. still using red tape. Took ½ the 320,000 gals for Ch. army & gave it to Civ. firms (Incident of 6 off. & 15 e.m. of a Bn. "wiped out." 4 days later an Indian sgt. brought back the whole Bn) Thaton def. 2 brigs & a hole in the middle. Japs marched 2 brigs through the hole undetected. Vigorous patrolling by japs. None by limies. Rough est. 14,000 Br. vs. 26,000 japs (4<sup>xx</sup> & 17<sup>xx</sup> – Merrell). Hutton lost for 4 days. No news from Magwe for 7 days. Nobody at Maymyo moved, ex. Merrell. They conceal plans from him & delib. gave him misinformation. – – Talk with gov. Sir Reggie Dorman-Smith. Gave him the works. He was O.K. & agreed even to our shooting the Burmese. – After chow,

talked with Merrell. Then Denneys came in, breathing fire & destruction. Will see Alexander to-morrow & maybe it will clear up.

**FRI. MAR. 13.** Christ, I wonder what this means. Cold night. U.S.A. breakfast. Eales in – Long talk on supply. Shang Chen joined. Will send msg. asking for release of 22<sup>d</sup> & 96<sup>th</sup> Gov. at noon – Just to ask if everything O.K. Lunch there at 1:00 – H.E. & wife Hutton, Denneys, & stooges. Explained the mess to Hutton. – 3:00 P.M. Alexander here. Went to see him.

Explained again. He let me stand around outside till Shang Chen came. Shang made a short call. Alexander not too polite. – Back & saw Wang & Yang, Commun. men (They want priority air shipment for their stuff. Right now.) Well, one day at a time. Radio to CKS to release 22<sup>d</sup> & 96<sup>th</sup> (2 P.M. Brig. Clark & Col. Jones, about maintenance. They agreed to do it. Set up at Toungoo & Taunggyi etc. Also will repair ordnance & op. instruments.) Damn nice of them. In fact, all the Br. are now co-operating. If CKS will only say “Go”, we’re off. – The press is after me now. Dorn is keeping them off. – Maj. Miller barged into my room at midnight & told me Morris (C of S., India) wanted to see me at Flagstaff House at 10 to-morrow. Aren’t they a polite lot? What if Dorn had done that?

**SAT. MAR. 14.** Saw Morris at 10. Alexander in at 10:30. “My position is impossible from the start.” The snooty bastard. I said I was not exactly on a bed of roses, either. That had not occurred to him. He just looked blankly at me. (The bloody bounder is getting impudent.) Morris wanted our transport planes to supply his troops. – I offered no hope on that. – The 70,000 chow eaters are home guards & unreliable Burmese & what-nots. About 12,000 out front. – Talk @ this & that. Ireland is to be made safe by Am. troops. Morris laughed at me – “Your president has ordered that.” One limie div. coming to India. ECONOMY OF FORCE in a big way. (G-2 had no idea how many jap xx are in Burma. Neither did asst. G-2. They finally found a guy who did.) We are requisitioning this mission & buying all the food on sale near Mandalay. – Vaughan setting up the substations for maint. on the road. No police yet set up. – We are grabbing cars. Everybody has stolen a jeep. – Tu came in. Talked for an hour. Told us about his chan shu – (our all around defense). A good egg. Shang Chen in. – The radio to CKS was delivered & answered. Now where the hell is it? The press are here. Dorn to the rescue. – Got the boys together & talked it over. At 11:30 decided to act. Got Shang Chen & went to

Hou's office. Called Lashio – no word there. Told Lin Wei to start troops. Got TU out of bed. He agreed at once to move right down to Mandalay. Better than my plan of Lashio only. To bed at 1:00. Die is cast.

**SUN. MAR. 15.** 9:00 A.M. Morris, Hutton, Alexander at Flagstaff House. Told them the news. They were much relieved. Alex. now much pleasanter. (Morris has talked to him). (They had the instructions out, studying them.) Alex. tried to joke about my stealing his Chinese troops. Wanted to wear some Ch. insignia etc. Sent word to Wavell & Brereton by Morris. Asked for air support. Objected to grabbing of tractors at Mandalay. Sent Sibert to tell Goddard to lay off, & cut it out from now on. (Alex. says he has just 4,000 fighting men. Wants 1<sup>st</sup> Bur Div. soon as possible. I told him to leave it in till we got something else up back of the 200<sup>th</sup> (Alex. says he now perfectly understands, & we will co-operate alongside each other.) – P.M. Brink on way with messages from FDR & Geo. Marshall. (A.M. Ford of Paramount took pictures.) Order from CKS to punish infractions of discipline reported to him. NONE known. Br. very complimentary. TU to be told off. The hell with that; he can tell me off. – Move of 22<sup>d</sup> & 96<sup>th</sup> under way – Leading elements here to-morrow. – Tu came over at 5:00. He had to shoot a man of the 55<sup>th</sup> Div at Lashio for hell-raising. I told him to keep it up. PARATROOPS are CHIANG LO SAN PU TUI, or just SAN<sup>3</sup> TUI. – DC 3 crash at Kunming. KOHLER killed. – – Others of our crowd not reported. Gen. Dennys killed, – on way to tell CKS to send more troops. Brink & Erwin in at 9:00 – Eldridge also. Letters from Pres. & C/S. NOTHIN' – Just go ahead. – Got Tu over & Martin in. Went over plan. Wrote order for Tu –

**MON. MAR. 16.** Got going. Order for TU, – F.O.1 of the Yuan Mien Chun. Off at 10:<sup>30</sup> (Talk with Brink. He says japs are good. Fine commun., great aggressiveness, high mobility. Tree fighters. Rush through jungle. – Be set on flanks. There is no pause for development. Counter-attack. Use their own tactics on them. Off at 10:30 – Dusty ride. At Lashio at 4:00. Long talk with Hsiao & Lin Wei & Shang Chen. Tactics & command & move. I'll have to go to Chungking. Long talk with Yü Fei P'eng. A big fat slob. Agreed on Lim – Usual mess on evacuation. Usual faultfinding about Br. set-up. Seagrave here.

**TUES. MAR. 17.** CH Breakfast – peanuts & congee. Talked. Sandy, M<sup>c</sup>Cabe, etc. Haymaker & Nowakowski off for Maymyo. Chow at CNAC hostel. – (Our drivers, a Persian & an Indian! Doss, the Indian, hits everything.) – Here’s a hot one. Wei Li Huang is to be C.G., 1<sup>st</sup> Route Army, C.E.F., acc. to one “Gen.” Ying Fei at the Lashio Mil. Coun. who so notifies Hobson. If it’s true, I’m through. – To field at 6:00. Off at 8:00. Kunming at 10 – Going through. Left at 12:15. At Chungking at 2:30 – Met by M<sup>c</sup>Nally & M<sup>c</sup>Morland. Radio not rec’d. Hearn sick – Saw Tseng Yang Fu at Lashio. Gen. Kan came. Looks good – All down to see us off. “Gen” Huang, the Grand Eunuch, also there. Yü Fei P’eng is a fat bastard, I suspect.

**WED. MAR. 18.** Up at 7:00 – Bergin & Townsend went over events. (M<sup>ac</sup>Arthur in Austr.) – In the dumps over the outlook. Are they just shoving me aside after a few days? A fatal slap, if so. Don’t know what to do. – 10:30 Shang Chen came & we saw CKS at 11:00 until 1:00. We had a battle & every point he set up I knocked down – Just kept at it & at it. He’ll consider the com’d suggestion. Also my brainstorm about a div. to the Br. Exhausted. Shang to confer with Chün Ling Pei. He did and at 6:30 came in & told me to my astonishment that Ho, Pai, Hsü & Liu Fei all agreed with my arguments. They will see CKS tomorrow, & propose concert. at Pyinmana (My birthday present?) Got to bed early, first time in weeks.

**THURS. MAR. 19.** 59 to-day. Or 60, acc. to Chinese.\* It could be a big day in peace time in Peking,\* but not now. Woke up for the first time in months not feeling like HELL. [End of vol. 1.] [Vol. 2 starts here.] 59 to-day. Or 60, Chinese. Could be a big day in peace time in Peking\* – Well, I woke up at peace with the world for the first time in months. Evidently this job has been on my mind. At least I know now that there are Ch. off. who agree if they dared. If the Big Four will stand up to it, maybe we have a chance. – Hsü, Lin & Shang saw him this A.M. All stood up. CKS still stiff. Agreed to send 66<sup>th</sup> –, piece-meal. 1 Div to Mand., 2 to border. 22<sup>d</sup> to Taungwindgyi, but not to help the Br. Christ, he’s dumb. (Shang says he’s t’ai tyu hsin.) Will see me at 11:00 – Lu Chih Te & Lin came in, with Mendelsohn. Talked @ the med. set-up. Got ‘em stirred up now. They are themselves going down to fix it. – 11:00 conference. More tactical bull. I kept at him – He let 1 xx go to Taungwingyi. Under my orders can attack to support Br. 66<sup>xxx</sup> coming over. 1 xx to Maymyo. Later I can use 1 xx of 6<sup>th</sup> A. 22 – can help 200<sup>th</sup> Chou

Chih Jou in, P.M. Went over aviation matters. – Gauss called. – Oil men called – (Hearn still sick. Edward must recuperate.) – Birthday dinner at Shang Chen's.

**MAR. 20. FRI.** Tong & Geo. Yeh in. Tong is a nosy bastard. Tried to get a paper from me after conference yesterday. – LO CHO YING called with Shang Chen. Don't know why. (Comdr. at Changsha.) A quick, brusque, decided bird – Looks good. Belden says he's the best at present. WEI LI HUANG called with Shang Chen. Auhui man. Good egg. Not too impressive. Belden says he's fallen off a lot. – Bissell & Powell here – Gruber is being an ass; squawking about promotion. – P.M. to office & read to boys the radio about the set-up – Press conference at 4:00. Not bad; got off easy. Gen Shang in & had tea. At dinner – called to CKS. More stuff about operations & command, etc. He can't make up his mind. Changeable. If I had said "Br. command," he'd have accepted, but when I told him Alex. would move the 96<sup>th</sup>, he got his back up. Now he's going to pull out entirely, if the Br. give up Prome. And I'm to tell them so.

**SAT. MAR. 21.** Bissell & Powell for breakfast. (Brereton has a plane, & can give one to Wavell, but not to me.) – Note to Magruder @ his statement to Gruber. – At air field – Shang Chen had more news. Now, CKS is releasing the 55<sup>th</sup> to me to go to Thazi & back up 200<sup>th</sup> (Man, mau ti yu t'ou hsü) – Later, another message from CKS, about announcement of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Chün in Burma by U.S. W.D. Gave Shang a wire for W.D. objecting. – Long delay getting off. Damn it. – CKS still has time to change his mind again. (Shang said, "Little by little he's coming around to your plan.") (Size-up of Yü – able, has CKS' confidence, more so than Tsêng, who is far better educated. Ho Y.C. is cagey & won't give up authority or money.) What, a commentary on the Ch. G.S. No preparations or concern for the Yuan Mien Chün. They just sit on their asses, & let me go to it. – And I have to get seats for Lu & Lin on the plane! At Kunming saw Chennault and agreed on May 1 for induction. Arranged air support. Magruder there. Had to speak roughly to him about his personnel & his work. The radio about Aldrich got to Calcutta. In or out? "M. felt he needed me." ← – Off at 3:20. Cliff houses on lake shore. Snowstorm about half-way – Lashio at 6:00 Lin & Co there. To C.P. & went over the stuff. Yesterday the 200<sup>th</sup> Ch'i pings smacked the japs at Pyu. Surrounded a big patrol & got 'em.

**SUN. MAR. 22.** Last night Hsiao got out the order for the moves & I signed. This H.Q. should move to Maymyo – Arr. Maymyo at 10:00. Saw Alexander. He's O.K. now. Took everything nicely. Going to see CKS. – At the H.Q. found Col. Eckert running high, & all arranged acc. to Gruber's views. – Sort of like going home & finding that visitors had re-arranged all the housekeeping. – Martin in; I like him better all the time. – Press people are going to be a problem. Communiqués? Censor? Radioed CKS @ Prome & Mandalay – – Talked to the staff. Re-arranged personnel. Sent Eckert to Martin. Talked to Gruber. – Off at 5 – down thro. Mandalay over the twisting grade – Meiktila at 10 – Pyaubwe at 11 – Saw Sibert & Co. Chow. Tu in; Mosquitoes thick. 12:30 to bed.

**Mon Mar. 23.** Air alarm. Nothing. Saw Tu about bikes & dispositions, etc. – Toungoo being attacked – 2,000 in one place – Tu worried. Talked it over. Phone to Hou to hurry up the 22<sup>d</sup> & the art. – Sibert to send to Toungoo & get the dope. Back to-night. 55<sup>th</sup> to be hurried over – Will send 22<sup>d</sup> to Pyinmana & Yedashe & prepare to counter-attack to support 200<sup>th</sup>. Wyman & Haymaker to T. & back to-night. Sibert call on Hou's phone at midnight or before. Phone 98. (MIDHURST) (Radio to C.K.S. about the move.) – Phone from Tai – attack repulsed – 10:45. No action on right. – Heavy art. fire. Attempt on left thrown back. Planes over reconn. – Tai wants tanks.

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(1. 55 hurry to Pyaubwe  
2. 22<sup>d</sup> hurry to Pyinmana & S.  
3. Radio CKS that Tu wants help nearby – & I agree – 22<sup>d</sup> to 90 to Pyinmana & look see.)  
Has 55<sup>th</sup> gotten orders – (Radio Lin to order 55<sup>th</sup>). – (Radio A.V.G for reconn. S. of T.) – Rushed back to Maymyo to get things going. Arr. 4:30 Convoy from Magwe to Lashio, on road. Magwe bombed out, 3/21 & 3/22 – 59 & 72 bombers. No air support left now. – (Tai's tanks on the way, 30 mi. south of Mandalay, at 2:30!) Wrote Henry. Bed at 12:00.

**TUES. MAR. 24.** Brereton & party coming this P.M. (SITUATION. 200<sup>th</sup> hang on till 22<sup>d</sup> gets set at PYINMANA. Can't be sent to Taungwindgyi now – no water there anyway. Push out a regt. south, & then tell 200<sup>th</sup> to break out & join at PYINMANA. Put 55<sup>th</sup> in at PYAUBWE, & hang on at Pyinmana – Use 96<sup>th</sup> & 38<sup>th</sup> similarly & delay back to Mandalay. This is the best we

can hope for.) – Wrote letters. – Hair cut – Nap – Japs north of Toungoo – The suspense till the 22<sup>d</sup> gets going is bad. – Sent Jones to RR man at Mandalay. – Saw Hutton (about holding Toungoo.) – Brereton & Co in at 10:00. Talked till 12:30. Off at 12:50. Nothing new from the India boys. Told them to go ahead & do their stuff

**WED. MAR. 25.** In Pyaubwe at 6:30. Gen. Scott & Tu here for breakfast. Situation confused. Got it straight with TU. He is quite cheerful with 22<sup>d</sup> coming down. Lo says “Not serious.” 5 days chow in Toungoo. Japs all around T now. Strength to N., @ 1000. – Gen Scott, 1<sup>st</sup> B. Div., in. Looking for 4 guns & 200 men – Caught in surprise at T. air-field yesterday. Nap. Scott back. Got his guns. Tu has report counter-attack has reached point just N. of air-field. – 9 P.M. to see TU – he had scheme of attack ready for the 27<sup>th</sup>. Exactly like my solution. Whole of 22<sup>d</sup> will attack from Kyundon south. (If the japs will stay put tomorrow.) – C.K.S. has changed his mind. Three letters on the 23<sup>d</sup> – 3 P.M. 5 P.M. & 9 P.M. Full of all kind of warning, admonition & caution. Then at last, at 9 P.M. he said “Use your judgment & give ‘em hell.” Apparently the fight here has pepped him up. We can use the 22<sup>d</sup>!! (Which I had already ordered in.) And I told Tu to take the 96<sup>th</sup> & bring it along also. The 55<sup>th</sup> is already turned over to Tu. Whoops. What a relief. CKS & his changeable mind had me worried. I was deadly afraid he would call off this attack. But the seed has apparently taken root, & as Tu says, now we can work my plan. Christ. The mental load on a commander who has strings tied to him! Now CKS is concerned about pursuit, before we even stop the japs. If I had done what he wanted, & put the 22<sup>d</sup> in Taungwindgyi, the 200<sup>th</sup> would have been lost & God knows what might have happened. It may still be bad, but it couldn’t be that bad – (N.B. I must get the letters & documents coming thru me.) (Sliney in. 3 newspaper boys.)

**THURS. MAR. 26.** If the japs will only subside; just for to-day, we have a chance – Hot day. – (I believe the crisis in this business was when CKS said he would pull the troops out entirely, if the Br. didn’t hold Prome. He’d have done it, too, no matter how hard the Br. fought. It was essential to get the Chinese committed, & that was my worry when he tied me up & would not release the 22<sup>d</sup> & 96<sup>th</sup>. (The way to handle him is undoubtedly the slow way, letting the ideas trickle. Therefore\* Always be slow to put an unacceptable plan into action.)



For March 27 we plan: – If possible, I want a Bn to go down E of the river & cut in at Tantabin. Here's our chance. (Japs were active all night.) – Merrill in over Magwe – Oyarbwe Road. – – Riot among Br. soldiers at Yenanchuang – Br. destroying the oil-fields. Good God. What are we fighting for? Civil Gov't orders. Well, what is Wavell for? – 3 P.M. Liu & Tu, (& Shao & Lin) in, with Brig. Martin. Hell to pay on the R.R. crews running away. No trains below Pyinmana. No tracks. How get the 22<sup>d</sup> in? Report of japs at Yedashe cutting road & RR. Finally got phone call to Liao, – groundless. Long bellyache back & forth – Lin Wei, OK., also Shao, but Tu had one of his depressed fits & everything was wrong. The track might spread, the trip was dangerous, how protect the trains, etc. etc. Everything was against attack. “Mei yu pan fa” – Christ, he's terrible when he's like that. Arranged for shuttle, Pyinmana to Yedashse. Told Martin to hold a gun on the crews & get the trains through. Capt Snow working on it. We are staying here to-night & will let it simmer. To-morrow Tsai shuo. (TU is a hard guy to handle – he must have everything just so.) – Sent Wyman & Haymaker to Pyinmana to report – – Last train of 22<sup>d</sup> passed Pyaubwe at 7:00. Looks a bit better – Snow phoned he could get them through – Wyman back at 10:45. Encouraging. Went to see Tu. Queer reception (Lin, Tu, Shao, all in the dumps.) It came out that they thought the 200<sup>th</sup> had been wiped out – 12:30 last message – was to be every 2 hrs., & they had given up mentally – I felt the 200<sup>th</sup> was still there, & kept talking attack. Argument after argument. TU went into his room & wouldn't come out. At 1 A.M. a message came from TAI – OK in Toungoo. Well, once again, gloom to joy. “Now we can do it,” etc. I insisted that we attack on the 27,<sup>th</sup> – early or late, pu\* yao\* chin, but ATTACK. TU said “ming t'ien, i ting kung chi” – Well, a terrific load rolled off me; I had visions of the 200<sup>th</sup> gone, & the 22<sup>d</sup> compromised, & what not. Now it's just a question of getting the 22<sup>d</sup> in. A report at 3 A.M. from Lin indicated that 2 trains were still at Pyinmana – (Anybody who wants my job can have it.) At 9, Snow reported all 5 trains HAD cleared. – Now TU says he isn't concerned about troops but rations! Holy Christ. –

1. The basic cause is CKS refusal to me to concentrate at PYINMANA. Everything trails from that & the delay by CKS of the 22<sup>d</sup> at Mandalay. – Some bastard at P. stopped the move from 1 to 4 A.M. WHO WAS IT? (Tu is too far back, too lackadaisical, doesn't supervise execution.) – (To think that a victory can be compromised by a God-damn fool slip on the R.R.!)

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**FRI. MAR. 27.** To bed at 2:30 – Conflicting reports at 9 A.M. of move thro. P. Finally, sure that 2 trains are still there. (SNOW drunk?) – (30% bayonet wounds – MEI) Where is medical set-up? Seagrave? W<sup>ms</sup>? Friends Am.? (Jap broadcast Mar 6 or 7, said 30,000 japs had annihilated 5,000 Chinese at Toungoo!) – 2 P.M. [*Time circled*] Everything is optimism once more – 65<sup>th</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup> in position, 66<sup>th</sup> behind them, guns & tanks ready. Jump-off at 4 P.M. Japs burning outskirts, LEAVING? Too much to expect. L.O.D. KYUNGON. Can't be much strength in front. – LATER. It was too good – Now they're down again – “They have 49 tanks.” “They have 105's” etc. (TU.) Wants to wait till situation gets tough, I guess. 200<sup>th</sup> easier. 22<sup>d</sup> can be ready tomorrow A.M. “Will they attack then?” “Well, don't know. Must shang liang.” Tu again went into his room. I guess it's impossible. Tseng says put Lin Wei in & leave. But Lin had gotten away. At 6:00 Martin in to say that the Br. had started to withdraw to PROME! Slim got excited about Toungoo. – I suppose – Well, this will raise hell – Martin much ashamed about it. WHAT TO DO? Tu is too much for me. The little bastard – I can announce I won't command troops that won't attack. Showdown on Tu, – What can CKS do? Tseng agrees. Long talk with him. Tu & Lin are playing politics, of course. And CKS corresponds with both. So they try to kick me around. – Lin Wei shoved off without telling me; he was afraid of being pinned. Left at 10 –

**SAT. MAR. 28.** In at 3:30 A.M. Saw Alexander – withdrawal to Prome O.K. by him. “Slim's a stout fella.” Oil-fields? Just drilling machinery Gruber & I hazed them a bit about fighting & H.Q. locations, etc. Alex said CKS agreed to command by Br. – Saw Lin Wei who agreed with me throughout. Kept at him till he agreed to T. the ming ling to Tu. So he takes orders, finally and under pressure. O.K. I won't fool with Tu, but make Lin do it. – 22<sup>d</sup> to attack. 96<sup>th</sup> – to hurry in and back up. 55<sup>th</sup> to dig at Pyinmana. Will they get it off, I wonder? (Br. planes all gone to India. No one at HQ. knew about it. O, you independent air force!) Well, maybe I can work now. Anyway, I'll deal through Lin & not Tu – Letter from Mme. Br. command accepted by CKS.!!! That won't last. (It's pending further talk with Washington) Wrote report to CKS. Talked with staff. Notified Alexander & Lin Wei. Shoved off at 4:30. Reached Pyawbwe at 10:00. (Rock on road – just a bit of sabotage.) – Tu came in & talked about the sit. & the attack to-morrow. He accepts the order, all right – Thinks we've lost our chance. (Whose fault is that?) Japs used gas on Toungoo to-day & reinforced heavily. Dug in N. of Kyangon. We will

go around the salient and cut in from 3 directions. – At mid-night phoned Maymyo to have Gruber call on Alexander for a real attack, not just a piddle Maj. Hill took message. –

**SUN. MAR. 29.** 2:00 A.M. Maymyo called. “Message delivered. **THEY PROMISE TO DO IT:**” – Sent Merrill & Haymaker to Prome, & Sibert & Wyman to 22<sup>d</sup> Div. (Hot day) Left at 9:30 – Yedashe at 12:40. As usual, they are dogging it. Gen Liao, the 22<sup>d</sup> C G is a colorless bird. He wants to wait for the 96<sup>th</sup> and I suppose the C.G 96<sup>th</sup> for the 55<sup>th</sup> etc. Full of excuses – how strong the jap positions are, & how reinforcements are coming to them, etc. Two days ago, it would have been easy, but now — They’ll drag it out & do nothing unless I can somehow kick them into it. – Wounded getting prompt treatment – Seagrave at Pyinmana – the order read – “Push in outpost, & either to-morrow or day after, attack in force toward Toungoo.” Long talk with Tseng – If Tu goes back, I must, also, or be thought to be interfering behind his back – O.K. I’ll try & be patient a bit longer. HOT as hell – We were all dried out & exhausted. I am mentally about shot. — Merrill back at 9. Limies will attack in force with all tanks – Good old SLIM. Maybe he’s all right after all – Order of day is that “Chinese are attacking under extreme difficulties & it’s up to Br. to follow the example.” Knows the 33<sup>d</sup> has supplied reinforcements to the 55<sup>th</sup> – Unlimited objective. Gave this to Tu in plain language & called on him for a real effort – Full of excuses as usual. Now wants to go back to Pyinmana, & has held the 2<sup>d</sup> regt of the 96<sup>th</sup> there, thus making it impossible to concentrate at Yedashe in time. (Wind up on sabotage.) Also the 1<sup>st</sup> regt is being held at Yedashe because a jap flank det. is out there somewhere. It’s all a bunch of crap – By Jesus, I’m about fed up on this slippery little bastard.

