MON. JAN. 1.  1945. Win & I cleaned up the house. Bill & Wright in. P.M. Inman & Strachan in. (Mr. Green called.) Egg-nog. Nance, Doot & Eddie for New Year’s dinner. – Hearns called to say good-by. – Ben in at 2:30 A.M –


WED. JAN. 3. Charlie’s party. We worked all day on it. They ate on beach, & danced in living-room till 1 A.M.


FRI. JAN. 5. Montgomery takes over 1st & 9th U.S. armies. (Christ again.) Lunch in town at dairy. – Caught the rooster at Nance’s – Win got the parrot from the Findlays – Dinner – Berrigan, Miss Thompson, Carl, Mason –


SUN. JAN. 7. Last day for Ben. Lunch in patio. – Bergin & Wright & Young. “Monty” sounds off. Capt. M‘Ginnis called –


TUES. JAN. 9. Correspondence – Bergin & Wright to L.A. – Called on Dickinson & Anderson. (Landing at Lingayen.)


MON. JAN. 15. Sent Young to S.F. with msg. for G.C.M. Taylors from Hollywood here to show “Objective: Burma.” Good film. Scare-crow to take my part. – We took the party to lunch at dairy.


WED. JAN. 17. Worked on report. Lunch at dairy. Win called at Nance’s. Errands. 5:30 P.M. to Monterey to see “Mr. Skeffington”. O.K. Garry did not eat till we got back in the car. – To Walt’s for hamburgers. Good evening.
**THURS. JAN. 18.** The report again. P.M. Win & I walked. Supper at Nance’s. (Joneses, Carl & Dick.)

**FRI. JAN. 19.** – Paul & Loomis left at 7:45. Win developed a bad throat. To Wolfson’s at 3:00. – Worked in yard. – Orders came at 5:00. Went up to see Nance.


**MON. JAN. 22.** Shoved off at 9:00. (Last run with Garry.) Smooth trip via Kingman, Grand Canyon, Albuquerque, to Amarillo. – Gen. Connell & crazy wife at Amarillo field. Slot-machine fiend. Maybe she was drunk. Cold night.

**TUES. JAN. 23.** Off at 8:00. Saw O’Hara at the field. Wichita, K.C., Indianapolis, Dayton – Circled Harper’s Ferry. In at 5:00 P.M. Bergin & Dorn at field with Christiansen. To War College. No. 8. With Bergin & Dorn to Shoreham. Dinner. Talked till 11:00. – Dorn relieved. The New Boys are making a clean sweep and wrecking everything. Chinese in a daze. Letter from Ho Ying Ch’in. He went to bat for me. M’Clure is overbearing & both he & Wedemeyer are making a case that we messed it up so badly that even they will have trouble putting it straight.

THURS. JAN. 25. Lear’s job announced yesterday. – 9:00 Saw G.C.M. – Stayed for conference – Saw Surles. He is strong for taking it easy. The point is that if I don’t, any chance for field command may be prejudiced. I’ve got to “be a good soldier” & bow down. Back at noon. Cafeteria. Dorn, Bergin & Wright in. Carey Crane called. Saw the G-4 (Haynes). Movie at 1:30 (short). All P.M. papers & talk. – Find that Lear never spoke to anybody – The old stiff, up & down atmosphere – News of assignment given out to-day. – N.Y. Tribune had a very nice editorial about the Ledo road. – Wedemeyer has three stars. (Christ again.) RIDINGS is a B.G. Also Elliot Roosevelt. Christ again.

FRI. JAN. 26. Cold almost caught up with me. Still ahead. – Snow on the ground. – Shang Chen in. – DeWitt (“I’m for you,” etc. at considerable length) thinks I ought to be starting now. Barton in. Spragins in. Pennell in. Very friendly, been following my fortunes. – Saw all the special staff heads. Saw Ferris, Lloyd Jones, etc. Told Christiansen to put Bergin in as deputy C/S & get ready for Dorn, Arms, & McCabe. – Dug out Wedemeyer’s nasty radio on Dorn. “Questionable loyalty, unco-operative, immature judgment, not dependable. Bright, clever, decisive. At first intended to reduce him, etc.” – Capt. Toy in. B/G Kernan in. Dinner with Bergins & Dorn at Kennedy-Warren. – Several good notices in press. Phone from John.

SAT. JAN. 27. 9:30 to Pentagon. Talk with Patterson till 11:30 – (He talked.) Saw Tompo, who is slowing up. P.M., office. Hair-cut, at P.X. Long talk with Dawley, on T.D.’s & org. Pennell in – Patterson scorns Nelson. Hints that A.G.F. are slow to take new ideas.


SAT. FEB. 3. Peggy Boyden in. Cocktail party of section chiefs. – Greenspan turned up. Shad roe for supper –


MON. FEB. 5. A.M. office – This & that. Off at noon for Bolling Field. Called back to Atlanta, on acct. bad weather at B’ham. (Col. Holafield.) Cup of coffee & off again. Reached B’ham at 5:00. Hazlett met us. Went in to Tutwiler Hotel & talked. Hazlett stayed for dinner.

TUES. FEB. 6. To H.Q. R. & S. (2 floors of hosp. bldg.) Saw the C/S (Curtis) & section chiefs – Left at 10:15 by car for M’Clellan (65 mi.) – Arr. at noon. Lunch with Fuller,
Kammerer, etc. P.M. to Morrisville – platoon problem, (attack), Close combat in woods, German village, Casey problem, Hogan’s alley, & art. overhead. Dinner by Woodward (1st Tr. Regt.) for staff & regtl. comdrs. Made it informal – Slept at the chateau, after looking in at clubs & library, etc.


**THURS. FEB. 8.** (Yesterday, U.P. had article on candidates for China invasion C.G. (1). JWS. (2). M⁵⁴A. (3). Nimitz – Surprising.) All A.M. on problems – Close combat, German village (top of hill – Hure Haus – ), battle indoctrination (backwards) etc. Lunch at 11:45 – Symphonette played. At 1:00 to art. overhead. Close-in explosions. Lt. Col. Archie Roosevelt there. Back to pick up bags. Airport & off at 2:30. Arr. Spartanburg (Croft) (Hester) about 3:30. Started at once on inspection. Saw German village (poor) & battle indoctr. course. Rifle ranges. Late for review. 7 P.M. dinner at club. Hester, Logan, Fox (post), Murphy (G-3), Baer, Greene, Quinn, etc. (regtl. C.O.’s,) Jones, etc. (Steak – alligator.)

**FRI. FEB. 9.** Breakfast with Quinn. Then close combat course, after scouting & patrol demonstration. Then to airport & off at 11:00. Lynchburg, Staunton & Pt. Republic, down So. Fork to Front Royal, Strasburg, Winchester, Harper’s Ferry to Sharpsburg. Then to Bolling Field. P.M. in office, catching up.

**SAT. FEB. 10.** Left here 3 years ago to-day. – 12:15 in Sec War’s office in front of a line of Hot Shots, Henry Stimson himself read citations for the D.S.M. & L. of M., and pinned them on
me. He then said he had never awarded any decoration that gave him more pleasure. Can’t remember his talk, being too embarrassed, but it was most kindly. Then some hand-shaking & photos. (The L. of M. was the Chief Comdr. The W.D. got caught with its pants down on that one.) The citations were extreme. Somebody had been told to bust himself on them. – Bergin, Young & Christensen went over with me. – Had lunch with Handy. – 2 P.M. OPD gang in on training for re-deployment. – Gen. Campbell (Ord.) in to call. Dalbey (A.B. Center) called – N.G. Gen. Lowry in, bleating about injustice & discrimination. Sent him to Terrell at Livingston. Hair-cut.


**MON. FEB. 12.** Office till 11:30. Took off at 12:00. Cyclone in Miss. & Ala. We went around & got to Livingston (Alexandria) about 6:30. C.G. is Terrell – FAT. Has aged considerably. Met his crowd at dinner.

**TUES. FEB. 13.** All A.M. on inspections. Good lay-out & good construction. Off at 4:00 – Arr. Wolters (Mineral Wells) at 6:30 – Magruder, older but full of life. Dinner with Magruders, Babbits, Jones, etc. Talk with Magruder on his experiences with the cavalry.


Olmstead got us to all points just too late to see the work. Inspected kitchens. Shoved off at 6:30 for Wash. – Escort in & out of Paris by hell-raising mtc. Saw Lange, Rolfe, etc.

**FRI. FEB. 16.** Wash. at 1 A.M. Av. 220. High tail wind all way. Smooth trip. Up at 9:00.
Office. Usual crap – all day. MfHugh (Marine) in to apologize – Also to ask me to clear him with W.D. Some nerve. Balamuth in –

**SAT. FEB. 17.** Sleet. Colder. Jane engaged. O, hell – All day on Red Cross speech. 1:30 Redeployment belly-ache by the staff. (W.D. sending a new plan over.) Maxwell (W.D. G-4) in. Sent flowers to Stimson’s At Home. Took Patterson kids to Ice-capades. Grand show.

**SUN. FEB. 18.** Worked on speech. Nap. Paul & Loomis in. Supper at Naylor’s.

**MON. FEB. 19.** Up early. Off at 9:30 for N.Y. Headwind. La Guardia at 11:15. Met John & Red + delegation. In to Waldorf behind mtc. cops. Met slew of people before lunch – 1500 present, floor & 3 balconies – A few preliminaries, they gave me a yell & I yelled back & it was over. (Relief.) Later found that only good part of the talk was cut. – Up to Presbyterian Hosp. & saw H.H. Kung. Back to Waldorf & saw Mme – She says everything is lovely now. Claims it was a long build-up against me – Back to field – off at 5:00. Bolling at 6:30. – Arnold has pneumonia. (?)

**TUES. FEB. 20.** Somervell called. Also Oldfield – P. Wood – Crist. – Dubby day. Fighting a cold.


**THURS. FEB. 22.** Office – Staff movie. Phoned Sutherland “No.” – Capt. YEO called, – Wilson (ex-capt. P.R.O. in Burma). Called on Mercedes Victrola Moore. (She sent over cold medicine.)
FRI. FEB. 23.  Col. Williams, (med.) in, with Blessé. (Ben’s asthma, with respect to induction. Blessé says he will not be accepted. For limited service, maybe, on account of his Chinese.) Joseph Hall (Upton Close) in. Wild-looking bastard. Bushy hair over ears. 4 sons in service. M’Laughlin in. Had lunch with him. P.M. “Fighting Lady” – Chinese chow with Cahills, Noreens, Thysens, Emersons, Ellis, Brewster, Linebarger, Carl, Roberts, Young.

SAT. FEB. 24.  Office all day. Ernie phoned from Totten. – La Coste in, fishing on Indo-China. – Christiansen shoves off to-morrow. So does Haynes (G-4 – Pacific). – Ernie got in at 7:00 & we talked late. Called Nance at midnight. – Letter from Joe. He & Cannon want out.

SUN. FEB. 25.  Slept late. Ernie & I talked all morning. He went to see Gladys Collins. I wrote. Ernie shoved off at 5:00 for airport. Carl & I went out for oysters.


THURS. MAR. 1.  Off at 8:00. Bragg at 11:30 (their time.) Lunch. Rode all around with Cubbison from 1:00 till 5:30 – Saw Waters & his lay-out. Band played. In field with 155’s. Saw the 240’s. Shove off at 6:00. Wash. at 8:00. Mail from Win.
FRI. MAR. 2. – A.M. in office. Again worked the God damn speech over – Arms here. Col. Coughlin (Eng.) called. Shoved off at 3:15 for Cleveland. Foul weather. No ceiling – no visibility. Ty found the field somehow & set her down. The clouds were right on the ground – C.B. Wolfe was there with Weatherhead to meet us & held the field open: 12 miles in to Union Club. Reception there & dinner at Statler. – All the Big Boys in the steel industry were there – Hell of a big crowd – lavish decorations – Special plates, etc. I felt like a country boy at a Ph.D. Gathering, & my speech suddenly became utterly inadequate. Never again will I manufacture anything. If I have nothing to say, I will say just that. – Sat next to Tom Girdler – then pres. of Republic Steel, etc. That was the type – 42,000 members in their assn; – 2500 in Cleveland. – Weatherhead had the plates made in 5 days. – Girdler, 68, tough guy, four wives, a real man, told me he screwed the hired girl in the barn when he was 13, & had had a good time ever since. (Dictaphone story – also Vice Pres. – “best offer I’ve had to-day.”) Got away at 10:00 Shoved off at 11:00. In at 1:30 (eastern time).


SUN. MAR. 4. Met Nowicki at La Guardia. Took Chauncey to Newburg. To Wash., arr. noon. P.M. Nowicki worked on income tax. Sent him back by plane at 8:00. He is going to do Everything. His birthday to-day. Wrote letters while Nowicki worked.

Bhamo held by not* more* than* 200 japs. – (P’an O.K.) Limies sore about it, & just biding their time. – Lentaigne sent word to me that he had to do some of the things he did. Ordered to by Mountbattan. — (Leese & Slim think Louis is a bloody fool.) – Pretty picture generally. Peanut still scared about possible consequences. — Editorial in “Star” on my Cleveland speech! My God, and I was sweating about how rotten it was. – Phoned Win last night. — Jo Tenney yelled for help to-day for Phyllis.

**TUES. MAR. 6.** Put Carl on the rental job for Jo T. Office all day. Dorn & Bergin in to spring their trap. (Chung* Kuo*) – Jones, Roberts, & Bellah in on P.R.O. set-up. — Lutes in on A.A. future – Byron in on S.S.O. – Morrissey & Rodney Smith in on G-4. – P.M. Don Cossacks’ concert.

**WED. MAR. 7.** Gave Handy the C.B.I. report. War Council. Saw George about training centers, Hazlett, etc. – more photos in office. – Long talk with Doc Cook. – Weems in. – Letter from Joe.

**THURS. MAR. 8.** Called on Nimitz at 8:45 – Very cordial. I figure him as tops. – He’s shopping for service troops. (Showed me the chart of Guam Harbor. 182 ships there recently.) – The Ord. Assn. boys from Detroit are after me now for April. Apparently the Cleveland flop wasn’t bad enough. – DeWitt in about this & that. Reporting on A & N staff college stuff. Has hit on Ningpo for The Spot. Is boosting J.W.S. for command. Msg. from DOUG to GEORGE. “If the proposals about me are embarrassing, withdraw my name from consideration.”(!!) DeWitt sold me Col. Burkhart. I turned down a talk to the class. He is most friendly about the future. – Sent to the White House with the Rangers, who were to meet FDR. Took them in and introduced them. Everybody at offices very friendly. FDR held onto me after the session & talked about shortage of men. And seriousness of attack on Japan. Said he was pleased that Ledo Road was named after me. That was all. He looked terrible, but not as bad as the Yalta pictures. — Radio about Joe – back Mar. 31 for staff college. Wired Mira. – Lunch with Morgenthau, just the two of us. Gave him the lowdown on China. He has good sources of info. Said he was for me. His boys have been reporting all the time. Had photos taken after lunch. For publicity in 7th War
Loan. Mayer in, had seen Joe in December. — Hartle in. Still at Walter Reed. – Tax data came from Win. –

**FRI. MAR. 9.** Office. Lunch for Rangers – (10 e.m, 10 off.) at mess. Movie afterward – Cleaned up papers. – Dinner at 7:00 at Carlton – Natl. Academy of Science to launch the new research board. Much cock-tailing before & much speechifying at dinner. Out at 11:10. Went to field & shoved off at midnight.

**SAT. MAR. 10.** Hood. Saw Hazlett, Dawley, Wood, Bresnahan, etc. (Gorder) – Inspected training in A.M. Lunch at club and out again. Capt. R.A. Smith – tops in instruction so far. Shrapnel fragments hit our car. Supper at an e.m. mess. Dropped in at officers’ dinner dance. Then to e.m. dance & got mobbed. Shoved off at 11:00.

**SUN. MAR. 11.** Glendale at 6:00. Weather bad. Off at 9:00 – Del Monte at 11:00 To Carmel. Nance & Ernie & Doot in. Ben there. Talked & talked. Turned in early.

**MON. MAR. 12.** A.M. at Ord. Inspected the post & saw a detachment of 1000 off for S.F. Lunch with brass hats. Saw training in P.M. Home at 3:30 – Girls in. Took Ben to bus in A.M. when he shoved off. (Winthrop Pennock there.)

**TUES. MAR. 13.** Packing all day. To bank & Nance’s & Doot’s. Puttied two doors. Doot & Nance helped pack. Doot back home at 4:30. Call from Hyssong on Dawley. (9 new 4-star generals – Somervell, Handy, M’Narney, Spaatz, Kenney, Krueger, Devers, Bradley, Clark.) – Kept it up till midnight. – Betty Doe & Mrs. Bird in.

