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Section B (with Δ [Dorothy Needham])

Phase

- I. CK [Chungking] - Kweiyang (BMM [British Military Mission] Convoy)
- II. Kweiyang - Kunming (road)
- III. Kunming as centre
- IV. Kunming to Hsichow and Baoshan, and back to Kunming
- V. Kunming - Chungking

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SE [Southeast] Tour 1944

Section A

Phase

- I. CK [Chungking] - Tushan (road)
- II. Tushan - Kukong (rly [railway])
- III. Kukong as centre (rly and road)
- IV. Kukong - Fuchow (road and river)
- V. Fuchow - Kukong (river and road)
- VI. Kukong - Kweilin (rly)
- VII. Kweilin as centre (road and rly)
- VIII. Kweilin - CK [Chungking] (plane)

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**Sat. April 8th.** Up at 6am with Δ [Dorothy Needham]. Breakfast nice. (etc. padlocks for car, 230.)  
Dep. Chungking. JN [Joseph Needham], H H-T [Huang Hsing-Tung, Huang Xingzong], KW [Kuang Wei],  
 Ling Mei-Liang 林梅梁 [Lin Meiliang, assumed to be Lin Meixin?].

Scares: (1) bearings, (2) springs, but OK.

[Left] CK [Chungking] about 11am. Seen off by Dophi [Dorothy Needham], H-Y [Liao Hung-Ying, Liao Hongying], WB [William Band], JB [John Blofeld?], and H Y-W [Xie Youwen].

[Reached] Chungking (Haitangchi 海棠溪 [Haitangxi]) 484 km. At Ipinchang 一品場 [Yipinchang], 448 [km], [went through] inspection. (OK). Later lunatic ambulance cut in when passing us and loosened our flags. At 407 km refuelled. Noted dial: 6400 km. Lumpy country. [Arrived at] Chichiang 綦江 [Qijiang] at 2:45 pm. Lunch, 340. Tung oil trees all in flower.

Road branch, 390 km. Sanchi [is] 3 km off on the Changsha Road. Met Yeh Chu-Pei [Ye Zhupei] at 4 pm. [Wonderful] evening. Met his vp [very pretty] junior (female) and one-month-old baby. Guesthouse now partly used as social hall (staff can get tea, cakes, etc.), with library started round the BC [British Council?] gift of books on Science and Society; much used.

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Learnt of Henry Adams' "The Tendency of History" (Evoln & thermodyn. [Evolution and Thermodynamics] and phase rule (dialectic) in history), which I ought to have known about and mentioned in TRR [Time: The Refreshing River (Allen & Unwin, 1943)] and which Y C-P [Ye Zhupei] had himself picked up in 2<sup>nd</sup> hd bkshp [second-hand bookshop] in CK [Chungking]! Very good night.

**Easter Sun. Apr. 9th.** Heard music from German Evangelical Church, Shanghai while at breakfast. Off about 10 am. Dep. Sanchi. Up an interminable valley, gradually changing from rice fields to forest and heathland as Szechuan gave place to Kweichow. Rly [railway] with stations but track not laid. Followed across river on the left a long way.

[At] 11:25 [got to] 東溪 [Dongxi]; at 12:30 to Ganshui. Then two big passes. (The tung oil tree flowers fallen on black rocks of hills [are] wonderful.) The first [pass was] very muddy and army pack trains a nuisance. [Arrived at] Sungkan 松坎 [Songkan] [at] 2:45. Lunch (poor), 320. Refuelled. After lunch two big passes. The second one [was called] the "72 turns". Later found beautiful pale blue irises. Down into Tongchih 桐梓

[Tongzi] valley: much yellow rapeseed. [3-4] Put up at CTS [China Travel Service] (西南公路 [Xinan gonglu, Southwest Public Road]), 115. Dinner at Kuangtung place (no appetite), 200. Slept very well. Weather cold.

