

**War Diary #1 of Paul Walstad, M.D.****DETAILED TRAVEL SCHEDULE:**

Landed Harmon Field, Stephanville, Newfoundland at 2245

Local Time [0245 GMT (Greenwich Mean Time)]

Left Newfoundland 2340 (LWT).

Landed at 0855 (EWT) Santa Maria, Azores (1330 GWT)

Took off 1010 from Santa Maria, Azores

Landed at 1550 EWT in Casablanca at 2050 [LCT (*Local*

*Civilian Time*)] or 1950 (Greenwich Time)

June 13- Took off from Casablanca at 0540 (EWT)

1145 (EWT) landed at Tripoli

1235 (EW)- Take off

1745 (EWT) or 0045 LCT land in Cairo, Egypt

1930 (EWT) 0130 LCT take off from Cairo

**June 10, Sunday**

Awoke early this morning to find we were flying above solid bed of clouds and sun just appearing. Ate box lunch and wrote letter to Marge. The flight has been very pleasant.

Flying at about 7000 ft. altitude. No land sighted until Mt. Pico and Santa Maria where we landed at 0855 (EWT). Field on this island being developed by AAF. Ate pork dinner at AAF Restaurant.

Took off at 1010 EWT from island. No land until coast of Africa. Landed at Casablanca 5 hours later. Very warm, muggy evening. Ate meal at airport. Converted U.S. money into francs (50 = \$1.00). Taken in army tank to station consulate. Ten of us in a room. No sheets. Dirty pillows. Attempted to find other place to stay. We are grounded here until a few days have elapsed following our Yellow Fever inoculations. Made contact by phone with Lt. Tannebaum, who came in on earlier flight and is located at Camp Dushane outside the city limits. Rode in darkness to airport and from then to camp where we were put in sections inside large stucco building. 24 in a room. Cots. Have clean sheets, however.

**June 11, Monday**

Went to bed early this A.M. Time is 8 hrs ahead of P.W.T. Awoke late this morning but in time for breakfast, which was very poor. Had fair dinner, then went to Casablanca to Red Cross Officer's club. Had Coke. walked around downtown, which is semi-modern. Filth and misery and beggars everywhere. Went to U.S. PX where we bought fruit juices, candy, etc. Went on Red Cross tour with native guide to old part of town. Narrow winding streets, small houses. Filth. Veiled women. Children with conjunctivitis [pink eye], etc. This late afternoon back at airport terminal to check on flights. Will now be alerted at any moment for a flight. Back at camp for fairly good chicken dinner. Wrote letters and read till late into the night.

**June 12, Tuesday**

Arose late this morning. Had fairly good dinner in our compound at Camp Dushane, located outside of Casablanca. This afternoon into town. Went on tour, riding in carriages. Thru Sultan's gardens, which are magnificent and then walled city where prostitutes are quartered. Very loathsome parts of the city and glad to get out. All the natives from little 4-yr-olds to old men seem to beg. Bought [Moroccan] leather [paper] wallet for 2 packs of cigarettes.



**Paul and Marge with Diana (1946)**

Went over to American Post exchange and purchased items. American Red Cross has Officer's club in Casablanca, which is quite nice. Back to camp for supper, then read much of *The Vigil of a Nation* (story of journalist's travels thru China). Wrote letters.

June 13- Wednesday

Awakened at 7:45 this morning by the porter. To be at airport by 9:30 for east-bound flight. Flight took off from airport in Casablanca at 1040 (0540 EWT). Travelling in C54, 40 passengers. New type, very neat-looking ship, both [m-t?] exteriorly. Travelling over mostly desert. Bomb craters seen from air where fighting had occurred between Axis and Allies. At Tripoli at 1145 (EWT). Had very good meal here. Neatest looking spot we had arrived at yet. Took off at 1235.

June 14 - Thurs

Landed at Cairo, Egypt at 0045 (LCT) so was unable to see sphinx and pyramids from the air. Left Egypt at 0130. Crossed the Holy Land at night to arrive (0800 LCT) in Abadan, Iran at the head of Persian Gulf. The heat is terrific here. Took off 0930 LCT. Passed over Buhrein Island [*Cape Town, South Africa*] where Marge's former nurse roommate is working. Landed at Karachi, India at 1845 LCT, then to Replacement depot where we were given barracks, 8 in a room. Out in desert locality. Heat extreme. At Officer's Club this evening.

June 15- Friday

Awoke in time today to eat breakfast at 0900. Very poor meal. Then completed processing this A.M. Will be assigned to our station in either India, Burma, or China. Rented bike today for 5 rupees, 8 annas weekly. Very convenient mode of transportation. Following several hours of orientation lectures, went swimming. Excellent swimming pool here. This evening biked around area. Then wrote long letter to Marge. Natives do the work here, getting about 60 rupees monthly. These are arid wastes. The buildings were constructed for the British 8<sup>th</sup> Army. When sleeping use mosquito nets. Tropical diseases—malaria, cholera, sandfly fever, dengue fever, dysentery, yellow fever—are here.

16 June Saturday

No news yet of our assignment. Went swimming again this afternoon. Then went to Karachi after receiving per diem pay \$48.50. Sent \$50.00 to Marge. At Karachi had real dinner at Officer's Club: T-bone steak, French fries, ice cream (Pie a la mode), coffee. Cost of steak 2 rupees. Took ride in "taxi" today through zoo and along street. Taxis are horse-drawn carriages. Cost is about 1 rupee an hour. Took ride also down to west wharf but not able to obtain admittance. Along the streets are lined open shops with merchants bargaining with customers. Camels seen pulling carts. Sacred cows wandering down streets and sidewalks. Beggars on streets, chanting women, unkempt children. Trolley cars and buses present. Arrived back in camp via bus. Wrote letters till 2:00 A.M. Sunday. Discovered bike missing. Will look for it in the morning.

17 June Sunday

Out this morning looking for cycle. Found it at one of the barracks. Attended Protestant services at 181<sup>th</sup> General Hospital Chapel. Chaplain Allen is the port chaplain, but a chaplain from another post spoke. [] army morals. Warned Christians not to compromise with the world but to strive to please Christ. Had fried chicken for dinner. Wrote letter to Marge and several others. Went swimming late this afternoon with Ed Steinhardt. This evening attended Chapel service. Cpt. Kuczmani arrived from Casablanca. I retired about midnight.

18 June Monday

This morning slept till about noon. No alert list posted yet. This afternoon went to Karachi with Lt. Steinhardt. Roamed through the shopping districts looking for presents to give to our wives. Found silver jewelry in one shop of rose-patterned design which consists of ear rings, bracelet, necklace for 40 rupees. After wandering around some more went to Officer's club and had steak dinner. Went back early by truck. Polish refugees riding in truck but going to camp outside of Karachi. Saw part of movie, "Together Again" with Charles Boyer and Irene Dunn. Wrote letters this evening.

19 June Tuesday

Read medical literature most of the morning. This afternoon went swimming at the pool. Tonight saw remainder of movie, "Together Again." No mail has come through, as yet. Will not get any now until our permanent A.P.O. is assigned to us.