**WED. MAR. 14.** Shoved off at 1:00 A.M. Amarillo at 8:00. Garry got off & pumped ship. In P.M. he crapped & puked all over the plane. By 3:00 he was empty. In Wash. at 8:00 P.M. (16 hrs. flight). – Smuggled Garry in, & he promptly puked on the hall rug. Unpacked. House looks fine. All set but the drapes.
THURS. MAR. 15.  Joe due any day now. Office at 10:00 – Win & Loomis over for lunch. Worked on the “Orphans of Battle” business for George. Saw the press at 4:00 & gave them a blast. Told George we were too damn apologetic. JOE blew in – mucho hablar – Looks tired but fit. Mira is on the way. – Win is enjoying the place. Garry is solid with Sgt. Smith. Off for Sill to-night.

FRI. MAR. 16.  (Dorn’s report. Chiang Mon Lin says O.K. but not via the women. Either T.V., Ch’en Ch’eng, or Ho. – [CKS, via Ch’en Ch’eng, working on Ho’s subordinates.] – Chiang M. L. made Lung Yün retract his crack about my going for the ruby mines. — Not 10 people were with CKS in my affair. — Mme. Kung herself said I should be sent back.) – Shoved off for Sill at 1:00 A.M. – Head winds. Late arriving – 11 A.M. (Patterson did not go.) Had some food & spent afternoon on this & that all over the place, – F. A. school courses. – Big dinner in club.


SUN. MAR. 18.  In at 7:30 just after dawn. Win still asleep. Quiet day at home. – At 4:30 to Jo Tenney’s for christening of Phyllis’ baby.


WED. MAR. 21. War Council. Politics. Yesterday Wedemeyer’s request for Young came in. Disapproved. (Young had been flirting with the idea.) Preposterous performance on W’s part. – Blossoms all out – (Told Somervell to buy me a car yesterday.) – Limie general Davidson in. Broad hint to put a limie on the A.G.F. staff. “Gen. Lear was so friendly” – “We must get integrated,” etc. etc. – Barton in. – Haynes back from S.W.P. – Made Bergin P.R.O. – Dinner at Novers’. Vice Pres. & Mrs. Truman – Sen. & Mrs. Hill-Jones, Gunther, etc. – Judge & Mrs. Vinson. – Informal buffet. All of them friendly. Vinson told me the Am. people think of me as an institution. My God again. Truman wants to talk.

THURS. MAR. 22. Office. This & that. 5:30 Reception at club – All staff – about 4-500 present. Good eats. (Mrs. Holland husband killed.) Several old friends in the line. (Lear said to have stood in corner & refused to shake hands.) Home at 7:30 –

FRI. MAR. 23. Office. Chaplain Arnold in. Squabble over Combat Inf. badge for Roger Young. – P.R.O. stuff. Surles agrees to everything. – Declining all speech dates. – Saw the “Burma Campaign” movie, & it was putrid. All limie & Wingate & Flip Corkin & crap. Christ; the limies might well have made it –

SAT. MAR. 24. 8:15 off for Aberdeen – 18 from A.G.F. Sec. War (Under & asst.) etc. etc. All day looking it over. M24 & T 26 – 90 mm. gun – recoilless 57 & 75. Tank vs. concrete – Tanks vs. 14″ of armour plate. Rockets. V-T fuse. Mine-destroyer. Automatic M-1 – Enemy materiel. – Lunch with Wacs. (“Call for Vinegar Joe.”) Back at 5 P.M. – Sun-glare all day long. Campbell, Harris, Patterson, McCloy. – Sounded off on air pay, promotion & decoration. Mushrooms for supper. Looks like curtains in Germany.


MON. MAR. 26. Walter Reed for treatment. Office all day. Atkinsons here for lunch. P.M. a string of visitors. (Heinrich, Henry (G-1) etc.) This & that all day – To airfield at 11:00


FRI. MAR. 30. To Walter Reed for tooth jabbing. Rest of day in office. Stream of visitors & papers. – Paul & Loomis here. – Garry had a fit yesterday.

SAT. MAR. 31. Office all day. (Condon in yesterday. Also Nover.) Dean back from E.T.O. Tank policy O.K. Home early –


guy. – [Charlie Dravo in yesterday. He is on. “No guts anywhere.” Says Doug will get the China job & yell for me. Baloney.] — At 2 P.M. M. of H. to Mrs. Boyce for her son. Grandmother & sister present. Nice people – Home at 3:30. – [Churchill forced F.D.R. into Br. naval participation in Pacific by threat of telling world he preferred to sacrifice American lives.] – (Br. feelers about having TRUK for a naval base!) – N.B. Freeman. “One year ago, Wedemeyer & Co. were in the U.S. telling the C.C.S. that an attack on Burma was impossible. Now they have fantastic ideas about re-taking Singapore – 8 divs. & “leading elements” – 360,000 men!

WED. APR. 4. Walter Reed for tooth. Henry Stimson there. Office all day. Bill Gruber in; long talk. He says it will boil down to me. The admin. can’t take Doug. – Atkinson in for talk; on way to Moscow. Says my speech is O.K. – Bess of Sat. Eve. Post in for talk. – Christiansen back – Good trip. — Long talk with Haynes. – Win to tea in her honor at 5:00.


FRI. APR. 6. Walter Reed for scraping & impression – Office at 11:00. Hanson Baldwin in (Said he had been for me in the Pacific – With Bergin to Mayflower – Army Day lunch. All the big shots there. Embarrassing reception upon introduction – Perfunctory claps for the others, but a real salvo for me. George Marshall spoke, giving a lot of dope out. He congratulated me on “the ovation”. Sat by Adm. Woodward, who said he wanted me to know he was for me. – Arms back. – Talked to Cook. – Parade. – Win tickled over the lunch episode. –

SAT. APR. 7. A.M. office. Usual stuff. 1:30 at field & shoved off. N.Y. at 3:00. Good trip. To Waldorf & at 4:00 Ern, Agnes, & J. Goette in. 5:30 reception. – A mess. (Constants there!)
Bullard. Drum, etc. Christ again. Drum drove me crazy at dinner with his God-damned pomposity. 4 ½ min. speech. Then escaped, to the room. A wearing affair.

**SUN. APR. 8.** Breakfast at 8:00. Nowicki in at 9:20, to 10:00 – Then Ern, Agnes, Berrigan, Art Steele & the Browns, & Pepper Martin. Shoved off at 11:30. Left field at 12:00. Wash. at 1:30. Nance & Ern here. Lillian Matchett & Mary Bradley here. – Left Young in N.Y. to drive new car down.

**MON. APR. 9.** Office – 10:00 to Ft. Myer to Somervell’s show – Back at 1:15. P. Wood in. Told him to hold his water. Condon & Rothwell Brown in. Christiansen sick Shoved off at 11:00. (Ernie to see G-1 W.D. @ radio to Sultan for his release – [Young came in with new car at 7:00.]


**THURS. APR. 12.** 8:00 A.M. with Scott & Wood, world champion talkers, both at once, & all the time, to tank gunnery & driving, etc. All A.M. After that, the Armd. Board, (Hightower) & lunch. Then the school, (Robinett), till 3:00. Washington at 7:00 (E. Time). [FDR dead, at 4:35 – well, well.] Knox is sloppy. Sent to Hartle for help.
FRI. APR. 13. 9:30 to Edgewood. Very soupy. Arr. 10:00 & went to demonstration of mortars, flame-throwers, & bombs. 1 P.M. lunch. At 2:00 made rounds of CWS school. Off at 3:00. Office till 5:00. (Win got mixed up with Hyssong dogs.) – Porter at Edgewood. KABRICH in charge of technical board. Saw Lilly – & Capt. Schmertz. Also Esmond, Joe’s friend.


MON. APR. 16. Office. Alerted for quickie on re-depl. – 2:30 to recording studio with Nover. – Paul gave us hell for doing it – small time stuff. – W.D. trying to force my hand on questionnaire for the quickie. Paul got after them. – 7:30 – dinner with Shang Chen, Bergins, Dorn, Liu’s, T’ien, Li, & Mme Chu Shih Ming. Back late. – Shang spoke openly of the “great mistake.”

TUES. APR. 17. To Pentagon for quickie. Stumbled through it – P.M. Gaither in; back from E.T.O. Nearly bumped off in A/B op. at Wesel. Dropped on a German 20 mm battery. — Mr. Biggers of Chrysler in, about May 14 at Detroit. – They couldn’t get the Coliseum (5,000), so are restricting the dinner to 1500. (Patton & Hodges – 4-star).


SAT. APR. 21. – L. of M. for Mrs. Holland. She, 3 kids, mother, Col. Brant, Win at office for presentation. Lunch in cafeteria. Isaacs in. (Resentment vs. me for insisting on taking it easy with Chinese. Feeling changed by fight with CKS. I must have looked like a prick. One of many gigs a K.O. must take.) Hurley = Senility. Had fight with M'Clure (“S.O.B.” etc) – Cheeves sending snotty wires to I.B. Theater. (It wasn’t so smart to break up C.B.I.). MtBatten “so sorry” to lose me, etc. etc. but evident relief that I’d been gotten out.

SUN. APR. 22. Up late. Office at 11:00. Arms in. Going to R. & S. command as G-3. He had word that Chinese special regt. had performed well. P.M. bummed. To field at 11:00.


**MON. APR. 30.** Office. Mass of junk. Lunch with Somervell, Campbell, Barnes, Faymonville to iron out requirements business. – Dorn in. Barrett has been relieved as C/S of C.T. & C.C. China theater in a mess. Cheeves to be replaced by Maddocks. Feeling very bad between Chinese & Americans. Worked all day catching up –

**TUES. MAY 1.** A.M. to Walter Reed. – All day at office – Pennell back from ETO (Rock tunnel V-2 factory. Atrocities. Spotty damage in Germany.) McCullough (1913) in. McCabe leaving for Robinson. He is all perked up at the prospect. Doc Cook in on Plans Div. PICK & GREENE in, on leave. Good eggs. They are looking for work. – 5:00 P.M. to Bolling Field. Review & decoration of Bowles, nurse, etc. – Cold wind. Hitler reported killed.
**WED. MAY 2.** Wrote VE + 1 speech. No help from P.R.O. Sautschi in. Hughes in, on way to E.T.O. Dumont – old Dickman’s aide – in. J. Goette in in P.M. Plugged all day –

**THURS. MAY 3.** Office all day. Maxwell & gang in. OK. Tregaskis in, looking for dope on China. Lattimore in. Mongols have taken new lease on life – He knows the score in China. Bob Bryant in; gave me a skag-holder. Staff movie. – Wrote on speeches. – Invite to Russian doings in N.Y.


**SAT. MAY 5.** Office all A.M. Just catching up. Home at 2:00 & got after Garry, – clipping.

**SUN. MAY 6.** To Mt. Vernon with Paul & Loomis – Ahead of the crowd (Record; 16,000). George’s duck-gun. Kitchen, smoke-house, museum, tomb, gardens, etc. etc. Beautiful lay-out. Back at noon. Read. DeWitts in – Carl brought Miss Volin Cowan(?) in at 5:30 –

**MON. MAY 7.** Dubby day in office. All day. Win & Loomis over for lunch. Col. McNerney in for supper –

**TUES. MAY 8.** Office. Worked on speeches. It is now certain that I will have to write them myself. This is VE day. So what? – 12 o’clock, to sec. war’s office. Henry paid a tribute to Marshall – P.M. office crap.

**WED. MAY 9.** Office. Continued battle on speeches. Slats in for lunch. Miss Palmer of “Reader’s Digest” in. Babe in woods going to China. – Col. Bennett from old 2d Div. in. – Col. Starling from our M.T.O. board in. – 92d Div., msg. from Almond. Art., Excellent. Inf, hopeless. – 6:30, broadcast with Arnold & Somervell. – Win had tea-party for 35. – Bergins & Dorn for supper –
THURS. MAY 10. 8:45, saw G.C.M. He had nothing to offer, except that I could go & make my own arrangements. Doug will not have anyone senior to Krueger. Geo. says K. was on point of being rel’d. for slow advance on Manila. Doug obviously out of control; W.D. afraid of him. So I’ll go out & look around. – Talked to Dorn, Bergin & Jones about it. They all say Go. – Movie of German atrocities. – Negro news-boys in, feeling around about the 92d Div. – Universal training committee in from N.Y. for 25th – Gov. of Maryland phoned for date in Baltimore. No.


SAT. MAY 12. News of Stalin’s blast against Churchill on Poland. – 7 A.M. “Marie Bowlin” wanted on phone. Rosemarie Volin, of course. “She is staying at Gen. S.’s house.” Bawled Carl out. It turns out she is still here. — Back & forth about trip. Go or wait. GO. No one in all day!!

SUN. MAY 13. Win out to Mother’s Day breakfast. Around house all day. Movie “Affairs of Susan”.

chairman) wants it in N.Y. Speeches again. – 9:30 to the theater (3,000) for radio show, 10 to 11. Raymond Massey, Barry Wood, Bee Wayne (“shirt full of goodies” & a wiggle.) Morg. said, “Between $1000 & $2000 a week for that.” Massey is a good egg. Morgie & I made speeches – Back to hotel with the mayor. To bed at 12:00. Buffalo is O.K.

TUES. MAY 15. Up at 4:30. Off at 5:00. Hotel had a bill for us! Take-off at 5:30. Detroit at 7:15. Biggers, Boatwright (BG.) & Quinton (B.G.) met us. To Detroit Club. Breakfast, same crowd. To tank arsenal with Keller, (pres. of Chrysler) He took us through the plant. Rode a T-26. Then to truck proving grounds. Frenchy gave me a ride in the swamp buggy. (All trucks to be water-proofed now.) Grown-up jeep, i.e. cut-down ¾ ton W.C. They are making the 4 x 4 Chinese truck. Out to Willow Run. Lunch with H. Ford II; nice kid. Also Fairless (pres. U.S. Steel) Bricker, mgr. Willow Run, & a lot of others. All big shots, & all friendly, informal & natural. Through the plant by electric train. B-24 assembly line. To control tower. Left at 4:00. Went to Rouge River plant. 1200 acres. Saw them dump coke. Immense layout. Test going on robot bomb. Deafening noise – Back to the club. Dinner at 6:30, for 23. All the big shots, Gen. Motors (Wilson), Chrysler (Keller & Biggers), Penn. R.R. (Stackpole), Telephone (Dushay), Timken (Rockwell), Ford (Henry II), banks, etc. etc. – Keller & his stories (“Have you met the Yanks?” “I prefer it au gratin.”) – Long session on preparedness & compulsory training. Wilson & Ford against. All others for it. – Then an hour on China, all new to them. Gave them the works, laying off of C.K.S.

**THURS. MAY 17.** Thunder-storm – Off at 6:15. Biggers came to field. – Wash. at 8:45. – G.C.M. took my rec. seriously. Office. 3 P.M. home & took nap. Falling asleep at desk.

**FRI. MAY 18.** Office all day. Regrets off on all dates – All set for Sunday. – P.X. for slacks, cap & sox. – (Sen. Brown, Detroit – U.S.-Canada boundary. Ben. Franklin negotiated. Limies had choice of 45th parallel, or line of lakes & 48th parallel. Took latter & lost all the iron & limestone of Michigan & Minnesota – Got nothing along the lakes. Tit at Winnipeg. Nothing known about country there. So treaty read “From X, NORTH or SOUTH, as the case may be, to the 48th parallel.” It turned out to be south. — R.E. Lee ran the survey for the Michigan-Ohio boundary.) —

**SAT. MAY 19.** Office – finishing up. Saw Handy. G.C.M. not back from Leesburg. Later, msg. that George did not need to see me – Then at the Honeycutt wedding in he came & was seated next to Win. Talked a blue streak & ill at ease – Phyllis Murray there with the Herrs. Margaret Honeycutt very casual.

**SUN. MAY 20.** Up early – Off at 7:30 – Take off at 8:30. Via Toledo, Chicago, Omaha, to Ogden. Head winds. Gas at Ogden. Saw [Blank half-line.] – Off at 6:30 – Hamilton at 9:00 their time (midnight, Wash.). To club & turned in.


**TUES. MAY 22.** Chewed up by mosquitoes. – 8:00 A.M. briefing at Rich’s office, & he gave a spiel on command relations. The Navy is after complete control. They have not complied with J.C.S. orders to separate A. & N. They want to go to Chung* Kuo* – LONG TOM. Army all against it – incl. Wedemeyer. – Nimitz to Spruance to Turner to Buckner is the chain of Command. (Buck. recommended GEIGER to succeed him if he were a casualty!!) – Everything being moved west from eastern Pacific. – Harmon was inefficient & stood well with navy

WED. MAY 23. OUT. We cross the 180th meridian.