**MON. MAR. 30.** To bed at 1:30 as usual — Alternatives now at hand — Let it ride & do nothing. Resign flatly – Ooze out, & demand own force – (Make a statement – “Now that command is unified, I believe it would unnecessarily complicate the sit. if I, or 3<sup>d</sup>-country national remain.”) Shoved off at 9:30. Saw Seagrave at Pyinmana (Ching pao). Met Sibert & Wyman etc. Liao & Tu have dogged it again. The pusilanimous bastards. No attack at all. Front quiet. No jap reaction. Just craven. Liao moved CP back a mile. Tu ordered him not to attack till 96<sup>th</sup> & 55<sup>th</sup> get in. – Back to Pyawbwe & Maymyo – Bawled out Gruber for moving Jones – – Wavell here.

**TUES. MAR. 31.** Saw Wavell & Alex -- Explained the sit. -- Shoved off at 12:00 -- (Had to talk roughly to Gruber. He has big ideas. Told him to go on home if he wanted to. He had relieved Sandusky as actg. C/S) -- Dirty, rough tiresome trip to Lashio -- Two bombings to-day. Little damage. -- Told Boatner to buy 2 cars -- Off by CNAC plane at 8:00. At Kunming. Chennault in -- Thunderstorm -- Chungking at 2 A.M. (Send Jones back to Mandalay. Gruber & Boatner to India to look over the situation & report.)

**WED. APR. 1.** President set on the Halverson project. A useless gesture. Saw Shang Chen. He knows. Says he does not want to command troops because of constant interference by C.K.S. Spilled the beans -- said CKS himself was ordering retirement to Pinyin line.) (IS THIS TO BE APRIL FOOL'S DAY FOR ME?) -- At 12 went down & threw the raw meat on the floor. It was quite a shock. Pulled no punches & said I'd have to be relieved. Proposed an independent army as altern. Told him I would not use 10<sup>th</sup> Air Force behind such commanders. -- Left them worried, at 1 P.M. -- P.M. saw Brig. Bruce, & Magruder. Went over to Huang Shan with Tong to finish off the damn AVG thing. And we did. Got Bissell & Magruder, Chennault, Mme. & I. Had a walk. Dinner there, with CKS. He asked a few side questions about the change of CP of the 200<sup>th</sup> Div. which I didn't know about. -- Back at 10:30. Huang Shan is a beautiful layout.

**THURS. APR 2.** Well, the 1<sup>st</sup> may not have been April Fool's Day for me. Mme. proposed that CKS go down personally & line the boys up -- That will be O.K., I guess. -- Raymond Clapper in to talk. -- Tong phoned. Date at 3:30 to see CKS. -- Beautiful day -- spring time here. (Signed voucher for per diem to date. Have not signed pay voucher for March.) Over at 4:30 -- CKS is sending LO CHO YING as exec. & relieving LIN WEI. LO will bear down on 'em, but will take orders from me. Definite. Mme. quite willing to go along. Asked for Br. guerrillas. Bruce was sent for at once. Jesus. Things are looking up. -- Walk. -- Met Bruce. O.K. on guerrillas. Gen. LI sent for. -- Back at 8. (Leak in the B project?)

**FRI. APR. 3.** Good sleep at last. Woke up without a worry. What a wonderful feeling. To office -- for petty larceny. Bruce brought Davidson-Huston in. P.M. Nap. Shang Chen -- Evening H. Tong; must have 4 body-guards!! O, well. (Puked my breakfast; bad orange juice.)

**SAT. APR. 4.** To office CHIU LUNG P'O field at 11:30 – (Shang Chen in, warning about clear-cut orders. As WEI YUAN CHANG HSING YING TS'AN MOU CHANG, I issue orders in CKS name; as commander of troops – the YUAN CHENG CHÜN – in my own name.) (LO is LO CHANG KUAN, zone comd'r. I should be the HSING YING CHU JEN.) (We are making arrangements for the April 8/9 party, but the 3 essential fields have all been bombed!) (LEAK? or just precautions by the japs? Suspect talk in WASH.) (Cut up the Kuan fangs in presence of Shang Chen. It seems they have to be issued by the war office.) – Waited at field till 2 P.M. Flight called off; Lashio radio busted. – Back home – Nap – TO-MORROW IS EASTER.

**SUN APR. 5** – EASTER. (Christ is born again. O, yeah?) Bad weather. (Gen. Li, G-2, & Gen. Li, Gashouse Bill, at field. Talked about Chinese generals. They were very frank. “Watch the generals; they're no good. They send in false reports.”) Brereton pulled on on Andaman Isl. Radioed him How come? & made it snappy. Copy to Arnold. Brereton is swelling up too much. – Off at 11 A.M. – Lunch at Kunming at 2:00. Lung Yun in. Comical little duck. Lashio at 6:00 – Burma Rifles & bag pipes for gissimo. To Porter house for Lin Wei's exposition of the sichyation. Claire Luce here. Sun (38<sup>th</sup>) & Chen (66A) in. Boatner gave us the dope – all pessimistic – Arranged for RAF to use Loiwing. No change on Yedashe front.

**MON. APR. 6.** Off at 5:30 for Maymyo – Took LUCE along – arr. 11:00. Tu in, with fire in his eye – “Well,” says Tseng dryly, “he hasn't seen the generalissimo yet”! Situation about the same. We still have a chance. – Sent Eckert to Loiwing as umpire. 2000 casualties in Mandalay. Town 1/3 burned. No one lifted a finger. – Slim's attack went 23 mi. Then missed jap chu<sup>3</sup> li, & was ordered back, on acct. of a jap force W. of the river. Slim wants to fight. – 4 P.M. talked to Alexander. 7 P.M. meeting with Alexander, CKS, Hutton etc. CKS laid it on, & Alex. told his side of the story. Agreed that 38<sup>th</sup> could go into Mandalay – & Br. could fight at Sinbaungwe. Chinese to put a div. at Sathwa. Parted in amity. CKS said “Consult Gen Stilwell; he has full powers to handle the Chinese troops”.

**TUES. APR. 7.** Date with Alex. at 9 – CKS made one at 9:30 – What to tell Alex – etc. Saw latter & gave him the dirt about his staff. (He's Irish. Knew Rafe Cootes.) Agreed to everything

– RR, – phone, – martial law, etc. Back at 12. To CKS at 12:30. TU, LO, HOU, MME, CKS, & I. (Photos with the CKS's.) Then talk with the boys, who were told in plain words that I was the boss – that they would take orders without question – That I would handle the British, That I had full power to promote, relieve, & punish any officer in the C.E.F. (JESUS!) This is a new note in Chinese history. CKS has come around to my contention; i.e., it is necessary to fight where we are, to hold the oil & food; we must fight a decisive battle now. Lo & Tu are all for it now. (Mme. told them that this is just what I'd been telling them from the beginning, & if they'd done as I said, we'd have been better off. 96<sup>th</sup> to go at once to Gathwa. British to hold till we get there. When we get set, ATTACK. – (Got a directive out of Alexander, who put in a lot of digging on rear lines. Told CKS how we could get out through Taungyi if the British collapsed. He seems to have swallowed the whole business.) WELL, a month ago, this would have seemed incredible, and I wouldn't have believed it would ever come out. Now, Tu & Lo say they don't want to go home if we don't beat the japs. Bolony, maybe, but they have committed themselves.) (Saw Jones, limie newspaper man, formerly in Peking. Usual complimentary patter, but took the trouble to come & see me.) Pumped by Mrs. Luce for "Life" article (CKS wore his teeth for lunch.) Deathly afraid of this damn publicity; what a flop I'll look like if the japs just run me up in the hills – Why can't they wait until after the event, & give me a chance to escape the fiasco I may be inviting? – Saw Sir Reggie Doormat-Smith (Bird-Dirt, as Dorn says) about martial law, etc. Saw of mil. necessity applies here. He promises to back out Mr. Porter. – Dinner at CKS – Alexander, Hutton, Hearn & I, Fish-Head Yü, Lo, & Tong – Dumb.

**WED. APR. 8.** John Liu in for breakfast. Big ideas about pay. Yü Fei P'eng in, trying to pin me down on details of transport, the damn old fat fool. No 1, so and so; No. 2 so-and-so, No. 3. so-and-so – When you turn it on him, he screams. CKS sent for me for 10:30 – Went over his plan of operations. The usual crap, but not so bad, beyond tying up the 38<sup>th</sup> in Mandalay. Only 1 regt. of the 96<sup>th</sup> to go to Sathwa – (Good faith?) 1 regt. of 38<sup>th</sup> to Thazi, & the 3 Bns of the 55<sup>th</sup> to go back to Taunggyi. Poor Sun, condemned to defend Mandalay. KAN in to report; I didn't recognize him. Air raid; we took to the woods & Kan explained the situation under a tree. 28 planes dumped a full load with a hell of a swoosh. One dud near us – The town took quite a beating. Many casualties – One lad going for the culvert didn't make it. Several bombs around our HQ – No hits. A second alarm was a false alarm. Shoved off at 2:30 for Mandalay. Looked

over the huang kung & the temple hill, – a solid rock. No water, no trenches, Poor Sun in a stew. Lo snapped out some orders, & then made the mistake of asking me my opinion. I said “Active defense” & showed him how, so he took refuge in peering around through his field glasses – Reassured Sun & left Mandalay a shambles, still burning & stinking. We finally got out, & made Pyawbwe at 11:00. Got some chow. Bed at 12:30. (Jumpy Burma Rifle guards along the road, cocking their guns & aiming at us) Front fairly quiet. – I expected hell to pay –

**THURS. APR. 9.** Up at 8:00. Plane over for an hour. Long talk with LO and TU about the situation. The boys are breathing death & destruction. Lo wants to cut the Sathwa det. to one Bn. I said NO; must be a regiment. Lo also wanted entire 93<sup>d</sup> sent to Taungyi. I said NO – leave one regiment on Siamese border. Otherwise O.K. – Concentrate in Pinyinana area & fight. Kan to fight south of LOI KAW & watch approaches. – The whole point, of course, is making them stick to the plan. – Air alarm – went out to Tu’s C.P. – 25 planes over Pinyinana – (Long line of crap from CKS. There’ll be another tomorrow.) (Different, of course.) 4 P.M. chow with Tu. 5:30 shoved off for “front”. 200<sup>th</sup> Div. formed up N. of Pinyinana (REPORT – 5600. Tseng says they were never over 7500 & probably less. He figures not over 1000 casualties. “All these guys are liars,” says he. They like to make it look good, & their figures must always be discounted.”) FINE-LOOKING LOT OF SOLDIERS. We all made speeches. Mine was very “chien tan.” Lo screamed for 30 minutes. Then Tu for fifteen. On to 96<sup>th</sup>. Officers lined up in dark at Pyin. Yü is C.G., school-teacher type; indecisive, looks weak. On to 22<sup>d</sup> Div. LIAO talked & talked. A lot of crap At high speed. He impresses me as being empty. The usual bunk about losses, – 14 days in line, & 1300 casualties. They got a live jap to-day. – All the villages burning – Stink of corpses & burnt wood – Back at 4:35 A.M.

**FRI. APR. 10.** Air alarm – LO and TU in to talk. Letter from CKS, welshing on agreement with Br. about 96<sup>th</sup> xx. Now says 1 Bn. is enough. And wants Br. to send their tanks over! Fat chance. (Fight at Pyin. 2 regts of 38<sup>th</sup> to Thazi. 2 Regts of 93<sup>d</sup> to Taunggyi. Threat at LOIKAW, MAWCHI, toward Toungoo if chance offers. Attack japs if they stop. 22<sup>d</sup> delay. Ready about Apr. 15.) – Left at 3:15 for Thazi and Taunggyi. Arr. Taunggyi [*Five blank character-spaces here.*]; just had a bombing. Found C.P. after long hunt. Lo came in, sent for Kan. My bowels turned to water. Up at 2:30. – Lousy dump

**SAT. APR. 11.** Filthy breakfast. Off at 8:15 – Loikow at 11:30 down the valley. CH'EN LI WU (“Dynamite”) is shih chang – Just pulling back, of course. (“Better place to fight”) Jap strength can't be greater than 2000. 55<sup>th</sup> is to FIGHT in Bawlake area, seriously. 3<sup>d</sup> regt. to come down at once. By P.M., 11<sup>th</sup>, one regt. in Bawlake (less 1 Bn & 1 Co.) and one regt. in position at MEI-CHAUNG. Ch'en says he will counterattack from west. KAN feels O.K. about dispositions. He got trucks to TAKAO ahead of time. (55<sup>th</sup> has about 6500 men.) (200<sup>th</sup> has 6,125) (38<sup>th</sup> has 7,500 – 1750 per regt + 2500) (55<sup>th</sup> has 10 TMs per regt. & @ 50 rds.) C.P. is 42 miles from the phone at forward C.P.! Ten miles more to regt'l. C.P.S They sure play it safe – The dumb cluck from V.M.I. '40, spilled the beans. Thunder-storm – Left Loikaw at 4:00. Loilem at 9:00 – (132 mi.) Very pretty country – Hilly & wooded. Cool. Kan put on a good dinner – serving crème de menthe as wine! Good sleeping.

**SUN. APR. 12.** (How CKS got chang hsueh liang to raise the Kuomintang flag. Wu Tieh Chen went up with unlimited credit & 30 Shanghai tarts. Lost money at mah chiang to all of CHL's servants & minions. – CKS makes frequent money gifts to his “boys.”) 7:30 harangued the troops. LO gave them an over-dose. (When the sacred name of the all-highest is mentioned in hushed tones, all spring to attention.) – T'ANG in from 49<sup>th</sup> Div. (C.G.) Quiet down there. Front apparently well covered. Had chow & a guard of honor & shoved off at 10:45. TAUNGYI at 12:50 (58 miles) Lo went to Lashio to wrestle with Yü. (Ha, Ha) – Meiktila bombed. Pywabwe at 6:30 – (Br. have 16,000 effectives. Compare with A's. statement to me of 4,000!)

**MON. APR. 13.** Lim & W<sup>ms</sup>. here. A.V.G. over. Air alarm at noon. Japs going home from Meiktila – Ferris in – (Sent radio to Brereton @ taking orders fom Wavell – & telling him to send the e.m. called for.) Grabbing off Bren guns at Myitkyina for 5<sup>th</sup> A. This will raise a howl. – Dubbed around all day, playing rummy. Hot night – Ants got all over me – Got the shits again.

**TUES. APR. 14.** Hot. Air alarm at 8:00. Tu in at 9:00 with deep gloom. Saw Br. yesterday at Magwe – Complete demoralization. 40 ships in Rangoon. Br. destroying the oilfields 17 xx pulling out of Taungwindgyi. Expects prompt breakdown on Br. front. 38<sup>th</sup> to send a regt. to



Pyawbwe & Ywamun – The Sathwa Bn. attached to Indian Brig. at Taung. – (If we had kept our word & sent the 9<sup>th</sup> to Taung, this would not have happened) – Left at 11:30 for YWAMUN to meet SLIM, who didn't come. On to NATMAUK & met some Br. from Magwe & Taungwindgyi. 17<sup>th</sup> Div. still at Taungwindgyi, & 48<sup>th</sup> Brig – at Kokkugwa. In general, not so bad. Maybe they can hold on. Back at 7:15. Pyawbwe bombed & burned to-day. Message from Lo – Alex. wants me at once at Maymyo – Shoved off at 10:30. (Recon. man for armored brig. in at Pynmana. Sent him back for another look.) (Ferris in.) (Sent M<sup>c</sup>Cabe & Aldrich to Loikaw to push.)

**WED. APR. 15.** Arr. Maymyo 4:30 A.M. Slept till 7:30. Air alarm. With Lo & party saw Alexander at 9:30 to 11:00. Did Aleck have the wind up! Disaster & gloom. No fight left in Br. “Afraid of the japs” who dress as natives & live openly in the villages. Magwe lost, & nothing there to stop japs. Fears a div. is pouring up the road. Acc. to the escaped Indian prisoner, one Bn. – We are sending one regt. to Natmauk, & one to Kyaukpadaung. Br. to hold Taungwindgyi & protect our flank. (Called attention to our strength, about same as theirs.) Lo was O.K. (Hou shot off his face about orders for Sun to move his troops.) Situation very bad. – If M. is lost, 1 Indian Brig & the tanks cover our rear to Lashio. The rest of the Br. go to Kalewa & Myitkyina. (Alex calls me “Joe” now.) – Letter from gissimo, full of crap & nonsense (“Give each squad a watermelon.”) Lo agreed readily to several suggestions; he may be O.K. (Q. – Will he step on Tu?) Nap. Air alarm. Wrote radio to W.D., with many interruptions. (Hearn thinks Breton should be court-martialled.)

**THURS. APR. 16.** Gruber back. Long talk all A.M. Breton has been trying an independence act. Louis Johnson is a new menace. Wheeler O.K. Gave Gruber the NEW PLAN & sent him to sell it to Madame & Gissimo. – Petty larceny all day – Off at 3:15. Hot as hell – Pyawbwe at 7:45 – Jones in with Shen. – Haymaker injured in jeep accident. (Governor's suggestion that we transport to India, by air, 60,000 to 100,000 Indian refugees.)

**FRI. APR. 17.** A.V.G. plane down – 30 mi. S. Merrell told me the GOV. has one of our scout cars!! Can you beat it? Radioed to grab it. Merrell to Br. front. TU is now breathing fire thro. both nostrils & mouth. (It will be coming out his backside soon.) (“Total Victory” is one of his

code words for air support) — Lo Cho Ying in for a talk. Went over the situation. Lo is sound. Has reprimanded Kan. I recommended G.C.M. for Ch'en. — Alexander in. Got promise of 1/2 his tanks. Still doesn't know much about his front. — General outlook much more promising. — (Tseng calls me the E.M.F. of the C.E.F.) — Actually, victory or defeat depends on the character of a few men — TU, YÜ, LIAO, TAI, KAN, CH'EN and LO. — (Lo is beginning to pass back to me stuff I planted in him a week or 10 days before.) (Alexander impresses me as sucking a lot of moral support out of being around us. His own surroundings are constant deep gloom.) (Gave LO the hard word about the Chinese high command.) [Vol. 3 starts here.] 4 P.M. shoved off for Army C.P. at Yezin, C/S had captured map with jap dispositions, one of their intelligence men brought back. Just the 112<sup>d</sup> & 143<sup>d</sup> regts — Tu out to 96<sup>th</sup> & saw Yü, who had shot a capt. & a lieut. for retiring without orders. Good job. Went all around Pinyinana. (“Defeat the Barbarians.”) — looking for def. works. Yü got bawled out. Has not done much of a job. 96<sup>th</sup> not so hot to-day: lost its outposts at Ela & Lewe; at Lewe without much of a fight. — Back to Chün pu & talked till 10:30 — That little bastard Tu has the wind up already. They have art.; they have a reserve, — they may do this or that. He's howling for the 28<sup>th</sup> now. He's a cry-baby, not a commander. Lo didn't take much of his crap, but just the same, he ought to be shot. — Back at midnight. Met Doc Seagrave. He was worried by reports the japs were near Loikaw (!) & across the Meiktila Road.(!) (At P. there is one regt. at Thawatti & one just west. Cav. — 800 — on east flank. About 18 tanks.) Chow. Bed at 11:30 —

**SAT. APR. 18.** Dorn woke me at 3:00. Merrell back. British in hell of a jam. Got up; got Lo up, & got going. 200 xx to Meiktila\* by truck & train. 1 Bn 28<sup>th</sup> to Myingan — 22<sup>d</sup> & 96<sup>th</sup> delay back to Pyawbwe. — There is a hole from Ywamlm to Kyaukpadaung & beyond. Burmese are cut off along the river (3500) (About 3000 on west bank.) Remainder Br. force in Taungwindgyi area. 16<sup>th</sup> — 48<sup>th</sup> — 63<sup>d</sup> Brigs. + ½ tanks. Other ½ with Burmese. — Lo & Co. took this blow well — All our plans knocked to pieces. And in three days the picture might have been so different. — Sent Sibert & Wyman to 5<sup>th</sup> A. Holcomb to go to Mandalay. Jones with Shen. Merrell & Yang back to British for news. — To bed at 5:30. Up at 7:30. Three A.V.G. for breakfast — (Seagrave to move N. of Meiktila.) — (N.B. The way the boys look at me in the jams, — dead-pan, to see how I take it. “Now what are you going to do?” And “Will it break you

down, I wonder?" I feel like an animal in the zoo.) Sibert, Wyman, Holcomb, Sliney back at 10 A.M. 5<sup>th</sup> A HQ. back. 200<sup>th</sup> moving. Three trains tonight, I hope.) (It's a hell of a strain to just sit, helpless, & wonder if that 60-mile hole can be filled up in time.) Note from M<sup>c</sup>Cabe, – No indication of Kan's attack. – Report of Tokyo bombing on radio. – Holcomb & Wyman back from Myingyan reconn. Merrell in at 10:30 – MUCH BETTER NEWS. 113<sup>th</sup> of 38<sup>th</sup> put on a successful attack at Pin Chaung. 400 japs killed. Taungdwingyi lads sent 2000 men to Magwe – they got to within 5 mi. this P.M. 500 japs there. N. to S. Chinese at PIN, japs in Yenanyaung, BURMESE in Yenanyaung, japs (1500) S of it; British closing in on Magwe. Christ – what a relief. Still critical, but by the 19<sup>th</sup> the 200<sup>th</sup> will be in position to smack the 3000 reported moving on Kyaukpadaung. — (Maybe.)

