

1 Season Two: *Forbidden Diary*  
2 Episode Seven: Crimes and Misdemeanors

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4 CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

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6 Natalie Crouter Sevil Delin  
7 Lt. Mukibo Masaya Okubo  
8 British Man Jay Simon  
9 Joe Rich D'aigle  
10 Jerry Mark Oliver  
11 Carl Scott Walton  
12 Dr. Dean Nick Steen  
13 Arthur Robert S. Ball  
14 Dr. Hall Dean Moody  
15 Nakamura Yoshi Amao  
16 Ah Yi Wenli  
17 June Claire Oliver  
18 Enid Karen DeBoer  
19 Peg Rebecca Haugh  
20 Millie Melba King  
21 Colleen Mandy Balser  
22 Bedie Luka Aslin Nas  
23 Dotty Ina Marie Smith  
24 Mr. Nagatomi Yoshi Amao  
25 Jim Maxwell Glick  
26 Alex Slava Timoshenko

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30 [Cold Open]

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32 Announcer Previously on *Forbidden Diary*....

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34 [SOUND-BITE RECAP FROM EPISODE SIX]

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36 Announcer And now, Episode 7.

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38 [FADE OUT]

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[DIARY READING ONE]<sup>1</sup>

[SOUNDS OF PAGE TURNING AND WRITING]

Natalie December 30, 1941 Our march from Brent School ended at Camp John Hay where Japanese civilians had been interned only a few days ago.<sup>2</sup> Some are now our guards.<sup>3</sup>

Lt. Mukibo greeted us when we arrived.<sup>4</sup>

[CUT-IN ONE]

Lt. Mukibo This is war. The Japanese Imperial Army is in command and you must obey. If a gun is found and not turned over, you will all be responsible. The mistake of one is the mistake of all. If one tries to escape, five will be shot.<sup>5</sup>

Natalie Five hundred of us are crammed into a 40-by-200 foot barracks built to house a maximum of 250 soldiers.<sup>6</sup> It's one of four<sup>7</sup> bordering a sandy parade ground full of bomb craters. And, like the other three barracks, the roof is peppered with shrapnel holes.<sup>8</sup>

The water gave out during the evening because of a broken

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<sup>1</sup> Natalie's initial 1942 diary entries were terse. To give the listeners the five Ws, I've sourced Carl Eschbach's 1950 report and Jim Halsema's camp diary from the MacArthur Memorial's archive and at ../Forbidden Diary/MacArthur/DIARIES & MEMOIRS/Carl Eschbach—Dec 41 Jan 42/ Eschbach History of Camp 3 Baguio.pdf and ../DIARIES & MEMOIRS/ 42-43 Diary - Angeny Family Files - Halsema/Halesma Diary from Angeny Files.pdf

<sup>2</sup> Crouter, Natalie, *Forbidden Diary*, diary entry dated [December 29, 1941](#). Natalie is continuing her recollection of the previous day.

<sup>3</sup> Eschbach, pp. 3.

<sup>4</sup> Natalie's [February 20, 1942](#) diary entry. Note that in Natalie's [January 30, 1942](#) diary he's referred to as a Lt. Mukibo. But he is also referred to as a "Dr. Mukaibo" and Major, not lieutenant. See Hind, R. Renton, [Spirits Unbroken](#), pp 15 and 16.

<sup>5</sup> Natalie's [February 20, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>6</sup> The 500 in building built to house 250 is in the [January 4, 1942](#) diary entry. The dimensions are from Miles, Fern Harrington, *Captive Community*, [pp 30](#). Miles actually mentions 36' x 185' but Natalie probably didn't take a measuring tape, so I rounded up. Eschbach, pp. 3, also mentions a single room.

<sup>7</sup> Hind, [pp 20](#).

<sup>8</sup> Natalie's [January 31, 1942 diary entry addendum](#).

64 electric pump and no reserves left in the storage tank.<sup>9</sup> One of the  
65 Japanese threatened us with no water. Said that they went  
66 without water for several days, and we'd have to do the same.<sup>10</sup>  
67 We woke today in a gauzy haze of exhaustion—weak, hungry, and  
68 thirsty. No water until 11, then mostly for the children. Jerry  
69 fought until he got a half a cup for me. I'm still pretty laid out  
70 from yesterday.<sup>11</sup>

71  
72 December 31, 1941 No water until noon. Bad head. No running  
73 water; a few water barrels finally brought in. Japanese took our  
74 pictures. Bedie sick with cramps. I have a sinus headache. Awful  
75 lying on a wooden floor with people pounding by constantly.

76  
77 January 1, 1942 The toilets are overflowing and flies are  
78 everywhere. Yesterday our men took turns digging a privy with a  
79 steel pipe and piece of roofing until the guards finally lent them a  
80 shovel.<sup>12</sup> You could see our men's stomachs sticking to their  
81 backbones from no food and little water as they staggering under  
82 each shovelful until a two seater was dug.<sup>13</sup>

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84 We use a sheet for privacy, and a British man sits on the barracks'  
85 back porch like a town crier announcing which sex is allowed to  
86 use the facilities<sup>14</sup>—not an auspicious start to organizing  
87 ourselves, but a step.

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89 Jerry heard that a local businessman was appointed camp  
90 liaison.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Eschbach, pp. 3.

<sup>10</sup> Natalie's [December 29, 1941](#) diary entry.

<sup>11</sup> Natalie's diary entries are terse for most of January 1942, so I'm assuming that she wasn't feeling well.