June 20- Wednesday

Training program began this morning. Security lecture, then lecture on military courtesy and some calisthenics. This afternoon at swimming pool and having long siesta. This evening saw "The Thin Man Returns." Wrote letters.

June 21- Thursday

Training program this A.M. Lecture on the Japanese soldier. This afternoon over at 181<sup>th</sup> General Hospital medical library. Then, to "soda fountain" where had fruit sundae costing 1 rupee, 8 annas. Went swimming this evening with Edward Steinhardt, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. M.C. Wrote letters this evening. Reading *Yankee from Olympus*.

June 22- Friday

This morning on short hike as part of the training program. Over at 181<sup>th</sup> General Hospital medical library this afternoon with Lt. Steinhardt spending time reading. Visited Lt. Kochman in wards who has been having short bout of diarrhea. Writing and reading this evening.

June 23- Saturday

Training program stopped. At 118<sup>th</sup> G.H. med. library reading military surgery, abdominal wounds. Received notice that will be leaving soon. Cleared post today. This evening wrote letters.

June 24- Sunday

Weighed in this morning, and received orders. **Assigned to 96<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion at Myitkyina, Burma** at termination of railroad from Rangoon. All the fellows I'm with have various assignments. Whatever the nature of this assignment, I'll trust God to lead me. At hospital chapel 1100 services with Chaplain Allen speaking on the danger of drifting using that [] in Hebrews- []. Let us give the more earnest heed to\_\_\_\_. This afternoon reading and writing letters. This evening had long talk with Capt. Denys, who has been in this theatre for 30 months, and who is now homeward bound on rotation. Was with Merrill's Marauders and with Colonel Seagraves, author of *Burma Surgeon* who at present is here also awaiting a west-bound flight. Capt. Denys gave me information on the area I'm going to.

[*Merrill's Marauders, an American group who won back Northern Burma, Burma Road and Myitkina in fierce fighting against the Japanese.*]

June 25- Monday

Awakened at 0630 this morning to prepare for a flight. Lt. Col. G.H. Autry, Cpt James Liebman, Lt. Purcell, Lt. Tannenbaum and myself on same flight to Dum Dum, Calcutta. Took off in C-46, which has double seats on 1 side of aisle and single on the other, and is two-motored, similar to commercial airliner. Seats 14 passengers. Took off 0835. Arrived in New Delhi at 1300. Air like blast from furnace. Many new buildings at New Delhi. Looks quite modern. Ate at Officer's Club. Entrance-ways matted with grass to reduce heat. Take off at 1400 for Calcutta. In Calcutta at Dum Dum at 1900. Billeted at air base there. Raining on arrival, monsoon season. Capt. Liebman, Lt Col. Autry and myself billeted here. Other officers stationed at Calcutta. Capt. Liebman and I slept in same room in mosquito-netting covered cots.

June 26- Tuesday

This morning ate at the Transient Officer's Mess. At 930 to Calcutta in army truck with Col. Autry and Cpt. Liebman to Hindustani building. Red Cross tour to Janis Temple. Beautiful architecture. Took shoes off to see interior, which is brilliantly designed.

At one of burning ghats on Ganges. Woman (about 25) on mat who had died, possibly of puerperal sepsis. Soles of feet painted red to indicate had died before her husband. Wrapped in white sheet. Flowers at head. Spectators thronged around. Placed on pile of wood. Then body covered over with wood. Priest chanted. Walked around body 7 times with burning bundle of weeds and then started wood burning. Other bodies being burned at same time. One a 75 year old woman. Bodies burned and ashes thrown in Ganges. Then relatives bathe in river. No emotion apparent in husband. Steps lead from ghat to river. Hundreds of people bathing in its muddy water and some drinking it. Back at Hindustani building. Made foot tour stopping at shops. At

[Fupo's] restaurant to eat. Very poor meal. This afternoon to Army Postal Directory but no mail as yet from States. Back to Hindustani Building. Read. Wrote. Ate in Officer's mess and then returned back to quarters in Army truck. Notified this evening that will be leaving in the morning.

June 27- Wednesday

Awoke this morning sometime after 7. Ate at Transient Mess, then to airport at Dum Dum where weighed in again and took off at 1015 in C-47. Landed at Tezgaon (India) at 1200. Take off at 1300. Landed at Shamshernager at 1400. Detained here because of poor weather. Raining heavily. Slept in Bashers hut this night. Quite cozy.

*[Shamshernager, India: Air Base opened late in 1944 on southern "Hump" route to China via Burma ]*

June 28- Thursday

Ate this A.M. in mess and then waited for ride. Take-off at 1405. Landed at Myitkyina, Burma at 1715. Said goodbye to Col. Autry and Cpt. Liebman, who will go to 48<sup>th</sup> Evac. and 18<sup>th</sup> Gen. [resp]. Discovered that 96<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion (Bn.) had evacuated. Co. C at Bhamo and rest of Bn. in Kunming. Will need "Hump" priority. To report in A.M. This evening, slept in Transient Area. Met Lt. Coffey who is with 96<sup>th</sup> Signal Bn. *[Myitkyina, a key city in northern Burma, had an air base.]*

June 29- Friday

This A.M. awaiting results. Met Curtis Swanson, who is at air base as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Haven't seen for years. Left Myitkyina for Bhamo to join Co. C of 96<sup>th</sup> Signal Bn. Take-off at 1635 in bucket-seat C-47. Landed at Bhamo at 1730. Taken in jeep to Co. C area. Met Lt. Mandel in charge of Co. C. Quartered in tent with him in jungle area. Few natives since most are in hills for fear of Japs. Movie tonight—"The Conspirators." Lt. Mandel has salvaged a Jap refrigerator so can have chilled drinks.

June 30- Saturday

This A.M. received plague shot- 1/2 cc of attenuated *P. pestis*. Plague in natives in this area. Raining some. Humidity high. Read and wrote letters today. This evening attended movie "The [Tria] flows at Midnight" in bomb crater.

July 1- Sunday

Attended chapel services in abandoned stone-built Baptist mission. Communion service was conducted by Chaplain Hudson. This afternoon played some ping-pong and wrote letters. This evening attended services with Lt. Mengel. Visiting Chaplain spoke on the divisions among Protestant groups.

July 2- Monday

Reading and writing letters today. **Submitted list of medical supplies needed for the convoy to China which will start about 12 July.** This evening attended concert in bomb crater given by U.S.O. tour. Went for long ride with Lt. Mengel along the Ledo Road (Stilwell). Crossed the Irrawaddy River on suspension bridge built by army engineers.

July 3- Tuesday

In jeep with Lt. Mengel to ordnance several miles from camp. This evening attended showing, "Pillow to Pond." *[Ordnance is place where weapons are stored.]*

July 4- Wednesday

Today, one month ago said good-bye to Marjorie at Columbia Railroad. Received Coke rations for month (2). This afternoon with Lt. Keller (George) taking pictures with 35 mm camera. Visited Buddhist temple, Mohammedan mosques which are now abandoned. Pictures of Japanese pill box, [suspension bridge over Irrawaddy River], etc. This evening attended Bible Study class conducted by Chaplain Howard. (Galileo? 6 was the chapter.) Wrote daily letter to Marge this evening.