**SUN. APR. 19** Hot as hell. Jap over, strafing. C.C.S. out during night. – LO & TU in at 10:30. Plan to attack W. with 200<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>d</sup> and S. with 38<sup>th</sup> to clean up adv. jap det. 22<sup>d</sup> Pyawbwe to Natmauk. 200<sup>th</sup> W from Meiktila – (What did it? Attack of the 113<sup>th</sup> set it up. Quick move of the 200<sup>th</sup> made the round-up possible.) Now the boys are all smiles. We have another wonderful chance for a killing. – Alexander & Slim, Lo & Tu, Winterton etc. in. ("My men are simply afraid of the japs.") Long b-ache. This Winterton is an ass; I had to raise my voice on him. Well; they delayed our lunch till 3:15. Not so good today at Yenanyaung – Chinese attack went too wide – Slim worried the Burdiv. will fold. Greenlaw in. Arnold in. The "Turn over the 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. to the Br." radio came in. (!!!) – 10:30 P.M. that bastard Tu came in. Same old crap. Can't take the responsibility. Japs will rush up behind us. It will take 2 weeks to fight them. The japs will bomb the roads, etc, etc. The bastard did not use the trains last night. Discipline was terrible. I told him to go ahead & fight. Christ, he's a headache. It kept up till midnight.

**MON. APR. 20.** Spear in at 8:00 – 200<sup>th</sup> hasn't moved. Tai to Mandalay (?) Ordered was issued at 4 P.M. yesterday, but Tu has told troops not to move. (Yang.) – Now I find 55<sup>th</sup> has been in trouble, & I was not told. (Mei yu kuan hsi) – 38<sup>th</sup> retook Yenanyaung, got 400 japs; Burmese out to Gwegyo – So that's cleared up. 96<sup>th</sup> not yet seriously attacked. — Spear in with tales of disobedience & absence. Got Yang, went to Tu's C.P. & stamped around. Tai was not in Mandalay. Tu moves to Kyaukpadaung to-day – Trucks are all being used. Orders were issued – (Sun came in, 38<sup>th</sup> – C.G.) – Disaster at Loikaw – 55<sup>th</sup> completely smashed. Japs above

Loikaw. Only 2 Bns left. Kan terrified. I ordered Yang to have Kan get a <sup>III</sup> of the 49<sup>th</sup> xx to Loilem at once, & to order a <sup>III</sup> of the 220<sup>d</sup> to go to KALAW. (22<sup>d</sup> not yet appearing at Yanethin.) Wild tales of jap tank div. at Loikaw. Aiming at Lashio? Jesus. This may screw us completely. — Later, 96<sup>th</sup> is in trouble. Japs around them on flanks. This looks like a collapse here, too. Jesus again. Sent Sibert down to find out. — Burmese fired Pyawbwe to-day. Getting out their knives now. Phone wires all cut. (Burdiv wanted to surrender at Yenanyaung — Threw away their guns & equipment) — (Slim getting Burdiv & mcg brig. & art. out is significant. Are the British going to run out on us? YES. The outcome is becoming apparent — Sibert back at 1:00 A.M. 96<sup>th</sup> about as we figured.

**TUES. APR. 21.** Battle with planes over our house. No hits. Two bombs. LO came in at breakfast. Decided to send Tu to KALAW with 200.<sup>th</sup> 38<sup>th</sup> stay at Kyaukpadaung. 22<sup>d</sup> concentrate at Thazi. 96<sup>th</sup> delay. 1<sup>st</sup> priority, plug the Loikaw break. — W.D. has already told CKS about diversion of planes to British. He is strongly opposed. “FINAL.” So my wire was too late. Now it’s up to W. D. — (Burdiv lost all their guns & burned all their M.T.) — Move to KYAUKSE, CIRCUIT HOUSE. Went on to Maymyo — Passed many trucks of gas & rice. Q. The Chinese commanders getting rich? That’s why we can’t get trucks at the front. BATH. HAIR-CUT. — “Conference with Plushbottom & Alexander The Great, 9:30-11:30. — The Q. “What shall we do, what, what?” Plushbottom had to write a “directive,” which Alex considered necessary, but was unable to find words to express his “ideas.” The directive is that the troops are to occupy positions where they already are. D-Huston in. I begin to wonder about these tough guerrillas. —

**WED. APR. 22.** Up at 6 — Reached Kyaukse at 8:30. — Got Lo & talked it over. Tu wanted 22<sup>d</sup> Div! No go. Lin wanted a <sup>III</sup> of 28<sup>th</sup> at Lashio — No go — NAP. Alexander came down. Got Lo and “conferred.” Alex will do anything I tell him to. Had him radio Wavell for two recon. planes. (Belden & Barriger for “Time” stuff. — Asked them to kill it.) — Told Lo we’d go to Kalaw & check 200<sup>th</sup>. He couldn’t refuse, but he wasn’t going himself. Shoved off at 7:15 — (Tseng Yang Fu in.) On road, stopped & found 114<sup>th</sup> Inf. in a jam. Lo stayed behind to straighten them out. (What if I hadn’t stopped?) At Meiktila found Tu by the lake. Tai has started, he says. And one Inf. regt. has reached Taunggyi. No new developments. Tu sour at

being chased to the front. Lo made a speech, (spoke of my “determination” in these operations). Bustle during the night, getting 2<sup>d</sup> regt started. Tu wanted to wait till to-morrow.

**THURS. APR. 23.** Slept on porch by Meiktila lake. Cool. Up at 5:20. Hard to get the boys going. Kalaw at 9:00. Tea. On thro. Schwenyaung to pass 18 mi. W. of Taunggyi. TAI there, sitting on his ass. Japs in Taunggyi. Hesitating tactics. Tai’s A.G. stopped after 2 Casualties → (Med. units coming from China. Why? Because I wired Mme. complaining that 19 were promised, & only 4 furnished.) (This business takes constant pressure.) – Contact about 10 mi W of Taunggyi. 50-60 japs, 2 AT guns, scout cars. Pushed back. Advance on T. 600<sup>III</sup> S. of road, 599<sup>III</sup> along road – Surround T. to-night. Attack at daylight. – 3:30 blast of firing just behind us. General consternation. Just our boys shoot up some Burmese. – Went up front in scout car. Brisk exchange of fire. Too thick to see much. The boys were still at mile 7, which was kind of slow-going. A good deal of ducking & starting back going on. Fairly steady, on the whole – Brought back two leg wounds. – At HEHO, word that 1000 japs are on way to KALAW from PEKON. This is the last straw. It busts us wide open. 200<sup>th</sup> must take Taunggyi or be caught fore & aft. Threat to Thazi. Bad news from 96<sup>th</sup>. 50% loss & coming back fast. Lo & I decided to come back to Kyaukse at once. Drove all night, Kyaukse at 6:00.

**FRI. APR. 24.** Gruber reports Excellent progress on India scheme. – Anstill, Br. Tank Cmdr. in. I got LO straight on use of tanks. Yang had fancy ideas. Planes over. – No news from Tu or Kan. Belden & Barriger in – no news till late at night — 2 A.M.

**SAT. APR. 25.** 2 A.M. message that japs are 40 miles N. of Loilem — 5:30 A.M. message from LO, – says he has very important news. Must confer. 96<sup>th</sup> chewed up – Tu got away with the regt. from 22<sup>d</sup> Div., and Sun took 114<sup>th</sup> to Kyaukpadaung. So Meiktila is wide open. Must get a garrison somewhere. (22<sup>d</sup> at Pyawbwe & Thazi.) Called Alexander to come down. O.K. – (The 114<sup>th</sup> mix-up – “SEND A STAFF OFFICER TO SEE IT DONE.”) Q. Did Sun disobey? Q. How did Tu grab the 22<sup>d</sup> regt? – 200<sup>th</sup> got to 4 miles W. of TAUNGGYI. R 50,000 reward at noon today. We have a hunch that Tu will sneak back to-night– Sgt James in with note from Hearn. Sent back word to split the H.Q. & go to Chung King. Most of us to Shwebo. – (The damn Burmese (?) are starting to shoot up the town.) (114<sup>th</sup> ordered to stay in Meiktila. Sun,

apparently, did not get the order, & moved it to Kyauk.) – Alexander & Plushbottom in. Will send a brig. of 17<sup>th</sup> to Meiktila at once. Plushbottom had to write out a Leavenworth order, the jackass. Liao in from 22<sup>d</sup>, heavily attacked at Pyawbwe. Will hang on till to-morrow night. That may let the 5<sup>th</sup> A. special troops & trucks, and the 66<sup>th</sup> Inf slip back thru the hole E. of Thazi. It will be a close call. Then we all fade for Mandalay and its one bridge. I hope it's still there. The 200<sup>th</sup> did get Taunggyi, & will go on for Hopong. A glimmer of hope there. But all we can get to M. will be the 38<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>d</sup>, scraps of the 96<sup>th</sup> & maybe 1 regt. of the 28<sup>th</sup>. (Plushbottom got nasty over his damn No 46. Gave it to Sandusky, who did not forward it. "Bugger the fellow." Bugger you, Plushbottom. This has been a horrible mental day, & at lunch if 6 jap planes didn't dump a load almost on us. How the boys did jump for cover! (65,000 gals of gas & 850 trucks at Lashio about April 18. 105 came down to haul rice & gas. 55 of Yü's & 50 he borrowed from the Central Bank, Food Adm.) Sent half our crowd to Shwebo –

**SUN. APR. 26.** Jones in. – Br. bitched up the move of the 28<sup>th</sup> Div. Delayed at Maymyo. Tu & Lou turned up. Trucks all out. Will pick up 1<sup>st</sup> R. Div. which marched up W. of Pyinmana road. Tu's army troops direct to Mandalay. Taunggyi taken – 1 jap Bn. cut up. 200<sup>th</sup> blocked at pass S.E. of town. Will envelope & try to get to Loilem (May bag 'em yet.) Long b-ache trying to get definite plans made for withdrawal of 22<sup>d</sup> & 96<sup>th</sup>. Endless talk. Finally pinned them down on time & place. Had a staff officer go to Myinge R. Lo wanted to do this & that & change things all around but I wouldn't let him. – Sent Spear down to make sure of rear-guard's covering Thazi. 10 bombers over going N. Later 5 came back, scattered. (Q. Did the radio to the A.V.G. last night to patrol the Ava bridge get the bastards?) – Noon, – Jones in. The bastardly limie let the train go thru KUME. Christ. – Spear back. Nothing new. Burmese murdered 40 Ch. wounded on way back to Meiktila. (At Yenangyaung tied up Indian prisoners & burned houses.) – At 7:00 went down to Kume (train there for 96<sup>th</sup>) & Thedaw. No train. Waited till 1:30. No train. Liao & C of S there. Arranged for receipt of 22<sup>d</sup> – The A.G. had pulled out of Meiktila ahead of 22<sup>d</sup>. 63<sup>d</sup> Brig. at Thedaw till P.M. 27.<sup>th</sup> 48<sup>th</sup> at Kyaukse already. Will not wait for contact. They are just going to beat it. Went to Kyaukse & started our crowd. Waited for Jones. Train still lost; but somewhere S. of Kume.

**MON. APR. 27.** Left at 5:00 4:00? A.M. Went to Myinge & cursed out Shen & got him going. Then came on across Ava bridge at daylight. Car going bad – In Shwebo at 8:00. Found H.Q. & ate. They left a lot of our stuff at Maymyo, & when Yang went back, it was completely looted. Got most of my stuff. – Bawled the hell out of Plushbottom. Bawled the hell out of LO who shoved off to get TU going – The bastards – Ferris & Roberts worried about west road. – About 15 jap bombers plastered the town – Plushbottom came in, much chastened, to discuss the situation. – My, but he was humble. Had bawled out SLIM for “letting me down.” Now SLIM will have to delay, acc. to order. – 13 more planes; didn’t bomb. Just M.G. fire. Slept till 3:45. Yang brought up a big lunch, with strawberries – More planes – 6 P.M. Alexander, Plushbottom & Lo in – Chewed over the situation. Limie wind up over KALEWA. (Japs moving due N. on it.) Q. RECONNAISSANCE? No got.) Limies as usual knew nothing. I got Ferris in & showed them up on the rice stacks. Asked Alec @ original plan of withdrawal. “O, tanks can’t operate over there now; it’s too wet.” Very loath to turn 38<sup>th</sup> loose. We will use 22<sup>d</sup> & 96<sup>th</sup> with one regt. 28<sup>th</sup> to delay on Myinge. Then retire to SINGU, covered by one regt of 38<sup>th</sup>. Then cross over & go up the R.R. to Bhamo. (Letter from CKS. His system is to get a wire about what we’ve done & then issue instructions to do it.) Anyway, he says to stay in Burma, which is more than Br. will do. They are on their way. LO accepts everything I say now.

**TUES. APR. 28.** Planes over at 9. A.V.G.? (We bombed our own trucks south of Lashio. That sit. easier. Japs ½ way to HSIPAW, but roads blocked. If 200<sup>th</sup> gets to Loilem, the japs will be in trouble. Our big worries now are Myinge R. & Kalewa. – Lo in, everything O.K. Told him YU would not do. He said “What shall we do?” I said “Relieve him”. He said “All right” – So that’s somep’n. Tu in at 2:45. Regt. from 28<sup>th</sup> refused to obey Tu’s order to return. Div. comdr. ordered him up, & he was going. Sent Tu to LO; it’s their pigeon, & not mine. – The div comdr of the 28<sup>th</sup> refused to obey Tu’s order, & Chang, C.G. 66<sup>th</sup> A, refused to obey Lo’s order. LIN WEI is issuing orders, also. It promises to be a mess. – Got uneasy about 22<sup>d</sup>, so went down. Sure enough, they were W. of the bridge on the Myitnge, & a big gap on the E. (Br. tanks crossing already.) (Beefed to Alex about this unseemly withdrawal, & Winterton got after Slim.) – Went on to 96<sup>th</sup> C.P. at mile 9 on Maymyo road. Yü is a pitiful object. Entirely oblivious of his troops, he was drinking tea & fanning himself. Cried all over the place – I got

disgusted & left. Dumb Tu gave the 96<sup>th</sup> (1000 fighting men) 20 miles of front, & the 22<sup>d</sup> with 2 regts, about 5 mi. Back in Shwebo at 3:20

**WED. APR. 29.** Got LO over & gave him the dope. He had already issued orders for the 96<sup>th</sup> to go to Myitkyina & the 22<sup>d</sup> to fight delaying action to N., so I left it alone. Alex & Plushbottom in, all worked up over 38<sup>th</sup>'s going back at once – Reassured them. Had a letter from Slim, explaining his move. I was kind of hard on Slim. Martin in; he's attached to us now. Arranged for trucks to haul rice from Segaing. Morton of Irrawaddy Flotilla in about ferry & upriver boats. (Sank 60 boats yesterday) Davidson-Huston in. (namby-pamby.) Biddulph in, the H.A. Lin in. Sending bulk of our CP up river to-morrow. M<sup>c</sup>Cabe failed to get to Singu on E. side of Irrawaddy. Holcomb back yesterday from Kalewa. SHWEBO bombed by 27 jap bastards to-day. Ugly rumor from limie L.O. that Chinese are leaving Lashio. Radioed CKS about Gen. LIU of 28<sup>th</sup> Div. – disobedience. Gruber reports success of his job. We to have complete direction of move. (The staff is squabbling a bit.) God, if we can only get those 100,000 Chinese to India we'll have something –

**THURS. APR. 30.** They will blow the bridge to-night. – Last night word came that Lashio was taken. (CKS sent a radio that we were to hold Mandalay.!! – This A.M. he sent another that we need not hold Mandalay – ) Alex. & Plushbottom in. Aleck's wind is up. Now it looks as if the japs would rush to Bhamo. Radioed for plane to go back to Lashio front. Lo wanted to go by R.R. for some reason or other – His gang will, but he & I will take the plane. Our crowd direct to Myitkyina. Dump rice at Katha. 96<sup>th</sup> there. Also 22<sup>d</sup> & army tr. 38<sup>th</sup> (with British till retreat.) Hard fight at Kyaukse yesterday by Br. rear guard. Japs will be at Myitnge R. to-morrow. Asked W.D. where to go, – India or China. (Alex. has 36,000 men to take out.!! Where in the hell have they all been?) – Went to Lo's place & raised hell about rice; TU & LIN squabbling over trucks, & we breaking our necks to get the rice for them. Arranged for trucks at Myngmu & Shwebo, (Tu & LIN), to haul to RR. Holstrom to hook 5 carloads on very train. Blew up because Lo would not send an officer to Katha with our det. Lo has lost his grip completely, & just wants to get away. Won't give Tu an order, & Tu knows it. – HSIPAW in jap hands, & now there is a threat through Mogok. – Imminent danger of disintegration & collapse. A lot depends on Liao now. I hope the 22<sup>d</sup> stands up – We are sending 40 people to Myitkyina, 12 to Katha &



leaving 20 here. Dorn & I & Tseng & Belden to Loiwing, May 1, A.M. – Alex sending tanks to THABEKKYIN. Lo over, & obviously averse to the plane. Wants to ooze out to MYITKYINA!, leaving the baby with TU. Finally told him, O.K., he could go to Katha if the plane didn't come, & I'd stay over – LOILEM taken by 200<sup>th</sup>, which moved on N.

**FRI. MAY 1.** Loiwing is now closed. No radio com. last night. – Japs on Maymyo road – 200 with 3 tanks near foot of grade – Neither plane, – from Chungking or Calcutta, – had appeared before 8 A.M. – So I'm stuck on the W. front. 5<sup>th</sup> A at ZIGON. So we'll go, too – LO shoved off by train. This is his first complete let-down. He never intended to go on the plane at all. – Alex & Plushbottom in. Japs at Monywa, but were pushed out. No news from the back road. Br. very much worried. At 10, 27 bombers went up & worked on Kinu. – At 11, a plane in from Yunwanyi! Loiwing muddy & closed. Not Kuowa if obstructed – Sent bulk of HQ crowd out to Calcutta. Plane to be back to-night. Sent for three planes to come in to-night & told Haynes to be in also. We can get some Br. women out anyway. (The crowd that shoved off were plenty pleased; – Roberts, Haymaker, & Townsend said Good-by to me. Also Arnold. M<sup>c</sup>LAUGHLIN. Others, no.) We are now down to about 12 officers, plus hangers-on. – LO's train collided last night with another. Unfortunately, he was not killed. Went to Br. HQ about the planes for Br. families. Dumb limies sitting around — Got a capt finally. Not interested, don't you know – “Our people are all out, I believe.” Left a note for W<sup>ms</sup> – Then the God damn car stalled, & we went back to get it fixed. Then 3 hours to ZIGON – On to Ye-u via the canal. – Bad news from Monywa – japs in & moving north. Got the Burdiv. CP & all codes. Critical business. Started back, & our moron driver got stuck in the sand – A bitch of a time. With orders to go to the 38<sup>th</sup>, too. – Christ. We got pulled out by a truck, but the God damn engine wouldn't start. – Got a car from Alexander – Back at 10 – Told LOU (C of S) about 38<sup>th</sup>. TU not yet in. Camp at Taze – All trucks together. Jones in.

**SAT. MAY 2.** Tu in at 6:00 – Ferry mess at SINGU. Goddard ordered boat sent to BHAMO – our boat. All others sunk. Tu said “No” & got ready to fight & this time he's right. Had breakfast with us. Shoved off at 6:20. Battled along the ox trails till 10:00. KANDALU. 35 kms. N. of ZEGON. Hot. New Lieut. (Belknap) in with mail, from Myitkyina. 8 planes over. Missed us. Had a BATH! (Agric. Farm well) – 3:40 off again. Dorn bellied us 3 times, Bitch of

a “road”, Got to Pintha at 7:00. Supper at 11 P.M. LO’s train in. Talked to him; he was secretly ashamed of himself. Refused to join him. Seagraves instruments; we picked them off a bull-cart at the station. Looted. Tu’an chang LI had been picking things up.

**SUN. MAY 3.** Off at 6:30. Sibert & I & Jones by R.R. auto. Nice ride to Kawlin. Road blocked by 2 cars. Limie was just looking at them. Jones rooted them out & pushed the cars up. Did the limie push? NO. – (No news from anywhere. japs may be in Bhamo for all we know.) Got to Wuntho at 9:30; Lo’s train is in. Found Ferris’ crowd, had a good breakfast. Track west is tough; after 40 motor miles. Papaya here. Mangoes not ripe yet. St. John (ACCIDENT) burned the baggage yesterday. (4:00 P.M. no one in yet.) Picked out a camp at edge of town. Found Lo – No news. Lin Hsiang there, the S.O.B. Letter from CKS to go to Myitkyina with 5<sup>th</sup> A & not lose time. Rain. 22<sup>d</sup> coming over the river. It is now apparent that we can no longer be of much use. Spear is pulling out his people now. Tu is doing just as he pleases. Lo has no control over him. Lin Hsiang is doing nothing. Why keep Americans in hot water? I want to get the crowd to Mogaung – Saw LO at 4 P.M. but he had no news. False alarm LIN was with him. “Come back at 8.” – Picked out a camp at temple – our crowd in at 6. After tough trip – Went at 8 to see Lo — HOUSE DARK, EVERYBODY GONE. He was haranguing the troops about looting. Shot one bird to-day. Went to train & talked supply. LIN HSIANG had no plan. I told him we had several. Should we work or not? O, of course. And Lin would leave a man here with us. I said “O, no, LIN will stay.” We are just bothering them now. “5<sup>th</sup> A will bring their own food,” etc. etc. LO wants a plane at Myitkyina. He goes to Indaw. We collect rice & follow. LO was leaving without notice. No news. Three garbled wires from CKS. Decided to send our crowd out.

