

6 WEEK TRIP

DIARY

FRIDAY JUNE 1, 1945

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LEFT SAN FRANCISCO DOCKS AT 1700 ON THE SS. SACAJAWEA. SLEEP FOUR HIGH ON CANVAS BEDS. LAY AROUND ALL DAY AND READ BOOKS, WRITE, TALK, OR SLEEP. RELIGIOUS SERVICE EVERY OTHER NIGHT, OTHER NIGHTS HAVE JIVE SESSIONS WITH TINY PLAYING ORGAN AND OTHER FELLOWS PLAYING INSTRUMENTS, IN AFTERNOON LISTEN TO MUSIC COMING OVER THE RADIO. EVERY FOURTH DAY I HAVE GUARD DUTY. EVERY MORNING FROM 0400 TILL SUNUP AND EVERY NIGHT FROM 1930 TILL SUNDOWN WE STAND AT OUR ABANDON SHIP POSITION DURING GENERAL QUARTERS INSPECTION EVERYDAY OF OUR SLEEPING QUARTERS. HAVE TO WEAR LIFE JACKET AND FULL CANTEEN OF WATER ALL THE TIME. SMALL TRANSPORT WITH ONLY ABOUT 900 G.I.'S ABOARD. PACIFIC OCEAN IS PURE BLUE WATER. GET 2 1/2 MEALS A DAY AND IT IS SO HOT IN THE MESS HALL WE HATE TO EAT.

SATURDAY JUNE 9, 1945

ARRIVED AT PEARL HARBOR AT 10:00. A LOT OF SHIPS HERE AND A LOT OF NAVY AND ARMY AIRPLANES FLYING ALL OVER THE SKY. HAD A MOVIE ON DECK AND THEN I SLEPT ON DECK BECAUSE IT WAS TOO HOT IN THE HOLE. HAD CHURCH SERVICES ON DECK SUNDAY MORNING. LOOKS LIKE A NICE PLACE FOR A VACATION. SAW HONOLULU WHEN WE ARRIVED HERE.

FRIDAY JUNE 15, 1945

LEFT PEARL HARBOR AT 15:00 AND HAD MY LAST DAY OF GUARD DUTY. FOR ONE WEEK WE WERE STRANDED THERE AND COULD NOT GET OFF THE BOAT. CREW MEMBERS WENT ASHORE AND BOUGHT CANDY AND WAS SELLING IT FOR AS HIGH AS FIFTY CENTS A BAR. THEY GOT IT TOO BECAUSE WE DID NOT GET ENOUGH TO EAT AND HAD TO HAVE SOMETHING TO FILL US UP. THE BOAT P.Y. WOULD NOT SELL CANDY TO US WHILE IN PORT. WHEN WE LEFT WE HAD TARGET PRACTICE WITH OUR BOATS GUNS; FIRING AT A SLEEVE PULLED BY A T.B.F. AVENGER. WE ARE NOW WITH A SMALL CONVOY. THE FOOD ON THIS BOAT IS ROTTEN. I GOT TWO LEMONS FROM THE MESS HALL AND GEORGE AND I ARE MIXING THEM WITH WATER AND SUGAR IN A CANTEEN CUP. WE CROSSED THE INTERNATIONAL LINE AT 03:00 JUNE 22, 1945 AND ADVANCED ONE DAY

TUESDAY JUNE 26, 1945

ARRIVED AT MARSHALL ISLANDS AT 10:00. PLACE IS FILLED WITH BOATS - THESE ISLANDS ARE SMALL AND DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING ON THEM. WE ANCHOR BETWEEN A COUPLE OF ISLANDS. SAW EN ISLAND

WEDNESDAY JUNE 27, 1945

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LEFT MARSHALL ISLANDS AT 16:00 AND PASSED THROUGH A LOT OF SMALL ISLANDS. THREE COMPANIES ALL IN FRONT PART OF SHIP. A 18 YR. OLD ROOKIE. THEY DO ALL THE K.P. OUR COMPANY IS ALL AT ONE YEAR MEN. TODAY JULY 1, 1945 WE HAD A COUPLE OF REAL ALERTS, WE SAW THE SUB CHASERS DROP DEPTH CHARGES. FOR DAYS NOW WE HAVE HAD SUBS PLAYING AROUND WITH US. SOME IS MAKING A LOT OF MONEY OFF THIS TRIP. THE FOOD IS WAY BELOW STANDARDS THEY LET FRUIT ROT AND THROW BU OVER BOARD BEFORE THEY GIVE IT TO US. THE PX GIVES ONE BAR EVERY TWO DAYS AND NOW THEY QUIT GIVING ANY

TUESDAY JULY 3, 1945

ARRIVED AT MAR ^{CAROLINA} ISLANDS AT 09:00. SAW A LOT OF TANKERS AND AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

WEDNESDAY JULY 4, 1945

LEFT MAR ^{CAROLINA} ISLAND AT 18:00 THIS IS 4TH OF JULY. NO FIREWORKS

SUNDAY JULY 8, 1945

ARRIVED AT PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AT 0800. GOT OFF AT ISLAND AT 0800 MONDAY JULY 9, 1945.

MONDAY JULY 23, 1945

LEFT LEYTE AT 1700 ON A L.C.I. BOAT HIT SOME ROUGH WEATHER

WEDNESDAY JULY 25, 1945

ARRIVED AT PANAY IN THE PHILIPPINES AT 0900. BY 1400 I WAS 185th INF. CO. E