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Diary. Dated and copied as written:

1 Jan. 1945
Arrived on garrison position of our Imperial Home Defense No. 8D. Haven't had time to correspond home. But we have accomplished a great deal of worries for the American Axis Armies in the Pacific.
Have just left the Philipines. It is a very good place. Haven't had time to write from there to here, due to because of censorship regulations.

2 Jan. 1945
Placing myself to superior command. I have been promoted from superior Lance of Superior Lt. to Superior Officer in Command of an ARCA Bn. "Todiisho Badaminae"

3 Jan. 1945
An honor was cited to Lt. Beedoto Kurata-San for bravery on the Philipines, he has died with the Deisho Keisha Beijo (Bandor Medal of Honor). Today we have honored him with the Imperial Marine Sword of Kawamoto's Fuji-Kai Shrine (The Goddess of all Spiritual Guidance)

6 Jan. 1945
We have left a great many heroes of our Japanese Supreme Army Divisions for the Defense of the Philipines.

8 Jan. 1945
We will not if in any way lose this war with the shamefuh defeat. Glad to say we have a great amount of power and sacrifices before we win and bloodshed will be torn off in pieces all over the world.

9 Jan. 1945
Today we are having a shrinal prayer for our victory in the Pacific.

21 Jan. 1945
U. S. Armies, who are fighting in Germany are having a hot reception from our allies, Germany. Lt. Gen. Von Rundstedts defenses in France showed the axis that our power has not dwindled but is just beginning.
Adolph Hitler, our supreme Eurpoean commander has just given us his thoughts of this drastic war. We have just begun he says and will begin with a heavy blow on the axis.

22 Jan. .1945
I am observing the anniversary of Little Kaido. Please give him my regards on his birthday. Mitinaka Joii, Funachino (A greeting for an innocent child from a far flung shore).

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23 Jan. 1945

Received orders from Commanding General of the 3rd Imperial Japanese Army and Marine Garrison Regime, to confiscate all important papers, due to the foreseen battle the axis are rapidly advancing towards our defenses of Outer Home Inner Defense position. The axis thinks we are crumbling from defeat due to the lack of power and machinery but what a surprise we have for them here.

Though we have no way of protecting and reconquering our losses in the Pacific we have duly sworn to Samarai-) Keiso to our Imperial Emperor Saiko Sai and Minister of War Koiso. That the defenses we have strung throughout the Pacific will not in any way betray our fatherland.

24 Jan. 1945

I am writing an important entry today concerning the arrival of Lt. Gen. Tudamichi Kuribayashi, Commander of all Defenses of the Greater Regime of the Imperial Japanese Empire.

Gen. Kuribayashi, Son of the Extreme Internal Tax Commissioner of the Territories of Japan, Stated that in behalf of all the Emperors' Chieftans his whole hearted support for the defense in and around the area of Japan.

26 Janl. 1945

A field inspection was made by our Degense Commander today. All divisions of both our Imperial Marines and Army fully showed the General what he expected to see.

27 Jan. 1945

Air raids are beginning to be quite a game for the axis. Today we have shot down 18 heavy bombers and 34 fighters. Very little damages were done to our shore installations. Light casualties were inflicted on our personnel, but they were quickly replaced.

29 Jan. 1945

We are on the alert continuously. Raids are going on this defense area every day. At night fighters of all sizes . Seems to me that the axis are losing their planes due to the types of planes they are using.

Our bombers are bombing Saipan every day too. In order to destroy the Evil Bird, Nashima Doso Kudo Wasa Dei. The kind of planes which they have built are larger than the airfields they can build for them.

Caves are our only ground protection from the continuous raids they are pulling every night.

1 Feb. 1945

Spotted naval craft about 6,400 yards out, too far away from our shore batteries to open fire, and in order not to give our positions away. Due to immense shore firing and air attacks we sent out to meet the foe fleet, ther scattered wildly with heavy losses. All our planes returned safely.

