

## Diaries of General Joseph W. Stilwell (1900–1939, 1945–1946)

### Introduction

These diaries of General Joseph W. Stilwell are those remaining in the Stilwell Papers at the Hoover Archives that had not been placed on the Hoover Archives web site. In addition to chronicling his career and activities up to and following World War II, they offer insights into his developing character, as he matured from a twenty-one-year-old second lieutenant, fresh out of West Point, to a mature four-star general officer. They provide evidence of his early passion for exploring and observing different cultures and people and his innate curiosity, which led to an expanding mind and widespread interests. The entries also reveal his keen sense of humor, his ability to assess the character of others, his command of the English language, his artistic abilities, and his warmth for his family.

The diaries were Stilwell's private writings and notes; he never intended others to see them. Some of the language used in the diaries was commonly accepted during the periods in which they were written; it is not appropriate or valid to apply today's standards to it to draw conclusions about Stilwell's character or views. Writing about some of the language and labels in the diaries, Barbara Tuchman, in her book *Stilwell and the American Experience in China*, makes the following statement, "Lesser vulgarities he used easily and seemingly without pejorative content."

Often the diaries contain short notes and observations made by Stilwell. Some of those entries he incorporated into the daily entries, some he later crossed out, some were simply meant to remind him of something, and some are so cryptic they make no discernible contribution to the diaries' historical significance. In those cases such entries have not been transcribed. When they are of interest or add to the daily entries, however, they have been incorporated into the transcripts.

The diaries were first transcribed several decades ago, when his widow and a daughter-in-law, Bettye Stilwell, manually typed them. The diaries, along with the rest of Stilwell's papers, were deposited at the Hoover Institution in stages from 1951 on. In 1998, my cousin, Deborah Bunce, began entering the manually typed transcriptions into a computer database. When Richard Sousa (senior associate director) and Linda Bernard (deputy archivist) agreed that the diaries should appear on the Hoover Archives web site, I began proofing the computer database text against the original diaries. Lisa Miller (associate archivist) provided the impetus for the project and coordinated formats, scanning of drawings and maps, and integrating the various elements into the final product. Lisa Nguyen (East Asia curator) transcribed and translated the Chinese characters Stilwell used in the diaries. Russell Rader (digital archivist) and Daniel Jarvis (digitization production specialist) did the scanning of the drawings and maps and the integration.

### Principles of Transcription

Stilwell's spelling throughout the diaries was remarkably correct. Distinguishing between his handwritten n's and u's, however, was sometimes difficult, and errors in place names or names of people containing those letters could have made their way into the transcripts. Based on Stilwell's superb spelling elsewhere, then, any such errors must be attributed to the transcriber, not to Stilwell.

In some of the diaries Stilwell included drawings of maps, people, places, and things that interested him. Those drawings have been incorporated into the transcripts, with the exception of partially completed drawings or those not germane to the diaries.

Where Stilwell wrote Chinese characters in the diaries, those characters have been translated using the Wade-Giles convention, which was in use at the time he wrote them.

### **SYMBOLS USED IN THE TEXT**

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Words written in italics are editorial comments for which explanations were warranted.

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**1946**

**Tues Jan 1:** Good weather. Puttered around.

**Wed Jan 2:** Off with Al, at 10 A.M. via Ogden. (1 P.M.) Des Moines (8 P.M.) – 10 P.M. their time.

**Thurs Jan 3:** Arr. Washington at 3:30. Dozed on plane till 6:30. Then to B.O.Q. Al to Kennedy-Warren. She went to N.Y. on 1 o'clock. Long day at office – till 6 P.M.

**Fri Jan 4:** All day at office. Conger Pratt in at noon. Joe Swing at 5:00. 56 on line waiting for a hair-cut. Back to W.C. at 6:00.

**Sat Jan 5:** Off at 9:00 via N.Y. to Danbury. Arr. 10:40. Met by Wilders. To house for lunch. 1:30-3:00. Friends in. Pleasant crowd. Stu drove me to field at 3:15. Off at 4:00. La Guardia at 4:30. John in, with Al & Mabel. To Ardenwold. (Bub tried to get me to stay over. No soap.)

**Sun Jan 6:** A.M. around place. Jane & her jerk in for lunch. Left at 2:00, Al & John took me to La Guardia. Off at 3:00. Wash. at 5:00.

**Mon Jan 7:** All day on board witnesses.

**Tues Jan 8:** All day on board witnesses. Arnold dec. at White House.

**Wed Jan 9:** All A.M. on board. P.M. wrote letters.

**Thurs Jan 10:** Simp in for board. Rest of day we worked on report.

**Fri Jan 11:** All A.M. on report. Letters in P.M.

**Sat Jan 12:** Weather – bad. Start for Saratoga delayed till 2:00. Arr. Ballston field at 4:00. Met by Katie & Howard. Took Hubbard to 604 N. B'way. Lydia. Snow in night.

**Sun Jan 13:** A.M. talk. Shoved off at 1:30 for field about 25 local people there. Talked with them. Back in Wash. at 4:30. Al in town!

**Mon Jan 14:** Al & Bill Cameron for lunch in Pentagon. Al went back to N.Y.

**Tues Jan 15:** To De Lacy's office for long talk on China. He & his sec. (Sellers) present. I had Hubbard. Talked freely to give him background.

**Wed Jan 16:** Sen. Pepper's girl sec. in to get dope. Hopeless. Told her I would talk with Pepper, if he wanted.

**Thurs Jan 17:** Finished the report. Ready to deliver on Fri at 2:00. Date changed to Sat. at 10:00.

**Fri Jan 18:** Al back last night. Date with Cameron. Had Bergins for dinner at Occidental with Al.

**Sat Jan 19:** Drew Pearson comes out with entire DeLacy talk! Called Shalette to make sure of him. So DeLacy is a double-x-ing S.O.B. – Lunch in cafeteria. Al & Bill Bergin. To W.C. at 2:30. Left at 3:30. Take off at 4:00. Via Chicago, Cheyenne.

**Sun Jan 20:** Beautiful glimpse of Bay Cities just before dawn. All lights. Clear as crystal. Bright moon. A gorgeous sight. Del Monte at 6:10. Got a car promptly. At Carmel, house shut tight. No answer to bell or yell. Finally got Win up. Girls in for lunch.

**Mon Jan 21:** Bummed around all day.

**Tues Jan 22:** (Got rid of Young & friend.) Take-off for S.F. at 2:00. Oh, no. – electric trouble. Fatso the crew chief is a wash-out. Went up by car. Met Merrill at Coyote. To B.O.Q. at Presidio. Wilber turned over his quarters.

**Wed Jan 23:** Calls on Lapham and Ingersoll. P.M. bummed. With Merrill for dinner at Fisherman's Wharf. Moved.

**Thurs Jan 24:** Office. Lunch with Wilbur, Lapham, Ingersoll, Blyth, Brayton, Wilbur. – (The great orderly, Painter, and the door-key.) (Visited all the H.D. of S.F. in two hours this A.M.)

**Fri Jan 25:** 11:30 met Win. Lunch at mess. Looked at house. Moved to Clift Hotel. Skating Vanities in P.M.

**Sat Jan 26:** Left at 8:00 by car, via Skyline. A beautiful ride. Carmel at 12:30.

**Sun Jan 27:** Doot's house, – tea for some of her friends.

**Mon Jan 28:** Worked on trees.

**Tues Jan 29:** Worked on trees. Ted spent night here.

**Wed Jan 30:** Moved Doot down & got Mrs. Pilling for Crapper. Cleaves in to see Doot in P.M.

**Thurs Jan 31:** Win to Ord with Ted. Worked on trees.

**Fri Feb 1:** Rain. (?)

**Sat Feb 2:** Took girls out for dinner at Normandie.

**Sun Feb 3:** Merrill – Joe will come on Sunday at 3:00. Al came down (unexpected.) by car & bus.

**Mon Feb 4:** Joe came at 3:00 by air. Fine day. He is full of talk. Presents for everybody. Cleave & R. Culver over in evening.

