

1 Season One: *Forbidden Diary*
2 Episode Five: *How to Pack a Suitcase*

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7	Natalie	Sevil Delin
8	Broadcaster	Voice Realm Actor
9	President Quezon	Bob Bavani
10	Nida	Jeannie Anne Sioson
11	Jerry	Mark Oliver
12	Ismael	Pocholo Gonzalez
13	Carl Eschbach	Scott Walton
14	Mrs. Saleeby	Melba King
15	Merchant	Bob Bavani
16	Soldier	John Carroll Wolfe
17	Nurse	Diane Bolton

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20 [Cold Open]

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22 Announcer Previously on *Forbidden Diary*:

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24 [SOUND BITES FROM EPISODE FOUR]

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26 Announcer And now, Episode Five: *How to Pack a Suitcase*

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29 **[DIARY READING ONE]¹**

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31 [SOUNDS OF PAGE TURNING, WRITING, AND FADE OUT]

32
33 Natalie December 23, 1941 After much discussion over whether to go to
34 Manila or not, Jerry and I decided to remain in Baguio and take
35 whatever comes. As it turns out everyone in our small group of
36 houses is staying as well.

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¹ From Natalie's [December 22, 1941](#) and [December 23, 1941](#) diary entries.

38 It's no use being afraid. Besides, if all Americans flee, it'll be very
39 bad for the morale of the Filipinos and Chinese up here.

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41 After lunch up in the garage today, we all put our dishes and forks
42 away and huddled in front the radio to listen to President
43 Quezon's inauguration speech. In it, he read a message from
44 President Roosevelt that rekindled our hope that things might not
45 be so grim.²

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47 **[SCENE ONE]**³

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49 [SOUND OF RADIO BEING TUNED; DISHES CLANKING]

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51 Broadcaster In just a few minutes, His Excellency Manuel L. Quezon, President
52 of the Commonwealth of the Philippines will be giving his
53 Inaugural Address.

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55 Nida Ismael, turn it up.

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57 [RADIO TURNED UP]

58
59 Manuel Quezon On November 15, 1935, I took my oath of office as first President
60 of the Philippines under the most favorable auspices. The
61 Philippines was at peace and the Filipino people were happy and
62 contented and thrilled with the vision of a bright future.

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64 Six years ago, there was every reason to believe that the Filipino
65 people would be able to prepare themselves for independence in
66 peace and without hindrance.

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68 Our task of nation building was in progress when suddenly, on
69 December 8, 1941, the Philippines became the victim of wanton
70 aggression. We are resisting this aggression with everything that
71 we have.

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² Quezon's speech was actually December 30, 1941. This paragraph is an imagined as a set up for Scene 1. The [December 14 1941](#) diary entry mentions the Crouters eating "Filipino chow with the servants" in the garage.

³ The purpose of this imagined scene is to show the Filipino perspective and how the U.S. kept claiming that help was on the way. FDR's pledge will be mentioned in Scene Two C.

74 Despite the enemy’s temporary superiority in the air, and on land
75 and sea, we have been able to check the rapid advance of the
76 invading armies.

77
78 At the present time we have but one task—to fight with America
79 for America and the Philippines. To this task, we shall devote all
80 our resources in men and materials. Ours is a great cause. Indeed,
81 we are fighting for our own independence.

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83 Yesterday, the President of the United States issued a
84 proclamation which, I am sure, will hearten our fighting men and
85 thrill the soul of every American and Filipino in this land. This is
86 the proclamation:

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88 “News of your gallant struggle against the Japanese aggressors
89 has elicited the profound admiration of every American. As
90 President of the United States, I know that I speak for all our
91 people on this solemn occasion.

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93 I give to the people of the Philippines my pledge that their
94 freedom will be redeemed and their independence established
95 and protected. The entire resources in men and materials of the
96 United States stand behind that pledge.

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98 The United States Navy is following an intensive and well planned
99 campaign against Japanese forces which will result in positive
100 assistance to the defense of the Philippine Islands.”

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102 My heart, and I know the hearts of all Americans and Filipinos in
103 this country, are filled with gratitude for the reassuring words of
104 the President of the United States.

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106 In taking my oath of office, I make the pledge for myself, my
107 government, and my people, to stand by America and fight with
108 her until victory is won. I humbly invoke the help of Almighty God
109 that I may have the wisdom and fortitude to carry out this solemn
110 obligation.⁴

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⁴ Quezon’s speech is condensed. To see the full speech, go to <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/1941/12/30/second-inaugural-address-of-president-quezon/>.