**Mon. Apr. 10th.** Off at 7am. Breakfast of yutiao [油條 long fritters] and eggs poached in doudjiang [豆漿 soya milk], 40. Over very steep pass: 婁山關 [Loushanguan]. Numerous irises here but very small in comparison with the former ones. [Went through a] village called 楚米舖 [Chumipu], "rice for the state of Chu, probably a tributary valley. Got to Tsunyi Alcohol Factory about 9am and saw it. Got to Tsunyi [遵義 Zunyi] about 10am. Hills like sugar-loaves but not so steep.

Contacted [National Chekiang/Zhejiang] University (see back cover). Lecture-rooms (Hodjiahang), main offices, etc. Put up at Shihhui [sic: Shehui?] fuwuchu (Ministry of Social Affairs [Hostel]). President Chu Ko-Ching [Zhu Kezhen] came with Deans. Lunch with professors; saw library in 江公寺 [Jiang Gong Si] (temple for beneficent early Ching official); [gave] lecture in old theatre; went to see Engineering labs. Dinner at Faculty Club in nice old house, speech and discussion. Slept well. Chekiang Ta [National Chekiang University] about same standard as Lien Ta [National Southwest Associated University] and Wuhan Ta [National Wuhan University] probably, wouldn't have translator. Tsunyi [is] reminiscent of Chiating. Mem. [=remember]: birds, esp. rooks and magpies. Surrounding scenery like Wales: rocky hills. Tsunyi [is at] 162 km.

**Tues. Apr. 11th. Dep. Tsunyi.** [Had] breakfast with President and Deans at 8:00am. Off at 8:30. Got lovely iochabing to compensate for mien at breakfast. Scenery rolling -- black rocks and brown earth. Came down off the plateau [at] 110 km approximately, [at] 烏江 [Wujiang] river, viaduct and village. Road then exceptionally good surface till 75 km. 息烽 [Xifeng], "Ending of the Beacon Fires", i.e., Pacification, [reached at] 11:15; lunch, 350.

Afterwards surface worse [till] small village [called] 黑神廟 [Heishenmiao], "Black Spirit Temple". Arrived [at] Kweiyang 貴陽 [Guiyang] at 2:30pm. Inspection station at 三橋, then through "second bridge" and "first bridge" to find Maj. [Major] Gould at 到岸路 [Dao'an Lu]. Arranged about phoning for accommodation at Tushan, etc. Got 3 sparkplugs. [Went] to Bank of China and got out 20,000; put up at Djaotaisuo [guesthouse]. Back to tea with Gould, borrowed Borrow. In the city suppered at Shanghai Restaurant with HT. Bought biscs [biscuits] for the train. Slept well, but not so well as previous nights. Biscs 95, dinner 259, cigars 65, cake for Gould 95, guide to Kweiyang 100.  
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**Wed. Apr. 12th.** Up at 6:30am. **Dep. Kweiyang.** Hotel 274. Spare parts bought by KW: rubber soln [solution] 550, distilled water 300, brake fluid 600, alc. coolies 120, locks and staples 50, battery charging 70; [for a total of] 1690.

[Had] breakfast of yutiao [油條 long fritters] and doudjiang [豆漿 soya milk] at Tuyunkuan (hq of Ch. Red + [headquarters of Chinese Red Cross]), 100. Took on two soldiers: 丘江濱 [Qiu Jiangbin], and 盧錦嵐 [Lu Jinlan]. 貴定 [Guiding] about 80 km. Scenery lovely, like Wales or South Ireland: mountains blue, black, green, brown. Over low passes through the clouds. Saw many pretty Miao girls with bright kilts, aprons, etc.

At 1 pm arrived at 馬場坪 [Machangping]. Had delicious lunch of bing (savoury and sweet) and eggs; soldiers insisted on paying. At 152 km, first railway works. At 2:30 pm arrived at 土勻 [Tuyun] railhead. Saw rolling stock for the first time since India, 170 km. At 3pm exactly saw first train, with British-looking 2-8-0 with two daycars & 2 bogie wagons.