THURS. MAY 24. 7 A.M. Kwajalein. Met by Ross. Mr. Kuter & Gen. Parker there. I do not warm up to them. Breakfast with Ross. Tour of island. Only jap remains are a couple of pill boxes. Island covered with A.T.C. & Navy & Marine installations. All water distilled. 6,300 ft runway. Shoved off at 9:15 – (12 hrs. from Honolulu – 7 ½ to Guam.) – Guam at 3:30. Held up by a B-29 off runway. Circled harbor & fields. Met by Nimitz & Giles. All around island with Larsen, island comdr. 8,000 japs killed since fighting stopped. Still getting 10 or 20 a week. – B-29’s (700) in 4 wings of 4 groups of 4 sq. 12,000 men in a wing. 2 wings here, 2 on Tinian, 1 on Saipan. Saw LeMay. – They claim 32 sq. miles of Tokyo gone & about 30 more to do. All A/C factories hit. – Our losses at Okinawa – 26,000 + 235 ships have been hit mostly by suicide bombers. (4,000 sailors killed, 4,000 wounded.) Nimitz expects break-up on Okinawa. Sherman thinks japs will quit. So does Larsen. – Back at 6:00. Bath. Dinner – McMorris, C of S., Sherman, Mandel, Donovan, Heileman, & a bunch of Red Cross “executives”. – Amazing job being done on Guam. – Roads, depots, fields, docks, fills, dumps, pipe-lines & what have you. Mostly since Nov. – About 160,000 military pop., plus 22,000 civilians.

Admiral Apts. Tie-up on arrival. Their idea was tomorrow at Tacloban. Elevator working, water running, furniture a bit short. First floor blown out by time bomb. – Phone from Col. Wheeler. Audience at 11:00 to-morrow. (Osmeña conferring with God to-day). Sutherland sick. Donovan says they really want to see me! – Took a ride. Manila is sure flat. Intramuros looks like Tengchung – Escolta area & all S. of Pasig, ruins. Levelled or burnt shells. Two Bailey bridges in across Pasig. No entrance to Walled City – still danger of mines. The city is a bee-hive, but it will take years to straighten it out. Back at 5:00 – (They thought here we were to land in Leyte. Nichols field phoned that they would not let us land. We had 100 yds. to spare.) Hot, but not too bad. – Willoughby, Russell, Whitlock, at dinner. Chamberlain ate with us. Same story about Navy. They just refuse to obey the directive. – Kyushiu wanted only for the air-fields. Not possible up to now to use A/B troops on acct of fields. Had to choose, – tactical air or A/B, – not both. Great shortage of service units, & not enough tonnage to move them.

SAT. MAY 26. 7:30 breakfast. HOT day. No breeze & heavy haze. – Hair-cut. – To City Hall – Saw FELLERS, WHEELER, KRUEGER. He looks just the same. Everybody most cordial. Anxious to have me visit them. Message from P. Swift (“Come on up”). Msg. from Eichelberger. Saw Dr. ELLIOT, Col. Ijams (?), & Col. X, of Tyding’s party. Ijams mentioned the Mayflower Hotel incident. Adm. King was at his table & said “There’s the man for my money,” when I had to stand up. (More embarrassment.) Saw Doug, who made a speech – Fair enough evaluation of conditions. Says he wants a friend to speak up for him. Told me I could do anything I wanted to do. “Go see Krueger. Go see Eichelberger. Go see the air people.” Planes, cars, anything. Make suggestions. He wants ideas. 1 P.M. out to Santa Mesa for lunch. Bachrach house. Mrs. M’ is small & lively. Murfeesboro – Very informal & O.K. At lunch Dr. Elliott said that Doug had the affection of the American people, & had only one rival – And he was sitting opposite – (What a conception.) The old car disappeared & a nice new one took its place to take me home. – Nap. – Donovan having trouble finding out who is who. USAFFE, AFPAC, SWPA, USASOS, GHQ – etc. Personnel not so hot. Chamberlin stands out among the mediocrities. Dorn had same experience. G-4 to G-3 & back. And Eastwood asked to have us come. Now they send us to the armies! I told Dorn not to go.
**SUN. MAY 27.** Bawled out Dorn for his action in arranging 6th A. trip. He did not call it off last night, hoping to get me to change decision. Went down to see Marshall in USAFFE. He turns out to be the Asst. Q.M. at Benning in 1924-25. First guy we met who knew anything. Got the dope from him, found out about the equip. board & repl. Command. Dorn to see the board at 3:00. This will give us the proper start. Back to Adm. Apts. at 10:00 – Bergin saw Fitch (A.G.).

– The Sutherland wac is a jewess, & relations are cooler, on her account, between Doug & the C/S. – Nap. – 4:00-5:00 tour of bay & sunk ships. 300 already moved. 60-odd large ones still there & well over 100 small ones. Dead jap on cruiser hanging from bridge. One ship loaded with bullion. A cruiser, – sank in 4 minutes – had complete log. Was at Pearl Harbor, – flagship. Operations orders, dated Nov. 5 – Gen. Baker went with us on a crash boat. – 6:00 P.M. called on Sutherland. He was in pajamas with his wac. She went into the bed-room as I came upstairs. Very friendly talk. Carte blanche to go anywhere. – Another gorgeous sunset. Dorn & Donovan saw their people.

**MON MAY 28.** To G-2, Mr. Willoughby. Got the estimate on Chiu* TAO – (6 xx +). Called on by TUAN MAO LAN & “Gen” WANG CHIH, Willoughby’s nuisance. Always sending scraps to CKG & the japs intercept & read them. – Lunch with Fitch & Sen. Tydings – We struck a common note, To hell with the British & no handouts to the P.I. politicians. O.K. about bases here. The boys do not want independence. Tydings agreed that the Empiah is on the down grade. – 4:00 P.M. out to McKinley; a wreck – Scattered buildings left. Our old house gone; just a pile of rubbish – New road across Pasig to Quezon City, 15 mi. out of Manila. Not much damage in N. Manila. Came in past Malacañan. Market. Mangoes, 1 peso each. Papaya, two pesos. Avocado, 1.50 a kilo. Bananas, 20¢ each – The prices generally are terrible. Litter of jap planes around McKinley. 6th A to-morrow.

**TUES. MAY 29.** Shoved off at 7:30 for San Fernando. Absence of chickens, ducks, dogs, pigs, & carabao. Some carabao out in the country. Wild driving on road. Few towns hurt. Bridges all down. 6th A at 9:15 – (Gen. MacArthur’s billet in ’99.) – Saw Krueger for an hour. G-2 gave us the dope on situation. Only remnants of japs left. G-3 (Eddleman) till noon. After lunch talked to staff – Friendly business-like atmosphere; good staff. They say very few good officers at Doug’s H.Q. Chamberlin does the work & never gets out. – Replacements can be
handled (good div. comdrs.) No change wanted in T/O’s. Uncertain about new weapons. –
Dozed till 3:30; then to G-3, air office, & I & E. (2600 radio sets out; 3500 more on way!!) –
comdr.”!!

**WED. MAY 30** – Off at 8:00. Clark Field about 9:00. Plane to Rosales. Met by P. Swift. Up
to 25 xx C.P. & got Mullens. Nice lunch (avocado, mango, club sandwich, coke!!) Up to the
doings around Balete Pass. They have bull-dozed up the side hills on each side of the valley &
gotten to Santa Fé. 37th now takes over. Beighteler at lunch. Typical griping, whining N.G.
officer. Someone is always discriminating against him. Guerrillas working with the 25 xx.
Troops had been told I was coming. Yells of “Uncle Joe” along the way. [Mullens was putting
on a show – Air strafing, 57 firing on jap positions. Report of jap M.G. across the road – And
the usual sniper. Not very convincing.] Tough hills to climb. Japs holed up everywhere – 3 ½
months to get to Balete Pass from about 4 or 5 miles down the valley. Seems a bit slow if they
are going to Aparri – 27-yr. old Col. at pass. – Col. Johnson (USMA 1939.) – 28-minutes to go
back to the C.P. Heavy dust & rough road. P. Swift had to make his schedule, come death or
destruction. Left Mullens & shot down to Rosales. Arr. 5 P.M. Guard of Honor – Good-
looking soldiers. Had a bath. Chinese chow for dinner. Unimpressive staff. Murray, C/S, 1917,
an argumentative Irishman – and dumb. Turned in early.

**THURS. MAY 31** – Breakfast at I Corps. By jeep to Tayug & up the Villa Verde trail to 32 xx
the trail – Gill had art. on them, in plain sight, about 1800 yds. across the valley & higher. Hell
of a job to do what they did. Terrific slopes, with japs on the high ground & well concealed in
their holes. Japs could see the whole advance all the time. Portable surgical hosp. right under
the guns. (Operating table shot up.) LYMAN, asst. div. comdr. Troops on way out; job finished
just in time. — Kid in hosp. from San Leandro – belly wound – 18 yrs. old. Looked like Joe –
glasses. Just looked steadily at me, serious as hell. Answered questions, still looking me in the
eye, unsmiling. Hard to take – 18 yrs. old. Lunch with Gill, Barlow (7th Div.) McBride (art.) –
Back to Rosales. Inspected H.Q. troops lay-out. Plane to Naguilian along coast – over low hills
where 43 xx went in. Met Clarkson. Jeep to Baguio (40 kil.). Stopped at site of “ball-field”

FRI. JUNE 1. 8:00 A.M. to Topside – art. O.P. 8000 yds from Totem Pole jc. Air hit with 16 planes (promised 48) & then the Bofors 90 mm did some shooting. 1 Bn attacking along road – with 2 tanks & 1 M-7. Air hit the right hill with help of white smoke on target, pink on our line, & a cub leading them in. Back through Baguio & out through Trinidad, then around a gorgeous valley on road to Totem Pole (Guerrillas learning on jap 75 hows.). 42’s going in. Met Collins (’38), the col. & Blake the Bn. Comdr  Paxton giving the art. support. Sniper popped off as we got out. Watched the shoot on Chocolate Drop hill. A cave was blown about 150 yds. ahead of us & a pair of pants flew through the air. 4 japs in the hole. Little reaction. Japs smothered & not numerous. (We had Choc. Drop at noon.) Back through Baguio & to Cavennee’s replacement camp. Quarantined for mumps. Fine-looking bunch of kids; best they have had. A lot of 18 & 19 yr. olds – Talked to 3 tentfuls & then to the whole squad, lined up. Back for lunch. Then to airfield to a parade of a Bn. Fine div. band. About 20 awards & I pinned them on. Swift gave Clarkson the Air Medal. Shoved off at 1:45  Dropped Clarkson & Swift in Baguio & rode on down to Naguilian. Plane to Clark Field. Rain just over. Car to San Fernando. Arr. 4:50 P.M. – To-day is first day of right-hand drive. – Long talk with Krueger – his only chance to get things off his chest.

SAT. JUNE 2. Goodbye to 6th Army staff – By car to Chink Hall’s XI AC Hqrs. by the Chinese cemetery – (Balintawak). C/S Hastings. CP in a shoe factory. Rode out through Mariguina to CP of 38 xx. Gen Chase – Very dusty – Went up to OP opposite Mt. Purro & watched firing – 38th attacking regts. abreast; just getting to high rough ground from Montalban gorge south. Maybe 1500 japs in there. Not 15 miles from Manila. Very slow advance, with usual stuff about how tough the japs are. Saw Ives, now a Col. (formerly in 32d Inf) Also Spence, 1916, Comdg. div. art. & SOULE, asst Div. Comdr.!! (He has good reputation there) Went through a 155 Bn. on way back & talked to the men. Lunch with Chase, Spence, etc. Then to clearing station (Howells) & went through two wards. Everybody cheerful. Had a coke in the Red Cross tent & went back to Hall’s C.P. Bergin had phoned to Rhodes, & everything is
set for Okinawa to-morrow. Back at Adm. Apts. at 4:00 & cleaned up. – Medico at 6th A says that no orders are issued here – Instead, people are asked “if they would like to do so-&-so” – In the interests of inter-national friendship, no whore-house can be put off limits. San Fernando is known as Kruger’s Whore-House. 16 pesos a whack. 90% infected. – All junior comdr.s are frothing at the mouth & straining at the bit. CAUTION is the watch-word. How the japs balled it up here is a mystery, but if they had 200,000 men, Yamashita is the world’s worst comdr. Nobody can tell you where there was any co-ordinated fight – – Graham (2d Div.) here. Rain. (Heileman – “Drive it home with a smart blow from a 2 ½ lb hammer.”)

SUN. JUNE 3. Up at 5:30 – Off at 7:15 in a B-17. 749 knots. In at 1:15 at Yontan. Lot of ships in Keramas, & at Okinawa. Big doings – roads, dumps, etc. No notice received here of our visit. A commodore took us to 10th Army in his jeep. Roads layout is ambitious, but the muck is terrible. Okinawa tombs. Surprise to staff, who were unprepared for us. Buckner, Post C/S, Schick, Dept C/S, Ely, G-2, Dumas, G-3 – etc. Had long talk with Buckner – After supper, met special staff. Then long session with the G-S. (Jap suicide boats at Keramas, & crews at Naha being briefed when landing came.) 29 jap planes to-day, just after we got in.

MON. JUNE 4. Heavy bombardment last night. Shoved off at 8:30 for Hodge’s Hqrs. Deep mud. Got there at 9:30 – Old fort (1457) on peak. Local boy protecting against encroachment from south – (“One of 8 views of Okinawa”). Monument to the “Loyal Dead”. Chinese inscription. 7th Div. took it; grenades. Left Hodge at 10:30 & poked on towards 7th. Stuck on cross-road. Rescued by Capt. Miller of Houston in an M-5 tractor with 2 trailers of art. ammo. Abandoned the ¾ ton & got to 7th C.P. Arnold, Booth, C/S, Reddy, asst xx Comdr. Had chow & shoved off for beach in 2 ½ tonner. Roads impassable. LVT along beach to Yonabaru. Then a 3/4 tonner to Shinzato & up the hill to 32d CP. Keller (|| ex.) there. Finn out. On to 184th & saw Greene & Bjork. On to 17th & saw Hachler. Then to O.P. & got a look at south side. Cleared after steady rain. Good view of fort & whole lay-out, nice, escarpment. Looks tough, but good approach near shore. Troops close to phase line – Back to 32d & saw Finn – Recognized everywhere & got friendly greeting. Yonabaru at dark – LVT up the coast again & back at CP. by truck at 9:00 – Chow & turned in at 10:30 in Arnold’s tent. CP is a sea of mud. 7th has no respect for japs (850 k. 3500 wd. in this operation.) Bn comdr. loss heavy.
TUES. JUNE 5.  Showery.  Breakfast at 7:00.  Off at 8:00.  To truck in a weasel, driver De Conter, original 7th Divver.  Truck to beach.  LVT to Navy lay-out & ¾ tonner due west on main cross- road to CP.  Navy has big anchorage proposition on east side.  Protected by islands.  (Complained to Finn about a sniper south of Shinzato!  15 men in their party!)  4 japs killed last night coming ashore. – Estimated 15-20,000 japs left, & 2 weeks to finish them.  They are holing up in S.W. corner. — Buckner’s pee-mortar; very sanitary.  Now further improved by a fore-skin at the lower end.  (It would not do to pee directly into the puddle.) — Tactics – All frontal.  6th Marine landing S. of Naha only attempt to go by.  No thought of repeating it.  Buckner laughs at Bruce for having crazy ideas. “Two out of 15 are O.K.  The rest are impossible.” It might be a good thing to listen to him.

→ 1:30 took off in a cub.  Down to Naha & across the island to Yonabaru.  Looks like Verdun.  Escarpment must have been tough.  Caves, holes, & tombs everywhere.  The poor Okinawans have had even their ancestors blown to pieces.  Complete destruction in center of island.  Naha harbor blocked by sunken ships.  6th Marines fighting on hill just S. of inlet.  Went around the S.E. peninsula on sea side & came in at south port.  7th behind a smoke screen, apparently having a hard time.  Circled close – Cruiser & destroyer firing from south – Back up east coast around the Chinese* City* castle & down to Naha again.  How battery let off just as we went over.  Back up coast to Ie Shima.  One rocky hill, rest of island flat.  Fight at the hill & in town, just in front.  Complete destruction.  3 strips to go in on Ie.  One in use now.  Sunk jap cruiser near the leper island.  Guns showing under water.  Back to field.  1 hr. 40 min.  (Col. Bentley the pilot).  Jap parachute wired shut.  Stopped to see the Baku bomb, rocket propelled; one man suicide affair.  7 of them here in crates.  Back at 4:30.  Report that Col. May of 96th xx is killed. – Buckner is tiresome.  I tried to tell him what I had seen but he knew it all.  Keeps repeating his wise-cracks. “The Lord said ‘Let there be mud,’ & there was mud.” etc., etc. – Sat through No. 53 again.