<sup>12</sup> Halsema January 1, 1942 diary entry.

<sup>13</sup> Natalie's [December 31, 1941](#) diary; California State University Fullerton (CSUF) Halsema interview, pp. 5; and Halsema January 1, 1942 diary entry.

<sup>14</sup> Halsema January 1, 1942 diary entry.

<sup>15</sup> Hind, [pp. 22](#) and [Miles, pp 36](#).

[SCENE ONE]<sup>16</sup>

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96 British Man Last call Gentlemen. Last call!! Are we all clear?  
97  
98 Joe Yea.  
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100 British Man Right then. It's Ladies' Turn. Ladies' Turn. Ladies' Turn.  
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102 [FOLEY TBD]  
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104 Jerry Well, what do you think Carl? What's worse: digging the latrines  
105 or monitoring 'em?  
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107 Carl Got a worse one for ya Jerry: camp liaison.  
108  
109 Jerry Or cook. Ask Alex.<sup>17</sup>  
110  
111 Carl The Russian chef who works at the Pines Hotel?<sup>18</sup>  
112  
113 Jerry Yep. And now he's got us ingrates for customers.  
114  
115 Carl How long do you think he's going to have food to cook?  
116  
117 Jerry Don't know. So far, we've pooled the food that came over from  
118 Brent, but a lot was left behind. The guards said they'd bring over  
119 the rest.<sup>19</sup>  
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121 Carl And haven't.  
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123 Jerry Yea, and probably won't.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Hind, [pp. 22](#). Describes Alex Kaluzhny cooking at Camp Hay. The menus in Halesma's newsletters are pretty sophisticated considering what he had to work with. According to Miles, [pp 74](#), Kaluzhny trained in Hong Kong before coming to Baguio.

<sup>18</sup> Miles, [pp 74](#); Hind, [pp. 17](#); and Halesma January 14, 1942 diary entry gives background on Alex Kakuzhny.

<sup>19</sup> Eschbach, pp. 2.

124 Carl Isn't there something in the Geneva Convention about feeding  
125 prisoners?  
126  
127 Jerry Looks like we've been invited to a pot luck party Reverend. Gotta  
128 bring your own food.  
129  
130 Carl Yea. And then the guards eat it.<sup>21</sup>  
131  
132 [SOUNDS OF CHILDREN RUNNING BY AND PLAYING]  
133  
134 Carl Ya know, I thank God every day that my wife and kids are back in  
135 the States. [DIRECTING HIS THOUGHTS TO JERRY'S SITUATION]  
136 Gotta be hard to watch your family going through this.<sup>22</sup>  
137  
138 Jerry Yea. Natalie's still in bad shape and the kids cry on her lap wanting  
139 to go home.<sup>23</sup> So what's this camp liaison thing all about?  
140  
141 Carl Not sure. All I know is Arthur got the short straw.  
142  
143 Jerry The General Manager at the lumber mill?  
144  
145 Carl Got picked because his mill's the largest employer of Japanese in  
146 Baguio, and he helped them when they were interned here.<sup>24</sup>  
147  
148 Jerry No good deed, huh. [CHANGE OF SUBJECT] Hey, not that I'm ah....  
149 complaining, but I haven't seen Lt. Mukibo around. Is he running  
150 this place or what?  
151  
152 Carl Not the day-to-day stuff as far as I can tell. Looks like a local guy  
153 named Nakagawa's going to do that.  
154  
155 Jerry What's the skinny on him?

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<sup>20</sup> Ibid.

<sup>21</sup> Eschbach, pp. 5.

<sup>22</sup> Angeny, Helen Frances Buehl, *Behind Barbed Wire and High Fences*, pp 65. Carl's wife had to return to the States because one of their children was losing his eyesight.

<sup>23</sup> Natalie mentions homesickness and June and Bedie crying on her lap several times. See [March 16, 1941](#), [April 5, 1942](#), [April 12, 1942](#) entries.

<sup>24</sup> Halesma January 1, 1942 diary entry.

156 Carl Oh, you're gonna love this! He was a carpenter at one of the gold  
157 mines.<sup>25</sup>  
158  
159 Jerry A what?  
160  
161 Carl A carpenter.  
162  
163 Jerry Does he have any military experience?  
164  
165 Carl Not that I know of.  
166  
167 Jerry Oh man, the Japanese soldiers aren't going to be happy about  
168 that.<sup>26</sup>  
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170 Carl And he's going to be bossing men he used to work for...and their  
171 bosses.<sup>27</sup>  
172  
173 Jerry That'll give him a thrill.  
174  
175 Carl Not for long. Yea...let's see. Ah...no qualifications and he's gonna  
176 be runnin' the whole shebang. Good luck to him.  
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178 Jerry Good luck to us.  
179  
180 Carl Poor devil. He'll be wishing he were digging latrines.  
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182 [FADE OUT]  
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<sup>25</sup> [Miles, pp 36](#). Nakamura actually appointed Elmer Herold but Natalie called him Arthur. See [Miles, pp 34](#).

<sup>26</sup> Halsema June 29, 1942 diary entry, "The Japanese military regard all civilians, including their fellow countrymen as beneath contempt."

<sup>27</sup> [Miles, pp 36](#).

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[DIARY READING TWO]

[SOUNDS OF PAGE TURNING AND WRITING]

Natalie January 2, 1942 Dysentery broke out during the night—three cases, children. Then another five cases; one screamed for hours in pain.