115 [DIARY READING TWO]

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117 [SOUND OF WRITING AND FADE OUT]

118
119 Natalie Even with FDR's pledge, it's hard to ignore 80 Japanese warships
120 anchored along our coast line, so we finally settled on joining the
121 Americans at Brent School. The school is a sort of a voluntary
122 concentration to be together if the Japanese invade.⁵

123
124 We like that it's far away from town⁶, but for all we know, we may
125 be binding up Japanese wounds by this time tomorrow. That's
126 what I told Nida today as we packed for Brent, and she gave me a
127 wry face.⁷

128
129 Deciding what to take got me thinking about life's ironies and the
130 Jewish refugees that Jerry brought home a few years ago.⁸ He
131 found them on a Shell Oil tanker in Manila harbor during a
132 business trip procuring gasoline for the mine. The Nazis took their
133 German citizenship,⁹ and they'd sailed half way around the world
134 unable to find a country to take them in.¹⁰ President Quezon
135 agreed to let them stay in the Philippines,¹¹ so Jerry chartered a
136 bus and brought them home.

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138 Our house was wall-to-wall people until we found places for them
139 to live. While they were staying with us, one of the refugees
140 taught me how to pack a suitcase on the run. That's how the
141 subject came up as the stacks of clothes on our bed grew higher
142 and higher.

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⁵ [December 26, 1941 diary entry.](#)

⁶ [Miles, Fern Harrington, *Captive Community*, pp. 20.](#) One of the benefits Miles recalled about Brent School.

⁷ [December 22, 1941 diary entry.](#)

⁸ This paragraph is based on Fred Crouter's recollections in his email to me dated 8/18/21. This and the next paragraph are a set up for Scene Two A which is imagined.

⁹ Actually German Jews were demoted to "subjects." See <https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/nuremberg-race-laws-imposed>. It's doubtful that Natalie would have had this fine-grain of an understanding.

¹⁰ <https://www.history.com/news/wwii-jewish-refugee-ship-st-louis-1939>

¹¹ <http://www.quezon.ph/2019/05/29/jewish-refugees-and-the-philippines-a-timeline/>.

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[SCENE TWO A]¹²

[SOUND OF DRAWER OPENING]

Nida June and Bedie's clothes are on your bed Mrs. Crouter.

Natalie Oh, good. Thank you. I'll set out my clothes and Jerry's. Then we'll decide what to pack. They might be all we'll have to wear for a long time. Better pack my girdle.¹³ Oh, and we'll need two suitcases I guess. Jerry said the men will probably be separated from woman and children.

Nida Should I get the fortnighter for Mr. Jerry?

Natalie I don't know yet. Let's just get everything out, and we'll decide.

Nida Everything?

Natalie Maybe we'd better just start with the dresser, and then we'll decide.

[SOUND OF DRAWER OPENING]

Natalie Gee I wish I'd paid more attention to Mrs. Meyerhoff. Remember her?

Nida No.

Natalie She was one of the refugees we took in.

Nida We must have had forty people!

Natalie Remember when the bus showed up in front of the house?

Nida You couldn't see the living room floor when everyone went to sleep.

¹² This scene is imagined.

¹³ Ladies wore girdles back then, and Natalie's [May 12, 1944](#) diary entry mentions her wearing a girdle.

182 Natalie Bedie thought it was great fun!
183
184 Nida Yes. That's our Mr. Bedie. And June helped serve food.
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186 Natalie And your girls as well.
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188 Nida What would we have done without our little helpers?
189
190 Natalie You sure you don't remember Mrs. Meyerhoff? She had long
191 silver hair braided and wrapped around her head.
192
193 Nida Oh, yes. I remember her.
194
195 Natalie She told me how to pack a suitcase on the run, and now look at
196 us. We're the ones packing, and she'll probably be safe because
197 she's German.
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199 Nida How does that make her safe?
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201 Natalie Well, Germany and Japan are allies.
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203 Nida Oh. That's right. But she's Jewish.
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205 Natalie I don't think Japanese care;¹⁴ they'll be too busy rounding us up if
206 it comes to that. Well, anyway, she kept telling me, "Only take
207 what you can carry! Only take what you can carry!!"
208
209 Nida Oh Mrs. Crouter, I think we're in trouble.
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211 Natalie Hmm, even I can't squeeze all of this into two suitcases.
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213 Nida No. Not even you.
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215 Natalie Well...Mrs. Meyerhoff also said to dress in layers, so your clothes
216 can do double duty in hot and cold weather.