Reinforcements have landed on position D. They are the 8th Marine Garrison Regiment who have gallantly fought the axis on Kwajalein in 1943; the 21st Division who have just arrived from China; the 8th, 9th and 16th Medical Unit of the Auxiliary Aid Imperial Unit (AAIU) 67 F. A. (Shore Battery) 772nd Inf. Marines and Army Veterans of New Guinea and our Unit the 67th Field Artillery, 1st Bn. Imperial Regiment. The 11th QM Bn. is doing a fine job of supplying us our machings and food.

10 Feb. 1945

American nurses on the Philipines have cooperated splendidly in amusing and aiding our wounded on Lingayen.

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As Lt. Soduno Kawaguihi, MD, stated the sexual intercourse and diseases after intercourse were extremely fine.

One or two American Civilian women were sent to Japan for Imperial purposes. They volunteered wholeheartedly.

15 Feb. 1945

To continue - received word that Admiral Kusunaka Watanabe was killed in a Naval Battle along the China coast.

16 Feb. 1945

We are stationed in a new area from the 4th to 10th southeast of position 4. I was given a platoon of the best shore batteries, veterans of all combat Japanese Marines the 8th Div, 3rd Bn.

17 Feb. 1945

axis raids are increasing every day and invasion is expected.

18 Feb. 1945

Enemy surface craft, hundreds of them, were sighted south by south east of our position.

19 Feb. 1945

An alarm is given for us to open fire within distant range. As I have said an invasion has started. The battle is on. We have supposed the time for this to happen. The axis is using all sorts of power to land on our position. Surface craft would open fire then enemy planes would take over when surface craft had finished firing.

Our defense commander has activated his former position to the northeast end of our position in order to give command in the direct communiques between positions. We are rapidly setting up land mines and booby traps for the stupid axis.

20 Feb. 1945

I cannot recognize the kind of troops the enemy are using but stupidly enough they are advancing directly to their death traps. But some of my scouts have recognized that they were Marines of the Axis and we were ready for them. As one of my assistants says "If they, the Marines, have landed on all islands in the Pacific, they are dumb enough to land on this position. Let's give them what they came for."

21 Feb. 1945

Our dauntless defenders are holding greatly location and defenses on this island which were a surprise to the enemy. Firing all calibres of weapons we are firing day and night at the enemy.

22 Feb. 1945

Dead enemies were strung just like rats along the north and south east shores of our position, many more enemies are trying to land on the island byt they are paring for we shoot 8 of their men to every one of ours they kill.

We are digging underground to relieve pillbox No. 8 and we are greeted by more enemy troops.

23 Feb. 1945

We have gained back position No. 4 from the enemies. But strangely enough we did not have enough ammunition.

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24 Feb. 1945

I haven't slept for four days now. Since the time of the invasion. Orders were given out to retreat and counter attack with all might.

25 Feb. 1945

Two o'clock this morning we were given a conference call. Col. Sagiro Dei, Chief of Staff to Gen. Kuribayashi informed us that our only defense would be the caves on postion No. 8D. We were given enough ammunition to carry out a Banzai attack on the enemies as long as the enemy would remain for the erception. I cannot mention the strength we have here, but gladly to say we have them guessing.

26 Feb. 1945

I am on a scouting job tonight rather to say we're going into the enemy positions around the areas. Orders are to demolish enemy held pillboxes and operate it on enemy movements. Sniping is done during the days and infiltration during the night.

I am back in position No. 4C, the enemy is trying to build a road leading from southwest to northeast in order to replace their men and equipment quickly.

Of what I have seen and accomplished was an enemy supply depot. Men were working day and night to destroy and delay all possible reinforcements the enemy is to put out. I have killed two Marines and one Naval laborer along the beaches while two of my men covered me while I infiltrated into the area and destroyed the enemies' equipment.