July 5- Thursday

This morning repaired old wicker chair. This afternoon turned in requisition for medical supplies for convoy. Then saw one of enlisted men with persistent headache and 99+ fever. To 44<sup>th</sup> Evac. Hospital for malaria smear. Reports of band of wild elephants not far from here entering native village and being driven out by beating of drums and kettles.

July 6- Friday

Sick call this morning. Weather warm. Attended movie this evening.

July 7- Saturday

At Medical Supply Depot to check on supplies. Attended movie this evening.

July 8- Sunday

At Col. Peterson's NCAC office to get requisition for medical officer's field kit. Attended services this morning conducted by Chaplain Hudson. This evening attended Chapel services.

July 9- Monday

Pick-up of medical supplies today following sick call. Wrote letters this evening. No mail as yet.

July 10- Tuesday

At dispensary this A.M. Many abscesses and furuncles to incise. Assorting medical supplies this afternoon for the China convoy. This evening attended showing of movie in bomb crater. Wrote regular letter to Marge.

July 11- Wednesday

This morning in dispensary, then to Medical Supply to pick up narcotics. Checking with medical aid man his available medical supplies. This afternoon packing personal belongings.

July 12- Thursday

Awakened at 5 A.M. Convoy left at 7:40 for China. Slow moving at times, averaged only 1-2 miles an hour. Made 98 miles to transient camp on other side of Namhkam. Road hugs side of mountains following their contour. [*Namhkam is in Burma just across border from Hunan province of China.*]

July 13- Friday

Entered China today on the Burma Road. Great amount of heavy pulling up steep mountain sides. The scenery is very beautiful. The natives are eager beggars. Many have goiters. This evening camped in sea of mud after about 100 miles of travel. Eating K-rations at noon. [*Many Chinese had severe vitamin deficiencies.*]

July 14- Saturday

Up early this morning before daylight. Very dusty travelling at times. Camped near Paoshan this evening in broad valley. Had one fellow sent to 21<sup>st</sup> Field Hospital for possible gonorrhoea. First-aid treatment to several fellows this evening. Will stay here Sunday for repair of trucks. [*Elevation of Paoshan (now Baoshan) is 5,502 ft.*]

July 15- Sunday

At 21<sup>st</sup> Field Hospital this A.M. to check on fellow with gonorrhoea. This evening at Chapel Service at motor transport area. Emergency treatment to fellow with possible angina pectoris [*Chest pain, usually due to coronary artery disease.*] Awakened late tonight to treat fellow with blow struck on the head.

July 16- Monday

Left Paoshan about 8 A.M. after being at 21<sup>st</sup> Field Hospital to check on medical supplies. Climbing all day, higher and higher. Obtained eggs today for 100 yuan each (5 cents apiece) from natives. Fried the eggs at noon stop. K-rations very inedible, so attempted to supplement diet. Made 86 miles today. At transient camp this evening on hillside. Showers here, so good opportunity to get clean after a very dusty day.

July 17- Tuesday

Convoy left camp at 0700. Not nearly so much climbing today. Sepulchres seen in hillside along the way. Women with feet bound in childhood common. Appear to be walking on amputated stumps. Women do much of work in rice paddies and carry heavy bundles of wood on back. Obtained eggs again today. Made 135 miles today. Camped near Yunnani Air Base in tents. Chinese employed in mess here. Very unsanitary. Sick call tonight—colds, [u.k.?], skin diseases. Sutured laceration of palm tonight under very unsanitary conditions. Retired late this evening. Weather in China has been mild, rainy. Cold at night, so need wool blankets. [*The Chinese practice of binding girl's feet so that they could fit into 3-4 inch "lotus shoes" is believed to have started in the 10<sup>th</sup> century by a court dancer named Yao Niang. Emperor Li Yu was so entranced by Yao's dancing in her bound feet that the foot-binding practice spread. A woman with bound feet walked unsteadily with small dainty steps and a sway that men apparently found charming and/or erotic. Over the centuries, foot-binding became a status symbol and a prerequisite for marriage. By the 19<sup>th</sup> century, almost all upper-class*

*Chinese women had bound feet. It is surprising that this practice, which was so physically disabling, spread to the peasant class. One anthropologist [ ] suggests that foot-binding kept young girls indoors working productively—spinning yarn, processing tea, etc. What better way to get a healthy 6 year old to sit for hours than to break her feet? Bound feet also suggested obedience and restraint in a future wife. Girls with normal feet would have to work in the fields and take their chances finding husbands.] [Montlake, Simon]*

July 18- Wednesday

Stayed in bed till late this morning. Ate corn on cob at noon. Rained heavily this afternoon. This evening with other officers to Chinese restaurant. Had Swiss steak, fried eggs, potatoes, and coffee for about \$1.00. Table linens very dirty. Food quite good. Raining again this evening.

July 19- Thursday

Left Yunnani today at 0700 from a muddy field. Tended to sick duties before leaving. Eggs purchased by natives were fried over our gas heater at noon stop. Riding rough. Aching back as a result. In at transient area early today.

July 20- Friday

Today covered 135 miles. Passed through Kunming<sup>1</sup> to 96<sup>th</sup> Bn. Headquarters on other side of town about ten miles. Introduced to Capt. Shapiro M.C. and the dental officer. With them for showers this evening to hostel #3. Slept alone in tent tonight. All along the road, natives begged for personal articles and food. Discarded much of K-rations which they eagerly took.

July 21- Saturday

One of Company C Sgt. accidentally shot by comrade cleaning rifle. Head wound with bullet penetrating skull. Cs/Sgt Tusi died instantly. Was from Imperial Valley, Calif. Reported in to headquarters and took care of personal details. 40 letters. 20 from Marge arrived today. Happiest day since overseas. Letters also from home and friends. Read and reread for hours. Wrote 22 page letter to Marge.

July 22- Sunday

Took charge of sick call. Capt. Shapiro to [95<sup>th</sup> Signal Headquarters] for observation. Attended open-air chapel services. Sermon on distinguishing true Christianity from the false. This noon received 3 letters. Two from Marge. What a blessing to be able to have mail! This afternoon, moved into tent with dental officer. Wrote letters.

July 23- Monday

Sick call today. Usual upper respiratory infections, skin disease, eye infections, G.I. upsets. Spent great amount of time today writing letters. This late evening had coffee and doughnuts in the dispensary tent. Very cold and rainy today.

July 24- Tuesday

Sick call this morning. Nothing unusual. Read periodicals. Gave lecture on sex hygiene to Co. C. Received two letters from Marge. Only 11 days was required for them to arrive here.

July 25- Wednesday

Sick call this morning. Read a great deal today.