We finally have running water and are back to regular toilets, cleaning everything with lye. I bathed the kids, killed millions of flies.

Luckily seven nurses and eight doctors are interned with us,<sup>28</sup> and one is a world-renowned pathologist.<sup>29</sup> Dr. Dean’s the latest doctor to arrive.<sup>30</sup> I’d describe him as a vigorous man—very outspoken and bold.<sup>31</sup> He and Dr. Hall, the pathologist, cornered Arthur before his first “liaison” with Nakamura.

[SCENE TWO A]

[SOUNDS PEOPLE TAKING INSIDE BARRACKS THEN FADE TO CONVERSATION]

Dr. Dean Six hundred calories a day!! That’s not enough to sustain life!<sup>32</sup>

Arthur Nakamura says their Army doesn’t have the funds to....<sup>33</sup>

Dr. Dean Nah, nah, nah, Arthur. You need 2500 calories a day to survive in this climate.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> [Miles, pp 53-54.](#)

<sup>29</sup> Natalie never mentions his name directly, but Eschbach wrote about “Dr. Haughwout, a noted pathologist.” Here’s a paper he wrote in 1948: [Dysentery, colitis and diarrhoea in Japanese civilian prison camps in the Philippines during world war II. II: The secondary colities—Post-dysenteric and non-dysenteric. Animal parasites | SpringerLink.](#)

<sup>30</sup> [Miles, pp 42.](#) Natalie refers to this doctor a Dr. Dean, but he is called Dana Nance in Halesma, Angeny, and Miles’ memoirs, interviews, and diaries.

<sup>31</sup> [September 14, 1942](#) diary entry. Evidently “Dr. Dean” was quite a character. In his oral interview for CSDF Halsema said he was, “He was, and still is, a very bold man.” Miles wrote on [pp. 37](#) that “[Nance] had the bearing of an army field general which commanded respect and inspired confidence in his ability both as a leader and a physician.”

<sup>32</sup> Miles, [pp. 37](#), [Hind pp. 23](#), and Natalie’s [June 2, 1942](#) diary entries mention calorie numbers from 500-800.

<sup>33</sup> Miles, [pp 36.](#)

<sup>34</sup> [Hind, pp 23.](#)

215 Arthur Okay. Hold...hold your horses, Dr. Dean. Nakamura *also* said that  
216 the local Japanese are going to give us rice until the Army sends  
217 money from Tokyo.<sup>35</sup>  
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219 Dr. Dean I don't believe it. And even if they do, two cups of rice a day isn't  
220 enough to sustain....<sup>36</sup>  
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222 Arthur Let... Let me just finish.... I'm *also* going to see if Nakamura'll let us  
223 buy food in town.<sup>37</sup>  
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225 Dr. Hall We're also concerned about dysentery, Arthur.<sup>38</sup>  
226  
227 Dr. Dean The cases are increasing. You've got to tell your buddy Nakamura  
228 how serious this is.  
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230 Dr. Hall He is right. I don't want to sound any alarms.  
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232 Dr. Dean Well I'm going to. People die of dysentery.  
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234 Arthur Of the trots?  
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236 Dr. Dean Yes.  
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238 Dr. Hall Yes. Well no. They usually die from dehydration.<sup>39</sup>  
239  
240 Dr. Dean Fluids go out faster than they go in.  
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242 Dr. Hall Our most vulnerable are the young, elderly and malnourished.  
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244 Dr. Dean Which includes everyone here.  
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<sup>35</sup> Miles, [pp 36](#).

<sup>36</sup> Hind, [pp. 21](#). From multiple references, two cups of rice a day seemed to be the standard daily offering from the Japanese.

<sup>37</sup> Eschbach, pp 4.

<sup>38</sup> From checking Hind's roster of internees, I think that Dr. Hall is Dr. Haughwout who is mentioned in nearly all of the books and diaries referenced here. Eschbach wrote, "Dr. Haughwout, a noted pathologist, set up the first camp laboratory and proved of great value in the diagnoses of intestinal diseases, as well as many other types of disorders." Also, Natalie's [March 27, 1943](#) diary entry mentions Dr. Hall giving a lecture on dysentery.

<sup>39</sup> Pretty commonly known fact, but here's a reference: [Dysentery: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention \(webmd.com\)](#)



246 Dr. Hall How many children do we have?  
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 248 Arthur I'd guess at least a hundred.<sup>40</sup> Maybe half as many elderly...?<sup>41</sup>  
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 250 Dr. Hall And there are, what... eight pregnant women?<sup>42</sup>  
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 252 Dr. Dean Two are ready to pop any day.<sup>43</sup>  
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 254 Arthur So what do we do?  
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 256 Dr. Dean Isolate and monitor the sick.  
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 258 Dr. Hall Keep them hydrated with clean, uncontaminated water. What we  
 259 need really are a microscope and some Atabrine or Sulfadiazine.<sup>44</sup>  
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 261 Dr. Dean I'll see what I can get from the hospital. I've got serum to  
 262 inoculate the people who haven't gotten their dysentery, cholera,  
 263 and typhoid shots.<sup>45</sup>  
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 265 Arthur How'd you get that in here?  
 266  
 267 Dr. Dean You don't want to know.  
 268  
 269 Dr. Hall We need a list of people who haven't been immunized.<sup>46</sup>  
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 271 Dr. Dean Can you get that for us?  
 272  
 273 Arthur I'll see what I can do, but how are we going to isolate anyone  
 274 when we're all jammed into one building?