**Tues Feb 5:** Al's birthday. Nance & kids in for b-day lunch in Doot's room. Unfortunate argument over child training. – Party at Normandie at night. – Letter from Ben. Meeting at house @ Mission Ranch Club.

**Wed Feb 6:** Al off for S.F.

**Thurs Feb 7:** ???

**Fri Feb 8:** Mrs. Cox & Kimi arr. (Teddy's mumps & Doot's pleurisy. Doot still at our house.

**Sat Feb 9:** I went to bed. Win had dinner here for Gerry. Everybody here inc. Joe.

**Sun Feb 10:** Win to tea at Jessica's.

**Mon Feb 11:** Doot off for L.A. at 8:00. Arr. 4:00 – quick trip.

**Tues Feb 12:** Joe left at 2:00 for S.F. I went to Lions' Club feeling like hell. Charlie brought me back at 9:00. Chow at Whitneys'. Very informal.

**Wed Feb 13:** To Doot's to clean up. Nance at it. Just sat in sun in living room.

**Thurs Feb 14:** Saw Street about Josephson. Saw Cleave & Helen, working on their house. Got a Sperti lamp from Tice. To Ord & Sims got after my tooth. Valentines.

**Fri Feb 15:** Dubbed & wrote. Joe came down on the 7:20. Supper at Normandy Inn with Nance. Ord for tooth.

**Sat Feb 16:** To Ord for treatment. Back at noon. Worked on yard. Got the big stump out. Exhausted but feeling better.

**Sun Feb 17:** Worked on yard. Win with Nance. Joe, Win & I had dinner at Normandy.

**Mon Feb 18:** Win, Nance & Joe shoved off for S.F. Bad start. Joe lagging & not ready. Call from Crocker to mate Garry. – Merrill called. – (Santa was brought down, but Garry got nowhere. Santa ran home.) – Win & Nance back at 8:30. Good trip.

**Tues Feb 19:** (Board to evaluate A-bomb tests. (Brereton, 2 Adms., Compton, Dewey, Farrell). Go to Wash. Feb. 28 to organize. Hull phoned about it. Wants a civ. as chairman. – Haircut. – Ord for tooth. – Took Win & Nance to Normandy. – Garry spent A.M. uselessly at Crocker's. – Phoned Merrill & Joe. – Al phoned. Wired John's sec. @ arr.

**Wed Feb 20:** Win up for shampoo. Henry actually attacking the kikuyu! – cleared up for take-off.

**Thurs Feb 21:** Shoved off at 10:00. Non-stop to Denver. Kistler had been pushed off by people at field. We met at hotel. Dinner at country club. Talked at Bill's house.

**Fri Feb 22:** Up at 4:00. Off at 5:00. Stop at Cleveland. La Guardia at 3:30. Met Miss Meyer. At 5:50 John arrived. Out to Ardenwold.

**Sat Feb 23:** Rested. At 6:30 Cap. McCormick came & took us to armory. Usual introductions. Dewey came. We trooped out. Much wind. Star Spangled Banner off key and 2 stanzas! ("Is she a friend of yours?" "Not now"). Dewey made a 25-min. speech. I made a 2- minute one. Saw Ed Fitch, Mary Pearce, Ned Martin, etc. etc. Beckwith, etc. John & Win put in a corner. They moved out. Poorly run.

**Sun Feb 24:** Rested. Sam Hubbard in.

**Mon Feb 25:** To Y.H.S. & made a speech. School shifted to Ben. Franklin on Linden St.

**Tues Feb 26:** Out for a short walk. Cold. Ted White called.

**Wed Feb 27:** Rain. Party at White's in 29<sup>th</sup> St. (46 E.). Teddy, Belden, Stein, Epstein, Salisbury, Fletcher, Jacoby, A. Smedley, Game, Pruitt, Carter. Also Agnes & Georgia. Back at 8:00.

**Thurs Feb 28:** Up at 4:30. Left at 5:00. Left La Guardia at 6:00. Wash. at 7:30. To Jo Tenney's & took her to breakfast. Meeting in Navy bldg. 9:30-1:00. To Pentagon. Saw Bergin & Devers. ("These swords presented to A.G.F. by Maj. Gen. F.D.M., C/S of 10<sup>th</sup> Army!") – To Bolling. Off at 4:00. Stops at Des M., Cheyenne, Ogden. 18 hr. flight. I felt like hell.

**Fri Mar 1:** To bed. Cleave in. Slept.

**Sat Mar 2:** Slept all day.

**Sun Mar 3:** Aching legs. Cleave in. Hot bath & dope.

**Mon Mar 4:** Aching legs. Walked all P.M. Good result.

**Tues Mar 5:** Up all day. Legs much better. Nance & Ernie in.

**Wed Mar 6:** Walked. Legs O.K. Got Odell to feed birds.

**Thurs Mar 7:** Nance & Co. off at 9:00 A.M. We packed & fussed all day in house.

**Fri Mar 8:** Vanaman off at 9:30. We followed at 10:00. Arr. 2:00 – Lunch at San José. Chow at Grotto – much crab.

**Sat Mar 9:** A.M. office on mail & papers. P.M. slept. (Breakfast at H.Q. mess.) Letter from Ben, – in hospital. Al doing Chinatown!

**Sun Mar 10:** Breakfast in living-room. Furnace all screwed up. Al out in P.M. 3:30 – With Hubbard to Maison Paul & ate too much Crab Newburg.

**Mon Mar 11:** The Press in. Office. Sun bath. Furnace men. – Q.M. – Dorn in at 4:00. Stayed till 9:30. Bacon & eggs.

**Tues Mar 12:** Letters from Ben, Doot, Gen. Wells. Wilbur in with Lundberg (C of C). Willoughby in.

**Wed Mar 13:** Rode the post with Galliet. P.M. Al & Dorn here. Dinner at Presidio Club. Poor food.

**Thurs Mar 14:** Called on Edwards. Colombia consul. The Gilberts here. Brought the big picture. (And it crashed – weak wire.) Hazzards took us to Yacht Club for dinner. Good chow.

**Fri Mar 15:** Ad. Wright – Gen. Long – Ad. Edwards in to call. P.M. Soirée at Club, shaking hands. At least 400. Off at 6:00. Carmel at 9:15.

**Sat Mar 16:** Breakfast at Leona's. Got stuff together. Worked on trees. No pheasants around.

**Sun Mar 17:** Pheasants at our place (2) & Odells (4). They came at my whistle. Sunny day. Cut trees. Bummed.

**Mon Mar 18:** Up at 4:45. Breakfast. Off at 6:15. Presidio at 9:20. Unloaded. Office. At 5:00, to Pier 15. Dinner on Groninger's yacht. Sweeney, Richardson, Goodman, Merrill, G. & I. Enormous meal. Back at 8:00. Garry off his feed.

**Tues Mar 19:** Office in A.M. 63 to-day. Dicky Moore in. Dick Young in. Decorated Count Melasky. – Al called.

**Wed Mar 20:** Office in A.M. Cleaves came at 4:00. Off for pier 15 at 4:45. Buffet for 27 on the yacht. Good party. Back at 9:00.

**Thurs Mar 21:** Joyce in. Office all A.M. Took Cleaves to Maison Paul's.

**Fri Mar 22:** Cleave off to L.A. Father sick. Helen left at noon. We left at 3:00. Fine ride down. Arr. at 6:00. Joe & crowd there.

**Sat Mar 23:** Puttered around. Normandy Inn for supper. Two pheasants in Jeffers'.

**Sun Mar 24:** Played around. Fine day.

**Mon Mar 25:** 9:30 – left for Del Monte. Took off at 10:00. Cheyenne at 4:00.

**Tues Mar 26:** Stop at Chicago at 1:00. Arr. Wash. at 4:30. To V.O.Q. till 7:30. Meeting all A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Dewey & his big mouth going most of the time. Saw Bergin & Jo Tenney. Off at 4:00. Des Moines at 10:00.