Arr. [at] Tushan 獨山 [Dushan], "Lone Mountain", at 5:00pm, and put up at CTS. Cigarettes 35. Dinner poor in restaurant, 250. Long discussion with stationmaster Tu Shang-Wen about our truck, as prices much larger than Gould at Kweiyang had given us to understand. Eventually worked out a fangfa [solution] involving a visit to the bank at Kweiyang. Light went out at 9pm. Slept well on board bed.

**Ours. [Thurs.] Apr. 13th! Dep. Tushan.** Up at 6 and entrained van on flatcar in early morning. Tushan [is] very like Grants' Pass [in Oregon]. Noises (! 鳴 [ming]) similar. Actually engines are Czech Skoda.

Very nice breakfast of eggs and toast in CTS [China Travel Service], four [for] 264. Payment to stationmaster [was] 14,613 for van and two third-class fares to Liuchow where we have to book and pay again.

About 10am, after interminable shunting, van went off, but KW got himself left behind! So he has to come on in the 8:30 express tonight and catch up the van by Chingchengchang [Jinchengjiang]. [7-8]

Wore chungshanfu [中山服, Chinese-style jacket and trousers] because of the cold. Walked into the little town and sent off 3 telegrams, 988 paid by HT. Very pretty 文廟 [wenmiao, temple]. Lunch [for] 2 at CTS, 250 -- not bad. In the afternoon read Borrow and explored the station yard with HT. Engines mostly Czech, one French, all American-style chapudo [差不多 = more-or-less] on Chien-Kwei 黔桂 [Qian-Gui, i.e. Guizhou-Guangxi] railway, very enjoyable. Te barbelade [tea and marmalade]. Dinner [for] 3, 270. Visit from Ma Ting-Tung [Ma Tingdong], editor of Ta Kung Bao [newspaper] at Kweilin [Guilin]. Got flag from disabled British truck at CTS.

Off at 8:30am. First class sleepers mostly occupied by American infantry men. Shared compartment with nice girl of purest Red Indian appearance. Later turned out to be Huang Kuo-Hsun, student in geography at Ginling College. Slept well.

**Fri. Apr. 14th.** Up around 7am. Scenery absolutely exquisite. Craggy steep-sided mountains, well wooded, wreathed in mist and cloud like scroll paintings, passing the Kweichow-Kuangsi border.

Breakfast with HT and her, shared food and got doufurjo from buffet and hsifan.

At 8:30 長山 [Changshan] spoke with soldiers, then descended switchback [diagram]. At 9am, after crossing beautiful river, came to Bagung 拔貢 [Bagong] where saw our van. Lao Ling rejoined by Kuang Wei - rejoicings!

At 11am reached 金城江 [Jinchengjiang], the former railhead. She got off to catch the through coach to Kukong [Shaoguan], leaving us her cakes.

Masses of white and pink wild roses, mostly the former. Bought bananas, 12. Lunch in compartment very nice, 100. Read Borrow, HT read Tang poems. Got to Liuchow 柳州 [Liuzhou] at 6pm in rain, gloom and isolation from the city. Stationmaster Wang 王殿儒 [Wang Dianru] not there; his assistants tearing their hair because 13 extra Americans had arrived! Eventually got one first class and one second class ticket [to] Kweilin. [9]

Expenses: van 2500. Liuchow to Kweilin (after much argument about accepting money for a flatcar they hadn't yet seen), our tickets 1200.

Shared compartment with Richard Delane, US Med. Service cpl. [corporal] from TVA [Tennessee Valley Authority]. Buns and k/yudze, 90. Extra for HT sleeping in the compartment, 192.

**Sat. Apr. 15.** Arr. [in] Kweilin [at] 6am in rain and mist. Rickshaws to Consulate, 120. Early in the morning though uncomfortably wet, three noticeables: face of woman cooking yutiao [油條 long fritters], perfect [curve] under black hair -- smell of camphorwood burning first met -- hundreds of charming children going to school; Kuangsi peasant women in lines, old and young, very sweet going to market, bare feet through mud, dark blue clothes, [drawing] |10| apron held up by silver chains; Hospitality welcomed at Consulate by Whitmore and Heathcote-Smith, good bkfst [breakfast]. Afterwards arranged about train and flatcar; must wait till tomorrow to go ourselves.