July 26- Thursday

Awakened at 0230 to treat Chinese soldiers, severely wounded. Gave shock treatment and then sent to hospital in Kunming. After breakfast saw another Chinese soldier in compound. Treated him. This afternoon with driver to Kunming. Visited with Rev. [Counradt?] (Church of Christ in China). At St Paul Orphanage to see silks—as possible gift for Marge. To Chinese restaurant for T-bone steaks. This evening read and wrote letters.

July 27- Friday

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<sup>1</sup> Kunming had the main U.S. Army hospital—the 95<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital and the Advance Medical Depot #3, started in 1943 [Condon-rail, p 243].

Today on tour of kitchens with Sgt. Goforth. Showered at hostel #3. Prepared lists of possible names for boys and girls to send to Marge. Wrote letter to Dr. Clothier. Weather has been cold, at times. However, ideal compared to some areas in CBI. Part of 96<sup>th</sup> Signal Bn. (Platoon of Co C) moved out.

July 28- Saturday

Routine sick call this A.M. Wrote letters. No mail now since Tues. Weather very cool. Spent much of the day drawing sketches of Marge using her photographs. Mailed them along with the letter this evening.

July 29- Sunday

Sick call. Open-air chapel services by Chaplain Langley of 95<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital. This afternoon attended G.I. rodeo with Cpts. Shapiro and Eberski. Wrote letters home this evening.

July 30- Monday

Had teeth checked today—4 caries. Rained a great deal today. Cpt. Eberski and I fixed up tent to accommodate Cpt. Shapiro who's being discharged from hospital. This evening wrote letters. Completing medical requisitions today.

July 31- Tuesday

August 1- Wednesday

Sick call—routine as usual. This afternoon with Cpts Shapiro and Eberski and Sgt. Goforth to Kunming. Shopped but saw no real values. Articles obtainable for 10 cents in States as high as 50 cents. Parts of town quite modern with lights, filtration plant, etc. Many of our units are now out on way to Luzhou [Luchow]. Expect to leave in about ten days. [*Luzhou is about 400 miles north of Kunming in the Sichuan (or Szechwan) province of China.* ]

August 2- Thursday

Usual sick call. Wrote letters this morning to fellows who came together with me from N.Y.C. and Fort Benning. This afternoon at Kunming to St. Paul Orphanage. Bought some silk handkerchiefs. This evening attended showing of "Twice Blessed." Chinese had horse show here today. Took laundry this evening to Chinese village

August 3- Friday

Sick call today. Read medical literature. This afternoon to hostel for showers. Received monthly PX rations today. Over to Chinese village to pick up laundry.

August 4- Saturday

Cholera vaccine— 1 cc "booster" doses for protection against cholera epidemic in Kunming. Raining hard all day without any stop. Very cold. This evening read, worked on prescription of liniment. Wrote letters. Sent silk handkerchiefs home to Mother and Ruth that I obtained in the orphanage. Had lunch tonight. Egg sandwiches and pie with coffee.

August 5- Sunday

Sick call. This afternoon went with Sgt. to orphanage. Bought white satin scarf with blue dragons in it for Marge and silk handkerchiefs for Lindell [*Marge's step-mother*]. Arranged for kimono with pink with blue dragons to be made. Preparing this evening for 700 mile trip forward to inoculate units of Bn. Sent negatives, scarf, and handkerchief to Marge today.

August 6- Monday

Started at 9 A.M. in jeep with Sgt. Goforth [Ford] and Cpt. Ford eastward. Beautiful rolling hills and mountains. Stopped at [Yanksing] Yang-Lin (29.2 miles north) for lunch. 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force Base. Lovely spot in mountains among pines. Passed through Kutsing [Hutsing] (96.7 miles from Kunming). Stopped at Chanyi for the night. Began reading Plato's *Republic*. [*Chanyi (now Zhanyi airport) was a U.S. air base for 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force. It is in the eastern most part of Yunnan province 104.6 miles from Kunming.*]

August 7- Tuesday

In camp all morning for replacement of gas tank. Several units of ours were seen today. Practiced firing carbine. Reports of some G.I.s killed along road by bandits at Panxian [Panshien] this evening. Movie-



"Louisiana Hayride." [*Panxian is a city in the province of Guizhou just across the eastern border of Yunnan 191 convoy miles from Kunming. At about 244 miles, long descent and then the climb of the 21 curves near Annan. At 253 miles, the town of Annan. This is on the Stilwell road going to Kweiyang or Guiyang, which is 406.1 convoy miles from Kunming.*]

August 8- Wednesday

Left Panxian at 0800 for Annan. Raining most of the day. Climbed the "21 steps" ["24 steps"] up the side of a mountain. Arrived at camp (*probably in Annan, where there was an S.O.S. transport camp*) early in afternoon. Stayed in tent with Lt. Roasel. Long distance to Kunming. Will send enlisted man up ahead to complete "shots" as want to meet Bn. before they move out. Baby bear cub chained to tree by our tent. Many trucks in ditch.

August 9- Thursday

**Raining when turned back to Kunming this morning.** News by radio. Russia declared war on Japan. New bomb being used by U.S. contains uranium- devastating effect. Into Panxian this afternoon. Dinner there with English Company. Met Lt. Rasmussen. Sleeping in board wall/tent. Sgt. Goforth and I now driving alone as dropped off Ford at Annan. [*Aug 6, U.S. bombs Hiroshima; Aug 7, U.S. bombs Nagasaki; and on Aug 8, Russia declares war on Japan and invades Manchuria on Aug 9; Japan surrenders Aug 15.*]

August 10- Friday

Left Panxian at 0730 for Kunming. Raining much of the way. Stopped at Panshan where met Lt. Steinhardt, now with Chinese liaison group. Arrived at camp late this evening. Large amount of mail from Marge, home, etc. Radio reports that war with Japan over. [*Panshan was, according to one G.I. account, a truck convoy stop. No record of it being a town along Burma Road. And not on my convoy map.*]

August 11- Saturday

War not definitely over as previously announced. Negotiations in progress. Trouble with Chinese elements around here. In town this afternoon armed.

August 12- Sunday

Letter to Marge. If a boy- "David" or "Paul;" if girl- "Louise" or "Marjorie." [*Naming of Paul's child.*] Skipped breakfast this morning. Raining heavily. Chaplain from 972<sup>nd</sup> General Hospital spoke on being Christian leaders on return to U.S. Laid down walk between dispensary and our tent. Went riding to Kunming to see if any trouble. Seemed quiet. Shower at Hostel #3 on way back. Letter from Marge today. Fellow treated with fractured scapula.

August 13- Monday

Sick call. Heavier as 988 Signal Bn. here. War with Japan still continues. Rainy. Cholera shots being given to 988. Went with Sgt. Goforth to Medical Supply. Wrote letters this evening. Outdoor lights installed.

August 14- Tuesday

Rain continues. Cholera shots given. Fixed up medical kit. To shower this afternoon. Japs have not surrendered yet.

