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Ann Warner's Notes

INTERVIEW

War Diary
December 1941 – August 1942

Following is a transcription of the War Diary of my father, Gerald Warner, who was a consul in Kobe, Japan when Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941. The diary covers the period from December 8 to August 28, 1942. He was interned in his house in Kobe for 6 months and then traveled to New York on diplomatic exchange ships, first the Asama Maru and then the Gripsholm.

The diary was written in my father's tiny scrawl on 3x5 paper - 283 pages, 3 hole punched at the top, tied with string - and was given to my brother, Arthur Warner, by my mother, sometime after my father's death in 1989.

My mother and older brother and sister (who were 4 and 3 in Dec. 1941) had been sent back to the States in February of 1941 when trouble started brewing in the Far East. I was born in March of 1944 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, my father's next posting after Japan.

I have transcribed the diary just as written, with comments in parentheses and italics. Other notes, abbreviations, etc. are at the end. Anne Warner, January 12, 2004

December 8, 1941 - 1st page starts in mid-sentence

...him come in office but he insisted. Told us his men could stay in Cons. & watch despite our protests. Said we must stay in office until further notice. Lunch sent in from Kobe Club. Roy P. & Renudios[?] didn't call as planned. Roy keyed in CC. [*Roy Melbourne – vice consul*] Scott [*Martin Scott – treasury attaché*] got his office fixed up OK.

Staff quiet with war news.

Mrs. Nobuko Ikeda decided to stay in J.

Shimamoto undecided but came with us.

Miss Ogawa stood by. [*Mary Ogawa – nisei office secretary*]

Miss Yesunega undecided.

Hayway called to report death of Wm. De Witt at Int'l Hosp. Dec. 7, 11:50 pm + 1 of _____

Dr. Meyers called to say goodbye.

A. Caro tel. from office.

Steadfastly refused to open safes.

Kempei [*national political police*] insisted on photographing fireplaces.

At 4:30 pm. Watanabe called to say we must go to Tor [*Hotel*] – could not go home – J. Govt orders. We all wished to go to our houses.

Put in one wing of ground floor. I had room 35. Not allowed to communicate with each other. Supper brought in individually and so to bed.

Tues Dec. 9

Watanabe called to say I should go with him to office – Cons. - at 11:30 & have lunch there. He wanted the safes opened. Said he must see Tower about that. [*Arthur Tower, consul, temporarily in charge of the Consulate during the absence on home leave of*

Samuel Sokobin, the chief consul. Warner, also a consul, was the next ranking officer.] Said Tower could not open & I said I could not either. Asked me to influence Tower to open safes but I said he was not free to open safes without orders & I could do nothing either. He said he had orders from his govt to take over everything in office & must have safes opened to do so. Said he must deal with Tower on that.

Went at 11:30 in charcoal burner *[some sort of vehicle?]* that got stalled & took to 12:15 to reach office. Tower steadfast refused to open safes. Watanabe said he did not wish to use threats but wanted safes opened. Kept going out coming back, etc. Asked about inventory & we couldn't get at it in Dusty's safe *[Otis "Dusty" Rhoades, vice consul, was in Tokyo at the time]* but Tower offered to help prepare one. Had lunch and time to think it over but Tower held out despite veiled threats. Took me to separate room & searched me and tried to get me to open safes but I refused to. Tower said without Gov's order he could do nothing though if it had come to violence he would have opened.

At about 4:30 pm a Mr. Masuda from the Kencho *[local government office]* & five or six henchman came into Tower's office and said they understood Tower had refused to assist in turning over office things. Tower said he was perfectly willing to turn over the furniture etc. as is. Masuda said then that would be all that was needed & there must have been some misunderstanding and the subject of opening the safes was dropped. Tower & I assisted in preparing the inventory, listing things by rooms and Mary Ogawa typed the list & Takio & I checked things & henchmen put on seals.

We were told to take away all of our personal things which we did. I put all things on desks inside.

Back to Tor for dinner and others were worried about us.

Wed., Dec. 10

Allowed to walk in garden.

Tower & I to Kencho *[Headquarters]* and saw Chief Hasegawa of Prefectural Gaijiba who said he wished all to go smoothly and they'd facilitate our stay as much as possible.

Asked if we'd like to stay at Hotel. (Said he didn't know about who would stand expense but we should act as if we were to pay or all move to one residence. Said we'd consult others but all could move to my house.

Asked about other Americans and they said some were being kept in houses others in certain places but all were well and steps being taken to take care of their property.

They said they wished to give us equal treatment to that being rec'd by J. Consuls in U. S. I said that the Asahi of Dec. 10 (that evening) had carried a tel. interview of the J.C.G. in N.Y. with B.A. saying he was being restricted to movement bet. office and house which were both surrounded by police.

Said we could talk with each other & play cards etc. but could not talk with outsiders. Said our reasonable wants would be fulfilled if possible – as for food, etc. Said he was in charge of us and we could communicate through our guards. Our guards were Watanabe, Ito & Higawa & a M.P. in uniform. For funds we said we had some ¥15 M [*M = thousand*] in bank.

Upon returning to hotel and talking to others decided to stay in hotel as Shimamoto's wife and child would be coming to live with him & it would be too crowded in my house with 8 people. Informed Masuda to this effect when he called that P.M.

S. [*Shimamoto*] was in long consultation with officials & wife & finally told me he had decided to leave & go back to wife's house. Called in Tower & he agreed. I suggested that S. submit a letter of resignation for the purpose of the records & Tower got that from him. S. left that night after again having gone to Kencho with the officials & Mary O. [*Ogawa*] asked him upon return how he expected to earn living & he said he'd make out O.K. as J.'s has promised him a job. Wonder what he'll be doing.

Mary O. said the authorities had tried to get her to remain in J. promising her freedom & assistance in finding work. Said she was after all of J. race and furthermore they couldn't guarantee she'd be permitted to go with us & she might be locked up here for 2 yrs. But she said all her folks are home in the U.S. and she is an American & wants to go home so will stick with us & take her chances.

Played cards that evening – the first bridge for Roy Melbourne but he'll catch on. Mary certain to.

And so to bed.

Thurs. Dec. 11

Room boys refuse to bring papers despite permission to have them. Said Kempei wouldn't allow it. But I went down the hall & bought a chronicle. Sinking of our fleet in Hawaii being played up. Done before war declared as usual – done in J. Ch. [*Japanese Chinese*] and J. R. [*Japanese Russian*] wars.

Cook san sent over milk for Tower & myself.

No heat allowed in rooms. Blackout every night.

We're informed by Kencho that the J. Govt's policy had been decided now & we should all go to my house to live – the 5 of us as S. had left.

So we went over & on the way stopped in to get Mary O's things in Sokobin's house & some of his cellar. Carried our own things & were accompanied by guards. Scottie & Roy

stopped in their houses for a few things en route. Left stuff & went back to hotel for lunch & rest of things.

Woman from consular binding co. wanted pay for binding '40 correspondence. Told her to see our rep when he was appointed. Hotel didn't ask for bill payment when we left but we wouldn't have paid anyway. We had been ordered there by the J. Gov't.

Back to my house & settled in various rooms. Mary O. in back bedroom. Tower in his. Me in mine. Roy in upper sunporch. Scott in living room on day bed couch. *[Later moved in with Tower]*

3 guards insisted on staying in house over Tower's protest & quite a hot scene but they would not stay outside. They appropriated the main large hall & made themselves at home.

Excellent dinner of kidney beans, baked potatoes, mushrooms, celery & pumpkin pie. Grand after the stuff at the hotel.

Bridge & to bed.

Paper says Swiss are to handle our interests.

Fri. Dec. 12

Scottie & Roy went to houses for things & Scottie saw his car & chauffeur.

Kempei called to say he was sorry we were at war but that we would not be maltreated personally & they'd look after us & facilitate everything & expected arrangements would be made to have us out in several weeks.

I started packing for 2-3 hrs. every day rearranging things & also reviewing characters.

Tried to get English papers sent to house – Chronicle, Osaka Mainichi & Japan Times and Advertiser. I translated the news every morning & evening from the J. press as it was ahead of that in the Chronicle which was the only English paper we got & that only through Scott's amah.

Roy's old amah came in & said she was in a bad way with rheumatism & wished to leave & would get a new one. Scott's amah came over to help, especially with marketing.

My things & Tower's at the house were untouched except for removal of RCA by Prov.

Scottie moved upstairs to Tower's room.

Sat. Dec. 13

Scotties ham for breakfast and my last States side one for dinner - excellent.

Getting into routine of breakfast, news - walk in garden with Scottie, shoot a bit of schulbak [*sjoelbak is a type of Dutch shuffleboard which consists of each player being given 3 chances to slide all the disks along a six foot table in an attempt to get through 4 arches at the other end*], studying characters for an hour or so, pack till lunch - bed a bit, shoot schulbak, snooze, pack, tea, finish daily character stint, perhaps chess or other games - chinese checkers, Roy's victrola and records, cocktails or bourbon, games till supper. Bridge or reading or games after supper and to bed by about 11 pm. Up at 7:45 and use the bathroom 1st. Mary O. usually gets down first and I second, then Scottie and Tower and Roy last.

Sun. Dec. 14

Kempei called to ask how men are getting on. Asked if we might use tennis court but he says no.

News report of telephone interviews by J.C.G. in N.Y. with B.A. J. correspondent conversation cut off.

Mon. Dec. 15

Some foreigners Rex & others said to be at C.A. & others in jug & at Osaka.

Sam's wine for dinner.

Tues. Dec. 16

Swiss Consul Champeau [*also spells Champoud*] called to say he had been notified that he was in charge of our interest and was going to Tokyo for further instructions. Asked him to find out about Dusty [*Rhoades*] if possible. His return rumored.

Wed. Dec. 17

Prov. authorities called to say arrangements are being made to see we are supplied with necessities like meat (40 momme – 1/3 lb. per day OK) eggs (100 per mo), sugar (10 km {13 lb} per mo. for all of us) & they would try to arrange about tennis & asked us to submit any requests. But all of our requests have thus far met with inaction so there is little use us making any.

Thurs. Dec. 18

Coal moved from Scotties & Roy's houses – ¥30 from S. ¥6 from R. the former arranged by S. amah & latter by R. Short weight moved.

The 2 Prov. & 1 M.P. guards use our coal & liberally too & their offices etc. can't even use it until Jan 1 anyway.

Fri. Dec. 19

Jeremy (Scottie's dog) arrives.

Prov. authorities called again about provisions to say meat & bread could be furnished O.K. but potatoes were hard to get as farmers have refused to sell & some are rotting. Everything high – plenty of squeeze & buying on black market being alleged. Champeau called. No definite news & says evac. negotiations progressing. Finally got some meat.

Sat. Dec. 20

Arranged to bring a case of beer. Permission to use tennis court [*at British consulate general next door*] refused. Our guards now using it instead.

Sun. Dec. 21

Cook says Kencho is not facilitating any purchases.

Continued reports of J. victories & advances in Malaya, Thai, H.K., P.I. and Pacific Islands. but N.Y. stock market goes up on receipt of “favorable” news.

Mon. Dec. 22

Expected visit from Champeau fails to materialize. Wonder if he hasn't returned or is being refused permission to see us.

Tues. Dec. 23

Guards acting up at night using schulbak & drinking our liquor as marks showed. Also sleeping on couch in our living room.

Wed. Dec. 24

Champeau finally called but not much news. Osaka Cons. fellows at Shukiyawa[?]. Alice Daly moves. Sang Xmas eve carols.

Thurs. Dec. 25

A big Turkey dinner. Turkey at 12 lbs. (dressed with head & half legs. cost ¥35 – 3 times as much as usual). Guards raised hell downstairs celebrating fall of H.K. I didn't hear the news but T. told them to get out.

Fri. Dec. 26

Letter rec'd from Champeau. Permission granted to use tennis courts when Br. not using them & if we all go out one time. But courts are too wet in A.M. and gets dark too early so looks like no soap. Guards agree not to sleep in living room if they have another couch to sleep on outside. I agree to that to keep them out but T. objects. However it is my house & while he can decide if he wants as it relates with the guards if he isn't going to kick them out of house then I'm going to see they are kept in one place in house if possible. Objected to their drinking our liquor too.

Sat. Dec. 28

Cold & dreary. Good oyster dinner.

Mon. Dec. 29

Beautiful day. Lucky on the weather.

Tues. Dec. 30

New M.P. drunk & belligerent. Wanders all over house poking nose into things. Mrs. Lackie called to get some food for Bill [*Lackie*].

Wed. Dec. 31

Champeau & newly apptd. V.C. Tillman called. They are working mainly on our interests. A social visit for New Yrs. drink. Asked to get jack from Renudios[?] for Steve's things [*I'm guessing this is Charles H. Stephen, listed as vice consul Kobe, who I'm guessing was on home leave*] but arrangements will be complicated.

Stayed up chewing the fat to 2 A.M. with Scottie, Roy & Mary & fought the war all over. I then stayed on reading after they had gone to bed.

J. start celebrating by shrine visiting at 5 A.M.

Thurs. Jan. 1, 1942

Slept late. Kempei's guard drunk as a lord & all over us & insisting on shaking hands & dancing around etc.

Mac [*MacDermott*] & Ginger [*officers at British consulate general next door*] called & finally saw us after 3 attempts. Both stewed & report guards are out cold. Chew the fat.

Beat Roy at chess.

Fri. Jan 2

Hitari's[?] guards told to pipe down after we go to bed.

Excellent snapshots of Hawaiian attack.

Sat. Jan. 3

No papers or other news.

Started listening to J. news broadcasts twice a day. Hard to catch all but get drift OK.

Sun. Jan. 4

Grandmother's birthday. Would have been 97.

Manila reported fallen but we resist elsewhere in P.I. People in U.S. reportedly jittery & landing on U.S. mainland planned.

Matsumoto of Kencho called to ask if we had lists of things we wished to sell. He seemed to think we'd be able to take whatever we wish with us. Said sale would be possible with permits & buyer bargaining in his presence. Didn't know about conversion rate – J. ind. of \$ & £ since Jan. 1. He said he'd look up stuff we'd shipped to S. & try to have it sent back to go with us. No news of when we may getaway.

Said I may play tennis with British – but courts are no good now.

Mon. Jan. 5

Champeau came for a cocktail & gave us a copy of instr. from Dept. – about time. No particular developments. No cops present but he wasn't allowed to stay for dinner & bridge.

Tues. Jan. 6

Rearranged sunroom for sunning. Hear Fisher is still going to office – his leg gets him by perhaps. Neighbor Mrs. S. about crazy with husband in jail with Winnie Winton. Beat Scottie at chess.

Wed. Jan. 7

Promise of tennis knocked in head by rain.

Champeau for dinner & bridge – unaccompanied. Good evening & his first out too since war began.

Thurs. Jan. 8

No tennis today either – ground wet.

Electric power shut off. As we are unable to get coke for the furnace we have been using elec. heaters all day & fireplace in living room.

Played Wihi-wihi for 1st time. Fair.

Am reviewing about 100 char. a day & learning to read sōsho.

Finally got 1 each of 3 Eng. newspapers.

Fri. Jan. 9

Cold without those elec. stoves. Must see if we can get them again.

Everyone enjoys schulbak & I've made several 88's – the high scores. Just missed a 90 today.

Played tennis for 1st time today with the Davises & Mac [*Davis is British consul general*]. Took me a set to get back in form but then got going & Davis & I beat Mrs. & Mac 0-6, 6-1, 8-6.

Champeau dropped in to have bank documents signed as we can get money from the Cons. acct. We have ¥15 M in Y.S.B. [*Yokohama Saigh Bank*].

Sat. Jan. 10

Plenty cold without electric stoves.

Picked out books from packed boxes for sending as we don't seem to be going anywhere soon.

Chess is an interesting game.

Sun. Jan 11

Tennis again.

Mon Jan 12

My honey's birthday. [*Warner's wife, Rella, who was in Laguna Beach, California with their two children.*]

Tennis & called back for not saying where I was going when I went over to the court. Tried to stop me from playing altogether saying they had not been informed I could play with Davis etc. Lots of steam but tennis resumed.

Pd. Dec. rent. Asked to see Fisher of Bremer Wood about house.

Tillman called about YSB appl. for items for use of ¥3M applied for. That will be but a drop in the bucket.

Started Hiyakurige[?] by Jippen-sha Ikku – a funny tale of the Tokaido

Ole Man Adam & His Chilluns by Roark Bradford is excellent Negro tale of the old Bible days.

Prof. Melbourne strains back in exercising.

Tues. Jan. 13

Open-shirt weather & no tennis.

Cooks bills plenty high!

Wed. Jan. 14

Tennis. Packing.

Tillmann called to say progress is being made on our getting away but nothing definite yet. Exchange of gov't employees agreed upon in principle. Saw same in J. press, also that J. dips in Mexico have gone to U.S. so looks like progress.

Asked Tillmann to have packers come.

Also we want to go to Consulate.

Ueda's Daijiten is a good all J. dictionary.

Thurs. Jan. 15

Heard 3 J. ships are to take everyone – Br. Am. etc. dips via New Guinea & Ceylon to Lorenzo Marques, Portugese E. Africa within 2 months & exchange everyone there for J. Consuls. Sounds fantastic but some hope anyway.

422 Am. from Guam in Zutanji Shibohan.

Fri. Jan 16

Davis & I played singles in snow flurry.

S.A. conf. looks favorable.

Sat. Jan. 17

Spokesman Hori says progress slow on exchanging dips. Guess the J's want too much. See the Br. Portugese relations are strained & recall of dips may mean E. Africa exchange is out.

Beautiful cold weather 28° above but no heat except in living room.

Tennis. Snowed some. Got crook in elbow so played left-handed a bit but no much good.

Sun. Jan. 18

Out of coal. Hard to get any but cook got some for kitchen & guards scraped up some for themselves.

Scottie & I divided chess game.

No tennis with snow.

Bridge in evening.

And no broadcast from my honey. I've missed those Sunday evening messages & no one has short wave now so impossible to have anyone listen for me.

Mon. Jan. 19

Guards in wrangle with Tower over coal supply & they took it out on Mary & Roy – latter can't visit Shioya house now. Big shot kempei from Tokyo viewed us. We had been told Hasegawa & Sabai[?] were coming.

Tues. Jan. 20

Guards angry about T. [*Tower's*] attitude toward them & say they'll take it out on all of us. Asked me to get T. to change but the leopard's spots won't out. Best to talk with superiors but T. won't ask through the guards. Says he'd rather be in a cell & know where he is then here under present conditions – a martyr complex & guess the confinement is getting him.

Matsumoto's #2 Shimogawa of Kencho called about money. Says we can get ¥1500 monthly for group but that will be but a drop in bucket. Few developments & things move slowly. Asked to see Hasegawa about moving things.

Wed. Jan. 21

T. & I saw Hasegawa for 1 ½ hrs. & covered many points especially the extent of authority of our guards. Find they are for “protection” & supervision but we want them to keep in one place allotted if they are to be in the house at all, as H. insists they must be. H. says Shu[?] will pay for their food but we should supply beds & coal. We object to supplying coal as they are stationed in house by J. gov’t which should provide.

Also brought up about thefts of moving & Scottie’s liquor which will be investigated.

No dope yet on how much longer, sale or packing of things etc. Says he’ll come to see us shortly.

Returned to get singles with Mac who says their plans all set for going in 2 mo.

Guards start secret investigations of thefts – took all details. Seemed to know all about it.

Thurs. Jan. 22

A ray of hope in J. press report that Argentine alone is neutral – we may be exchanged via B.A. [*Buenos Aires*]. I hope so and the sooner the better as I do miss my honey & the kids.

Champeau & his new V.C. Guddnecht [*spells later as Guthnecht or Gudinak*] of Oriental Purchasing called with plenty news inc. our exchange arrangements. To be via Lorenzo Marques probably within 2 mo. & can take all personal effects depending upon transportation arrangements & without examination by J. Ships are to leave at same time & we from Yoko & transfer to Am. ship at L.M. [*Lorenzo Marques*]

Dusty [*still in Tokyo*] sent down 870 & dope about his things – if we can get to them.

We can store things at Embassy in T.

Glad to learn my honey has been notified I’m O.K.

Fri. Jan. 23

Nice warm day.

Tojo has promised P.I. independence – a good laugh. Singapore & Bataan holding & no further advance in D.E.I. looks good. Burma biz is odd.

134 Am. civ. pris. from Guam arr. Kobe inc. 5 nurses & one wife & 1 mo. old child Chas. – living in Brodies & Seaman’s Inst.

Think we’ll get out by April 1.

Hasegawa called this P.M. – upset tennis again – but we gave him the dope on the setup here & discussed all sorts of problems re effects, etc. He apparently lacks instructions. Says we & others are being dealt with in accord with Hague Conventions. expects Am. prisoners may be exchanged in time.

S.A. countries solid with us – attaboy!

Sat. Jan. 24

Shimohawa called to say problem of selling & packing things is being considered by Tokyo. Thought we'd be at least a month getting away & might go on Asama or Hakone [*Japanese passenger liners*]. Thought we couldn't take much freight as there are 300 people. Davis appeared at window to surprise of us & S. Will get the devil for wandering about.

Champeau called to discuss various matters but no further dope on when we'll get away. Settling Steve's biz with Renudios[?] & also Kent's biz. C. reps 9 countries now & must see prisoners too.

We're lucky on grand weather!

Sun., Jan 25

Roy went to Shioya House OK

Poor tennis as Mac was out.

No broadcast from Bill of course.

Ginger appeared light as a bird.

Mon. Jan 26

Champeau called but not much news.

Hawaiian debacle was a mess – looks like incompetency or collusion but inexcusable in any event.

Australian Wattle Day - but Ginger out I guess.

Tues. Jan. 27

Promise to take Scottie to Rialto broken – probably by our 1st rain in ages.

Wed. Jan. 28

Scottie to Rialto & finds things have sold OK.

Champeau called with numerous instructions re exchanging dips – but slow work.

Asked cook to find missing articles.

Thurs., Jan. 29

Tingle [*British vice consul*] played tennis today for 1st time in a month – bad leg.

Kirby Cluff [*Clough – per Roy Melbourne*] called having seen in papers that we are well treated & can receive “visitors, food & candy” - but he was turned away.

Fri., Jan 30

Shimohawa called about Sh. freight – no dope yet & new appl. for elec. power.

Sat. Jan. 31

Row with cook over canned goods pilferage. Best keep stuff locked up & dole it out so we put it all under lock & key. Reported losses to ken. New elec. power data needed – maps of house layout. Probably never get any.

Champeau called & we go to office Mon – progress.

Sun. Feb. 1

Rain – first in a long time.

Started everything 1 hr. earlier as air raid drills start today.

Row with guards over locking stuff up. Tower nearly hit in melee.

Looks like no more tennis.

Mac & Alec called & had a good visit for an hour or so. They’re out of drinks. Hear Champeau’s house had a fire.

Mon. Feb. 2

Looks like quite a sea battle is in progress in Malacca Straits – but all we know is the denials. Bataan is holding out well. Singapore looks like it’s about to give in.

Tues. Feb. 3

No Champeau, no office, rain, no tennis.

Wed. Feb. 4

Good weather again. Argument with guards for not letting Roy's amah see him. Asked us what right we had to question them – a laugh.

Champeau called to say turnover is all set for tomorrow a.m. & he'll call them with Kensho people at 10 a.m.

Tower will insist that we all go to office, that no J. enter office as turnover was illegal in first place & he refuses to recognize J. gov't interference as 1st turnover was under compulsion & J. gov't is responsible for all property in Consulate.

Thurs. Feb. 5

Scottie called to Kencho – J. pol. of divide & get 'em. Then Champeau & his interpreter & Shimohawa came at 10:30 am & said Scott was waiting at office, but T. made his points & refused to go unless complied with. Shimohawa said no hurry & would report to his office. I don't think Tower can assume any control over Scott's office.

Tennis after none since Jan.

Davis says he won't mind having J. present at turnover so long as no interference.

Ginger called – but no glasses broken.

Fri., Feb. 6

Finally loosened up with aid of some salts after 3 days – a rare stop up for me & wonder what may have caused it. Probably something I ate but others not affected, so strange.

Cloudy, tennis, & barber, & hair needs cutting after 40 days. Barber prevented from entering house by those lousy guards. Tingle also turned away – re tennis.

Mac & Alec called – but I'd gone up to bed so didn't come down.

Sat. Feb. 7

Good weather again & some good tennis. Mac not yet playing.

Davis went to office & merely witnessed J. handing over change of furniture to de La Maine. His is promised that all staff can go to office on Monday. J. got their way in having only Davis go alone to office.

My first stepping out tonight up to see Mac & Davis. Scottie came up later. Those fellows go all over. Guard came in shortly after I got there & asked who I was & Alec said Mac

has gone over to play cards at Davis' & the guard asked again & Alec said Ginger had gone upstairs so the guard gave up. Shortly after that the guard stuck his head in the room & said goodnight but Alec looked shortly afterwards & the fellow had apparently left the house.