**Wed Mar 27:** Hamilton at 5:30. In at 6:00. Snoozed. Office at 10:00. Lunch there with gang. Joe before board in P.M. More tests necessary. Hank Sharpe & Al for dinner.

**Thurs Mar 28:** A.M. got talk together. WHEELER called. 600 at C of C lunch. Shot off my face on caste & undem. practices, etc. P.M. got a nap. Joe & Co. off for Carmel. Picked up Doot at Mills Field at 3:30, and took her home. (No stop at Mont.)

**Fri Mar 29:** Almond in. Stories of 92xx are true. O.E. Hunt in. (Different wife.) Al out with drawings. Made suggestions. Rainy.

**Sat Mar 30:** Callers & papers. To ball game at 1:45. S.F. 2 – Seattle 1. Good game. (Graham, mgr.) Joe here for 3-day test.

**Sun Mar 31:** Lazy day at home. Radio. Read. Joe worked on P.T. boat!

**Mon Apr 1:** Press conference. Office till 3:30. Joe left for Carmel on the 4:00 P.M. train. The Mansfeldt kids & Mrs. Thorne called. Nice kids.

**Tues Apr 2:** Adm. Beary in. Hates the limies. – Hayes reported. – Wahl in. – P.M. Reception. – Ft. Scott. “Oklahoma.” Supper at Blums.

**Wed Apr 3:** Office. – P.M. with Fegins to Lapham’s cocktail party.

**Thurs Apr 4:** 8 A.M. to Stoneman to see 2d Div. Parade. Lunch with E.M. Back at 3:30 (1¼ hrs. run). 5 P.M. boat ride & dinner for 27 people (Adele Buckner & friend, & post people.) Home at 8:30. – Bill Smith called.

**Fri Apr 5:** Hyesong in. (Retiring). Huebner here. Called in P.M.

**Sat Apr 6:** 8 A.M. to Oakland to regional hospital. A BUST. The liars!! 2d Div. parade 12-2:00. Broadcast in evening. Gov. Warren, Mayor Lapham, Dr. Freeman & I.

**Sun Apr 7:** Off at 5:45. Breakfast with Doot. Lunch at Llanfair. Pick-up supper. Bummed.

**Mon Apr 8:** A.M. with Doot for breakfast. Katans with joey & kiki – joey got finger smashed yesterday in car door. 2 P.M. off for S.F. Chow at Fox’s. Home at 6:30.

**Tues Apr 9:** Cleared desk. Press club speech in evening. Crowd of 250, & a surprise fm me. Opened up for them.

**Wed Apr 10:** Almonds for lunch. Joe, exam. Deferred for 6 mos. Offered him Vancouver. Win to Stokes lunch. BEN PHONED! Went to Navy Hosp. & dug him out. Back here for the night.

**Thurs Apr 11:** Joe left at 4:00. Win, Al, Ben & I to Blum’s for supper. Took Ben back to the hospital.

**Fri Apr 12:** Conference on amph. training. Tillie Hoffman here on way to Peking. Win & Al to boat. Pettus & Mrs. Fette going.



**Sat Apr 13:** Catholic kids' parade ("Due to pressure of work, Gen S. absent...."). With Ben & Al to Carmel. Supper with Doot. Al stayed. Ben to Llanfair.

**Sun Apr 14:** Breakfast with Doot. Joe, jr. & gang went on picnic up valley. Pheasant cock came out. Ben saw him. – Hazzards called.

**Mon Apr 15:** Got state income tax return in. Win at Doot's. Dug in back-yard. Had to discipline Joey. We shoved off at 3:00. (Ben & Al & Garry left at 3:00 P.M. Sunday.) Presidio at 6:15. Brought Doot & Stumpy.

**Tues Apr 16:** Phone from Hull "Take over 9<sup>th</sup> Serv. Command." (Butte riots.)

**Wed Apr 17:** *No entry.*

**Thurs Apr 18:** Decoration parade 5 P.M. Posthumous awards. Joyce out to pin L. of M. on a Col. – Joe & Co. here. Mira shopped. McGlachlin, 1907.

**Fri Apr 19:** Com. Moyer called. Delegation from Santa Clara @ speech.

**Sat Apr 20:** Flew to Dibble. Ben came 1 P.M. Maison Paul for dinner. Al with us. Toddy with Teddy.

**Sun Apr 21:** Ben with us all day. Took him to terminal at 9 P.M.

**Mon Apr 22:** Office. Off at noon from Hamilton. Cheyenne, Plains Hotel, over-night.

**Tues Apr 23:** Off at 7:00. Stop at Chicago. Bolling Field at 5:30. To Statler. Dinner at "Good Earth."

**Wed Apr 24:** 8:45 – Conference with Devers, Hodges, Griz, Walker, Wainwright, Simpson (Skinny's HAT – with MacArthur decorations. Skinny is all puffed up. 9:30 conference in auditorium. 12:15 conference with Peterson, asst. sec. war. Lunch with Devers, Patterson & comdrs. & staff. 2:30 Squirt Collins sounded off. 3:15 to Bill Bergin's office. 4:00 to Statler, checked out. A.W.C. & then to Belvoir & got a jeep. 6:15 off for F-burg. Arr. Stratford Hotel 7:30. Rainy.

**Thurs Apr 25:** 8:45 – to museum. Sunken road, Confed. position to Hamilton's x-ing. Back to cemetery. 12,000 unknown. 17,000 total Union dead (Statue to Gen Humphrey. Murderer.) – Out to Chancellorsville. Followed Jackson's march & attack. Followed Union position. Back to F-burg for lunch. Rain. Hot bath. Read. Slept. Plantation house at C-ville is gone.

**Fri Apr 26:** 9:00 A.M. to Germanna Ford, the Wilderness via Orange Pike, Chewning Farm & Brock Road. To Spottsylvania – Sedgwick's mon. to Bloody Angle & on to Burnside & Spotts. C.H. Gas & oil. Back to the loop on W. of Brock Road. Down to North Anna. No markers. To Ashland via Germ. Tree (driller from Burma!) & to Hanover C.H. (H.Q. of Cornwallis in 1781.) Down to Mechanicsville – Beaver Dam Creek – Gaines Mill – Boatswain's Creek. Old Cold Harbor (Poor White & his school experiences. "Now the niggers ride in busses.") Back via Hanover & Bowling Green – 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Cold ride.

**Sat Apr 27:** Cold day. 8:30 via Warrenton & Ashby's Gap to Winchester. On to Harper's Ferry & up to Antietam. All over the field (Burnside's bridge was the big surprise) and then to Hagerstown. Alexander Hotel. No charge on dinner! Door-man colored eng. soldier on Ledo Road.

**Sun Apr 28:** 7:00 A.M. to Waynesboro (breakfast) & Gettysburg. Did the field. Then via Frederick & Point of Rocks to Leesburg, Centerville & 1<sup>st</sup> and 2d Bull Run. Back to Belvoir at 5:30. Turned jeep in & got a car to War College.

**Mon Apr 29:** Called on Gladys Collins. 10:00 A.M. meeting of Committee. Lunch in Navy Bldg. 1:30 full meeting. Film of model tests. To Pentagon. Saw Hughes & Sloan. Off at 6:15 for home. Grand Island at midnight.

**Tues Apr 30:** Hamilton at 8:00 A.M. local. (Ogden at 3 A.M.) Office. – Hig & Mrs. in at 3:30. Win arrived at 4:00. – Ben phoned.

**Wed May 1:** Gen. Worthington in 9-10. Guard of Honor. Long talk. Usual office crap. PEEK called in P.M. Crazy. Mrs. Phelps called. Cocktail party at Symingtons'. Al with us. Chow at H.Q. mess. Dance at Y.M.C.A. Crowning queen, etc.