27 Feb. 1945

The second night we did the same things of what we are supposed to do if not more, all the sentries were alerted this time. Barricades and maching guns were in 4 sq. and about 100 yards to 185 yards intervals. These barricades consist of two concertinas and tightly strung barbed wire on the out line about 2 to 3 feet apart. Our object - the gasoline drums and food. Water was not available.

The enemy used rifle type finder flares, held by a radius of a circumference, a description of a parachute with 16 strands corded.

28 Feb. 1945

Last night two of my scouts were killed. They were replaced by 3 army (SB) men, who were also good on scouting. Things were building faster than we wxpected but some of our Imperial Marines are delaying most of them throughout the areas.

The enemy strength is increasing along two shores. 4 Battery Units were knocked out and our men retreated towards position No. 4C to assemble and form a new counter attack against the enemy.

1 March 1945

Enemy tanks were pouring ashore. Land mines and Anti-Tank mines stopped short most of them. They looked as if their were heavily armored and armed with heavy guns. Some of our pillboxes still in use were giving them lots of hot time.

6 March 1945

Enemy tanks are advancing towards position No. 4 C A. F. 184, they are firing directly into the inner positions of the 21st Div who are holding out enemy advances along the northwest position 8C. We were ordered to evacuate and retreat from position forming a V shaped like barricade from the west tip shores to S. E. of position 8 C.

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7 March 1945

Flame throwers were scarcely used by the enemy. Lt. Jimo Sagimi a well observed disciplined type Superior Officer is an expert on American small arms and attack weapons.

In night scouting we were able to collect American rifles, of which most of them are geniously invented for war purposes. Lt. Sugini stated the axis americans are a war tested country. These weapons show the immense power to conquer possessed by the democracy over the Poor Innocent Victims of the world.

He also stated that the war lords of american are anxiously waiting for their axis partner to join in the drive for mastery of the Pacific and the whole world for sinister purposes.

19 March 1945

Haven't much to write from here on. There's lots of fighting today. Most units are separated and the main fighting units are disorganized among the hills and caves.

22 March 1945

A patrol of 8 axis American Marines have scouted the areas thoroughly though their bravery in our territory showed no effect whatsoever on what they've run into and met.

On our possession we had our Yama 1920 rifles lots of ammunition which was stored up in these caves. Surprisingly enough these caves were built for gasoline for aircraft use. We have great trouble getting food and water but we've managed to live on our traveling ration.

23 March 1945

I've killed or demolished two of my men because they were of no value to the unit. One of them was seriously wounded, the other suffering from a punctured lung.

Orders from Col. Dei were to demolish all useless personnel which we cannot replace or fail to survive after so rough traveling. Left position 4C to 8C now in position 8D1 my men are gathering all of the weapons and spare spare parts they could find. Last night we managed to secure some drinking water from an enemy area. Booby traps were laid or attached to the valve or main guage. When disengaged the booby trap will effect with a great explosion.

25 March 1945

We are well concealed from enemy patrols during the day here. Today 4 enemy patrols passed just a few feet away from our position. We did not fire so as not to draw attention. Everyday they have passed this very sp and it seems that our concealment is perfect.

Today I received a message from Col. Dei, in behalf of the 21st Div an attack was to be made on the enemy position 8D and Gen. Kurabayashi will resume the attacking orders. From position 8D1, north central part to the north east was to be our prey.

Very few rifles or any intentional weapons will be used. In our unit we were ordered to destroy nearly defended positions. The enemy we are thinking may be attempting a surprise landing. My orders are to draw attention if possible from the right flank to the left from position 8D1. We are allowed to wear green dungarees, infiltration shoes, sabre, knives, small arms grenades, charges and work caps to avoid attention. No heavy rifles will be carried such as sub-machine guns, heavy mortars, and light maching guns.

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6 March 1945

No identification tags will be worn. This task might be a suicidal attempt to lessen the enemy if possible to dislocate them and their units and communiques. Gen. Kuribayashi is ready to throw the charging order and if accomplished, which I doubt very much, we can resume and reestablish our Joyo Seiko Fuji Sai (Death for the defense of our peace)

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