Had quite a reunion with Tingle & Penson also there. Later I went to get Mac at Davis' & had an hour or so visit with M. & Mrs. D. Mrs. Cooper Blythe & Mac.

Back to Mac's house & left for home about 12:30. Scottie & Roy still up holding the fort. Guards in bed & no questions asked.

Sunday Feb. 8

Greater E. Asia Day

Amah in funny outfit for firefighting – baggy pants & spark hood – acts silly about appearing in public in it.

Shimohawa told Mac it would probably be 2 mo. before we get away.

We're getting silent treatment from Champoud who must be about fed up with trying to get anything done.

Early to bed – makes one get up earlier.

Mon. Feb. 9

Fine day but no tennis as Br. went to their office. Accompanied by 5 police who pried into everything they did in the office but let them take away what they wanted.

Barber finally came & said he was stopped at door the other day. Mary & Roy to dentist.

Mac, Ginger & Alec called & after being here about ½ hr. the maid came in – Roy's dumb one - & took out the night screen & informed her cop boy friends of the biz & they walked in on us & chased the guests out. Quite an argument & the guards called Mac's guards in & it seems they knew about the visit & also pointed me out as having been up to Mac's. So our guards faces were red.

Tues. Feb. 10

Hell to pay about last night visits & long talk with guard about boredom of staying in etc. Visit from Shimohawa & they thought Tower had gone up to Mac's but it was I so the expected spearing of T. failed. But I caught it for fair & could not go to tennis.

I asked that the visits be regularized. Tower again asked that guards be kept out of house. S. said if no turnover then nothing else will be permitted. No dope on shipments. Nothing re elec. power. Said outside walks still being considered.

Roy's amah Yotch called & she is finally coming 2/14 & other dumb cluck goes. Cook had lots of cheek about it all. Told T. that things should be reported & quite an argument but Roy & Scott & Mary too are fed up with stalling. Scott is going to act on his own & call Champoud. I drew up a telegram for the Dept. via Champoud when he calls & T. said it had some good points to it but can see no need for any action but I said if he doesn't send it I will, so will see. Roy is writing up to Tokyo, but it would be best to do things through Tower.

Damn if Ginger didn't appear at the window & we did not let him in.

Got 12 pr. silk hose for my honey. Damn how I miss her.

Wed. Feb. 11

Singapore's end near. It will add a long time to successful conclusion of the war. Symbolic of breakup of the Br. Empire. That will probably never come back & Eng. might just as well become a 49th state. It's all on our shoulders now.

Further newspaper talk of exch. in B.A. as J. Amb. there sounded them out, but the Argentine is perhaps considering breaking off relations so that route may well be out. I'd prefer to go home via B.A.

Roy's dumb amah left – got another job. The cook is next on the list.

Good singles with Tingle – he has improved.

Tower touchy as hell & foolish argument with Roy at dinner in which T. reversed himself etc.

Thurs. Feb. 12

Plenty cold these past few days & probably the last of the year – but I like it. Gives one pep.

Again trying to get Champoud. Situation becoming impossible as T. is ignoring interests of all others involved & trying to make martyr of self for nothing. If it becomes necessary I shall ask Champoud to wire Emb. or Dept. – T. considers it impossible to comply with Dept. tel. instr. of - - - and refuses to report why. Discussed this with Roy & Scottie & they think it might best be toned down a bit. But agree the deadlock must be broken. Scottie trying to get Champoud on his own.

While I was playing chess with Mary something came up about Champoud & Tower burst out with "I forbid anyone under my jurisdiction from attempting to call Champeau" & so I asked what he proposed to do about the situation & he said "nothing" so I said that it was becoming intolerable & I proposed to do something about it.

I composed a wire to be sent via the Kencho stating "Due to diff. with the J. autho. T considers it impossible to hand[?/] over to the Sw. Rep. or to comply with various dept. instr. rec'd through him since the outbreak of the war and meanwhile settlement of prob. regarding our and other American interests remains at a standstill." I showed it to Tower & said that unless he were willing to do something about the situation I should endeavor to get something accomplished by sending this wire. There were plenty hot arguments & we all joined in & got him to agree to call for Champoud by Sat. & send a message unless C. had turned up in the meantime. T. pulled some nasty cracks – esp. to Roy about "Grow Up" but he has been under strain & fortunately Roy let it pass. I told T. that none of us has a monopoly of the brains & rather than harbor something vitally affecting all of us he should discuss it. The atmosphere cleared considerably & I got my object accomplished.

Fri. Feb. 13

Clear & cold & a grand day – thermometer at 26° - lowest yet & pond has a solid if thin sheet of ice covering it.

Guard announced Champoud is to call at 10 a.m. & we're getting set. Tower writing letter embodying my main points to have Champoud send to Dept.

Ch. calls with Shimohawa & an interpreter & guard sits in too. Ch. gives me ¥294 from Renudios for Steve after deducting Nov. Dec. Shioya CC [*Country Club*] bills. All goes on the books. Scottie got money from Rialto for sale of furniture. No word yet about freight. Roy gave Ch. letter to Nakusan[?/] about it.

Tower started to give Ch. his letter with telegram & news of conv. of Feb. 5 re handover & Shimohawa told interpreter to take it which he did – out of Ch. hands. Tower asked if he were being refused right to hand message to his rep. & was told the Kencho would have to examine it first. Tower got the instr. whereby one is permitted to send messages direct through the Swiss consul but it cut no ice. Sh. was rather perplexed by the situation but insisted on retaining the letter even if it were addressed to Champoud. T. said the Tokyo authorities would of course examine the message before it left Japan but he couldn't concede these find the right to take it away from the Swiss Consul.

Re handing over, Ch. said he daily expected instructions & would let us know as soon as they came.

Sh. said we get elec. power by 2/16 & delay caused by tech. diff. in appl. – as usual any excuse will do.

Asked to start packing & Sh. said it was pending Roy & Mary finishing dentist at which we all laughed – even interpreter but Sh. looked grim about it. Little guard looked like he'd like to attack the bunch of us.

Good tennis but plenty cold.

Sat. Feb. 14

Valentine's Day & I wish my honey were here so we could celebrate – something, anything.

Still cold & tennis pretty good. Alec said to take a poke at those guys for him too when we do.

Applied to go visit Mac & Davis this eve, but appl. not approved as we must have important biz to be allowed to go and we can have no important biz since war started & we can't go just for the visit, so no soap.

Sun. Feb. 15

Snow on ground this A.M. & stuck to trees too so quite Christmasy for 1st time this winter. Went out & swept it off our compound walk & made a snowman. Spots of snow & rain off & on all day but all on ground & trees had melted by noon.

Am getting so I can do something with sōsho – the grass writing – as I've been studying it daily & can now figure out some things that were greek to me before. Have also gone through the 400 character cards twice – first time finished Xmas and 2nd 40 days later. Will continue to review & have them sorted by 3 div. of easy, medium & difficult to remember from [?] on the reading into Japanese & under these 3 div. have 3 more namely easy, medium & difficult to remember the readings & meanings from looking at the characters. Then I review the difficult more often than the others of course.

Stopped up again for the last couple of days & had to take salts to loosen up – most unusual for me.

Roy's amah Yotch supposed to show up for work Saturday. Found out she'd come Fri to say she wasn't coming to work & the cops had perhaps scared her off again. Damndest situation. Will probably have to see about getting someone else.

Monday Feb. 16

Singapore unconditionally surrenders. A great blow for our side. Looks like the Japanese are marching through everything. P.M. [*Prime Minister*] Tojo is to make an important nat'l policy announcement today. Perhaps that the J's will be satisfied with what they've got. I wonder.

Our initial mistake was in evidently bluffing – Knox & others brash statements and in not having anything to back up that bluff.

Second big mistake was in not being ready to meet a surprise attack for which these Indians are famous.

There will probably be plenty more mistakes before we start doing things right.

But there is plenty of historical precedent for carving out Empires & Britain's may be dead & J. in the ascendancy. Don't think Britain will be able to hold together. Wouldn't be surprised at revolts in India. And China can't do much if J. chooses to clean her up. J. will try to consolidate her positions & while she has shot the works & won so far she'll try to rest a bit before going on. Will we be strong enough to prevent her from resting – by attacking from the north & with long range bombers. We must get busy.

A fine day & a historic one.

Tennis.

Tues. Feb. 17

Guard announced that Tower's frt. is c/o ACG in Shanghai & Roy's is at Toa Kim there. No word re mine. A break in the dam - & we may expect more now.

Roy went over to watch tennis & saw the fellows. They go to Osaka tomorrow. Our Suzuki Non[?] old fellow [#1 Japanese in Kobe consulate] got the same as M in the jug. Damn shame. Br. head J. also in jug & broke down when the 3 mp's brought him for pay[?]

Some san off celebrating the fall of Singapore.

Mary decided to earn some pin[?] money so we'll get no more amahs.

Tonight's paper announces that Welles says an agreement has finally been reached to exchange us in Portugese E. Africa. Guards think we'll be here a month longer.

Name of S. changed to Shonanto Enlightened Southern Island.

Wed. Feb. 18

Taylor at tennis & not so hot.

Mac et. al. sent down for some liquid supplies which Scottie furnished. They are all out. Bridge in the eve.

Saw Pencook[?] & wife & _____ pass by but could only wave.

Thurs. Feb. 19

Guards announced I was to go to Kencho at 9 – then 8:30 – so I went & there we waited around & no one seemed to know why I had been called & decided it was a mistake. So Matsumoto said he has some things to see us about & came back with guard & me. Think to get me to say things about T. on way but no success. They said he was moto[?] kurien[?] I said that they needn't expect me to say anything about T. anymore than they would about their chief & they dropped the subject. Then decided to call at Champeau's house & find they expected him to be there & they told maid to tell him to come to my place. Then M. said I'd been to Sam's for farewell to Fred & Mac & asked what I'd said to J. as if I'd remember at this date. Asked what of it & he asked me to think hard as it was important but I couldn't make out what it was all about anyway. Furthermore they have no right to question us & such stuff can be ignored.

At the house Champeau arrived shortly after M. had told us about frt. [*freight*] – mine in Manila or Jaffre Dec. 6. Damn! We'll have to get Champeau to send it back. [*There have been previous references to this freight in this diary. If I remember correctly from reading other documents that Daddy saved, most boxes were ransacked and looted in Manila, a few boxes did eventually make it to California and Daddy filed to get insurance reimbursement – he eventually did get a little reimbursement.*]

Champeau said he had word from Tokyo that the Swiss Min [*Minister*] saw no objection to J. being present at turnover & T. said if Ch. ordered this T. would go but Ch. would only say it was the accepted custom. Anyway T. agreed to go & that after lunch. Ch. said T. could protest if anything amiss.

All of us went down & were met there by some 10 Japanese officials. The front door showed evidences of having been opened. Inside we nearly got hung up over this handing over but finally got started & found all listed there but desks etc. had obviously been rifled & Scottie's had much stuff missing & seal gone from safe. Stuff he had definitely left there like 2 lbs. coffee & a felt hat & plenty of pencils & stationery were gone when he entered his room this time. Plenty of entrances possible. We all cleared out our desks & brought away several suitcases of personal things & nothing searched at that time.

Found Shima. [*probably Shimamoto*] had moved to Akashi & working there.

Miss Yesunega [*mentioned at beginning*] showed up at last moment & got some stuff but Scottie hardly had chance to speak to her. I had [?] at house & believe she wants to go but everything is vague.

Walked back to house arriving about 4 p.m.

Brought back lots of stuff.

Fri. Feb. 20

T. Scottie & I went to office this a.m. after holdup which looked like no go. I sorted out Dusty's things which T. & Champeau & Gudinak checked records against inventory cards.

Brought back lots of stuff at noon & repacked Dusty's things to take back again for Champeau to take to Tokyo.

I spent the p.m. destroying seals etc. & it sounded like an iron foundry but the one guard kept to himself out in hall & read & asked no questions. Would have told him it was simply stuff we weren't handing over to the Swiss.

Tower & Gudinak checked records.

Brought back lots of Sam's things.

This is the day I had picked for sailing but its way off – the maids were on me, however & had some bridge.

Sat. Feb. 21

One of the coldest days of winter - 28°F – T. & I went to office & stopped in for M. Guthnecht the new Swiss V.C. & then to office & T. & he checked records while I cut up stamps, etc.

In P.M., T. & Roy went down & finished most of checking. Roy turned over Masonic Records to G. to go to Bossert. Am. Asian records to stay with Cons. stuff. Brought back some pp. [*passports*] & fee stamps & burned them fifty grand worth up the flue. T. tried working out acct. but needs Dusty's help.

Sun. Feb.22 Wash. Birthday.

T. & Scottie to office this a.m. & will finish up today.

Saw Taylor, Penson & Nuzura[?] & they & Mac tried to come down last night - sent their guard to negotiate but no soap. Will try with diff. guards. Davis also trying so perhaps visits will be possible eventually.

Mrs. Sparwood[?] has heard from husband 3 times & he's O.K. but getting thin & doesn't know where he is or when release possible.

Cold weather broken. Springlike today & a new bird – J. robbin appeared.

T. & I to office p.m. & cleared up things finally – old pp. etc. Good job well done & little missing.

Celebrated G W's birthday by playing Ch. checkers & bridge & then Scottie & I tried to induce guards to let us go up to Mac's [*UK consul home*] but no soap.

Mon. Feb. 23

Warm & drizzly day.

Cop from Sannomiya came to ask if we still want elec. heat & said we want it if possible. Said it was possible if we went to Sannomiya Police station to see further about application. Looks fishy to me but T. & I are to go after lunch & see what it's all about – probably about 3 other things. Decided not to go as the biz is simply a runaround.

Tues. Feb. 24

Colder & rainy – sorting papers etc. Finished I Write As I Please – Russia's best foot put forward by Walter Duranty. [*Steve Johnson says there have been recent stories in the NY Times about how Duranty, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting, was a shill for the Soviets.*]

Wed. Feb. 25

Miss Joyce Helm de Silva of Rialto & her J. assistant called today about sale of some of our things. Will meet Scottie & Roy at their houses tomorrow a.m. She thinks I can get fairly good prices on things & [?] so I'll sell. She has to get Finance Dept. permission to sell & is going to see about auctioning – but that is doubtless out.

Got some J. dict. which will be handy. Am gradually figuring out sōsho for myself. But a hard job.

Cold & no tennis for over a week.

Thurs. Feb. 26

Anniversary of the 26th incident of '36.

Scottie & Roy frustrated over planned visit to houses – by our very accommodating guards who had diff. ideas. All of us would like to job of overseeing J. in the U.S. Brrrrh!

Still raining & cold & too wet for tennis.

Guthnecht & J. asst. called. They say word now is we sail at end of April & can take only personal effects – no furniture. Advises us to sell. Which we'd like to do if we could.

Says John [*John M. Allison, Osaka consul*] gets in from Osaka quite freely & they are on good terms with guards.

Ch. went to T. & took up Dusty's things.

Bills from Kobe Club with phony appeal for yr. end gifts to staff & no can draw from bank whimper thrown in fire. Nuts to some one lining his pocket for nothing.

G's J. asst. gave dope on sōsho & seems I'm on the right track. I'm having him get some more books.

Phony report of air raid in L.A.

Fri. Feb. 27

Cal's [*Warner's mother, Carol Holbrook*] birthday. Congrats Cal. & many happy returns.

Warm & sunny this a.m. but no tennis possible as it rained in night.

Wish we could count on sailing by April 27 which is my new date. I certainly do miss Rella & the kids.

G. & J. asst. called again to ask if certain members of staff are to be inc. in sailing plans. I must see them to find out.

Miss Yesunega called – 1st time. She's still undecided about returning to U.S.

Sat. Feb. 28

Started out as a fine, warm, sunny day but clouded up & drizzled about tennis time. Request by C. G. Davis for us to go to his place S/1 for cocktails on St. David's day refused. Officials said they weren't letting Bolivians & Paraguayans get together so why should they let us.

Made a new cocktail of 2 parts sparkling burgundy, 1 part gin, ½ part rum & dash of grenadine & orange bitters. O.K. Played bridge & won consistently.

Got out Nagawa's[?] tokuhons[?] & will start working on them.

Sun. March 1

Came in like a lamb all right. A grand day & looks like tennis. Yes! In schulbak I've missed 100 by 1 three times. Highest is 89 in 2. 100 in 4.

Tower working great guns on navigation & studying trig etc. again.

Scottie working on J. as is Roy now. He was doing his cabinets. Fundamental change nec. here is subordination of mil. to civilians. Change of const. nec.

Couldn't go to the Br. C. G. cocktail party. Played bridge instead.

Davis got a new sosho book for me. Got Mac studying it too.

Mon. March 2

Rain again & drizzled all day.

Guards wouldn't take Roy & Scottie to their houses as "they'd heard nothing about it."
Damn.

Studied sōsho hard all day.

Tues. March 3

Cloudy. Got guards together at change & asked what dope about Roy & Scottie as promised on Sat. they could go houses. After pow wow the new fellow said he'd take them so I had amah call Rialto. So they got to go & did O.K. We may get to sell stuff. No telling.

Mary got barber for permanent.

Scottie is to go to office Fri & fix up accts.

Hitting sōsho plenty hard.

Got some new study books for it.

Too wet for tennis.

Claims of big J. victory – naval - off Java – landing of transports & troops there.

Wed. Mar 4

Wrote letter to Hasegawa putting in for ½ the coal (¥240) used from Dec. 11 – 2/28 & gave to Champoud when he called this P.M. Have some fun.

Plenty booming from time to time today. Probably testing defense.

Champoud & his sec. showed up but C. has no news from 8 days in Tokyo. A reticent fellow but doesn't think the exchange will be soon. Damn it all. I still hope we get away by end of April as I feel we'll see fireworks if here this summer.

Put in another appl. for ¥5M for Jan & Feb. living exp.

Roy is to go to Shioya tomorrow.

All the war prisoners are being made to pay \$1 per ¥1. Hot stuff.

Looks like Java is going. Damn, but still Bataan holds out. Great stuff there. We've got to come out on top.

Sōsho is going easier.

Ground defrosting so no tennis.

Thurs. March 5

Roy got out to Shioya O.K. & brought back dumbbells & iron boots. Rained all day so no one went with him. He arranged about sale of his stuff with Rialto & hope we can all do likewise.

Fischer of Bremer Wood showed up. He is restricted in movements bet. house in Shioya (Holden's) & office & must get permits to go elsewhere. Goes to C.A. once a week & uses our pool[?] out there. Found I've missed 1 mo. rent so there goes another ¥250. Bathroom leak finally fixed.

We destroyed 708 old pp. on 2/22.

Local papers say all Jap nisei are being moved 150 mi. from Pacific coast.

Tonight's paper carries acct. of attack by 30 Am. planes on Nan Shoto 2 M Km. SE of Honshu & appearance of a plane off Honshu this A.M. & air raid alarm in Tokyo at 8:08 – 9:15 AM but nothing but warnings, no raids accomplished according to papers.

Also tonight's paper carries acct. of the sailing soon of 2 vessels (Brazilian) from Rio, one to Lisbon & the other to Lorenzo Marques with 852 Axis natls inc. 164 J. so our guard's solicitousness about selling our things or packing soon maybe has some backing.

Fri. March 6

A beautiful morning and warmer than the warmest midday so far.

Spent P.M. in sorting out things for sale & repacking. Scottie went to his office this A.M. to get payroll fixed & says Guthnecht will be over tomorrow & that Rialto has got permit for an auction of our things & is making up a list of prices etc.

Guards asked T. & me to go over to Dusty's to fix up things so the snail does move apace. Paper says exch. has been agreed upon in principle so actual carrying out may be way off.

Sat. March 7

Colder & cloudy.

To Sokobin's in P.M. with Mary & guard & Mr. & Mrs. DeSilva & their J. showed up to take Sokobin's inventory with Mary & Miss Yesunega. Latter has seen her folks & decided to stay in J. Ch. & Guthnecht showed up & had new instr. re things we can take – namely only personal effects in things with handles & no furniture. So that will mean we'll have to store or sell things & no insurance for war risk or breakage is possible.

Mr. & Mrs. de Silva busy so couldn't go over to Dusty's – that'll be Monday.

Ch. called at 6 P.M. & is to go to Mukden Mon. Roy & Tower gave him dope re their shipments in Shanghai but mine in Manila is out of luck. Maybe go later.

Colder tonight. Heavy practice this A.M.

Sunday March 8

Tennis for 1st time in week. Bridge in evening.

Mon. March 9

No Eng. papers Monday so I read the J. press for the others.

Heavy practice this A.M. Heave hoers on outside.

Went to Dusty's in P.M. & maid not very helpful about showing us things. Acted as though all was hers. Found she still has Dusty's liquor there & nothing done about refrigeration so had her arrange to see Joyce at shop & find out dope. Wrote to Dusty about the situation.

Joyce came back to house & Scottie, Roy & I signed appls. for holding an auction. If that can't be held then Joyce thinks she can sell the stuff piecemeal at the shop.

Java falls. When will this stop.

Tues. March 10

No Guthnecht yesterday or today. No tennis as still too wet.

Wed. Mar 11

Tennis & summer weather today.

Cook on a buying spree again – got ¥40 of meat on 3rd & 10th. Also put down 5 lb. butter (¥3) & only brought home 4.

Thurs. Mar 12

Tennis again & warm. Read over some old letters of college days & found them pretty amusing after all these years. What one takes seriously in those days loses its serious side at this date.

Fri. Mar 13

Cook came in for jack & told him to take it out of the money he owes on missing canned goods. That started a knockdown drag out & gave him figures to show how he had been robbing us & he of course got indignant. The guard came in to be helpful & didn't get far as he didn't know what it was all about but the cook demanded to have the Kencho authorities after I told him he could either quit or be fired. I fired him but he didn't want to be fired. Making too much. So I told the cop to call the boys.

Missed tennis but worth it.

Matsumoto & Shimohawa came & I explained & they asked why they had been called & I said I didn't call them & cop said cook had & they & I agreed it was none of their business but suggested I fire cook & I said I was willing to forget canned goods losses of ¥200 or so & despite that they said I should pay him retirement bonus. But it is worth it getting rid of the nuisance of having him around.

Showed them how he has been making money on us & they took slip with them.

Then took up other subjects & M. harped on payment of Tor hotel bill but T. maintains it is J. gov't lookout as we were sent there by their orders & they want us to pay bill & if U.S. gov't does same they will repay later. We said if we got some action on our numerous requests we may reconsider the question.

Also took up about elec. power & S. says permission was granted but he understood we didn't want the power. Sannomiya grants permits. Also asked about walks but no dope yet.

Also asked about selling stuff & says permit to sell will be granted. Also about giving up other houses & can do when furniture is sold.

Also about stuff in customs & that may be possible.

Also about sailing & that may be at end of April & 500 already booked.

Also about stuff takeable & that will be only articles for daily use. Rest to be sent later. Damn.

They suggested a cocktail party & we said fine if they get stuff out of customs.

M. & S. spoke to cook & I imagine gave him plenty hell & he'll probably have to buy bonds now.

Called Tokei-san (Scottie's amah) in to cook & told cook I'd settle with him when kitchen things straightened up. I consented that he use rooms until he can find another house & move.

All relieved to be rid of cook as he got too much graft.

Sat. March 14

Checked the kitchen things & found most of them there & paid off the cook with no bonus & no letter of recommendation. Told him to keep out of kitchen as Tokei san is in charge now & asked him to get another house as soon as possible.

In the future in hiring a cook check with him or her the list of kitchen things as responsibility is established. Lock up canned goods & dole them out as asked for. No free access until confidence is established.

Sun. March 15

Tower's sailing date. Too wet for tennis today too. Told guard I want cook out of the house soon & he agreed.

Mon. March 16

Cold again but cleared up. Cleaned out the garden fish pond & put 6 buckets of muck in the garden for fertilizer. Goldfish from Sokobin's.

Singles with Tingle. Saw de la Maine & Rodriguez & they say we sail at end of April. Br. are now asking exchange of all civilians.

Guthnecht called. Said he had been refused permission for a week & had to take up matter with Tokyo although the J. recog. right to call but always raise excuses. Say they don't trust T. so he can't go see people paid off & some can't be located – old S. & Shinsei[?]

Baggage limits now down to what one person can carry – subject to 2 interpretations & probably means we can take only what we can carry ourselves. These swine. We've reportedly refused to reply to this J. proposal.

Roy believes that if we don't sail by July we're here for the duration & that is a possibility.

Asked G. to have Rialto call & also arrange about packing things.

Tues. March 17

St. Patrick's Day & Mac is having a party today to which we're invited but as usual won't be present.

Showed[?] wielden[?] this A.M. & told me it appears likely we'll be able to get stuff from customs & that our 2 week old appl. for Jan. & Feb. expenses for ¥3M is being approved. Said it was not unreasonable that we fired the grafting cook.

Spoke to guards about going to Mac's & they said officially they couldn't permit us to do so & anyway not all of us. I said how about Scottie & me going & they said formally they must refuse – but So Scottie & I went out to “view the moon.” – it was raining – so got in on Mac's party in full swing – about 10:30 the guard said they were looking for us so Scott & I went home – a pleasant evening was had by all.