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<sup>40</sup> Natalie's [October 28, 1942](#) diary entry mentions that children are the largest group in the camp. Even though it's ten months later.

<sup>41</sup> Ibid. People over 60 were considered elderly.

<sup>42</sup> As per Natalie's diary: Isobel's baby, Ronnie's baby, Sally's premature baby, Martha's baby, Betty's baby, Junkin baby, Florey baby, Dr. Lee,

<sup>43</sup> Angeny, pp. 53. First baby born 1/19/42. Isobel's baby was born 1/31/42.

<sup>44</sup> Halsema CSUF oral history, pp. 43. Halsema mentions that "sulfadiazine and atabrine were most precious to the internees." [New York Times, 2-5-41](#) article reports Johns Hopkins finding sulfanilylguanidine "successful" in treating bacillary dysentery. A research pathologist would have known about it by early 1942, and [sulpha was manufactured for public consumption starting in the late 1930s](#) and [used early in WWII before penicillin](#).

<sup>45</sup> Miles, Fern Harrington, *Captive Community*, [pp 37](#).

<sup>46</sup> Natalie's [January 2, 1942](#) diary entry.

275 Dr. Dean There's three empty barracks just sitting there.<sup>47</sup>  
276  
277 Arthur With the roofs shot up<sup>48</sup> and lavatories are overflowing with  
278 sewage.<sup>49</sup>  
279  
280 Dr. Dean We'll fix the roofs and clean the johns.  
281  
282 Dr. Hall You do know, Arthur, that dysentery is transmitted through fecal  
283 matter.  
284  
285 Arthur Of course I do.  
286  
287 Dr. Dean Our lavatory's being used by twice the number of people it was  
288 built for.<sup>50</sup>  
289  
290 Dr. Hall I suspect that the dysentery is bacillary but need a microscope to  
291 know for sure.<sup>51</sup>  
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293 Dr. Dean So we're going to need as much Lysol or lye as we can get for  
294 cleaning surfaces and soap for hand washing.  
295  
296 Dr. Hall Especially with all these children.  
297  
298 Dr. Dean That outdoor privy's got to be sealed immediately.  
299  
300 Dr. Hall The flies are horrific, Arthur. They spread disease.  
301  
302 Arthur I'll mention all of this to Nakamura, *if* he lets me.  
303  
304 Dr. Dean When will that be?  
305  
306 Arthur Today maybe. Ah...you two do realize that this liaison thing's a  
307 one-way street. Nakamura thinks I'm just here to take orders.<sup>52</sup>  
308 But... I've got some good will with him.

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<sup>47</sup> Hind, [pp. 20](#). Mentions four barracks at Camp Hay.

<sup>48</sup> Natalie's [January 31, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>49</sup> Halsema's January 2, 1942 diary entry.

<sup>50</sup> Natalie's [January 4, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>51</sup> Halsema CSUF Oral History, pp. 5.

309 Dr. Dean Then use it.  
310  
311 Dr. Hall Doesn't Nakamura report to Lt. Mukibo<sup>53</sup>?  
312  
313 Arthur See that's where it gets murky. The Japanese High Command  
314 gives all of the orders,<sup>54</sup> and Lt. Mukibo's supposed to be an  
315 intelligence officer in Baguio,<sup>55</sup> but he keeps showing up here in  
316 camp.  
317  
318 Dr. Hall Probably because Nakamura's in way over his head.  
319  
320 Dr. Dean Which could work to our advantage....  
321  
322 Arthur Only if Nakamura's making the decisions.<sup>56</sup> People have known  
323 him for years. He's rough around the edges—got a foul mouth he  
324 picked up from the miners<sup>57</sup>—but Nakamura's not hateful like Lt.  
325 Mukibo.<sup>58</sup>  
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327 Dr. Dean I hear the man's an out and out bigot.<sup>59</sup>  
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329 Arthur I'll do the best I can.  
330  
331 Dr. Dean You're going to have to do a lot more than that.  
332  
333 Dr. Hall I can't overstate how deadly dysentery can be in these conditions.  
334  
335 Dr. Dean If we don't get ahead of it now, it'll dog us for as long as were in  
336 this camp.<sup>60</sup>  
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<sup>52</sup> Halsema January 1, 1942 diary entry.

<sup>53</sup> Natalie's [January 30, 1942](#) entry refers to Mukibo as a lieutenant, but Hind called him a Major.

<sup>54</sup> Natalie's [March 23, 1942](#) diary entry. She refers to "High Command" as the Japanese upper military echelon as being ultimately in charge.

<sup>55</sup> Hind, [pp. 15](#).

<sup>56</sup> Halsema's January 1, 1942 and Feb 17, 1942 diary entries and Hind, [pp. 17](#).

<sup>57</sup> Miles, [pp. 36](#). Hind, [pp. 32](#).

<sup>58</sup> January 1, 1942 Halsema diary entry, "We had the misfortune of being under the thumb of Mukibo, a man who clearly had a grudge against the white race—why we never knew."

<sup>59</sup> Ibid.

<sup>60</sup> Halsema CSUF oral history, pp. 5.

338 Arthur Okay. Okay. I get it. But, *again*, Nakamura isn't the problem. Lt.  
339 Mukibo's another matter. If he's at the meeting, all bets are off.

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341 [FADE OUT]

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344 [SCENE TWO B]<sup>61</sup>

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346 Lt. Mukibo [IN JAPANESE] Is the liaison here Nakamura?