**Thurs May 2:** Al off at 8:30. Office. 4:45 – Decoration formation. 6:00 P.M. Merrills, Cannons, McCabes for supper.

**Fri May 3:** Office. 3 P.M. off to S.D. Arr. 7:00 P.M. At Coast Guard C.P. Timbermans & Joneses met me. Dinner at S.D. Club, – too much.

**Sat May 4:** 8 A.M. breakfast with Paul & Loomis. 9 A.M. to meeting. I saw all the old gang – Foster, Sherry, Crinkshank, Chapman, Stott, Buck, Colman, etc. etc. Back to Paul's house. Bob Miller in. To field at noon & off. Hamilton at 3:00. Ben went to Carmel over week-end.

**Sun May 5:** Bummed all day. Phoned Doot & Al. Reception for Worthingtons – 5:30 to 7:00. Very nice affair.

**Mon May 6:** WEN (1909) in. He says "Abolish all armies & start fresh." 2 brothers gone to the communists. Wants me to talk to G.C.M. Says nobody else can. Miss Doherty – queer claimer of friendship.

**Tues May 7:** Decorations, Marks, '09, Anderton, Wang. Win & Al home at 4:00. J.A.C.L. dinner at Whitcomb, 7:30 to 11:00. Long winded Mrs. Kingman (toastmistress). Slop over the niggers. Win sat by one. I put some broad hints in my talk. – Ben before retiring board to-day.

**Wed May 8:** 10 A.M. district comdrs. in for pep talk. BEN IS OUT!

**Thurs May 9:** Sun arrived, last night. Lunch for him at Yacht Club – Merrills, McCabes, & Cannons. He left at 4:00. Gave him a heart-to-heart. I left at 11:00 for Hamilton. Off at midnight.

**Fri May 10:** 9:30. Silver Sands. Got breakfast. Looked over shop & launching area. 85 newmen, limies, & what not. A circus. 2:00 P.M. shoot of the V-2. Perfect. 4:00 P.M. wac cpl. went off. Trail of smoke only. Germans working for us. Jumbo Wilson there. Shoved at 4:45. (V-2 went 75 mi. up.)

**Sat May 11:** Monterey closed in. Went to Hamilton, arriving 11:30 last night. Came in to Pres. & slept till 6:00. Off to Carmel. Arr. 8:45 at house. Al, Doot, Ben, Win & I together. Record crowd lately. Worked in yard. Doot & Ted here.

**Sun May 12:** Worked all day. Doot & Ted down. Al here.

**Mon May 13:** Worked all A.M. 4:00 P.M. to Ord, looked over Soldiers' Club. Chow at St. Claire in San José. Pres. at 8:30.

**Tues May 14:** Ben shopped for a jeep. Office all day. Hair-cut. Mrs. Tucker & Mrs. Murphy called.

**Wed May 15:** Win out for lunch. Ben took his check down for a jeep. (\$756.35). Win's E.M. ladies party. Big success. (Ben couldn't pass the check.)

**Thurs May 16:** Mr. Ch'en (Ch'an) in to talk. On outs with CKS. – McGaffin (Chicago D. News) just from Manch. O. of B. confirmed. The press see thro. Wedemeyer. (Stooge for K.M.T.) – McG. wrote an article panning Sheenyault for his interview. McG. says Willoughby, Creswell & Fellers talking war with Russia. Doug un-assailable. – Nervy Nat in. "Hodge O.K." "Doug can't be replaced." Just as you'd expect. "Reds" are appearing in GHQ. Teddible. – Ben & Win off at 2:45. I shoved off at 5:30. Left Hamilton at 6:00. Stop at Cheyenne.

**Fri May 17:** St. Louis at 8:00. Soupy. In on instruments. Cold & rainy. To Jefferson Hotel met Maj. Thomas. Worked on speech. 12:45 lunch. Sat next to Walt Disney. I was first up, then Nimitz. Court of Honor for Buffalo awards. Stefannson there. Judge Roberts. New Pres. of B.S. (Houghton). Escaped to room. Had chow there. Went to merit badge show at arena. 18,000 scouts showing. Nigger snake scouts. Indians. Band. etc. etc. Impressive. Lots of enthusiasm here. The city is queer. Mixture of 1870 & 1946. Looked up Bro. Henry Ringkamp, 1900 No. King's Hiway. McBride School. To field & off – 10 P.M.

**Sat May 18:** Snuck in at Monterey under the fog from the sea side. Home. Began to dig. Phone. R.R. strike is on. Plane came at 1:00. I went to Hamilton. Phone. No strike. I went back to Monterey. Home at 3:00. Oh, Christ. Dug some more.

**Sun May 19:** Worked on the wall; finished up at 2:30. Radio. Doot & Ted here.

**Mon May 20:** Got ready. Win to Cleave – sacroilliac. Left at 10:45. Lunch at San Jose. Pres. at 2:50. Worked till 6:00.

**Tues May 21:** Ben by jeep to Stockton to pick his up. Lunch at Treasure Is. Ad. Beary for Braz. Min. of Mar. No one spoke Eng., Fr. or Sp., just Braz. Portuguese. Very hard slogging. – Ben in at 9:00, with a brand new one.

**Wed May 22:** Office. Worked on speech. 6:15 to Queen' Bench affair. Got by. Win, Doot & Al attended. Hard going – Miss Hanrahan next door, proved a PEST. Ben got a top, & shoved off.

**Thurs May 23:** A.G's in. 3 actual, 5 deputies. Had session at 3:00 & heard their gripes. Buffet on boat at 5:30 to 9:00. Successful affair – (15 qts. for 30 people.)

**Fri May 24:** Al & Ansie Li spent the night. R.R. all paralyzed. We stand by, pending calls for guards. (J. L. Bradley in.) – Shoved off at 3:00. Carmel at 6:30

**Sat May 25:** Worked all day. Truman made his call on Congress. Called for draft for strikers vs. nation. Ben went to Pt. Reyes.

**Sun May 26:** Rained all night. Lunch with Doot. Worked in P.M., without stopping for the radio shows.

**Mon May 27:** Off at 9:15. Stop at P.O. & Seaside. Arr. P.S.F. at 12:45. P.M. in office.

**Tues May 28:** Called on Larsen, Beary, & Defenders' Club. This is a fine lay-out, well-run. P.M. office. Ellis in Mass.

**Wed May 29:** Office. P.M. Read & bummed. Doyle (12<sup>th</sup> A.F.) & staff in for conf.

**Thurs May 30:** Office for ½ hour. Rest of day at home. Col. Taylor ('07) in at 6:30. Ellis in Chicago.

**Fri May 31:** To teletype conf. at Fed. Bldg. Marines out of exercise. We came home. Office till 3:00. Walthall called. Shoved off for Carmel at 3:40. Arr. 6:25. (Cleave examined me for heart!!!)

**Sat June 1:** Worked all day. (But easy). Old lady pheasant is sitting in Schwabacher's. Lowest tide in 85 years. Everybody out for abalones.

**Sun June 2:** Worked in A.M. Mac & Florita in for lunch. Win called on Mrs. Blanchard with Wick. ELLIS has come! Phone talk with him & Doot. – Al's friends in.

**Mon June 3:** (Merrill busted.) Up at 5:30. Ben drove me to airfield. Off at 7:50. Arr. Phoenix at 12:30. (109° in sun.) To Westward Ho Hotel. 2 P.M. to call on Gov. OSBORNE. Then drove all around town. Back to hotel. 7:00 P.M. Tuthill had a dinner (STEAK) for about twenty. The gov. was there. Friendly feeling here. (Luke statue). Ariz. 500,000. Phoenix 130,000.