Borrowed a swell Australian record – Snake Gully Swagger – by Jim Davidson & his ABC Dance Orchestra featuring the original “Mabel” from Snake Gully – a Regal Zonophone #C23676 – MA18528-CT1650 Mxgd in Sydney by Columbia. Reverse is Colorado Sunset Waltz – C23676. Borrowed garden hoe but Roy not interested.

Wed. Mar 18

Tennis & threw shoulder on a hard shot but not bad.

Shimohawa called & bank has granted permits to sell our stuff. Also we can get things through customs by paying duty.

Paper says the Swedish ship Drottningold [*Drottningholm*] left N.Y. Mon 16 with Ger. & Ital. dips for Lisbon & on ret. to N.Y. will take J. dips to Lorenzo Marques. First definite news of concrete action & are we all pleased.

Guthnecht called but not much dope & mainly about payroll biz – but we aren't in any hurry to settle.

Ginger's birthday & the Br. are all celebrating plenty.

March 19 – Thurs. Summer weather

Told guards again I want cook to move bag & baggage shortly as his week of grace is up tomorrow. They agreed & said also they had been taken in by him & he had sold them sugar & rice rations for this month & Tokei was giving them her rice & could we spare sugar. I had a good laugh at them.

Matsumoto called to say Scott can't get Daley's stuff but I told him again Scott has Daley's P/A [*Power of Attorney*] & it finally sunk in.

No tennis today with shoulder sore & others not playing anyway.

Fri. March 20 Summer weather.

Again asked guards to get cook out today & they said they'd speak to him but it might be a few days & please be patient. We've all had enough of the fellow in the house.

Telephone & gas collections called but we told them no money from bank & cannot pay them either.

Mino of Toyo Cluse[?] called about clearing Scott's Daley's & my things & says it will take about a month. We said to hurry it up as it will do us no good coming that late.

Guthnecht called about various matters & had him stay for lunch – our 2nd guest since confinement. Arranged to go to office next Tues. to pay off staff. They won't let T. go as consider he has bad intentions!

Joyce called & said stuff can be moved to Scottie's Monday & Roy arr. to have his brought in from Shioya tomorrow. Joyce gets things done. Says we'll know Monday about auction or not.

Sat. Mar. 21

Spring Equinox & a fine day.

Started fixing things up for the sale – repairing water heater & stoves & broken furniture. Getting things sorted out & arranged. Worked all day & Scottie got some mint[?] brought over from his house & we had mint[?] in lime juice cordials & played records & Mesayo & Yesunega dropped in & so we had our first dance of the confinement. Scottie & I finally decided not to go up to see Mac so didn't ask guards.

Sun. Mar 22

Worked all day fixing things up & plenty of work to do. Skipped tennis again. Fixed a number of things that needed fixing around the house. Got out outboard & its in fine shape after 8 yrs. in box.

Mon. Mar 23

Movers came & helped get stuff over to Scotties for the sale.

Joyce called & said auction will not be allowed & things must be sold at fixed prices. Kobe is only place they won't allow an auction but selling straight is better I think.

Decided to get rid of Xmas things but have saved out clothes & shoes for gift to American prisoners – also baby things. Cop says Mrs. Helmers[?] has been given plenty baby stuff.

Roy & Scottie went to houses & Roy found a night table missing – rug was missing before.

Mac played tennis today after his long lay off of nearly 2 months.

Cops say cook is leaving Wed. if good weather.

Tues. Mar 24

Rained cats & dogs until about 3:30 & cleared off & became grand. Fish pond flooded & plenty dirty.

Cops refused to take me to Swiss Cons. to pay off staff as said nothing had been said to them about it.

Got rest of stuff ready for moving.

Cops refused to take Roy to his home to see about things being stolen. Cops in this country have little interest in burglary.

Wed. Mar. 25

Beautiful day & dried off O.K. for tennis – 5 of us participating.

Cook moved & plenty scene over the final wrench – got Mary crying & Hijo was cussing around the place. Found he even took the light bulbs in his room & the dog Jenny's sleeping bag. Good riddance to bad rubbish. Everyone's happy that fellow has gone.

Rearranged furniture in living room & cleared out sun room to make it more desirable for summer.

Lots of mosquitoes today. Must get out nets.

No further word from Swiss about packing. They think they have say about Sam's things & not Mary who tried to get packers started Monday.

Fellows breaking out in shorts.

Thurs. March 26

Office staff showed up just before 10 AM, except for Suzuki whom they say is very "sick" & won't be out for several months & Miss Ikeda – in Tokyo on a visit, &

Shimamoto – in Hiroshima. Cops chased them away saying they had no word of them coming & tel. Shimohawa at Ken. who said send them down there. Then Champoud & Guthnecht came & we again raised hell with the dumb guards as Matsumoto had authorized the visit to get the staff pd. off. This set of guards is worse than useless - obstructionists. So we waited for staff to come back.

Champoud said Tillman's wife had reported from Manila that all frt. on wharves had been destroyed inc. their things which were with mine so that looks like the finis of all our good things. Tough break but eventually we can replace most except for the Shonsi? [*Shogi?*] screen & chest.

I gave Guthnecht a bunch of baby things for Mrs. Hellmer's Charlie from: Arthur & offered more if needed.

Champoud didn't see Ural in Mukden [*Warner's brother-in-law U. Alexis Johnson, vice consul at Mukden. He is also referred to as "Johnny"*] but heard he is O.K. & sent my regards. Keijo consuls returned with Ch. but they couldn't speak to each other. They went on to Yoko. to await sailing.

Staff came back & signed payroll forms. Janitor Shimo got somewhat uppity & wanted more money but we said sign or else you don't even get this amt. Also asked him to bring back office bike & asked about liquor bases[?] & charcoal but he tried to blame others.

Rialto rearranging things in houses for the sale on April 7.

Uninteresting tennis with temperament Tingle.

Mac is to get me some more sōsho book. They go shopping freely.

Finished Lin Yu Tang's Moment in Peking but it is too drawn out & only speeds up after p. 500. Indicts Js. heavily. Book censored too.

Fri March 27

Guardsman Js. in Bengal Sea have fallen. These Js. must be stopped somewhere.

Colder today – gas fire for first time in a week. Haven't had coal fire either for a week & think that is out for good.

Read Soldier's Pay by Wm. Faulkner – a racy tale of several soldiers & their problems after the last war – pretty much women & liquor. Setting mainly in Charleston S.C. Style is like Cabell's Surgeon. Fast moving.

Took more things over to the house – Scott's - & found Rialto man, Yamamoto rearranging things for sale. Stopped at Roy's & picked up desk chairs, lights & medicine ball.

Ordered Ch. dinner & special arrangements being made to deliver it Sat. noon as no night delivery. Also ref says control makes dishes scarce so we'll try once & see.

Skipped tennis.

Roy's date for sailing

Sat. Mar 28

Down to 38° this A.M. Coldest recently but about the last.

Ch. chow came late – 1:30 – but excellent. Cost ¥35, plenty in these times. Shimohawa showed up at 3 to say we sail at end of April & can take only wearing apparel & other stuff will be sent on later. Doesn't know ship or port or time, but it looks like April 27, 1:25 P.M. from Yoko. to me.

Well it won't be long now honey. How I so miss you and Arthur & Betty [*Warner's children; Arthur was 4, Betty, 3.*], but we'll be united once more by summer. I hold talks with you every evening before going to sleep & think of you plenty during the day too. I'm keeping these notes for you too honey.

S. also brought our ¥3M appl. approved for Jan. & Feb. living exp. Says we'll be permitted to take ¥1M each on boat.

So Quezon [*Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippines*] has turned up in Melbourne & the Americans have again played a dastardly trick. Ha Ha!

Sun. March 29 – Rain & chilly.

Scottie's & Roy things adv. for sale on Mon. April 6. Viewing the day before.

So J.'s war is a war of love so they can embrace all these people in the holy fold. Army spokesman says liberalism appeals to the weaker nature of man & must be stamped out of J. Many still afflicted.

Mon. Mar 30

Cleared up again but fish pond plenty muddy.

Miss Ikeda called to sign payroll & statement that she is not going to U.S. as staying with relatives. Says she hasn't been bothered at all.

T. & S. to dentist. Met Br. on way & they were going to see about moving things from their office as they are being moved out – as are the Swiss from their office.

Champoud called & gave him ¥3M permit to cash. Says he has no word about our going. Says J. are independently circularizing Am. to see who want to go home – though Roy Smith who is running the food committee looks like a ruse as the Swiss have no word about it.

Again asked that packing be started. He called again later with ¥3M & I asked him to stop in A.M. for things for women at Eastern Lodge.

Tues. March 31

Food bills keeping about Feb. level of ¥5 per day each. Canned goods coming in very handy.

Tennis with Mac & Mrs. D. & Tingle.

Nose called to deliver 4 cs. gin & 2 wine – finally cleared through customs after all this waiting – since last July. Duty ¥265. May sell some to Br.

Got a new Sōsho book.

Mac heard we were to sail the 20th of April - our spirits are considerably picked up as we are to sail within a month anyway. What a reunion my honey & I will have.

I see we are equipping freighters to be aircraft carriers & J. warns of them & also attacks from Alaska.

J. papers have failure of Cripps mission all worked out but he may fool them.

Mary visit to Sam's & says Mesayo will call tomorrow eve.

Guards cleared out goldfish pond.

Wed. April 1 - a cool Feb. day

Scottie's sailing date.

Packer Toki called & is to start on our things now. Must await permit for materials for Sam's packing. but we (S. & J.) have but a few pieces.

Now that the liquor has been cleared, we'll have to invite the J. in for a drink.

Some san spoke for Jenny when we leave.

Matsumoto called expecting everything had been cleared & Mine[?] called shortly to make final arrangements about clearing Scottie's & Daley's things. M. referred to Alice as I's wife & looks like they are holding out most of the stuff for her. M. doesn't know

more about sailing except that it will be about April 20 & he thinks we can take only 1 trunk if that & very few other pieces. Says missionaries, teachers & other Am. will also be aboard & ship will call at Shanghai & HK. Looks like it will be plenty crowded. Says walks are being arranged & we can all go on a picnic & schedule being arranged. It looks like a publicity stunt to us & I doubt that we fall for it.

M. said we could go shopping so after lunch we did – to Maryzen & Hattori & got a few books. Saw Rupe box base also Liquori. Picked up golf clubs on way back to send to M. who has a friend interested. M. also said it would be difficult about my RCA but I pointed out I had applied for a permit last July but never got answer & was informed by Emb. that if no answer then OK to use. Says they will think about it again.

Decided to start in on canned goods in earnest now.

The ship sailing date, port of departure, route, etc. must be fixed & all govts notified by now, but still they hold out on us.

Alec Taylor now will try to clear [*or clean*] his gin [*grin? gain?*] We'll have to dispose of our stocks.

Gansones[?] house has a seal on the door so it looks like he's getting the works.

Thurs. April 2

Aunt Jemina Pancakes for breakfast. Warming up after a few cold days.

Scottie's records from Liberty. 450 – 795 Madison Ave; 10 E. 59th

Dwight Fiske presents

From Titles to Tales}

WP24904

Havana Night}

L266

WP24907

Oh Evening Star}

WP24902

Souvenir of the Fair}

L265

WP24906

Thank you for Coming}

WP24903

The Toast of Calcutta}

L264

WP24901

Town & Country Boy}

WP24900

His Excellency}

L267

WP24905

Champoud called & said will call later for things for Am.[?] prisoners but didn't. Have lots of things for them & asked British to set aside things they have. Shimohawa called to say we can go to walk once next week on schedule & route to be named and we said "nerts" Champoud wanted to know about cit. of various Am. & didn't hold out hope for quick return as had heard nothing.

Scottie had Daley's things delivered from customs & only 3 cases of [?] & customs claims other 11 have been cleared. But we get some stuff.

Br. not int. in Gordon's at fifteen but we'll sell elsewhere.

Masayo & Yesunega called in P.M. & stayed for supper & a few cards[?]

Fri. April 3

Chipped beef for breakfast! Um!

Jimmie[?] Tenns[?] Sai – Death day.

Also Good Fri. but no hot cross buns.

Neighbor Yansome showed up on balcony wreathed in smiles & writing O.K. in air.

Hear old Myers got seven mo. & rest of boys come up for the news this month.

Br. lads finally decided to take the gin at 19 per. They'll probably take the Suntory too. Mr. & Mrs. D. & Mac & I played lackadaisical tennis.

Kihon Kanji by Masuo Onishi published Nov. '40 by Samsito looks good for the 3M most frequently used characters.

Sat. April 4

Finished repacking vic records into 3 grades depending upon what we can take with us.

Joyce called to have Sam's sale permit signed. Says John et. al. [*John Allison & the staff of Consulate Osaka*] are doing O.K. going out pretty much as desired. Said some kencho "big shot" said sailing delayed & didn't know if we'd ever sail. Asked her about disposing of liquor stocks.

Champoud called & after 3 weeks has finally prepared appl. for paying cons. exp. Says Gary Angst just got back from T. & knows nothing about sailing.

I said it looks like a holdout in not letting us know. Says R. Sath is worried about being included in those retiring to U.S. & report on his activities requested by Emb.

Skipped tennis but may play tomorrow.

Sun. April 5 - Easter

Waited for all to have breakfast together this A.M. – with a big omelette & sausage.

Cursed luck – Some san came running in while we were eating saying a man had just killed Jenny. Scottie & I rushed out & the cops were bringing in the culprit – a dreg of humanity & gave him holy hell & a thorough beating with jujitan[?] thorns. I went out back & another cop was bringing in the pipe used – a 4 ft. length & I went on down the alley & Jenny was in a basket on back of a bike – still alive but in terrible shape from the beating – a dead dog under her. Told Some to rush her to the Dr. & see if could be saved.

Spoke to cops & they said the man was a licensed dog catcher – use them for hide & meat – a rotten business. Cops had liked Jenny so they bore down on the fellow & he tried to use the length of pipe on them but they got it away from him. Said they'd make him pay Dr. exp. etc.

Dr. had to put Jenny away & they brought her back at 10 AM. & the guy that killed her was made to dig her grave & Scottie, Roy & I watched as did the 4 cops – raining & blowing. Cop put 3 sticks of incense on the grave & also a sprig of flowers from the numerous growing in garden now. So ends a fine young dog & what a dastardly end she met.

Left immediately for church – Sacred Heart, for Easter service. Place fairly crowded & usual exercise sermon on the Victory in Christ's death & crack at Soviets. Not much to it. Saw few people we knew & many expect to sail April 20. Hopes up.

Stopped by viewing of sale things at Scottie's on return & many potential customers.

Rained off & on. Did some repacking.

Mon. April 6

Sale day.

Packers came & started on Scottie's & my stuff.

Champoud, Tillman & Guthneet showed up to take Mary over to Sokobins. Said they had been to our sale & Joyce had finally given him prices of curtains. G. said Osaka[?] fu[?] says we go to Yoko 21st. Asked G. to settle about my gas geyser.

Joyce called in at noon to say sale is going O.K. & Champoud had tried to throw his weight around saying Scottie's things are more his than Scotties & he'd stop the sale if she didn't give him curtains he wanted. Was a regular cad.

Mary said Ch. had tried to pull fast ones at Sam's over linen etc. & got her mad as hell too.

Tower went to office in P.M. & couldn't find vic files on customs. Fixed up nat'lity biz.

Scotties cook Tokei got the Kobeyoshi doll for ¥10. ¥350 offered on Johnson & I came down to ¥400 from ¥700. ¥150 offer on golf clubs & I came down to ¥175 from ¥220. Most other things went well said Joyce who called again with Yamamoto[?] & her husband at 8:30. They inst[?] in Gordon & Harry too.

Tues. April 7 – pretty chilly this AM.

Packer Toki Yani came & packed refrigerator & camphor chest. Has to wait 10 days for more materials – very difficult to get now. He advises shipping to Tokyo as local warehouses are expensive & liable to be hit.

Br. group went on picnic to Rokko with 5 guards.

Repairs on leaking bathroom finally starting after all these months.

Wed. April 8 – Still cold

Jap. Rescript. printed evening 8th declaring war on U.S. & Br.

No news of importance for a long time now.

Asked for Champoud to get permits filled out.

Movers brought back outboard, dining table & chairs, gas geyser, safe & golf clubs from sale & took mattress.

Joyce called & said sold about 1M of my things – pretty low.

Outboard people crossed[?] & came to buy at ¥400 after I'd agreed to 350. Saw Penson & they had quite a picnic – snow on Rokko.

Refused singles with Tingle.

Dusty's amah came & said he can't write even if gets our letters. Said he wants stuff left at house except for 6 cases in our place to take with us & he gave us 8 bottles liquor & maid said she sent rest to Tokyo. Alas said Shima. had pilfered 3 pr. shoes & clothes. Said to give Servel to Swiss to sell. She listed Dusty's things with Mary. Said we'd take all possible.

Told Joyce to see about selling Affeld's Servel for about ¥2M to settle his debts. Also asked about sale of mine.

The Champ. called & interview strained over this Scott biz & lack of action. I asked for receipts for things sent to Am. We said bills unsettled when we leave will remain unsettled as we have no P/A's. He wanted us to put money in Am. Cons. acct. & that will be O.K. if we can get from private accts to Cons. acct. Plenty of biz will be unfinished when we leave, but none of us trust that fellow.

Permits & Pearls – Finally the Champ filled out those appl. – after 10 days but we'd got fed up & asked Joyce to do likewise today. But let it stand as she may yet do faster – getting the jack.

We plan to get some pearls with surplus cash – if any.

Bridge this eve – after hearts last night. We usually play some game in evening.

Griff & Meddlesome are out we hear.

Thurs. April 9

Mary went over to Sam's to see about numbering sales pieces.

Rialto busy on Br. fellows things for sale.

Saw Kirby Cluff over fence for a minute.

No tennis as all busy at Br. with sale.

Champeau & Tillmann called & had delivered things to Am. internes & talked with them for 1st time. They want meat as they are not fish eaters. Also wish to prepare own food if given materials – but now supplied through Miyako Restaurant by Kencho & food is lousy. Also badly crowded – 23 beds in 1 room. Lack clothing, glassware, plates, etc. Have very little. Both places have Vics so can use records. One Am. died of pneumonia at B&S dorm – a man who had been in Guam 30 yrs. They get 1 piece of bread a day each.

Rialto had given Champ the money appl. we had given them to fill out. Worse luck.

Champ snooty about buying things & got Tillman to get Roy's things – sheets, etc.

Guard rudely chased Champ out after an hour saying he didn't know what Osaka allowed but here an hr. for conference wouldn't be allowed. The guards are down on Champ too.

He arranged to see Sam's things this A.M.

Fri. April 10

Raining for 1st time in a week.

Joyce dropped in to say someone may be interested in the Servel. Hope so as I think shipping may damage it.

Carpenter – Toki – called to say other boxes will be ready Monday – wanted to make 12 new ones, but after argument agreed to use my old ones. A lot they care about using old things even with complaining about no materials for new ones.

Turned cold in afternoon.

Champeau called but has no news about sailing plans. He goes to Moji this weekend to meet his family steaming[?/] from Manila via Taihoku. He's trying to buy Sokobin & other things cheap. Says that Kenta[?/] still claims we owe him ½ mo. rent for leaving things there. But he took that chance on chance I'd take house. Anyway it's up to Bruner as I never got the gas geyser.

Masayo dropped over in eve for a visit. She has a teaching job in Yoko teaching English.

Sat. April 11 – clear & cold.

Fixed trunk locks.

Mary to Sam's again as yesterday fixing things up for the sales next Tues. with Roy's things. Bank permit for sale came through.

Yamamoto called & arranged for depositing proceeds of sale ¥1,347.70 to an account #488 opened by him today in Yoko Specie Bank in Kobe for me. Rialto took 10% of ¥1653 total plus ¥40 extra charges. Some items not yet sold will have am't dep in bank when sales are made. Converted at official rate of ¥4.235 to \$1 that totals \$554.36 which I hope to be able to get sometime. Y. says he'll see refrig. man today.

Liquori called about selling us pearls or rather exchanging them for liquor. Scottie has a couple of cases of Harvey's Whisky & I a couple of Gordon's & 1 Fr. vermouth. Will get numerous strings of pearls for that. L. says only diff. bet us is he can go about.

Tennis with Davises, Mac & Tingle & Mac got a sōsho book for me. Also ret. several books for J.A. [*John Allison, Osaka consul*]. Also will give about 100 books to Am. prisoners. They are living on about nothing now with all going into sale. Hear we sail May 5, Kenohura from Yoko.

Roy's birthday – 29, so had lobster & apple pie & edam cheese & wines, coffee, etc. to do it up brown. Tried to get guards to let us go up to Mac's but they were adamant. Finally turned in at 1 AM.

Sun. April 12

Got things arranged for the packer coming tomorrow. Will pack most things unsold & send to Tokyo for storage at Embassy.

Helped Roy take things over to his house for sale & Yamamoto was there arranging things. Saw lots of Sam's old clothing & on return we asked Mary to arrange to send it to Am. prisoners on Sam's behalf & if Sam not satisfied we'd guarantee to reimburse him. They need things & the rest of us are giving items all we can.

Quick round of bridge & to bed early.

Mon. April 13

Spent all day helping packers.

Liquori came & said Kencho will allow him but 1 case of liquor so he is taking Scottie's whisky. Told him to put in for permit to get the rest.

No tennis as Br. busy with sale.

Roy went over & rescued Sam's clothing from the sale – to give to Am. prisoners.

Roy's landlady called about kitchen sink & stove which she said she bought from Roy's old amah.

Heard our sailing is to be delayed a month – nerts. It looks like the old stall game to us & we wonder what is holding things up. Will have to go easy on canned goods.

Ginger sent down for Scotch.

Haircuts for all of us.

Tues. April 14

Packing again & finish today.

To dentist at 1:30. Dr. Kashimura over German Bakery. Very good. ¥5 for a fine cleaning job. No holes either.

Matsumoto called & said we will probably not sail until end of May or beg. of June. Damn! Inconveniences us plenty too with everything sold or packed up. Roy told him about things stolen from house & he hadn't heard of it though we'd told Champeau & guards. Refused to let Allison come over as we go there. Refused to let us see Mac etc. Nerts!

Champeau called this eve to say that a boat of the Asama class will sail with us at end of May – 1100 to be aboard of whom 400 will be dips, 100 Thai & FIC [*French Indochinese*], & 600 others – missionaries, teachers, etc. of Am. Canadian & S.A. nat'lity & baggage will be trunks & hard baggage & cases with handles only. Great stuff – first official definite news of going.

Ch. also said Sam Sokobin & Stevens [*probably Charles H. Stephen, Kobe vice consul*] are in Manila & Fred Parker is in jail down there – worse luck. [*Returning to Kobe after home leave and held there.*]

Ch. also brought over permits granted quickly this time in expectation we'd be sailing soon – mine for ¥2800 & I've only got ¥2400 in bank but I'll fix that up.

Est. for packing cons. furniture & shipping to Tokyo is ¥7M incl. ¥1500 freight & ¥1M cartage.

No news from Roy's sale.

Mary went to Sam's to pack. Rest of us played bridge after dinner.

Guard made grave marker for Jenny – a good hound.

Record to get - Co. 29262 – Yes My Darling Daughter.

Wed. April 15

Had packer Toki go to Swiss Consulate to see about est. on our cons. packing.

Roy's sale went O.K. - ¥4300.

Joyce brought up a couple doz. beer for Scottie. Agreed if I sell Servel O.K. but have to get another permit to sell. Looks like she skinned Scottie of ¥200 on his refig. sale – but we get rooked rt. & left these days. Gin offered up to 250.

Br. lads after gin again.

Tennis & Davis gumming up the works with side sales etc.

So the Jbirds are up to their usual tricks in getting King & Wins[?] to come over for a talk & then keeping them.

Thurs. April 16

Plumbers fixing bath also toilet which got out of whack & I had to go up in attic to shut off valve last night.

Scottie & I about to call on Liquori when he came with pearls & gave S. 12 beautiful strings for a case of Scotch.

Will come about the gin etc. next week & is giving the Kencho people a bottle for their assistance.

Guards asked us to prepare lists of things taking & leaving & selling but themselves don't know what we can take.

Guthnecht called & we got lots accomplished & he stayed for a good lunch before leaving for Osaka to see J.A. [John Allison] etc. Says those boys really get about – to Takaradzeke even. Good Guards! Says Bossert & Angst are to go with us. Ship to leave end of May & call Sh. [Shanghai] & Saigon. Thinks Emb. guards very strict. Says the radio will be used for duration & I pointed out the silliness of it all as the J's don't give permits anyway. Asked for return of vic part – like cutting a baby in two.

Joyce & husband called & returned Roromax[?] which didn't sell at ¥10 per box. Crotes[?] Gin at ¥250 per bottle is low. One could get a hundred or so more in open market. Plenty people going to Davis' sale.