WED. JUNE 6.  “You probably can’t reach the 96th or 77th.” “May get stuck all night” etc.  These boys are CP sitters.  We shoved off in a 2 ½ tonner & got to within ½ mi. of the 96th before we stuck.  Sea of mud there 2 feet deep.  Two cats could not budge us so we walked it to the C.P.  Saw Sgt. Meyers, redhead, formerly 7th – Bradley looked well.  Saw Charlie White.
Lunch. Very modest & efficient atmosphere. The marines were following Bradley’s advance, in his zone, till he complained. Poor showing by marines; they don’t know how to keep their supply going & they certainly lagged. 96th has reached the escarpment. We were pulled back by a tractor & then went to the 77th C.P. without any trouble whatever. Saw Bruce & Hamilton & had long talk. Bruce is only man I’ve met who remembers his tactics. (Hamilton now regtl. comdr.) Back to X C.P. at 5 P.M. – Found that the boys had been out at last. Buckner went down to Marine 1st Div. to see why they weren’t moving. Dumas took a flight in a cub, & saw the most amazing amount of stuff, – civilians, tanks, guns, troops, fights, beaches, rockets, etc. etc. Had the nerve to say he had been attacked by a jap plane. The typical brilliant young staff officer. He & the nut Fly put on a daily show at the G.S. conference, which is a kindergarten affair. As Donovan says, this is merely an admin. staff, with no influence on the operation. – Buckner is obviously playing the Navy. He rec. Geiger as Army Comdr. Nimitz is perfect. His staff is perfectly balanced. Co-operation is magnificent. The marine divs. are wonderful. In fact, everything is just ducky. His own staff is perfect, – he picked them himself. It is all rather nauseating. There is NO tactical thinking or push – No plan was ever discussed at the meetings to hasten the fight or helps the divs. The 96th had the whole escarpment, & the 6th Mar. Div. is to be “pinched out”.

**THURS. JUNE 7.** Air alert again twice last night. Nothing happened. Ty had a nightmare. Sunny day. Press conference at 9:00. – (Engineer troops that should have been helping troops were building rear installations. Getting ahead of ourselves as usual.) — Much b-ache & many pix. Left at 10:15 for field; shoved at 11:15. Not allowed over Kerama – In at 4:15 at Nichols after side trip up above Arayat to get under the weather. Bath. (Kuter at Kodiak. “Here, you can’t have these fliers living in tents, while the Inf. is in those barracks.”) Wanted the K.O. (Clark) to move out. Clark said he’d be god-dammed if he did & Kuter could go jump in the lake – The pests joined us at dinner, uninvited. (Chambers & Russell.)

**FRI. JUNE 8.** Got a hair cut & bummed. Shoved off at 1:00 for XIV Corps. Down No. 1 past REPL. Depot to Calamba (old sugar central). Griswold looks badly. Just had his backside reamed out & got an infection of the bladder – Thin & drawn & old. Full of sense, though. Has little use for Kruger, who has been hazing him. Kruger said if he’d known about Los Baños he
would have stopped it. 3000 prisoners out. Griz went across the Pasig in daylight, & Kruger didn’t like that – Also Kruger told Griz that “God was with him” when he pushed for Manila. 1st Cav. Div. is not the plush outfit it is advertised to be. It had all the tanks & air cover on the rush to Manila. Kruger again. Also Kruger stopped the 6th Div. Recon unit & left Griz’s left flank open, with supposedly 2 jap divs. in the Cabanatuan area. Griz sent reconn., found the area empty & shoved for Manila. All bridges were down, which made it a hard job. – Swing has done well. Much better than Mudge. Kruger says 1st Cav. is his best Inf. Div! – Bougainville was tough. Two divs. heavily attacked by japs. Perimeter broken 4 times. Japs finally caught & smashed in final prep. & concentration. – More on Kruger. EDDLEMAN is the spoiled baby & dominates the other sections. All sections work direct with their opp. nos. on Griz’s staff, unknown to him. He is never told anything. He knew nothing of Olympic, nor of his shift to 8th A, as to date, etc. He is burned up over it. – Sat in the rain & saw a God-damned HORSE OPERA (Thunderhead). It was TERRIBLE –

SAT. JUNE 9 – Breakfast with Griswold – Then to LIPA with him to see Swing & 11th A/B. Lipa a wreck. Near here japs killed about 8,000 civilians, stripping & bayoneting them. (Told them to report if they wanted to pass through the jap lines.) – Review of 11th Div. Fine show. Decorated 22 men. Swing put on a jump in C-46’s, using both doors. One man hit on concrete. Back to C.P. & met all field officers. Lunch there. (Coke with ice-cream, avocado, pear salad!) – Went through the maintenance lay-out, & then to firing of recoilless weapons. First round of 57 wounded a man just in front of me. Cut over eye. Bled like stuck pig. Macolod hill was impact area. 1400 japs killed there. Back to 511th (Lahti) & looked it over. Then to Chinese guerrillas & talked to them. Swing has good outfit. Lipa is pleasant country. 1100 ft. elev. jap air-field; their take off for Leyte. — (Do Griz & Swing hate Kruger! And Eddleman – They call him VON MOLTKE. Army interferes in disposition of troop units. Eddleman tried it on Swing. Kruger will do nothing for the 11th. Favors 1st Cav. on all occasions. – Good dinner, – avocado, heart of palm, shrimp, chicken & ice-cream! Soldier show. Hypnotist, filipino orchestra & acts.


WED. JUNE 13. [Gruber told Handy to get me out of there. He (Gruber) had the in with the Mme & could take over. Handy said “come in & tell C/S that”. Gruber backed up on that. (Eichelberger) – Shoved off at 8:15. Up west coast of Mindanao & then to Negros & up past Guimaras to BACOLOD. Bacolod not hurt; japs pulled out. Met BRUSH, HERVEY, HARTSHORN, etc. & took ride before lunch. Sugar & hemp all gone. Sugar centrals all destroyed. Lunch at Brush’s palace (home of Mr. Gamboa). P.M. out to O.P. at Lantauan (?) – 40th think it was an epic affair. It looked very dumb to me. They came in through a defile into an open flat, dominated from all sides. No tanks lost in this “campaign”. Japs probably weak.
Road lined by saluting sentries (503rd Pchte Regt.) & a cub weaving overhead. Endless saluting. Told Brush to get it cut out. Back to Gamboa’s, 4:15 – Turned in early. – Brush has a gripe on Kruger, for prodding him at Stotsenberg. No one from 6th Army ever went to the 40th except 2 or 3 small fry for short visits at C.P. Brush is bitter about it. This gripe on Kruger is universal.

**THURS. JUNE 14.** Dorn was up at 5:00, coughing & spitting & raising hell. We left at 7:30 & shoved at 8:00. Across Negros N. of Malaspiña, then across Cebu to Cebu. Met by Ridings (Arnold in U.S.) Spent the morning (from 9:00) on a ride & lecture on the Great Cebu Campaign. My God. The japs were evidently a rabble of odds & ends. They ran away before the Americans got within 1000 yds. of their position. Pretty weak affair, but they tell you what a grand job it was. Just like Bacolod & Zambo & Davao & Baguio. Ridings very complacent. Had lunch & shoved at 1:00 via the Camotes & Ormer to Tolosa. Came down in sight of the straits. Got a look at the “ferocious” terrain of Leyte. To 8th Army CP. & took a nap. Long talk with Eichel. after dinner. Gruber went home as a psycho. Sibert considered DUMB by Eich. Does not want him. Fuller bitter against Kruger. Brush same. Irving relieved by dumb Sibert at Kruger’s urging. Kruger & Sutherland cordially hated. – Doug has been told by Eich. that he will not serve under Kruger. Doug apparently knows about Kruger’s ways, but he won’t do anything, – a mess. (Press – D. Lawrence – in criticism of Okinawa!)


**SAT. JUNE 16.** Goodbye to 6th A. With Griz to 43d xx. Met Wing & went to CP. then up to 103d Inf. Guerrilla btry of 3 G.P.F.s. Fired. Up to O.P. on 860 to see the terrain. Then to Ipoh dam. Back to 1st Bn. Talked to the men. Replacements stood out. To clearing Co. det. and went through. To CP and had lunch. Good gang. Chinese cook & waiter. Dusty ride back to Manila. Chink Hall not in C.P. All finished in the P.I. Heavy rain.
SUN. JUNE 17. To McKinley to Kenney’s H.Q. No one there except a limie wac, – a cutie in pants (Capt.) and a sgt. Out to Kenney’s quarters. Saw him. What you might expect. Complacent as hell. Strat. there. He is stymied in India. Insufficient tonnage to put 10th A.F. in China. ARNOLD there. Concerned about command. G.C.M. won’t move on his own behalf. King doesn’t want Nimitz. Navy playing it up for all the credit. Nimitz is cinepac & that appointment has never been rescinded. He stands on it. Went to docks to find Styer. Wrong place. Went to A.T.C. to find Alexander. Wrong place. Got him at wing H.Q. Back for lunch. — (It is now working around so they can see we should have built up the Chinese Army.) 2:30 press conference at Dillers. At least 50 correspondents. Radio broadcast from Hong Kong in cultured British tones. “If you don’t want to get killed, get out of there.” — Then to see Styer – After supper, Chink Hall came in. He’s worried about the future, – action of troops, etc. (They don’t get off the mark, or know how to use support, or arrange their fires. Too much art. Speaking of the OFFICERS. E.M. are O.K.)

MON. JUNE 18. Hot. 11:00 A.M. saw Doug & went over the dope on new weapons. He agreed on all points. Then there was a lot of talk about commanders and units. He has the dope on them all except Kruger. Refused to take Bradley. Wants NO group comdrs. Talked about Sultan as possible C/S. Asked me if I would take the job. Told him No, I fancied myself as a field comdr. Then he said, “How about an army? Would you be willing to step down?” Told him I would take a division to be with troops. He had asked about Okinawa & I told him. He has not a high opinion of Buckner. Agreed he was facetious. Told me he would rather have me as an army comdr. than anyone he knew, & if G.C.M. was willing, he was. This is contingent on a change in the 10th Army. He will welcome Buckner’s relief and my transfer. Navy refuses to give up 10th A. If they persist, he will just take the troops & let them keep the army, asking for another, which I am to command. So I tell Marshall that if Buckner is relieved, I go to the 10th Army, & if Navy does not turn it loose, Doug asks for another one for me. (If Navy gives in & Buckner is not relieved, I get nothing.) — Saw Sutherland & turned in our dope. Arranged for liaison officers – Back for lunch with P.D. Uhl. – Ty to get souvenirs & arrange departure to-night, 10:00 P.M. — Copthorne (CWS) in. He is raring to go with gas — – Griz in to say good-bye – Col. Adams to see me about replacements. POA is out of business & doesn’t know it.
Trying to put over a system of handling replacements. Told him about Uhl & his job. – Shoved off at 10:00

**TUES. JUNE 19.** Guam at 7:00. Met by Giles – Rumor that Buckner was killed yesterday. Breakfast at Giles’. To Nimitz office for daily briefing – (Blah, blah). Met Spruance. Nimitz announced death of Buckner. – Talked situation over with Giles & sent radio to Doug – telling him where he could get me. [“If there is any change in 10th A.” or if a new one is called for.] – (Is this the “June surprise” I was warned of?) Left Guam at 10:00. Flew up to Tinian & Saipan & saw the sights. Big development. Squared away at noon for Kwajalein. Read & dozed. Arr. at 10:15 P.M. Met by Gen. Ross. Coffee at his house. Adm. Harrill called (Gilbert & Marshall command). Off at 11:15

**TUES. JUNE 19.** Same as yesterday! Mangoes for breakfast. Eating light. Passed Johnston Island at 10:30. NB. Richardson passed us during night. On way to P.I. without doubt (“I must ask Doug to give me a field command.”) I wonder if luck is with me on this? Suppose I had stopped to make speeches, & Richardson had grabbed off an army — Maybe it will all come out O.K. after all. (But it wouldn’t if I had not stirred around & gotten busy.) – Arr. Honolulu at 2:45 – Sure enough, Ruffner had radio. “Do not return to mainland until further orders.” They have been in a flurry trying to locate me?? – Report that Easley (96th Div.) was killed yesterday. – Radio from Doug: – “Command 10th Army – Return to Guam at once” –

**WED. JUNE 20.** Went over errands & messages with Donovan & Ty. To field at 10:00 – Took Dorn & Bergin & the C-54 and at 10:15 shoved off for Kwajalein. Ty to go back and move Win & then bring out a plane. – Sent for Sgt. Reynaud. Primed Donovan to get Joe sent out. Hightower wants to come. Sent letter to Win by Donovan. He is to give her the dope – Drew Pearson has scathing article on Hurley. Jack Service arrested by F.B.I. for espionage. Also the “Amerasia” people who wanted me to write for them. Just as well I didn’t. – 12 hr. flight to Kwajalein – arr. 8:30. Got rid of callers, & had a walk – Turned in at 9:30. Cool breeze.

**THURS. JUNE 21.** was lost. Crossed 180° going west.
**FRI. JUNE 22.** Arr. 7:30 at Guam. Rain. Met by M’Morris. Breakfast with him. Then to Hqrs. Sat thro. the bellyache – Then talked to Nimitz & Arnold. Went to Giles’ place for lunch. Lowell Thomas there. Left at 1:30 – Went to see M’Morris — Then talked to Goss and Mandel. Then took a shower. Dinner. Nimitz away at 3rd Mar. Div. He came back at 9:30 & gave me my orders. M’Morris went to the field & we turned in at 10:00. Left at 12:30 A.M.

**SAT. JUNE 23** – Sunny. Arr. Oki at 7:30. Met by Richardson, Geiger, Hodge, Woods, Post – etc. (Wallace). To C.P. for breakfast. 9:00 to 11:00 – Wallace, Bissett, Nold. Went over construction plan. Usual impasse. – 11:00-12:00 talked to Post. New C.P. much better than old one. (Crist, mil. gov’t., in). – 10th A relieved at not getting an E.T.O. “Expert”. Operations about over. 5,600 prisoners (!) – P.M. went to various staff sections (G-2 & G-3) Hot. P.M. G.S. meeting. 300 cas. to midnight, 22d –


TUES. JUNE 26. A.M. 9:00–10:10 – long talk with Adm. Hill. The freight jam – must be 1st priority. Radioed for Cheeves as terminal commander – Pick to the Iscom, if I can get him, – very doubtful. Lack of co-ordination & drive is obvious. I have got to be an S.O.B. or risk disaster. – With Dorn to Naha & called on Geiger. (Graves of Perry’s men located.) Rain. Lunch there. Over to XXIV corps & saw Hodge. They get 5 or 10 japs every night. Back to C.P. Saw Adm. Ring & Feldman. Same old story. Wallace asked for stuff that was already on the way. General dissatisfaction with Wallace. Woods called. Papers from S.F. with news of appointment. Editorial comment O.K.