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348 Nakamura [IN JAPANESE] Yes, Lt. Mukibo. [TO GUARD IN JAPANESE AND  
349 ENGLISH] Bring the prisoner in now.

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351 [SOUNDS OF FOOTSTEPS AND THEN STOP]

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353 Nakamura Bow Arthur.

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355 Lt. Mukibo Lower. You are here at my pleasure to communicate my orders to  
356 prisoners. Nakamura will read them to you.

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358 Nakamura One. Men and boys over ten must move to Barracks Two. Woman  
359 and children will stay in Barracks One.<sup>62</sup>

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361 Arthur Yes. Sir.

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363 Nakamura Two. There is to be no contact between men and women. Roll call  
364 will be on separate tennis courts.<sup>63</sup>

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366 Arthur Okay.

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368 Nakamura Three. Prisoners will receive two meals a day. All food will be  
369 prepared in by men in the Barracks Two kitchen. Only cooks are  
370 allowed to carry food to the women's barracks.<sup>64</sup>

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372 Arthur Ah, I need to talk with you about that, Lt. Mukibo.

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<sup>61</sup> This scene is imagined. The camp rules are based on Eschbach, pp. 3, and as otherwise footnoted.

<sup>62</sup> Halsema, January 3, 1942 diary entry.

<sup>63</sup> Ibid.

<sup>64</sup> Eschbach pp. 3 and Natalie's [April 24, 1942](#) diary entry.

373 Lt. Mukibo There's nothing to talk about.  
374  
375 Nakamura Four. There will be no packages from town left by the fence.<sup>65</sup>  
376  
377 Arthur Now, hold on. That's how we're supplementing the little food we  
378 have.  
379  
380 Lt. Mukibo There will be no packages from town.  
381  
382 Arthur What about the Geneva Convention? In Manila prisoners are  
383 being feed three times a day.<sup>66</sup>  
384  
385 Lt. Mukibo Manila is Manila. Baguio is Baguio.<sup>67</sup> Prisoners will get no more  
386 food than Japanese soldiers.<sup>68</sup>  
387  
388 Arthur But we're not getting the same-sized meals, and the guards are  
389 stealing our canned goods.<sup>69</sup> Yesterday we had broth from boiled  
390 hot dogs. We're starving.<sup>70</sup>  
391  
392 Lt. Mukibo The Imperial Japanese Army will provide rice.  
393  
394 Arthur Then where is it? Can't we at least use our *own* money to buy  
395 food and supplies from town—under the watch of your guards?  
396 We also need soap and disinfectants to tackle dysentery. That  
397 empty officers' quarters could be used to quarantine....  
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399 Lt. Mukibo Enough! This is not your concern.  
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401 Arthur Good! Then you'll be the one explaining to High Command how  
402 women and children died under your watch!  
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<sup>65</sup> Hind, [pp. 28](#).

<sup>66</sup> Halsema Feb 2, 1942 diary entry. Halsema mentions better treatment in Manila. I assumed three meals instead of two.

<sup>67</sup> Ibid.

<sup>68</sup> Eschbach pp. 5. Eschbach reported, "By Japanese order, we continued to have only two meals a day, the authorities stating that the Japanese were eating only two meals and, therefore, the internees would have to do the same. If such was the case, the guards and the Japanese civilians assigned to our camp were certainly not obeying the rule...."

<sup>69</sup> Ibid.

<sup>70</sup> Angeny, pp. 48.

404 Lt. Mukibo We are finished with this conversation! Get him out of here!!!!

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**[DIARY READING THREE]**

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[SOUNDS OF PAGE TURNING AND WRITING]

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411 Natalie

January 3, 1942 The Japanese took our safety deposit box keys and made the bank president go to Baguio to open the boxes.<sup>71</sup>

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They ordered Carl do the collecting and when I asked him if we couldn't hold out he shook his head. The rage and feeling of

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helplessness was ghastly. I swear that I'll get my jade pin back if it takes me 30 years to track it down.<sup>72</sup>

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January 4, 1942 Jerry was driven to town to open up his office safe but it had been blown and jammed.

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The Philippines is now on Tokyo time.<sup>73</sup>

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January 6, 1942 Ismael left fresh laundry by the fence. How wonderful it was to see him from a distance. He called out that the family and Fuzzy the cat are all right!<sup>74</sup>

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January 8, 1942 Over 450 Chinese arrived from Baguio—all fellow civilians, neighbors, and friends. We watched them marched into camp carrying luggage and bundles, looking as bedraggled as we did.<sup>75</sup> Rain fell as guards searched them and their belongings on the parade ground.<sup>76</sup>

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Their barracks are separated from ours by a wire fence, so we have little contact.<sup>77</sup> But our doctors are allowed into their

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barracks to see patients,<sup>78</sup> and Ah Yi visits our side to take care of

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<sup>71</sup> Miles, [pp 41](#). Incident also mentioned.

<sup>72</sup> Natalie's [February 24, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>73</sup> Halsema January 4, 1942 diary entry.

<sup>74</sup> Natalie's [January 6, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>75</sup> Eschbach pp. 5.

<sup>76</sup> Hind, [pp. 27](#).

<sup>77</sup> Eschbach, pp. 5.

<sup>78</sup> Ibid.

436 Dr. Lee's<sup>79</sup> little boy<sup>80</sup> because she is so busy seeing patients—and  
437 pregnant I might add.<sup>81</sup> Her husband is a U.S. Army Major  
438 stationed in Bataan.<sup>82</sup> Ah Yi gave us the latest news from town.