No tennis as Br. lads on picnic. But it rained too.

No progress on sale of Servel but perhaps can do.

Reading the Martial Spirit by Walter Millis – a very revealing acct. of the comedy of errors in our part in 1898 War with Spain.

Guards let Andres & Wife & Sam call this evening but they have no more news than we do. Her daughter in S.F.

Mary got over to Sam's for a while & Ch. tailor came.

Must see about more silk hose for my honey. I certainly do long for you my darling & the kids too. Every night when I turn in I have quite a visit with you all & it will turn into reality before long.

Hear Edgar is O.K. after 2 operations & still in hospital not willing to leave for fear of what may happen.

Servants having big celebration with cops tonight – inc. cook's daughter.

Fri. April 17

Roy's landlady Maeda called & had argument over rent payment & buying things – no rent pd. since Dec. as no bank permit yet.

Nakosan's man called & Roy settled on rent of Shioya house & Scottie on his house – but Scottie is taking out all fixtures, cupboards etc. as landlord isn't willing to pay his price.

So Mrs. R. is going to run for Congress. God what a family! Scottie blames the country's ills on F.D.R. but I blame the people for the situation – as the majority apparently wanted it.

Watched people leaving Davis' auction.

Sat. April 18

Left Taiwan one year ago today.

So Frisee is reportedly saying the Am. prisoners under J. control are being treated just swell. We are so glad to know. La di da!

Beautiful day – but still cold.

Chinese chow – but not as good as the time before.

Champoud called at 2:30 with his kids & said he had no news from Tokyo – things still indefinite & sailing at end of May even uncertain. Holdup over accommodations, or lack of them. While talking I said "Listen - sounds like a bombing" & we heard about 3 distant explosions & went upstairs to see several places in the warehouse district smoking

& breaking into flames. Have apparently missed its objective by quarter mile. One J. plane too low to pursue effectively. Fires under control by 4 pm. Other guards came on duty – 4 of them & air raid curtains repaired.

Eve papers carried acct. of raid on Tokyo-Yoko area by 9 or more planes – of reconnaissance type – flying bet. 8-10 M meters dropping 2 kilo bombs. Came from Mito & Chiba directions. Warnings also elsewhere & probably raids too. I think they came from carriers – small kind which may be coming[?] out. Probably expected from now on & about time. If so we may be moved to Miyaushita or away from where we can see damage.

Guards & amahs plenty nervous.

Sun. April 19

Beautiful day & warmer.

Raid alarm at 12:15 pm. but all clear at 3 with no raid but some anti-aircraft popping south.

Tennis with Davis & Mrs. & his sale went great guns. Surprised at amt. of money people have to throw away.

Blackouts again tonight & patrol planes can be heard.

Papers indicate raid from North – possibly Alaska en route to China or return to Alaska.

Wonder where the raids were today.

Mon April 20

Papers silent about further raids & no pictures of planes reportedly shot down. Say the old raid only hit hospitals & schools!

Champoud called but not much dope except that negotiations are still going on & many categories are being thought of. He forgot Scottie's money & news about Manila things.

Cold, dark & rainy day.

Toki the packer called & bill for 14 cases comes to ¥360 inc. 4 old cases made over. Not too bad.

Devil of a stomach ache today & yesterday.

Tues. April 21 – Rainy, cleared in P.M.

This date we were supposed to be leaving Yoko. Damn! The sooner the quicker.

Started Sōsho again after several weeks layoff.

Alarm at 4:45 pm for half hour but no planes appeared – perhaps practice. Paper tonight says planes on 12th shot down at sea. Took ‘em long time to think that one up.

Alec Taylor to hospital with lumbago.

Mary to Sokobin’s rearranging for packer.

Wed. Apr. 22

See that Uzaki visited Wakeyama Osaka beneath the River Elec. Works [?] & our bailewick & then back to T. looking things over, also O. had an earthquake on the 21st – first in decades so it looks like things a poppin.

Tennis today & Tingaling saw our chap hedge hopping & we had heard him. Saw eggplanting too. Thought it practice!

Joyce & Les turned up for tea & full of fireworks. Roy’s sale yielded 4400 - not half bad. Further sales called acct. of rain – the higherups are plenty jittery & trying to cover things up. All sorts of conflicting reports in papers, some say all planes shot down, others nine, others 2 & others say they disappeared in clouds & conjecture is also that if hundreds on carriers only 10 were able to get through, etc.

Guards want list of our things but I tell them there’s little use of a list as we don’t know yet what we’re leaving or taking.

They’re still working on Point Moresby after all these weeks so it doesn’t look so bad down Aussie way.

The Germans aren’t going so hot in their spring “offensive.”

Reids have moved to Shioya – to E.W.’s house. He’d like that.

Champoud expected but no come.

Bridge in evening.

Thurs. April 23 – Beaut of a day & cool

Scottie to dentist Kashimura to get a crown for molar.

Plenty patrolling of skies but no apparent activity.

Made 85 1/3 av. for & shulback this A.M.

Davis out of sugar – 3 ½ [?] a month for the 4 of them.

Watched ants enjoying spring urging – very promiscuous – kiss & try to bend double up under & touch ends of tails. A very large sized bunch of ants compared with ordinary everyday variety.

No Champ yet & Scottie worried about that money he “forgot” to bring Mon. & was coming with the next day.

See the Drottningholm is to sail from N.Y. May 4 with 1st batch of European dips for Lisbon.

No Liquori this for this week from the liquor he was going to take for pearls. Probably the raids have halted visits.

Fri. Apr. 24 – fine day – cool

Nothing much today. Yamamoto brought things for Roy & Mary re Sam’s sale etc. Br. lads lazy about tennis. They’re howling for more liquor too.

Sat. April 25

Warmer

Saold Ozaki[?] was hauled in for lese majeste at age of 84 – the oldest liberal statesman in J. – Home & Justice Min. Framer of Const. leader of Prog. & Seizubari & member of house of R. since founding of Diet. What a country!

Scottie heard anti popping at 4 AM.

Tennis & perfect Calif. weather these past few days.

Schauboot[?] is alongside. Wonder what she is up to & if any came with Rand moving to Roy’s old house the other day.

Mrs. was wakened by the sirens this morning early so that jibes.

Prefect trying to do Dout of various things he had for sale – cheap skates.

They want more liquor over there – god what a bunch of boozers.

Their head J has been let out of slick[?] Wonder about ours.

They have prepared lists for Prefect & Finance Min.

Mary to Sam's & Masayo has Yoko. job beg. May teaching Eng.

Says John pd. off Ruth Hamada through March. He'll get stuck.

Sun. April 26

Beaut of a day again.

Ginger came down to talk with Scottie – about liquor & guards gave 'em hell for talking at all – nervous Nellies.

Papers carried picture of all that was left of N. Am. B25 bomber raiding J. on 4/18 which had been dredged out of a river. Wonder if these saps fall for that stuff. It was our exhibit at Yasukiwi Fest. yesterday. Take them a week to think that one up. They're worried that we say nothing about the raid in U.S. when they said we'd done it for publicity.

The Dark Invader by Capt. Von Rintelen gives vivid acct. of Ger. sabotage methods in U.S. in last war & they no doubt doing same in this.

Guard tried to haul Ginger off to lockup.

Mon. April 27

Tennis but nothing much new. They are downcast by sailing delays.

Guthnecht called but no new sailing dope. Thinks Am. Guam prisoners may go with us. Thinks we can take stuff in small cases with handles. Said Ch. had fight with Shimohawa in trying to come here last Thurs. The lads in Shikegawa are confined more closely since the raids started.

J. press reports fires beg. up at Sado & work down 10 1030 / at Toyawa & Kagogawa west of Ahadi so looks like de works.

My 2nd choice sailing date passes & no sailing.

Tues. April 28

So ole man Hitler done shot off his mouth again about dose dere Gorotsky boys being plenty cold & how he have to take[?] hard[?] holt on his people. Looks like pretty bad for old man Hitler.

Guthnecht called with Scottie's cash & said he'd had a half hour of Shimohawa before he could get permission to get here & S. had cursed us high & low espec. T. for refusing to give those lists. G. is going to have Osaka office pushed 1st then ours.

Yamamoto called with some lists etc. for Mary & Roy. Will bring Roy's bank biz Thurs. he says.

So FDR gives seven pts. for living in the States & looks like we are going to be buckling down a bit.

Rain all day.

Wed. April 29

Ten cho setsu & eventually cleared off but too wet for tennis.

Am reading Rella's collection of pamphlets on bringing up children & find many pointers for use when I finally get back to my own. Every day I think of them & before going to sleep at night hold converse with them about this & that but it is hell being separated & the quicker we can be rejoined the better.

Am rereading Dicken's Pickwick Papers & find them very amusing – much more so than high school reading was.

Thurs. April 30

Tennis singles with Tingle as Davis being treated at Dr.

Br. lads want more liquor but we too are getting low. They get through the stuff in no time flat however.

Mesayo came over in eve & is afraid about going to Yoko. to teach with our visits impressing them up there.

Saw Mrs. Lackie for a bit & she is worried about Bill. Hasn't talked with him yet. Mrs. Brandt is living with her now. Hasn't been able to send things to Cullen [*Colin Stanbury, Roy's Shioya housemate*] either & hasn't known whether things get to Bill or not.

Fri. May 1

Taki the packer called & pd him off for work to date.

Slavels[?] offered a few suggestions for Roy getting help to Stan re clothes & Jack & may do something. Their pay cut off since March.

Suzuki called – of all surprises. Looking fat & well but couldn't say everythings – came for his pay. He is back with family now & we all are glad to see him. Told him the Kenta geyser biz not yet settled.

Hope we sail this month anyway but my next date is June 5 – one year since I left my honey weeping on the dock at S.F. How I do love & miss her & the kids.

Tennis today.

See by J. Advertiser that Swiss are to take over Br. interests – more work for Champoud who is keeping away from us these days.

Mary to Sam's for packing.

Bridge in evening.

Cousin May's birthday.

Sat. May 2

Fine day & warm. Tennis in P.M. Bridge in eve & tried to get up to see Mac but no soap.

Expenses gradually going down with old cook gone.

Sun. May 3

Rained solid all day so got plenty work done on characters. As training in reading news I'm practicing on those of the new Diet members – can get about ½ correct with mainly small errors in balance but given names are most difficult.

Mon. May 4

Still pretty wet & not much sun all day. So a fire in Okayama held up voting in the 2nd dist. there till today.

Air raid precautions this eve.

Tried to have Swiss come today but no success. Kencho relations on the blink bet Champ & Shimohawa so we get it in the neck. Looks like Champ is also mad that Guth can get up to see us & he can't.

Roy finally got clothes over to Cullen & cops say his & 4 & 5 other cases haven't yet been settled.

So our fellows are still holding out up central Luzon way – 1st announcement re that in months. Also in Mindanao.

Tues. May 5

Borrowed Onishi's Kihon Kanji from Mac & copied the 3000 characters therein overnight so that I can arrange my own set in order of frequency & have missing one's made before I leave. Quite a job.

Good singles with Tingle. Beat him 2-1.

No luck yet on getting the Swiss.

The Argentines are out & Lemonade[?] is reportedly resigning to be sure to get home. Cooper being retired [*or retried*].

Midnight & tiger had a fight.

Wed. May 6

Tennis singles again & Tingle won 0 – 1.

Champoud promised for today.

Roy has a cold.

Hear the recent visit produced some demonst up in the cafe[?] before the tea time lads.

Mac & Alec out barring[?] last night.

Davis not so well these days with infectious foreskin trouble.

Midnight & Tiger at it again & did the fur fly. Mid had the edge.

Thurs. May 7 – And Arthur's 5th birthday.

Rained all day so I got plenty done on arranging my 2600 characters on a frequency of use basis.

T. on rampage re guards cutting up since we haven't been able to see anyone for a couple of weeks.

Efforts to get Swiss again fail.

Fri May 8

So Corrigedor falls! When is this tide going to turn? Where are our Alamos?

Worked on characters solidly all day & got about half way through with Mary's help.

Finally got Tillman's up & Roy got his cash drawn out of bank.

Mine has been three weeks in the process. Till says Champ is ill having had flu. Guth is over packing Osaka. No luck on books yet. No more news re sailing.

Paper says the Gripsholm is to be used for our exchange – to leave Sweden May 23 for N.Y. & pick up J. to go to L.M.

Guards heard over radio that we lost Saratoga & another carrier & Calif. battleship & Br. lost Warsprite [*British battleship*] in Coral Sea battle. Perhaps. Now they have a radio. I'll have to start listening in again.

Masayo called to say goodbye for Yoko.

Sat. May 9

Guthnecht called with ¥1200 and 3 sōsho books.

Got through about 3/4ths characters.

Played tennis doubles.

Looks like quite a battle down Coral Sea way & I hope we are doing something.

Sun. May 10

So comfort bags are to go to prisoners in U.S. & be ready by May 25. Looks like we'll really get going this time. Also the Drottningholm finally sailed 5/7 for Lisbon. Some progress.

Tennis doubles & Mac played for 1st time in months.

Finished rearranging the kanji cards & must get some 550 made which I'm lacking.

Scottie's clipping bureau coming right along & he ought to be able to sell that when he gets home.

Mon. May 11

Tennis doubles & borrowed Kihon Kanji from Mac & finished sorting out characters. Find I had but 420 of the 1st 3M & have only 90 not inc. in that group of most generally used characters.

Arg. Cons. Rodriguez back from T. says we sail the 10th of June. I certainly hope so, honey, as we will have been separated more than a year by the time I see you again. How I do miss you and the children.

Sent up drinks & sugar to the Br.

Tues. May 12. Rain

Continued working characters & asked guards to have new cards made up.

Started listening to radio news again to accustom my ear to them.

So we refuse dope on Coral Sea Battle.

Wed. May 13

Tennis with Mac, Tingle & Mrs. So Hare[?] gets four mo. & Mrs. Bill says he got 7 yrs. Damn rotten biz. Cooper has appealed as not admitting he did anything to detriment of this court. Nolge[?] another Br. neighbor of Scottie's got 1 yr. Some dozen in all were sent. yr. fine 2 mo to Bill's yrs. *[Previous paragraph really scrawled as if making deliberately hard to read.]*

No Champeau though promised for Mon.

Thurs. May 14. Grand day.

So Br. exch. ship the Rio de Platte has left B.A. for N.O. *[New Orleans]* & Eire to pick up J. dips. in those places & go to L.M. So some more progress is evident.

Started sunbathing but the sun is very weak.

Tennis singles with Mrs. D. as Lemon[?] & the Champ showed up just as we were to begin. Champ finally took charge of Br. int. Lemon thinks he is to go with us. Champ very poorly after the flu which Guthnecht & Glendsire[?] have caught.

Champ then called on us to say we are to leave bet. June 15-15 & arr. L.M. July 10-15. This is the 1st official sailing news we have had from our side & it looks fairly O.K. – we all hope so.

Strawberry shortcake tonight & strawberries yesterday & no hives – so guess that is O.K.

So poor Coop got a yr. damn!

Kobe Club keep sending dunning bills for Nov & Dec. yet unpaid.

Can get no vitamin pills here but eye has cleared up in past week.

Fri. May 15. Cool & fine day.

Scottie played tennis in A.M. with Mac, Penson & Alec Taylor.

German Consul Reid moving to Shioya. He's always moving either from countries or houses it seems.

Reading Indiscreet Letters from Peking – a story of the Boxer Siege & what a tale of incompetence & tragedy. Apparently written by a Dutchman, though anonymous.

Tennis in P.M. with Tingle & Davis.

So we sank a steamer in the E. Ch. Sea night of the 8th & plenty lost. Might it have been Conal [?]

Also seems that some of those planes over a month ago went on to Ch. & Russia & they now only think that 2 must have fallen near Japan. Then what was the one they exhibited in T.

So the Dutch are being shot for having radios in D.E.I.

Heard Col. Sharpe over radio last night from Mindanao. Those fellows might better keep their traps shut.

Sunbathed again. Lobster for lunch & good too. Pretty tough.

See you in N.Y. Aug 12 honey. It's a date & what a one!

Sat. May 16. Grand day.

Tower to office to fix up some at questions of the Swiss. Packing going on & things to be sent to T. when we leave.

Sunbathed & got reddened a bit.

Roy & Scottie tennised in A.M. & I in p.m.

Those Indiscreet Letters are certainly revealing – nothing new in looting being done by J. though R. wants to see same happen here.

Asked guards to go shopping to buy pearls to give Liquori for liquor.

Sun. May 17

Cloudy & cool & others played tennis but I worked on Japanese, also began Plutarch's Lives for the umpteenth time. Much of the stuff drags but some fast moving.

Mesayo sent Kihon Kanji from Yoko. Glad to get that & will try for more.

Frogs legs for dinner.

Eye bathing again. Damn!

Mon. May 18. Fine day & cool.

Went down to see Liquori but he's in Tokyo for 10 days so no pearls yet.

Roy & Scottie went shopping & called at Rialto too - had strawberries & cream & told them to get up lists of things on hand as we want to get settled before we go.

Guthnecht called re permits etc. Gave him 4 gin 4 bourbon for J.A. [*John Allison*] & lads.

Tennis 4some.

Tues. May 19. Rainy & cool.

Eye worse & was going to see Zinn & Schmidt but guards the [?] ones – messed things up – so I didn't get to go.

Got work done on new characters.

Bridge in evening.

Wed. May 20. Cloudy & cool.

Saw Dr. Schmidt – very good & he gave me some stuff he says should clear up the eye.

Guard got more cards written elsewhere & they are very good – 3 sen apiece. Sorted all afternoon & pm. too except for a game of hearts.

Shimohawa called to say we are to sail June 9 from Yoko on the Asama Maru – Hurrah!

However the Kencho has fooled us before on the sailing date but he thinks this is certain – more details promised.

Paper says we are to be exch. in L.M. on July 15 – Germans & Italians arrived Lisbon so things are moving.

Melons – good too for dessert. We can begin using canned goods to the hilt now.

Asked for the Swiss again to get things settle up. Shimohawa says Ch. is useless on Br. interests too.

Mover called & we settled on moving things for the sale.

Chokai around again trying to collect Chokai fees from last July. Told them nerts!
Consuls don't pay anyway.

Thurs. May 21. Fine & cool

Asked for Guthnecht to get consular biz. wound up.

Kencho cops came to see Roy about his accts. & sale of furniture – a bother. Probably conn. [*connection?*] with Cullen [*Colin Stanbury*].

Tennis doubles. Balls giving out.

Scottie thinks chaos will reign here when things wind up.

Hope to find out what we can take before long

Bridge in evening.

Fri. May 22. Cloudy & cool. Cleared at noon.

Guards (Hamsoka[?]) say we will leave somewhat early for Yoko – perhaps by June 5 & stay at New Grand [*Hotel in Yokohama*] pending sailing on the 9th. The sooner the better, honey, & it looks like I'll be seeing you & the kids now before many moons. This separation has been terrific honey & the sooner we are reunited the better for us.

Char. cards finished by writer & soon I'll have to write them up. Well done.

Tennis doubles with Mac, Tingle & Mrs. Davis. Nina Haushier [*wife of Swiss Bob Haushier*] just from Tokyo knows nothing about sailing the 9th of June.

Champ. & Guth. called & they have no word about sailing so perhaps the kencho is fooling us again – but why? Damn.

Will purchase silk thru Guth.

Scottie says [?] one of the few lang. students who has done anything with J. but it is still a long ways [?] good.

Again asked Champ. to take stuff to the German prisoners – 6 weeks now. He's interested in Affeld's Servel at 1800. Also in all remaining liquor which we have none.

Hirside 1 1/2 hr. radio & newspaper blast has backed the J. birds but they are moving slowly now.

Bill L. [*Bill Lackie*] got 4 yrs. Damn Shame.

Sat. May 23. Fine day & warmer

Guards announced this a.m. that we are to leave June 3; 8:55 a.m. for Yoko to await sailing June 9 at the New Grand. Only 3 pc. small baggage to be allowed. We told them an announcement through them doesn't mean a thing.

Br. were told same things & Davis sent Ginger down to Champ. asking what the hell.

Tower to dentist in a.m.

Went over to AM tennis & we all think this latest gag is a bunch of tripe – just part of the kencho policy of ribbing us.

Champ. tel. to Tokyo but cut off many times so telegraphed but prob. no answer till Monday.

Tennis doubles in P.M.

Br. out of gin & sugar again.

Papers carried acct. of Ger. It. & J. in Green Briar Hotel in Warm Sulphur Springs – all together 750 & played tennis, swam, golf, etc. & parties together & all provided by U.S. Gov't except liquor. And here we are cooped up alone in this place & hell raised when we try to see our friends.

Tried to go up hill tonight but guards refused again even though I pointed out article which they had read. They said J. is diff. & how diff. it is, but eventually we'll get these gorotskies.

Bridge in eve & planes overhead.

Sun. May 24

Fine day, sunbathed & took it easy doing some Japanese & reading Carl Sandberg's Abraham Lincoln, The Prairie Years.

No word from Champoud about departures, etc.

Mon. May 25

Guards started day with outburst against T. & told him to ask Champ. if he wanted to see Hasegawa.

Sourpus & pimples played ball in our walk & J. went to stop them & nearly got in a fight. I told them to remember they were here for our protection & not to fight us. They refused to move & plenty talk was all.

I. Kandu of Chokai called to urge me to pay Chokai fee from July, 1941 to end of May – 3% of rent ¥750 monthly. Told him there was no reason to give money to help J. fight the war as we are enemies now. He said the fees are used for schools, cleaning shrines, etc. & not mil. but I know they sponsor anti Am. meetings etc. Said Fr & Ger have pd & I said they are big allies & rest are enemies. Said also it's a mutual arrangement that J. consuls in U.S. don't pay such a fee & he said he didn't know about that but J. is diff. also not all from Consulate but only for us privately. I said we wouldn't pay & he left.

Br. now hear we can send 3 trunks & take all we can carry the day we go but nothing yet from Champeau – a damn mess & they'll try to stick us.

Good tennis doubles & won all.

Tues. May 26

Things still up in air re leaving & Br. hear they are delayed a month. We may not go to Yoko on 3rd it now appears but everyone awaiting word. Champoud from his Legation & Kencho from the Home office. Also packing started & suspended during the day. Nuts.

Champ called with Cazels, a new recruit & as crooked as they come we hear.

Guards hopping mad at T. & take it out on all of us.

Hard to plan on anything & we wonder what is the dope.

Hope to hear soon.

But anyway honey I believe we'll be together before many months.

Wed. May 27

Navy day & celebrations all over at nothing much.

Diet opened for 48 hrs. with packed houses to do some regulated cheering & bill passing.

Champ & Cazels called again & no word yet from Tokyo about when we leave.

Hasegawa gone to Tokyo.

Everyone up in the air.

We all repacking again.

Yamamoto of Rialto called & we asked him for list of things left & to arr for sale of balance.

Rain last night stopped tennis today.

Br. now reportedly postponed a month. But we ?

Hear Mukden Harbin fellows are going to Tor soon. May see Johnny. [*Warner's wife's brother - U. Alexis Johnson, vice consul Mukden, Manchuria – also referred to as Ural.*]

Thurs. May 28

Worked all day packing & repacking.

Guards announced we are to leave June 3 with 3 pc. baggage willy nilly & stop at New Grand Yoko until sailing.

Fwd. agent Marusa called about sending things privately to Yoko to take chance on sailing, though guards say we can take only 3 pc. on boat.

Am taking chance on sending 25 pc on if possible.

Will also take food to Yoko. May send Amah up with some baggage.

Roy & Scottie went shopping & got some cheese & saw Rialto & arr. to have bed sent up for Roy so I can pack mine & Scotties too.

Planes potuling[?] this eve as we played bridge.

Skipped tennis again with packing.

Fri. May 29

More packing in a.m.

Tennis in P.M. Champ & Guth came & made appl for withdrawal of balance from bank acct.

They have arr. for transfer co. to take all baggage in one lot to Yoko. They say we are to sail June 10 from Yoko on Asama which leaves Kobe June 7 but takes no one aboard here. Baggage not limited.

Seemans[?] called about remaining[?] liquor & arr to trade for pearls. Says he heard at T. that we are to sail 6/16 on Conte Verde from Yoko.

Br. postponed to 7/15 as agreement not yet settled. They are pretty blue about it.

Sat. May 30

Liquori called to clinch pearl biz & I got 11 strings with one excellent one for my honey. Got rid of all surplus liquor.

Got more packing & repacking done as now we are to have baggage put on in Kobe says the Kencho. Every day brings another change.

Guthnecht called after lunch to confirm that we are to put baggage on here except for what we are to take with us. Arr. to have stuff sent Mon. to Yoko. J. claim they are to examine everything & we can't take books or machinery but our agreement says we can take anything.

Tel. from Wash. says Gripsholm is to arrive in L.M. on 7/6 so looks like we'll reach home in Aug. so I'll be there honey.

Tennis 4some. Davis wants anything we have left.

Guards loosened up & let Scottie & me go up to see Mac etc. Sang songs, told stories & back by 11 pm.