WED. JUNE 27. At C.P. in A.M. Feldman in. Confirms my ideas. Read the files. etc. etc. No lunch. 12:30 to cub strip. Flew to south side. Arnold & Hodge there. To Hill 89 on extreme tip, via Hill 95. (“Hi, Uncle Joe!” from various G.I.’s.) 95 & 89 were tough. Scrambled down to Ushijima’s (Gen. Cow Island) cave. Narrow entrance. Stinking japs. Back up. All commanders there. Ushijima & adj. buried on top. Bugler blew To The Colors, & the flag was raised. Then I made a speech to about 1000 of 7th Div. massed for the ceremony. Back to strip & home. – Today ordered the troops to produce 3 eng. Bns. 5 service groups of 1000 each, 3 truck cos., & a C.B. Bn. – We have got to get tough. After supper – 8:00 P.M. went to Awase, Kubo Saki & Yellow 3 to watch unloading. Back at midnight. – Story of jap who tried to surrender. Flute player. — Jap lieut. helping call out japs. “If the God-damn japs want to fight, we kill em!” —

THURS. JUNE 28. A.M. at C.P. Geiger in, griping on the orders. Told him “NO”. He took it all right. – Heinrichs & Duffy, ordnance boys, to say good-bye. After lunch, 1:00, shoved off to Kubo-Saki to see Kirtland. (Kirtland, Mackey, Exec., Allbright, doctor & flag lieut.) ½ hour call & back through the dust to C.P. Dorn & I then flew by cub to Bolo Point & down to Naha, over to Baten Ko & up around Awase & home. No. 13 has part of new grade in. Machinato field looks 30-40% along. Awase field will make the date. Great activity on all roads. Naha harbor a mess, & of course, Naha, too. – After supper, recorded a broadcast for Army Hour – Session with Dill.
**FRI. JUNE 29.** Westervelt shot Bergin & me on Wed. night for typhus & cholera. He had Doc Phinney up to-day to look at my head. Nerve bruised, probably. Neuralgic pains. – 8:30 to 96 xx C.P. (1 hr 10 min.) via No. 5 thro. SHURI – — a mess. Much like Verdun. Japs held here nearly 2 months. Road construction going well. Very dusty. On way back, stopped in at Futema air-field. Good start. At 77 xx C.P. saw Randall. They’ll be out by July 10. Back for lunch – (Man in 96th mopping up, felt a movement underfoot. he was standing on a jap’s chest. They lie down & cover themselves completely except for their noses.) – (One man stumbled into a ditch & fell on top of a jap. He jumped back & shot the jap, & then 9 more, all lying covered in the same ditch.) – (The cave with 700 in it was sealed yesterday, after 2 doses of gasoline – 800 gals. & 900 gals. 4 entrances, 3 levels, access by holes 50 meters deep. Japs refused to come out, except 22, who escaped from their officers.) — — (Letter from Mayor of Kerama – “The Americans have treated us very well. Everything is lovely. When may we expect to get the beer?”) – (Girl refugee Okinawan, born in Honolulu, caught here visiting family. G.I. said “Put a good dress on her & I’d like to take her home.” She came right back, in English, – “Why don’t you, then?”) – (“Eleanor eats powdered eggs.”) – P.M. FELDMAN in just as I was leaving. He’s a wind-bag. Listened to his song & dance & then went to the Kadena, Yontan, & Bolo fields. Things are really moving. All kinds of machinery, incl. “finger cranes”, all whooping up & down. The bull-dozer operator just goes ahead & does his work – no supervision needed. No dead-beating. – After supper, talked to Nold @ airfields & then went out with Post, Dorn, & Bergin to the beaches – White, Orange, Purple (M’Daniels, Rasmussen.) 77th pulling out; went aboard one of their L.S.T.’s. Back at midnight.


**SUN. JULY 1.** Up at 7:30 – Hot again. Dubbed on papers. P.M. 1:30, out with Ashton, Q.M., Nipper, Engr., Daniels, Ord. to go over the dumps. Saw the ration dump, clothing, Engr., ordnance, and ammo dumps B & C. DUST. Back at 4:15. These staff officers need more of
this. – Ex-cook 7th Div. Hqrs. called. Now tech. sgt. in the Jascos. Saw me on the beach & told his gang to be prepared to see me pop up any time right in the middle of them. — Called Wallace in & gave him the dope – He accepts Cheves readily. To-day, as I had a blast ready on Cheves, word came he was coming.

**MON. JULY 2.** With Westervelt to visit hospital lay-out. To Awase (63d Field), then to Marine Corps Field (#2) – dirtiest I ever saw – bastard org. of Navy personnel, Army nurses, for Marine patients under Army command. Then to 82d (goes out with 96xx) & 31st (stays & expands.) Back for lunch. Hodge in on P.R.O. matters (Marines hogging the show.) He stayed for lunch. Out again, to Machinato unloading point – good one. –& Machinato air-field. Good progress. Down to Naha & looked over the port. Should be good. Back at 5:00. Adm. Cobb here. Queer personality. He stayed for dinner – Got him going on football & that was the key. – Maj. Untermeyer in from Guam. He had nothing to offer. – Paper work.

**TUES. JULY 3.** A.M. wrote speech & worked on papers – 12:30 Mc Caleb of I.N.S. in for interview. – Hubbard will stay on as A.D.C. – 1:30 flew to 96th Div. strip for decoration of about 60 men. Unusual no. from No. Dakota. Halloran there. Took off at once for 7th Div. strip for similar ceremony there. About 40 men. Band played “Lets Go!” – Back via Yonabaru along Route 13. They are getting action on it. – Bath – Early bed.

**WED. JULY 4.** A.M. dubbed around & worked on papers. Left at 11:30 for broadcast, Col. Carlton, SS° as guide. So he got lost! We phoned & got to the station O.K. C.B.S. & N.B.C. nets in the U.S. – Thrown off stride by a photographer making flash picture – From there to the Okinawa local radio & broadcast same speech to the troops. Then lunch with Wallace, Arnold & Jones. Then back to CP & had a bath. Hot as hell: In evening, grand display of pyrotechnics to celebrate the 4th – (Speech apparently went over all right.) – Big day in the evening, when the mail came. Letter from Win! The first. – Out looking over the beaches till 11 P.M.

**THURS. JULY 5.** Started for 27 xx. At 8:45, just before getting to strip, dump “C” began to explode – a big white cloud of smoke, with phosphorus streamers on all sides. I went up & watched it, but it kept getting worse so I came back to the C.P. Apparently much quieter at 9:45,
so tried again. No soap. Much worse again. Back to C.P. By 11:30 it was a continuous barrage over 1000 yds. wide & getting deep. Occasional heavy explosions, & then H.E., phosphorus, pyrotechnics, colored smoke, 20 mm. in clusters & what have you. Origin unknown. Defective ammo. stored there. (Jap?). Ordered thorough search in A & B & double guards. This is a bad set-back. Notified Nimitz. (One explosion nearly tipped our plane over.) – Racket kept up all P.M. with occasional lulls. Worst concussion about 6:15 – by 8:15, it had quieted down. If it just doesn’t get over into the other areas! About 10,000 tons have probably gone up. – Mail – All the boys want to come out.

**FRI. JULY 6.** 8:30 off for NAGO – Arr. 9:00. Griner met me. To C.P., met staff (Ovenshine C/S, Bradford asst. C.G., Ferrin, art., & others. By jeep to 165th (Hart) & 105th (Winn) latter very unimpressive. Up to barrier line & saw a post. Back for lunch, chewed the rag, shoved off at 1:50 – Back to C.P. 5:00 P.M. press conference – Usual blah. 8:00 P.M. Kenney, Giles, Bissell, Wallace, Hutchinson in. They talked till 10:45.


**MON. JULY 9.** A.M. letters & papers. Gen Jones leaving. One of the vagrant & vapid “inspectors” 2 P.M. to Ie Shima. Met Thomas & Greeley (C/S) & went all over the island. Good breaks there, – plenty of coral, good water supply, good beach. Cargo daily 2800 tons; will go to 5000. At first 2500 was to be the limit. Field construction ahead of plane arrivals. Back at 4:30 (“You will get a bang out of our products.” (Bomb dump.) “The Gay ‘90’s” (A.A.A.) “We haven’t time to paint fancy signs.” etc. etc. Old Frederick Palmer called. Wanted an interview. No. – Got a radio receiver. — Movie. – DOMEI – “Succession of the strong-willed & arrogant Gen. Stilwell to command of the Tenth Army is significant because Stilwell is known as an advocate of the win-the-war-quickly school of thought.”

**TUES. JULY 10.** A slug signing several hundred efficiency reports. – Jap ammo went up, killing a capt. & 4 men. — 2:30, Post shoved off. – Bergin & Ruffner in. – Nap. – (19 cokes for the crew working on the house.) – After supper, to A.S.P. 6 & Area D (ammo.) No guard. Farcical patrols. Sloppy personnel. Told Daniels to do something about it.

**WED. JULY 11.** A.M. bawled out Wallace & Co. for ordnance dump deficiencies. – Saw Fitzgerald (P.M.), Greene (G-1), Turner (F.O.), Pulsifer (Sig.), Heilman (P.X.) – Hair-cut. Mathews of Tucson, & Stern, Phila. Record, in to talk. Very friendly. – Giles in – Drinks before dinner. Young told me at 6:50 about I. & E. talk at 7:00. Went down and sounded off. Men seemed to like it. – Worked till 11:30 on gen. officer board.

**THURS. JULY 12.** All day on gen. off. list. (Cheves arrived.) (Giles, Bergin, Hodge, Ruffner & I on the board.) Finished at 5:00 Limie air marshal in – Lloyd. The god-damn Lancaster outfit.

**FRI. JULY 13.** Oh-oh. A.M. at C.P. Paper shuffling. P.M. to Machinato, loading pt. and airfield. To Futema field. Via 30 to Awase & south on 13, – new location. To Awase field & back. – Cheves says we should make the grade. – It looks better. – White, 7th A.F. reported in.

**SAT. JULY 14.** 3 weeks here. Eff. reports, etc. – “C” dump is exploding again. Oh, Christ. Wallace is just like Zasu Pitts. Chased him out to get some facts, & got after Col. Gibson.
Luckily the damn thing blew itself out towards 5:30. – At 8:00 inspected “C”, “D” & “B” areas – Also Awase dock – No action on cause-way – – Radio that Carl had gone to parachute school!

**SUN. JULY 15.** A.M. Papers. 2:00 P.M. to 1st mar div. cemetery for dedication. Back at 3:15. At 4:00 Adm. Price, Carter, Kirtland in with Bissett. This & that; indication that Navy don’t like the Cheves plan. – Gibson reported on dumps. – Wallace in with report on July 5 affair at 10:00 A.M. (Needled him last night.) Adm. Cobb got nasty. “I have withdrawn the PT. boats till comgenten can guarantee that they will not be shot at.” Ordered to get them back on. — NEWS – Sheeny reported to have announced his “resignation” as head of 14th A.F. Hooray if true.

**MON. JULY 16.** Hot day. Worked on Coronet geography. – Whitehead, (5th A.F.) reported in. – Congressional committee coming. – Christ. – – Richardson pulling more of his administrative crap. (We answered a question from Nimitz direct.) – Cook, (B.G.) from air depot at Naha in. – Nap. –

**TUES. JULY 17.** Hot again. All A.M. on papers. – Bradley in to say Goodbye – – Worked on Jhi *Pen* G-2 stuff. – Doolittle arrived at 5:30 with Smith. Stayed for dinner (Spaatz to have strategic A.F. – 8th & 20th – 8th is old 20th, & 20th is old 21st.) (Kenney will have 5th, 7th, & 13th – tactical.) 8th will drop 120,000 tons a month – double the dose on Germany. 2 ¼ tons over the beach = 1 ton on Japan, instead of 5 ½ tons into England for 1 ton on Germany. Personnel – 100,000 instead of 200,000. Daily requirements here, 10,000 tons. (1,000 B-29s). Doolittle will be easy to work with.

**WED. JULY 18.** Eff. reports. 9:00 to Kadena, Yontan & Bolo. Back to Yellow 3. C.P. at 11:30. Sun-bath. 2:00 P.M. tank Bn. Comdr. in on the back-scratcher matter. Smart boy Duncas approved the scheme. No tank comdr. favored it. So I disapproved it – – Englehardt here from Hawaii. – Blakelock back from Guam. Rumors, – Dec 1 release 10A. Oct 1 Release 7th & 27th. We can plan in meantime.

**THURS. JULY 19** – Dubby day. Woods in, back from Guam & Oahu. – Booze from Nimitz, – Old Forrester. – Wallace in; more Richardson “administration”: (Send engineers home.) R.C.R.
jr. is a prick, to put it plainly. – Chennault case to be told to Congress by Patterson! “The brass hats are pushing him around.” – 5 jap planes downed last night. Alerts every night, but little doing. – Wind and rain – Rotten tonnage yesterday, – 22,000.

FRI. JULY 20. At 10:00 last night Schick brought the J.C.S. separation msg. By Aug. 1 we are to be under Doug, who takes over all U.S.A. forces in the R., and the defense of the area – Blackelock & Shaw go to Guam as 10A representatives. Ambiguous radio – The whole thing is snarled up – Today, dubbed around with papers. Rain again. Not a ton came ashore yesterday. – Briefed Dumas, Blakelock, Wallace for trip to Guam.

SAT. JULY 21. Old Mama Englehart shoved off. He thinks he’s giving orders around here. “Staff officer from Comgenpoa.” Hot stuff. Richardson probably told him to throw his weight about. – Kenney & Whitehead in on A. & N. separation. They will play ball. – Trip to Awase, Kubosaki, Yonabaru, Naha, Naha air depot, Machinato & home for late lunch. Bergin & Dorn along. – (Kenney had a copy of JCS radio that clarified ours. “Naval air installations” only, to Nimitz.)

SUN. JULY 22. Dumas reported. Complete separation of A & N. 10A sits till Dec. 1 – then turns over to base command. Mama Richardson folding up. No admin. control. No supply after Dec. 1. (Maybe only 2 A’s do Coronet. Maybe 10 is not one of them.) A. & N. separately run ports & freight. Doolittle takes the limies. Kenney & he run the air. Everything else on me. – Did the west beaches – 8:00-10:30 – Usual jams of empty trucks – Movies on L.S.T.’s etc.


TUES. JULY 24. Dubby A.M. Papers – 1:30 to Yontan to meet the politicos. Strike coming in – Air full of planes. The visitors arrived at 2:30 Sent them to Iscom & came back. – Dumas back from Guam with agreements. – Politicos came in at 5:30 – Drinks at 6:30 & dinner. Loud-
mouthed Maas (ex-congressman), marine colonel. A mess. Izae a good sort. Farrington etc. Not bad on the whole. They had a press conference. I went to bed.


**THURS. JULY 26.** Still rainy. A.M. office. – Radio from Merrill. Arrive about 29th. P.M. to Bolo, Ishikawa & down No. 1 through the mud to China. Then home through a cloud-burst. Top down on jeep. We were soaked. – Cobb did not show up as dated. – L. of M. star for Blake.

**FRI. JULY 27.** MERRILL and Higgins arrived. Long talk on staff etc. – G.C.M. has lost confidence in Wedemeyer. — 350 Wacs for CKG. 175 already there. – Strat’s Hqrs total of 647 officers. 142 in A-2 section. Total overhead in China now 6,000. – Br. participation in Coronet. 1 corps of 1 Can., 1 Aus., & 1 Ind. Div. To be under my command. Good God. This was brought up in war ministry and they recommended it. They said they knew where they stood with me. Mountbatten has to give up units for this operation! Ain’t life funny? Merrill looks well, & agrees on Cannon, Wells & Condon. Says No on Willey. – Ft. Bayard to be opened. 5 ships in August. Wedemeyer shot off about what escort, rocket ships, etc. were needed. G.C.M. told him to shut up. – Aid to CKS is for the emergency only, with no strings beyond that. — Doug coming up.

**SAT. JULY 28.** Msg. from P.I. about max. air capabilities of island. Good God, more air. Blakelock & Dumas left this A.M. – Cheves in about freight arrangements. – Doolittle and Griswold (C/S) in to call & have lunch. – Radio that Cannon is coming. Further notice on Condon, Wells & Grindlay – – One bomb on Yontan last night. – Japs have been crying wolf on us for 8 days straight, but they don’t come. –


TUES. JULY 31. White left. — (ROUSSEAU said “If there were a people of gods, they would govern themselves as a democracy. So perfect a form of government is not suited for men.” “The best and the most natural order is, that the wise should govern the multitude, provided that one is sure that they govern it for the profit of the multitude, & not for their own.” – A.M. paper-shuffling. MCMUTT coming in. Bergin to field at 11:00. No word. Finally coming in at Naha. Then, no. Then Gen. MCMullen coming – Called Bergin back at 2:30 – Very considerate business. Rain at 3:00. – Sun bath. Dubbed in office (38,000 tons yesterday.)

WED. AUG. 1. Rainy. With Merrill to Kuba to call on Hodge. Then to NOB and saw Price. (He suggested Korea, & we had just been talking about it.) Price is simpatico. Jap attack did not come in last night. Leaving tanks on air-fields couple of days more. – P.M. Nap. More rain. Rotten movie. – We averaged 30,675 tons a day for July.


FRI. AUG. 3. Dubby day. Went over 96 xx report. Papers. Dumas & Blakelock back. Much rumor. The Blacklist scheme is here. (SEOUL.) Manila is optimistic about it. Henry & Edwards (W.D., G-1 & G-3) arrived in P.M. They are working on the Point System & releases. – MCMutt arrived at 5:45 with a dozen stooges. Sent him off on a trip by cub, with 5 of his entourage. – Went over Blacklist with Merrill – 8A in T. 6A in center, 10A in K. It will be OK if the Kuantung gang don’t act up.