Got 20,000 out of bank. Gave 10,000 to HT as an advance on salary. Paid to Consul for onward fare for van and KW and Lao Ling: 7000. Lunch at Consulate. Trudged through rain to visit BMM [British Military Mission] Major Hemingway, nbg [no bloody good, i.e., he wasn't there]. Left note. Dinner out with HT at Cantonese restaurant, 420. Shoe clean, 20. Got delicious iochabing on way back, 10. Looked at sealstones, etc. Rickshaws, 300. Slept on campbed and sofa in Consulate parlor.

**Sun. Apr. 16th.** Got up latish, nice breakfast alone. HT went to station for tickets. I walked to BAAG [British Army Aid Group] where found the General grounded by the rain. Spent morning with Col. Lindsay Ride, formerly Prof. of Physiology, Hongkong [University of Hong Kong]. (Mem: to have his book, "Genetics in Relations to Clinical Medicine", pub. |11-12| Wrights of Bristol, sent out).

No time to call on Ringwalt at the American Consulate. On way back bought 莊子 [Zhuangzi, a foundational Daoist text named after its author Zhuang Zhou (c. 369-286 BCE)] and 管子 [Guanzi, a classical

book containing the writings of philosopher and politician Guan Zhong (c.720-645 BCE)] for 300 and box [of] semi-Philippine cigars for 150. [Saw] [Prof. A.] Renwick at lunch, full of his experiences in SE [southeast] (would like us to bring back his china from Tyler CIM [China Inland Mission] at Ganhsien). Gave useful information. Rickshaws to station at 2:30, 120. Very nice compartment. Sang songs with Huang Kuo-Hsün 黃國馴 [Huang Guoxun] and Chou Bao-Ling 周保靈 [Zhou Baoling] (Pauline, friend of Heathcote-Smiths) and a good singer, and her US pilot friend, Lt. Seguro from Louisiana, returning to the front. Dinner with HT and Kuo-Hsun, 250, in the dining car.

**Mon. April 17th. Dao Hêngyang** [arrived at Hengyang] [at] 6:30. Tip 100. Out into awful black mud and seething mass of coolies and rickshaw men being belted by police. In rickshaws trying to find War Area Service Corps Hostel (200 fare) -- they couldn't -- lots of trouble at Min. of Social Affairs Hostel and Air Force HQ. Eventually saw American jeep and trailer; Seguro in it; jumped in the trailer, and flew over railway bridge to WASC [Chinese War Area Service Corps] Hostel near or in the airfield. Rain continuous. WASCH [Chinese War Area Service Corps Hostel] an old abbey, very commodious. Welcomed at enquiry office; had breakfast (80). HT rather bewildered -- officers' mess just like Accra [in Ghana] only better. Base Commander Lt. Norwood Wilson lent us his room to rest in. Spent some time in Dayroom reading Life and Time; later opened my Kuantze [Guanzi 管子] and checked all the passages noted with [Professor Gustav] Haloun formerly (great delight). Missed lunch because it was 11:30-1:00! but had a delicious hot dogs, coffee and cake in the snack counter room. Old Chinese cook very interested in Kuantze. After lunch, started translating the folk-songs and did 3 or 4 [13] by twilight. HT had headache, so I ate dinner without him (80) with Seguro and the doctor. Later, jeep to the E. Station and Lt. Glass, a Texan, whom we'd met at breakfast and was of CIM [China Inland Mission] origin, Shantung born and knew the Hoyts [Hoytes]: going to a nearby place with a CIM man, Blackstone. Got berths OK and slept well.