August 15- Wednesday

Received news at 0700 (China time) of Jap's acceptance of Potsdam's agreement by Allies. Usual sick call. Out practicing in hills with carbine. Wrote letters this evening.

August 16- Thursday

Reports are filtering in that must leave China within thirty days. Tonight awoke with rat in bed which had gone through mosquito netting.

August 17- Friday

Usual day. Sick call. Writing letters. This afternoon removed thrombri from external hemorrhoid and probed pilonidal cyst [*abscess in the "butt crack," usually due to an ingrown hair that gets infected.*]

August 18- Saturday

With Cpt. Shapiro on errands this A.M. Received news today of being transferred to 988<sup>th</sup> Signal Bn. Have had no M.D. since activation. Wrote letters till late tonight. Raining as usual.

August 19- Sunday



This afternoon to Kunming with Chinese-American soldier. To orphanage to get kimono for Marge. Pink with blue dragons made of satin. Beautiful. To get slippers to match.

August 20- Monday

Took sick call at 988<sup>th</sup> dispensary and then spent rest of day improving it and moving with 988 [Evac]. Major Ayhurst C. Co. Raining heavily this evening. Wrote letter to Marge.

August 21- Tuesday

Raining heavily. Improving still on dispensary. Sick call.

August 22- Wednesday

Sick call this A.M. This afternoon to St. Paul Orphanage at Kunming. Kimono of satin pink with blue dragons and slippers to match- \$50 + \$6. Beautiful. Picked gifts this evening for Marge. Tonight wrote letters.

August 23- Thursday

Sick call. Raining. Sent package to Marge for Christmas. No mail since Sunday.

August 24- Friday

Usual sick call. Raining. Worked on dispensary all day. Read and wrote letters tonight. Saw movie, "The Great Sleep." [Paul probably saw the 1945 version of "The Big Sleep" that was shown to the troops. (They saw the films before the public.) Later for the main 1946 version, Warner Brothers added more of the popular saucy interchanged between Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart.]

August 25- Saturday

Sick call. Worked on dispensary. Rain. Shower at Hostel #3.

August 26- Sunday

Chapel service 0830. Wrote letters. Rain.

August 27- Monday

Painted dispensary today. This afternoon played volley ball. Mail first time since 19 August. Requested promotions for enlisted men (medics).

August 28- Tuesday

Sick call heavy. Malaria case- emergency. Lunch at midnight in dispensary. Movie- "Our hearts. U.S. troops landed in Japan tonight.

August 29- Wednesday

Received three wonderful letters from Marge today. No rain. Bricked floor in tent then bricked wall around dispensary. Wrote letters this evening. Had refreshments. To Hostel #3 for showers. Roads in terrible shape.

August 30- Thursday

Physical exam for Bn. Fixed furniture for tent. Wrote letters. No rain.

August 31- Friday

Several minor surgery cases this afternoon. Nap late this afternoon, as very tired. Wrote letters and read books till late tonight.

September 1- Saturday

Usual sick call. Had one fellow in medical detention transferred, because of suspicion by other fellows of stealing articles in Medic's tent. This afternoon to Kunming with Medics. Visited shops and orphanage. Bought shoes for our expectant baby. Ate good supper at Red Cross, then to Hostel #3 for shower.

September 2- Sunday

At This afternoon went on Red Cross tour with Lowry Pfc. to West Mountain. Visited temples to deities there. Ate supper at Red Cross. Roads almost impassable. Bought some articles in town. Part of unit left for Nanking by air—advance party. [West Mountain or (Shih Shan) guards the approaches to ICD's largest base in China. It's about 15 miles from Kunming. It has 3 Buddhist temples (one is the Haoting) and has the best view of Kunming area and Lake Dianchi.]

September 3- Monday

This afternoon played soft ball with the officer's on our own diamond. Lost game to enlisted men. Rains have stopped temporarily so diamond in good order. This evening played volley ball. Up late tonight writing letters.

September 4- Tuesday

Raining a great part of the day. This afternoon did dorsal slit for paraphimosis [*problem with foreskin of penis that may result in gangrene*] and extraction of toe nail. Up till 2 A.M. writing letters and reading. Three months since said goodbye to Marge in Columbia.

September 5- Wednesday

Sick call heavy this morning. This afternoon, removal of anal [tag]. Played soft ball for hour or so. This evening read and wrote letters.

September 6- Thursday

Two cases of possible malaria today- temps of 101 and 102+. One sent to hospital. Roads in poor driving condition. Received surplus medical supplies from 96<sup>th</sup> Signal Bn. Will be leaving by air for Karachi soon. Over to village to get laundry this afternoon. No mail from Marge for almost a week now. No rain today. This late evening had lunch in dispensary.

September 7- Friday

Sick call at 08:00. Wound healing on dorsal incision done four days ago, so took patient to the hospital. From there to Kunming. Toured part of the town on foot with Lowry. Saw Pagodas about 29 stories high and canal running through town. Boats on it were drawn in some cases by coolies on the shore connected by ropes to the boats. News that fellow in 96<sup>th</sup> had suddenly collapsed this evening.

September 8- Saturday

This morning sick call. Chlorinated water for showers. This afternoon to Kunming. Read in Red Cross and ate supper there. Two letters from Marge of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of Aug. arrived today. Met several fellows who were taken to Jap camps after the fall of Corregidor. This evening stayed up till 2 A.M. reading and writing letters.

September 9- Sunday

Sick call. Received combat star (5 points) for being in combat territory in Burma. Received 2 letters- 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of August from Marge. This evening Lowry and I attended Chapel Service.

September 10- Monday

Sick call this morning. Then court martial till late in the afternoon. Member of board. Two fellows charged with illegal possession of army pistol before board. One convicted; the other exonerated.

September 11- Tuesday

Checking shower waters to see if properly chlorinated. Submitted names of some of enlisted men medics for promotion.

September 12- Wednesday

This afternoon the officers played volley ball with the enlisted men and were defeated. Stayed up till 2 A.M. writing letters. Very good lunch this evening.

September 13- Thursday

This morning had usual sick call. This afternoon with Lowry to Kunming. Spent a great amount of time visiting the shops. Ate supper at the Red Cross. Many letters received today including two wonderful ones from Marge.

September 14- Friday

Sent 4 silk handkerchiefs to Marge that I had purchased in the Red Cross Building. Spent a great deal of time reading *Psychology in Living* by Wendell White. Stayed up till 2 A.M. writing letters and reading.

September 15- Saturday

Sick call this morning. Removed a sebaceous cyst. This afternoon with Sgt. Lowry to Kunming. Wandered through the streets looking at articles in shops. Bought silver ring with ruby-like stone. Ate at Red Cross tonight.

September 16- Sunday

Small sick call. This evening attended Chapel Services.

September 17- Monday

Heavy sick call this A.M. This afternoon played soft ball with other 988<sup>th</sup> officers against 96<sup>th</sup> officers. Lost 4-7. Two grand letters from Marge. Treated malaria case tonight. T-101.