SAT. AUG. 4. Clearing. Henry & Edwards off. Woods in, to say good-bye to 10A. Sorry to lose him. – Merrill & I at 8:30 shoved off for Motobu field. Met Del Valle & rode through his
muddy area. Started back at 11:30. Campaign hat blew out of plane; fell in water inside reef. Went back. Volunteer search. No luck. Pilot circled. No luck. Offered $25 or 5 bottles of Scotch — reward — Came back & sent Young up to look. Cpl. Donahue had the hat. Young brought him down. He took the Scotch. The newsboys took pictures. Everything lovely again. — Woods in with Gen. Moore, FMF air chief. Woods to come back to us. — Hodge & Struthers in to get wised up on Blacklist. — Cabell & Ritchie, smart boys from C.J.S. (or J.C.S.) — in for no reason whatever. All air squirts. God, they knew everything. (The Russians are dumb.) (The japs are dumb.) (Japan is wiped out by air bombing.) etc. etc. Very tiresome pricks. — Rain again.

SUN. AUG. 5. Air raid twice in early A.M. Went over us — Plenty A. A. but no hits. — A.M. office. — Com. Stone in from Guam. G.O. for Nimitz. — Wurtzmith of 13A.F. in. — Had Pulsifer in on J.C.C. — Cover plan for Olympic in. Usual crap. — Apparently, 10A is cut out of any part in Coronet (1 & 8 to be used). Result of the Doug-Nimitz HATE. Nimitz has been trying to have Navy cut in on occupation forces, & wants 10A, with III and XIV A.C. This raises Doug’s back, so, fearing it may come off, he plans with other units, leaving us to sit on our hands. Even in Blacklist, we get the hot-spot to one side, instead of real participation. May be the limie pressure, plus the navy, will force Doug’s hand. All I can do is wait it out. — P.M. nap.


TUES. AUG. 7. (As soon as Wheeler got control in I.B. he put in for L. of M. for his tramps — Kohloss, Holcomb, Lansing & Co. Wheeler is a two-faced bastard.) — Greer, B.G., B.P.R. in. — Yount, air corps training com’d. in. — Papers all A.M. — Sun bath in P.M. — Walk. — Heavy rain
in early A.M. – **Styer** on way, reported lost. Turned back to P.I. – (Richardson’s heavy campaign in Honolulu papers.) Mail from Win, Joe, Nance, Paul.

**WED. AUG. 8.** Indications of repetition of papiloma – That would be just too ducky – Papers all A.M. – Schick left on leave. – Styer & entourage of eight stooges blew in. They don’t seem to know much more than we do. – Rumor that Doug is coming. No message. No answer to my radio. – Letters from Win & Joe. – A jap in the C.P. last night. Much shooting. He got away, wounded. **Air raid;** I slept right through it, A.A. fire and all. – Boland got a bad leg at baseball yesterday. – The new **atomic bomb** hit Hiroshima & leveled 2 ½ sq. mi. of it. (So they say.) Plane 10 mi. away got severe concussion. Special meeting of diet supposed to have been called. Wishful thinking is rampant. – (G-2 bust on Olympic estimate. 6xx, up to 10xx; top limit that can be supported. Ha-ha. Fourteen already.) – **Atomic bomb.** “Leveled 7+ sq. mi.” Blinds within wide radius. Gives x-ray burns (The gamma ray.) etc. Wt. 9 tons (Kenney), Wt. 9,000 lbs. (Daniels) “Causes cancer,” – (Daniels), etc. etc. Latrine dope everywhere. — Went to Yontan on hurry-up call. Nobody came. At 6:45, came on back. Snafu performance. Nobody knew anything. – Styer in at 8 P.M., with Wallace. Told him how our **soviet** works. He sat till 9:30. Missed the movie. Then went over **Blacklist** with Stinking Breath Dumas, till 11 P.M. – Solution for landing by Dumas rather childish.

**THURS. AUG. 9.** **RUSSIA** entered the war at midnight. (In 1918 Aug 8 was the Black Day for the German Army, 27 years ago.) – At 9:30 Nagasaki gets one bomb. Hope it goes off. Much blah & splutter about the atomic bomb. Revolutionary, all right. Human civilization approaching suicide rapidly. – I will now acknowledge that the japs may quit – Russia, plus the bomb, should do the trick. – Papers all A.M. – Sun bath in P.M. – **ADLER** (N.Y. Times), **KNIGHT** (Chicago News), Cowles, (Minn. Star) in for a drink & dinner. All sound on Russia, compulsory training, the Br. Empah, & unified command.(!) – Good movie. – 2d bomb was dropped on Nagasaki at 10:30. No further news of Russia.

**FRI. AUG. 10.** [Entire date circled.] (Looks like a recurrence of the papiloma Doc. Gibson burned off in ’41. At the worst possible time.) Got Col. Martin over (consultant, med service) & gave him the dope. He can do it here, if they have the apparatus. Otherwise, go to Marianas.
Will let me know. – Russians reported 14 mi. inside Manchuria. No report on Nagasaki. Japs say they have a similar bomb, but were too humane to use it! — 4:00 P.M. Col. Martin in to say that they did not have all the necessary junk here to handle contingencies, & I’d have to go to SAIPAN to get it. He’ll go ahead & arrange things. Bad news. (Permission to go. Loose talk, etc.) Now of all times. – I thought it over & wrote out a letter to Doug. Told Merrill & detailed Eyestone to go. – Good movie — DURING IT, report came in that Japan had surrendered. A lot of loose shooting went on, flares, etc. Like a N.G. outfit. Finally quieted down. – Message delivered to me at 10:00 P.M. giving S.F. intercept from Domei that Potsdam terms would be accepted, providing prerogatives of Emperor were not compromised. No other dope. SO ITS OVER. (Ben’s case now O.K.) (And is that a relief.) Now for BLACKLIST and Korea. I don’t feel any particular elation – Maybe this is a relief. We go on as before, anyway, & if the report is bunk, we won’t have any psychological set back.

SAT. AUG. 11. Rain in night. Nothing new on situation. Except 11 xx A/B coming here to hop to Japan. – Adler, Knight and Cowles in, nosing around. I gave them “Why we Fight” to read, & they grabbed it. They decided to let U.P., A.P., & I.N.S. take it, instead of restricting it to their papers. (They all offered me jobs writing! What a laugh.) – Merrill has gotten things well under control. He is good. – Air is not sending any bombing missions out. — Rumor (Radio.) Peace terms in next 12 hrs. at Okinawa. (Mush.) – 320 hospital cases from crazy shooting last night. – Dope from Dumas – B-day is day negotiations start in Tokyo (!) – VJ Day is day hostilities cease. 11 A/B jumps off on V-J day. – Arnold & Ty in. All sorts of stuff – booze, food, clothing, books, etc. etc. – Letters from Win & Ben. Shoes, accordion, jello, etc. etc. Big haul.


MON. AUG. 13. At 6:00, radio from G.H.Q. 10A out of Blacklist; we give XXIV A.C. assistance, and they do the job! 10A sits on its ass in Okinawa. I wonder. Is it because we don’t belong to the club? Can Doug possibly be unwilling to have me around? Have Kruger – Eichelberger – Hodge – Sutherland done it? – What’s the use of wasting 15 or 20 years getting
ready, if when the time comes, the job is police officer in a back area? – I shove off for Manila at 10:00 to try and find out. Maybe they will break up 10A entirely. I may be nearer to Carmel than I think. – Taking Col Martin along to arrange for bladder-clipping. May get it done in Manila. — Off at 10:40 with Martin & Carl. Good trip in new B-17 – Arr. Manila at 3:30 – To Adm. Apts., & down to G.H.Q. Saw Wheeler & Gunner. Doug is in at 4:45 & I saw him for half an hour. He had an eyes alone. (Peanut radioed that he had heard a rumor that Gen. S. would be in command of US troops landed on China Coast. Truman answered that Gen. S. would not land on China Coast.) So they cut my throat once more. Why did they let me come out here if they were not going to back me up. Doug says: It would delay Blacklist 4 days to shift me to Japan. So he had to order XXIV Corps to Korea. If things don’t break all at once, he will put X A in Japan. If it breaks now, I’m sunk. He advises do nothing for few days. Wire to Wash. to ask if Korea is included in “China Coast” would undoubtedly be answered “Yes”. So I told him about the bladder & said I would hang around & see what developes. — He said the only time he & Wash. ever agreed was about my appointment. His list was 1. J.W.S. 2. Patch 3. Truscott, & Washington said OK on me. (He had already sent me my orders.) – So, here’s the End of the Line, & I am thrown to the lions again – Rumor: press notice that I accepted the “Blue Sky White Sun” from CKS. Told Carl to deny it. – Martin went out to 80th Gen. to make arrangements at 5:30 – Back at 7:30 – We had dinner top-side – (Chamberlain, Gunner, Russell, Willoughby, etc. etc. All the brass of G.H.Q. there.) Out to the Hosp. Saw Col. Holman and Maj. Le Duc (San Diego) & went to bed. In room with L.W. Maddux.

TUES. AUG. 14. At 8:00 they wheeled me up, well doped. After I was on the table I did not remember a thing. Sodium pentathol is great stuff. Instead of being another ghastly experience, it was a pleasure. Just went to sleep & woke up about 10:00 with 2 polyps out, – one the size of a dime, one as big as a match-head. No after effects of anesthetic whatsoever. What I was looking forward to was a repetition of the ’41 performance, with fire-hose. This time, no tubes in me either before or after. Wonderful. Slept all day & all night.

WED. AUG. 15. Apparently the war is over. The japs accept. Glad to hear that bombing missions went out to-day. (Only result of operation is burning of the dink when I pee.) Slept & read. Chill in the night. 101° temp.
THURS. AUG. 16.  Felt fine after a good sweat. Practically normal. Chink Hall in. Also some chaplains & a Red Cross lady & various others. Herwig barged in yesterday without asking permission. — Japs due in here to-morrow A.M. to report to Doug. — Carl & Martin in; I chased them out to go riding. – Diller got out my denial of receiving any foreign decorations. 2:30 P.M. first pee in comfort. Yippee! Comfortable afternoon & night.

FRI. AUG. 17.  All clear. Left about 10:30 & came back to Adm. Apts. Le Duc wants a look in 3-5 weeks. He says I should check up every 6 mos. (Tissue analysis due in 10 days; Martin will get it.) – Nap. Ridgway here. Blamey, a big fat tub. – The Russians get Korea north of 38° – (N. of Seoul.) The japs are being a bit nasty in correspondence. Chamberlin says we may have to jump on them again. I don’t believe it. Notification will take min. of 48 hrs. to max of 12 days. B-Day was the 15th – Schedules for 6th & 8th A backed up 10-15 days –

SAT. AUG. 18.  Win’s birthday. Boat trip on 6 A launch – all day. Down the bay to Corregidor, around the island, over to Ft. Drum & Carabao Island & back to the Pasig. Nice quiet day. Lunch on board. Cut out supper & went to bed. Terrible dream – lost in Wash. & could not get to where Win was.


Saw Doug at 11:00. Good talk. Brought up the plebe revolt in ’99. He gave me the full story. – 1st A being sent back to the States. XXIV Corps to Korea – a 4-way command there. Hodge directly under Doug. 10A just a staff. Sit tight on Okinawa. Later a spot will be made for them in Japan. – Doug will keep all dealings in the open with the newsboys. He agrees we should close out in China. He will tell CKS to make all arrangements for jap surrender in China. (Civil war.) — Back for lunch at 12:00 – I am to go to Tokyo for the surrender on the 28th. Arrive there not later than day before. No further orders about this.


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THURS. AUG. 23. All A.M. on papers. Nap. 3:30 – Ultra – Then down to 7th A.F. to call on White. He is fixing up a native house. Then up to 8th A.F. to call on Doolittle. Dinner guests, Capt. Fisher, Lt. Saceds, Lt. Martin – Staff meeting.


SAT. AUG. 25. Yesterday Adm. Andrews in with Price. Andrews is now Red + Director for Pacific. He puts a Mr. Gibson here under me. Very co-operative. – Opper confirms situation hopeless. Hurley impossible – A.M. to 27th Div. – saw Griner, who is all set & satisfied. Went over to Chimu Wan & looked over the beaches. Mil. Govt. had grabbed part of E.M. beach. C/S told to kick their teeth in. – POW cage. Our pampered pets have everything. – Back at noon. Eichelberger, Byers, & Barrows in. Eich. knows about CKS’ action. – P.M. nap. Dorn came at 6:00 for dinner. Swing could not make it. Dorn fishing for information but did not get it. He makes me a bit tired. – Br. Empah is in “a serious condition financially” because L-L is cut off!
Ain’t that just too bad? – And Churchill says we shouldn’t tell those Russian bastards about the atomic bomb!

**SUN. AUG. 26.** Further two day delay on occupation, because of typhoon in Tokyo area. The whole move has been bitched up. – A.M. office. Sun bath instead of lunch. Read in P.M. Office again. Eichelberger, Byers, Barrows for dinner. Orchestra. Japs say they have “only enough trucks for themselves.”!!

**MON. AUG. 27.** Doc Ayers, from Chengchow, in. Doolittle in with Adm. Durgan, CVE comdr. — Orders to take surrender in Ryukyus. (Contrary to orders for Nimitz to take the islands.) – Grindlay begged off. O.K. – Tansey & Duff in. – Move to Japan starts to-night. – Mail from Win. – Dedicated Soldiers’ Bowl, – with a bottle of Scotch. Won by a burly named Marker. (A lieut. came up & I declared him ineligible, amid loud cheers.) – Kay Kayser & his crowd in for coffee & salad – Stayed till midnight. Attractive girls, all kids. Well-behaved. Carl put his big foot in it by passing my photos around, – incl. the caricature – I could have killed him.


**WED. AUG. 29.** A.M. office. Art Steele, Steward & White in. No chance to talk, – Spaatz appeared with Giles & Doolittle. – P.M. read & wrote. Sun bath. Doug came in at 3:30 & we talked a bit & he shoved Told him I wanted to take Merrill to Tokyo. O.K. Then Richardson appeared. We talked till chow-time. After supper, Richardson went to see Eichelberger & his crowd. – The japs are very respectful in their answers to me. Amami & Miyako both checked in. The guy on Amawi is rounding up the navy units there. – The party in Tokyo is not organized & promises to be a riot.
THURS. AUG. 30.  A.M. office. Richardson to 27 xx and XXIV xxx. (Hodge & Griner are teacher’s pets.) – The labor press came in & we had a good talk. They were O.K. Sent them on their way happy. Had a sun-bath. Griner here calling on Richardson. – 5:30 the approp. sub. committee for the W.D. of H. of R. came in – Snyder, Engel, Tibbott, Case, Hendricks, Norell, etc. etc. Gave them a drink & made them a speech. They are all right. – want to hold what we’ve taken & stand on our hind legs. Want me to put in permanent construction here. Don’t realize my limitations. – More crap from R.C.R. about his great command & how the navy snubbed him, etc. etc. Very very tiresome. – In contact with all jap comdrs. now.