**Tues June 4:** Up at 5:00 – Breakfast at airport. Off at 6:30. Flew over Grand Canyon. Arr. Salt Lake at 10:00. Hayes & West met us. To Ft. Douglas & looked it over. Rode around town. Saw Mormon Temple. Conference with West. (Old Shaky Williams butted in.) Gov. Maw out of town. Dr. Monson substituting. Sticky. Handshaking bee. Lunch at Utah Hotel by West for twelve. Off at 1:30. BOISE at 3:30. Met by Abendroth. To capitol. Gov. Williams out of

town. Rode around. Pretty town of 30,000. (Salt Lake 50,000, Utah 600,000.) Idaho 500,000. Shooting for 4 million A. irrigated. (2½ now.) Dinner by Abendroth, (Steak Steak Steak)

**Wed June 5:** Called at 4:45 (courtesy of Hubbard. ) Down at 6. Breakfast with Abendroth. Off at 7:10. Helena at 10:00 (their time). Met by Col. Mitchell. To N.G. hqrs. Drive to Ft. Harrison & up to the pass. Fine country. Call on gov. at 11:00 (Ford). Very pleasant. Met about 100 of his people. Lunch at old club in town. (Last Chance Gulch.) Roast beef! (I had chicken à la king.) Off at 1:00. Best atmosphere yet. Sound citizens. Montana 550,000, Helena 16,000. Beautiful ride over the mts. via Coeur d'Alene, Spokane, Yakima, Tacoma to Olympia. Arr. at 3:20 (their time) met by McMorris & old Thompson, (old-line militia). To capitol. Call on Wallgren. Organ playing. ("Come up & see Truman.") By car to N.G. hqrs. Thompson ran off at the mouth. Then to McMorris' for dinner. He & Thompson monopolized the conv. With Kendall to Lewis. Olympia 16,000. Washington 1,500,000. Very sorry impression here.

**Thurs June 6:** Breakfast with Kendalls. Then toured post. (Qrs. for e.m.) Pt. Orchard dev. is the solution. Off at 11:00 (?) for Salem, Ore. Met by Gen Olsen. To old hotel for lunch. (STEAK) I got chicken. Rosarians down to get me for parade tomorrow at Portland. At 3:00 rode around town. Smallest nat. park in world, – one redwood tree. (Brief call on Snell in capitol before lunch. Girls' drill team working from Vancouver. – 5:30 to 8:30, Olsen's cocktail fight. "Gen." Rilea & bride. Veddy important. To bed at 9:00.

**Fri June 7:** Breakfast (bacon) at hotel. Off at 8:25. Dyer had to chase the plane. Arr. Sacramento at 11:00. Met by O'Sullivan. To his office. Then call on Gov. Warren. He had lunch at Sutter Club. Off at 1:30. Del Monte at 3:00. Met by the gang. Ellis there. Turned in early, – dead tired.

**Sat June 8:** Worked all A.M. Ben's owl had a bad eye, but it cleared. Dinner at Whitneys, – run by Harnisch.

**Sun June 9:** Shoved off at 10:20. Arr. at 1:30. Lollled around. Wick called. Win to Madrigals. Dinner at the Koshlands'. Good chow. Pleasant people.

**Mon June 10:** Rush day. Micky Finn called. Olivetti called. (Repulsive). Papers ad nauseum.

**Tues June 11:** Bill Kistler & Bill & Margo here at 10:30. Took them up to house. P.M. Bill & Mrs. here for corn-flakes supper.

**Wed June 12:** Off at 8:30 to Carson City. Arr. 9:45. Saw A.G. (Gen. White). Called on Gov. Pittman. Carson City is @ 4,000. Nice location. Off again at 11:30. Flew over Bridgeport. Back at 1:30. Picked up Al & went to Berkeley for Ede-Kistler wedding. Reception at Piedmont. Got away at 6:30.

**Thurs June 13:** Office. Usual crap. Worsham in. – E.M. Wilson in. – Dinner at M. Paul's, with Hubbards. Then Ice Follies. Al with us. Good show. Shimkus drove & shot off his mouth at a cop. Got a ticket. \$5.00.

**Fri June 14:** Gen. McKay in. By noon strike still on. Stuck around. At 3:00 announcement of settlement came in. Shoved at 4:00 – Carmel at 7:00. Ben at the house.

**Sat June 15:** Worked. Sunny day. P.M. dinner at Normandie with Win & Ben.

**Sun June 16:** Worked in A.M. P.M. called – Whites, Lovinks, Cubbisons. Ben out for supper. Sunny day.

**Mon June 17:** Shoved at 5:15. Got in traffic north of San José. Office. Good weather.

**Tues June 18:** O'Sullivan & Boyd in for lunch. Watters in town. Frederick called. Ingmire in with Wash. dirt. (Wedemeyer & a col. to handle personal correspondence. Birthday greetings to Congressmen.)

**Wed June 19:** Mailed checks to John to cover income tax payments to date, (\$1836). Watters out for lunch. At 2:00 went to Grant school & spent an hour going through.

**Thurs June 20:** *No entry.*

**Fri June 21:** Usual office day. Shoved off at 3:00. Al drove. Arr. Carmel 6:30. Dinner at Normandy Inn. (Newells, there; I didn't recognize them!)

**Sat June 22:** Worked out back, most of day. Hot soak. Chow at home. Bank in A.M. Parson's also.

**Sun June 23:** Win up to town. I worked. P.M. pattered around. To bed early.

**Mon June 24:** Up at 3:35. Off at 4:10. Arr. Pres. 6:43. Record run of 2 hrs. 33 min. We got ahead of traffic. In P.M. long nap. Slineys in. Tseng Hsi Kwei arr. Sikion Wu, @ citizenship for illegal entry-ites. – Had dinner with Feagins. – Senatorial party took our plane. We wait for a replacement from Florida.

**Tues June 25:** Office. Lunch for Tseng. (Merrill, Cannon, McCabe & I.) Morrissey, – Big Shot, came yesterday, disgusted with his detail. – Left at 7:00. Hamilton at 7:30. Mrs. Doe & Camilla there. Our gang all there. Off at 8:30.

**Wed June 26:** Honolulu at 5:45. Moore met me. Breakfast there. Called on Wells. (Met Tom en route.) – Lunch at Adm. Towers. Mob. Nap. Cocktail fight at Moore's at 5:30 to 8:00.

**Thurs June 27:** Read all A.M. – To Wells (via Ruger, looking for Tom) for lunch. On the lanai, with the beach 10 feet away. They have bought a house & lot – separate, – last ground on S. coast in fee simple. – Mrs. Wells, Jane, Tom, Gen. Mrs. Teague, 'Ricky' (Jane's kid) – (Table of orchids.) We talked & talked. What a memory the old man has. All raved over Ben. Mrs. W. says BE SURE & write Win to come & visit. They all root for the Stilwells. (Admiral's wife who saw J. Easterbrook in S. F. in tin hat.) (Talk with Mrs. Moore @ Eisenhower's inattention.) – Honolulu growing fast & cleaning up. New parks etc. The feel of the place is strong. (Gen. Wells says "Announce your gratification at being put on a social equality with E.M.) P.M. Hooked for two cocktail fights. (Ochter, Oahu Country Club.) (Dillingham, Diamond Head.) Beautiful views. Dill. party small & select. Forrestal, Moores, Honnens, etc. Macadamia nuts. Old Italian arch. Mrs. D. the Grande Dame. Son killed over Tokyo. Terrible blow. "You can't

do this to me!" – Doc. Compton at M.I.T. brawl. After dinner with Moores he came in & we ducked. At A.T.C. went to bed upstairs.

**Fri. June 28 & Sat. June 29:** Off at 2:30. Johnston Is. at 6:00. Breakfast. Off at 7:00. Passed over Watje. Landed at Kwajalein about 2:00. Wyatt met us. Gassed up & off to Bikini (165 N. miles). Circled array. Back at 5:45. Dinner. Mrs. Wyatt (limie) here. Press conference. Then to "Albemarle" to see Gilda. Turned in at 10:00.