September 18- Tuesday

Usual sick call today. Played ball with enlisted men today at 1<sup>st</sup> base. Also, played 96<sup>th</sup> officers. Treated Chinese with leg ulcers today.

September 19- Wednesday

Several malaria cases this morning. This afternoon played short center with 988<sup>th</sup> officers against enlisted men. Won. This evening to Red Cross for supper. Talked to Dutch Consul. Received British short-wave radio from fellow from 96<sup>th</sup>.

September 20- Thursday

Heavy sick call today. Fellow injured in baseball. Malaria cases—complaints of backache, diarrhea, etc. Very bizarre symptoms. Several venereal cases. Played some practice football. This afternoon sutured cut finger. Rearranged part of dispensary this evening. Up till past 2 A.M.

September 21- Friday

Sick call this morning. This afternoon injected an anxiety neurosis case RC with 4% Sodium Pentothal until semi-conscious state was reached, then tried to uncover events in his subconscious mind. This evening wrote letters till very late. Had no opportunity to play games today. Re-sutured a badly injured hand of a Chinese who had neglected to come in to have original sutures removed.

September 22- Saturday

Sick call today. This afternoon gave RC another shot of Sodium Pentothal. Seems to be improving. Few complaints. Received two letters through 96<sup>th</sup> from Marge today. Treated Chinese with gasoline burns.

September 23- Sunday

This morning sick call. Raining. Obtained well-preserved skull in field from abandoned coffin box on ground with skeletal remains. This afternoon to Red Cross for good supper, and then, this evening came back early to write letters.

September 24- Monday

Last year at this time with Marge to dinner and movie "Woodrow Wilson." This afternoon saw fellow with psychopathic personality with paranoid trends. Had beaten a Chinese boy while on guard duty. With other fellows this afternoon to visit Chinese graves and to pose on water buffaloes for pictures. Received a new Brownie camera free from another officer. Had films of scenes taken today developed this evening. Wrote a long letter to Marge- 18 long pages. Received 4 grand letters from her today. Wrote till 2 A.M.

September 25- Tuesday

After sick call, took recalcitrant fellow to Neuro-psychiatric doctor at 172<sup>nd</sup> General Hospital where fellow will be studied for possible discharge. This afternoon, played some volley ball. Attempting to bleach skull. At village look at embroidery work. This evening answering letters. RC improving rapidly.

September 26- Wednesday

Played baseball this afternoon against the enlisted men. Wrote letters this evening. At hospital today met Major Burlingham who's Minneapolis and head of X-ray Dept at 172<sup>nd</sup> General Hospital. Capt. Bond with 70 F.H. replacing 172<sup>nd</sup>, also met. Had dinner with the Major. This evening took Parker to hospital with pulmonary hemorrhage. His condition good.

September 27- Thursday

At hospital today to check on lab tests. Received three grand letters from Marge today. At Red Cross this evening. This afternoon at Church of Christ to find out about disposition of medical supplies.

September 28- Friday

Usual sick call. Played with officers in softball game against enlisted men. Wrote letters this evening.

September 29- Saturday

Sick call. Inspections. This afternoon to hospital. Met medical officer who had been with me at Carlisle. To Red Cross this evening for supper.

September 30- Sunday

At Chapel service this A.M. in area. This afternoon for walk with Sgt. Lowry to take pictures. At Yunnan Agricultural College. Talked with Professor Wang there. This evening to Hostel #5 with fellows for religious services.

Oct 1- Monday

Heavy sick call. Very cold and rainy. This afternoon at hospital. Officer's call this evening. Discussion on discharge of men. Two grand letters from Marge. Received pay of \$18.27 today.

Oct 2- Tuesday

Cold and cloudy weather continues. Parker being evacuated to the States from the 172<sup>nd</sup> Hospital. Requested Parker be promoted to T/4. China time set back one hour beginning at midnight. Talked to Lt. Goodman regarding his plans for marriage. Major Hayhurst off-handedly told me my promotion to Captain was going in.

October 3- Wednesday

This morning news of Kunming being restricted to all Americans. Yunnan Governor who was ousted by Chiang Kai-shek resisted with arms. Men restricted to area. Unable to go to hospital. Big guns firing all night.

October 4- Thursday

Curfew established in Kunming. All resistance overcome. Gave stimulating doses of typhus 1 cc and typhoid 1/2 cc today. Every 6 months in this theatre. No mail from Marge since Monday. Radio station XNEW running off [again] this morning. Nicholas, one of Medics has amoebic dysentery. Treating with [Carbarsine 3/4 grams & i.d.?)

October 5- Friday

Continued inoculations of typhus and typhoid. Very cold weather now. Fellows still being discharged. Received 96<sup>th</sup> ambulance.

October 6- Saturday

At hospital today. This evening rushed appendectomy case to 70<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital. Assisted Dr. Ghilotti with case of indurated [*hardened*] and somewhat adhered appendix.

October 7- Sunday

Gave inoculations. Many of officers and men leaving today. 96<sup>th</sup> finally moved out. Chinese immediately swarmed over area salvaging everything in sight. To Hostel #5 to hear Chaplain Lampson. Spoke on how excuses offered today to not do God's will are similar to those offered in Jesus' time. Communion service followed.

October 8- Monday

At hospital this A.M. with clinic cases. Nicolas, our Sgt., admitted to hospital for observation for amoebic dysentery. Ate lunch at hospital. Met Capt. Bond and Lt. Ghilotti. Appendectomy case [from Oct 6] having some diarrhea. Very cold weather continues. Set up gas burner in dispensary. Moved into British-type tent this afternoon. Much warmer than U.S.-type tent.

October 9- Tuesday

Busy all morning. Giving [enaetine] hydrochloride 0.036 GM...I.M. g. i. d. to possible amoebic dysentery case. Moved rest of baggage over to new quarters. This evening at Red Cross with fellows. Tub bath and supper. Recommendations for promotions for fellows approved: Nicolas S/Sgt, Greco T/4, Maebes T/4, Hensel T/4, and Lowry T/4. Visited fellows at hospital this evening.

October 10- Wednesday

Typhoid inoculation that I received yesterday apparently has made me very groggy. Cold weather continues. Gave 100,000 units of penicillin to fellow with chronic prostatitis. This afternoon many inoculations given. Letter from Marge tonight. Writing letters.

Oct 11- Thursday

At hospital (60<sup>th</sup> E.H.) on business. Kunming, China. One fellow with positive dark field [probably *syphilis*]. Giving inoculations today. Weather continues cold.

Oct 12- Friday

At hospital this morning. Ate lunch there. Secured books used by 172<sup>nd</sup> G.H. for use in dispensary. Learned today that Bn. going home as a unit. Two letters from Marge today.

Oct 13- Saturday

News today that all men with under 60 points will go to Shanghai. Dr. Mann and myself are not certain whether we'll go home with the unit. Played volley ball this afternoon. [*On Oct 14, the entire Battalion of 560 men was flown out on 14 C-54s over the hump to Banackspore near Calcutta, India.*]

Oct 14- Sunday

Dad's birthday. This A.M. sent fellow to hospital with T103- possible malaria. At Chapel service this evening conducted by Chaplain Lampson. Spoke on "Things worth remembering." Very good choir. His last service before going home. Wrote letters this evening.