T. had another quarrel with guard about playing ball in yard.

Sun. May 31

Guards announced that Mac & others will be permitted to come call on us this eve – unofficially – so we get another night together.

Last minute packing all day & seeing that everything is in.

Some san well again after having been under weather for past 3 days after eating bad sushi.

Mary has acquired a ragamuffin of a pooch this past week. Odd dog & it can't bark. High rear legs & short front ones & brown fuzzy hair.

Had a very pleasant evening with Mac, Ginger, Alec & Penson. They went home at midnight.

Mon. June 1

Liquori called for liquor.

Matsumoto & Shimohawa called to say they will go up with us on June 3 & only ourselves & Shikugawa lads & Peruvian & Paraguayan will be going. Leave 8:55 a.m. & arr. 7:14 p.m. & no dinner so bring a lunch. Said a car would have been reserved if Br. & Neth. with us but they delayed by lack of ships.

Say Asama stops at HK & Saigon en route & Sh. boys on Tatsuta while Manchurians with us. Say they arr. Yoko 6/5 when civilians also go to Yoko from Kobe. Doc Meyers too.

Toki did last tying up of cases & packing & all finished today.

Champ & Guth. called after lunch to confirm our departure. Arr. to draw remaining funds out of bank.

Yoko may be at our exp. says J.

Rialto called to say goodbye. Joyce fatter than ever if possible.

Sent some canned things over to Br.

Figured up accts & will take about ¥200 with me.

Guth can't get silk though he has warehouses full of it.

Tennis cut short by rain & talked to Br. for a while.

Tues. June 2

Hasegawa, Matsumoto & translator called at 10 & talked to 11:30 about all things & got nowhere. Tower brought up about payment for coal & all he could say was that no other place had asked for such a payment but we embarrassed him again anyway. Couldn't get recpt for radio & told to get it through Swiss. T. told him guards had kicked him in yard & asked what sort of protection that was & H. said such incidents are bound to arise. Said we are to go on Asama on 10th now delayed by late arr. from Manchuria. 13 of us to be on train to Yoko in p.m. & arrangement about buying tickets. Found Kencho has no objection to our sending stuff to Yoko by train if we or Swiss pay.

Nippon travel fellow called & arr. to take bags to train & also to the boat in Kobe. Also Taki called for stuff to go to Embassy.

Hamsoka went to Bill's place with Mrs. Lackie & confirmed that Stan has ¥1M or more there on deposit & can eventually get that. Roy arr. to leave some for Stan through the Br. & Swiss.

Champ & Guth called & finished up odds & ends & took things to Am. prisoners. Drawn out all bank funds & turned over to T. ¥1200 for commission & use by Swiss. Settled up household accts & with servants – 1 mo. extra wages & gave curtains & other things.

Gave lots of foodstuffs liquors & glasses & further to Br.

Champagne for dinner & cork hit ceiling & bounded back & broke glass [?] held. Good luck.

Scottie & Roy & I visited Br. lads & last good get together but T. wasn't permitted to go.

Wed. June 3

Routed out of bed by Scottie & Roy at 7:15 & plenty to do with last minute packing etc. & Br. all came down to see us off & gave them many more things. Good breakfast & Swiss took us to Train at 8:30. Train left at 8:55 AM.

Tiring ride to Yoko & no accommodations for us & mixed with everyone but no feeling of hostility. Good talks with the Shikugawa lads. They have had an easy time of it & were not bothered at outbreak of war as we were. Have been able to go about fairly freely too.

Got some new tea[?] at Shiyuoha[?]

Arr. Yoko at 7:14 & met by Swiss Consul Kern - a resurrected beach comber. J. wanted us & Swiss to pay porters but Swiss insisted they pay.

To New Grand in taxi with Scottie, Mary & Shimohawa & gathered in lounge for signing forms & then washed up & had a good dinner - 13 of us - Salas the Peruvian Consul, Chihan the Paraguayan, Magalhauer [*Brazilian Consul General*] & his "niece" "Miss" Soares [*Suarez per Roy Melbourne*], Brazil, & the Shukugawa lads & ourselves.

Lecture by head of police who said that we'd not be very free but they'd bother us as little as possible & want us to obey cops.

Then to rooms & they're pretty small. I'm in with Scottie.

Early to bed & slept sound.

Thurs. June 4

Scottie snored plenty but I got used to it somewhat.

Raining cats & dogs.

Br. at 8:30 & cops had to accompany us to private dining room. Got the J.T. & A. [*Japanese Times & Advertiser*] through room girl. Will tip her \$1 a day for the 2 of us for extra service.

Someone says we sail the 12th.

Foolish bringing us up here so early. No need to have come until night before sailing.

Rained all day so no walk as planned for bet. 1-4 pm. But we eat at 1 p.m. & then snooze & so actually wouldn't get out until nearly 3 pm.

Tried to get us to open baggage for inspection but I told them that the Am. J. agreement provides for no inspection & fellow checked up & took it all back.

Meals are proving to be OK.

Weatherby [*Meredith Weatherby, Osaka vice consul*] beat me at chess –1st game in months.

Cocktails with John A. [*John Allison, Osaka consul*] & Manu[?] & our crowd & made Manhattans. No one but ourselves has any liquor.

Kern tried to get to see us but was chased away & saw only T. alone & said we sail on the 12th.

Paper tonight says the Gripsholm sails from N.Y. June 10 so we should be going about then.

Social evening with card games & Vic next to dining room & early to bed.

Fri. June 5

Up at 7 & showered etc. made glass of milk as hotel provides none.

Studied sosho & char cards.

For a walk at 2 pm. around the park bet hotel & ocean – about a mile around. Met the fellows interned in the Consulate – Sabe Chase [*August S. Chase, Dairen, Manchuria consul*], Dick Richardson [*W. Garland Richardson, Dairen, Manchuria vice consul*], Burke [*Thomas Burke, Osaka vice consul*], Emmons [*Arthur B. Emmons, 3rd secretary and vice consul at consulate general Keijo, Korea*], Bond [*Niles W. Bond, Yokohama vice consul*] & Goetzmann [*Jule L. Goetzmann, Yokohama vice consul*] who were out for a walk. Dick looking poorly, the others remarked too, but Sabe looking well after hospital. Dick thinks I've gained weight. Guards hustled us on.

Soares played piano from 4-5 in lobby.

John & Arthur in for a drink.

Social evening of hearts, vic & rummy & to bed at 10 at request of guards.

Sat. June 6

Beaut of a cold caught from Scottie, my first since internment last Dec.

Breakfast at 8:30 & then up on roof for a walk then down to study some Japanese.

Maple of Agri. Dept appeared & said he had been interned with 34 others at beg. in Yacht Club & number down to 27 when he left. One died & others to clink. Says food has been pretty bad & had to sleep on floor. Up at 7 & in bed at 8. Some of fellows got out once a week bet 9-4 to visit girl friends & a Ger. family kept him going. Could go to dentist at times. Said worst of it was not knowing who would go next & everyone on tender hooks. H. Nelson in bad shape. Got J. T. & A. & J. papers & Parker[?] spoke excellent J. but was pain in neck. They thought Scottie was dead – mixed with Winnies.

Walk around town through Yamashita Park after lunch & back through big park where German girl came & got Maple & guards let 'em go.

Soares played piano at tea time. Burl [?] showed up from Nagasaki for dinner – we're now 15 - & he has bushy beard – red, gray & black. Had been 26 hrs. on 3rd class. Said some 30 of them interned in Catholic St. Mary's compound in Nag. – all nationalities & never saw any rep. Tried to get back to Yoko (he is Agri Comm.) but no soap. He cooked for camp & they had scanty facilities but food fair.

Heard today we may sail the 17th – every day brings a bit of postponement, but all we can do is wait.

After dinner I turned in early with the cold – took hot bath.

Sun. June 7. Cloudy & cool.

After breakfast came Kern & Griyaki[?] chief Hirsoka[?] & everyone talking at cross purposes & Kern not half understanding either English or J.

I asked to go shopping & Hirsoka will consider that.

Magalhauer asked about taking his dogs & that talk went on for a long time.

T. asked to see Kern alone but got nowhere as Hirsoka thought they'd have secrets.

We found out anyway that the Gairnsho is paying hotel expenses except for liquor. We'll have to arr. with hotel for rooms for social use in eve. Also no objection to our playing cards vic etc. to 10 pm. But last night after I went to bed there was trouble & guards chased people to bed early & told them they had been dancing[?] the night before when none had been done at all.

Also Chihan the Paraguayan can see the Spanish Minister & talk in Spanish.

Mangledants [*Warner is fooling around with name*] wants to see the Portuguese & wants more room[?] & will pay but can't get it as things are being provided.

Hirsoka asked us to be not fools & children & bother him with little requests & we said nerts to him but Kern didn't translate it.

John asked about payment for his licensed radio but that went astray until J. had to step in & retranslate it all.

J. claim they have sunk 4 of our subs – Tokyo bay, Shimonoseki and Kyushu in latter part May & 1st part June & think many more sunk. At least we are getting out this way.

Started raining at 10 & cont. all day.

Snoozed most of p.m. with this rotten cold. Went to bed right after dinner again.

Mon. June 8

Kern supposed to show up at 9 to get our requests about baggage etc. but didn't come. Just as well.

The Sp. Min. [*Spanish Minister*] showed up last eve to talk with “Hose [*Warner spelling of Jose*] Chan” as the J. paged[?] Chihan & they were surrounded by 6 cops so the Min. called them [?] & left in high dudgeon without talking to Chihan.

Fellows said the cops again tried to chase them out of social hall early as Joyce[?] (Chamberlain) Toda[?] was in hotel. He had arr. at 5 pm yesterday & that was excuse for chasing us all out of music room.

Trying to get down to bookstores but not much progress.

Saw Tom Davis of N.C.B. staying at Centre Hotel & he is going with us. He has to keep diary from police.

Lunch rather scanty & quickly down. Walked in park after lunch & we are quite the object of curiosity especially of a gang of toughs.

New Swiss rep Klinglebacker showed up & took dope about baggage. He at least made sense.

Saw Stan who says the guy who went down to my old apartment was done [?] in da eyes & joined da fisher[?] down[?] names[?] from Stan[?]. So he won't be wid us. Tough luck.

Swiss also say we are to sail the 17th so we're holding our own now.

Lots of civilians arr. from Kobe dist. yesterday & staying at Bund hotel.

J. gov't allots ¥15 daily for our room & boards. This room Scottie & I have costs ¥9-10 for 2 in ordinary times – thus say ¥5 each. Br. is ¥2.40 Lunch is ¥3 & dinner ¥4 & tea is ¥0.50 making about ¥15.

Social eve of bridge or rather oh hell & rummy & Weatherby & I played chess & took 1 game each.

The latins stepping out tonight with the police. However, none of that stuff for me with my honey waiting for me to cross the deep. It won't be long now honey anyway.

Tues. June 9. Cloudy

Plenty planes maneuvering[?] overhead. No. J. paper this morning as “too many J. guests in hotel.

Internment biz in J. busy. Stooges in all camps & men have hard time of it.

Cold somewhat better.

Walked on roof in a.m. but pretty cloudy.

Maple tried to get to Dr. to complete his vaccinations etc. but was refused. Scottie & I tried to buy stamps but no luck.

After lunch went to park for walk & saw a few foreigners.

On ret. to hotel grounds permitted shopping in hotel & I ordered a Sōsho book & some stamps.

Portuguese Min. called on Mangelhoerns & says we sail 17th & Embassies are sending down cases for ship tomorrow.

Played “oh hell” in eve.

Wed. June 10 Fine day & warm.

Cold much better today & put on shorts as it looks hot.

Walked on roof after breakfast.

Sp. Min. called on Hose Chan & got to see him alone. Guard that had prevented it at 1st was removed from his job. So we sail on 17th & all Embassies & Ministries go 1st women 2nd & other men 3rd. That's a hot one if true & there will be plenty howling. However, I

expect we'll get to go home 1st or 2nd. News of the 17 however is great & we celebrate till noon with all our crowd & the S.A.'s too.

Walked in park after lunch & threw pebbles at jelly fish [*drawing of large circle with four little circles inside which must be the jelly fish*] which swim transparent cup shape. Half doz. tanks rattled by & crews came into park for a breather. Kanehawa[?] M is anchored awaiting sailing of Br. next month.

Last night I dreamed my honey had moved to Atlantic City to await my arrival – last January.

Guards warned us to keep close together as it is hard to protect us when scattered about.

Klingebacker called at 6:45 to see us but was told we were at dinner - though we weren't. So he had dinner & came back & was told we were still at dinner so he went to see the internees at Bund Hotel & came back & had to wait half an hour again to see us at 9:30. Said luggage instructions rec'd & things being loaded in Kobe by 11th & we still sail the 17th. Doesn't know about accommodations. Says about 110 will be going from Yoko. 30 at Bund, 15 at New Grand, 11 at Consulate, ___ at Centre Hotel, 10 in prisons, 10 free, 6 at Yacht Club & others elsewhere.

Thurs. June 11

Started playing ping pong on roof having brought balls & net & paddles & strung several old tables together into a makeshift.

After lunch the chief of police of Kanagawa Prefect & Sanitation[?] office etc. called & as we all refused to interpret they had one of the guards act. The chief gives a pretty little speech about having no personal animosity even if we are at war & hopes we are all well & asks if we have any wishes. The cop interpreter said in translation "He say, if have opinion, say it" which rather baffled those who didn't know J. so I interpolated saying he wants to know if we have any requests to make. So we asked to walk from 4:30 pm to 5:30 instead of in heat of 2-4 & that was O.K. asked about buying as Hotel shops were being prevented from selling by police & they said they were considering taking us on shopping tour of Benten[?] dori[?] soon. They told Mangled cats that he thinks more of his dogs than of his country & he would liked to have said that is because his country is safe & his dogs aren't. Salas wants stamps too but they said no stamps in Yoko & Salas pointed out that [?] had bought them but police interfered with bargaining.

Miss Soares practiced piano from 3-4:30 & then we all walked in park for an hour.

Same soup every meal: Ice cream nearly every meal.

Klinehers called after dinner & bought letters saying my radio was being confiscated as I hadn't applied for permit & I had him correct that as I had applied in July '41 through Emb. but permit was never granted.

4 Fast bridge rubbers with Scottie, Tower & Weatherby.

J. press laying up J. victory at Midway & Aleutians – but we wonder.

Fri. June 12 – Fine day

J. press carries reports of Duke of Gloucester's trip to India to get Indians in line with personal message from King George – typically British & dumb!

Letter to Linnell from Grew [*US Ambassador Joseph C. Grew*] contains tel. from Dept. though Swiss & Ger's reply re volunteers suitable for service in Africa & Near East. Joe waxes formingly eloquent over being willing to serve anywhere. Any of us would be of course but as for me I think I can do better back in the U.S

Tinklebreeches [*Warner likes to play with names*] called to say he hears we may be delayed to 20th or 22nd.

Portuguese Consul saw[?] Mangledants to say more.

Manu & Weatherby only ones interested in Africa as they've been out only a yr.

South American contingent very downcast as they think we'll never sail. Tried to cheer them up as I think we'll be getting away before long.

Won at Oh Hell in eve called off at 10 sharp by guards.

Sat. June 13 – Fine day again.

The Asama is at dock this AM with white + on each smoke stack - the Double Cross Maru. Anyway the boat is here & so are Magelhoerns dogs which has cheered them & we are all cheered over the arrival of the ship.

Sp. Min. called on Hose Chan & confirmed the news of the :L7 : Good stuff.

Went shopping on Benten dori & we all bought but little – couldn't buy good stuff as silver, ivory etc must be signed for & can't go to enemy nat'ls. Got some stamps for my honey & a couple of books for myself. No silk stockings to be had & trouble in trying to get any silk things as the point system applies – 1 pt to 1 yd of silk piece goods for inst. & no tickets anyway. But we all had a look-see at the shops. Shopped from 3 to 5:30 & back for clean up & drinks with John A. Oh Hell & Hearts in Eve & dogs barked in courtyard after we'd all gone to bed.

Sun. June 14. Raining & windy.

Played some pingpong on roof & studied a bit. Devil of a job trying to use the J. grammar I bought & explanations are clear as mud.

Will get some more stamps for my honey from Salas perhaps.

Baggage will be put on board Tues. p.m. we are told.

Guards took Mann's Tourist[?] American pamphlets & later returned them.

Papers were on Midway & Aleutians so it looks like we did GVC[?]

Music off with some music school pupils giving a recital.

Haushier [*Swiss Bob Haushier*] & Kern called to give dope on sailing & say we travel third. Damn what a let down & not alone that but Dooman [*Eugene H. Dooman, the counselor, i.e., the second ranking officer, at Embassy Tokyo*] is responsible for it. Seems there are 240 1st places taken by embassy staffs, 96 2nd taken by women & 560 3rd into which the rest of us go down in the hold. Will be hot as hell & poor accommodations – room holding from 4-12 persons. Laundry & soft drinks only & tips are to go through Swiss rep so that means no tips. We are to stop at Hongkong, Saigon & Singapore en route but not to be allowed ashore. No liquor aboard but cigarettes & tobacco. No showers but salt water baths. God what a prospect & these damn civilians warned to get out for over a year got as good as we who were compelled to stay.

Kern fawning all over the Jaybirds.

Maple of Agri wants to return to internment camp where at least he can see his German girl friend.

Met Mori[?] again. Knew him in Mukden in 34 when he was with Gendarmerie. He is in 330 – rt. next to our suite & I asked him if he wasn't in charge of the cops & he of course denied it. Says he's been living here a year but anyone can easily imagine his job.

Played Oh Hell in Eve.

Still no word about stuff getting aboard in Kobe.

Mon. June 15

Still blowing & raining – a tail end of a typhoon & will probably end tomorrow.

Mon. June 15

Cleared up in P.M.

Lots of to do about getting luggage to boat but that will be done in its own sweet time. Got labels but no rooms assigned yet. Magelhoerns says we go according to rank which is proper & I trust is true. At least the St. Dept. didn't let us down on that as the Emb. tried to do.

Klinble Britches called in P.M. & confirmed we are to sail the 17th. Didn't know about exch. of remaining yen in L.M. [*Lorenzo Marques*] so asked him to get some silk piece goods for my honey.

Tues. June 16

Fine day. Ping ponged & won our local tournament by virtue of winning all games played.

Walked in P.M. & on ret. to hotel met Nina Haushier just up from Miyamoshita[?] by car with the Sp. Min. & family She looking pale & T. not so hot.

Cocktail party at which Kern dropped in & got himself a few free ones. Brought letters re radio – mine confiscated as illegal for not being registered & J.A.'s as illegal for improper registry. Magelhoerns had had liver attack. No room assignments yet but we hear we are to go 1st class or 2nd.

Baggage sent to boat.

Wed. June 17

Klinglebacker called & cleared up last min. things. Impossible to get silk for my honey.

Police gave us room slips & damn! We find we are all 3rd class except Mary Ogawa in 1st. Boy is that something and are we all hopping mad at the Embassy, as we hear they did it.

Police collected last min. money declarations & we all just put – less than ¥200 – as no permit is required for that sum. T. as usual objected but finally filled it in.

To the boat in 5 taxis & last min. luggage. Checked & rechecked us with sets & sets of officials. Held up again by currency declaration biz & asking us if we carried any “explosions.” On boat we finally got straightened around & sent to cabins – 314 is mine in with Chas. Cooper [*Charles Cooper, Tokyo Embassy 3rd secretary*] & Jim Espy [*James Espy, Tokyo 3rd secretary*] & J.H. Bruins [*John H. Bruins, consul, Hong Kong*] to get in at Hk. [*Roy Melbourne mentions in his book that a John Bruins took over in Hong Kong when the consul general collapsed due to stress brought on after consular staff were lined up & believed they were to be shot...but weren't.*] God what a room, 4 bunks & that's all.

Began checking up & found most of Embassy lads from Crocker [*Edward S. Crocker, Tokyo 2nd Secretary*] down are in 3rd too. Seems the Embassy did a good job of doing themselves in the eye as well as ourselves. All men in 3rd & women get 1st & 2nd. Stan Slavens [*Osaka consul*] & Jane in 2nd & kicking. Not much sympathy for them though I think it up to her for staying or leaving.

Lunch at noon was edible but thrown at us in a rush & didn't set too well.

Finally found baggage & got mine to room for resorting.

All sorts of rumors about sailing from 10 p.m. tonight to 4 days delay.

Scottie found his 5 gal. jug of double gin broken. What luck.

At dusk we moved to outer harbor & anchored & hear the sailing will be delayed "several days" by order of J. authorities. We hear it is acct. of 4 missionaries in Sapporo who are in Jug & that we won't let bank mgr. in NY go unless these Am. go, so we wonder what will happen. I think we'll sail by the 21st but many are pessimistic.

Interesting stories aboard from those who have rec'd all sorts of treatment" in past 6 mo. The guys in jug have got it worst & are pretty run down. Meyer of St. Oil. [*Clarence Meyer – Standard Oil/Yokohama*]. Dr. Myers [*Dr. Harry Myers*] old missionary of Kobe looks like hell, J. Post[?] & wife. Many others. Plenty tales of woe. Meyer was in solitary & is about ½ his former weight. Lived in mortal terror & is a wreck of former self.

Embassy lads arr. during day & I told them all what I thought of the arrangement made. They say Dooman did it & he got plenty cold shoulder from us all. Bill Turner says the Dept. sent a "weasling[?] wire" which put it up to them to give women & children 2nd. Missionaries didn't expect it. Dooman taking credit for it.

Jane Slavens has plenty to say about the rest of the group of 60 which stopped at the embassy. Plenty of fights & Jane lays it on thick. Said the chain gang of Grew, Dooman, Bohlen [*Charles E. Bohlen, Tokyo second secretary – later ambassador to Moscow*], Steves, Boehringer [*Carl H. Boehringer, Tokyo third secretary*], Johnston & _____ played poker every day – 183 sessions from 3:30 – 6:30 & stakes plenty high. Carl now down ¥4M. What foolishness.

Had good talks with Sabe, Ural [*Warner's wife's brother - U. Alexis Johnson, vice consul Mukden, Manchuria*], Emmons, Dick R. [*Richardson*], Rusty [?] & found much of interest.

The Brazilians & all S. & L. Americans are in 1st or 2nd & we consuls & dips get the raw end.

Blew off to Benny [*H. Merrell Benninghoff, Tokyo second secretary*] & he said Blame Dooman. Chet Bohlen was also responsible I hear & also hear they went contrary to Dept. orders in putting us down in 3rd. It's lousy.

Thurs. June 18

God what a bunk & pillow – hard as boards & Charlie snores & Espy had a nightmare & the place was stuffy. Was awake from 2 on & could only catch fitful snatches of sleep. Up at 6 & washstands full. No baths & only cold water from tap till 7:30 & then shut off during rest of day to 5-6 pm opened up for 1 hr.

Drank tap water as none available elsewhere.

Got letters from my honey through Benny – old ones – one of Aug. 19, Sept. 25, 30 & Oct. 17 but welcome plenty. Also found the joint acct. had been opened O.K. & my honey loves me as I do her. Let's get moving!

Ural had it pretty tough being cooped up with Ken Krentz [*Mukden consul*] & Lewis [*Frank Lewis, Japanese-American consular clerk at Mukden who decided to stay with the Japanese when Ural and Krentz left*] for so long & no exercise to speak of. They even entertained possibility of escape.

Boat moved to new anchorage further away from Yoko up the bay. All sorts of sailing rumors. Everyone is anxious to go. Main holdup seems to be for Missionaries Mr. & Mrs. Love who have gone J. according to reports & wonder what is the dope. Their daughters – 12 yrs. old – speak only J. & Wolsen[?] says they never planned to leave Japan.

Fri. June 19

Not going yet. Played some ping pong & long talk with Ural & others. Surprising things have happened in many places.

All dips had to turn in cameras & binoculars to purser despite agreement that our baggage is not subject to search – we just search it for them. Bohlen & Dooman agreed.

Daily routine is:

Up at 6:15

Water on from 6:30–7:30 & the washroom is crowded though the ship is only half full.

Up on deck for a walk.

Breakfast at 8 am.

On deck & talk & read & study & walk & exercise, etc.

Lunch at noon & curry rice every day so far.

Nap after lunch.

Bath open every other day.

Up on deck & read & chew the rag.

Dinner at 6:30.

Perhaps Oh Hell or bridge or listen to music in eve.

Bed by 10.

Sat. June 20

Rupe Cox missing from those who should be aboard.

Got a J. paper through dining room steward but no imp. news. Reissue[?] of Dutch Standard Tanker biz of 6/4-5. Tobruk [*Tobruk, Libya*] surrounded as is Sebastopol [*must be what my map calls Sevastopol in Ukraine on the Black Sea*] & fate of both said sealed as has been for months past. Nothing re sailing. Boy[?] says we go tomorrow.

Started sosho again & find a number of people on boat know good deal of J. so can get help.

Played ping pong.

Had song fest in eve out on back deck.