**MON. MAY 4.** Radios from Marshall. Indefinite – London radio. – “Gen. Alex. a bold & resourceful comdr. has fought one of the great defensive battles of the war” – And a lot of other crap about what the limies are doing – Martin in, Disintegration at SHWEBO. 22<sup>d</sup> bombed at ferry. ½ across A.M. 3<sup>d</sup>. 38<sup>th</sup> at Shwebo. Br. holding south of Ye-u. Japs going up Chindwin R. Civil war conditions all over again. Chinese out of control. 5<sup>th</sup> Col. busy. Decided to take train if possible. If not, go west to TAMU. (LIN has run out on us.) – Jones reported RR jammed. Hell. Martin & Spear going west. Three days to get elephants. Or 5 days carry of

chow. Q.? Rec. Katha road for an hour. Looked good. We'll go that way. Off at 3:30. Fair road to Singon, where I had a hunch & enquired. We were 6 mi past the turn-off, – Col. Holcombe being the guide. Pooped around the wrong turn, got stuck, got out. Finally got back, dug up a forestry guide, had 12 miles of good road to the forest bungalow. Arr 10:30 – Nap. Breakfast at 1:00 A.M. Off at 1:45. Good road into NANKAN. On to Meza – One bad bridge –

**TUES. MAY 5.** Repaired it & got over in 40 min. Bridge at MEZA was a fright. Chinese trucks barging in over a plank makeshift. (Mileage yesterday was 52). (Elephants trumpeting in the woods Wonderful big trees.) (Fine big bungalow.) (Guide lost us twice.) NANKAN to INDAW about 40 mi. – MEZA to INDAW 18 mi. — We got a couple of cars over. Dorn, Jones & I went to Indaw about a train. A joke, of course. Road jammed both N. & S. Everybody piling out the Indaw road. Lo is sunk, he has to be a refugee. Back to get the gang, worried sick about the bridge. Thank God, they were nearly over, – price R.100 for quick repair. Set up the column & went back. Waited & waited, imagining all sorts of calamities. Finally at 2:00, M<sup>c</sup>Cabe came in – Broken gas line. Instead of junking the God-damn truck, they were tinkering on it. Christ. If I can only get them around the corner. Went up 3 mi to wait, – Dorn put the car in the soup. Got dragged out. Then waited, & waited, & waited. Only 4 trucks & Case had turned up. Finally got them up & on the way. Utterly oblivious of damage of being cut from food by bridge break or ford block – Battled all P.M. to get them forward, ahead of Chinese rush. First stream, Dorn put the car in the sand. Everybody farted around, & sure enough the Chinese began to come up & pour through. They went right thru us like Red Grange. 1<sup>st</sup> X-ing was at Mawteik – Not bad, 2<sup>d</sup> beyond there – Br. lorry blocking ford. Tried to get it out but limie didn't want to get his feet wet. I finally got desperate & told the boys to for Christ's sake, let the trucks go. S. of BANMAUK, instead of using the bridge, we forded. More time lost. LO caught up. We got out after dark & went on till 11 P.M., at camp 14 kms. beyond Banmauk – I think we are ahead of the deluge. TU's gang coming along behind in 2 ½ tonners, God help us. To hell with the bridges & fords –

**WED. MAY 6.** Late start – 3:30 A.M. (Lost 4 trucks yesterday, & 1 sedan, but have the food, & the jeeps, & the party is together, & still ahead of the deluge. 3 serious fords yesterday. – Through Thayetkow before dawn. Flat. Mansi about 8:00. Got guide. On to Magyigan.

Bamboo bridge 2 mi. E stopped us. Checked up on personnel, & found 8 limie stowaways. Abandoned the trucks, harangued the troops, & went on to Magyigan while the chow was shifted. – 10:00 A.M. Saw headman of course, no rafts. Coolies all gone down stream already. 10 days to get rafts. – Down to next village & saw head-man. Ting'ed 60 carriers for tomorrow. Good eggs here – (the people). Papayas. We go 2 days on foot, then on boats to Homalin – NANTAW is boat place. – Jeeps in at 12:30. Castens & co – whiskers turned up to go along. – (We are off the main refugee route. We are ahead of the Chinese horde as yet. If we push hard, we can make it.) P.M. getting bearers, arranging food, etc. By chance a herd of pack horses came by & we took after them & captured them. O, boy what a break! Case getting ready for bed is like a herd of elephants – Last messages by radio. Several in.

**THURS. MAY 7.** Out at 6:30 A mess. Start ordered for 5:00. Easy pace – down the river. Till 11:00 – Holcombe out. Merrell out; heat exhaustion. Lu out. Sliney pooped. Nowakowski same. Christ, but we are a poor lot. Merrell carried his bedding, thrown off the packs. And the limies had 2 enormous mattresses! The water felt good. Too hot to rest. Chow at 3:30. Made a raft for the sick. It turned out that the fat pack was Eldridge's. Two mattresses & overcoat, etc. Made a speech on the subject & started at 4:30. Hard going in the river all the way. Cooler. Camped at 7:20, & bathed. St John & mules ahead, so we hiked on & caught up. All packs reduced to 10 lbs. on acct. of that SLOB Eldridge.

**FRI. MAY 8.** Start ordered for 5:00. Off at 5:45. Delay in kitchen. Made Dorn mess officer. Eldridge is a slob. No guard on food. No check. – Did 4 marches to SAINGKYU – Arr. 10:15. Limies' feet all shot. Our people tired – damn poor show of physique. – Chattering monkeys in the jungles. – Bombers over; reminder that we're not out yet. Hot camp, insects. Long delay with coolies. March down river to next village & camped. Pleasant grassy camp. Soaked in the river. Had tea, & a good sleep. Merrell & Holcombe better. Nowakoski still shot.

**SAT. MAY 9.** Were to start at 5:00. Got off at 6:30, all over frigging around with the bearers' loads. Dry hike today. Took them to LE GEDAUNG without a stop. Gradually getting some discipline. Fourth march, – water 3 mi. out of Maing Kaing. Sibert pooped out. Rogue elephant flushed the Col. We ganged up on him, but he didn't bother us. Smarty Col. D-Huston couldn't

see what we were up to, – the elephant had a bell on him, didn't he? Left camp at 4:30, on time for once. Arr. MAINGKAING at 5:45. Some rafts ready. No boats. Had a swim. We can start to-morrow.

**SUN MAY 10.** Overcast. Mules by land, with Chinese. Laiborne in charge. They left at 8:30. Sun came out. Nurses put the roofs on the rafts. (Tachins send their girls out to get screwed as soon as they are 12.) Long scramble getting rafts ready. Mat sheds by Seagraves group. Always willing. We have a couple of gentlemen who can't [Vol. 4 starts here.] be bothered with work (Sliney, Holcombe etc) & Sibert getting himself all fixed up. Four 3-piece rafts & an A. G. of 1 piece. 10 polers. First raft off at 10:30. (Jones says "Can this be an appointment in Samara?" Christ.) Nice ride, but too damn slow. Swim. Nap. At dark, supper, then at 10:00 off again. All night poling & pushing.

**MON. MAY 11.** Showers. That is ominous. Stop for breakfast. 10 mi from Maingkaing – Limie officer told me the dep. con. at Homalin strongly recommends against the direct route. Rafts all split of course. Seagraves & the limies lagging – Had a hell of a job collecting the gang & getting on our way. Off at 10:00. Made good time to the 6-mile village. No W.C; no D.S.O., no definite dope. N. trail is cold & just a track thru the jungle. Rumor that preparations for us have been made at Homalin. Had tea & shoved at 4:30. Made a mile or so, & wind stopped us. So we stopped for a big chow – tea, chicken & rice, green tomatoes & jungle spinach – Off again at 10:00 P.M. & struggled thru the night. Many snags & the rafts are breaking up. I dead-beat all night.

**TUES. MAY 12.** This is Mother's Day. Rain at daylight. Mountains now in plain view. 8 A.M. – about 4 mi. from Homalin. In at noon, maybe. – Got there at 2:00. It was six mi. at least. Contact with mules, kitchen raft, & A. G. No one in Homalin. Commissioner up-river with a launch. I bet he's beaten it. Tel. off. shut – suspicious. Case got bearers. Mules went on & crossed Chindwin. Sent Jones to direct them up-river. Usual fuss getting started. Off about 7:00 P.M. Had an arms inspection. Limies astounded; their guns were in terrible shape. Hiked to village about 3 mi above Homalin. Camped in temple. M<sup>c</sup>Cabe "This space is taken." The pompous ass. Slept on concrete floor.

**WED. MAY 13.** Off at 6:30. 2 mi to ferry. Over the Chindwin by dug outs & freight boat. Laiborne not yet up with mules. He's thinking, I suppose. Waited till 1:00 P.M.; then Jones came in. Mules coming up west bank. Remembered O'Hara just in time. Off at 2 P.M: Hell of a mess over bearers – Met mules at top of hill. Sibert at once began to interview Laiborne privately. Took it easy over good trail, but the sissies all pooped out. They can't take it. (Ferris, O'Hara, Sibert, etc.) (Holcombe) (Limies) Huston tried to lead his horse thro the mess line! "What will I do with him?" And he's a guerrilla leader. Well, by 5 P.M. everybody was tired & snappy, so I stopped at 6:00 & camped. Cool pool of water, & a swim – Thunderstorm but we were just off the edge of it.

**THURS. MAY 14.** Off at 7:15. Pioneers got a baroda, but it didn't work, – just wet our backsides & feet, too. Sikh fired off his rifle, by "accident." Just a mut. Bawled out Barton for criticising chow. Three slow marches thro. cool shady jungle to 10:30 – The SISSY BRIG. can't take it. (Big bright green snake about 8' long.) Noon halt at 12:15 P.M. Off at 3:30, long climb up to KAWLUM – Heavy rain caught us just as we arrived. Soaked – Castens had wind up. Came & suggested going ahead for food. Said the trip was a gamble – Nice prospect – after posing as an expert Daniel Booner now he admits he knows nothing. Well, we were met at Kawlum by the relief expedition, sent by the British from Imphal – Food, doctor, ponies & everything. Quite a relief, though we could have gone on by ourselves. Had chow with the British – canned sausage, while our people had pig. Jones, Sibert & I struggled up the mt. & back, to be polite. Rained like hell. All of us in a nipa shack

**FRI. MAY 15.** Changed Chinns for Tangkhuls. Time changed. Back an hour. Slow start (Chin coolies.) Off at 7:45, made 7 mi up & down by 12:00. Off at 2:00 for the climb to 6500. Not bad. Right over the top of the peak. Beautiful view over Manipur Hills. Down into SAIJAPA valley & a thunderstorm. In at 5:30. 14 miles. The cream puffs are doing better. Private shack for the night

**SAT. MAY 16.** Off at 5:45 – Easy pleasant going till about 10:00. Then a bitch of a hill; four half hours of steady up. This is what Sharp was talking about – not yesterday's hummock.

Reached CHAMMU over the top at 12:45. Greeted by headman in brilliant red blanket, with bottle of rice beer. Had tea & crackers. Headman of last village presented me with a goat. I reciprocated with cigarettes. The TANGKHUL bearers are fine types. Hair-cuts just like Iroquois Indians. Good looking & tough. – Good-humored & friendly. Jump-strap & wooden yoke collar carry 50 lbs. Spring water along the route. Beautiful view at CHAMMU. Tang Khuls wear same colour necklaces as Igorots. G-string sashes. Colorful blankets. The route is well kept up, but is just up & down, & over the top. And repeat. Sibert continues to make dumb remarks & silly suggestions. Off at 2:15 & in camp at MATIANG at 4:00. All down hill. Congested camp, with horses, mules, & 200 bearers. That bastard Ch'ao still has the typewriter – Soaked feet in brook. Rocky hillside in gorge – Tangkhuls squatting around their rice pots & fires. Lean-to shacks. What a picture, if we only had a movie camera! Thatch covered bridge. Chinese soldiers. Burmese girls. Americans & limies, all in the brook washing & shaving & soaking feet. Coolies built me a house, bed & all, in an hour. Rough sleeping. (14 mi.)

**SUN. MAY 17.** 17 miles to PUSHING on the hill-top. Stiff climb at start, then a long loop down to camp at 14 miles. Start at 5:40, in at 1:00. – Off again at 3:15, up-hill, & in Pushing at 5:00 – Beautiful location; gorgeous view out south over a mass of ridges. Noon stop just across the valley – The goat is still with us – The Nagas came out at each village with a bottle of rice wine, to welcome the great man! – Pushing has a touch of Alaska; the side walls of the houses have upright boards carved like totems. The trees at the top were all cut in notches, with the top branches cut off. – Tangkhul with a safety pin earring.

**MON. MAY 18.** Noisy night, with bugs. Off at 5:30, for once, on time. Long zigzag climb, which flattened off for a couple of miles at 8 A.M. (Sharp says this is the BEST route across hills.) Continued receptions, rice wine, seats, & red blankets at all villages – Getting to like the wine. Pretty country; rice terraces, more villages. Made 11 miles by 11 o'clock & had lunch. Cripples getting fewer. 6 miles to UKHRUL. (The Tangkhuls wear a ring on their dinks while they are in the fields with the women working. The women strip down, & the men can't keep their minds on their work without the ring.) Off at 1:15 climbed for  $\frac{3}{4}$  hrs. Then levelled off. In Ukhrul at 4:00. More headmen with cider & chickens. Jones got the Assam Rifles' salute!

Beautiful place, much like Bagiuo – 6400' elev. Miffin meat for supper. All officers in S.D.O's house. Imphal bombed again. MITHUN is the word.

**TUES. MAY 19.** Bad start. Off at 5:50. Ran into rain. Piked on & passed thro. Limpo without being stopped. The dumb doctor was “eating my meals.” So we went on & on & on, – 15, 16 miles, & then found we'd have to go all the way. Had a cracker & a piece of meat, & rolled in at 4:00 P.M. – 21 miles. 2/3 of the limies on ponies; none of our people. Sharp started for Imphal to get the trucks out. – Paid the bonuses. – Eckert & Arnold came in. They had been looking for us, after all, at Tamu & here – cigarettes & chocolate.

**WED. MAY 20.** Rained all night. 7 trucks came in, but it's going to be “push” most of the way. (Loud talk before reveille. Bawled out Jones. It turned out to be Sibert! McCabe & Ferris, who stood mute while I bawled out Paul) We put the stuff out & shoved off at 10 A.M. Only one bad place, where everybody, except the British, pulled & pushed & waded in mud up to their knees. Sharp was in there with the coolies but not the Gentlemen of England. We got in at 3:00 & had chow at the old fort. Cordial reception by the limies – Gen. Irwin, Brig. Allen etc. Sibert & I & aides at Residency, which has been well bombed – (18 in grounds). The P.A., an old fart named Jimson, failed to send off our messages. The colossal jackass. “O, were they to be forwarded?” he says. Jesus. Chow at fort & to bed with hell of a cold. Mosquitoes inside the net. (Nice message from W.D. & G.C.M. WHY?)

**THURS. MAY 21.** Rain. Breakfast at A mess. Not such a hot impression. Indefinite about transportation. Fabian Chow butted in, & I dressed him down. Br. have no contact with japs, who appear to be going for China. Chinese troops not heard from. Alexander in N. Delhi. – Feeling like hell with a cold – Had lunch at A mess. – A most casual business. (I almost walked out.) In bed all P.M. Got dinner from Gimson – (punk) – & took 10 gr. quinine, 10 gr. asp., & a luminol tablet & turned in.

**FRI. MAY 22.** Breakfast at 4:00 – Party left at 4:30 by truck. Sibert & I with Allen at 5:30. So doped up I dozed all the way to Dinapur. Mao half-way, about 5400', at 87 mi. KOHIMA – then winding hill road all the way in – Stopped at Br. base camp – Lunch, tea, & hair-cut.



Sandusky here, word from Gruber – Magruder quitting, – “bronchial trouble.” The bastard. Meeting Wavell tomorrow at Dinjan. Nagg butted right in at lunch & sat down & monopolized the talk. The gall of these boys. – Br. want the Ch. troops in N. ASSAM – Of course – Good protection – Tea at mess. Also dinner. At 8:00 six of us got on a special car & went to bed. Pretty soft.

**SAT. MAY 23.** Train pulled out at 3 A.M. At 6:00, we got tea at FURKATING (!), & sta. master held train for us to get breakfast. Bacon & eggs. Lunch out of cans. Tea gardens all along R.R. Rice paddy everywhere. Got to TINSUKIA about 5:00. No one around. Phoned to field & Brereton, Gruber, Scott came in & got us. They had been about to turn out the entire bomber command to look us up. To Mr. Reynolds’s house, (tea planter, – – hospitality at 5 R each), had bath & chow. Wavell & Alexander came up & talked. Decided to go to Delhi first. Talked to Gruber, Bissell, Naiden, Wheeler, Brereton.

**SUN. MAY 24.** Off at 8:40 in Brereton’s plane for Delhi. Rest of party just arrived Dinjan (Four sick.) Gruber says everything will be O.K. – Good dopy trip to Delhi – In at 4:30 – Flock of newsmen at airport taking pictures. Into Imperial Hotel. Press conference at 7 P.M. to 8 – Hell of a lot of mail, – all junk – Two letters from home – that was good.

**MON. MAY 25.** All A.M. on paper work & figuring the angles. – Radio to take 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. away from Br. in answer to frantic wires from China. Got Brereton & figured out a plan. – John Liu in for a job. – Dinner with Bosshardt & journalists. Kind of tiresome – Dorn fell asleep

**TUES. MAY 26.** A.M. papers. P.M. same. Wrote Win & Secwar. (My fierce-looking guard) Party in from Dinjan. Ferris’ cockeyed recommendation for D.S.M.’s – Adler in. – Shen in. – John Liu engaged – Naiden’s remark “Came over the mountains just to save his face.” –

**WED. MAY 27.** Now Roberts wants to go home, on account of his belly. P.G. TENNEY is here, – inspector for 10<sup>th</sup> A. F. Full col. Wants to transfer to our H.Q.! Englehart in, apologetic about going home & lack of accomplishment in China. Got Sibert primed. Wrote up March of Time stuff. Arranged for plane. – Wrote reprimand for Eldridge. – Brereton, says he’ll be in

Kunming in 10 days. – 1 sq. F, 1 sq. MB. Snow reported. Eisenhower wants Wyman. – Sent in script for broadcast on “March of Time,” & at 5:00 recorded it. British censor wanted to re-vamp it; Fisher wouldn’t let him – Yü & Shen are up to some dodge with 20,000 raincoats & 20,000 prs. of shoes. Our S.O.S. will do all that. British referring everything to us in connection with Chinese troops. Date with Wavell at 7:30 – “Hello, Joe” stuff. He mumbled around & I didn’t get very far. Will go back for Burma. Probably give us Ramgarh. – From there to Davies’ dinner at Maiden’s Hotel, a God-awful affair. (Face-cougher Bosshardt & a couple of nondescript limies, & Shaughnessy horned in.) Dust storm, lights failed, waiters banged into my chair. Christ. I left early.

**THURS. MAY 28.** Odds and ends finishing up. Reprimand for Eldridge. Short staff meeting. – Personal letter from Gruber. “Please ask for my relief” – Christ again. Isn’t there one of them that puts the war first & himself second? – Shoved off at 11:00 in a B-25. (250 M.P.H. – 1150 mi. from 11:03 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.) Not so comfortable, but fast as hell. Beat the transport in. TSENG quite excited because I would not see LO. (B-ache all night? I guess not.) Usual blah at Reynolds. Loud “host-ing.” Turned in early

**FRI. MAY 29.** God-damn boy woke us at 5:30 instead of 6:30. – The PEST – Reynolds – went with us for breakfast at e. m. Mess. Sgt. Moore, 15<sup>th</sup> Inf., 1927, in charge. Reynolds poisoned the whole morning. At the air-field met LO & YÜ FEI P’ENG. Usual speech by LO. I was rude, emphatic, & brief. LO refused to come back. Trying to rationalise. We shoved off in B-25. at 9:00 & reached K’unming at 11:30. Rode at 17-20,000 & got cold. Took the oxygen. At Kunming found that weather at Chung King was impossible. Went to bed with some aspirin. M<sup>c</sup>Morland & Vaughan in. (Good sleep.)

**SAT. MAY 30.** Fine day. Feeling better. Bad weather in Chungking. Can’t land. To bed at 10 A.M. Woke at 3:00. Soup & tea. Dozed till 7:00. Soup & coffee. Kept on – aspirin & luminol.

**SUN. MAY 31.** Still bad at Chungking. Stayed in bed. At 1:15 routed out – Plane at 1:30 We shoved off at 2:50 – & at 3:50 were turned back on acct. weather worse over Chungking. No

report from plane ahead of us -- (Gruber is giving me the glum silence now. Which I am not going to take.) Went to bed. Strangely enough Gruber came in with soda bicarb. AVG party -- good Chinese double quartette.

**MON. JUNE 1.** We are to shove off early & sit over C.K. waiting for a hole -- Chiang Mon Lin going along -- Bad report at 8:00. At 1:00 Dorn got off one of his false alarms & we all rushed to field. 0-0 at Chung King, & no one had sent for us! Back again, & to bed. -- Stewart in to talk. Full of the corruption & inefficiency of the Ch. high command.

**TUES. JUNE 2.** Chiang Mon Lin in & out. Ching-pao -- Shower. -- No japs came in. More uncertainty. 1 P.M. rumor. Weather at Chungking worse! Stayed in bed. Read. This is getting funny.

**WED. JUNE 3.** Still rainy. Got up for breakfast & then got into bed. At noon; -- CNAC plane in at 1:00. We can take the officers on that; guards, etc. later. I don't believe we'll get off. -- We did, about 4:00, pulling 10 limie soldiers off the C.N.A.C. plane. Fine weather at Chungking. Late afternoon light on spring crops, -- very pretty sight. Shang Chen & Ho Yao Tsu met plane -- Back to No. 3 --

**THURS. JUNE 4.** Gruber started right in with a squabble -- at breakfast. [*Two characters deleted.*]’s impossible. Got Mendelssohn to look me over. He says jaundice, perhaps due to bad yellow fever serum last Feb. To bed & a purge in the morning. -- At 12:30 to see CKS & Mme. Both very pleasant. Invited me to Huang Shan for week-end. I gave them the full story, pulling no punches & naming names. They were surprised LO did not come. Left the paper with Mme. She took a quick look & said, “Why, that’s just what the German advisers told him!” Shoved off at 2:30.

**FRI. JUNE 5.** Stayed in bed. Took calomel & salts & blew the cork for fair -- Rainy. Ate dinner.

**SAT. JUNE 6.** Bissell talked my arm off. To bed, tired. Bruce in. Taylor (Carmel vet) in. Reneged on dinner at CKS to-night. Chinese chow here. And very good.

**SUN. JUNE 7.** Still dopey & lifeless. News of the Midway battle came in. Looks better now. Q. Were those bastards making a bid for Hawaii? Up & around but dragging my ass. (Shang Chen in)

**MON. JUNE 8.** Doc says I'm better. Maybe – Slept, dubbed, & read. TSENG in. Going to KWEILIN on leave. Very complimentary. Had news of Spear's death from Martin. Party was ambushed & walked into a blast of rifle fire. Spear hit in the chest. Brand grabbed him & they both rolled down a cliff. Several others killed. Probably Burmese action, – nobody seen.

**TUES. JUNE 9.** Another dubby day. Eating better, but slow work. HO YAO TSU called. On the roof in P.M.

**WED. JUNE 10.** More of the same. Gruber–Mendelssohn squabble. – Not such a good day. Went over possibilities with Gruber.

**THURS. JUNE 11.** Brereton due on 13.<sup>th</sup> Got Dr. Grace over from N. A. office. Queer swelling on ankles. Slept badly. Doubt if medicos know what they're doing

**FRI. JUNE 12.** Up all A.M. Slept all P.M. Mendelssohn & helper went over me again. Feeling punk.

**SAT. JUNE 13.** Read, as usual. Wheeler, Brereton, Strahm in, in P.M. Long talk about situation & plans. Brereton brought 2 hams! Feeling better. Believe it's the turn.

**SUN. JUNE 14.** Not so good this A.M. Better in P.M. Conference – Chennault, Wheeler, Brereton, Strahm, Gruber, Bissell. Arrangements for 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. – H. Tong in. Not so objectionable as usual –

**MON. JUNE 15.** Wheeler, Brereton & Co. left. Date with CKS at noon. All about joint staff, air freight, Ch. troops in India, etc. His ignorance & fatuous complacency are appalling. He is so dumb he's impervious to attack. Had some plain words. I'm to take care of 5<sup>th</sup> A. TU stays. (To hell with my face.) Felt somewhat better. Shang Chen in. Very frank about everything. Says everybody agrees with me, but no one dares say so – It seems like an impasse.