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441 [CUT-IN TWO]

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443 Ah Yi Yes. Half of the Chinese left Baguio and fled up into the  
444 mountains.

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446 Natalie Why?

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448 Ah Yi Because we know how the Japanese treated us in China.<sup>83</sup>

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451 Natalie January 9, 1942 Arthur somehow persuaded Nakamura to let the  
452 cooks go to Baguio Market. Every day they pile into in a  
453 confiscated delivery truck with the guards and head off to town  
454 for food and supplies.<sup>84</sup> Our 9 AM and 4 PM meals are much  
455 improved with fresh vegetables and a little meat some times.<sup>85</sup>

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457 January 12, 1942 A crew of our men were put on duty to collect  
458 firewood around Camp Hay for the kitchen's oven and stove.  
459 Every day the men push a cart around Camp Hay, and, when their  
460 guards aren't looking, pocket items that cross their path.<sup>86</sup>

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462 So now along with all of the other humiliations, we've become  
463 looters. But our misdemeanors hardly compare to the outright  
464 robbery by the Japanese—military *and* civilians. First they

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<sup>79</sup> Dr. Lee is really Dr. Beulah Ream Allen, see Miles, [pp. 97](#). It all fits: Major husband who dies in Cabanatuan (see Natalie's [September 28, 1942](#) diary entry), young son and another child born in 1942 (see Natalie [July 15, 1942](#) entry). Also no one is listed with a last name of Lee in Halsema's or Hind's vital statistics.

<sup>80</sup> Miles, [pp. 97](#).

<sup>81</sup> In Natalie's [July 15, 1942](#) diary entry she writes that Dr. Lee gave birth.

<sup>82</sup> Miles, [pp. 97](#) mentions her husband was in the Bataan Death March. Natalie's [September 28, 1942](#) diary entry says he died in Cabanatuan

<sup>83</sup> Not from Ah Yi, but from Jim Halsema's January 8, 1942 diary entry.

<sup>84</sup> Miles, [pp. 37](#).

<sup>85</sup> Eschbach, pp. 4.

<sup>86</sup> Eschbach, pp. 3-4

465 emptied everyone's safety deposit boxes.<sup>87</sup> And then a local  
466 Japanese businessman stole the little we have left in camp. It  
467 happened a few days ago.

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470 **[SCENE THREE]<sup>88</sup>**

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[WOMEN'S BARRACKS DIN, SOUND OF JUNE'S FOOTSTEPS]

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474 June Mummy come look out the window.

475

476 Natalie What's going on?

477

478 June Why are the men are going to the tennis court in the middle of  
479 the day?

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481 Natalie That's strange. It looks like only half of them.

482

483 Enid What's going on?

484

485 Natalie The guards are sending the men to the tennis court. I'm trying to  
486 look through their barracks windows. Can you see what's going on  
487 June?

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489 June A little. What's Mr. Nagatomi doing in the men's barracks?

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491 Peg Who's Mr. Nagatomi ?

492

493 Natalie A wealthy merchant in town.

494

495 Millie I've been going to his store since I was a little girl.

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497 June Who are those men with him mummy?

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499 Natalie I don't know, June. They're probably just guards.

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<sup>87</sup> Natalie's [January 4, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>88</sup> Natalie's diary entries were still pretty terse at this time, but the incident was described prominently in other accounts. This scene is imagined and based on the following resources: Eschbach, pp. 4-5; Hind [pp. 25-26](#); Halsema January 10, 1942 diary entry; Angeny, pp. 49; and Miles, [pp. 41-42](#).



500 Peg I'm counting four of them. Are you counting four?  
501  
502 Natalie Yes.  
503  
504 June Yes.  
505  
506 Peg It looks like they're telling the men to stand by their beds.  
507  
508 Colleen Where's Mr. Nagatomi?  
509  
510 Natalie He's sitting down at a desk at the end of the room.  
511  
512 Millie Oh Eleanor, he's called your husband to the desk.  
513  
514 June What's going on Mummy?  
515  
516 Bedie Where's Daddy?  
517  
518 Natalie He's standing out on the tennis court Bedie. He's fine, sweetie.  
519  
520 Bedie Why's he there?  
521  
522 Millie It looks like they're being interrogated. Is Mr. Nagatomi  
523 Kempeitai?  
524  
525 Colleen No. He's a Rotarian.<sup>89</sup>  
526  
527 Dotty Colleen! You bird brain!  
528  
529 Peg The Kempeitai are secret police, Colleen.  
530  
531 Millie The Japanese Gestapo, dear.  
532  
533 Colleen Oh, no!  
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<sup>89</sup> Miles, [pp. 41-42](#)

535 Natalie Hold on a second. If they were Kempeitai they'd be taking the  
536 men downtown for questioning. What I want to know is what's  
537 Mr. Nagatomi writing in that book?  
538

539 Peg It kinda looks like a ledger of some sort.  
540

541 Millie I heard that the Kempeitai do all of their torturing inside the Cold  
542 Store.<sup>90</sup>  
543

544 Enid Millie, you're scaring the children!  
545

546 Peg Look. They're going through the men's belongings. That guard just  
547 lifted up a mattress.  
548

549 Dotty They must be looking for contraband. Does anyone's husband  
550 have somethin' he shouldn't?!??  
551

552 Natalie I don't think that's what's going on. See. The men are giving them  
553 their money. Those so-and-sos are robbing them!  
554

555 Colleen But my family's known Mr. Nagatomi for years. How could he do  
556 this?  
557

558 Dotty They're lookin' in our windows. Duck everyone.  
559

560 Natalie I think the men on the tennis court are going to be searched next.  
561

562 Enid Dollars to donuts they're coming over here too.  
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564 Dotty Well, I'm not gonna give away the store like we did with the  
565 safety deposit boxes.  
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<sup>90</sup> Eschbach, pp 6.