Met Ray of Emb. [*David T. Ray, Tokyo Embassy language attache*] – lang. student & full of ideas – a good student but pretty booky [*or kooky*].

Talked over old Mukden days with Sabe. He has been forcibly separated from Helga for 5 of the 12 yrs. they've been married.

Sun. June 21

Sunday services held by Catholics at 9 & Episcopalians at 10:15, both well attended. Listened to Walker & he was insipid & uninspiring – just the old formulas of God & love & thy shepherd, etc.

Studied char. & sōsho & played pingpong.

Mon. June 22

Cocktails last eve in Chihan's cabin & again tonight. Met Perez, Peruvian C.G. in Hk who had interesting tale to tell of being in fire brigade & becoming P.C.G. again when J. entered. Says he was kept in top floor of Gloucester Hotel with 15 people & slept on floor & servants scavenged for food for 2 ½ mo. after that until Peru declared war & then he was shipped in convoy of 7, 3 of which arr. in Yoko. & he went to Miyashita[?]

Showed a number of language off. the Kihon Kanji & they were very interested in it.

Played bridge in eve with Dixon Edwards [*Jay Dixon Edwards, Harbin, Manchuria vice consul*], Jule Goetzmann & _____ Norman of Canadian Legation – for _____ [*2 Japanese characters*] & lost 20 sen.

Moved slip back to harbor entrance this p.m. 3:15 – 4 PM & anchored & took on water from water barge so that looks hopeful.

Many think we sail in night or tomorrow & I hope so so I can get back to my honey.

Tues. June 23

Many think we may go during the day but in the eve we just moved back up the bay to our old position after taking on a bit more water.

Talked with Makinson [*George A. Makinson, Tokyo 1st secretary*] about this African biz for volunteers & he suggested seeing Dooman. He also talked with Tower & explained our position as the office is covered. T. saw D. & explained it too.

Played belot in eve.

Crocker thrown out of 1st class dining room where he'd gone for dinner with Brazilian Ambassador.

Had bath in Carrie McMahons.

All crew had to be back by 5 today.

Wed. June 24

Very wakeful last night. Damn this inactivity. Wish we'd get going.

Saw Dooman today & squared away the African biz. He says the Dept. was probably trying to be helpful but made it very embarrassing.

Says the Love biz is the last hitch to our sailing & believes Love's senator got interference for him. And D. doesn't know a thing about the Xanes[?] Hell.

Told Dooman we'd had but one bath in week down in 3rd & he considered it a small matter that if we object too much they may confine us to 3rd altogether.

Got baths again this p.m. but no laundry yet.

Chas. C. [*Charles Cooper*] says that if they try to keep us down in 3rd there'll be mutiny.

And still we sit.

Bridge with Johnny, Dickie Stuart & Tommy Thomassen [*David A. Thomasson, vice consul, Tokyo*].

Thurs. June 25

Hurrah! Sailed at 1:30 AM.

Fellows still up said the launch came back with the crew & without the Loves.

Also mild rumors afloat that the U.S. has seized the Azores & Portugal is at war with U.S. & we are to go to Santiago de Chile instead of Lorenzo Marques.

All chased below when we sailed & white cross lights put on.

Finally under way honey & it won't be so long now my darling.

Ran through rain squalls during the day. Sea rough & many ill - but not very rough actually.

Celebrated at Scottie's tonight & broke out fried onions & chipped beef from our stack of canned things.

To bed early.

Loves going on next ship.

Fri. June 26

We're being treated like cattle down in 3rd. Bath open but once a week for 3 hrs. Running water for but an hr. in morn & eve & we have to drink the tap water. People can't wait & do stuff on the floor or become ill & it isn't cleaned up for a long time.

Food much worse than 1st.

No laundry done yet!

Room boy is worst yet.

Had another bath at Carrie's.

Finally got laundry out & plenty of it.

Running through rain storms all day.

Have sighted nothing since leaving.

Belot in eve.

Sat. June 27

Warm & sea calmer this AM.

Should arr. Hk early Mon a.m.

Sighted what we think is Okinawa Island, the chief of the Loochoo Group this AM. Saw 2 subs conning towards at noon.

Life boat drill at 10 AM & those boats are certainly rickety looking things – dry rot.

Hotter & humid – just like old times in Formosa. The hold is an oven.

Only 1 pc. baggage to be allowed in baggage room. Rest must go to hold.

Sunned a bit.

Read Carl Sandberg's Prairie Years of Abe Lincoln. Pretty choppy. Plenty anecdotes.

Flying fish numerous – also sharks in these waters. We're apparently going E. of Taiwan through the Bashi Channel.

Bridge in eve with Archie Stuart [*Capt. Archibald W. Stuart, Tokyo asst. military attaché*], Ruth Kelley of Embassy & Mrs. Vial – Canadian.

Roy played vic on deck later. J.A. & Belair (pressman) carrying on with a couple of Navy nurses.

Sun. June 28

Hotter than Tofet [*Old saying – usually spelled "Tophet" – hellish place in Bible*] in cabin last night.

Sighted several fishing smacks.

Kept in sight of Formosa & passed Kashoto where Hoover wrecked about noon & explained to all & sundry about Kashoto & the Hoover. Passed Gorowbi Light & Southwest tip of Formosa about 3 & explained about that & Taiwan to those assembled. Currents very strong.

Al of Rich[?] told me about his experiences & torture experienced. Damn what savages.

Moved baggage about & had to send more to the hold – though it is very damp down there.

Sighted smoke & smoke stack of large ship far on horizon & frequently passed fishing smacks which act as patrols.

Cards given us at dinner moving all Gov't officials & oldsters to 2nd class dining room. Benny [Benninghoff?] objected to goin' [?] with the missionaries & he can eat in 3rd if he wants. T. says B. is a snake of the 1st water.

Saw 3 frtrs. on horizon proceeding to Hk – no escort.

Beautiful moonlight night – full moon & sat on Verandah listening to vic records & swapping yarns with Johnny. Wish his sister might have been here.

Lights out at 11 & the crowd continued dancing to consternation of ship's officials who want us all in bed by 11.

Mon. June 29

Not far from Hk.

Got windscoop last night & helped cool cabin but also threw in waves at times.

Sighted Hk before noon but the waters look dead compared with 4 yrs. ago when the vicinity was crowded with boats & fishing junks of all kinds.

Went around to Repulse Bay side of island & that section also deserted. The city on this side also looks uninhabited.

Launches came out with some 8 reps of cons. & other groups inc. Southard [Addison E. Southard, consul general, Hong Kong], Fornes [Frederic C. Fornes, Jr., consul, Hong Kong] of C.G. & Livingston of Texas, etc. They looked pretty seedy – wouldn't have known Southard who says he lost 51 lbs & is now 99 lbs. That must be bad for the health.

He said their treatment was horrible & he looked like it had been – raved on about guards (Indian[?]) shooting off rifles, being jabbed in ribs at night with pistol, having his life threatened etc. & for food only had rice, flour & salt. I asked about Bob Ward [Robert S. Ward, consul, Hong Kong] & he said Bob was cracked & had been a great trial to him. It

appears to me that Southard is the one who is a bit off as Fornes & others who came aboard looked fairly normal.

The reps checked lists & rearranged cabins, etc.

The main body of evacuees came out on a Kowloon ferry boat – some 35 of them – packed in like sardines.

Baggage – inc. no trunks – was sent over in barges.

Met new roommate Bruins & a very nice fellow too. Helped him with baggage etc. & showed him about the ship.

New rules announced: -

No baths, showers

Wash room time cut in half for double the number – typical J. figuring – 7-7:30 AM & 5:30-6 PM.

Meal hours rearranged & 2 tables in all dining rooms – mine now in 2nd at 7:30, 11:30 & 6 & 2nd tables 1 hr. later.

Bob Ward came on & I was certainly glad to see him. He is in fine shape & these tales of his being cracked are products of a distorted imagination.

I see now why Southard said what he did for Bob was right & Southard was wrong – namely Southard spoke to clubs etc. that there would absolutely be no war & Bob had been equally emphatic that there would be & S. couldn't take the let down. He has chivvied Bob all over hell in all sorts of things & Bob rebelled. But other listening agrees that Southard was the one who is off

Hear that Fornes also couldn't take it.

Bob went through some fighting & shelling & bombing & even volunteered but was rejected.

The reaction of all the new comers was the same as ours in getting on the vessel. They say "I just can't believe I'm here, I just can't believe it. It must be a dream." All have their fingers crossed.

Bob studied Pittman & Cantonese in internment & they were all put in school house next to Stanley Prison & closely confined. Cliques formed & it was not at all pleasant. One fellow beaten for talking to outsiders. They had no picnic but things weren't as bad as painted by Southard.

Talked with Bob Coudray [*Robert C. Coudray, vice consul, Hong Kong*] about the Seven Case etc. His Chinese boys family was killed & he went through plenty danger.

Talked with Campbell of Treasury & he very level-headed.

Met Howard, Reed [*Charles Reed, Saigon consul,, on detail in Hanoi*] _____
_____. [*Left blank. Apparently meant to fill in names later.*]

The Chilean who teaches Spanish aboard gave a glowing[?] [*glaring?*] interview[?] to press reps.

J. Army lads wandering all over boat.

Most of Hk bunch lost about all they had. Southard's house demolished almost under him.

Dooman up on deck today for 1st time.

Tues. June 30

End of fiscal yr. So what!

Stayed up talking till 2 – beaut. full moon. Ship's lights dark till nearly 10 when someone succeeded in getting the white crosses lit. The J. could just as soon lose this ship it appears. Bastards.

Up at 6:30 but water not on until 7:12. Damn. Couldn't shave & neither could most of the men. Many went unwashed. This is a slave ship, a pig ship, a cattle boat, the way these J's are running it.

Talked with a number of people aboard & none had any too easy a time of it wherever they were interned.

Hk apparently fell through sheer paralysis. Very poor show put up by British. Pop. of 1.7MM just before war fell to 500M at present & things dead. Wealthy Ch. went over lock stock & barrel to the J.

Chileans went ashore but were very restricted in shopping & sightseeing though they did get some liquor. Their reg. J. currency no good & J. mil. notes offered at 1 per \$1.

They had quite a job getting on the ship again in heavy seas.

Sailed at 6 pm.

Hotter than tofet all day.

The electric white crosses at side & back of ship not working so well. Rear one out completely tonight & one side one has many bulbs shot.

The Conte Verde sailed from Sh. [*Shanghai*] with 638 inc. Lockhart [*Frank P. Lockhart, consul general, Shanghai*] & wife. Hear Sam, Steve etc. went to Sh. & certainly hope so. [*Sam Sokobin, Kobe chief consul on his way back from leave on Dec. 7. And probably Charles Stephen, Kobe vice consul, also on his way back from leave.*]

We join the Verde at Singapore after we pick up Saigon people & the Verde will pick up Sing. people & we go on together to L.M. J. ships news bulletin says the Gripsholm will arr. L.M. July 15 but we can't make it at this rate.

So Portugal has declared it will be neutral. What is the dope back of that.

The Germans are smashing into Egypt now. Damn but those Br. aren't holding. The Russians are still a bright spot at Sebastopol & elsewhere.

Southard's press interview was godawful – slobbering with fear & self justification for his own false position. He will say it was distorted but those who heard him talk with press say it was accurate & terribly fawning.

The Chileans didn't do so badly.

Southard said the war would make J. & U.S. even closer friends & he hates fighting them & they are fine chaps & then you ought to hear him in private. Balls. He could have kept his mouth shut as did Grew.

The deck chairs & tables are all filled this eve. Boy this place is crowded.

Had a salt bath at Carrie's & arr. with Hose Chihan to shave daily in his cabin so I simply wash teeth, face & hands from a bottle in AM.

Ran through rainstorm all day.

Wed. July 1

A new fiscal yr.

Gave table boy an advance payment of ¥1 each. Scottie, Roy, Arthur [*Tower*], Burrell & Emmons & I eat together in 2nd now. The boy objected as he says each should give ¥10 each. I told him that depended on his service & this was merely a down payment.

4 ships passed us going north at noon. The leader with a faked mast to make it look like a cruise.

Studied & sunned a bit.

Heavy rains hit in late P.M. & it got cooler – cleared up & a beautiful evening. Talked with Johnny & Arthur Caro swapping stories of experiences. C.A. had about 40 in it & baths once a week. Studied J. & Bolie[?] had music classes. Food not too bad.

Soares complained her dogs were hot out on back deck & I said I'd exchange accommodations with them.

Moon came up fiery red at 11 P.M. J. time actually about 9 P.M. sun time.

Thurs. July 2

Running down the F.I.C. [*French Indochina*] coast not far out in sight of land all day. Due off mouth of Saigon river this P.M. Don't think we'll go up river to Saigon as 70 people will probably be brought down in tenders.

Studied - writing up char. cards & reading sōsho & sunned a bit.

Talked with Hose Chihan about Paraguay – Cap. Ascuncion 150M & whole country 1,500,000 – a buffer state bet. Brazil & Arg. as is Belg. bet. Fr. & Ger. Politics always in turmoil though Liberal Party in Power since 1906 & Republicans (conservatives) still strong. Revolutions frequent & ch. of govt. too. Chaco Boundary dispute with Bolivia now O.K. & boundary with Arg. O.K. but still small difficulties with Brazil. Says no one wants to fight Paraguay as she is very plucky & beat Bolivia with her 4 MM pop. Says the women fight in army too & smoke cigars.

Says prin. products are long staple cotton sold mainly to U.S., black tobacco mainly to France oranges & mandarins (large ones) from which perfume & medical extracts & acids are made.

Sells little to J. & buys some ¥10MM of J. cotton piece goods (80%) silk & rayon goods (10%) & misc. (10%). But J. too crafty to buy from P. & stalls.

Says J. navy not as strong as air force of 10M. Misjudged J. strength & we asleep. We should cut a tree at its root.

Met Major Clarkson from Chungking in Hk since Dec. 17 – stranded. Wary about committing self but believes we'll get started after thorough preparations.

Salt water baths now available but no fresh water to wash the stickiness away.

Played Belot after dinner with the Mangled Ants & Burrell.

Listened to phonograph & talked on sidelines with Art Emmons from Dover, Mass. Married to Evelyn Voorhees of Hartford & she in U.S. with child he hasn't seen yet. He is grad of Harvard 1933. Left school in junior yr. & traveled about world a couple of

times & up Mt. Everest & froze feet – cut off front part of each with gangrene. Finished school in 1936. Wife is Smith grad. Fine sort of chap.

Fri. July 3

Dropped anchor at 3 AM. & shortly after started up the Mekong R. Plenty winding & ship close to narrow banks but it must be dug.

Arr. at 8:30 AM. river junction.

Could see what looked like smokestacks of factories of Saigon in distance but the smokestacks kept shifting & then we realized they were steamers winding round the bends of river up ahead.

Anchored & small boats came alongside with bananas, pineapples, beer, cigarettes, papers, melons, papaya & did a land office biz.

Fellows from Saigon came on – 24 of them but didn't get much chance to talk with them. Met Hamilton [*Kingsley Hamilton, vice consul, Saigon*] of Consulate. They were strictly limited in baggage. Said Bangkok people not yet arrived.

Rained off & on during the day – thunderstorms at times.

Little boats did plenty biz & sold dry goods & cigarettes as well. Ran ¥2 per bottle. A local brandy or rum at ¥5. Shirts ¥5. Shorts the same. Cigarettes ¥5 a carton, Pineapples 2 for ¥1. Bananas ¥1 a bunch. Mangoes, Lechee & some Mangostines.

The boat from Bangkok came up river in the afternoon with some 70 aboard & as many tons of baggage. They could bring everything. Clark [*Harlan B. Clark, 3rd secretary and vice consul at Legation Bangkok*] said his house had been looted however.

J. troops stationed in Legation but the fellows kept their short wave radios.

Chubb [*Oliver E. Chubb, consul, Shanghai*] from Saigon said he heard Kejei say that the Germans had withdrawn their safe conduct guarantee from the Gripsholm but that is still only a news story & not to be credited too much.

Packing cases being loaded all evening as it is said we sail at 8 AM.

Talked with Stuart, Emmons & Miss Kelly also Johnny & Benny & Bill Turner. Turned in at 11.

Sat. July 4

Not too hot last night & only few mosquitoes but hear they are not malarial. Bananas not too bad & the lechees are OK.

So this is the glorious 4th.

Hear Sebastopol has fallen & Alexandria threatened. What next! Why can't we get busy.

Sailed at 9:30 AM & Asama stepped fast down river in 2 ½ hrs. & after dropping pilot at mouth started out to sea & was suddenly called back for some reason. All on edge anyway. But I figured we'd get going by nightfall again & so we did at 7 p.m.

Had celebration of 4th at Scottie's [?] at 4 pm. & finished up all gin & vermouth. Roy brought bottle of Bourbon & did that up & then the rest drank the real rot gut but that was beyond me.

Played vic records in evening. Roy's & Scottie's & mine. Had good hard thunderstorm most of evening.

Sun. July 5

Cath. & Episc. services & Doc Myers preached at latter.

Others confirmed that the Br. stand in Hk pretty rotten.

Studied & talked & sunned & played belot in eve.

Met a Miss M. Dudley of the Y.W.C.A. & Columbia, Georgia. Very interesting – like Machi[?] Chapen[?] – always organizing & doing something for others. She is distributing clothing, etc. to those who need it on board.

Boat rides pretty steadily.

Mon. July 6

Up at 7 and pitch dark. Lord what a biz being 2 ½ hrs. ahead of the sun in time.

Arr. off Singapore at 10:30 AM. & found Conte Verde at anchor. Was being loaded & some other boats came & loaded it with water & supplies & oil. The Swiss rep a Mr. _____ came over with an Italian officer & we sent back Earl Daley's summer clothes by him. [*Earl Daley was the Asst. Treasury attached to Kobe who was temporarily in Hong Kong.*] Found there are but 630 aboard the Verde & all arr. according to rank & no 3rd class being used at all. Swimming pool open & bar too & good Italian food. Wish we might relieve some of the congestion of 1000 on this vessel but no such luck appears to be coming our way.

Got plenty hot in P.M. & sunned a bit & lolled & strolled & talked in eve with Reed from Hanoi interned in Hongkong & others. Incompetence of the higher ups is appalling.

Jim Espy slept on deck as are plenty others.

Tues. July 7

Celebration of the Incident day. But we are loading water all day from a converted freighter – 4 small hoses working so it is long biz.

But we got washing done this pm. & baths too. Water on from 11:30 AM – 6:30 pm & advertised as the last time.

Got plenty sunburned & not out very long.

Patrol boats about & the Chileans went to Singapore for a day or so. Hear we are 40-50 min. away.

So Dooman is arranging cabins for the Gripsholm. Damn that!

Wed. July 8 Flocks of 60 planes overhead in celebration of Gr. E. Asia day.

Stayed inside most of the time with this sunburn. Read excerpts from Madame Hanks[?] Ichiban's J. Lady[?] in America & very well done. Del Re had an introduction.

Played bridge with Sabe, Tower & Don Lorman[?] (Donald Duck) in aft for a couple of hrs. & lost 10 sen.

Finally got laundry sent in at Hk.

Water taken on till late P.M. & then the water barge went back to the Conte Verde.

Storms off & on all day & hot most of time but cooled off in eve.

Hear we sail at noon tomorrow & get mail too & time will probably change to normal.

Belot in eve with Burrell, Maple, Hamilton & Mary Ogawa.

Thurs. July 9

Studied in a.m. on upper deck but smoke from launch kept driving people away.

At noon as we finished lunch we sailed & zigzagged through mine field followed by the Conte Verde. We hear the trip to L.M. can be done in 10 days at 15 knots & we should be able to do that OK.

Also hear further water restrictions are to be imposed.

Headed SE for Sunde Strait. Crossed the Equator at about 4-5 pm I should judge. Hear we are to hit cool weather in a few days. It hasn't been too bad so far when we stayed away from land.

So the Germans are still advancing on Alexandria. Also some 20 ships sunk off N. Norway say the Germans – in Amer. convoy.

Read a Sōsho letter that Death Ray [*is he referring to David Ray, Tokyo Embassy language officer*] had rec'd & made out fairly well with it.

And the big thing of the day was mail distributed about 2 p.m. I got several letters from my honey but 2 were repeats. Anyway it was grand to read them again even if they were last Sept. & enclosed inc. letters even back to Feb. '41. Also got letter from Dad about his trip up to Glacier Park & Banff & Lake Louise. Liked his description of glacier color being beer bottle green. Also his "moose up to his belly in a lake eating moose off the bottom." They had a grand trip. Ural enjoyed it too.

Got papers & some magazines & that will keep us going a bit.

Tonight we put the watches back an hr. – sense for the 1st time, so we get up at a fairly reasonable hour.

Watched the stars with Johnny & picked out S. cross & north star & big dipper but aside from those we are hazy on our stars.

Hear we all go back to the U.S. That's sense too.

Also that Embassy lads are trying to sidestep Dooman's biz of 3rd class assignments for us again on the Gripsholm. Hope they succeed. Lockhart will object I'm sure.

The Chileans say that Singapore is dead. It took them 8 hrs. to go & 8 to return so we're about 60 mi. away from Singapore. They slept 8 hrs. there & had only 4 for sightseeing & buying. Were permitted to spend only 50 yen apiece & couldn't buy many things they wanted to get. Said the city is in ruins & the prisoners are being made to do coolie labor in restoration. Saw Aussies with sun helmets & shorts doing roadwork looking like they were half starved. Said the J.'s barked at them (Chileans) like dogs in hastening them along shopping etc. Also treated the Rajah like a nobody. Walked all over his private rooms in palace without a by your leave.

Fri. July 10

Going very slowly but quite cool today.

Crossed equator late yesterday. Some guy picked up the line so we wouldn't trip on it.

Read through the Supplemental C of L. instr. & see that Rella & the kids get recompense from Mar 15, 1941–May 10, '41 & June 5–my arrival in U.S. this year at rate of \$80 for her & 20 for each child or \$120 monthly which will mean a nest egg of some \$2000 when I get to N.Y. Also I'll be collecting about \$200 past [*post?*] allowance & about \$700 rent allowance so will have some \$3000 to fall back on.

Beautiful sunrise & sunset today. Johnny had never seen the like.

T. had rows with waiter for insolence & he complained through me to head steward but we didn't get a new waiter. The waiter was insolent again at noon to Burrell & I told him we wanted service not words & to shut up. He was better the rest of the day.

Went down to baggage room expecting to have to pay the racket of ¥1 per trunk & 50 sen per bag for my things but found that racket had been called off.

Mrs. Walker & other missionaries are complaining about things on boat. Some women don't like the 1st class accommodations as they feel other women have better. They object to Mrs. Grew going to dining room in slacks. They consider Dick Edwards not properly dressed when the fellow couldn't bring anything other than he has on his back. They took names of 4th of July celebrants to complain to State Dept. about song fest – led by Clark. And for such as these we get shoved into this 3rd class cattle pen.

The missionaries are running the ship.

Played bridge with Tower, Tex Weatherby [*Meredith Weatherby, Vice Consul, Osaka*] & Johnny & lost to Johnny. But he owes me for previous.

Turned nicer in evening & hot during night.

Just avoided a wreck by sharp turning.

Sat. July 11

Slept in upper last night changing with Bruins. The bunk is just wide enough for me to lie squeezed in & I hit head & feet on end board. In turning the pipes overhead are so low I hit shoulders & elbows. Damn! Have to slide into the cave one way & it certainly is a trap.

Passed masts of small steamer wreck this A.M. It was on bottom apparently as masts just above surface close together.

This area has been well fought over.

Passing through the Sunde Straits this A.M. Very close to shores & hear this is well mined. C. Verde is directly behind us. We have been going slowly – 250 mi. per day. On

getting through the straits late this P.M. we turned SW nearly West & stepped out a bit. A fine day. Warm but cooler as we got further along. Began rolling.

Did some washing & the laundry is taking no more.

Sun. July 12

Just midway between my honey's birthday date of Jan. 12. How I wish she & the children were with me.

Church services this A.M. & Catholic first, then Protestant with a young preacher from Stanley Prison Hk. on the pulpit saying we must have faith that truth & justice will finally prevail.

Notices appeared today that deck chairs are not to be put on the forward deck as it disturbs the navigators. Temperamental slide rulers.

Hard to find a place to work these days as they are only a few writing desks, but I keep at the Kanji & soshō & do the ship's paper daily – it is gyōshō.

Johnny & I agreed that we should start wheels moving on this rumored biz of preparing assignments for the Gripsholm: I have asked Bob to see Peck[?] & I told Johnny I'd see if Bruins could work on Southard.

I talked with Bruins & gave him the background & said we didn't want to get done in the eye by Dooman again. He agreed & said Southard hates Dooman – calls him an [?] ragpicker & “not even a white man” which means plenty in Ky. Bruins also pumped Charlie & found that the Embassy felt that the Dept. had let it down on this 3rd class biz & Dooman had arbitrarily put anyone in 3rd.