**Sun June 30:** (I am in guest house, in best room.) Couple of aides shoved out. Fine cool night. Off at 7:45 in amphibian. 2 hrs. to Bikini (10:10). Press conference at 11:00. A lot of silly questions. N. Soong & Pepper Martin there. Had a sandwich & then went to "Nevada," "Independence," "Nagato". Saw the junk stowed on decks, animals, etc. Back to the amphib. Off at 3:10. Arr. Kwaj. at 5:30. Shower. Mrs. Wyatt tweet-tweeting at everybody. (Saltonstall, Brewster, etc. etc.) (Dewey's Symington is a fat sweaty jew with no manners. Dewey himself has few.) The Briefing. Good God – A childish effort to be efficient. Very sad. More puerile handling of the fitting of chute harness. Kenney & Whitehead here – (Ugh!) (Applause at press conf. for first man introduced. Then silence.) Hannegan introduced himself.

**Mon July 1:** Up at 4:00. At plane at 4:40. Take off at 6:00. Squabble over seats. Congressmen horning in. Much fuss @ chutes & Mae Wests. Bomb exploded at 9:00. Little light through goggles. Insignificant shock. – Had to write fore-cast for Doc. Compton. – Went in & pooped around for ½ hr., a crowd of air corps gentlemen scrambling for windows & blocking view. The smoke column was pretty but just as expected. Some fires burning as we left. Could not tell whether any ships sank. Back at 11:00. – Read. – Sun-bath. Swim.

**Tues July 2:** Reading at 9:20. Butler came in & said we were off at 9:30! (Everything is by guess & by God.) Threw my junk together & left. Saw the photos. Usual fight. Then by launch to sea-plane base. Off at 11:45 in PBM. Dewey horned in & filled flight deck. Brereton trampled my hat. Rode part way in co-pilot's seat. We circled the ships in lagoon. Dewey blocking all view with help of Brereton & Compton. (The consideration of some of these slobs is wonderful.) To "Haven" & got rooms. Off at 3:30 by launch to inspect ships. Dewey hit a high spot with that big flannel mouth of his. Talk about old women. He's Grandma. Screaming & yelling to the crews & calling to "Karl" to look at this & that. One grand horse's ass. Back to "Haven" at 6:00. Good chow. Rotten film. – Gilda.

**Wed July 3:** Off at 8:30 to see the damage – Pensacola, Nevada, Arkansas, & an APA. Back at noon. All Army ordinance O.K. Some goats alive but emanating gamma rays heavily. Damage same everywhere. Protection by thin sheets of steel. Pasteboard containers fully protected contents. Stacks blown over. Unsupported decks pushed in. – 1:30 to Bikini beach. Nice swimming. Nurses there. Tent dressing rooms! Fine water. The club would not sell me a coke, so I walked out on them. Andrews opened his big mush after dinner and called for speeches. Typical loud N.G., N.Y. peanut politician.

**Thurs July 4:** Below decks inspection. Pensacola (boiler casing blown). Nevada (to hell with it) Arkansas (boiler casings) – Hughes – (O.K. Turrets O.K.) – Newell says easy to put in louvers & prevent blast down the stack. Re-design above deck necessary. (Substitute radar rig ready. etc.) Back at 1:00, – dirty & sweaty trip. 3:00, meeting to go over report. Usual stuff; all

of them could make it better. Finished at 4:45. Gang went swimming. Too late. Stayed back & read.

**Fri July 5:** A.M. conference with Blandy on test B. Mucho hablar. Lunch with Blandy. (I do not like Parsons, he's a prick.) Back to "Haven" & off at 3:00. Sea-plane to Kwaj. Arr. 6:00. Very rough & bumpy landing. Poor Wyatt still overwhelmed with visitors. Col. Montgomery, ATC, got me off at 9:00 on a bucket seat job. Had a bunk all night. Poor rest.

**Fri July 5** (Again): Arr. Johnston Is. at 8:00 (local.) Had breakfast with naval K.O. Off at 9:00. Honolulu at 2:00. Tom & Gen. Wells there. Tom set up a plane for me & Gen. & I rode around. 3:30 took off. – Molokai – Maui (flew over Haleakala) – north coast of Hawaii – sloping cane-fields – waterfalls – cliffs. Hilo harbor. Damage cleared. Met by Wollaston – up to KMC. Tired out. – Too much plane & motor boat travel. Had chow & fell into bed. Impossible to be left alone.

**Sat July 6:** Out at 9:00 with the cpl. Caught at Pele Man Man by Wollaston & the volcanologist (Powers). Impossible to escape. S.S.O. also along to "cho tai". Went down chain of craters & through lava tube. Kilauea from East rim. Sandalwood is coming back. (Stripped for trade with China) Lehua (red pompon) on ohia tree. Rainfall variation 30" to 100" in a couple of miles. Most flowers imported. Cook; 1789 (Vancouver, 1792) Cook's estimate of pop. 200,000. Prob. twice too much. – 1:30 to Black Sands via Olaa & Pahoia. Not an interesting ride. Palm avenue in Olaa. Coconut grove & surf at Black Sands. Queer feeling that the black sands are clean. Stopped at Volcano House for a look-see on way back. – "Cocktails" at Wollastons'. No escape – Capt & Mrs McCoy (ret) Lt. Col. Fortuna from Vt. & Cuvina, asst. S.S.O. To bed at 8:00.

**Sun July 7:** Up at 6:30. To breakfast at 7:15. Closed. Got chow at 7:30. Left at 8:10 with Lt. Blake (Hawaiian – 33d Div) (Wollaston, 10% + 8 stripes for CAC duty in Hawaii!!) Down to Pohala plantation & flows on S. coast. To City of Refuge, & Kealakehua Bay where Cook was killed. ("The natives became troublesome"!!) Up again to the highway & down to Kailua. The Kona Inn. Lunch. Blake went fishing. I read & slept. (Jacaranda, roseapple, mango, breadfruit, avocado, kukui, ohia, eucalyptus, citrus, bougainvillea, panex croton, hibiscus, poinciana, African tulip, plumeria (frangipani) magnolia, morning glory, etc etc.) – (Lantana, dahlia etc) Fruit record – 1 Cal. grape-fruit, ½ avocado, 1½ monkey banana, 1 roadside rose-apple. Papaya everywhere, but not for me! – Bejesus. Mr. Runyon ("don't want nothin' more like that") & Mrs. for a lemonade. Blake & Carroll at dinner. (Chop suey! Pear pie!) Turned in early.

**Mon July 8:** \$22.00 for the two of us! (Blake had a collision last night.) Back track to Kealakuhalā, got Machado the cop, went to see his native wood furniture. Dropped him & Carroll at Kealakuhalā, & got started at 10:00. Same scenery to Parker ranch; Then New Mexico to Kamuela. Trees again & veg. gardens. Down to Honokaa & up to Waipio Valley. View from top of cliff. Only mule-track down. Back for good lunch at jap hotel in Honokaa. Down coast to Akaki Falls (400') & in to Hilo. Rainbow Falls. Pretty town. Lawns, wide streets. Trees & flowers. Very attractive after rest of island. Saw waterspout damage. Back at 5:30. Blake's wife & kid here. Dinner at my place with Wollastons & Lee.

**Tues July 9:** (DREAM. Win telling of Ogalia's writing fan letter to Doug. "I think you are the loveliest man in the world. I love every inch of you!!" With hoots from Win) – Off at 8:00 with Wollastons & Maj Hagel to field. A C-45 there. Orchid lei from Wollastons. Back via coast



lines of Hawaii, Maui, & Molokai. Landed at Wheeler Field. Tom & Wayne Smith there. To Haleiwa at once. Army is running it. – (Bill at K.M.C. \$6.00 which was fair enough.) – 2:00 P.M. to the beach till 4:00. Good swim. – Good dinner. Avocado – Turned in at 8:30. (Lt. Horton runs the place. It's good.) (I'm in Honeymoon Cottage!)