¹⁴ [According to Open Door: Rescue in the Philippines](https://www.cnn.com/2015/02/02/world/asia/philippines-jews-wwii/index.html) at 44:00, German Jews were not interned by the Japanese. The following source mentions that they had passports with swastikas on them: <https://www.cnn.com/2015/02/02/world/asia/philippines-jews-wwii/index.html>. Maybe they kept passports as German "subjects." See Footnote 9.

217 Nida Then maybe just one heavy sweater each?
218
219 Natalie Agreed. Oh, we're also supposed to bring mattresses, blankets,
220 and food. Have you and Ismael decided what you're going to do?
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222 Nida No. Not yet. We're still talking about it.
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224 Natalie Oh, you two are as bad as us. Now let's get the
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226 [FADE OUT]
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229 [SCENE TWO B]¹⁵
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231 [FADE IN]
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233 Ismael [IN TAGALOG] Time's wasting. We've got to make up our minds.
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235 Nida [IN TAGALOG] I don't know *what* to do Ismael.
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237 Ismael Mr. Jerry's been asking, Nida.
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239 Nida I know. I know. So has Mrs. Crouter. Do you know what she said
240 to me today?
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242 Ismael What?
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244 Nida That I must be prepared to help wounded Jap soldiers because
245 the wounded are the same anywhere.¹⁶ Is she out of her mind?
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247 Ismael [LAUGHS] That sounds like our Mrs. Crouter.
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249 Nida Sometimes I think that her kindness is going to get us all killed. I
250 was the one who fed those refugees and sewed bed sheets for the

¹⁵ This scene is imagined to show the Batani's perspective.

¹⁶ From Natalie's [December 22, 1941](#) diary entry.

251 Red Cross.¹⁷
252
253 Ismael What are you talking about?
254
255 Nida Oh nothing. I love Mrs. Crouter. She is a *good* person, but her
256 thoughts are too far up in the clouds sometimes.
257
258 Ismael That's because, my sweet Nida, she is a saint.
259
260 Nida I know, I know. But we can't afford to be saints like her, Ismael!
261
262 Ismael Mr. Jerry wants us to live in the house if the Japs take over and
263 they're interned.
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265 Nida I don't want our girls anywhere *near* the Japs!
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267 Ismael That's what I told him. But I think I should stay.
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269 Nida Ismael!
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271 Ismael We can't desert the Crouters.
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273 Nida No. Not after all these years, and I know they'd do the same for
274 us.
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276 Ismael Do you know that they're going to split their food with us.¹⁸
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278 Nida Isn't it strange Ismael? The people we know with the most
279 bayanihan turned out to be the Crouters of all people.
280
281 Ismael Mr. Jerry brought up us siding with Japan.¹⁹
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283 Nida Again!
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285 Ismael He was trying to give me an out. You know how he is.

¹⁷ Is was Nida and the laundress who sewed items for the Red Cross. See Natalie's [December 1, 1941](#) entry.

¹⁸ See Natalie's [December 26, 1941](#) entry.

¹⁹ This was discussed in [Episode 2, Scene 5](#).

286 Nida I know. What did you say?
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288 Ismael I got a little emotional.
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290 Nida Oh Ismael. What did you tell him?
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293 **[SCENE TWO C]**²⁰
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295 [SOUNDS OF OUTDOOR AMBIENCE]
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297 Ismael When are you leaving for Brent?
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299 Jerry I don't know. Guess it all depends on the Japanese.
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301 Ismael I was wondering because Nida helped Mrs. Crouter pack.
302
303 Jerry Have you tried picking up the luggage? How the hell did those
304 tiny, little women stuff that much crap into two suitcases?
305
306 Ismael You're asking the wrong person.
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308 Jerry When we open 'em, it'll be like Fibber McGee's closet.²¹ Hey, have
309 you and Nida decided if you're gonna stay in Baguio?
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311 Ismael We're still not sure.
312
313 Jerry Well, if you *do* plan to stay and we're interned...would you and
314 Nida consider living in our house?²²
315
316 Ismael Of course, we'll take care of everything.
317
318 Jerry Yea, but if it gets too dangerous, just...leave. Don't even hesitate.
319 Side with the Japs if you have to.
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²⁰ This scene is to show a Filipino perspective. I based it on Carl Romulo's thoughts from his [I Saw the Philippines Fall](#) and other sources as footnoted.