Sat Sept 1. Rain. Wind. Dirty weather. Up at 6:00. Breakfast with Farrell. Dorn came in. “I was in the first plane.” “I was the first one in Yokohama.” etc. etc. He is running the motor pool! Kidded him about working up to H.Q. Comdt. – Wainwright here. Dutch, French, Aus., limies (Percival). A mob. We snubbed the jap “president of the hotel”. Chow is fish cakes, heavy bread, potatoes, grapes, & coffee. Beef last night. – Passed convoy yesterday. It will beat the air move from Oki. – Doug here. White, Stewart, Adler, etc. GHQ gang. 8th A had to move out. They had marked everything “reserved” – – Farrell loaned me Smyth’s report on THE atomic bomb. – – (Aug. 31 – clear urine, except pinkish or plain. Up at midnight. Clear. Sept. 1. Clear at 6:00. Feeling fine. Irritation MUCH less.) – 8:30 weather very dirty. – Farrell says the atomic scientists are a bunch of temperamental bugs. Screw each other’s wives. Squabble. Rush off at tangents. Have to be herded & pushed around to keep their noses on the job. Only
war could get them together. He says they are capable of solving any problem whatsoever. Oppenheimer the keenest brain. Many jews among them. The limie Anderson violated the agreement & gave Jolliot’s assts. unauthorized information. Jolliot wild because French not included. Threatened to tell the Russians. – U. S. is stockpiling materials & will strip the Belgian Congo of raw stuff as quickly as possible. We control secrets of manufacture. – Bomb armed by 4 barometric devices & detonated by proximity fuses. Force of explosion is measured by blast instruments on parachutes dropped by accompanying planes. – Light of explosion = 1000 suns. – In New Mexico 5000 tons of sand blown up & made radioactive. – The super-bomb, for which this one would act as detonator would produce force of 100,000,000 tons of T.N.T – The scientists were ordered to stop work on it. (It might burn up the world’s atmosphere.) – 16,000 tons of TNT at Hiroshima – 30,000 tons at Nagasaki. News spread over Japan in 24 hours. Appalled. – (At upper end of atomic scale, energy by splitting. At lower end – investigation just beginning – energy by combining elements.) – Target for making 235 – 1 kilo a day by Jan. 1. 15 bombs a month by June, ’46. – (Heat of sun is given by oxygen changing to helium. Bottom of atomic scale.) – First pile experiment at Chicago. Dec. 1942. First chain reaction. – 1st explosion in N. Mexico – July 6, 1945. — Cook, asleep, blinded at 5 mi. — Radioactive particles carried 300 mi. — (1:00 P.M. a little blood; 3:00 clear)

At 1:15 rode thro. town, up the bluff to race-course & C.P., 11th A/B. Back and all thro. town to Kawasaki. The place is ruined. Completely gutted. Soul-satisfying sight. Only the stone, brick, & concrete buildings remain. Safes standing where the stores burned down around them. Shanties dot the rusty landscape. Almost impossible to locate anything. Main routes remain but business is 100% dead. Naturally the place looked dead when we came in. It is. What a kick to stare at the arrogant, ugly, moon-faced, buck-toothed, bowlegged bastards, and realize where this puts them. Many newly demobilized soldiers around. Most police salute. People generally just apathetic. We gloated over the destruction & came in at 3:00 feeling fine. – Rain continues. – Saw Beebe and Wainwright. Latter was slapped by a private & had to herd goats. Some prisoners beaten on buttocks with a base-ball bat. — Muddle by GHQ. Dope issued at 9:00 P.M. – 4 A.C. officers out of bounds in jap whore-house; stole the girls’ fancy kimonos. – A soldier stole a watch from a jap on the street. – Bertrandias seized Sutherland’s car! Hell to pay over that – Swing in; plenty of worries. Can’t disarm jap soldiers. The U.S. Army is making a spectacle of itself.
SUN. SEPT. 2. Further change of plans by GHQ in middle of night. Breakfast at 5:45. Carl got coffee & we ate K-rations. Our car with Curley the tough guy as driver. Went to pier & bummmed from 6:15 to 7:30 – 11th A/B band. About 7:00 the japs came & got on a destroyer – Shigemitsu, Umezu & 9 others. 6 thug jap M.P.’s also there. Hard, cruel, hateful mugs, under excruciating humiliation as we stared at them. Lots of fun – Off at 7:30 on the Nicholas. Down to Yokosuka & went alongside the Missouri. With us were, Spaatz, Kenney, Kruger, Eichelberger, Richardson, Blaney, LeClerc, Helferich, Van Ogen, the Russians, Australians, Canadians, etc. I took a crap & then went on deck. “Missouri” is 45,000 tons on paper, & 60,000 in the water. We went aboard at 8:10 and I led the way to the quarter-deck. (Ranking U.S. Army officer.) Perry’s US flag had been flown out from Annapolis and was hung on the ship’s side. They put us in our places & we waited. Doug & party came aboard at 8:40 & went to Admiral’s cabin. At 8:50 the japs came & formed up. Everybody just stood & stared at them. Terrible experience for those bastards. The downfall of Japan in complete disaster, & they had to stand & take it. Shigemitsu & Umezu in front. Then an officer, a civilian, and an off. and a civ. & an off. In the third row, 4 officers. They stood stiffly and suffered. How we loved it. Then Doug came back, & at 9:00 made his speech, – his hands & legs trembling markedly. Kruger says it is not nervousness, but palsy, but it looked like hell. His voice was firm. Then the japs came up & signed. Shigemitsu had a cane & had trouble with a stiff leg. After him, Umezu. Doug then signed for the Allies, calling Wainwright & Percival out to stand behind him. He used about 5 pens & gave one each to Skinny & Percival. Then Nimitz for the U.S. Hsü Yung Chang for China. Fraser for Gt. Br. Derevantyoff for Russia. Blamey for Australia. Cosgrove for Canada. LeClerc for France – Helfferich for Holland & Isitt for New Z. Cosgrove for Canada, like Merkle for N.Y., failed to touch 2d base. He signed in the wrong place! Good God. Sutherland’s fault of course, for not watching out. It was terrible. Then Doug announced that the session was over, & the japs beat it. — I had avoided the Chinese, but now went over & spoke to them. – Hsü, Yang & Chu. They were much relieved & very friendly. – Had coffee in the wardroom with the kids & signed short-snorters. Got aboard the Nicholas & reached the pier at 11:10. Went straight out to Atsugi & found typhoon reported at Okinawa. Had lunch on plane, got a jeep, & drove down to Fujisawa & on to Kamakura. Saw the Daibutsu & drove back to Fujisawa & on to Enoshima. Walked out to the island & climbed to the top. Then back &
along coast to Oiso, which was completely burned out. Finally found road to Atsugi, after asking dumb cop if he spoke Japanese – Back at Atsugi about 5:30. Still grounded. The crew have been “collecting” – souvenirs & jap rations. Canned mikan, etc. — (Jap M.P.’s are looting & running out truck loads of rations, furniture etc.) — Whatley, GHQ. HQ Comdt. arrived last night! – Hodges was present and as dumb as ever. – Air Corps gang in next room had a pow-wow on how the A.C. won the war. Principal speech by Kenney. He needs killing. — Percival is the weakest sister I have ever seen, even in the British army. God, he’s terrible, – a furtive, weak-chinned ferret-looking sort of a mut. Long skinny & stoop-shouldered. Q. Why did Doug have him step up while Doug was signing? — The allied signers were a scratchy-looking crowd. Nimitz O.K. Hsü O.K. Fraser a fat red dumpling. Blamey a tub of guts. Cosgrove an elderly masher or gigolo type. LeClerc rather trim, but his helpers a pair of dirty-looking apaches. Helfferich fat & bald. The New Zealanders amateur-looking. What a crew of caricatures in the eyes of the japs. The human race was poorly represented. And the God damn Canadian signed in the wrong place! O Christ. Met Halsey. Saw Nimitz as I left. – Talked with the gobs on the Nicholas. Good kids. — Doug, when photogs. wanted a repeat on a picture with Spaatz. “You just took one.” “But they would like to have one more with you shaking hands.” “I told you I have already shaken hands with him.” Period – No love lost on Spaatz. — Giles’ 600 B-29’s fizzled dismally. Navy planes went over in grand style. B-29’s in scattered groups of 6-8-10, all over the lot. Total of not more than 50. – Blooey — Slept on the plane. → Good day with the bladder. Clear. ← General dilapidation in Japan. Business zero. Nothing in the stores. Teahouses & restaurants dead. No one in streets. Buildings, rolling stock, roads, all in very bad repair. Good crops, but that’s all. The country is ruined, Thank God. People docile. They want to be friendly. That’s the great danger.

**MON. SEPT. 3.** Up at 5:15 & had coffee & nut-cake. Off at 6:00 – Fuji stuck up through cloud layer, with a cloud wrapped around its top. At Hamamatsu took off over the sea. About 10:15 over Amami. Oki at 11:15. Heavy cross-wind. Cut motors at 11:30. (5 ½ hrs.) – Jeeps came in 5 min. Junk lot of mail. (“This Week” offers $500 for an editorial.) – Caught up on papers –
TUES. SEPT. 4. Schick back. In to say good-bye. Ditto Hodge. Col. Wiley (Benning ’30-
’33) called. – Bishop Spellman in for lunch. Typical Boston Irishman. Hot against the British
Empah. – We had a good talk. Sun-bath. Wrote an editorial for “This Week.” Reported to Win
about Tokyo trip. – Japs in from Miyako & Amami. Ten of them. At 7:30 brought them in &
lined them up. Ely handed them the requirements. Then Merrill told them they could ask
questions at 10:00 to-morrow – all very gruff & firm. Gen. Homi wrote to me asking help to
prevent Ryukyus from becoming another Alsace-Lorraine. Army docile. Navy truculent. (The
old Satsuma stuff.)

WED. SEPT. 5. Got the article off to “This Week.” – A. Smedley’s actor friend in (Manson.) –
Wrote letters – 2 P.M. to Futema to see the “Yank” plant. – Read & dubbed around. – Paul &
Grindlay in. Long talk about Ben’s future. – Hubbard also came. Letters from Win & Al.
Candy from Al.

“New Jersey” (45,000 tonnes) to call on Spruance. She was ‘way out. Had a good talk with
him; he’s a good egg. Looked in at a 16” gun turret, & the crew worked the loading gear. (20
seconds to load.) 2700 lb. projectile – 650 lbs. of powder. (N. Jersey, Iowa, Wisconsin &
Missouri. Ahead of them, three more. Ahead of them, N. Carolina & Washington.) – Back at
noon. Nap. – 3:00 P.M. newspaper men – Three of them, incl. Dealey from Dallas. Good eggs.
Had a good talk. – 5:30 to dinner with Woods & his staff. Big filet steaks. Ice cream. Crab
cocktails. My God. – Good letter from Al. – Win sent Jo Tenney $100 & Jo was overwhelmed.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7. Surrender day in the Ryukyus – Checked up on arrangements.
the jap representatives to sign the articles of surrender.” They did so – Then I signed. “Tell the
jap representatives that I hold them personally responsible for carrying out all instructions.”
Then, “Have the jap. reps. withdraw.” No action; dumb Ely’s crowd just stood, with their
mouths open. So I yelled, “Take ‘em out,” and got some action. Then I announced the end of
the ceremony & we all adjourned for lunch – 60 B-29’s & 100 fighters went over. M-26’s & 155
S.P massed on road. Honor guards, – Army & Marines. About 40 guests. Big press & photo coverage. Films on way to U.S. at 3:00. Guests beat it at 1:00 P.M. O.P. Smith’s brother here, – he is a prick. – Everybody said it went off well. We threw the hooks into them. Just cold, hard, business. –

2 P.M. to U.S. prisoners’ camp on No. 1 – 2300 there. Looked it over & talked to some of them. C.A.C. running it – – Back to No. 24 to see set-up, for women & children. No one in it. – Then to 233d Gen. Hosp. & looked it over. Talked to Exec. & neuro-psych. man. – Back at 4:45. – Cannon, Condon, Grindlay, Jones for dinner. Movie. Bogart & his tart Bacall. She can’t act.

SAT. SEPT. 8. A.M. Papers. Wrote John & Bub about the M.A.S. will. – 11:00 Spruance called, & we had a long talk. I like him; he’s a high class guy. – Arranged for junior officers to visit the new BB’s. Fine day. Sun-bath. For dinner. Col. Bethune, Capt. Anderson, Capt. Breuner. – Talbot leaving in A.M. – Isaacs in. Long talk. On his way to Korea. He is pessimistic; situation in Far East just where it was before. No step forward for native populations. We have survived attack; no more. – Russia got all she wanted for now. Big fact of future is an expanding Russia. Outlook is “Peace by Expedient” or a series of them. O.K. It’s still compromise – The Doctrine of the Mean. It may get us by.

SUN. SEPT. 9. (Hurley considers himself the counsel for the defense, & he’ll do everything possible for his client! That’s the American Ambastardor.) (One word for Hurley – INDIGESTIBLE – Spew him out.) – At the Surrender the G.I.’s were yelling, “That’s right, Joe, – Make ‘em wait! Keep ‘em waitin,’ Joe!” They would have been pleased to stand there for hours. — A.M. Papers. Sun-bath, under clouds. Spruance in, about evac. of our P.O.W.’s. Date for lunch Tuesday. – Tenth A – 23. 5th A.F (6 to 3) baseball. Excellent game. (The G.I’s are the Real Guys.) 6:00 – 8th A. F., cocktail party by Doolittle. Usual stand-around, followed by buffet. Home at 8:15. Doolittle leaving Tuesday for Washington.

MON. SEPT. 10. A.M. office. Talked to Paul about this & that. P.M. wrote & slept. Davidson – (10th A.F.) – for dinner. Going home to retire. Ulcers in stomach. Nold joined the mess. Saw the “This is the Army “ show. Excellent. 160 in the cast. Had ten of them come up
for a drink & bite to eat. Very interesting group of lads, interested in politics & anxious to get going straight. Want orientation. Sgt. Manson corresponds with Agnes Smedley & had some of her letters. Got one from her, telling about J.B. Powell’s lies. — Doug has gone crazy. Jap officers keep their swords! They have only to say they are personal property, & not issue stuff. Thus he sets up military shrines all over Japan. It gives the game to the japs. Letter from Win about Ben; he is pretty low over it, but he’ll come out of it.

**TUES. SEPT. 11.** To bed at 1:00 A.M. Good thing I had a nap. — A.M. papers. Weather too bad to make trip to “N. Jersey.” At 10:15 Price phoned it was O.K. We went. Arr. “N. Jersey” at 11:40. Fraser there. Took a look around ship with Wooldridge the capt., & Spruance. Lunch with Spruance & staff. (He has total of 45 officers.) Fraser here on “Duke of York”. Back to X at 2:45 – Nap. Read. “Leaflet” tank (searchlight) demonstration at 7:30 – Young horsing around for special treatment. Arnold wants to go home, too.


**THURS. SEPT. 13.** A.M. Papers. Sun-bath. P.M. ball game – XXIV A.C. & coon team. – Eyestone, McMillan & Hall for dinner – 7:30 Dick Jurgens show. – THE AXE. “Return of 10th Army to the U.S. 15 Oct.” – So Doug’s promise means nothing. We just don’t belong to the club. — Well, the war is over, so what the hell.


Banks, over after the show for a drink & nibble. They stayed till 10:30. Kendrick, (med.),
Jefferds, (Ord.) & Stimette, (Chap.) in to meet them.

**SUN. SEPT. 16.** Typhoon coming in. 60 m.p.h. wind forecast. Getting strong at noon.
Higgins & Young for lunch. Young says Arnold is low about life. Now I’ve got to cheer him
up. Heavy rain & wind all P.M. Put the shutters up in the house – Two or three leaks. – Movie.
By 10:30 wind coming in from west. 180 degree turn – typhoon passing over.

**MON. SEPT. 17.** By midnight it was heavy & we had a stiff wind all night. All flimsy stuff
going down – Tents down unless anchored. – God-damn swinging base-board banged all night
long like a pistol. Still blowing at 7:00. Cleaned up the room. Dubbed in office. For lunch, Ty
and Prof. Talked to Carl & got him straightened out. Talked to Paul. – Nap – Wind gone by 3
P.M. – A lot of damage to docks; little on shore.

**TUES. SEPT. 18.** Papers as usual. – Kruger & Decker called at 2:45–4:30. Nothing new.
Invited to Kyoto. Kruger is taking over the Miyako Hotel. – Fracas at Tokuno. One of our crazy
flatheads machine-gunned japs & trucks near the airfield. No details yet. Garfield’s party up
there. Jesus, what jackasses. No mercy if we can just get the dope. – Edwards and Ely for
dinner. Cannon did not get back in time. – Cornell (7th Div.) & Beery – RAMPS – here. Sent
Hubbard to bring them up. Had long talk with them. Same old story about the limies. One limie
had 15 pairs of shoes & wanted $150 gold for 2 pairs. Our people detested them for their
hoggish, inconsiderate ways. They also hate the God-damn jap. – Cornell picked up in Leyte.
Was not at Bataan.

**WED. SEPT. 19.** A.M. Papers. Sgt. Friendly (CBI Roundup) for interview. – Woods in, on
decoration for Col. Anton. — P.M. looked over Navy installations on Katchin Hanto. – Garfield
back from Tokuno. (Let the japs entertain him.) He’s out. — Dumas, Daniels & Westervelt for
dinner – – RUMOR. Richardson to take over when MacArthur goes to U.S. for hero worship.
My God.
**THURS. SEPT. 20.** Usual morning paper fight. Adm. Barbey in – well-informed guy. – Sun-bath – 1:30 – to Yonabaru & Naha with Carl. Dusty on 44. Many wrecks in Baten Ko. Back at 4:30 – Sgt. Manson in to say good-bye & plug me for the A.V.C. – Radio from Nicholas (“This Week”) about the “Message to the G.I’s.” He wants more! – Letters – from Win. BEN is in the NAVY! He has been broadcasting already. Camp Beale O.K. He likes it. – Cannon, Blakelock, Buchanan for dinner. – Sparks up to get photos. – Nimitz sent a good picture of the surrender.