**Wed July 10:** Walk, 5:45-6:30 A.M. Breakfast 8:30. Beach till noon. Burned my shins. Nap after lunch. Then a ride, about 30 mi around N. end & back. Tommy called “Will I call on Hull?” (Oh, shit.)

**Thurs July 11:** Swim in A.M. At 3:20 shoved off. 4:00 called on Hull at Shafter. Tiresome, dull type. That Jew Ruffner was right on top of me at Hull's house. On to Spaldings' on Makiki Hts. The Wells there. They showed me the gardens. (Didn't know the names of half their own plants.) Left at 6:00 & saw “Lost Weekend” at Kapahulu. Back at 7:30.

**Fri July 12:** Beach in A.M. Tom has Kauai set up. The Rices take charge. P.M. to Kole-Kole Pass & down to Waianae. The old forbidding cloud-covered cliffs. Very impressive scenery. Stopped at PX for hair-cut on way back. No rubber-soled shoes. Fried shrimp to-night.

**Sat July 13:** A.M. Beach Detail getting out sea-weed. P.M. to Hon., Pali, Kaneohe Bay, (papaya orchards) & Kaimanalo Bay. Around Diamond Head via Kahala, & back to Haleiwa (2:00 to 6:00).

**Sun July 14:** To Wheeler Field at 9:00. Tommy there. C-45 to Barking Sands. Met by the Rices (Judge Philip.) Up the mountain to Grand Canyon. Smaller, but still grand & much more colorful. On to Kapali. Only a glimpse. To Rices' cabin for lunch. Nap. Back to Kapali – Clear. To Joe Souza's for plums. Back to Rices' house on coast. Swim. (Sister of Mrs. R., Mrs. Salisbury.) Dinner. Down to Queen Emma's valley for the night. (Owned by Allerton.)

**Mon July 15:** Coffee. Walked around the grounds. Beautiful place. To Rices' for breakfast. Allen Faye & kid arr. at 7:00 & we shoved off. Thro. Waimea (Cook's 1<sup>st</sup> landing.), Lihue (county seat), Kapaa, & out to HANAIEI. Gorgeous bay. Old time atmosphere. Home of Lindsay Faye. Another brother over from Honolulu. Arr. 9:00 A.M. Out in Lindsay's boat – (took 4 Geol. Survey poops down the coast (water research!!) & put them ashore. A ton of junk for one night. Fished till 1:30. One strike – & lost him. Rough ride. Tom sick. Good buffet lunch – fresh mahi mahi, avocado salad. – Bunch of kids there, 3 boys & 6 girls – all Fayes. Off at 3:00. Stopped at Fay's dairy for watermelon. 30 lbs (@ 30 cents = \$9.00) Field at 5:30 – 1 C-54 & 1 C-47 – Enough. To Hickam, 6:30, & back here at 7:30. Place closed on Mondays. Navy doctor found the key to the cottage for me.

**Tues July 16:** Rained like hell this A.M. Stayed in. Bright P.M. At the beach. Steak for dinner – good, too. First meal I've really been ready for.

**Wed July 17:** A.M., beach. Slept & read in P.M. Cook on the job.

**Thurs July 18:** A.M. beach. At 1:00 – THE BILL \$106.60. By God, another clip joint. \$5.00 per day for that stinking cottage. I was burned. Rode in to Ruger & saw Tommy. Got fruit at Chun Hoon's (Jane) & then to Hickam Field.

**Fri July 19:** Off at 8:50 (motor trouble.) Johnston Is. at 12:00. Then —

**Sat July 20:** Arr. Kwajalein at 7:20. Wyatt met me. In Adm.'s qrs.

**Sun July 21:** Hot. Trade winds reversed. Sun-bath. P.M. to Bennett Is. for swim with Wyatts & Butman. The gang is in — Off to Bikini in A.M.

**Mon July 22:** Told Compton I preferred to stay here & see "B" from plane. O.K. Sun-bath. P.M. To Bennett Is. again. Good swim.

**Tues July 23:** Over cast. Just bummed. Lecture to Anderson & Gillespie @ China. Set up for a PBM on 25th.

**Wed July 24:** Bennett Is. for swim. Back at 2:00. Sun out again. — Dinner at Ramey's. Terrible bore. A bunch of stupids in air corps reminiscences over drinks.

**Thurs July 25:** Up at 3:40. To seaplane at 5:00. Off at 5:50. 8:35 — detonation — no light, no tidal wave, no earth-shaking results. 1 BB & 2 L.S.T.s sunk. Back at noon. (This Page boy is insufferable.) P.M. rested. Off at 5:00 to DD 368. LAIRD, '39, skipper. Out S.W. pass at sunset. Movie — Mildred Pierce. Balmy night.

**Fri July 26:** In lagoon at 7:00. Transferred to Haven. All A.M. listened to blah-blah about our report. Dewey was the worst. All P.M. same. Went to bed. Scheduled talk at 10:00 P.M. To hell with it.

**Sat July 27:** Blandy & Co. over & reported. Movies of A test. Photos of B test. Grab bag, led by Dewey & his jew, for photos of B test. → FLASH. Leave here the 31<sup>st</sup>. P.M. by boat to "Hughes" & "Fallon" both beached. (Bawled out Mr. Page) Landed on EKU IS. P.M. photos of B test. Usual scramble.

**Sun July 28:** A.M. Sun-bath. Trip thro. target area with Blandy. (Lemonade!) Back at noon. P.M. long tedious meeting, squabbling over report. Walked the deck with Saltonstall — Good egg. To bed at 7:30.

**Mon July 29:** Start back to-morrow! Got wires off to Merrill & T. Wells last night. ½ hr. sun. Then a meeting — P.M. an hr's. sun & another meeting. Blandy called in evening. Pd. mess-bill (\$4). All set for DD trip. 7:00 A.M. start.

**Tues July 30:** Start for home. DD from Bikini to Kwaj. (Saltonstall, Newell, Condon, Hollofield etc) 28 knots all the way. At Wyatt's five minutes before our seaplane crowd came. Laundry salvaged — most of it. Off in 9055 at 6:00. Bad night. Pains in head.

**Tues July 30:** AGAIN. Honolulu at 9:30. To Shafter. Tom came out. Lunch there. Called on the Wells at 3:00. Saw their new house. Left at 4:00. (The old man cried.) Eifler at airport. Autographs till hell wouldn't have it. Off at 5:40. Not so bad a night.

**Wed July 31:** Hamilton at 8:00 — Win there. Met some of the board. Rode in & holed up for the day in our house.

**Thurs Aug 1:** Office. Report to staff on Bikini. P.M. papers.

**Fri Aug 2:** Showed off at 11:30. Lunch in San José (96) Cool after Gilroy. Carmel at 3:45. In the back-yard – Surprise – Win had mobilized the Nisei & gotten the kikuyu grass all out. I guess that saves me from coronary thrombosis. (Stopped first at Doot's to see them.) – Chill at night & feeling all out of energy.

**Sat Aug 3:** Light work out back. Road being cut through. Lang Berry here for dinner. Cleave over.

**Sun Aug 4:** Took it easy. Teddy's 2d birthday party in patio. Wick & Jekka in. Ben worked yesterday & to-day on his sparrowhawk. I'm feeling better.

**Mon Aug 5:** Off at 7:00. Cool & overcast. At house at 10:00. Office. Win had Woman's Club caucus at house. Hilsman in to call. Also Starlet Ferguson (Charlotte Lawrence.) Effie Fortune's brother – another hare-lip – in because he knew Jack Mudgett. (Saw Jake Stewart at Carmel yesterday.)

**Tues Aug 6:** Merrill to L.A., speech. Office all day. Barbecue, 5 to 8, – 15 patients from Letterman. Good party. We had to pitch in & help.