**TUES. JUNE 16.** John Liu in, reporting. Confirms all my suspicions. Bruce, Warburton & Omcny came in & we gave them the run-around. Obvious stooges, for Wavell. Limies trying to horn in on our show. – Bruce then brought up joint staff business. Put him off – Gruber took them out & then passed them on to Bissell. Rotten day; felt worse than any time during the siege. Little better at night.

**WED. JUNE 17.** 2 weeks of this God damn jaundice. All Mendelsohn can suggest is to go away. Cleaned up all back stuff, and got off some radios to Delhi & Agwar. Feeling better & better. By night actually wanted to go on living. – Mayer in, weeping as usual. – Chennault in. – Very nice message from the secwar, which made me feel good. He has my 3<sup>d</sup> letter.

**THURS. JUNE 18.** Rainy day. Thought I was going to pep up, but didn't. Rather bum day till evening. – Then better. John Liu butted in on me today. He also hi-jacked a car! He'll have to be taken down

**FRI. JUNE 19.** Better to-day. About an hour on the roof. Shang Chen in for a talk. – Roberts gets desk job in W.D. New G-2 is STRONG, G.V. Christ, but they're hard up.

**SAT. JUNE 20.** Dr. Greene, Red + in. So Bobby Lim is also a crook. – Gruber has worked up another grouch. I jumped on him for interrupting me. – Ho Ying Chin in, – just a K'o ch'i call. No business talked. – Am definitely better. Churchill back in Wash. Wind up over Africa? German peace feelers?

**SUN. JUNE 21.** Better & better now. Appetite improving. Doc brought some candy. Radioed Brereton – no women to China. – Also about British personnel in 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. Induction board

started. – Shut off M.A. from office files. Radioed Wash. about his message. – No report on Homalin matter.

**MON. JUNE 22.** Surprising radio from T.V. Soong. What's up now? Why did CKS go to Ch'eng Tu? – Am I to be the goat during the collapse? – Big wind blew up at 8 P.M. Some rain. Cooler. – N.B. Brereton agreed to give Chinese training planes in India to British! Chennault nearly caught in Heng Yang.

**TUES. JUNE 23.** (Ludicrous effect of C/S in shorts, with ankle socks – ) Doc. Bachman in (Am. Bureau of Medical Aid?) Bobby Lim is in a jam, all right. Rain in P.M. – John Liu gave a Chinese dinner; I begged off. Lo Cho Ying called off his date at 9:00 to-morrow. CKS calling for him. – Bomb-shell from Krouer to Mayer!!! Told Mayer what I thought of his telegram to Wash. Rather poor reaction, – “it was all such old stuff!”

**WED. JUNE 24.** [*Stilwell has drawn a line around the date.*] Rain. Lo Cho Ying in to feel me out. Told him any training in India would be by Americans under Am. command. — (Bergin brought the bad news about M.A.S. at 10:30. Thank God we got her to China & Carmel. Thank God for a lot of things in that connection.) [*Sentences in parentheses are enclosed by a line.*] Saw Ho Ying Ch'in at 2:00. The little horse's ass. He'd never seen the paper @ the joint staff, but he had talked about it. Wierd ideas on staff procedure and duty of joint staff, & foreign contingents in general. J. Liu said he didn't know what he was talking about. – Mme. at 5:00. She made a few cracks & I came back at her. Told her how orders came from 4 sources. CKS came in early & started off on 5<sup>th</sup> Army. Wouldn't send Tu back. Would think over art. plan. – Then the joint staff business & Big Plans. (500 planes & 5,000 tons a month!) etc. Agreed with me, & vs. Ho on C/S business. Left, then Mme again on Lo for India. Agreed to take Lo if Tu comes home. O.K. I in command & prescribe training. Now CKS thinks the idea will develop. “Send 50,000 in by air!” Christ. We are dealing with children. – Bomb shell from Wash. Brereton to Auchinleck with B-17s & 24's. Temporary duty. Takes all our transport planes. Now what shall I tell the gissimo?

**THURS. JUNE 25.** Li Tu Kung (G-2) in; wants to go to India. – Telegram from Elks Lodge, Palatka, @ M.A.S. Radios from President & Marshall – (M.A.S.) Chiang Mon Lin called. Good egg. Says I've got CKS thinking, anyway. – Belden in. – Decided to put inspector on 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. (Ferris) – Brereton recommends Naiden for M.G!! – what slop. Worked on notes for CKS & for secwar, in case Gruber goes back.

**FRI. JUNE 26.** CKS at 11:00. – Gave him the hard word. He rared up & said to ask FDR whether or not he was interested in the China War Area. Yes or No. Mme. threatened separate peace. I don't blame him much; looks like bad faith. – Sent the wire off. – Edwards called. (A.M. Mr. Ray came in & sat, & bored me to death. Another Currie "investigator.") – 5 P.M. Mme called us. Wire from T.V. I'm all kinds of a S.O.B. for not demanding more for China. I turned down transport planes, I ruined the 4-engine transport scheme, etc. etc. I'm going to get fed up on this sooner or later.

**SAT. JUNE 27.** Wired W.D. the diversion wasn't worth while, considering ground lost. – Visit to Hsü Yung Ch'ang about troop distribution. He promised a map. – Wrote up dope for secwar. Answer from C/S Gruber needn't come, – they are cognizant, etc. (Don't want us to bother them.)

**SUN. JUNE 28.** Wrote all A.M. & most of P.M. getting data ready for secwar. (Gluckman very happy over his promotion) (10<sup>th</sup> A.F. pulled a boner yesterday – Disclosed full inform. about A.V.G. & change-over, incl. date. Sent them a stinger) – Ambassador & Mayer came in – More tears & squawks. – Mayer is just a bush – DEPASS blew in – Asst M.A.!

**MON. JUNE 29.** It was Eldridge that released the Scott blast! Not Naiden. My God. Long poor mouth with no comment by Sibert. The Dumb Bell – Chennault in. Decided to try & hold A.V.G. for 2 weeks, & put one over on japs. – Saw gissimo at 4:30. Got permission readily. He handed over the 3-point minimum. Still trying to bluff it through. – Readily agreed to India training scheme, when I scared him about Br. command. Gruber to present the ultimatum ("China War Theater washed up.") – Gruber got ready to go.

**TUES. JUNE 30.** Gruber off at 4:00 A.M. – 2 A.M. radio from G.C.M. about Brereton's return & replacement. Told him Bissell. Lo Cho Ying in. Long talk about India. He was more concerned about the name of the center than about the training. Suggested 96<sup>th</sup> go out to the N. Radioed Sibert to investigate. Worked on back papers – Gradually clearing up.

**WED. JULY 1.** Radio from G.C.M. "W.D. with me on Naiden's promotion." Gen Li. (Eyes & teeth-Li) from Shang's office. Says Ho Ying Ch'in's kick is all over his loss of face as C. of S. Asked him for interpreters – (Tseng to be Shang's C. of S.) – Long conf. with Mme. Mao, Chou, Chennault, & Bissell. Aviation requirements. – Asked again for written orders for India. – Reported jam over joint staff. – They are trying to get me to be a Chinese officer, taking CKS's orders in everything. Mme. made a mistake, – spilled over about getting me made a full general. Bull shit. They want a stooge.

**THURS. JULY 2.** Paperwork all A.M. Bruce in, Ho Y.C.'s proposal for aviation training in India – (Hot – ) (Nap) (Walk) Worked away at the poison. J. Liu got the map with the xx on it, but Hsü wants the other one back! Chün ling pu refused to give him list of commanders. (Even Mayer had that. Although he casually said the other data was left at Hong Kong & lost! Just like that.) DePass in; message from Marshall @ shipping and troops. – Bissell & I pecked away till 10:30.

**FRI JULY 3.** Hot & muggy. Gluckman in. (C.D.S.) Mme rang up about my "recommendations," which I had not made. Boy, was she mad! I hadn't obeyed her orders. We had a long talk, but she doesn't like me any more. I think she now sees the light; thought she had a stooge, but it turns out she hasn't. – That fool Tong tried to shake hands & pull me toward the door. Damn him. Developed gut ache & had it all night. Puked 5x, but it was still there.

**SAT. JULY 4.** No use. The gut has me down. Sigafos in with spr. of pepp. (Down & up). No help all day. Dorn got him back at 9:30 & he gave me a shot. That + 2 luminols put me off & I slept all night.



**SUN. JULY 5.** Blood count shows WORMS, so I swallowed 5 doubtful-looking pills at noon. I knew there must be something the matter with me. (Roberts already working on his promotion. I dumped on it.) Full list of “medicine” – 36 hrs Spr. of peppermint, Paregoric, Sulfathiazole<sup>6</sup>, Cristoids<sup>5</sup>, (hexylresorcinol), cough syrup, vitamin pills, magnesium sulphate, luminol, hypoderme. Feeling better.

**MON. JULY 6.** Bond in to talk. — Fuss about publicity newsboys all worked up. Worked on memos & crap.

**TUES. JULY 7.** M<sup>c</sup>Hugh in, pleading for co-operation (He knows Mayer.) T'ien in from M.A. office. Says they do nothing. J. Liu @ interpreters for India. – Currie meets Gruber on the way. – Belden in – wants a “Time” cover article. Vincent & Service in – Nothing new – Big boat races all day on the river. – Broadcast at 9:00 P.M. – Ho Ying Ch'in, 15 min. of crap. J.W.S. 1 minute. Bruce “The Peerless Leader, CKS!” etc. etc.

**WED. JULY 8.** Shang Chen in. Says 55<sup>th</sup> & N. 28 xx to be abolished! Yü Fei P'eng to go on shelf. (CKS won't act on flops.) Troops moving to Yunnan – LO CHO YING in. We had quite a talk, just the two of us. He's going to Kiang si, to report to CKS. Wants a plane. – He was highly complimentary, for some reason. – (M<sup>c</sup>Hugh's dope on KU CHU T'UNG. I wonder if anything is cooking?)

**THURS. JULY 9.** Van Temmen & Bienfait in for a Long Talk. Want to pool information! Pecked away at maps, etc. Dubby day. – T'ien working on maps.

**FRI. JULY 10.** Dubbed all day. Trying to sort out the fundamentals – (Second indication of a dicker going on here. YUAN LIANG & Co. Hard to believe, except that CKS could moan & say he had to quit, expecting it to be handed back after the war (Mayer from Russ.)

**SAT. JULY 11.** 2 YEARS ago, we started the 7<sup>th</sup> DIV. – To office. Saw Kohloss – Hearn & I to south bank to see Gauss. He snorted at idea of peace. “Impossible.” – Back to office in P.M. Hair cut. Hell of a hot day. Louise Alison S. born!

**SUN. JULY 12.** CKS busy on other side. Get a date to-morrow. – Jesus, it's HOT. – J. Davies had pow-wow with Amb. We must gang up & get ready for Currie. — Too hot for a nap to-day.

**MON. JULY 13.** Hotter yet. Dubbed around all day – M<sup>ac</sup>Fisher in. Gluckman bought elec. fans but none of them work. My eyes are going bad.

**TUES. JULY 14.** Poor France. Still HOT. No word from CKS. – Got Gluckman's fan going. – Finally wired G. C. M. to put Bissell in as C. G., 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. – Currie in Karachi soon. – (B.B.C. broadcast French marches. Sambre et Meuse, Madelon, etc. Pretty sad outlook.)

**WED. JULY 15.** Overcast. HOT NIGHT. Squint-eye. Wang in. Interps. for Ramgarh ready. – Art. off. held up in War Min. – Sent \$1269.<sup>02</sup> to Yonkers Saving Bank by cable for deposit.  
Drawn up to July 1. RAIN. A bit cooler, Thank God. Worked on Ch. xxx & xx.

**THURS. JULY 16.** J. Liu says Ho Y.C. is offended. The hell with him. KUAN FANGS delivered. Now I can shoot the boys. Got John after the 30-div. plan. – Grant (Dr.) in, by mistake for Greene. (He indorses Lim.) There were 8,000 cases of jaundice from that yellow fever serum. No word from Currie.

**FRI. JULY 17.** Cooler. Doc Greene in about Lim & his troubles. – An A.V.G. bird shot down one of our B-25's on Wednesday. Crew all jumped. A P-40 crashed, after chasing jap rec. plane. Hankow water-front bombed. Usual crap & papers (Finished worm medicine.) No lights. No water. (No date with CKS.)

**SAT. JULY 18.** Doc Lim & Fatty Jung in. Talked over Ramgarh etc. Bruce in, fishing around. He's going down to see Wavell. Long radio from George. CKS to Soong to F.D.R. (I'm the S.O.B. of course.) Full of mis-statement of fact. F.D.R. stood right behind me, & told CKS what was what. – This is what's been eating them. They jump at conclusions, & won't talk. Some bastard's trying to discredit me – Currie left Delhi today.

**SUN. JULY 19.** Arnold says “No” on Bissell. Sending it back, still saying “YES.” TSENG, “happy as a morning bird.” Says I must go around & bull-doze the boys into fighting – [Vol. 5 starts here.] Apparently he puffed me up in Kweilin. Brought me a tiger picture from a Kwangsi painter. U.S.A.F. very popular in Kweilin. – “Fighting” in Chekiang is sad show. Just running away. KU had 11 armies & Hsüeh Yueh sent 5 more. Over 40 divisions! – Got Shang Chen in & gave him the news for CKS. He sent an aide over with it. Shang thought it was hot stuff. – Letter from Ho Y.C. – more misunderstanding on C.D.S. (Yü Fei P’eng’s 11 points.)

**MON. JULY 20.** Usual paper-work – CDS & other crap. At 6:00 got word Currie was coming at 5:15! At 6:10 that he was coming at 6:00. Went to his house & waited till 8:00. Then ate his dinner with Hsü & the Eunuch. Good chow, too. Currie had gone to Gauss’. (Message from Shang Chen – CKS had the memo & would call me about it.)

**TUES. JULY 21.** Still HOT. Davies brought Currie at 10 – He has Delhi-Belhi – Very little dope on conditions in U.S., Aus., Europe, etc. He’s mad at Soong. So am I. Soong planted the slur on me of running away. No hope for ground troops in India. Too much tonnage. Just the 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. & continued kidding. Swell outlook. Marshall says he can use me, however, so maybe all is not lost. Currie said my blast on Burma to the press went big – A little truth for a change. Currie went to Huang Shan this P.M. Back to-morrow. – We pinned the S.S. on Dorn at dinner. He was completely surprised.

**WED. JULY 22.** HOT. Pecked away at memos for Currie. No word from him. P.M. to Gen. Bruce’s party, buffet. Shang Chen, Adm. Yang, Yü Ta Wei, Pa’i (H.Y.C.’s office). Russians, limies, etc. Home early.

**THURS. JULY 23.** Currie in for talk & lunch. Surprised him. He’s just getting dope. No policy. Churchill double-crossed him on Burma venture. Can’t do it now. So Currie will be in the doghouse with me. We are approaching a show-down. Barrett in to give me the low-down on MA Amah. COOLER.

**FRI. JULY 24.** Bruce in feeling around. M<sup>c</sup>Hugh brought Miles in. Confirms the Chekiang “war,” only more so. Terrible fiasco. Miles is doing so-and-so. – Wrote up dope for Currie & took it down to him. He’s getting educated – talking about the “iron hand” in the velvet glove. Currie sur-

**SAT. JULY 25.** prised me by saying Soong on one end & Ho on the other are apparently the trouble makers! — NOW WE FIND THAT FDRs reply was NOT SENT. Christ. At first I thought Soong had suppressed it. But probably F.D.R. had more talk with Soong, & decided not to get rough. G.C.M. is to let me know the upshot. – Petro in for an hour. He’s on hush-hush stuff, too. Looks fine. The japs had it all over the limies at Hong Kong. Completely mystified them. – Bissell, Hearn & I went over the radios on L.L. & diversion & apology & threat etc. etc. F.D.R. gave away everything.

**SUN. JULY 26.** Dubby day – Read. Slept. – Checked on G.C.M.s radio. FDR’s answer was given Soong to send to Peanut. The bastard held it up, & apparently got away with it.

**MON. JULY 27.** Charlie’s birthday! –!! (15) !! –! Big day in Carmel. (And here I am, in Chungking, emmerdé by these moron gangsters.) – Yü Ta Wei in – very sensible about air & ground. Wants powder. – J. Liu says I’ll have real power in India. Shoot, up to major, relieve above that. — CURRIE back, all pepped up. Thinks he smoothed it all out. Realizes Soong is a bastard. Presented the Pacific Front, which was grabbed at by CKS. Now we have to make Currie a nice “STAFF STUDY” to take back. He’s a 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy; squirms around & ties his legs in knots & wriggles, & jumps from one subject to another Can’t pin him down. Makes me nervous. (Practice ching pao)

**TUES. JULY 28.** Cornice fell off the house yesterday. Scamp b’l’ding. (My bed is right under the fish pool.) Bright moonlight for the Ching pao last night. Black-out 100%. – Pretty scene on river. Search-lights worked on our planes. – (Rumor – Arnold in as C of S. – Marshall out?) This A.M. rumor of G.C.M. as supreme allied comdr. Russians object. – Visitors. Guy wants me to make a speech. – Another guy wants me to help WEN (U.S.M.A. ’09). – To Pei Lin Ts’an

T'ing with Davies, Dorn, & Currie. Comb is a squirt, just bursting with his importance. Tiresome!

**WED. JULY 29** (Mme. was all sweetness & light to Bissell yesterday.) Bienfait in, confiding. He's being disciplined. Sent to Colombo. Bitter as hell on conduct of war. — Lim in about arrangements in India. — Tseng & Wang in giving me a pep talk. Hints about calling & entertaining. Stuff & nonsense about rank. Ho has me a zhang\* chiang, just above a chino one-star "general". It is to laugh. But all calculated to pull me down. — Dinner with Petro. (Dubby limies; they're all sunk.) Miles had good news — 150 new destroyers, CVs laid down to No. 26 — C-3's successful — small losses — and the Surprise Package.

**THURS. JULY 30.** Squirt Shaughnessy — the shanty Irish in. Impudent bastard. I had Dorn present, and ticked him off. Had the nerve to ask about my relations with CKS. — Chennault in — Naiden ordered him to bomb Myitkyina. (We got 3 bombers at Heng Yang yesterday & 3 pursuits to-day.) — Evening Sino-Am. Cultural Rel. Soc. show for Currie. He made a sad attempt at a speech; couldn't even read it. Mme. & Mme K'ung there. Doc K'ung is the Pres. I was shooed in with them & had to make a speech, — The dirty double crossers. (Mme. very pleasant.)

**FRI. JULY 31.** Eifler turned up. Usual W.D. stuff. Twisted my recommendation into a request for him, & threw Olivia at me after I turned it down. God damn 'em. Well, maybe we can use him in Burma. — Then Cutie Currie came in. Long talk. Now he sees Soong in true colors. Currie is with us. CKS must accept my dual status. Will confer with Peanut Monday. — Good work on jap planes last few days. 21 down; no losses for us.

**SAT. AUG. 1.** To office & worked through some poison. Fenn in. — Turned in proposal for a raid in Indo-China. That will make the Chün ling boys sit up. SNAFU with Peanut. No ans. on anything. He's having a hell of a time with his face.

**SUN. AUG. 2.** Hot night. Dubby day. Just usual papers in & out. Got a nap. Wrote up stuff for Mme. Peanut — The sitchyation is working up to the point of Yes or No.

**MON. AUG. 3.** Radioed Geo. yesterday to block transfer of ferry to CNAC. (Soong again.) Wired Arnold @ command – Bissell & Naiden. Shang Chen in for long talk. He came at 5:00 & we went to Huang Shan with Newsreel Wang. And that fool Tong didn't have the guts to get the pictures taken. Peanut very pleasant. O.K. go to India – (sung Currie.) Big dinner at 8. All the heads of govt. bureaus, etc. Sat by Mme Sun. She has brains. – Mme K'ung asked me for dinner to-morrow, damn it. Back at midnight. (Sinkiang melons)

**TUES. AUG. 4.** A.M. Lamb (15 Inf.) & Walsh (10<sup>th</sup> AF.) in. Sitters Lamb is a Dumb Cookie. Had to throw them out. – P.M. to Huang Shan – K'ungs' Family dinner. Peanut late, – having evening prayers! The 3 girls are interesting. Mme. Sun the thinker, Mme Chiang the exec, Mme K'ung nondescript. Everything lovely. – Told Mme. @ false statements ref. planes & L.L. – Pretty ride on river. Why don't they use boats around here?

**WED. AUG. 5.** Fenn in. Getting action at last on control of our men. – Bissell to 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. – Naiden to Ferry. (Victory!) – Shang Chen in. CKS ordered him to arrange for me to get dope on O. of B. Maybe it's opening up a little. After the month of complete isolation, they will have to do something to re-establish relations. (Joe at S.L.O. with 7<sup>th</sup> xx. No word from Carmel yet.)

**THURS. AUG. 6.** Lo Cho Ying's tai piao in, with flowery words & assurances of undying support & what not. – Fenn in; finally got C.M. jurisdiction arranged. – Currie in, looking like hell; he has made a date with Ho Y.C. for me. Little Miss Fixit. God damn him. We went down at 4:30 & it was terrible. 2 hrs. +. Had me in position of reporting to this bastard, – the very thing I was trying to avoid. Went on to G-mo's & presented the transport plane letter. Had dinner. Back at 10:30. (Currie referred to himself as a “distinguished visitor.”)

**Fri. Aug. 7.** – Off at 10 – Currie was late, of course. Grand Eunach came – At K'unming, a band & guard turned out, & I shoved Currie at it & stayed out. Was he bursting! Weather at Dinjan bad. We're stuck. Spent P.M. inspecting with M<sup>c</sup>Morland & Bissell. Rain – Chilly here – change from the oven

**SAT. AUG. 8.** Bacon for breakfast – Still raining. (WRITE up the Ch. attitude. Picking flaws in our job; entirely ignoring theirs. Ho Y.C. & the air transport, B.e. – Conditions in Yellow R. area. Horrible state of the army. And these bastards just sit & do nothing. Deification of CKS). – Got off at 10. Currie coming by C.N.A.C. In clouds all way. Circled Dibrugarh & over Chabua. E. M. lunch. Alligator steak. Good fresh pineapple. Ate too much. Filthy R.A.F. latrine. Saw Jones; told him to rush weapons to Ramgarh. Off at 2 P.M. Whole Ganges valley flooded. Read & dozed. Allahabad at 9:30 – Had a bite from S.O.S. mess & off again at 10:30. Slow trip to Delhi; in at 1:00

**SUN. AUG. 9.** To bed at 2:00. Breakfast at 7:30 – Talked with Ferris, Wyman, Merrill, W<sup>ms</sup>, M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin, Edward, – Currie, Osmun, White (The hairy little jew) & Wheeler. – Sibert has been doing his usual dumb stunts. (Packards for Chinese generals – Co-ordination for command – M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin back here for G-1, etc. etc.) – 90 officers in H.Q. 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. – Gandhi arrested –

**Mon. Aug. 10.** A.M. – Breakfast with Wheeler. Ordered clothes. Hair cut. Called on Naiden. (Situation normal.) – Saw Case & Currie – At 1:00 shoved off. Riots in Delhi. – Karachi at 6:00. Circled & down at 6:30 – Yount, Brady & crowd there. To Yount's mess for dinner & movie –

**TUES. AUG. 11.** All day on the go. Docks first Bissell sick – to bed. Malir, Landhi, etc. US and RAF fields & Shops. Called on gov (DOW) & Gen. Hind. Hind went to lunch with us at 51<sup>st</sup> Sq. – Talked to them. Looked at Radar. etc. etc. Bum P.X. in town. Back to billet at 6:30 – Movie.

