

MAY 8 - 1944 Left CAMP
STONE MAN - CALIFORNIA

MAY 25 - 1944 Arrived at
ORO BAY New Guinea.

Nov - 11. Left. ORO BAY
New Guinea.

Nov 18. Arrived at DULAG
Leyte Bay.

Fought till Dec 27
1944 in MOUNTAINS of Leyte.

JAN. 5 - 1945 setup temp'
Rest CAMP, IN Hospital
With Dengue fever +
suffering from Malnutrition

JAN. 24. Left Leyte by

Plane for Mindoro Island
first Ride in C-46.

JAN. 25-TO. Feb. 3. Stayed
ON Mindoro Preparing for
Luzon Jump.

Sgt of Guard At. chute
warehouse. Easy deal.
got hot meals at Air
Corp. every day.

Feb. 2, sleep until 1800
hrs. Then loaded up in
Planes at Mindoro Air
Field.

Feb. 3. 0500: Planes
WARM UP! We're off.
Next stop: LUZON.

0:710 Feb 3. Pilot told
me we were over
Correidor still in
JAP control. Jump zone
in sight. No. ACK ACK yet

Lt. John Starr is
stick leader + Jump
Master of Plane No 13
Left wing of No. 4.
formation.

Fog so thick it looks
like snow. I AM NO.
24 in the stick + LAST
MAN. THE Pusher.

Fog thicker than ever
& time to JUMP. Take
A last chew of tobacco

AND WAIT. Nerves or
Tight & There's The
Green light. Let's Go!

The G.M.G. & Mortar
Bundles or stuck in the
door The sticks Leaving
The Plane slow. off
Again. There's the door
& the Pilot. 1st Lt. Ben
Vicks AN old Friend of
Mine Waves So Long
& TAKE it easy. WHAT
AWAY to stay so long.
TAKE it easy.

Opening shock is easy.
No one in sight from
my stick ANYWHERE.

The fog is thicker
Now & The ground is

invisible. Seemed to
Take Ten minutes to
break through the fog
& see the ground. No
one in sight. ANYWHERE.

Nothing under me
but trees, & what else?
I'm plenty scared now
but rely on God alone
because I am by myself.

I'm coming in faster
than ever before in
training. Slip & turn my
back to the trees. I
hit in a high avocado
tree & hang there. High
wide & scared.

Someones coming
running through the

foliage so I cut both
Risers + all about 30 ft.
Jarred bot + ok.

ONLY Two Flips but
They sure scared me
+ vice versa.

Still no shooting
+ still alone. After
15 minutes I meet two
Boys from H. Co. + we
start out to hunt the
others.

After 30 minutes we
have a group of 21
with Lt. Gale in charge
Lt. Gale now dead was
from H. Co. We're lost
+ know it. The Flips
are of little help as

To how to find the
MANILA hotel, our first
objective + assembly
point. We find the town
of Mendez + still no
JAPS. Leave Mendez
on Rt. 16. for Tregway
Ridge. Find we are last
of C.T. to reach Ass'm
Point.

Three men from my
squad are hurt. leaving
me with only 5 men.
Next stop. MANILA