²¹ The popular radio show broadcast from 1935 to 1959. See <https://www.fibbermcgeeandmolly.com/>.

²² In Natalie's [December 26, 1941](#) entry she writes about Ismael staying in their house, so they had to have asked him.

321 Ismael I'll *never* do that!

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323 Jerry You owe us nothing.

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325 Ismael But I *owe* my country. The Japs are trying to push this Greater East
326 Asia [say Tagalog version of bull sh**] on Filipinos. Well guess
327 what! We're Malayan, Spanish, and American! We are our *own*
328 people! And this is *OUR* country!²³

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330 Jerry Ismael, I didn't mean....

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332 Ismael We'd never get independence from the Japs. And we're so close,
333 Mr. Jerry. It's our turn. It's *our* turn!

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335 Jerry And it's gonna happen in '46.

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337 Ismael Is it? You heard President Quezon's speech. If FDR says he has a
338 "well-planned" campaign against Japan, then why hasn't anyone
339 come to help!!!²⁴

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341 Jerry I don't know. I'm as angry about it as you.

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343 Ismael Today I was walking by the Filipino Army's training camp and ran
344 into a gang of soldiers who told me that their American officers
345 abandoned them.²⁵ What the hell??

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347 Jerry Everyone's been sent to Bataan last minute.²⁶ They could have
348 missed their unit's orders?

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350 Ismael I don't believe it.

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352 Jerry It was probably a screwed up.

²³ Romulo, Carlos P, [I Saw the Fall of the Philippines](#), pp. 36. Rumolo was a well-known reporter and pundit in Filipino popular culture, so I'm taking his views regarding how Filipinos defined themselves and their patriotism during this time

²⁴ According to this editorial, Filipinos were angry at Americans for not coming to the rescue:

<https://www.thetrumpet.com/164-did-america-betray-macarthur-and-the-filipinos>.

²⁵ [Miles, pp. 18](#). This incident was recalled by Miles. There was no timestamp as to when it happened but from the context it had to be shortly before December 25.

²⁶ [Morton, Lewis, The Fall of the Philippines, pp. 152](#). MacArthur made the decision to go to Bataan on December 23, 1941.

353 Ismael Or maybe the Americans bugged out on them.
354
355 Jerry I really doubt that. Why would the Army leave soldiers behind
356 when they're so desperate for them?
357
358 Ismael These soldiers said that they were left behind to be killed.²⁷ Is
359 America going hand the Philippines over to Japan?
360
361 Jerry No! God no!
362
363 Ismael Well, it doesn't matter because the Filipino Scouts are the best
364 fighters in the world!²⁸
365
366 Jerry Are you planning to join up?
367
368 Ismael Nida and the girls have to be safe before I can even think about
369 volunteering.

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371 [FADE OUT]

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374 [DIARY READING THREE]

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376 [SOUNDS OF PAGE TURNING, WRITING, AND FADE OUT]

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378 Natalie December 26, 1941 Brent School. We've lived a lifetime in the
379 last three days. The worst of the rumors have come true, and this
380 time no one can deny them. The dynamiting of the Naguilian and
381 ZigZag trails was loud, clear, and *near*! Then Balatoc mine's tanks
382 blew, sending thick smoke over the valley. But most frightening is
383 the undeniable sound of gun fire echoing up the trails nonstop,
384 like a broken phonograph record.
385
386 There's panic in the air, trees, and ground. While I write, men are
387 surely fighting, and probably dying, at the foot of our trails along

²⁷ [Miles, pp. 18.](#)

²⁸ Not just patriotic rhetoric. Filipino Scouts were well thought of by the U.S. Army. See <https://armyhistory.org/the-philippine-scouts/> and <https://www.philippinescouts.org/the-scouts/history/the-philippine-scouts>.

388 the beach—and maybe closer.

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390 As the rumor that Japanese soldiers are now hiking up to Baguio
391 becomes more credible, the road out of town fills with terror-
392 stricken civilians and Filipino soldiers in trucks heading to the
393 lowlands to fight.²⁹

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395 The Filipino women left for the Igorot barrios days ago. Thank God
396 Nida decided to join them with her girls. And Ismael, our loyal
397 Ismael, is staying here.