**WED. Aug. 12.** Off at 9:30. Slept halfway. Good look at Delhi. In at 2:00 P.M. Met Currie. Another radio to President; about our military policy in India. Little Miss Fixit. He was sick & looked like hell. To hotel & lunch at 3 P.M. Looked over papers. Saw Wheeler – Bissell, Ferris, Wheeler & I talked till 10:30. – Note from Davies – copy of radio, Currie to CKS, suggesting manifesto about Chinese troops. The little Buttinski.

**Thurs. Aug. 13.** Bissell's orders to 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. – Fenn, Wheeler, etc. Papers, radios, papers – P.M. Conference at Wheeler's at 3 – (Shen, Chou, Ch'en) – saw Hartley at 4:00 – Shooed them

off training. Agreed on liaison officers. Told them about training plans. (Raid on prison camp in Kowloon.) – 5 P.M. decorated Dorn, Williams, Merrell. – Then had drinks on them. – Situation here quiet. G.H.Q. very optimistic. – Press release came in at 9:30 – (on our attitude in India.

**FRI. AUG. 14.** To S.O.S. HQ. (Breakfast was usual riot. “Rat-race to end all rat-races”, acc. to Bergin) All thro. the lay-out – Picture of group – Wheeler is a joy – On to 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. Saw Oliver, who delivered his lecture, with gestures. Funny to have Bissell along, & have them talking down to us. Little they know. – P.M. nap & dubbed around –

**SAT. AUG. 15.** Off at 9:30 To Agra & looked over 3<sup>d</sup> Air Base – (des Islets) – Big layout. Lunch and shoved off at 2:00. Bad weather at Ranchi. We stopped over at Allahabad. Heavy rain –

**SUN. AUG. 16.** Off at 9:30 Ranchi at noon. Sibert picked us up at R.A.F. mess. To Ramgarh – Rode around camp– Saw hospital, qrs., etc. Saw Sun. Sibert has babied them all. Discipline lax.

**MON. AUG. 17.** Heavy rain. Conference with head instructors all A.M. – Got the idea into Sibert’s thick head at last. Tentative art. org. P.M. had Têng in – (Col. from 22<sup>d</sup> Div.) & told him a few things. – Brig. M<sup>c</sup>Dowell called in evening. Holcombe in for talk. (Played rummy.) Postponed talk to Chinese to to-morrow.

**TUES. AUG. 18.** (Do we want Royce? From Arnold. NO – Bissell’s order out to-day as C.G. 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. – Went to art. range, & 2 small arms ranges in A.M. In P.M. did the combat ranges. Heavy rain. Postponed talk.

**WED. AUG. 19.** E. Army at Ranchi “Can we borrow your plane to drop food?” The crust of these damn limies. Spent A.M. on art. range. First firing. And they did well. P.M. dubbed. Seagrave in; wants promotions etc. Postponed talk, so it didn’t rain. Naiden wants to quit. Answered saying I’d been serving under a junior, too.



**THURS. AUG. 20.** Left Ramgarh at 8:30 Cool ride to Ranchi. Took off at 9:50. Circled Asansol. Dum Dum at 11:30. Sutherland met us. To G.E. Hotel. After good lunch shopped. Williams & I to Kerwan for eye exam. He said my right eye was very clear & O.K. Got new prescription. Bushnell will do it by Sat. noon. Cool in Calcutta – Saw Slim at Kerwan’s. Cocktail party at Sutherland’s at 6:30 – Pao’s, Stevenson, (RAF), H.E. – (Herbert), SLIM, ELDERTON. (Port Trust, with the face) etc. Didn’t learn anything new. – No time for dinner. To movie, Wallace Beery as a cav. soldier. Lewis Stone with stomach sticking out. Why don’t they catch such things? Wandered around looking for a sandwich. No luck. Back at midnight. “Organized joy”.

**FRI. AUG. 21.** A.M. shopped. To Sutherland’s office & all around dock area. (“Port Trust”). Lunch at Bengal Club. Stuffed myself sick on good chow. Took a siesta till 5:30. Rode around with Suth. Swim club, lake, etc. To hotel & unloaded! Then to Paos.’ Refused to eat, – very wisely. Frank talk with Pao; he knows C.K.S. I’m right on all aspects of that situation. (Crooked P.O. scheme Coming up at Ramgarh.) Back at midnight.

**SAT. AUG. 22.** A damn crow started at 5:00 A.M. & cawed constantly till 7:30 — Heavy rain. Cleared at 9 – To zoo with Bergin. To Sutherland’s office. He joined us at lunch. Got glasses (R.20) Off at 1:30. Left field at 2:10 – Ranchi at 3:45. (Flooded river & waterfall.) Ramgarh at 5:00. Nothing new.

**SUN. AUG. 23.** 9:00 A.M. Talk to the Chinese troops. Did anybody mention it? No, only Sun himself. Our duds didn’t care, because they didn’t understand what I was saying. – Laugh it off, but I doubt if anyone else in our service could do it. — 11:30. Decorated Sliney, Layborne, Seagrave, Grindlay, O’Hara – Talked to all officers. – (This A.M. Sun got a load off his chest. He says the Chinese Army is hopeless for the same reasons we do.) P.M. Nap. Coon-can. The damn bearer changing the insignia on my coat just as I started to put it on. They’re hopelessly dumb.)

**MON. AUG. 24.** All A.M. on S.A. ranges. They are doing O.K. Poor instruction in use of sling – But they hit the targets fairly well. P.M. long debate on per diem, etc. Nap – Sun's dinner at 7:30 – About 10 of us & 10 of his staff. Good Ch. chow.

**TUES. AUG. 25.** Chewed up by bugs. – A.M. on S.A. range – 113<sup>th</sup> Inf. Not so good – talk & bellyache & loose control – On to art. range just as firing was ending. Watched breakdown & loading. Good reports. (Sun counter-manded order @ cleaning rifles!) – (And started for Calcutta. I stopped him.) Bum movie, “Kit Carson”

**WED. AUG. 26.** 3<sup>d</sup> clear day. To art. range in A.M. P.M. Wilson – Braced – talk, talk, talk. Liao, Sun & Yang. Gave them the works, & laid down the law. Academic Board, & told them all about it. M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin in. Got the school HQ set up. Told Sibert to come to Delhi. Held Sun over for conference (he was off for Calcutta.) The place had been running by itself. Sibert is just hopeless.

**THURS. AUG. 27.** Off at 8:30. Beautiful day. Quick trip to Delhi. 3 ½ hrs. – Cooke, (I. G.) in; he has sure turned up the dirt on Brereton & Co. Very loose financial manners. Saw Wavell. As usual, mumbly & indefinite. Conference with Cooke – We'll throw the dirt in the lap of the Chief of Finance. (I am supposed to have bought a 200-R watch!) Bissell in for 2-hour conference. He'll line them up.

**FRI. AUG. 28.** A.M. in office. Lunch (Dorn) with vice-roy. Informal and simple food. Stag party. (“Stand there,” says the pretty-boy aide; for introductions.) P.M. more talks with Wheeler & Bissell. etc. 6:30 to movie (Tuttles of Tahiti) with Wheeler & Ferris. Dinner with Wheeler. Called on Merrell in P.M.

**SAT. AUG. 29.** Worked on radios all A.M. To Wavells' for lunch. DUMB. His daughters & friend, & Gen Morris & aides. Worked till 7 P.M. TWEEDY in; a false alarm. Art Steele in. To Caunters' for cocktails. Dinner dance at hotel. Usual jam of “dancers,” shaking their sterns & bumping one another. Caunter is a good egg. Tickled over Brown's report. (Brown, red, & green; Br. tank corps colors. “Through Mud & Blood to the Green Fields Beyond!”) Stymied

till 1:30 A.M. Wyman & Merrill's party. – It seems I was “HONORED” by the vice-roy. Christ a mighty.

**SUN. AUG. 30.** Breakfast at Geo. Merrell's. Paperwork till 11. Saw Peirse (b-ache about Br. aviation in China. Already explained in writing. They want to horn in.) Wheeler over – for lunch – more talk. P.M. NAP. Turned in early.

**MON. AUG. 31.** Office. Gen. Lou in, (Tu's C. of S.) Wheeler in. Nap. Newsboys, – 5:30 to 7:00. Eifler group in after dinner. Lightning close by, nearly hit hotel.

**TUES. SEPT. 1.** – Plane needs engine repair. Postponed trip to Wed. Yang & I shopped for records. Saw Shen & Wheeler. Nap. Walk with Wheeler. Bissell in. Brereton has recommended 55 awards! All before June 5. All turned down. B. had a coon quartette flown to Delhi from Karachi for a party. Bought rugs & cut them up to carpet his plane. – News in that Rommel jumped off Sunday. Poor Harold – Auk is in India – Wheeler says he's O.K. Hope he stays.

**WED. SEPT. 2.** Off at 9 A.M. Gag on Bergin – bet he'd be in Calcutta again in 2 weeks – He bit. In at 3:30. Sutherland on hand. To Kerwan's (KERWAN, LITTLE RUSSELL ST.) He looked me over. Glasses O.K. Says I've got a focal infection somewhere. Teeth? Bowels? Should have rest & good diet. Fat chance. Ed joined us at dinner at Gt. Eastern.

**THURS. SEPT. 3.** Up at 5:00. – Held up by bad weather. (Only plane flying in E. India yesterday.) Off at 9:00. Dinjan at 12:00! Slept all the way. Lunch with Joplin. Decorated Jones. Off at 1. Cold & blustery to Kunming (4:30) – We suffered. I was in a dope for the last hour.

**FRI. SEPT. 4.** Talk with Scott, Chennault, Haynes, & M<sup>c</sup>Morland. – Situation O.K. Good many crashes. – Off at 9:00 Chiu Lung P'o at noon. Warm. No change here. Got our new china out – I broke the first cocktail glass.

**SAT. SEPT. 5.** Office – Talk with Alexander. Also Eifler. (Naiden rel'd.) (M<sup>c</sup>Morland to go home. Will put Aldrich at K'un Ming.) – Tseng called. Shang Chen called. (Yü Fei P'eng still making trouble. He and CHOU. H.Y.C. apparently not actively hostile. (Our monkey has made a hit.) – Only 2 letters from Carmel. Where the hell are they?

**SUN. SEPT. 6.** Office. Pushed papers around. Nap. Walked up the hill. Played rummy. Radio'd Sibert to go to Delhi.

**MON. SEPT. 7.** J. Liu in for Chinese lesson. M<sup>c</sup>Hugh & Miles in. Are they double Xing or not? (Trying to keep Eifler out.) O.K., we'll see. Office. Siamese gang coming. OK on that; we'll hook it to Burma. – Willkie coming via Russia. Cutting out India! (Gauss doesn't know whether to meet him or not! DIGNITY.) – Aldrich to Kunming – Cautioned him. Eifler to India – Saw Ho Y.C. at 5:30. Pleasant enough. Invited him to Ramgarh. He bit. Nothing done on the 30<sup>th</sup> Div plan. – P.M. a rotten movie. "Fleet's In."

**TUES. SEPT. 8.** Definite deterioration of eyes since exam by Kerwan (#6 Little Russell St.) – Noticeable after movie at Delhi. Back to Calcutta. Kerwan said focal infection is cause of "vitreous opacity." Teeth? (No.) Tonsils? (No.) Bowels? (?) – Sigafos examining. – Can't read without blinking. Objects now blur at 25 feet. Looks serious – – Yü Ta Wei in. He knows what's up. "If you move into Burma, the japs will take K'unming."(!) When I mentioned art. for the 30 xx he froze. "That, of course, is a matter for the staff." Yeah. — Bruce in. Same old story. Obstruction for his men, too. (N.B. A xx going to P'u Erh!) Sun-bath. Nap. Forman, N.Y. Times, in. More publicity crap. Forman expected us to give him a snappy article.

**WED. SEPT. 9.** Chinese with J. Liu. – LIU FEI in to educate me. 2 ½ hrs of Pure Crap. I'd like to push him off the dock. Exhausted with the effort. – Nap. Walk. Movies. Mme is back, & has Summoned me to the Presence!

**THURS. SEPT. 10.** Session with J. Liu. To the Council meeting at 9:30 (Yang in at 9:00. Just a visit. Wants to wait for Lo.) The Council was a frost. Mme. at 11:30. Very pleasant.

Hopped up over her Sinkiang adventure -- Bitten by spider -- Wheeler & Bissell here. Ho sent another basket of apples, & a pound of sugar! W. & B. for dinner. Staff talk till 11.

**FRI. SEPT. 11.** Took Yang over to see Gauss about Willkie. Complaining & crying, as usual. Conference with W. & B. & staff all morning. W. & B. for dinner & movie.

**SAT. SEPT. 12.** Radio to Sibert, bawling him out. Odds & ends at office. Hair-cut. Nap. Mosquito bites, -- bastards. Chow at Ho Ying Ch'in's -- Ho & wife. P'ei & wife -- mayor of Kunming. Liu & wife -- mayor of Canton -- Ma (Ho's Kunming man), J. Liu, Hearn & I. Excellent. Shao Hsing wine. O, you Ben! Top-hole chow. Big Chengtu pears -- Very pleasant.

**SUN. SEPT. 13.** (\$30 for clo. instead of \$100! Slight repairs.) A dumb tech. sgt. in the air Office sent out the "hold" letters. Christ a-mighty. -- G.C.M's message on investigation of irreg. in 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. -- Tseng in. -- Talk with Snow, Alex., & Bissell. Coon-can.

**MON. SEPT. 14.** A.M. Got pay schedule from Ho's office at last. Worked on this & that. Sibert's dumb answer. Talk with Wheeler @ Ch. troop accounts. P.M. out to see Mme. & Chou on Ch'engtu Road. 2-hour session. Chou on the spot. The snake. He's a Bastard. Wheeler & Bissell for dinner & movie. Peanut back at last.

**TUES. SEPT. 15.** Usual routine Zhong\* Guo\* Hua\* & office. Paint-scrappers raising hell. -- Lo Cho Ying in, all smoked up over Ramgarh. "Put 50 in a plane, naked. It's only 3 hours!" -- Wants to build up now. -- Nap. -- Sibert's bleat came in.

**WED. SEPT. 16.** No word from gissimo. (Got Minutes of last meeting to Gen Wang.\* Mme called, urgent.) -- Lo Cho Ying -- back with his plan for 45,000 in India! He's all smoked up now. This may be the SOLUTION. To Adm Ch'en's for dinner. The Amb., Vincent, de Pass, M<sup>c</sup>Hugh, Miles, Hearn, & I. An uncomfortable session. Gauss is a sour pickle. Peeved because I've got Davies. "Do you Dare me?" sez he, (to get Davies back.)

**THURS. SEPT. 17.** Rain. Session at war ministry. Usual slop. Japs pulling out dets. P.M. walk. Yang in, disclaiming idea of reconstituting original 22<sup>d</sup> & 38<sup>th</sup> – To Mme Sun's for "foreign" dinner. Terrible. She's a good egg. (Epstein, Mrs. Wang, A.V.G. birds, Dorn & I.)

**FRI. SEPT. 18.** Session yesterday to get our ducks in a row. Usual A.M. Nap. McCammon & Griswold arrived. Feast of letters. M<sup>c</sup>C. & Gris. for dinner. – 5:30 to see Ho Y. C. Everything agreed to. Why not, for Christ's sake? We're just giving them everything. Ho had not informed himself.

**SAT. SEPT. 19.** More letters. Back to May. The Mun. Bldg. address was fatal. – Letter from John. – A.M. office – P.M. Sun-bath & papers. Read letters. Chêng Tu to-morrow. Long talk with C/S & Alexander over air plan, K.M. etc.

**SUN. SEPT. 20.** To Chiu\* Lung P'o at 9. Flight to Ch'eng Tu over all the fields, & out to Kuanhsian. Up the gorge – Good view of diversion works. The Red Basin from the air is a wonderful sight. Lunch with Mao, Neale & Co. Fancy set-up. On to "school" field & in to town. Liu Pei's tomb. Museum closed. Poked around stores. Very jê nao. Shoved off at 3:30. Back at Chiu\* Lung P'o at 5:00. Wheeler delighted with trip. – Smart pilot – take-off & landing did some show-off stuff.

**MON. SEPT. 21.** Rainy. At house. Wheeler & Bissell in – (Motor gas for Ho.) P.M. Phone from Shang Chen. G-mo see me after chow – – Griswold in; sending him to India with Wheeler & Bissell. – Dinner at G-mo's – (Wheeler, Bissell, Hearn, Alexander & I, Shang Chen, Chow, Lo, Tong, Yang, & the C.K.S.s) Had to talk Chinese with the G-mo – got away with it!! He agreed to everything, at once. Only 2 xx to India at first. But we've won out on Ramgahr. All thro. the photos; that sold him.

**TUES. SEPT. 22.** Radios to Agwar. Piddled with papers. (Paper-piddling.) Nap. Lo's dinner. About 25. Wine flowed freely. H. T'ong emerged as champion drinker. Dorn & "Ironsides" Hsiao out in each other's arms. Heinrich out – Several other casualties. – (Wooden fish at inland parties, to simulate real thing.)

**WED. SEPT. 23.** Went over to Chih hui pu set-up with J. LIU. It looks tricky. Letter of instructions for LO so as to tie him up. Office. Back in P.M. Double-header movie – Paint job coming along.

**THURS. SEPT. 24.** Called on LO with J. Liu, & got him straight on pay & command. It was a shock. His God-damn staff had not informed him – At 10:30 realized I'd forgotten date with Ho Y.C. Got Hearn & went down. Arr. 11:00 – usual crap. – Lucky thing we had the talk with Lo. He'd have messed up everything. – P.M. Lo's man phoned. Lo now has “urgent business” here & wants to delay trip! Ha, ha. What a blow that was – A victory for our side playing straight football. The Chinese just hung themselves.

**FRI. SEPT. 25.** J. Liu, long talk on who's who. – Mr. Hayden here with another scheme – “Global” intelligence – My God. – T'ien back with the dope on Yang Kai. Corruption & squeeze rampant. – Fuss over getting Willkie into China. – Coon-can.

**SEPT. 26 – SAT.** Rainy. To office – P.M. nap – Dream about Doot. – Wavell says O.K. on increase at Ramgahr. – Willkie at Kuldja – Chinese will bring him in. – Better news at Stalingrad.

**SUN. SEPT. 27.** Rainy. Liu in. Radio from G.C.M. @ Three Demands. Asks for recommendations. – Worked at it. Office in A.M. Walk. Coon-can.

**MON. SEPT. 28.** Office – P.M. Saw Shang Chên about going to Ho on 30 xx plan. “Go ahead” he says. Encouraging attitude. So J. Liu & I went over at 2:30 & saw him. “Ch'ing chiao”, etc. He heard the story & made notes. Very pleasant. When we left he said, “Come over & talk whenever you have any questions, & we can settle everything quickly right here!” My God – Can it be possible? Maybe this is the way to do it. (Painters raising hell.) (Chiang Mon Lin in for dinner.) Movies. (Lung Yün is a Lolo – Chiang says very intelligent.)

**TUES. SEPT. 29.** Sibert radio – relief – Petro in for help on visa. (Russian born, French citizen, Br. mil. status, 2<sup>d</sup> Lt., temp. major; promise of U.S. citizenship or commission!!) Bruce in with Br. Ambassador. Wavell is wavering about Ramgahr. The old fool – – Yü Ta Wei in about CDS program for future. Office –

**WED. SEPT. 30** LO, YANG, & YEH in. Fixed Oct. 21 to begin move to Dinjan. – Indications of Br. obstruction. Radio to G.C.M. about it. Radio to Sibert to make another official request on Wavell. Those bastards will sabotage this scheme yet. Shang Chen & wife, Liu & wife for dinner & movie. Telegrams for Shang (gags) – Tin birthday cake – (Not going to Ch'eng Tu.)

**THURS. OCT. 1.** Willkie at Ch'eng Tu. He's to be smothered by the Chinese. – Office – Shang Chen's party in P.M. Fine chow. Rather dumb lot of guests. (Usual Thurs. conference.)

**FRI. OCT. 2.** 4<sup>th</sup> clear day. Usual A.M. P.M. to Chiu\* Lung P'o. At 3:50 Willkie arrived. He looked tired out. Mob rushed him. (Old K'ung. The 33<sup>d</sup> St. sweat-shop owner. K.C. Wu, & Shang Chen.) Back home. – J. Davies arrived with mail & news. Wash. is just what [*Two blank spaces.*] 've thought, one big mess. This theater is Kaput. No help coming. Gruber's report wishy-washy. All in all, very discouraging

**SAT. OCT. 3.** Long talk with Davies. Currie appears to be trying to cut my throat. Not much hope for CBI. "Major strategic effort is elsewhere." Just left to our own resources. – 5 P.M. to Ambassador's "Tea" for Willkie. He wants to talk. 8 P.M. to dinner for Willkie at Wei Yuan Hui. Stiff & dumb. Ho on my left. Ku (Ta Hsüeh Pres.) on my right. H. Tong acted like an ass with his exaggerated Chekiang accent. The Grand Eunuch also wobbled his ass all around. Willkie gave us "The Great Man" stuff

**SUN. OCT. 4.** LO shoved off. Mrs. Szeto in – a bore. Fishing to go to India. – CKS is planning skullduggery & double x on command. – 4 P.M. Mme.'s tea for Willkie. Called up to head table with K'ung, Sun Fo, Wang Chung Hui, Mme., Mme Sun, etc. & Willkie. The court clown did his usual stunt. – Good show by orphan kids.



**MON. OCT. 5.** Date at 4:30 with Willkie. – Peale in this A.M. – 2:30 saw Willkie. He was tired out & sleepy. Poured it on him, to prime him before he saw the G-mo. Don't know whether he heard me or not. Afraid he may be just a politician. Christ, haven't we any big men? – Movie in evening. – J. Liu says we're moving in; – I don't know. Lo went to Peanut to kick on command but got nowhere. That's somep'n.

**TUES. OCT. 6.** A.M. Doc King, Nat'l Health Admin. Wants stuff shipped from Karachi. – Ho's lunch. Willkie, Adm. Ch'en & Yang, Chu Shao Liang, Ch'ien Ta Chün, Yü Ta Wei, Shang Chen, Chou, etc, etc. Not bad. – Saw Willkie at 2:30 – Nothin'. He didn't ask a question. Completely sold on CKS & Mme. Advised me to put it on with a trowel. To hell with that stuff. Yeh Nan in; movement arranged. Now the Br. are hemming & hawing. – 7 P.M. K'ung's dinner. Pai Chung Hai! Ch'en Ch'eng. etc etc. Movies.