**SAT. SEPT. 22.** Papers in A.M. – Hair-cut. The “Burma Survivors” had photo taken – Merrill, Jones, Grindlay, Bergin, Jones, Arnold, J.W.S. – Took Bergin for a walk. Cut lunch. – 1:15 off for Yontan & flew to Tokuno. Watched the landing. 4 LCVP’s – About 80 planes demonstrated. Our “fleet” was 1 CL, 1DD, 2 LST’s & 1 LCT. Very imposing. Circled beach several times & came home. Beautiful colors up there; water & rocks. Back at C.P. at 4:00. Read – Turned in early.

**SUN. SEPT. 23.** A.M. papers. – 11:00 – walk with Bergin – Air corps birds took our picture on No. 20 – Passed us 4 times before they dared stop. – Board on Tokuno shooting bawled out by Smith, 5th A.F., who says it’s none of my business. His board whitewashed the culprit – a Maj. Vogel. Merrill got it straight with him. He accepts my jurisdiction & apparently will co-operate. – 5th A.F. lost out on wrecking their buildings. Also on sending their men home. Navy got their backs up. – Call from Adm. Badger & Big Boy Shafroth. On their way home. – **Definite orders to pick a list to take with me & break it up on Oct 15.** – Going to Tokyo Wednesday to say good-bye. Joe should be here any time now, & go along.

for Price, Lawson, Jones, Woods. — Very jolly crowd – congenial. All enjoyed it. – 3,000 ships here now – biggest shipping concentration in history. Woods gave me clipping with photo of Ben as a gob.

**TUES. SEPT. 25.** Rain. Piddled in the office. Tom Wells turned up. Discussed his case. Had him for lunch. Sent him out with Hubbard. – Rockey in to call. He goes to Tsingtao and Tientsin with two divs. Orders to help CKS disarm japs, & take weapons. Christ again – Nap. – At 5:45 went to Machinato to wedding of Capt. Siegel and Lt. Boody! Jewish ceremony. Very short & common sense. In the chapel built by G.I.’s. Crowd of quiet G.I.’s watched the show. Back at 7:30. – Tom Wells in. Daniels came to say good-bye. – Paul, Carl, & Grindlay came, & we all talked till 10:00. Good-bye to the last of the old crowd. – Boland turned in my extra junk. All set to take off for Tokyo to-morrow. – Joe went to Manila. Tom saw him in Guam & got letters from Ben, Al & Win. – We are shipping Tom back to Honolulu. – 7th Div. delegation in last night with letter from Arnold about air transport. No can do.

**WED. SEPT. 26.** Up early. Tom for breakfast. Said good-bye. Did the papers. Wrote Ben a note. Got photos of the guard – Packed. Off at 8:30. In the air at 9:15. Chofu at 2:30 – Circled Tokyo & had a good look at a good job. Patchy, but big patches. Fine weather coming in past Shizuoka, Numazu, Odawara, Lake Hakone, Oiso, etc. Beautiful country. Too bad the people are bastards. Met by Maj. Anderton – In to Imperial Hotel past palace grounds. (Guarded by U.S. soldiers!!) – Anderton says electric power plants are untouched. R.R.’s not hurt, except rolling stock. 75% of Tokyo population is gone – Casualties not known. Doug operates from 5 P.M. to 8 or 9:00. (Hard day.) – At 5:00 saw Doug (Daichi Ginko Bldg.) O.K. on Merrill and Bergin – O.K. for Kyoto & Seoul. Radio G.C.M. for Peking – (Fellers got the msg. off.) – Ryukyu surrender. Press notices. Navy insistence that it was Nimitz’s job. – Directive to Doug. He objected & said it was an independent surrender to me. Neither his nor Nimitz’s business. Apparently Navy was insistent. Doug was “re-directed” to do it with me as stooge for Nimitz – He simply ignored the order – N. radioed asking him what he was doing to implement the directive. Doug answered “Nothing.” And got away with it. – Touchy about being sniped at. Spoke of Summerall’s speech “I can take Côte sur Chatillon, if you will keep my rear from being sniped at.” As result Pershing give Dickman the A of O, instead of Summerall. – Eisenhower.
“He will compromise & yield to protect his prestige. He will not fight for principles.” “It may well be a sad day for the Army when Ike goes in as C/S.” “The fact that Ike has political aspirations may keep him from being made C/S.” – Doug sore about Drew Pearson stuff. Insisting that W.D.B.P.R. should issue counter-statements. — (They were telling him to avoid being the cause of such statements.) – Gen. Wang, fat slob, greeted me at dinner. Russians, limies & Chinese here of course.

**THURS. SEPT. 27.** Up at 5:30 – Off at 8:00 to Yokohama. Saw Nogi’s home, where he hara-kiri’d – Then down to 47 Ronins’ shrine. No admittance to allied mil. personnel! On to 8 th A HQ. at Yokohama. Continuous destruction all the way. Eichelberger being presented with a sword by a jap admiral! And accepting it. He’s just a blah handshaker. Spruance came in. Refused invite to go on trip with Eich. (He was taking Mrs. Doug to Miyanoshita to-day.) Back to 47 Ronins & got in with a pass. Then to the field at Chofu and shoved off at 12:00. Lunch on board. Up to Utsonomiya & Nikko – Circled, saw the temples, red bridge and Lake Chuzenji. Then up to Sendai & Matsushima. Landed at field beyond M. & met Swing & Pearson & Griswold. Dorn at Yamagata. Took Swing and flew to Tendo. Very thick weather. Dorn not there. Went to hotel billet & waited till 3:35. Then beat it. As we left the ground, Dorn arrived – Too late. Took Swing to Matsushima, & at once took off for Tokyo, at 4:45. Reached Chofu just after dark. Rain. Hell of a time getting down. Reached hotel at 7:15. Met Acheson, Service, & Isaacs. Dinner together – Very boring evening with Acheson, who sat on his ass till 11:30. I could have killed the booby. – Isaacs on Korea – Russians are rough. Divided control – how do anything? Hodge over his depth. Food will be a problem. — Helmick for Hurley in China? – Acheson to SIAM. Ignored by G.H.Q. — HIROHITO went to see Doug to-day –

**FRI. SEPT. 28.** Diller announces return to U.S. of Stilwell and Merrill – (They are making sure.) RAIN. (G. I. lesson in manners on street car. Yanked jap men up & seated the women.) (“It is not necessarily degrading to be polite to women in foreign countries” – Instructions to jap diplomatic corps.) (Remind CLEAR of his call at Carmel, when he told me how nice the japs were!) – Got money changed. Cleared off at noon. Left for field at 12:45 – Off about 1:30 – via Fuji south side. Fine look at Gotemba line, Hakone Lake, shore line – Over the Akaishi mountains – Rugged & steep – 5,000-7,000 feet. No roads. Down on Nagoya, — a WRECK.

SAT. SEPT. 29. 8:30, out to look for Shinmonzen. Back and forth, right on it; finally we ran it down. NOTHING. Everything closed down tight. Furumonzen same. Walked to Chion In. Big bell still there. Then over to Kiyomizu. Unchanged. But no activity. No bustle. No business. Got tea. Visitor said to old lady “They are quieter than was to be expected.” The authorities here were looking for reprisals in a big way & could not understand our forbearance. “Aren’t you going to punish us?” – Walked back to hotel for lunch. At 1:30 took jeep & rode to Otsu & on up to Karasaki (the old pine tree). Looked over an air-field and got souvenirs. Back to town & down to Higashi Hongwanji – (Hair ropes.) Then out to Kinkakuji, S.W. of town. Beautiful grounds. Back to town, looking for Nijo Shiro, but missed it. Walked hotel grounds. Bath. (Krueger has not yet heard about Dec. 1.) The E.M. came up this A.M. & are having a grand time. Billeted in hotel.

SUN. SEPT. 30. A.M. walked to HEIAN temple (big cemetry) – stopped at zoo, which is all run down. (Monkeys in a pit.) Then walked out to Ginkakuji (just like Kinkakuji) – Beautiful grounds. – Back to hotel. (The hillside over there is full of temples.) Got jeeps (11:10) & went to NIJO castle. All the carvings down, & buildings all boarded up. Walked around the citadel. Hotel at noon – (About 3 hrs. hiking.) – P.M. out to Arashiyama & on to Moss Temple. (Sai-Ho-Ji) – Another good one near-by. Beautiful walk through Moss Temple – Surprisingly far out. How did we do it in 1911? – Back via KITANO temple – very interesting. Usual BAZOO at dinner. God, he’s dumb –
**MON. OCT. 1.** “Most clean & sonorous shop”. (Barber.) “This porishu has flavorful
elegance and odiferous brilliance.” No answer to radio yet. Took a walk to pigeon temple &
other at entrance to Maruyama Park. (Eight Mounds Temple.) – To Shinmonzen. Shops
opening. Got a Hokusai copy. Hubbard bought Obi, lacquer, etc. Back to hotel. P.M., sat. Sent
Hubbard to Tokyo to get message, if any. Merrill & I rode to Arashiyama & walked up river.
Pretty inn on bank. (Good C.P.) Back at 5:00 – Hot bath. Hubbard got off from Taisho at 4:10.
– “No one can be a pitcher until he has been a catcher.” Movie of Andrew Johnson.

**TUES. OCT. 2.** Good-bye to Dorn, Paul & Decker. (B-ache at breakfast. Q: What has G.C.M.
done for the ARMY? – A. Nothing. It is still dis-united – the N.G. is still in the saddle – We are
still operating on the 1916 Defense Act.) Fine weather. – Sat around all day waiting for
Hubbard. Plane finally came over at 3:00 P.M. Merrill & I took a walk. Hubbard in at 4:30.
Went in at Atsugi; late into Tokyo. – Decided to cut out Korea & go to Oki direct in morning; G-
mo having refused permission for Peking*! (Sept 26 to Oct. 2 to get an answer!)

**WED. OCT. 3.** Up at 5:30. Off at 6:30. Accident in Osaka, – jap bicyclist. Stopped in old
citadel. Taisho field take-off at 8:30. Over Osaka, Kobe, Okayama, Kure, Hiroshima, Miyajima,
Shimonoseki, Moji, Kokura, Yawata, Sasebo, Nagasaki, Kagoshima. Desolation. All stacks
standing. Queer. Hint on future design. Remnants of jap fleet. At Kure 25 SS, 25 DD, 1 CL
etc. At Sasebo, 4 or 5 DD, 2 CL, few SS. Wooden freighters being built opp. Miyajima. Floods
had covered hotel grounds there with sand. SS aground. Dirty weather. Rain from Kure on. –
Hokusai views all the way. He had the right colors. – 7 hr. flight. In at Oki at 2:45. Yontan
closed. Landed at Awase. 10 minutes later, all fields closed. – Everything O.K. here. The
Vogel case is closed. He crashed in a P-38 with a nurse – both killed. Heavy rain. Cleaned up
papers and turned in early.

**THURS. OCT. 4.** Papers all day. G.C.M.’s & decorations – (Nap) – Dinner for Priest (artist) &
Miss Brent, (accordeon), Green, Smith, Potter, & Schindel. Bergin danced. Merrill played.
Good party.
FRI. OCT. 5. Papers all A.M. Sun bath – good weather. P.M. read and wrote. (1st annual Amami Regatta)


MON. OCT. 8. A hell of a night with the rats. Trap outside, they were inside, gnawing out. Brought trap in & they jumped over it and kept on gnawing out. 12:00 to 1:00, went after them with a stick, then gave up & read till 3:00 A.M. They gnawed till dawn. – Papers & letters – Nap – Walk in rain with Bergin. Cocktail party for 35. Good party. – This H.Q. never got together. Letter from Joe. He is down.


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Talk on Decorations

Origin & development – Pride. Appeals to young – After seeing so many phony ones, become suspicious. Sour grapes with me – My dec. are principally bruises on the stern, but I’m proud of them, so they serve the purpose. Proudest of 2 I did not get. After considerable assn. with the limies; without even being considered for a bath, or a garter, or other lingerie decoration. A guy got up in the House of Com. & offered a resolution to wit. That inasmuch as I was a quarrelsome fellow, & had said that the Br. army in India was inept, I should be marked persona non grata in
any area where Br. troops were serving. – Well, he was not very accurate, – I did not say that they were inept. As I recall it, it was more to the effect that they were a God-damn bunch of pansies, but anyway, it brought notice. Condemnation. By the House of C. is to my mind a very high distinction. – The other one I didn’t get was a very fancy Chinese dec., their no. 1, in fact. It is a large sunburst, with points all around it, & A long wide sash & belt complete with buckles. I at once told them where they could put it, but it was at once apparent that my suggestion would not work. 1st because CKS would probably not like it, and 2d because no one, however willing, was sufficiently intimate with him. So you see, I have not had much success getting decorated by foreign govts. The only noteworthy presentation I can remember are a sword that the Tibetan C-in-C sent me, quickly followed by a request for an M-1 rifle and 500 rds. of ammo. – And the Nagas gave me a goat, which was a replacement for the one CKS got from me. –(Pan. –Fr.) – So I haven’t had much luck on foreign decs. I wonder how some people get so many. They must be very “simpatico,” for people to like them so well. It could not be that there is any trading going on; such a sordid note could never creep in. No, no; it’s just superior ability & merit receiving the deserved reward.

[On following page:]
Handy – “This is especially hot because it is the 1st major matter on which HE has not taken the advice of his mil. staff. So he is vulnerable” –

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The W.D. has no opening. They want me to ask for A.G.F. Now that 5-star gens. are in, a 4-star is nothing. They expect the press & public to cool off –

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14 xx going to China, followed by 22 xx – Then what?

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HLS now has the picture. (CKS stands in the way.)

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Why did F.D.R. back off? Probably because the Sept 12 message slipped by without his considering it seriously. Not much interested. Then Kung got the “never mind that stuff” msg. & CKS put his back up. Then FDR tried to compromise & the Peanut knew he had won.
There is no indication that the W.D. is any longer interested to raise an effective force of Chinese, or even save what we have. Somervell has to fight to finish up the Ledo Road!

The limey joint C. of S. demanded my removal. Geo. told Brooke he was amazed at such a move, & was shocked to have them demand the removal of the only fighter in the whole theater. He talked turkey to Brooke –

It was Adm. King who opposed my removal in ‘43. He has backed me right along. George hopes he will solve the Pacific Problem with King’s support.

Hap asked about 3 stars for Strat – I said I wouldn’t – That did it.

Buckner to Ryu. in May. (? To Bonins in March)

Solomons, N. Guinea, N. Britain – to Aus. Cleanup on Borneo & N.E.I. to be left to Limeys – The Dutch want us to do it. No decision on Armory-Form., etc. (Hainan?)

Limie’s remark, N. Africa. “These Americans remind me of banahnas; they are either green, or they’re yellow, or they’re rotten.” Beetle Smith had him canned.

Chinese solders at Wanting – “The Americans give us everything, – food, arms, medical help, clothes. Why, all we have to do is to fight!”

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Pretense & slop
“There were fresh dewy strawberries with clotted cream.” Why clotted cream? & what the hell is it anyway. The author doesn’t know any more than you do, but that’s what it must be – etc. No Chinese words hit such a false note.

Neither would he blow his nose on a handkerchief & then put the mess in his pocket. He’d give his nose a good tight blow & hit a rock with the gob.

Rule – Never mention the bladder. And if you must, say comfort station but not toilet.
And the good old days. Just imagine the state of the velvet gowns in Chas. II’s time – on a hot day. No running water. The toilets – the stinks – the teeth – the disease – the fingernails, etc. etc.

Imagine them all lined up naked. Churchill, Roosevelt, H. Hopkins & Co.

– To get rid of a guest “Have a cup of tea.” – “Ni tsenmo pu tsai che erh ch’ih?” –

They make you mad by barging in, but you can throw them out. There is usually a soft way of doing things. Not – “Look here you so & so, you’re fired.” – but “I am going to promote you to kao chi ts’an mon.”

Best characterization of the Chinese is Smith’s “Ch. Char.” Thought I’d find something in Lin Yu Tang’s book, but he is too flighty. What does he know about China? He never lived there.


Clever, brainy, intellectual, scholarly – not to be compared with Chiang Mon Lin & Hu Shih Pai & Li (Li’s prop. at Hsüchow). Shang Chen – Tseng Hsi Kwei – Liao – (Sun) – P’an – Hsiao I Hsü.

(Old lattice with vines grown too strong to tear out. That’s the K.M.T. – Rev. not over.)

Stupid Roosevelt & his friends “SHANG” – Backing the rotten gang. Wouldn’t believe his own people. Preferred C.K.S. Hurley parroted what T.V. told him. Now Russia & Reds face CKS & U.S.A. We make him strong & he dogs on his promise. Only excuse for playing with him was promise of aid vs. Japan, which he never had any intention of furnishing (msg. of Jan. 1939 from CKG).