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52577

Wed 16 June 71

Dear Glenn Mc Dole,
and
Donald Thomas.

These men were in Palawan
2 1/2 yrs Part of Prison life -

May 6th, I had a cerebellar pontine angle tumor removed from behind my ear on my head. The results, out of the 12 cranial nerves - they had to take 2, the balance and hearing -damaged my facia nerve and a few others. having more trouble with my eye - walking - Jaw and forehead above eye gives me a little trouble. Drink from a straw. Well - see you at the picnic in September.

I need a statement from both of you to be turned in with my VA papers to show service connected about a head injury or knocked out. I have to have three statements and to refresh your memory these are notes from my notebook which I made a copy of and turned into the Naval Intelligence. I am bringing the book and a whole bunch of other stuff to the Picnic. It seemed that everytime anybody escaped from Palawag or over the hill it was a bit rougher on us.

Night of Aug 10 42 - 6 men escaped. 4th Marines - HENDERSON, WRIGHT, DAVIS
NAVY- KELLARD - ELLIOT - HODGES.

Aug 11, 1942 - Lined up in sun till noon - no chow - then to work in afternoon. That night after work going down steps from A Company past main gate to D. Co. area near sick bay I was supposed to have failed to salute guard at main gate. I got beat up by the guard and knocked colder than a cucumber. Hickman had to take stiches in my head it reopened a wound I had already had. Wore that bandage for a month afterwards. Did not heal very good and that gave me a lot of trouble.

Aug 28 1942 White and Wilson escaped during the noon hour from the field. From that time on - remember - if you looked cross eyed at each other or or talked to each other while working - you got a fifle butt across the back or some place. If you remember anything at all where I was involved slapped or ruffed up - right it down in your statement about me.

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Nov 8th 1942. This time should not be to hard for you to remember. The Corn BEEF DEAL. They searched our gear while we were in the field working and found corn beef. - When we got in from work that night we were taken across the street to the MP JAIL - We got the third and fourth degree, we had that interpreter named Ogeri, who did not speak very good english. well - the next morning early we were brought back to camp. (You saw the results) Mango patched snow, bragg and I up a little. and all the camp was made to stand around the rail and watch YODER tied up to the east side coconut tree get the hell beat out of him and he was left tied the rest of the day and we went to work.

IF YOU CAN REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT THE ABOVE GIVE ME A STATEMENT DATES ARE NOT IMPORTANT They are taken from my notebook - you could not remember the date because it effects me. Send Verla and I a statement - You don't have to have it notarized - JUST SIGN AND DATE IT -ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY - AND YOUR PRESENT ADDRESS.

RESPECTFULLY,

HUBERT D. HOUGH.

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CLOSING INFORMATION:

I am bringing the letters from Mrs Mendosa's who furnished the camp with the only and few medical supplies that we received until 1944 to take a little red cross supplies. which will be of interest to both of you. gives us a little trouble. Drink from a straw. Well - see you at the picnic in September.

GILBERT HOIS came back from California and we finally tracked him down, and got a statement from him and he agreed to come to the picnic with me if he is able.

Donald? Ran across list of men in Tiawan and was very much surprised to see your name on it. We were supposed to have 403 men in the toroku camp, but we only had 294. The Korea Captain told me that 109 died aboard ship. I don't know where you went after this camp but 8 of us ended up in Tokyo, Aluminum factory until it was burned and bombed out 1 died. 7 americans were then sent to Yokohama with the british from their we were taken aboard the Hospital ship Belevelance. In other or or talked to each other while working - you got a rifle butt across the back or some place. If you remember anything at all where I was involved slapped or buffed up - right it down in your statement about us.

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