**WED. OCT. 7.** To Chiu\* Lung P'o & Pei Shih I. Willkie late. Off at 11:00. Pei Shih Yi\* at 11:55. Willkie & Chennault talked, I got out. Cooper's fatuous ass performance. Telling me what I should do about information. I bawled him out, roughly. (Good target at H. K.) Willkie either worn out or very indifferent toward me. Practically nothing to say or ask about. Almost pointed. I'm very small fry in his great plan, of course. Back at 3:00 – Hsieh Yu Lau in this A.M. To be married on Sunday. – Date with Ho at 6 P.M. Very satisfactory. We're on the right road, I think

**THURS. OCT. 8.** Rain – Conference at war ministry. Usual crap. Office. Tseng in in P.M. Shuffled papers.

**FRI. OCT. 9.** Date with Ch'en Ch'eng at 8:30. Good talk. Office – (Shooting affair at No. 12.) – Sent photos to Win.) – The cock-eyed limies are going to disapprove the Ramgahr increase. The poor fools. They will wreck the whole scheme of things out here. Sent a hot radio to G.C.M. for help.

**SAT. OCT. 10.** Flags everywhere. Office in A.M. G-mo can't come Wed. Mme. can't go to Ramgahr. – 5 P.M. to Hsieh's wedding reception at Chia Ling Pin Kuan. Had to make a speech.

– Air people still farting around on the H.K. matter. 1<sup>st</sup> notice, last Tues. First possible action, next Tues. We're hot stuff.

**SUN. OCT. 11.** Rain, of course. Bissell got right on the job. The typewriters should be in on Mon. (5) and Tues. (7). – Date with Peanut at noon. Ordered me to dinner on Wed. so we have to cancel Ho & K'ung. He was quite blithe & cheerful. (Resting his teeth.) Rotten interpreter. Shang Chen helped out. Told him about Wavell & the Ramgahr obstruction. Walk in P.M., trailed by a guard.

**MON. OCT. 12.** Birds should be ready to fly. Tues A.M. – The news is spreading. They can't keep their traps shut. Office A.M. & P.M. – Dinner for Ch'ien Ta Chün, Shang Chen, Liu Fei, & Adm. Yang. Movie. LIU, the Social Emetic, ran true to form. Left to take his "yao" – probably opium. CH'IEN seems O.K. (NO ACTION YET.)

**TUES. OCT. 13.** Weather not good down south. Took F.D.R.s answer (exactly as I had recommended) to Shang Chen. Peanut didn't get much. – Saw Ho & tried to get some things done. Asked him for 2 officers for the staff. Petro in for letters, etc. Long confab with J.L. Huang – Crux of thing is exchange rate – Will see H.H. Kung about it – P.M. Ch'en Ch'eng, Ch'en Shao K'uan, Ho Yao Tsu, Yü Ta Wei. Ho was deadly, others O.K. All bored with the movie.

**WED. OCT. 14.** Date with K'ung at 11:30 – Very co-operative about exchange rate. Will do something. J. L. Huang to be relieved. – Shang Chen in with plan for offensive vs. Burma. (My plan, incidentally.) Peanut had changed 10–15 xx to 15 to 20 xx!! Looks good. – Yeh Nan in. Wants to beat it. Ordered him to stay. – Alexander in; Ho wants air plan for ferry. Promised 2000 tons — Bad weather at H. K. – Dinner with Peanut. Saw Mme. about W.A.S.C. – Peanut said "Giving you full authority in India. Be sure & keep strict discipline" O.K. – – about Pres.' answer – Shang Chen can't go to India.

**THURS. OCT. 15.** Off at 10 A.M – Shang Chen out – also Yeh Nan, trying to shove a sec. on the plane. J. L. Huang also threw off two interps. to take him. K'unming at 1:00. Lunch. Long

squabble after getting Huang out of bathtub at 5 P.M. The bastard. Sorely tried my patience. Sent Kohloss up to make agreement. Saw Brissell & Chennault. Raid on Lashio. Stayed with Aldrich.

**FRI. OCT. 16.** Off at 7:00. Over the hump at 20,000 feet. Northern route Dinjan at 11:30. To Duma Duma to see camp. Maj. Hunter, limie, in charge. Off at 1:30 – arr. Ranchi at 6:00. All out to receive the tsung chih hui. Guard of honor, & hsien pings. Arnold's drum corps. Dinner with Lo. Tea first. Long conference with our gang – Got things settled.

**SAT. OCT. 17.** Got Lo in & told him what the score is. He took it. An hour & ¼ of it. J. Liu translated & we got it straight. – Saw Arnold – To Ranchi. Limie sentry held us at gate of air-field. Off at 12:15. Bumpy ride to Delhi – 4:15. Bissell & Ferris there. 5:30 with Ferris to see Wavell (Morris) A lot of B.S. crying about this & that. Made it plain we are NOT welcome. All sorts of difficulties, – R.R., roads, water, food, transport, etc. Will hinder Indian Army development. If we get trucks, it will reduce his tonnage! (He is down 11,000!! trucks.) He has been kept in the dark. No request had been made. The number has not been definitely stated. In fact, it makes him tired. Well, to hell with the old fart – We have just smoked them out. They don't want Chinese troops participating in the re-taking of Burma – That's all. (It's O.K. for U.S. troops to be in England, though.) Discouraging encounter, after my labors to get the Ch. going.

**SUN. OCT. 18.** Good letter from G.C.M. Office till 11:00. Bissell, Ferris & I to G. H. Q. (Wavell, Hartley, Peirse.) W. made it plain Ch. not welcome. No room, or transport, or supplies, or anything. (6 weeks to move 1 div.) His plan. 3 xx to Chindwin. 1 at Chittagong. Limited advance. Possible landing at Akyab. (Bare possibility Rangoon.) Conflicting statements. Yesterday 11,000 trucks short. Now 33,000. Indian Army 1 ¼ million – anything he turns over to us comes off of his troops. Gen. attitude rebuff for Chinese. **BUT**, he wants our air force under him. I told him how it would work. P.M. Timberman, long talk; also Wheeler on arrangements for R. reinforce. 5:30 press conference. Br. P.R.O. attempt to horn in. Radios to G.C.M. @ conference, Currie, etc. Chennault's squawk. —

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**MON. OCT. 19.** (Delhi) A.M. office – 11:00 saw Wavell & Co. Attitude quite changed. Now quite co-operative. Must have had a msg. Asked @ Ram. Ch., & they will look into ways & means to put it in line. (Doormat Smith recommended Wavell be ousted & that I be made C in C & def. minister of India. What a howl! Merrell – Cons. gen. – saw the document.) What an uproar that must have caused in the upper circles.) – Saw Case – Belden – etc. W<sup>ms</sup>, Fenn – Continuous – Radio @ B. G.'s – Osmun learned that he would be out – and got red. To Merrell's (Geo.) for dinner.

**TUES. OCT. 20.** Radio from Henry. More Currie influence. (CKS & I at outs.) – Wheeler – Wyman – Got measured for clothes. – Chinese not putting troops into Kunming. (Solomons & Stalingrad look bad.) – TIMBERMAN in. – Radio to limit pay to am'ts needed for pay roll! (VICTORY.) Now what will Lo do? – P.M. tried to rest, but the G. D. wine-coolies woke me up. – Dinner at 9:00. 140 guests. Movies afterward. A good party. Over at midnight.

**WED. OCT. 21.** Up at 8:00. Papers. Inspected hospital & P.X. (S.O.S.) P.M. in office, pushing papers. To “King's Row” with Wheeler – Good movie. Dinner with Wheeler.

**THURS. OCT. 22.** Office (Sub-com. starts planning.) Rush all A.M. Jam at K.M. – troops not there! Frantic wires to get after Ho. Change trains. etc. etc. These bastards just hang on our necks. – Off at 1:00 quick trip to Ranchi – 3 hours – After chow conference till 11:00. Boatner having trouble. – J. Liu disgusted. Nothing done. Chang Kuan pu being eased in – Yang crying. Sun squawking. Lo electioneering. The Ch. have been let in on advice @ training & org. Damn it all. Now I've got to push them back. They propose a corps of 58 thousand! Grabbing – Chiselers & grifters.

**FRI. OCT. 23.** All A.M. – setting up med. & sig. requirements. Art. org. animal requirements. Gen plan of transport, etc. (Gen Erwin has been here – all smiles, the bastard.) – Inspected pool & obstacle course, 195 Eng. etc. – (We've got to organize the whole damn show – art. Eng. Sig., med, Q.M. & Transp. – air, & motor. Get the supplies, build the roads, train the troops, & fight their officers.) Squabble over the pool. It isn't clean enough to suit Doc. Stevenson. – P.M. with

Boatner till 5:00. Then got LO in & laid down the law. He had different instructions on pay. Insists the Chang Kuan pu is running. Told him that orders would have to be obeyed, & that I would give them. Told him to line up Sun & Liao. He promised to do his stuff. Scared him with list of preparations for Burma that he thinks WE'LL do – The bastards have it all worked out – we do the dirty work – they get the gravy.

**SAT. OCT. 24.** Inspected motor school & drum corps. Got org. straight. (Div. & Army.) – 1 P.M. inspected hospital. – 2 P.M. to combat ranges – M.G. & rifle. – 5 P.M. Sun & Liao in & just sat till 6:00. At 6:00 Lo came in & b-ached till 7:00 – Got to chow at 8:00 after Boatner came.

**SUN. OCT. 25.** Up at 6:00. To Sun Yat Sen memorial service at 7:30. Made a speech to 7,000 soldiers & officers. J. Liu said I got by. At 9:00 Sun in to get his troubles off his chest (I'm the C.G. and the "Head of the Family.") At 10:00 inspection of American instructors. At 10:30 talk to same – At 11:00 Boatner, M<sup>c</sup>Cabe & Sliney in for talk till noon. At 1:00 P.M. Eckert in. At 2:30, picnic for Chinese officers. Football, soft-ball, volley-ball, ping pong, etc. M<sup>c</sup>Cabe & Holcombe made the speeches. I ducked out at 4:00 – (Radio from Henry – pat on the back) These have been hectic days, but I think we have smoothed out a few things. (Noon – dinner with 195<sup>th</sup> Engineers.) – Call from art. officers at 6:00-1 A.M. etc.

**MON. OCT. 26.** 1 A.M. Call from Bissell. Japs bombed Dinjan – 60 B.& P. 10 transports & 5 P's lost. No details yet, beyond that. 60 went to Chittagong also. Bissell busy moving transports out & pursuits in. Only 3 min. warning. Duma-Duma, no damage. No troops hit. – Last night found that Lo had gone off ½ cock & issued orders for art. Bns. Jesus. The little prick. Sze. to partly to blame. Now I must back Lo up or else sour him completely. – (Classification of women in Ranchi area. "a 15-brick woman; a 20-brick woman.") – (Why not buy Afghanistan) (Tseng's remark – "He made a sort of an assumption, didn't he?" Ref. Kan's orders to P'eng, 49<sup>xx</sup>, to retreat, just as he was ready to attack Loilem, as ordered.) ("Then we will crush the enemy.") — Saw Lo & put the bite on him again. Then left. All the generals came over to say goodbye. – (Shao will be dep. C/S) I think we are making progress. Off at 11:30 from Ranchi. Cold, fast ride to Delhi. In at 3:45. – Bissell, Ferris, Milani. Dinjan

attacked again – (Maybe.) Hong Kong (25<sup>th</sup>) – 10 japs, 1 B-25, 1 P-40. Mengtze – 7 japs, 0 American. Dinjan – 4 japs, ? Am. 10 transports – probably 7 P-40's gone. Bissell went right to work, – a bit shrill about “traditions of the A.C.” (Letter to Arnold: – “I go over the hump in a transport, for morale effect, instead of using an armed plane.”) — Merrill's committee getting results. —

**TUES. OCT. 27.** Wire from W A.S (Oct. 18) Chennault went back to H.K. for power station. Better news all around. (“Wavell & Stilwell do not need urging”?!!!) Wheeler in for conference – Peeved over suggestions on personnel – Saw Wavell at 11:15. – Gen. plans OK. (They itch for the 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. Told them NO.) – P.M. papers again. 5:30 press conference & hand-out on Dinjan. To movie & dinner with Wheeler, Ferris, Timberman, Dorn. Bissell in with news of Wavell's suppression of our communiqué. Cut out our losses, & number of jap planes in raids. We will have to take stand on this or be subject to British control of our official business.

**WED. OCT. 28.** A.M. Office. Saw Wavell, Peirse, Morris with Ferris & Bissell – Air help. Bissell jumped on Wavell & backed him down about Dinjan. (Wavell can be dominated) – Arranged for air co-operation. Communique business. Told him India was his business & USA was mine, our com. to U.S. not to be touched. He agreed – I made some remarks @ bunk in com. & cited “Wasp” & other naval losses. What use denying? – P.M. Office. – Gave Wheeler his directive – He's O.K. to-day – over his peeve – – Note from vice-roy – Date at 5:00. Just to talk. – He's clever. Fishing for indications of Chinese action after the war. He has done some thinking on his own. Usual stuff about good relations, etc. etc. – Dinner with Wheeler.

**THURS. OCT. 29.** Office. Case & Cummings – Wheeler – Saw Wavell at 9:00. Communique stuff. Misunderstanding. – I have been off the track. Dope is broadcast & so of course is picked up in India. We are hooked, & no way out. I must do what Wavell wants to do in India. – Got correspondents together & ate crow. Then we all went over & Wavell read off a speech – So that's that. (Case & Cummings to go in for 6 weeks nosing around.) – Slept all P.M. – Saw movie with Dorn.

**FRI. OCT. 30.** Office. Coughlin. – Blouse to Rankin. Dentist about tooth. Pyorhea – will lose it. What the hell! Cleaned up on papers. – – (TAJ = favorite MAHAL big bldg – palace etc.) – Dorn & I went through Delhi Fort & palace. Beautiful grounds. – Lavish use of carved marble – Talk with Wheeler & Bissell.

**SAT. OCT. 31.** – Dentist. – Office. Off at 9:00. – Good trip to Dinjan – Got in about 5:00 – Byroade took us in. Saw Sanders & Joplin. Little damage – All set for next raid. Chinese coming in regularly. (Coon, patting his slit trench. “Stay right there, hole; I’ll be right back.”) Haynes came in. Talked for an hour.

**SUN. NOV. 1.** Up at 3. At field at 4:00. Nobody woke the aviators – Left engine wouldn’t start. Off about 5:00 – 17,000’ – cold as hell. (5° below zero outside.) Me in shorts. Near Kunming, lost the beam & wandered around in the soup. Just about to go back to Dinjan, they got on & we came down. Theissen had gone way east of K.M. to clear the mts. Might have been nasty. Had lunch. Saw M<sup>c</sup>Cammon, Aldrich, Wang, Scott, etc. Everything going nicely. Left at 1:00. Quick trip. In at 3:15 – To house & unpacked. Nothing changed much –

**MON. NOV. 2.** Shang Chen in. Gave me the dope on the art. set-up in the staff. – Office – (Timberman.) – Pushed papers. Saw Ho Y. C. at 2:00. Gave him the dope. No decisions, of course – Threw the scare at him about preparations. He couldn’t comprehend the problem at all – Hadn’t given it a thought. No decision on anything. Wants me to recommend about pay – I’m to see Peanut; then he’ll talk with him. – J. Liu was scared stiff & talked in such whispers even I could hardly hear him. – Tim, Paul, & Ritchie in for dinner. Movie –

**TUES. NOV. 3.** Office – P.M. 2:30 Tseng Yang-Fu in to talk. (“Just get 2 divs.”) Hot to build the Tibet road. Will finish Yang Kai in 100 days. – 5:30, G-mo, Mme, T.V. – Amazing conference. Reported on Ramgahr & Wavell. General concurrence on plan. Must have air & naval domination. Will put in 15 xx. Will attach art. Ready Feb 15. (Mme. suggested I pick xx’s & comdrs!) CKS told me I could fire LO any time & give orders to Chang Kuan pu. Assumption is I command R. force. Unified command – CKS proposed 1 Br 1 Am. 1 Ch. with

me as C/S directing. Told him Br. wouldn't play. The conference indicates pressure or increasing confidence, or both. – Mme phoned later to offer free chow to our troops in China!

**WED. NOV. 4.** Tiresome Hayden in. Aimless b-ache. Thinks Miles wonderful – – 11 A.M. saw T.V. If he does ½ what he promises, we'll get some where. Mme will now fade out, & I deal with T.V. – Wants list of good K.O.'s. Apparently ready to back me. Presented me with watch & lighter. What's the game? But who cares, if we get going?

**THURS. NOV. 5.** Usual blah at wei yuan hui. Ho is extremely friendly now. (Liu Fei is coming to talk over operations! Christ.) – P.M. Willauer in – Feeling around. Told him Sinclair was persona non grata with us. – Br. have the huns on the run in Egypt. – Wrote up synopsis for Soong –

**FRI. NOV. 6.** Office. Finger, of P.O. Dept. – Green and Bachman on the medical mess – Lim running wild with big plans for the future. (\$1,500,000 U.S. for his plant.) Recommended against it. – Long talk with Tseng Yang Fu on Yang K'ai, etc. – Tong in & had me waked up, – the tsou kow. He's a pest, – he & his God damn Minutes. Timberman in. Sent a letter by him to G.C.M. & one to W.A.S.

**SAT. NOV. 7.** Lattimore & the Mongol Dilowa at 8:30. – Went over the dope. T.V. Soong at 10. He's taking my pap & chewing it over with the G-mo. Agrees about S.O.S. organization in Yunnan. Wants Wheeler to come up. – To Soviet embassy for their celebration. Just a mob – Everybody there. P.M. Timberman & Stooze in.

**SUN. NOV. 8.** Papers, letters, etc. Hsieh Yu Lan in. – (job – – ) – (Sent for Wheeler – G-mo O.K.'s him as S.O.S. adviser) JOE IN DELHI. – Conference with Ho Ying Ch'in on Lo, pay at Ramgahr, & medical set-up – Told him about T.V. & he snorted. ("He doesn't know anything about military affairs.") – Walk. – News of Casablanca is out. – Arrangements for Mme.'s plane, & Alexander drunk.



**MON. NOV. 9.** Fisher in for breakfast – To office. Bawled out Alexander – He's leaving to look over ferry. H. Tong in with G-mo's photos. Nap. Dinner for Ho & Ho Fu-jen, Shang & fu-jen. Went all right. McNally & Dorn are terrible at the language. Good news from Africa. Landings at Algiers, Oran & Casablanca. Good effect here. Rommel catching hell. Wops all surrendering. R. down to about 25,000.

**TUES. NOV. 10.** Hayden in at 8:30. Old Fart-Head – (“Words what come out yo' mouf!”) at 9:00. LIU FEI, LIN WEI, CH'EN, PAO, & WANG (?) to go over the B. plan – Long lecture by LIU. The seed has sprouted. A lot of things are to be done now that were impossible before. Q. of command. They had the G-mo's proposal. LIU said “How about your commanding?” Told him the Br. probably would buck. – A new man to run the Hou Ch'in Pu set-up will be appointed. Dorn, I hope. Also a C.G. for the Y. group. xxx to be compressed from 3 to 2 xx. Art. to be reassigned. 3 xxx on I. C. border, 2 xxx at K.M. 5 xxx in western Y. – P.M. buffet for military foreigners – 5 Russian, 2 French, 3 Br., 1 Dutch, & about 15 Am. They drank six qts of whiskey, & two of gin. – Chennault with his squawk. He's a pain in the neck. Still sore at Bissell. Told him to shut up & take orders.

**WED. NOV. 11.** A.M. Pai Chiung Hsi in to talk. Burma & the Indian Army & air & naval help, etc. He doubts. Maybe he's right. Wants A.T. & A. A. Young in – “stop the airfields or we perish.” Rise in prices is getting fantastic. – Lin Sèn's tea at 4:30. For the Br. parliamentary mission. (Lord Honeycart & “Mr.” Dawson. Dawson is a good egg.) Met Wellington Ku a smooth article. All the big boys were there. Just shake hands with Liu Seu, eat some cake & beat it. – The word has passed around that I cut ice here now; it is obvious in their treatment of me.

**THURS. NOV. 12.** Scribbled – No meeting with Ho. Holiday. Office – P.M. Worked on program for Soong. Service in; oil well report. Wants to quit embassy & join us. 5 P.M. to Soong's tea. A messy affair. Gauss had some “hot dope.” Just blah. Talked with W. Ku.

**FRI. NOV. 13.** (Knock wood) Miles in – Went over everything. His attitude seems O.K. Much better impression. Will help him. – Word came Joe coming. To Chiu Lung P'o at 11:30.

Sat till 1:30. Plane at Pei Shik Yi, but no word to us – Back again. Joe in at 2:30 – Talked. (He did, I mean.) T.V. in at 4:30. Gave him the memo. – From then till midnight, we talked & read mail. (Wheeler for dinner.) – Joe almost hooked at Wash. Helped by Mayer & Krueger, Jr.

**SAT. NOV. 14.** Arsenal party on to-day. Office. Saw Wheeler. Hair-cut. P.M. got CKS msg to FDR paraphrased & off. Nap – Powell promoted.

**SUN. NOV. 15.** Lattimore in. Wheeler in. Joe fixed radios. Nap – T.V. in – promised an answer on hou ch'in pu pu chang – by Tuesday. KMT congress on – everybody busy. Much ado about “Follett” Bradley – important A.C. general masquerading as a “minister.” Also much ado @ Snow White – Mme. must be escorted by fighters.

**MON. NOV. 16.** Don Hayden in – The mush-faced mutt. God, but he's awful – – Waterfield & Tomara in to fish for news & transportation. – Office. Wheeler – papers – radios. etc. etc. – Fuss over Bradley. – P.M. Bradley came in with Bissell & sat. No business here at all. Just killing our time. “Entourage” of 8 for us to entertain. Christ, what a bore. Got rid of him at 4:30. Barrett took hold then. Talked with Bissell till 6:30. Went for Mme. Sun. Dinner & movie — She loved it – eight beaux & no competition. T.V. is passing the word that I am a Gre-e-e-at Man. The old balony. Full day.

**TUES. NOV. 17.** A.M. Paul Jones – & Roberts – on P.R.O. business. General set-up & policy. – Office – Wheeler, etc. – P.M. Nap. Party for entire staff – about 35 – Bissell here. He & Hearn & Wheeler & I talked over WQ.S.C. contract & this & that. – (Joe to movies) Party kept up till 9 P.M.

**WED. NOV. 18.** Everybody excited over Solomons fight. A.M. to Chiu Lung P'o to see Snow White off. Just the family out there. Mme. Sun incl. Said good-by & beat it. – Office. Wheeler – 1 P.M. T.V. Soong's for lunch. Yü Fei P'eng – Liu Fei – Ch'en the S.O.S. man. T.V. has come through & we have gained a major victory over YU. The bastard is side-tracked. Ch'en has full authority in Yunnan. Now we're beginning to roll. – Shang Chen called – just to talk. Plenary session on for 2 weeks yet. – Nap. 5 P.M. Russkies in, fishing for dope on Burma.

How, what & when. (Col. Rosnik (?) & interp.) Tui fu'd them. – 7 P.M. J. Liu & I to Pai Ch'ung Hsi's for chow. WHAT A GROUP. PAI, LI TSUNG JEN, CH'EN CH'ENG, YÜ HAN MOU, HUANG SHAO HSIUNG, CHU SHAO LIANG, Li, (Gov. Anhui) J. Liu & I. – After chow movie till midnight.