[DIARY READING FOUR]<sup>91</sup>

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[SOUND OF PAGE TURNING AND WRITING]

Natalie After they finished with the men, Mr. Nagatomi and his bandits walked over to our barracks. Fortunately, we women had time to hide anything of value. One woman wrapped her diamond ring around a wad of chewing gum and put it in her mouth. Another pinned her engagement ring into her long hair.

We were told to go to our bunks and get ready to hand over all stocks, bonds, checks, and cash in excess of 100 pesos. Then, in all politeness, Mr. Nagatomi said,

[CUT-IN THREE]

Mr. Nagatomi Please remain in your bunks until we are finished.<sup>92</sup>

Natalie As we were robbed, those with more than 100 pesos passed their remainder to others surreptitiously. Another slipped her excess pesos through a knot hole in the floorboard.

After several women gave exactly 100 pesos, Mr. Nagatomi became suspicious and ordered married women had to hand over all of their money. After they were done, we watched out the windows helplessly as the thieves sauntered past the guards with market bags full of money.

Because “comingling” is limited to a half hour<sup>93</sup> on Sundays behind divided fences, it took a while to piece together that a minimum of \$5,200 pesos were stolen from the women’s and men’s barracks.<sup>94</sup> Now we’re all broke!

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<sup>91</sup> Miles, [pp. 41-41](#).

<sup>92</sup> Ibid.

<sup>93</sup> Natalie’s [February 18, 1942](#), diary entry says half hour.

<sup>94</sup> Hind, [pp. 25-26](#)

604 January 19, 1942 More dysentery cases were reported, so I went  
605 on a rampage and jacked up people about Lysoling and rolling up  
606 mattresses.<sup>95</sup>

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608 Nakamura has allowed us to organize a camp committee but  
609 never lets us forget we're under his thumb.<sup>96</sup> The group is made  
610 up of five men who don't have families living in the Philippines,  
611 including Carl and Dr. Dean.<sup>97</sup> One of the committee's first acts  
612 was to post job assignments.<sup>98</sup> Bedie came running into the  
613 barracks to tell me about it.

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616 **[SCENE FOUR A]<sup>99</sup>**

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618 [SOUNDS OF WOMEN'S BARRACKS AND NATALIE MOPPING A FLOOR]

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620 Bedie Mummy, Mummy! Come with me. Come with me.

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622 Natalie I'm busy with the floors right now Bedie.

623

624 Bedie Come on!

625

626 Natalie What's this all about?

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628 Bedie There's a poster on the parade grounds. Your name and Daddy's  
629 are on it.

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631 Natalie Okay, give me a second.

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633 Bedie Come on! Come ooon!

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636 [SOUND OF PUTTING MOP DOWN; FOOTSTEPS; DOOR OPEN/CLOSE; BIRD CHIRPING]

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<sup>95</sup> Natalie's [February 19, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>96</sup> Hind, [pp. 32](#).

<sup>97</sup> Halsema January 22, 1942 diary entry.

<sup>98</sup> Natalie's [January 22, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>99</sup> This scene is imagined based on Natalie's [January 22, 1942](#) diary entry.

638 Bedie See.  
639  
640 Natalie Well look at that. It's a duty sheet.  
641  
642 Bedie What's that?  
643  
644 Natalie A list of job assignments. See. I'm next to Inside Sanitation.  
645  
646 Bedie There's Daddy's name. He's Outside Sanitation.  
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648 [FADE OUT]  
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651 [SCENE FOUR B]<sup>100</sup>  
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653 [FADE IN MEN'S BARRACKS SOUNDS]  
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655 Joe Crouter, you rat! How'd you get outside garbage duty?<sup>101</sup>  
656  
657 Jerry People in high places Joe. People in high places.  
658  
659 Joe Well, then see if you can get me some paper. Will ya, Jer? Ginger's  
660 been bugging me about finding some.  
661  
662 Jerry Sure.  
663  
664 Joe And how about some scraps from the kitchen?  
665  
666 Jerry Sorry, Joe. I got plans for a garbage salad for Natalie tonight.<sup>102</sup>  
667  
668 Carl You're going to spoil that wife of yours.  
669  
670 Jerry Nuthin' but the best for my girl, Carl. Hey, you're on the firewood  
671 crew. Which guards are simpatico?  
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<sup>100</sup> This scene is imagined and based on Eschbach, pp. 4 and the stolen mattress based on Angeny, pp. 56).

<sup>101</sup> Halsema Library of Congress Oral History, pp 4. Halsema said it was one of the "better things to do."

<sup>102</sup> Natalie's [January 22, 1942](#) diary entry.