Oct 15- Monday

This morning turned in medical books to medical supply depot. Saw several officers regarding turning medical supplies over to mission. This afternoon at mission (Church of Christ) with ambulance load of surplus supplies. With Lowry to Red Cross to eat supper. Then back to camp. Through Chinese hospital with Dr. Wang this afternoon.

Oct 16- Tuesday

60 Point men or those with 18 months overseas will be separated from the Bn. and move into abandoned Officer's Quarters at 172<sup>nd</sup> G.H. Busy carrying supplies today, too. At YMCA to leave an ambulance load of supplies. Silk being sold for 50 cents a yard by Hostel #5, but unable to get any today because all bought before I could arrive. Letters tonight from Marge, Dad and Mother, and Joe. Medics left for Hostel #19, preparatory to flying to Shanghai, included Greco, Hensel, Lowry, and Maebes [*fellow soldiers*]. Working till late tonight on packing supplies into ambulance. [*Hostel 19 was processing center for all those leaving the China theater after the war.*]

Oct 17- Wednesday

Early today took load of medical supplies to YMCA for storage for Church of Christ mission. This afternoon tent I sleep in torn down. Still packing supplies this evening. Tonight weather is very cold and windy.

Oct 18- Thursday

Still taking supplies to YMCA for Church of Christ in China Mission. Slept in dispensary this evening. Very cold weather. Sabol received news of his father's death tonight. Was helping me in the dispensary. [*Paul's father did not die until 1950.*]

October 19- Friday

Cleaning out dispensary and moving medical supplies.

October 20- Saturday

Chinese guards now around area to prevent invaders. Wrote letters tonight.

Oct 21- Sunday

This morning moved belongings with ambulance to Hostel 19. That evening attended Chapel service with Hostel Minister. Spoke on "Salvation is of God."

Oct 22- Monday

Turned in medical supplies (non-expendable) to medical depot. In Red Cross this evening writing letters.

Oct 23- Tuesday

Dan's birthday. Routine. Sorted mail- thousands of letters today. [Dan was Paul's brother.]

Oct 24- Wednesday

Processing men today. Collected and helped to sort mail. Checked on promotion. Unable to transfer yet. This evening wrote letters.

Oct 25- Thursday

Raining. Processing men.

Oct 26- Friday

Continuing to process men and dispose of medical supplies. Read in the Red Cross this evening.

Oct 27- Saturday

Picking up mail at Army Post Office. (Radiogram to Marge.) Attending short devotionals held during the evenings. Two letters from Marge writing poetry.

Oct 28- Sunday

Attended worship services this morning. Wrote letters in Red Cross. Weather is very cold.

Oct 29- Monday

Unit froze at 10 A.M. At 70 Field Hospital to get Montief who was injured in jeep-truck collision on 27 October. No fractures or serious injuries. Sprained ankle. About 11 this evening began moving out on Flight No. 3. Took off at 1:30 A.M. Tuesday.

Oct 30- Tuesday

To Banackspore, India at 6:30 A.M. Set watches back 1/2 hr for correct time. Ate breakfast the short flight to Kharagpur in C-54. Continued on to hostel about 9 miles from airport. Living in concrete barracks with thatched roofs. [*The Banackspore/Dinjan airfield was abandoned after the war.*]

Oct 31- Wednesday

Weather is very hot. Difficult to adjust to plus the sea level altitude. [*Kharagpur is in West Bengal, India, elevation 200 ft*] This afternoon wrote letters and at PX for cokes and wieners. Country is flat and grassy with small groves of trees. Nearby is the 372 Station Hospital. Water buffaloes, hawks, crows in great numbers.

Nov 1- Thursday

Little to do. Unable to receive letters because of our transient status.

Nov 2- Friday

Time passes very slowly. Reading and writing. Visiting hospital today.

Nov 3- Saturday

Contacted Major Green I.G. regarding transfer from unit as feel because of low points that I will be taken out before reaching port.

Nov 4- Sunday

Chaplain Lampson with choristers at Chapel services this morning. This evening met Ed Steinhardt, who is still with 32 PSH on way home.

Nov 5- Monday

To Kharagpur, about 70 miles west of Calcutta, this afternoon for shopping in bazaar with Col. Hayhurst and Capt. Beinhardt. Bought linen tablecloth and a few other items.

Nov 6- Wednesday

Played ball this A.M. This afternoon sunbathing. At dispensary for a short time.

Nov 7- Wednesday

Medical officer of the day. About 100 cases treated at the dispensary. Checking personnel records.

Nov 8- Thursday

General routine processing. Weather comfortable. Saw movie, "Women in Green." Expected date of delivery today. [*Expected birth date of Paul's child. He doesn't know that his daughter Diana was born over a week ago.*]

Nov 9- Friday

Playing ball this A.M. This evening reading Christopher's *Surgery*. Checking baggage.

Nov 10- Saturday

This A.M. at Battalion Headquarters and dispensary for information on medical processing.. This afternoon at bazaar in Kharagpur. Bought linens, [etc]. This evening at club writing to Marge.



Nov 11- Sunday

This morning Chaplain spoke on letting our lights shine for Christ and this evening on John 3:16. Visited with Ed Steinhardt this evening. Wrote letters.

Nov 12- Monday

Played seven games of volley ball. Took sun bath. Purchased gifts at PX.

Nov 13- Tuesday

This morning minor duties. This afternoon with Cpt. Munlow to Kharagpur looking for stones. Bought star sapphire from G.I. who had purchased it in Burma.

Nov 14- Wednesday

This morning soft ball game. To Kharagpur this afternoon, at hospital for short time. 70-point enlisted men and 75-point officers alerted. Major in M.C. committed suicide- overdose of Seconal.

Nov 15- Thursday

Today, very little being done. This evening's movie "Princess and the Bell Boy." Wrote letters. Not very well today.

Nov 16- Friday

This A.M. watching soft ball game. At PX for a short time. Saw picture "Junior Miss." Wrote letters.

Nov 17- Saturday

Played ball today. Called Ed Steinhardt at Kanchapara to find out about being reassigned. [*The processing center for troops returning to the U.S. was in Kanchapara, India.*] No new information. Bought more gifts.

Nov 18- Sunday

This morning attended Chapel services and also this evening. Played tennis this morning.

Nov 19- Monday

Played ball today. Sun bathing. Enrolled in USAF1 course in Astronomy.

Nov 20- Tuesday

Days warm. Nights becoming colder. Read this morning.

Nov 21- Wednesday

Played soft ball this A.M. This afternoon to other area to see Ed Steinhardt. Watched snake charmers perform with cobras and mongoose. Treated native boy for acute conjunctivitis.

Nov 22- Thursday

Had Thanksgiving dinner. Then moved to another area nearby here. Quartered with Cpts. Muslow and Mann in basha [*tarpaulin of impromptu tarp tent*].