**Tues. April 18th. Dao Kukong** [Shaoguan] at 6:30. Tip 100. River and hill scenery pretty; town of very prepossessing appearance, built on promontory like CK [Chungking] but flat and sandy. Women carried the baggage; over the bridge and through very clean market (cleanest yet) where delicious things were cooking, to hotel by the riverside (women 100), breakfast of hsifan and dienhsing [sic: dien-hsin/dianxin], very tolerable, 70. Sunlight. --- First Phase of Tour achieved. ---

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Pink snapdragon, balconies, nice. Walked out to visit Intelligence Maj. Pittendrigh [Arthur Pittendrigh] etc. etc. Walked to visit BMM [British Military Mission] Capt. O'Hara. Nice little wooden house in pinewood. Sandy soil, etc. Cantonese laobahsing [laobaixing, lit.: 'old hundred surnames', ie ordinary people], very neat and clean, esp. [especially] the living boats in the river: mats neat, bedclothes neatly folded up, etc.

Lunch with Pittendrigh, et. al. Rickshaws to station 100, woman carrier 10, sealstone 40. Train should have left [at] 1:50, but waited 40 minutes and then air raid alarm, 2 balls [= no. of aeroplanes spotted], train shunted back into country and everyone dispersed into wooded hill. Two balls came down, but nothing happened so people drifted back to the train. Then sound of planes; everyone ran to the woods. Seven US fighters, probably P40s, circled four times and went away. Everyone drifted back to the train. Sound of planes again; everyone ran to the woods; two unidentifiable planes flying rather low, circled once and withdrew. At [15-16] last all-clear gongs went and train left at 4:00 pm, reaching 仙仁廟 [Xianrenmiao] at 5:30.

I got winded running with bags tied together, but recovered by 5:30. Nice soldier, one Lai, looked after baggage during air raid and carried it to [Lingnan] University.

Lingnan Ta [Lingnan University] 嶺南 [Lingnan] is [the] loveliest tempy [temporary?] campus yet seen, in and around a magnificent old grove of camphor trees, with pine wooded hills around and ricefields in the valleys, buildings mostly new. Guesthouse delightful with large verandah. Lai 300.

Dinner with President Li Ying-Ling [Li Yinlin] and Prof. Rhodes at good restaurant in little village. Long talk after President had gone away, with Chang Tzu-Io, Huang Li-Sung's [Huang Lisong's] girl, monopolised by [Huang] Hsing-Tsung, and Suffiad A3 Shih Chung-Chien, a charming girl, monopolised by me. Bed under mosquito net.

**Wed. Apr. 19th. Hsienrjêngmiao.** Up around 6:30. Breakfast with President and Profs. in guesthouse (yutiao, hsifan) at 7:30. After breakfast changed into light summer uniform as weather quite hot. At 9:30 [gave] lecture to Prof. Hsieh's class (150) on Science and Democracy, pretty successful.

Later visited science lab. with Chen Hsing-Tao [Chen Xintao], a good parasitologist buried here. Very little going on in science, but three shipments of microscopes recently smuggled in from HK. Lunch on delicious Cantonese buns and pastries with President and Profs. at another restaurant. Got off letters to Δ [Dorothy Needham] and tribe by Dr. Oldt in afternoon. Cardindex u/t/d [up-to-date].

About this time a horrid attack of Volta's disease came on. Phenyl-barbitone and APC [aspirin-phenacetin-caffeine] had to be taken. Big lump like continuous toothache, first since 5 years or more at Oxford.

Inspected library, very small but very neat, on top of hill. Tea on guesthouse verandah. [17] Supr @ [Supper at] guesthouse and faculty meeting afterwards at [which] I spoke on International Scientific Cooperation in War and Peace, very successful indeed.

**Thurs. April 20th.** Slept badly owing to pain. Awoke at 3:00 and took two more APCs and more Φ [phenyl-] barbitones. Breakfast with Rhodes and his Chinese wife and very shy little boy. Then came up to guesthouse and went to bed and slept tolerably. At 12:00 went down to Administration Building and picked up President. Was regaled with the same delicious buns as yesterday. Joined by Shih Chung-Chien and another girl. Walk afterwards with SC-C and good talk on the heath and pinetrees. Lovely yellow wild flowers like Californian Mimulus only larger. Shy but nice. I [was] wearing [18] shirt and shorts [for the] 1st time this summer. Very comfortable.