This eve Bruins said he'd put the bug in Southard's ear & the reaction was as expected. Said Southard had him go to Dooman & tell him that Southard was extremely dissatisfied with arrangements & many others are too though they aren't adding to difficulties by complaining. Asked Dooman how we were assigned as we were & Dooman said that assignments had been made after consultation with the Dept. but that the Dept. had been ambiguous. Asked how come all the girl clerks come in 1st & Dooman bridled & asked if Southard would precede women into the lifeboats. Bruins said the ship is safer - those crossing & 2nd st & besides many women are in 3rd.

Asked if all on C Verde are 1st & said Dooman said he didn't know. Bruins said if they are & it is nec. to send officers to 3rd on Gripsholm then those fellows might well take a turn.

Asked if lists are being prepared for assignments on Gripsholm & was told no that a consolidated passenger list is being prepared as none exists.

Other points covered like putting discredited red cross rep from Hk. in 1st when he was deported by J. Also case of Italian nat'l of Turkish race in 1st when she might not to be on ship. About 12 or so from Hk shouldn't have been put aboard but J. just did so anyway.

Played bridge with Johnny, Dick Richardson & Ted Weatherby & won ¥5 at [*Japanese character with one dot atop line atop 2 dots*] th. Dick is very meticulous in his play but not too good card sense. Quick to criticize but hates criticism.

Hear we go to Trinidad & the S.A.'s object of course.

Mon. July 13

Rolling & pitching noise this AM but the boat is pretty steady. Comforting[?] to have the C Verde alongside – about 600 yds off port & little to rear.

Wave dashed over us in night – caught in mid-scoop. Many cabins on this D deck flooded.

Looks like we may not even land at L.M. Just transfer from ship to ship. Nor at Rio or Trinidad.

Tried to get stamps for my honey.

Plenty people ill today but I'm OK.

Tower, Maple, Burrell & I playing belot in eve when about 9 PM we noticed the C Verde passing us & our motor vibration stopped. Lots of speculation as to why but it turned out to be motor trouble. Went on at reduced speed & stopped several times in night.

Tues. July 14

Still high seas & had to keep portholes closed on this deck all yesterday & today. Makes cabin stuffy despite air jets.

Can read ships news in 10 min. & get all the dope & in 1 hr. have a good translation ready.

Reading Grandma Called It Carnal by Bertha Damon – of N.E. life & witty.

Played bridge in eve with Johnny, Bruins & Pawley. Luther was with Intercontinental up to war & then volunteered with red cross units in Hk. & has quite a story to tell. Was out all the time & got out most of things wanted.

Wed. July 15

Still kept portholes closed & plenty rolling & pitching & many out flat. Sun came out in AM also got a bit of a sun bath.

A son born to Mr. & Mrs. Ward. That kid will have quite a time fixing a birth place.

Belot in eve with Burrell, Tower & Maple but B.'s cigar so rank we couldn't stand it.

Up on deck had songfest with Roy, Clark Magalhoerns, Maple, Mrs. Rust, Jane Slavens, & several others.

Parody on God Save the King:

Queen Mary had a way

When She was Queen they say

And George was King

When George went out at night

Mary'd wait up all right

And if George came home tight

God Save the King.

Another – Geo. Kidd [*a Shioya Club playwright*] used to sing:

The Tattooed Lady

Oh how I love to see

A well tattooed lady

Tattooed from head to knee

She is a sight to see

Under her jaw

Is the royal Flying Corps

While across her back

Flies the Union Jack

Could anybody ask for more

While up and down her spine

A squadron stands in line

And right across her hips

Is a fleet of battleships

While under each kidney

Is a birdseye view of Sydney

But what I like best

Right across her chest

Is my home in Tennessee.

Clocks going back 27 min. tonight. We must be averaging 350 mi per day. Hear the Gripsholm arr. in L.M. the 17th. Hope we transfer to her immediately & get going.

News sheet full of propaganda.

Thurs. July 16

Ger. within 10 mi. of Rostov, Timo-Chenko in confusion. NW of Moscow defences broken. Middle line broken & the J. press has Russia on her last legs. So did the Germans inspired reports of last Oct, 1941!

Freighter off port today turned & ran after it saw who we were. Perhaps a lone Br.*[British]* fr.*[freighter]* en route to India or Australia, or perhaps a raider.

Bridge with Herbert Norman of Canadian Legation, Fay Booth of Pres. Lines Yoko. & Carols M. a Mexican consul. Won ¥1.50.

Rolling pretty heavily still & not possible open portholes.

Toilet facilities in bad state. Water comes on late, goes off early. Can water doesn't run, no paper. Damn what a mess. Stinking dirty.

Some wag offered prize for naming the Ward child. Names suggested – Stansama, Maturity, Montgomery, Emergency Evacuation, Home(ward).

Fri. July 17

Not rolling quite as much today.

Jim, Charles & I had cocktails last evening which Jim made.

Calmed down considerably during the day & quite sunny & nice. But could not open portholes as the occasional wave dashes up.

Hear we get there Tues. eve. the 21st. Hope so.

Had long talk with Bob about Al Rowe [*Alvin Rowe, Shanghai vice consul*] & Foochow & other subjects. Listened to Tommy Thomassen's music on back deck for a while. Am reading the news bulletins daily to an ever increasing clientele.

Sat. July 18

Quite calm this morning. A fine day & we speed along in high.

Finished Grandma Called It Carnal. Story of youth of girl brought up by her grandma in Conn. Old lady pretty straight laced & a barren existence was led as usual.

Cocktails with Scotty, Roy, & Tower in Hose Chihan's room. Wash bowl broken by a Brazilian – a major tragedy as I wash & shave there.

Meals pretty horrible.

Bridge with Pawley, Bruins & Stuart & lost ¥4.

Jim Espy held 4 aces at poker over Grew's 4 queens & won ¥800.

Sun. July 19

Porthole partly opened last night.

Church this A.M. after having finished writing up the 3000 characters. Some typical fire eating preacher who kept repeating God is [?] so your sins will find you out, but God will forgive true repenters. Boring biz.

Bob Ward had cocktail party that lasted to 2 A.M. Scottie gave a speech in denunciation of the circular by Kelk[?] asking for contributions of ¥100-120 from 1st, ¥80-100 from 2nd & 50-70 from 3rd class passengers. He thanked those three who had given 50 sen each & those 2 other promises of ¥1 apiece etc.

Bob out to do big things in this life. Figures he has it pretty well sized up. Hope it doesn't throw him.

Benny [*Benninghoff?*] worried that people think he is pro Japanese & that it will be held against him in the States.

Sighted whales.

Mon. July 20

Spent most of day recovering from last night.

We're notified that remaining yen will be receipted for & will be reimbursed at the Dept. at ¥3.33 1/3 to \$1. What a rate! & what a windfall for those with Yen. I have but ¥80 left. That renders those pearls expensive. Brazil etc. not in on this arrangement.

Tues. July 21

Hear we get in L.M. at 8 pm tomorrow & stay on boat till Thurs at 1 pm & exchanged Friday the 24th.

Quite cool & began rocking again.

Canned goods party in eve & made coffee too.

Got missing char [*characters*] written on ship & wrote those up too. So all done with those in Kihon Kanji now. Now to know them.

Translating news bulletins daily for Makinson.

Sighted a destroyer off north.

Wed. July 22

Land visible when we got up at 7 & slowing down alongside about 10 AM.

Figure we're too far along now to do any turning back.

Took on pilot. He was rowed him out from pilot ship anchored off mouth of bay.

Large ship behind Conte Verde rumored to be the Gripsholm but I figure that has docked.

Could see Polava[?] Hotel standing out on shore as we steamed into fine harbor. Numerous freighters & oil tankers anchored there & first one we came to was an American Tanker which gave us plenty toots & cheers as we passed. Caused lumps in the throats & we cheered plenty too. Great thrill. Saw Gripsholm anchored or rather tied up at dock with DIPLOMAT GRIPSHOLM SVIERIGE in black on the white side & blue & yellow stripes up & down fore & aft & yellow & white crosses too. [*Following 2 sentences inserted later*] Winan[?] remarked look how the Gripsholm is scarred.

Something terrible has happened. That ship looks good to us. J. birds cheer as we pass but we are silent.

Rumors that we don't get ashore blasted by report that J's arrived several days ago & have been ashore freely.

Am. Consul Preston [*Austin R. Preston, consul at Lorenzo Marques*] & helpers came on Asama with mail & plenty from my honey. Boy was it great to hear from her again & to know that she & the kids are still bearing up OK though they do miss me like I miss them.

She & Aunt Bessie [*Warner's aunt, who he lived with most of the time from age 11 on*] sent lots of clippings & I put them on a table in main lounge so all could read & they were greatly enjoyed as we got no papers or magazines in this delivery. So Doolittle did bomb Japan in April & Quezon is still alive & in Wash. And we are very realistic about reporting on the war. Nothing about 1 American being a match for 10 Germans or Japanese but real down to the earth recognition that things weren't too good & we must get in there pitching. We have reverses – prints them. No hysteria & blarney. Great stuff.

Hear that some can get to stay ashore in hotels if they wish & Preston has engaged rooms but it is expensive & will be at our own expense as accommodations are provided on the ships.

I decide against going as do most of others as we hear we can't go ashore today anyway though the Verde people got off their boat at noon & many came to visit us. Saw Mrs. Lockhart, Ed Stanton [*Edwin Stanton, Shanghai consul*], Bob McCann & others & find that they had a fine time on Verde – good cabins & no crowding & all according to rank. Had fair food & good orchestra & up to Singapore had Swimming pool but that closed by Asama captain – a bastard on wheels. They consider our arrangement a dumb political trick on part of Dooman – as it was – a real injustice.

Transfer lists inc. 28 officers & 20 clerks with mostly single men though several married men asked for transfers & apparently don't care about seeing their wives. Roy [*Roy Melbourne*] to Istanbul.

Some promotions with Chas. Cooper, Jim Espy, Fornes included.

Roy shouldn't have been inc. but he is to go to Istanbul. He would be much more valuable in U.S. on shipping as he has specialized in that for 1 ½ yrs. So he wrote dispatch to go to Wash. to see if he can't be got back. I'll see Langsted[?] on his behalf. Also taking pearls to his folks. The Canadian[?] girlfriend has let him down. Not even a line. Tough going.

Thurs. July 23

Notice says our exchange is to begin at 9 AM & up early in cold but with usual J. touch in details the water is late & scarce.

Tipped room steward ¥10 each in addition to the ¥2-3 per week we'd given him all along. Scottie & Tower didn't tip table steward but the rest of us did a very little however as he was pretty surly.

Slip says we can take but 2 pc. baggage each into Grips cabin, but that's pretty late dope as I've packed 4 for the cabin. So I carry 2 & briefcase. Queue forms to get off boat & we get slips for receipt for passports taken up the previous day. The Verde is on other side of Grips & we & J. all change at once in well defined lines & only 1 line used off Asama though others could go off many gangplanks. Take our things to Grips & find all in confusion & not possible to go to cabins before night as cleaning must be done so Johnny & I go up street thinking we may be thrown back at the customs entrance but got through OK. Meet up with Scottie & Burrell & stop in a grocery store to ask way to bank & he offers to exchange \$1 for 20 Escudos so we take it up though we learned we could have got 24 to 1 at the boat. But we'd have had to wait in line & needed cash for telegrams.

To tel. office & sent wire to Rella: - 622 Oak, Laguna Beach, Calif. Appreciated letters. Plans unknown but if leave granted would come Cal. otherwise see you New York feeling Fine. Love.

Felt great to be free & no one trailing us or overhearing our talk. Got paper & it's very pro axis & Egyptian biz going OK but Russians in bad way. Write up on our arrival says we'd been told not to talk as we had – probably caused by Southard biz in Hk. somewhat. But we might harm those left in Japan.

Window shopped & then went to a modernistic bldg for sandwiches & beer. Great big thick meat & cheese sandwiches surely tasted good. Decided not to return to ship for lunch but later heard it was a humdinger Smorgasborg. Sorry we missed it.

Decided to call at Br. Cons. to wire messages to Mrs. Mac Dermott, Mrs. Alex Taylor & Mrs. Roy Pearson c/o Bank of New South Wales, Sydney that their husbands are well & will be coming end of August. Consulate closed till 2:30 then open only for 1 hr. so we walked out to Polava Hotel & back – an hr. each way. Town very neat & modern & air & climate like Calif. at its best. Taxis rushing about. New bldgs & much new bldg. going on. Mainly whites on streets though many Negroes. Good parks.

Back to ship by evening after stopping for beer en route with Scottie, Fred Munson[?], etc. Still no cabins & line forming to get arrangements. Bunch of us went to eat at 7:30. 2 sittings of 6 PM & 7:30 & can eat anywhere now.

Visited with many friends on deck. Dawson [*Owen L. Dawson, Shanghai consul and agricultural attaché*] missing & they think he may have got to U.S. via Java. Sam, Steve, & others left behind at last minute. Damn tough luck. Only civilians from China and those who were in prison. Paul & Minnie Plath aboard. Alice Driper[?] thin as hell & had

bad experience. Hazel Katz on too. Bill Yuni [*William Yuni, Tientsin vice consul*], & Beppo [*Beppo R. Johansen, 3rd secretary at Embassy Peiping*] & Ludden [*Raymond Ludden, Canton vice consul*] & Fred Munson[?] & Butrick [*Richard P. Butrick, counselor at Embassy Peiping and thus its ranking officer since the ambassador was stationed at Chungking*] & Berger [*David Berger, Shanghai consul*] & Horace Smith [*Shanghai consul*] & Hinckey [*Frederick Hinke, Shanghai consul*] & the Caldwells [*John Caldwell, Tientsin consul general*] & Bob McCann & Spielman.

Finally decided to see if something couldn't be done about the long line waiting for room assignments - 1 line. Dooman was apathetic & said he was taking women with small children out of line. Muir the State Dept. rep sent out on ship said he couldn't do a thing but turned Bob Ward & me over to Am. Export lines man Mac who went into a long song & dance about Lisbon, the Drottningholm, 150 J. 5th columnists in Penn. & all over the lot & we tried to pin him down to say that assignments hadn't yet been made & he reluctantly admitted it. He & others in state of confusion. We asked to split up lists & give officers each a batch to do but that couldn't be as the State Dept. list, the Asama list & Verde list had to be compared [?] the agent 1 by 1 and it took several minutes for each case. God what a system. We asked him to have people go to any cabin for the night but that wouldn't do & we saw there was no way out of confusion at this late hour so gave up.

Charlie Cooper got me my cabin no. – 165 on B deck at 11:30 PM & I turned in. My cabin mates consul Brookhart of Shanghai [*Charles E. "Ned" Brookhart, Shanghai consul*] & [? ?] came in at 1:30 & said many were still waiting.

Fri July 24

Located baggage & helped Roy & Tower find theirs in warehouses. See some of my cases are broken open. Must get rope & tie up replacing rice straw rope in N.Y.

Johnny, Tower & I go to Museum in P.M. – well arranged & excellently mounted exhibits of African animals, birds, snakes, fishes, insects, stones, native mfgs & military trophies. Also odd monstrosities of 3 legged & 5 legged calves. Embryos of hippo & elephants, etc. Saw the tsetse fly which is like a housefly on a binge. Effects of elephantiasis. Native work inc. silver filigree, ebony & ivory articles & grass weaving.

On to Polava for some Madeira & walked back to ship via beach road & a fox terrier, Sanbeze[?] adopted us to the customs entrance.

Saw "Babes on Broadway" with Mickey Rooney & _____ [*Judy Garland*]. OK. Reviews of "Blood & Sand" which my honey & I saw in Hollywood a year ago. Poignant memories.

Sat. July 25

More transfers inc. Bruce Rogers & he not so happy about that. Fred Mann [*Frederick Mann, Kobe vice consul*] finally arranged his marriage held at 4 pm at Polava. He must become Catholic etc. – the usual biz. Wonder how that quick match will work.

All transferees to Johannesburg to await orders.

C. J. Eskeline, manager of Standard Oil, Tientsin, assigned as new cabin mate. Dix Edwards [*Jay Dixon Edwards, Harbin Manchuria vice consul*] has wild tale of being shifted down to 600's. Room arrangements not even yet completed. However further inquiries reveal we are not to go below so that is something.

Went on the Hippo trip with 12 others inc. Dave Lamm [*Dave Lamm, vice consul Tokyo*] Tower, Burrell, Maple, Slavens & wife, Beppo, etc. Go by train some 30 km. up along coast. Pretty country but flat here & poorly cultivated. Negro huts & kids dancing in home arena – they've got rhythm. Had lunch at Vila Luisa & then took motor boat out the Incomati river for 15 min. & saw 2 hippos puffing, blinking & wiggling ears as they came to surface after dive of from 5 sec. to 1 min.

Back to Vila Luisa & no train for 2 ½ hrs. so Tower, Burrell (bug man) & Lamm (bird man) & I struck out main road & then off side paths to Negro huts & settlements to see life a bit off the beaten track. Burrell & Lamm were in their elements finding new things & Tower & I tried new fruits & investigated the people's houses etc. Thin, round, windowless huts are made of reed lashed together with grass roofs. Cooking done out of doors & a maize is pounded in a mountain to make a corn pone which they eat. Also eat fruits & hot spicey things like peppers.

Saw cock fighting arena. Clothes are wrap around cloths & batik like designs.

Back to train by 7 PM & all tickets had cost E. 60 (\$2.50).

Window shopping with Beppo in eve & found where to get silver, ebony, ivory etc. Beppo says the China officers were all on their toes & felt things were about to break but Tokyo Embassy (Dooman) poopohed all advice. We beefed plenty over incompetence at top.

Sun. July 26

Worked at handing out ships tickets & Horace Smith got things organized & it went off like clockwork.

I made one suggestion which speeded things up so that people didn't have to wait in line at all & kept all officers busy by distributing work. Few people objected to paying the \$525 or rather signing promissory note for it. But we didn't weed out the foreigners who should not be aboard.

Table arrangements made with Butrick, Bruins, Frazee[?] & Reed in 1st class 2nd sitting – 9, 1:15 & 7:30, the 1st being 8, 12 & 6.

Saw “Design for Scandal” with Rosalind Russell & “Florian”[?] (horse) a double feature.

Mon July 27

All must be aboard by 1 pm & sailing rumored for tonight.

Asama & Verde pulled out yesterday at noon & we as usual are delayed. Cabins still being shifted. The South Americans are most difficult in this biz & insist on the best or they will leave, etc.

Shopped for wine – got 15 liters (3 jugs) for Es. 180 (\$7.50) & will decant & use at table. Also got Madeira & rope & silver & ebony & ivory for my honey & things for the kids.

Wangled a pass to get off in P.M. with Reed who wished to see Museum & do shopping & we also beered at Savoy with the few others off on passes.

Tried to get air passage dope without success.

Back to ship via Station where we got pamphlets by storming the place.

Found 2nd class mail been distributed & got Lifes & Times & Readers Digests Nov – Feb & a couple of Dartmouths & Etudes.

Also a letter from Rella very welcome with dope on expenses. It is certainly costing plenty to live in the U.S. She knows about the allowance biz for her & kids & is spending on that basis too so guess we’ll be broke as usual but money is of no use trying to keep these days. She had expected us to be exchanged soon when she wrote them – in Feb. & other letters are so expecting me to get there quick that I decided to wire & get plane reservations from Rio or Trinidad if possible.

Wired: Sec. State Washington if practicable have wife reserve me airplane passage Rio or Trinidad to Glendale Warner. Asked Roy to take message ashore when he goes. Found Schafer[?] Pan Am man from Hk. & he gave me dope re fares etc. Said Rio to Glendale via B.A. is \$525. Via Trinidad – Miami is \$425 & from Trinidad via Panama & Latin American Capitals is \$230. So I hope I can get something. We get 25% off & also it will not be much more if from Trinidad then it would be by going to N.Y. & then across.

As I can do nothing about reservations or even know if Dept. would approve – from this end I decided to let the Dept. tell Rella to go ahead or not as they decide & she can then get me what is open.

On returning to cabin at midnight I found a slip from tel. office saying my message of July 23 must have my full name on it. Telephoned but couldn’t get it straight so caught

Roy before he left to straighten it out. Helped him out with baggage & saw him off at 1 pm & had him take a revised message to Rella if the 23rd hadn't gone normally: - "Appreciated letters Plans unknown but may fly from Rio or Trinidad to Glendale otherwise see you New York Feeling fine Love.

Tues, July 28

Left wharf at 7 AM & tied up out in harbor & await 2 pm tide. Sailed at 2:45 pm & bar opened & the flies flocked around.

Could make out the group we'd left behind out atop the bluff in front of the Polava Hotel.

We've had beautiful weather all the time we've been in L.M. – crisp cool nights & not too hot days.

Vaccinations for all despite certificates issued even by Dr. on job.

This boat is being called the Gripeshome, a Queue Boat. Plenty of grouching & plenty lines.

Overheard conversation bet. 2 youngsters – brothers of about 12 yrs. "Wha'd you get for cabin mates". Proudly: "I got 3 drunks in my cabin." Other: "Oh, that's nothing. I got a missionary in mine."

Cabin mate C. J. Eskeline is mgr. of Tientsin Standard Oil, 57 yrs. old & a fine fellow. He was imprisoned by J's when war started & kept in solitary in Tientsin for several weeks. Then had undertaker MacNelly thrown in with him. Was questioned re Co. biz and connections with U.S. Govt. Figured to be a spy by J. as they told him Mitsui & Mitsubishi were spy for their gov't. Was cuffed about. Room was about 6 by 6 & he was fed on 1 bowl of rice & pc. of fish & cup of water 3 times a day. Given 1 blanket & plenty cold. No toilet facilities other than hole in floor & place stank. Couldn't get in touch with any rep.

Was moved to Peking jail & rec'd bad treatment & bulldozed & poorly fed. Had McCann & Spielman in with him for a time. Nothing to read, smoke or drink & no exercise. Was kept in state of uncertainty as to his fate. Told his person belonged to the J. gov't now.

Lost 60 lbs. – 210 – 150.

June 8 he was suddenly told he was free & was taken back to Tientsin & M.P. told him he was to be exchanged but he must catch ship or else. Was lectured by chief of gendarmes & told he must not know Japan, etc.

Was taken to Shanghai & waited 3 weeks to get the Conte Verde. Lost all he had in Tientsin. Has gained back 20 lbs & now feels free to talk for 1st time.

Deck chairs assigned - \$6 apiece. Should be no charge & free to anyone to use anytime on basis of occupancy.

Wed., July 29

Money being passed out, limited to \$100 a person & trying to limit to \$50 or less. Personal checks or treasury checks for every amt being accepted as security otherwise just becomes promissory note. Most bring letter.

Had drinks with Esley, Fred Foltz, Lester Jones & other Standard Oil lads.

About 12 Dartmouth men aboard.

Bill Hunt of Shanghai on a rampage. He a swashbuckler.

Helped get lost ticket signing biz cleaned up – with Horace Smith.

Suggested everyone fill out a technical ability sheet showing what they can do re languages & what they know about districts in which they lived in F.E. so their talents and knowledge will be used to best advantage.

Got haircut.

Thurs. July 30 Cold & rougher.

Hear we get to Rio Aug. 9-10 & stay only 24 hrs. & then get to N.Y. Aug 25. Hope so & hope I can fly from Rio. Nothing re Trinidad.

A work committee has been appt. by Grew inc. Stanton, Crocker, Benny, Turner[?], Allison & Beppo. So clerical & other jobs will be done or delegated by them.

Helped on money biz today. Travellers checks not being taken as security. Perhaps no good.

Fri. July 31

Questionnaire to be answered by all non officials on board to find out their language qualifications & residence in various places & locs of property & loyalty to U.S. Had same idea but glad the Dept. sent out form dope. Creswell & Smith-Hutton also sent language dope. I have charge of getting the thing done by Rio. Keeps me humping but a change of work is a good thing.

Wave dashed in dining room this eve & wet half the room – just before dinner. Only 1 passenger there & he thoroughly drenched.

Russian news looks pretty bad.

Sat. Aug 1 – Wintry day

Coughed & drew blood this AM. Wonder what's broken now. Perhaps socked myself in the night.

Worked on questionnaires today & plenty rush[?] so got Jule Goetzmann [*Yokohama vice consul*] to help.

Dance tonight for charity & I went & watched but have no spirit for dancing without my honey. At least the month brings us together again – one month.

Sun. Aug 2

Wrote to my honey today to get the letter off at Rio. Hard to know what to say about plans as there is so little information available.

Helped Tower on Americans in dist. biz.

Saw Mickey Mouse cartoon & “Lydia” with Merle Oberon this PM. Excellent.

Plenty cold & rough today.

Bridge in eve with Mrs. Vile[?], Jim Slavens & Bob Burrell. Plenty cold.

Heard a freighter had been torpedoed last night & some ship saved the crew. Not far from us.

Mon. Aug 3

Still working on forms & the Army lads are working too. They getting dope on language qualifications.

Helped Glen on Formosa questionnaire.

Last night was coldest yet. We've reached furtherest point south & now start to inch north on this great circle route to Rio.