**Wed Aug 7:** Dispensary. TH. CHL. shot. Office. KASTEN, (Finance) in. Queer effect of law @ terminal leave.

**Thurs Aug 8:** Office in A.M.. (Vit. B. shot) Nap 1-3. Office for conference, Hays, Doyle, Nichols, Smith. Feeling punk. Garry washed. In bed at 6:00.

**Fri. Aug 9:** Office in A.M. Merrill back from LA. Hays in Honolulu. Off at 3:00. Glosson driving. Arr. 6:00. Waffles with Doot & Ellis.

**Sat Aug 10:** B.M.R. Dave forgot. Result (-10 & -23). So that's one reason, anyway. Bummed around. Dinner at Normandie with Coxes.

**Sun Aug 11:** (Yesterday noon, Capt Mead & Sgt Sakasegawa in. Deadly. That's the way to kill me off.) Mrs. Powell in. Nap till 3:00. Off at 3:30. Flat at S. F. arr. 7:30. House just as we left it on Friday. Walker never came.

**Mon Aug 12:** Hays back. Shot. Quit at 10:30. (News of Marshall's flop on Sat.) All day at the house. Slept. (7 "wrong no." calls.)

**Tues Aug 13:** Visitors: C.V. Johnson S/Sgt. U.S.M.C. – Madducks – pro-K.M.T. & hush-hush about George. St John, with dislocated shoulder. Old Newgood, looking fine. P.M. nap & then dinner in Redwood Room followed by "Bloomer Girl", (Smiths & Hubbards.) Got to bed ahead of a chill.

**Wed Aug 14:** Ellis up; & took Win back for wedding. (Powell) Al came out & pitched in with meals. H.B.M. Cane & Aus. C. Gen. Lt Gen Smart called. Barbecue in P.M. I overdid it & went to bed.

**Thurs Aug 15:** Al took Garry to vet's. Win got back, & had Women's Club meeting. – Conf. with Struble & Co., Quesada & Co. etc. all A.M. & up to 3:30. He's a windy bastard (Besbeck called. Batley & P.R.O. entourage in.) One hell of a day.

**Fri Aug 16:** Hangover from yesterday. Took it easy all day.

**Sat Aug 17:** Decided not to go to Carmel. Quiet day here. Shopped at O'Connor's.

**Sun Aug 18:** Win's birthday. Roses from Theisens & Hubbards. Print from Merrills. Gifts from Al, Nance, Doot & Ellis (pen.) Al came out at 3:00. Ben & Ellis at 5:20. Dinner at Tonga Room. Ice Follies afterward.

**Mon Aug 19:** Ben left at 7:45. 3<sup>2</sup> meals in offing, demanding car, etc. Sturtevant in, – wants all about China in 5 minutes. New Chief of UNNRA! P.M. nap. No energy.

**Tues Aug 20:** Up at 5:00 Off at 6:10 – Hamilton to Whidby Is. – Navy Field. Joe there. Worthington held up by slides on R.R. We went to Casey, & boarded “Willard,” & shoved off. W. to meet us at Thrasher's Rock. He did, & we lost no time.

**Wed Aug 21:** \*\*\* Beautiful scenery. Stop at York Is. (Can. C.A.C.) – Trolled. Got a strained muscle. Off at 12:30. Slept.

**Thurs Aug 22:** S/Sgt Petty harpoons me daily with 2 C.C.s of thianine chloride. Stop at Swanson's Bay. Went ashore up stream. Worthington got a bear – No fish. 3 grouse. Back aboard at 3:00 & glad of it. Exhausted. Whale in channel.

**Fri Aug 23:** Banks Is. I stayed on board. At noon, moved to Capt's Cove & tied up to log raft. Joe caught trout, disregarding instr.

**Sat Aug 24:** At ANNETTE IS. early. Dumped Joe & Worthington & Keane & shoved, at 7:40. – Nearly took pier out. (17 ft tide.) Ty buzzed us. Down to Greenville Channel.

**Sun Aug 25:** Off at 5:00. Through Greenville Ch. All day, gorgeous scenery. Anchored at Swanson Bay. At 5:00 picked up hunters & left. (30 salmon.)

**Mon Aug 26:** All day to Nootka Is. & anchorage in Eliza Bay. Out at sea most of day.

**Tues Aug 27:** At 10:00 around Nootka & out. Saw No. 1 beach. Too foggy to go in to No. 2. All day to NEA Bay on Olympic Penin. Anchored @ midnight.

**Wed Aug 28:** Left Nea at 9:15, & went to HAYDEN. Ride around with Sgt Henry, for possible maneuver ground. Fair. P.M. to Dungeness for night. Nary a crab.

**Thurs Aug 29:** To Casey, through the fog. Hays, Nichols, Talbot, & Col. arr. at 11:00. Up to field & off at noon. Arr. Hamilton 4:25. Win there. To Presidio. Saw Doot.

**Fri Aug 30:** Hair-cut. Conference on budget. Three teeth out. – Barbecue at the house. – Off at noon for Carmel. Arr. 3:30. Cleave in at 10:00 P.M. Sweat

**Sat Aug 31:** Win shopped. I deadbeat all A.M. Cleave in & killed me with his story.

**Sun Sept 1.** A.M. bummed. Shoved off at 3:45. Roads clear most of way. Arr. 7:15. Doot in.

**Mon Sept 2:** Out? Or not? NOT. In bed all day. Big dinner – Doot, Ellis & Ted in.

**Tues Sept 3:** Out? No. (Big dinner – Coxes here. Lamb.) Feeling better, I believe. Win had Woman Club business. – Bad P.M. heavy sweat. Sat up all night in my clothes. NO MORE SWEAT.

**Wed Sept 4:** Ben in late last night. – Had ‘em out – 3 upper lefts – Bled considerably. Feeling O.K. Al out. Coxes, Al, Ben, Win, & I had a family confab. Slept in a chair again. NO SWEAT.

**Thurs Sept 5:** (Barbecue here yesterday.) Brief time in office. Slept all P.M.

**Fri Sept 6:** Ankles all swollen. (See Cleave.) A.M. office. Home at noon. (Barbecue on.) Left at 2:00. Good trip. Ben ahead of us in jeep. Stopped at Cleave’s office & got the works.

**Sat Sept 7:** Around house all day. Cleave over at night.

**Sun Sept 8:** Shoved off at 2:15. Good trip. Tired. Chilled. Sweat, but not so bad.

**Mon Sept 9:** Stayed home all day (Admission Day.) Doot & Ted in.

**Tues Sept 10:** Stayed home all day. Frank up with the papers. Two good nights, (close fight with sweats!)

**Wed Sept 11:** Office, briefly. Dentist. Nap.

**Thurs Sept 12:** A.M. to Baker & looked over the “Niles” & Q134 – our excursion boats. Got a workout. Slept from 1:30 to 5:30. Pretty good night.

**Fri Sept 13:** Dizzy this A.M. Overdid it yesterday, probably. Briefly at office in A.M.

**Sat Sept 14:** Home all day. Evening, dinner with Doot & Ellis. Tired. (Sweat)

**Sun Sept 15:** Al out. She & Win went to dog-show. Garry was exhausted. (Sweat, damn it. Thought I had it licked.

**Mon Sept 16:** Feeling better. Office in A. M. Two sessions with dentist. – Got my belly looked at. Sure enough, something suspicious about liver. – Doot & Ted in. Good night. No coughing.

**Tues Sept 17:** Gorman went over me in A.M. 1:00 P.M. to Letterman for tests – blood, (shaky nurse), X-ray of chest, Electro-cardiograph. Walked miles – Win, Doot & Ellis to “Lady W’s Fan.”

**Wed Sept 18:** Extraction – 6 lowers – 1 ½ hr session. Secanol is great stuff. In bed rest of day.

**Thurs Sept 19:** In bed most of day. John Stutesman