Tea at guesthouse with H-T and Chang Tzu-Lo; translated another folksong and she wrote down the Shuangshihpu-Kweilin one in H-T's head. Supper with Rhodes, et. al. Lecture on Nationalism and Social Evolution. Good discussion. Afterward met Dr. Yung 易啓東 [Yi Qidong, sic Rong Qidong/容啓東], biologist (botanist - plant anatomy) and musician. Finished cigar on balcony, slept well.

**Fri. Apr. 21st.** Feeling pretty worn down. Over to Canton Θεol. Coll. [Theological College] on neighboring hill for breakfast with the Joneses (from Ffestiniog). At 9:30 lectured to the students (half girls, very nice) on Sci. & [Science and] [19] Rel. in E. & W. [Religion in East and West]. Good discussion afterwards. Fetched at 11:30 by people from Tungwu (Suchow) Ta [Soochow University] across the ricefields -- went, rather warm in [bush tunic] to meet the President Shen Ti-Lan and Profs. Very bright lot, more so than Lingnan. After lunch, lecture on Science and Democracy and discussion by profs, esp. Wu Ta-Kun [Wu Dakun], very bright economist, who gave me new refs. for HoS [History of Science]. Must try to see him again. Walked back slowly through village to CTC [Canton Theological College?] and had tea with Kunkels [J. Stewart and Julia Mitchell Kunkel?]; nice but dull. Back to guesthouse, washed -- blood coming through my trousers now -- supper at Chen Hsing-Tao's [Chen Xintao], not very good. Then lecture in fitful pressure-lamp's light on Embryol. [Embryology] organisers, etc. to God-knows-what standard students, but discussion all the same. Poor night. Explained to H-T. Bright glowworms floating through hall.

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**Sat. April 22nd.** Dep. Hsienrjengmiao. Up at 5[am], packed. Tip to guesthouse man 200. Train to Kukong -- pouring tropical rain. To hotel, carrier 100. Rickshaws to river bank 20, boat to Methodist Hospital and Lingnan Medical School. S. M. Moore very kind, insisted I should stay over a few days; no harm as van not here -- delightful place; reminiscent of Borden Hospital, Lanchow, but nurses more numerous, cleaner, and better looking. Masses of flowers most remarkable in China yet: hibiscus, begonia, camelia, flowering trees, snapdragons, larkspur, etc., etc. Enormous bedroom and bathroom in enormous empty house. Meals with Moores [Dr. S.M. Moore and his wife?], very nice. Slept very well and [had] good baths. Cigars 34.

**Sun. Apr. 23rd.** Rested all day. Treatment. Prof. Ling [Lin Shumo] brought my bag over and I did [21] my cardindex, etc. No news of van yet. In afternoon visited Fr. Veitch (brother of Henri Veitch of Peiping) and Fr. Kirschner, both Salesians. Supper with Jacobs (minister) and [F.] Oldt and Dr. [F.] Kobler, Austrian. Methodist service afterwards (very uninspired). News of Jap. [Japanese] offensive in NE [northeast] Honan. Glowworm in garden.

**Mon. Apr. 24th.** At Kukong. Breakfast with Moores, very nice. Treatment. [Gave] 9:30 lecture to Lingnan Med Sch. [Medical School] on Biochem. & Morphogen. [Biochemistry and Morphogenesis]. Prof. Ling Shu-Mo [Lin Shumo] in the chair. [Discussion] about supplies. At 12:00 had lunch at Med Sch [Medical School]. [I was] made an honorary member of the School and given the badge. Off by boat with H-T to visit Governor Li Han-Hun of Kuangtung by boat (lovely breeze and lovely boat woman, strong and handsome; [?] and loose jacket above, solid face). At 2:15 Interview OK. Tea with H-T in semi-foreign place, 65; rickshaws 60, cigs 45, laces 60, boat back 30.