Tues. Aug 4

Working on questionnaires sorting by districts for officers to review & prepared instructions for Muir to give officers then interviewed each & made arrangements to have them start on forms in A.M.

Horace Smith great on the directing biz, but a good lad.

Bob & Bruins helped me today.

Drinks with Hose-chan & he thinks we don't get off at Rio for if all get off & J. didn't then Germans will sink ship bet. Rio & N.Y. Maybe. Therefore I hope to fly to Glendale.

Johnny & I saw movie "Suspicion" but not so hot & walked out.

Wed. Aug 5

All day work on questionnaires distributing to various officers. *[Following list names head officers in each location - I only detail ones I haven't detailed before.]* Lockhart, Shanghai, went right through his & attached no supplemental sheets. Spiker, Hankow, *[Charles Spiker, CG]* very finicky. Hk. lads – Hoffmann & Fornes – did good job on theirs. Butrick, Peking, didn't look at his. Linnell, Yokohama, *[Irving Linnell, CG]* never got started. Meyer is going to give Tsingtaoers hell. Roberts a retiring hard to remember man from Chefoo *[Quincy Roberts, consul]*. Sabe had 1 for Dairen. Dix Edwards not yet down to Harbin. Ural did Mukden promptly. Yearns working on Swatow *[Kenneth Yearns, consul]* Caldwell did lots of talk re Tientsin but finally gave to Fletcher *[Samuel Fletcher, consul]* & Burke *[Gordon Burke, consul]* to work. Hawthorne OK on Taiwan *[Carol Hawthorne, Tsinan vice consul]*. Reed doing F.I.C. Quarton *[Harold Quarton, consul general]* & Emmons on Keijo. John A. did Osaka promptly. Stan doing Tokyo OK. Peck *[Wilys Peck, Bangkok minister]* turned Bangkok over to a pettish[?] Chapman *[J. Holbrook Chapman, 2nd secretary & consul]* who then worked OK. Hall Paxton OK on Nanking.

Army lads really doing good work finding out language qualifications of all on board.

Muir good at avoiding work.

Horse racing, dancing, etc. started to raise funds for U.S.O., etc.

Calmed down somewhat today & growing warmer.

Dance tonight but didn't go. Reread letters from Rella etc. & wrote to Aunt Bessie.

Thurs. Aug 6

Still working on questionnaires.

Bridge in eve with Scottie, Fred Hinke & a Canton chap. Good bridge but lousy luck.

Gave up fines for lateness at table. Too bickerish.

Fri. Aug 7

Questionnaires work continued.

Dartmouth group meeting. Eskeline, Little, Wendell, Biddle, Durgin, Tease, Southwick, Livingston & myself. Will send a wire to Hopkins from Rio.

Finally heard we get off at Rio – reach there Sunday. Get \$12.50 each in milreis & no dollars to be taken ashore. Have to set up signing organization. Nerts.

Good program tonight by talent from the Asama. Norm[?] sang, Priests also (“Go Down, Moses”), Thomassen played popular stuff & Attala Soares excellent on Moonlight Sonata, Beethoven, Chopin, Fire Dance (well rec’d) & variations on Brazil Nat’l Anthem & a . Chilean, Mexican & Cuban did an ensemble. Frazee & Fifer did Nickelodeon. Estes [*Thomas S. Estes, Bankok vice consul*] sang. Place crowded to rafters & well received.

Sat. Aug 8

Just about finished the questionnaire biz but always a few stragglers. Roy Smith worst in Japan – perhaps evading something, & a crackpot in Hk. Berger [*David Berger, Shanghai consul*] worst of consuls working on stuff. Spiker over meticulous & several pretty sloppy. Hoffman of Hk. a good worker. Bob Ward no good at detail.

Cocktails with Reed, Yuni, Yearns & Bee Witerman[?], Am. wife of Br. volunteer caught in Hk. Says many wives still there in Stanley don’t know if husbands are dead or alive – if latter in camp nearby. J. won’t tell. Cruel on both parties.

Suggested we cut out bar & put money into war benefits of some sort. Butrick saw Grew who is considering. Perhaps vested interests will object question of tips raised & Reed, Frazee & I favored about \$20 each for table & room stewards paying half at Rio, but Bruins & Butrick think that too high for the service we get – guess they are right – As 2 waiters take care of 23 people each at 2 sittings & if each rec’d \$20 each that would be \$460 each for table stewards which is pretty high. About \$12 is better.

Bridge in eve with Mrs. Martin & Rogers & Bruins. Won but no money. I lose money fairly often. The score is agin me. Clever these peepuls. Bruins & I set them 2,200 the last hand – 4 down doubled & redoubled vulnerable.

Watched dance & bingo for a while but didn’t participate.

Attala Soares gave me some music for Rella & wants some exchange of modern pieces.

Sun. Aug 9

Finished up general questionnaires biz. Dictated diary biz to Tower as pertains to office things. We’ll drop the fights biz.

He may accept new assignment or will quit as the case may be.

Cocktails with Drum [*Everett F. Drumright, 2nd secretary at Nanking office. Also his daughter's godfather.*]

Movies, repeat of Asama Varieties & talk on Rio today.

Very calm & grand sunset.

Aug. 10. Rio – arr. 11 a.m. Fine day.

Beautiful coming into harbor got up at 6 am to watch. Hills wondrous & new modern section of Copacabana stands out strangely out of place.

Passed beautiful Sugarloaf with cable car going up also various forts old & new. Saw the Queen Eliz getting up steam. Not so much other shipping in port. Various warships. Christ on a mt. (Carcavalo) stands out – dominates everything. Alongside at 11 and off after a mad scramble for landing cards – a mess by Crocker.

Scottie, Tower, Campbell & I were to get a taxi up Carcavalo but Campbell backed out at last moment. Cost Milreis 120 for the trip & back & sightseeing about the city – 3 hrs. for \$6.

Had got \$15 (300 milreis) apiece before leaving ship.

From Carcavalo we could see all the city & surrounding country – grand view & decided we'd not bother going up Sugar Loaf.

Old part of town is quaint – much iron grill work – but outer sections very modern.

Had lunch in a Noite bldg. in town & saw Hose Chihan for a few minutes. He was going to take us out but got off on his baggage.

Sent letters. (Air mail 5 & 10 milreis (25 – 50¢) & 4¢ registering. I sent 7 - to Rella, Cal, Joan [*sister*], Kiefers, GG [*Guy Guernsey, friend*], Aunt Bessie, May Lou [*probably Cousin May mentioned earlier*].

Shopped – could have got alligator bags but styles not so hot & cracks easily.

Got novelty jewelry for my honey – typically Brazilian rough stones – topaz, aquamarine, emerald, etc. – all semi-precious. M80. Got cigarette box – perhaps for Joan & GOP elephant for Aunt Bessie. Ran out of money.

Good shoes available – in Rio too. Average about \$8 a pair. Can also get woolens, linens, cashmere & suede, but I decided not. Also excellent aquamarine & emerald. Aquamarine ring cost \$65 up.

Mail had been brought on ship before landing inc. letters from my honey (July 29) & invitations from Mrs. Caffrey [*Jefferson Caffrey was US ambassador to Rio from 1937-44*] & The Prescott Childs [*2nd secretary and consul at Embassy Rio de Janeiro*]. Decided to telephone my honey & asked Johnny to make arrangements at same time he did for Pat [*Patricia A. Johnson, Johnson's wife and Warner's sister-in-law*].

Saw Johnny next at Caffreys cocktails at 6:30 & he hadn't been able to get the dope on phoning so we tried at the party but all said it was difficult these days especially with one line.

Decided to try at Urca that eve.

Went to Childs from Caffreys. Saw Cabot Coville [*2nd secretary at Embassy Lima*], Elsie Grew Lyon [*Amb. Grew's daughter, married to Cecil Lyon, 2nd secretary at Embassy Santiago who was previously assigned to Embassy Tokyo*], Ivan White [*Ivan B. White, 3rd secretary and vice consul at Embassy Rio de Janeiro*], Bert Stone [*Lt. Martin R. Stone, assistant naval attache at Embassy Tokyo*] & many other old friends. Cabot in Rio on special [?] from Lima. Says John Emerson & wife love Lima [*John Emerson had been a 3rd secretary at Embassy Tokyo but was now a vice consul at Lima*]. Says he got out of P.I. on a sub. Says working on J. stuff with John & there is a pitiful lack of men with knowledge of J. in U.S. Says Dept. wants more men down in S.A. & some of us might be sent down. In Brazil, Sao Paolo is open & a good post – about 1 hr. by air from Rio.

Childs live in swank Ibirá at Copacabana – a grand new section on the beach. They get fine ocean view & sweep of beach. Unbelievable that this could exist in these days.

Tower & I went to the swank Copacabana Hotel for dinner (80 milreis \$4) & good. Then to Urca – cabaret, café, floor show, gambling, [?] dinner party with Magaherns & New Grand internees. Crowded & plenty life – good floor shows at 10 & 12:30. Had Magaherns get manager put in call for my honey but it didn't come through so asked to have it come to the consulate the next morning. M. had several brothers & cousins in the party & T. & I couldn't eat another thing.

Back to town at 2 AM (\$2) with Johnny, Scottie & Tower.

Tues. Aug 11. Fine day.

Sailing now set for 2 pm. rather than 1 am this morning.

Went to consulate & waited all morning for call for my honey & the operator got N.Y. OK, but N.Y. & Cal. tied up so I waited till 1:50 pm & sent a telegram instead. (Milreis 160 or \$8) & M. 33 for canceling tel. call. Damn it all. I did so want to hear her sweet voice. I could love the daylights out of you honey.

Missed lunch but got back to ship to find it goes at 4 pm now. Johnny missed lunch too so I opened a few remaining cans of things – beans, brown bread, sardines & milk.

Prescott Childs busy – mainly on money exchange. They are taking up \$ fast as possible. Childs gets 50 liters gasoline a month which gets him to office two weeks of the month. But taxis are reasonable – about 25¢ a mile. Buses crowded & lines wait for places. But Rio does look civilized & is a great town. Climate perhaps not so good but not so bad either.

Wed. Aug 12

35 yrs. old today & lolled about sunning & reading & trying to get rid of this bad cold before I get back to my honey. Reviewed mentally where I'd been during all the 35 birthdays & found my heart beating fast over recollections of August 1936 with my honey in Karizawa. Find my love for her has grown steadily and can only thank God that I've been favored with such a wife, sweetheart and lover in one, and that we have been blessed with a small pair of kids. Makes things worthwhile in this turmoil of a world of ours. Something worth fighting for to help make peace and order out of this war and confusion.

Several ringers[?] got on the boat at Rio inc. Bert Watts & Dusenbury [*Colonel Ralph W. Dusenbury, military attache at Embassy Madrid*] who used to be in Tokyo as language students. Also several missed the boat completely inc. a couple of bar stewards, 8 Swedish seamen, the Venezuelan minister & wife & perhaps others. Lifeboats are lowered over sides ready for action & we hear the J. birds carried the lifebelts all the time bet. N.Y. & Rio. So we'll be glad to see this last leg finished without mishap. I would have preferred to fly from Rio as I have a feeling we may be in for trouble, but that can't be helped now. Sorry I couldn't get through to my honey but priorities must have done us in the eye.

Anyway in wire I said: - "Thirty days leave. If preferable remain there reserving airplane or train tickets allowing one day New York Love." Had to put her full name and more at end of message & make all into 25 words so several extra words were cut out. Anyway she can decide what is best to do.

Thurs. Aug 13

Lolled about & read & sunned most of the day. Washed out some shirts as the ships laundry is too slow. Saw "Corsican Brothers" with Doug Fairbanks – very good rendition.

Good weather & smooth sailing. Hope we make N.Y. by 23rd as I can then certainly get to Glendale by the 29th even if by train. Really beginning to think of meeting my honey now. What a long wait for the both of us. Pray God that this long a separation may never happen again. It will be more then either of us can stand. It is not alone hard on us both

but on the children too – such an abnormal life without a father. I had too much of it myself.

Drum gave me a Brazilian doll for his goddaughter – Betty. She will be pleased in time.

Fri. Aug 14

Warming up. Sunned & read.

Have been thinking about all the J.'s interned in U.S. & believe there must be many who are loyal to U.S. & wonder if they can't be determined & released & put to work for us. Would have to work out a set of questions the answers to which would give clue to loyalty. Could perhaps get ideas from the "temperament" tests used by Lockheed. Might be worth putting up to the Dept. to see what could be done. I could then work on the West Coast & have the family with me & aid the war effort.

Got acct. letters written also re disallowance of \$59 for shipping effects from Kobe to S.F. on J. steamer last year. Shipped July 16 before dept. authorization of July 23 but understood it was for fiscal yr. & also no Am. shipping so had to send by a J. boat. But of course I could have sent to Shanghai to get Am. vessel.

Suggested Dusenbury see each consular officer who handled stories of people in their districts to get the juicy morsels pointed out to him.

Dartmouth group met again this P.M. – Eskeline, Biddle, Durgin, Tease, Southwick, Le Count, Livingston, Kendall, Little & myself (& Mrs. Durgin). Next week the party is on Kendall, Livingston & me.

Getting over this cold thank goodness.

Sat. Aug 15

Read & sunbathed & wrote report on Formosa in draft. Most of the stuff is covered in my reports from Taiwan during the time I was there.

Sun set at 5 p.m. but we haven't changed clocks since Rio. Rises at 4:30 or so.

Getting tanned a bit.

Sun. Aug 16

Crossed equator at 10:15 a.m. & started heading NW earlier in day. Clocks not changed as it gets dark plenty early.

Started work on damn hard sōsho which may be of importance. Did a gyōsho letter quickly.

Met. Mr. Remer & he is gathering material of interest & value. Can help him on various things.

“Meet John Doe” is today’s movie & should be O.K.

We probably get in N.Y. the 25th so without plane travel it is going to be difficult to get to my honey by the 29th but I’ll make an all out effort. Or maybe she will meet me.

Mon. Aug 17

Reading, working on sōsho, writing accts letters & typing up Formosa report. Bruner [*Glen W. Bruner, vice consul at Taihoku, Taiwan*] is a square head, lacks humor & can’t be considered to be a good officer. Too much “Now, I am a FSO & what would an FSO do in this situation.” In short, he’s short of common sense.

Read “I Escaped from Hk” in Sat. Eve. Post by American fellow who did & created a sensation with his story back in U.S.

Listened to S.A. short wave in eve.

Told R. & Muir about the Kobe raid & urged more on mil. objectives. Apparently higher-ups don’t place value on the raids. Damn. It would be possible to tie up the works in Japan.

Figured out 1941 income tax approx. & comes to about \$150.

Tues. Aug 18

One week from today we land honey & then, oh then!

Sunned & washed things out & did some sōsho.

So Grew has been appt. special advisor to the State Dept. on F.E. affairs. Damn it all. Hasn’t that man i.e. his satellite done damage enough already. The J. couldn’t have made a better choice.

Solomon Island biz going somewhat better, but we must strike at the head of the octopus.

At 5 pm we sighted a craft on the horizon that looked like a sub. Turned away from it to watch & then headed for it. Through glasses it looked like a tanker that had been torpedoed & was still afloat & looked like many men were standing up along its deck. Passed some wooden wreckage – ships rib sticking out of water. Came to the main thing & took a turn around it at close quarters. It was wooden & charred & numerous derricks & steel reinforcement rods sticking up. A kerosene fire was burning on one side – smelled the smoke & flames would pop up. But no life. It was fast growing dark – after 6

& like a bad dream trying to make out what it was. Some thought it was part of a freighter or oil tanker. But the wood ? And small cranes & dock like appearance. I think it may have been a Nazi sub floating dock & machine shop & refueling repair base. The oil still in tanks under water may have kept it afloat. Probably shelled & wrecked days ago.

Wed. Aug 19

Sōsho translation taken away from me with great to dos for Chas having given me the thing to translate. Anyway I determined that it more or less follows the Eng. accompaniment.

Sunned & caught in showers

The younger officers are determined – I hope – to blast any pussy footing ideas the older ones may have. If more bombing of J's is being directed by “higher policy” that should be corrected. We can effectively blast military objectives & tie up transportation & the damage will be greater than any gain in J. morale.

Catching up on reading of Lifes & surprised to find the lack of a conception that we are at war or the will to buckle down.

Drinks with Tower, Scottie, Hawthorne & Bob Ward & Johnnie.

Rained off & one during day as we passed through the Sargasso Sea.

Thurs. Aug 20

Showers off & on all day. Looks like we get there the 25th, no more, no less. Wonder if my honey will meet me. Damn, how I long to see her! to hold her once more and become one again.

Dining room plenty hot now as impossible to open starboard portholes without water splashing in. So most of us eat without coats.

Introduced Bob to Remer & he gave him dope. Bob would like to go back to Chungking & may be able to do so. This is the big opportunity for which he has prepared for 14 yrs. & he wants to be in midst of it. I too want to do all I can but feel I can work[?] best in U.S. on J. things & have Rella & the kids with me. Any further separation would be just too much. We took each other for better or worse and it's not part of life for the family to be separated. But just a few days more now, and then!!!

Bob & I talked about the make up of the world. He feels the whole biz is an experiment which may be repeated elsewhere & may be done in other forms at other times, i.e. that the human being part of it is just one type of what we call life & we're pretty damn puny & a period will come to it all in time. We are now between ice ages & the world may

have existed in diff. forms bet. other ice ages. That is shown by fossil development & findings anyway but apparently man in his present form & number didn't exist here before that we have found. The whole cycle may take millions of years to work out before the sun bursts or cools & we become a moon as far as life goes. When I think that we are but one world in our galaxy & there are millions of galaxies it is simply astounding.

But anyway this is the world we know & the life we know & we have to play the game according to rules or lack of them & the now & the present are the biggest factors in running our lives.

It is all absorbingly interesting and there is no reason for a person to rejoin the elements sooner than the natural process contemplates so living to the full is the thing to do.

For me living to the full means having my wife and children with me and having congenial work.

Fri. Aug 21

To bed early last evening for not much of any reason but to think about my honey & the kids.

Sunned & read & attended Dartmouth group meeting in p.m.

Heard of FOR (Fellowship of Reconciliation) meeting to be held in A.M. They are for letting the J.'s have all they want & throwing ourselves on their "mercy." God, what fools!

Had good talks with Dusenbury, Remer & Moore.

Sat. Aug 22

FOR meeting held on main deck with 4 men & 12 women attending. Young Galt led the meeting & explained tenets. His wife & the Walsers there but I didn't recognize others. They prayed, read Bible excerpts, toasted Flanders Fields. Wished a just peace, couldn't say much about not being able to do anything now we are at war. Pretty innocuous.

Saw "Charley's Aunt" with Jack Benny – excellent, though Chas. Ruggles was better in previous show I think.

Conte Verde talent put on good amateur performance. Must have Rella get Jack & Jill as a novelty number – done as the Eng, Ital, Ger., Fr. & Am. would sing it.

Tony Freeman good on the slide trombone.

Bruins got us Great Western white wine (N.Y. state wine) for dinner. Rather like perfume.

Arguing we must strike the octopus at its head – Japan – bomb industries & transportation.

Office work ended today.

Sunday Aug 23

And this is the week in which my honey & I celebrate! What a lovely thought, that we will be reunited again.

Read & sunned.

Tried to give the war savings bond biz a punch in the arm but Walt Frazee isn't much help on it. Dick Butrick feels he chose a committee wrongly in getting older men with big names when he should have got young men with plenty drive. Dick said he has always had one thing he strove to do – never make the same mistake twice & always profit by mistakes.

Mon. Aug 24

Turned in all old magazines for those coming on next boat to read.

Rained off & one. Smelled N.Y.

Everyone had temperature taken.

Packed for the getaway. May travel west with Tony Freeman. John Bruins also going, but later.

Dick Butrick said he was sorry I wasn't in the China Service & he'd make me an honorary member. I thanked him and said I almost did, but Billy (Bally[?]) switched me to Japan & I figured we needed men to help lick these people, but had plenty to hold the China front.

It hardly seems possible I'll be with my honey before long.

Tues. Aug 25

Up at 3:45 AM to see the lights in N.Y. Harbor in distance. Pretty cold.

In quarantine at 6 and we all had to be on deck though no exam.

Swarms of F.B.I., Army, Navy , & Immigration officials came aboard shortly after we docked in Jersey City at 9 AM.

Letter from my honey tells of plane reservations for L.A. Good going.

Max Hamilton, Geo. Atcheson [*George Atcheson, Jr.*] & Ringwalt [*Arthur R. Ringwalt*] aboard. Met Erhardt [*John Erhardt*], Chief of Personnel & he thought that as a J. language man I'd be going to S.A. Erhardt is a big, gruff, open-hearted fellow & very likeable. I said Nerts to S.A. I want to do something useful – to contribute to the war effort.

Thorough passenger examinations & questioned by F.B.I. Army & Navy & told not to reveal military secrets or mention about bombing of Japan as it might create demand for more of that. PP taken up but I got a receipt to use.

About 1st off boat & got baggage out & got very good customs man. Money examined by F.B.I. & questioned as to where I got it. Customs very helpful & checked all through quickly.

Met by about 50 reporters at gate. Asked all sorts of questions about Japan & took plenty pictures inc. newsreel. Main point I made was that the J. are concentrating on all out war to take our scalps & they are a united nation behind their military leaders. They have to be. Asked if I'd been treated brutally & I said no but know of some officers who had been mainly outside of J. proper as in Hk. Asked about raid & said I couldn't talk about mil. matters. Asked if treatment worse after raid & said it had stiffened for a time. Asked if reporters know of more than one raid & they didn't though I said the J. had expected more.

Taxi to Knickerbocker Hotel from Jersey City. Cal [*Warner's mother*] & Kay [*Kay Kiefer, family friend*] not there but I went on to Joan's [*Warner's sister*] & arr. just as Cal & Kay did. Joan looking grand & certainly has a precocious child 8 months old [*Bernadette Yvonne*] & has hair to her shoulders & can nearly walk. Very bright.

Excellent lunch & plenty talk.

Went to look at new apt. for Joan – they must move to something cheaper than \$250 per month.

Picked up phone at Joan's to see how long it would take to call Rella at Laguna Beach 9675 and had her in less than a minute. Grand talking to my honey again & connection excellent. Arranged to go by plane on 27th after going to see Aunt Bessie [*who lived in Northampton, MA*]. Told Rella to reconfirm United Air Lines Ticket as they didn't know about the reservation in N.Y.

Back to Knickerbocker & gave Cal, Kay & Joan & Bernadette each pearl necklaces. Pat at hotel & Ural too & he has to work on clearing Gripsholm passengers. So Pat joined us

for a show & dinner at Joan's. Went looking up a show I've wanted to see & got seats for Sons of Fun[?] with Olsen & Johnson – successor to Hells A Poppin. Got to Joan's & shortly Ural called to say he was through work so Pat left – just as we were to have dinner. So we gave her her ticket to turn in, otherwise we'd have been stuck with it.

Joan's husband Bernard a very fine sort of Frenchman. Very worried that Americans aren't taking the war seriously and rightly so too.

Bernard not doing so well in brokerage here & plans to go to B.A. this fall to carry on where his family has been located for 125 yrs. But Joan can't go with him, worse luck.

Sons o' Fun was good but not as good as Hells a Poppin. Slapstick & literally roll'em in the aisle stuff.

Blackout in N.Y. was a dim out, what I saw of it. Eclipse of moon when we got out of theatre at midnight – moon red to boot.

Bought a Wed. paper – N.Y. Times tonight & so to bed. Cost \$2.25 for 1 night single at Knickerbocker and very handy hotel.

[Diary ends here]

Anne Warner's Notes

My father abbreviated many words. Also, within a section, once he had spelled out a name, he usually abbreviated it thereafter.

Some Abbreviations:

arr. = arrive or arrange

B.A. = Buenos Aires although occasionally it may stand for British Ambassador

Br. = British

Br. A. = British Ambassador

C.A. = probably Christian Association, maybe Consular Annex

C.G. = Consul General

Ch. or Champ = Champeau or Champoud – Swiss Consul

D.E.I. = Dutch East Indies

dips = diplomats

F.I.C. = French Indochina

G. or Guth = Guthnecht or Gudinak – Swiss Vice Consul

Hk = Hongkong

inc. = including

J. = Japanese

J. T & A. = Japanese Times and Advertiser

ken = kencho = local government office

L.M. = Lorenzo Marques

M = thousand
MM = million
P.I. = Philippine Islands
P.M. = Prime Minister
Prov. = Province[?]
S.A. = South America
Sh. = Shanghai
T. = usually Tower; sometimes Tokyo
V.C. = vice consul
Yoko. = Yokohama

He sometimes left blank spaces, probably meant to fill in later. Sometimes I leave a blank space, sometimes a line _____.

If he didn't know how to spell a proper noun (and sometimes, I think, when he did), he tended to spell it phonetically, and sometimes varied the spelling – i.e. Suarez became Soares, Jose became Hose.

After I identify an individual the first time his or her name appears, I generally don't identify him or her again.

End of interview