**THURS. NOV. 19.** Ch'en Chin Chieh in to talk to Wheeler. Got a start. – Ch'en probably Yü Fei P'eng's man – To war ministry – blah – blah. Lunch at Australian legation. For Br. parl. mission. Vincent said two cracks on Gauss had appeared, each naming me as real U.S. head in China? Gauss must be sore as hell about it. – P.M. nap. – Evening wrote letters to M<sup>c</sup>Cabe – “old Pompous.”

**FRI. NOV. 20.** Long talk with Lim. Got a line on a few things. Office. Wheeler. R.C. Ch'en in to get action on refinery machinery & re-treading plants & busses – & stuff. Chen is quick and intelligent. – P.M. Roberts in to get photos. – Wrote up estimates on possible C.G.'s. Nap – With Joe, Paul, & Yang to Chinese movie plant. Mr. Hu took us around. Speaks Spanish!

**SAT. NOV. 21.** M<sup>c</sup>Hugh in, fishing for dope. He knew surprisingly little. Gave himself away by his questions. – With Wheeler to see Liu Fei & Ch'en. General walla-walla. Told them a few things about getting down to cases. Apparently, preparations are actually under way. Imagine! For a Chinese offensive. Saw T.V. & gave him memo on essentials to be done now. Had a talk about comdr's. He knows Hsüeh well. Says Lo is small potatoes. Nothing doing on Pai or Li or Hu or Sun. Maybe T'ang or Ch'en Ch'eng or Kuan or Hsüeh – – Baby letter from Wyman; his career is ruined. – P.M. wrote & slept. Coon-can.

**SUN. NOV. 22.** A.M. Office. – Went over art. with Dorn. – Shuffled papers. P.M. read till 6. Wheeler & Kohloss in – then to party with Liu Fei & Ch'en – Yü Ta Wei, Ch'en (Q.M.G.) Chang Wang (MT man), Ch'en R.C. & Tian\* Excellent Shangdong\* chow. Liu Fei quite genial. Drank too much No.1 Shao Hsing wine. Liu toasted me as C-in-C – My God, he's coming around in a big way.

**MON. NOV. 23.** A.M. Walla-walla on art. – Hsieh in for a job – Office – Mr. Carey, from Macao, in to sell a complete “intelligence” set-up. Sent him to M<sup>c</sup>Hugh. 2 P.M. Arch Steele in to fish for a sucker. – Then Li T’sung Jen, most complimentary & friendly. Got his ideas on the war. All those birds are now sold on getting Burma back. Four months ago they weren’t! – Vincent and Service in, just as I was leaving for No. 2 – Had dinner over there – with the junior sitting. O, yea, Williams & Edward & Waters arrived about 3:30 & talked till 5:00. Back for movies, with Joe. To bed about 1:00 A.M.

**TUES. NOV. 24.** Office. Papers. Dorn worked with Yü Ta Wei. 2 P.M. Wheeler had medical conference. I read & worked – Li and Pai in for dinner. – My stuffy gang left all the work to me. God, but they are a dumb lot socially. Got Pai talking, & we got by. Both very friendly & pleasant –

**WED. NOV. 25.** 8:00 A.M. Yü, Kiang, Wang & Ch’en. Took Wheeler, Dorn & me to the arsenal. Left lower ma t’ on at 8:30 – Arsenal at 9:30. Spent A.M. looking it over. Lunch at club. 7-to-1 drinkers. And Yü said it was only his 2<sup>d</sup> team! To caves in P.M. – back to Chung King at 4:15. – 6 P.M. Australian legation. Dragged my dubs up, 2 at a time & dumped them on the minister. Otherwise they would have ignored him – 7:30 Soong, Kiang, Liu & Ch’en for dinner. Dumb M<sup>c</sup>Nally took Waters’ seat, & put himself by Kiang. The Cluck. I got up & changed him, in front of them all. Movie. “Twin Beds.” Soong beat it; others enjoyed it. (Note of pessimism – – LO for Y force?)

**THURS. NOV. 26.** White in with sad tale of Paoshan front. Sickness, no food, no strength. Bad communications, etc. Williams in & talked at length. He’s getting too damn talkative. Sutherland appeared. More talk till noon. P.M. scribbled. 4 P.M. to 6:00 conference with Wheeler, Waters, Dorn, Kohloss, Edward, W<sup>ms</sup>, Hearn, & Joe. Went over the whole set-up. – Thanksgiving dinner for above list. Good party –

**FRI. NOV. 27.** A.M. Ch’en brought in Hou Shih Li to call. Office. P.M. wrote & worked – – 7 P.M. to T.V.’s to dinner. Ch’en Ch’eng & Hsüeh Yüeh there. Both very affable. Hsüeh looks like a tough guy. Ch’en is more the intellectual type. Either will do.

**SAT. NOV. 28.** A.M. Powell & M<sup>c</sup>Nally shoved off at 6:30. – Loafed. Hsü (mech. school) & Yao (Tseng's ass't.) called. Told Hsü I'd help him. P.M. Nap. Joe came at 5:00. Chinese chow here. Bergin & I to E.M. dance at Victory House. Back at 10. Alexander in till 11:30 talking about A.T.C. At midnight tried for A,N, game, but couldn't get it, luckily. (14-0)

**SUN. NOV. 29.** Alexander & Love in. Talked over changes to A.T.C. Office. Contract, C.N.A.C. Wired about oil ref. stuff. At noon Hearn, Bergin, Dorn, Joe & I went over to Tsêng's for chow. South bank. (Chaos, Tseng's & Col. Tai & Col. Wang.) (Dorn's "beautiful blue eyes!") Back at 4:00. Old man Dilowa here.

**MON. NOV. 30.** J. Liu in with dope. Shang Chen fed up; wants to go to U.S. Office. 11 A.M. date with T.V. Pushed him on critical decisions. (He wrote the N. Y. Tribune blast for CKS.) Says I've reached the saturation point with Peanut. Wants me to cosy up to Hsueh & Ch'en. (Ho is guilty of maladministration!) – Back to office to dentist. Tooth filled; plate fitted. Pest Hayden butted in – P.M. nap. Wheeler & Joe for dinner & movies.

**TUES. DEC. 1.** A. Young in at 11:30 – Air-field business. Also to get air trans. across Africa for 2 Br. kids. – Too bad. – T.V. in. The Peanut will command. Ramgahr will continue. Guns & mech. force can be gotten. C.W.S. turned down – Called on Ho at noon & gave him the dope. He never hears anything. Always promising, but never comes across. – Ch. at Ramgahr surprised at Lo's orders!

**WED. DEC. 2.** Doot's birthday. A rainy, windy night just like Dec 2, 1916 – at West Point, when I went for the nurse – A.M. Office. – P.M. Nap. Dorn woke me up at 5:30 – Said it was 6:30. Accurate as usual. Dinner for Wu Tieh Ch'en, Shang Chen & Mrs., K.C. Wu & Mrs. Good party, good movie. – Radio from Bissell, about Chennault matter.

**THURS. DEC. 3.** Usual potty Thurs. meeting. No news. P.M. Li Tsung Jen called. Nervous about the X-Y party. Anxious that it should go well, for all our sakes & faces. Does not agree

with G.S. that it will be any kind of a pushover. Me either. Joe here to meet him -- Sutherland in. -- Orders from Peanut to Ch. A.F. Well, well!

**FRI. DEC. 4.** Office. P.M. pushed papers -- 5:30 U.S. correspondents in. -- Mathews, Fisher, Grover, White, O'Sullivan, Martin, Stewart, Soong, Paul, Joe, Roberts. -- Dinner at Grimsdale's -- Seymour, Ho Y.C., Shang Chen, Wang Chung Hui, Pao, Col. Ride, etc. Pulled out at 9:30.

**SAT. DEC. 5.** Yeh Nan called, for Lo, who is laid up. Letter from Boatner, -- adverse report on Yeh & Yang. -- Office. Hair cut -- P.M. Party back from Kunming. Couldn't land. Early chow -- To Wei Yuan Hui to see theatricals. 8:00 to 12:00! Chinese music -- boxing, etc. Then Ssu Ma Yü & Chu Ko Liang -- Ho Ying Ch'in the host. Chang Chih Cheng there. Ho Yao Tsu, Liu Fei, etc., etc. All very friendly. Hard work staying awake. Orchestra leader with his cigar. Smoked it in a pipe.

**SUN. DEC. 6.** Tired. To Wei Yuan Hui -- meeting about the Chün Pu. High powered gang. Ho, Lin, Ch'ien & the Chün ling pu crowd. Had my way. "How do you want it?" "What is your opinion?" "Can we do so and so?" Quite different from six mos. ago. Squashed Yeh Nan about sending troops back. Squashed Mao on gasoline -- Ho Y.C. actually did business. And they all listened almost respectfully to me! -- Yao, salt revenue guards, called. -- Wrote letters. -- Joe, Paul & Roberts in -- Liu Fei & wife in at 5:00. Had tea & talked. She's attractive. He's no longer nearly as uncouth as he was. Gave her some chocolate for the kids.

**MON. DEC. 7.** 2:00 A.M. Joe & Yang got me up. Broadcast at 3:06 to US. World-wide hook-up. (Morgan, Gish, W<sup>ms</sup> & I. Paul announcing. Got a 4 on it. Back and to bed. -- Office later. P.M. wrote & slept. Movies ("Tortilla Flat.") -- Paul, Joe, & Morgan & Roberts in.

**TUES. DEC. 8.** 5-page radio to G.C.M. @ change on 12 4-engine planes -- Spread myself & gave him a blast. Told him it would have to be Yes or No. Wavell weaselling. W.D. welshing. Chinese playing ball. -- P.M. Miles in. -- Had teeth worked on. Fruit from Ho & T.V.

**WED. DEC. 9.** Yeh Nan in. Bawled him out. 349 O. & e.m. to come back for LO! – Ch'iu in. Enthusiastic & energetic. Wants to fight – Realizes his chance. – Office. Radio @ 7.92. O.K. 140 million on the way. P.M. worked on art. 4:30 T.V. in. Gave him the dope. He has Lung Yün fixed up. – Told H. Hopkins that I should command. H. said it was clarifying & would be O.K. Don't understand. – 6:00 to see Ho Y.C. Gave him a spiel, a map, a diagram & an explanation. He says it “will be very difficult.” Sure.

**THURS. DEC. 10.** A.M. office. Hearn took the rap at war office. Brady here at lunch. R.C. Chen in. 200 tires again. Blew off about Ch. air-force. Went over papers & clothes. – (May use Brady on Ch. A.F.

**FRI. DEC. 11.** Office. P.M. Conference with C/S, Joe, Dorn, Waters, Edward, Williams, Kohloss – Williams hadn't gotten anywhere, & knew nothing that Kohloss' man had done. Pretty poor exhibition. – Ch'en & Hon have left. No orders. – 5 P.M. saw T.V., who's been after the G-mo. Saw the G-mo with him – O.K. for 4 replacement rgts. O.K. for N 5 Div. O.K. for mechanized school. Free hand in India. “Take full charge.” OK for Mar. 1 – Ch'in there. Told G-mo we were glad he'd appointed him. – T.V. going after action on air force. G-Mo asked about help. Told him O.K. (Brady?) – Joe & Brady for dinner. – Bawled Willauer out this A.M. for having the nerve to ask what I'd told the W.D.

**SAT. DEC. 12.** (Chen Ch'eng for the Y command?) – All set for 7:30. Fog. Off at 1:30–2:15 from field. K.M. at 5:00. B-25 bellied just ahead of us. Premature bomb burst at Teng Yueh. – Saw Chennault. Had good talk. To No. 1 – Saw J.L. Huang – – Saw M<sup>c</sup>Cammon & Sutherland & Kohloss. Good report on road condition. Japs attacking 2 R.D.!! [*Phrase outlined by JWS.*]

**SUN. DEC. 13.** Up at 3:15. J. L. Huang [*Entry is outlined up to this point.*] “honored” us at breakfast, damn his fat carcass. At field at 4:30. Nobody there. – Finally at 5:00 dug up the crew, & we got 5:35. Cold ride at 15–16,000 – Good look at Chaukan mountain mass – Bare brown rock. Chabua at 9:00. Saw Byroade & Alexander. Missed Wheeler. Eifler in Delhi. No word from anyone. Left at 12:30 – Delhi at 8:00. Ferris, Bissell, etc. Talked with them till 10:30. – Wavell absent.

**MON. DEC. 14.** Dark at 8 A.M. All day in the office. A.M. with Ferris & papers. P.M. with Bissell, Eldridge, Cummings, staff photos, etc. – Oliver promoted – A.M. John Davies in – Eifler in, with limie liaison Richmond. Bowlin in.

**TUES. DEC. 15.** Office. Dudley Tenney came in – Paper work all A.M. 12 noon, talked to the staff. Situation and plans. – P.M. Office. Wyman & Merrill. Griswold. 5:30 press conference, American only. – Geo. Merrell and J. Davies in. Busy day, getting hep to preparations & plans. Ferris, W<sup>ms</sup> & I went to see “Lou Gehrig.”

**WED. DEC. 16.** A.M. office – More papers. Noon – hair-cut. Lunch with Geo. Merrell, Davies, Yang & Hall. 2 P.M. talked to the air-corps gang. Back to office. Radio from G.C.M. The rattlesnakes are striking. (M<sup>c</sup>Hugh and Chennault.) McH’s report to Navy Dept. & Chennault’s letter to Willkie. A jackass proposition, with his pompous claims about destroying Japan with 100 fighters. G.C.M. sic’d Henry on Sec. of N. – Shopped. – To bed early.

**THURS. DEC. 17.** Alexander in. Office for the usual. At 11:00 to G.H.Q. & had a 2-hr session with Wavell & his gang. Just whining about difficulties. No offer of 77<sup>th</sup> Brig. No advance from Akyab. Everything indefinite. O.K. on Ramgahr. No help if japs attack Paoshan. – It’s still “line of the Chindwin.” Crap. P.M. Office – Papers – 5:30 nap. Alexander in at 7:30, with hot air on the ferry. Just pouring out his troubles. Finally got him out.

**FRI. DEC. 18.** Up early. Off at 8:15 – via Gaya, Asausol, & other new air fields, Cha-Kulia, etc. to Ranchi. 3:30 M<sup>c</sup>Cabe & Co. at field. To Ramgahr. Session till 7:00. Chow. Session till 11:00. Saw Arms & Ernie, Leiber, Enslow, etc.

**SAT. DEC. 19.** Breakfast with Ernie – He delivered the Xmas package. To stables. New cart. Pack drill. Good animals. To pool. Nobody there. To Boatner’s office – To school H.Q. (Nobody) Saw M<sup>c</sup>Cabe & Powell at my house. Liao & Yang in. (Had seen Sun at stables.) Chow. Off at 1:15. Ranchi. Off at 2:45. In at 6:40. Good dinner – Movie with Ferris. Clark Gable got the V.C. & 3 limies nearly fell off their seats laughing.



**SUN. DEC. 20.** A.M. office G.H.Q. at 11:00. Adm. Somerville there. Same old stuff. "Difficulties." Told Wavell I would not give up command of 10<sup>th</sup> A.F. Sort of shocked him. – Struck him for tanks. O.K. – Lunch at Wavell's. Stiff as usual. Erwin in at 3:00 – More walla-walla. He began to talk of 1944! Back to office – Movie at 6:30 (Corsican Bros.) – Wyman's orders here. O.K. Fine radio from George, giving me Wavell-to-Dill.

**MON. DEC. 21.** Up at 6:00. Off at 8:15. Quick trip 5 hr. 55 min. (1180 mi.) Good views of Himalayas. At Dinjan (Chabua) met Wheeler, Bissell, Alexander. Had Merrill along. Chewed over our plans. To M<sup>c</sup>Donald's place for the night. – Wheeler had to tell the IV Corps not to interfere. Reported them to G.H.Q.

**TUES. DEC. 22.** Up at 4:00. Breakfast in bed. To field at 5:00. Off at 5:15. Good trip (19,000) Kunming at 8:15. Saw Kohloss, M<sup>c</sup>Cammon, Waters, Price, Stuart. Decorated Chennault. Off at 11:15. Very foggy at Chung King. In at 1:45. Met Dorn & Joe on road. Talked to Dorn about developments. Dinner for Ts'engs & Norman Soongs. Terrible movie – Tone & T. Bennett.

**WED. DEC. 23.** Papers all A.M. till 11. T.V. in. Gave him the situation & the Blast about doing something or else – 2:30 Ho Ying Ch'in. (Intrigue & squabbles continue. Lo is a headache with his God damn body guard. How Peanut has changed his mind about Ch'in. Orders not yet out. Tu flitting around here.) etc, etc. – P.M. WEN came in after a job. Gen Wang crudely came out & said so. Very tiresome. Wen's 3 sons in U.S.A. – – At 11 P.M. the art. order finally came.

**THURS. DEC. 24.** Office. Forgot the meeting. Hearn went. Joe for lunch. Session on preps for X-ray. TU LI MING called at 6:00 – The little bastard – Looks old. – 8 P.M. Xmas party by Shang Chen. Good effort – Ho Y.C. there, dancing around – Broke it up at midnight.

**FRI. DEC. 25.** Full day. T.V called Dorn over last night & gave him a blast. Wants me to give Chen his way. Wrote out a scheme – Also a suggestion for a mission to the U.S. headed by

H.Y.C. – P.M. got the presents ready. 4 P.M. to mil. council. Shang Chen waiting to catch me. CKS was apparently waiting for me. Talked about Ramgahr & the Y. business. Tanks & use of R., discipline, etc. Sat beside Peanut at the show – HYC on my left. – Asked Peanut to send his kid to India. – Left at 6 to hear Al on radio. Complete bust. Chinese in at 7:00. – Lin Wei, Liu Fei, H.Y.C., Shang, Yü Ta Wei, K.C. Wu, etc. Presents for their kids. – Our crowd in at 8:00 Good party. Monkey crapped on the floor. (Yü told Dorn, HYC said I was to command arm. xx.

**SAT. DEC. 26.** Ch'in in this A.M. Order not yet revoked. Peanut is “thinking” another week. – Wang Wen Has sent Y C Sun in to get oil machinery. Christ. – (H.Y.C.'s bright idea – Ch'in take 5A, Ch'eng take NIA, & TU command both as a group. Ho is plain crazy.) – P.M – nap. – Coon-can.\* [*Stilwell's asterisk, keyed to his asterisked, parenthetical sentences in next entry.*]

**SUN. DEC. 27.** Called on T.V. gave him dope on above, & proposed the Ho mission to U.S. T.V. to remain as exec. asst. – J. Liu says the Tu story is bunk. (\*Sat P.M. at 2:00 called on Lo Cho Ying. He is still bunged up. Says 2 wks more. Doesn't know what's in the air.) – Hsieh Yu Lan in, & I told him what I thought of the Chinese. My cough getting worse. Movies.

**MON. DEC. 28.** Doc Cleave moved in on me & put me to bed.

**TUES. DEC 29.** – Joe came over to be night nurse.

**WED. DEC. 30.** – They brought the movies into my bed-room.

**THURS. DEC. 31.** Feeling O.K. (Ching-pao on Wed. We went out & sat, & of course nothing happened.)

[Notes]

[Before Feb. 27, 1942; vol. 1]

Grindlay start mobile hospital at once to MAYMO

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GORGE — Extra budge  
OVERLOADS ON C.N.A.C.

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[After entry of Mar. 19, 1942; vol. 1.]

Instructions to Brereton

1. Results
  2. Act in emergency
  3. Technical and org. matters direct to Arnold. Copies to me. Follow general plan proposed Mar. 1.
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Freight transport wire

NAIDEN. 75 DC3's 3/15 @

6/15. S to M. 7500 tons.

1100 Ferry Command of 3

sq. at Calcutta PLANES

PERS

leave US by boat Apr. 1.

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5 c-53's for me.

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Wheeler – gen. instructions to go ahead.

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[After entry of March 31, 1942; vol. 2]

CH'IH (TAIO) HUAN – RELIEVE

K'UNG CHUN TU YUAN TUI

YUAN CHENG

CHEN SHEN

PAO KAO CH'I YUNG KUAN FANG

CHU<sup>3</sup> KUNG = Main attack (TSE = SECOND)

FAN CH'ENG MI TIEN = ENCODE

I CH'U LAI = DECODE

W'u lun ju ho, chin t'ien (lai) –

Ju Kuo ni p'eng tao i<sup>3</sup>wai

LI MAI FU = AMBUSH.

CH'IH CHI\* CH'I HSING TUNG = delay

[Near entry of Apr. 28, 1942]

20th [Apr.] – Br ooze out of picture – Burchert [?] & Armd Brig out, Lo runs in to Kyauk. Py in slot! Loikaw breaks. [?] Who controls? Dope to Gissim – [?] Med. serv. W<sup>ms</sup> not on job.

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20 a.m. Lorkheim lost – fight

7m. N of Lorkan, at noon.

7 40' " " " in PM

Engrs & 2 Brs of 49<sup>xx</sup>

1<sup>ll</sup> to E of Hopong

146<sup>lll</sup> of 49<sup>xx</sup> – 2 Bns.

1<sup>lll</sup> of 93<sup>d</sup> lost before 20<sup>th</sup> before Lorkam

11 P.M. 1 Bn.

21st No dope

P.M. 21 – 2<sup>lll</sup> of 38<sup>th</sup> at Kyauk –

1<sup>lll</sup> of 200 to Kalaw am 22<sup>d</sup>

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96<sup>th</sup> N of Pyin. (Jackson.)

21<sup>st</sup> P.M. Line penetrated –

O P L Schwaiyo. MLR

Myaung bridta '

55<sup>xx</sup> & 1x of 18<sup>xx</sup> at Pyin.

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5 p.m. – (22<sup>D</sup>) Noon wire from Kan – CH. TR. E of HOPONG.

No japs yet at Hopong. 55<sup>th</sup> E of road in Loikaw area –

[After entry of May 10, 1942; vol. 3]

(1) Col. Lu (Li?), Engrs —

Yun for Kuan —

Tzu Sheng –

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Stole surg. instruments

(2) HOSTILE POPULATION.

NO AIR SERVICE.

JAP INITIATIVE –

INFERIOR EQUIPMENT.

(ART., TANKS, M.G., T.M.)

INADEQUATE AMMUN.

(50 RDS. T.M., 100 RDS. ART.)

INADEQUATE TRANSPORT

(300 TRUCKS, MOST IN S'A)

NO SUPPLY SET-UP –

IMPROVISED MED. SERV.

STUPID & GUTLESS COM'D.

INTERFERENCE BY C.K.S.

BR. MESS ON R.R.

ROTTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

BR. DEFEATIST ATTITUDE.

VULNERABLE TACT. SIT.

KNEW IT WAS HOPELESS

[At mid-entry of June 4, 1942; vol. 4]

H. Tong

Help Norman (?) Sung iin getting N.R. Wang's family out of Macao. \$ if needed.

Keep Wyman, Merrill, Jones, Arnold, Nixon, MCLAUGHLIN, Bergin, Powell, Williams, Boatner, St. John, Layborne Fenn, Young, Dorn

(Roberts) [*Word circled*], ~~Townsend~~, ~~Holecomb~~, Sigbert, Haymaker, now. Hearn, McCabe, Ferris, Sandusky, Hill, Daugherity, Gruber