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399 Nida and I said our goodbyes in the kitchen. As I started to go out
400 the door, leaving Nida silent behind me, I was too near the
401 breaking point to turn around—but did. Nida looked so bowed
402 down that I went back and put my arms around her. We both
403 burst into tears as she clung to me sobbing.

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406 **[SCENE THREE]**³⁰

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408 **[HORN HONKING]**

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410 Natalie I'll be out in a minute! We're ready to head out to Brent School.
411 When are you and the girls leaving?

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413 Nida Pretty soon.

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415 Natalie Do have everything you need?

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417 Nida I think so.

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419 **[HORN HONKING]**

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421 Natalie Well... they're waiting for me in the car I suppose.... And you have
422 a long day ahead of you.

²⁹ Sister Louise Kroeger unpublished memoirs from MacArthur archives. See 20210517_101848.jpg at ..Forbidden
Diary/MacArthur/Baguio-Bilibad Papers/Bettery Herold Heimke-Sr Louise Kroeger.

³⁰ Imagined from and based on Natalie's [December 26, 1941](#) diary entry.

423 Nida Okay.
424
425 Natalie You take care of yourself and get word to us so we don't worry.
426
427 Nida I will.
428
429 Natalie We'll be seeing you. Well, bye.
430
431 Nida Goodbye.
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433 [SOUNDS OF FOOTSTEPS, DOOR OPEN, AND PAUSE]
434
435 Nida Oh Mrs. Crouter, I don't want you to go away or anything to
436 happen to you!
437
438 [SOUNDS OF FOOTSTEPS AND HUGS]
439
440 Natalie You either. I'm going to miss you... terribly.
441
442 Nida I've been so happy with you all these years. I don't want to lose
443 June and Bedie!
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446 **[DIARY READING FOUR]**
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448 [SOUND OF WRITING AND FADE OUT]
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450 Natalie We kissed and comforted each other like sisters until Nida finally
451 broke away and ran out the door still in a flood of weeping.
452
453 I joined Jerry and the kids in the car carrying a basket of food that
454 Nida made for us and drove to Brent.³¹
455
456 Until today, we've only stayed nights, sleeping on mattresses on a
457 dormitory floor to the sounds of children crying and adults
458 wondering in wakeful hours how soon the Japanese will arrive.
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³¹ This paragraph is an imagined transition, but I'm betting that Nida would have made a basket for the Crouters.

460 I don't think that there's anything more demoralizing than waiting
461 for something horrible to happen.³²

462
463 Added to the misery are constant air raids. During one, Mrs.
464 Saleeby mentioned the looting in town. Sadly, nothing surprises
465 me these days.

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468 **[SCENE FOUR]³³**

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470 [BACKGROUND OF RESTLESS PEOPLE; BABIES CRYING; THEN A SIREN GOING OFF]

471
472 Carl Alright everyone down to the shelter! Come on! Let's go!

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474 Natalie Again. I was just getting back to sleep.

475
476 Jerry Where's the flashlight?

477
478 Natalie Right here.

479
480 Carl No flashlights when we get outside. Just follow the person in front
481 of you.

482
483 Natalie Bedie, take daddy's hand. June, you take mine.

484
485 [SIREN CONTINUES; SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS]

486
487 Natalie It's too steep, and the kids are exhausted. Can't we just crouch
488 down by a tree Jerry?

489
490 [SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS AND MRS. SALEEBY OUT OF BREATH]

491
492 Mrs. Saleeby That's what I'm doing. I'll break my neck going down that hill
493 again.

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³² [Miles, pp. 18.](#)

³³ Imagined from and based on Natalie's [December 26, 1941](#) diary entry. I added Mrs. Saleeby. The point of Scene 4 and this episode is to show that greed, heroism, stupidity, and bravery, etc., crossed all cultures.