Nov 23- Friday

Enrolled in several more courses today. American and English literature. Wrote letters.

Nov 24- Saturday

Played tennis this morning . This afternoon in town shopping. Bought silver bracelet. Ate supper with Col. Hayhurst and Capt. Bernhardt. Left tour early. Declared "out-of-bounds," because natives causing disturbances a few miles away. Calcutta scene of rioting and bloodshed. Some of rioting by public workers demanding higher wage. Some getting as low as 13-20 rupees/month.

Nov 25- Sunday

Chapel services this morning. Minister spoke on the new birth. In the evening, on the three-fold vision of Isaiah applying it to the Christians.

Nov 26- Monday

Played tennis this morning. This afternoon in town and bought sandalwood jewelry box and sandals. Signed up for tennis tournament today.

Nov 27- Tuesday

Played single tennis match with Soumar. Won sets 6-3, 6-3. Gave inoculations to unit [*army unit*] this afternoon. Movie, "Our Vines have Tender Grapes" about rural life among Norwegians in Wisconsin.

Nov 28- Wednesday

Lost tennis singles to Dr. Mann today. Won 1<sup>st</sup> set 6-1. Then lost 6-3, 6-3. Took a nap this afternoon.  
Reading.

Nov 29- Thursday

Read. To SOS [*Source of Supply*] area with Lt. Steinhardt to inquire about Red Cross message from Marge.

Nov 30- Friday

Pay for Nov (\$49.+) Played tennis with Capt Schwape after dinner. Read this evening.

Dec 1- Saturday

Read. Meals very poor. Showing tonight, "Mildred Pierce."

Dec 2- Sunday.

M.O.D. [*Medical Officer of the Day*.] Sick call at dispensary. This afternoon slept. Wrote letter to Marge.

Dec 3- Monday

Slept late this morning. Camp being deactivated.

Dec 4- Tuesday

Moved to another area about 8 miles distant in large non-partitioned hut. Very crowded. News that all surplus medical and dental officers would be sent home immediately. It has been 6 months since I said goodbye to Marge.

Dec 5- Wednesday

Worked in dispensary today helping out with morning sick call and giving inoculations in the afternoon.

Saw film "Of Human Bondage" tonight.

Dec 6- Thursday

All day worked in dispensary. Removal of sebaceous cyst and callous this afternoon. Received news from Kanchapara that there were orders for 24 dental and medical officers were to be shipped out.

Dec 7-Friday

Left camp this A.M. Train at Kharagpur at 10:30 for Calcutta. Had First-class compartment. Six of us in it. Arrived in Calcutta about 1300. Trucks to Kanchapara. Took about 2 hours. Signed in today. In 4 tents. Met Walter Kochman, who is assigned here.

Dec 8- Sat

Processing today. Turned in hold luggage. Received influenza vaccine- 1 cc- this afternoon. Checked with Red Cross for message from Marge. No reply. Reaction from vaccine.

Dec 9- Sun

Reaction to vaccine began last evening. Fever up to 102 during night with severe headache, diarrhea, and abdominal pains [RIQ.?). Fever continues today (100). Ate small amount of food for supper and then to bed again (T 100). Diarrhea and headache.

Dec 10- Mon

Ate breakfast. Diarrhea and headache still present. T-100.

Dec 11- Tues

Feeling much better today. Still weak.

Dec 12- Wed

Reading. Writing letters. In Calcutta with Ed Steinhardt. At burning ghats, [Khamin estates?].

Dec 13- Thurs

Very little doing. No new orders.

Dec 14- Fri

Checking on message from Marge. None as yet.

Dec 15- Sat

In Calcutta. Visited Scottish Presbyterian Kirk built in 1818. A few purchases.

Dec 16- Sun

At Chapel, met Capt. Norton of Waseca, Minnesota who is acquainted with Dr. Spink. This evening also attended services.

Dec 17- Mon.

Little activity. Saw film "Underground Paris."

Dec 18- Tues

Very little to do.

Dec 19- Wed

Stayed around camp.

Dec 20- Thurs

In town with Ed Steinhardt.. Met Walter Kochman who is going home by air. Last Sunday asked Base surgeon to go home by ship instead of air. May go on *U.S.S. General Patrick* or *Marine Wolf*. Came back tonight to find we are alerted for movement to Camp Hialeah in Calcutta. On *General Patrick* list.

Dec 21- Friday

Left in trucks for Camp Hialeah in Calcutta. Post camp in Calcutta race track interior. Food excellent. Shopping this afternoon with Steinhardt.

Dec 22- Sat

Out of camp for short time to shop. This afternoon watched races.

Dec 23- Sunday

Attended services at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (1819). Services at 9:30 and 6:30. Rev. Mathiason pastor. This evening at party- 200 British service men and about 4 Americans. Swimming at Victoria Memorial this afternoon.

Dec 24- Mon

This morning at New Market to buy star sapphire ring for Marge. This afternoon at Victoria Memorial swimming pool, but did not go swimming. This evening to Red Cross show with Ed Steinhardt at Monsoon Square Gardens. Feeling very poorly tonight.

Dec 25- Tues

Very fine Christmas dinner at Officers Mess. Saw two films, "The Voice of the Whistler" and "Don't Fence Me In." Dry run today. One enlisted man going along to Reception Center 20, Fort MacArthur. Restricted to camp. Board ship tomorrow.

Dec 26- Wed

Advance party boarded ship this morning. Main body not to board ship till 28<sup>th</sup>. Town this afternoon. No purchases.

Dec 27- Thurs

Slept until late this morning. Saw movie, "Then There Were None."

Dec 28- Friday

Packing this morning. At pier of River Hooghly by 1300. Troop stateroom. 18 officers. Bunks in tiers of three. About 3000 men aboard ship- a one staker. Met Capt Kurgmeski- patient. Has Dy [?] from lumbo-sacral strain.

Dec 29- Sat

Shower at 6:45 A.M. After breakfast Red Cross message from Chaplain: "Daughter born Oct 31. Mother and baby well." Sent reply by letter. Pulling out about 11:30 A.M. Tide in. Ship down-river about five miles. Then anchored. Assigned for 4 hrs every other night to Troop Office to handle army problems. This evening talked with Capt. Burroughs, who is a Baptist medical missionary from Assam, India. Has three children and wife with him.

Dec 30- Sun

Church on top deck this morning. Chaplain spoke about religion bringing out the best in us. Making progress through river. This morning watch 3-7. No emergencies. Out of river some time during midnight. Reading *David Copperfield*. Traveled about 80 miles from Calcutta to sea on Hooghly River.

Dec 31- Mon

Meals at 7:30, 12:45, and 6:45. On sanitary inspection this morning with Capt. and Troop C.O. of ship. Out at sea. Watching flying fish. Wrote letter to Marge for mailing at Trincomalee, Ceylon [*Ceylon, now called Sri Lanka; is a large island off the southeast coast of India*]. Song fest on top deck at 11:30. Then light lunch of ham sandwiches and coffee.