673 Carl That local kid with the scar on his chin tends to look the other  
674 way if you see something you want. He and that guard with a gold  
675 tooth sometimes let us take detours into the buildings.<sup>103</sup>  
676

677 Jim Yea, but not before they get first dibs. Did you see that guard  
678 walking across the quad with an armful of antlers he looted from  
679 the General's house?<sup>104</sup>  
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681 Jerry How do you hide things, Carl?  
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683 Carl We just put 'em in the cart and stack wood on top. We started  
684 with small stuff like paper and worked our way up to a Smith-  
685 Corona typewriter<sup>105</sup> for Jim here—our resident journalist.  
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687 Jim I think Nakamura's going to let me write a newsletter.  
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689 Jerry Hey, that's great Jim.  
690

691 Carl Yesterday we grabbed a mattress for Ed's wife. It's been our  
692 crowning achievement so far.  
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694 Jerry That must've been a neat trick. Nakamura's got to know about  
695 that.  
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697 Carl Ah, as long as Lt. Mukibo's out of sight, Nakamura doesn't seem  
698 to care. He's actually going to let a group of us missionaries go  
699 around the camp with some guards and pick out stuff. You know,  
700 furniture, canned food, supplies....<sup>106</sup>  
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702 Jerry We'll have to start calling you and your brethren the Looting  
703 Parsons.<sup>107</sup>

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<sup>103</sup> I made up these attributes for the guards. Many were Baguio locals. Natalie mentioned a guard with a gold tooth in her [May 13, 1942](#) entry.

<sup>104</sup> Natalie's [January 16, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>105</sup> I made the typewriter up to transition to Jim's introduction as a journalist. At some point, I'm sure someone stole a typewriter from one of the Post's buildings. Typewriters are mentioned multiple times as in Natalie's [March 3, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>106</sup> Halema January 28, 1942 diary entry. Eschbach wrote "Fortunately, the guards who accompanied [garbage] detail were very lenient in the supervision of the items which were brought into the camp. In this way, we were able to supply practically all internees with mattresses...."

<sup>107</sup> Natalie's [July 12, 1942](#) diary entry and Angeny, pp. 56.

704 Jim Or... how about the loot-tenants?<sup>108</sup> Hey there's Alex.  
705  
706 Jerry Well, if it isn't our esteemed chef.  
707  
708 Joe Ya look like crap Alex. What's on the menu for the four o'clock  
709 chow?  
710  
711 Alex Better than you deserve.  
712  
713 Jim Tell 'em about what happened when your cooks were in town this  
714 morning.  
715  
716 Alex What happened?  
717  
718 Jim You know... the gun.  
719  
720 Alex Oh, yea. Guard drive cook to market. On way to town, guard sees  
721 something he likes in house, stops truck, hands gun to cook, and  
722 climbs through window!<sup>109</sup>  
723  
724 Jerry There's a story for your newsletter Jim!  
725  
726 Alex You tell me. Who is bigger idiot: Jap guard or cook giving gun  
727 back?  
728  
729 [FADE OUT]  
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732 [DIARY READING FIVE]  
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734 [SOUNDS OF BOOK PAGE TURNING AND WRITING]  
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736 Natalie January 24, 1942 I was not well and rested after working on  
737 beans and carrots. Many children throwing up and crying through  
738 the night. Total of 30 dysentary cases. No garbage collected by the  
739 Japanese for six days.

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<sup>108</sup> Natalie's [January 28, 1942](#) diary entry.

<sup>109</sup> Natalie's [January 28, 1942](#) diary entry.

740 The missionary men in camp were taken into town five at a time  
741 for interrogation by the Kempeitai. Three have not returned.<sup>110</sup> As  
742 far as we know, they are still in jail being interrogated. The irony is  
743 they had left China to be safer in the Philippines.<sup>111</sup>

744  
745 It seems that the Japanese are interested in students and staff at  
746 the Peking Chinese Language School.<sup>112</sup> Carl wasn't taken in for  
747 questioning, but his old job at the language school worries us.<sup>113</sup>

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749 A few days after the Chinese arrived at Camp Hay their  
750 community leaders were also taken to town for interrogation.  
751 Leung Nang, one of Baguio's most prominent citizens, returned  
752 with his face swollen and struggling to walk because of his  
753 injuries. Later, Nang told our doctors that they stole 16,000<sup>114</sup>  
754 pesos from him, and he was given the "water cure."<sup>115</sup>

755  
756 Our camp is lucky to have the beauty of pines, blue sky, clouds,  
757 and mountains. We could not be detained in a lovelier place. I  
758 have not been conscious of being a prisoner yet—do not notice  
759 the barbed wire, fence or guards, bayonets or guns.

760  
761 Most of us can walk on the path right at a soldier coming forward  
762 with bayonet held out and remain unmoved. Are we too tired or  
763 have we had too much taken away to be bothered by small  
764 things? Perhaps being stripped of possessions clears out worry,  
765 makes for peace of mind. Or, it may be only simple living from one  
766 meal to another that makes us adjust. We don't do much head  
767 work.<sup>116</sup>

768  
769 [COLD CLOSE]

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<sup>110</sup> Halsema January 23 -26, 1942 diary entries.

<sup>111</sup> Miles pp. [vii](#). Sr. Louise Kroger memoir ../Stories to Voice/Forbidden Diary/MacArthur/DIARIES & MEMOIRS/Sr Louise Koger/Sr Kroger.pdf, pp II.

<sup>112</sup> Halsema's January 24, 1942 diary entry.

<sup>113</sup> Hind, [pp. 27-28](#).

<sup>114</sup> Hind, [pp. 28](#). Actually it was 15,700, but I rounded up.

<sup>115</sup> Ibid.

<sup>116</sup> Last two paragraphs are from Natalie's [February 6, 1942](#) diary entry.