495 Natalie Then we'll stay with you Mrs. Saleeby.
496
497 [SOUNDS OF PLANES FLYING OVER; LAST IS VERY CLOSE TO THE GROUND]
498
499 Mrs. Saleeby Oh my! That one was close.
500
501 Natalie Sounds like they're done for now.
502
503 Mrs. Saleeby Did you hear what happened in town after they blew up the
504 trails?
505
506 Natalie It was disgusting. Most of the Filipino city officials left Baguio. I
507 hear that the previous Mayor is taking over.³⁴
508
509 Mrs. Saleeby The police flew the coop too and a mob looted the Japanese
510 stores.
511
512 Natalie We were close by when it happened
513
514 Mrs. Saleeby Now that's just not right.
515
516 Natalie We saw people running off with boxes under their arms and sacks
517 of flour and sugar slung over their shoulders.
518
519 Mrs. Saleeby [HELPFULLY] But the police did return the next day.
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521 Natalie A lot of good *that* did. The less said about it better, if you ask me.
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523 [FADE OUT]
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527 [DIARY READING FIVE]
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529 [SOUND OF WRITING AND FADE OUT]
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³⁴ Natalie doesn't mention the town officials were Filipino, but Fern Miles does. See [Miles, pp. 17](#).

531 Natalie Christmas morning started at 3 AM when the siren-to-congregate
532 went off in long, endless shrieks. It was almost Pavlovian the way
533 everyone jolted off the dorm floor from a sound sleep, instantly
534 panicking that the Japanese had arrived. But it turned out to be a
535 false signal. Evidently, someone's garage was on fire, so we
536 crawled back to sleep with heavy coats under thick blankets.

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538 A few hours later, in the damp dawn, we sat cross-legged around
539 our small pile of Christmas gifts and opened them one by one on
540 our mattresses. A unanimous family vote sent us home at noon
541 for a final splurge of turkey, candied yams, and Swiss peas.³⁵
542 Evidently the Japanese hadn't gotten the word that it was
543 Christmas, because two air raids left us breathless from tearing up
544 the hill to the shelter.

545
546 The best Christmas gift came later in the day when Jerry and the
547 kids helped me make good on a vow to deliver Red Cross
548 Christmas bags to the Filipino and American soldiers at the
549 hospital. I'd started making them before the bombings, and, in
550 between air raids, the soldiers opened them on Christmas day!
551 Walking into the crowded wards and seeing those boys' faces light
552 up gave us such pleasure. When we left a group of about 18 with
553 malaria and wounds, a young soldier called out.

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556 **[SCENE FIVE]**³⁶

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558 [BACKGROUND FOLEY OF HOSPITAL SOUNDS]

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560 Soldier Ma'am. Ma'am, do you think you could get us toothbrushes and
561 toothpaste?

562

563 Natalie I don't know, but I'll sure try.

564

565 Jerry Let's go see if we can buy them downtown. Chinese stores are
566 probably open.

³⁵ I borrowed the menu from Natalie's [December 27, 1941](#) diary entry.

³⁶ Imagined from and based on Natalie's [December 26, 1941](#) entry.

567 [SHOP BELL RINGING]

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569 Shop Owner Do you need help to find something?

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571 Natalie We're looking for toothbrushes and toothpaste. Oh, here they are

572 right under my nose.

573

574 [CASH REGISTER FOLEY]

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576 Shop Owner That cost you 13 pesos.³⁷

577

578 Jerry Here you go.

579

580 Shop Owner Thank you. It very good that some people have not left Baguio. So

581 many have gone.

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583 Natalie Yes. Downtown *is* very quiet these days...if you don't count the air

584 raids.

585

586 [BACKGROUND FOLEY OF HOSPITAL SOUNDS]

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588 Natalie Nurse.

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590 Nurse Yes.

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592 Natalie I'm the lady who delivered the Christmas bags. Would you please

593 see that the soldiers get these as well?

594

595 Nurse Oh how nice! You know what, why don't I just give them to the

596 boys right now?

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598 Natalie I'd really appreciate it.

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600 Nurse My pleasure.

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³⁷ A quick Amazon search showed a toothbrush and small toothpaste run \$2.50. There were 18 soldiers, so that's \$45 which I converted to 1941 pesos at <https://www.historicalstatistics.org/Currencyconverter.html>. Very rough estimate but best I could find.

602 Natalie Thank you and Merry Christmas!
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604 Nurse Merry Christmas to you!
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606 [SOUND OF WOMAN WALKING INTO THE WARD]
607
608 Nurse Hey fellas! Guess what! Special delivery from the Red Cross: new
609 toothbrushes and toothpaste.
610
611 Soldier There, what did I tell ya? See. The Red Cross can do anything!
612
613 [COLD CLOSE]