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On return got provoking telegram that van detained at Liuchow, sent [on the] 17th by Kuang Wei. Sent note over to H-T. (Nice bath). Supper with Jacobs the minister, Oldt, and Kobler.

**Tu[es]. Apr. 25th.** Into town by boat after bkfst [breakfast]. Conferred with HT; called on Pettendrih [Arthur Pittendrih] and sent off two safehand letters to Whittamore and Lindsay Ride by his man leaving for Kweilin this evening. Will reach there tomorrow night. Quicker than radio (because permission necessary from India) and far quicker than even priority telegram. Also with Moore to call on Gen. Chu Li-\_\_\_ to ask Gen. Yu Han-Mou to act to clear van through Liuchow.

Back by boat down west river under three pontoon bridges with [Dr. S.M.] Moore (fare 80) in time for lunch with RCs: Fr. Vetch [sic: Veitch?] (Fr. [from] England) brother of the Peiping publisher, Bp. [Bishop] Kanazei (Cz) [Czech], Fr. Kirschner (Austr) [Austrian] and Fr. Battizatti (It) [Italian]. After lunch saw their primary school with charming [mommets] singsonging |23| characters to commit to memory. In the afternoon, read. Two US Army men at tea, Miss Vincent of Canton Oeol. Coll. [Theological College] (OT [Old Testament?]) at dinner.

**Wed. Apr. 26th.** Saw round Hospital with Moore in morning. Charge to Moores 710, donation to Hospital 600. Came across after lunch (boat 40, cigs 45, cakes 12, tea 20, telegram to Embassy 261, dinner with HT and Wu Ta-Kun, 310.

Violent storm [with] rain, lightening, and thunder in the afternoon. Felt poorly all day with streaming cold. Very fine evening with Wu Ta-Kun on econ. hist., his life-story, etc. HT slept on boat but was bitten by mosquitoes.

**Thurs. Apr. 27th.** To Pingshih. Cold now gone away. Nice bkfst [breakfast] with HT and T-K [Wu Ta-Kun], dienhsing, etc., 120. Walked around city and he took us to good

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HT's accounts (Claimable expenses through HT):

	petty cash at Chungking		288
	KW's fare and Tushan hotel	500	
Train fares	Kweilin-Hengyang	2800	
	Hengyang-Kukong	2500	
	Kukong-Hsienrjengmiao & back	88	
		<hr/>	5888
	Telegrams at Tushan	1000	
	Telegrams at Kweilin	370	
	Telegrams at Kukong	550	
		<hr/>	2920
	Rickshaws and boats	510	510
	Our food, 2 days, at Hsienrjengmiao & the rest at Kukong	1271	1271
	Contribution to fare to Pingshih		<hr/> 202
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	HT sleeping on board boat		80
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bookshops on West bank. Got a 論衡 [Lunheng, classical chinese text, written c. 80 BCE] for 240! Lunch at West Village Restaurant looking over river (excellent dienhsing), 260. [Went] to Bank, 15,000 out, HT 10,000, me 5,000. Contributed to tickets to Pingshih, 230. Went on board train at 7pm; arrived [at] Pingshih at 10:00. Very comfortable journey. Put up at Shao Kuang hotel, in lovely position.

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On slope of hill under Gold Pheasant huge mesa. Killed a lot of bugs in the mosquito net, but this exceptional as hotel was really very clean.

**Fri. Apr. 28th.** Sunny morning nice and hot. Got phone message to wait at Shiu Kuang 韶光 [Shaoguang] till guide came from University. Waited till 11:30. Finally Li Chien [Li Jian/George Kim Lee] from Chungshan Ta [Sun Yat-sen University/Zhongshan University] and Li Pei-Wên [Li Peiwen/Puiman Lee] from Lingnan Ta (Agric) [Agriculture] turned up. Lunched with them.

After lunch went out through the sta. [station] to visit the President of Chungshan Ta. Long rickshaw ride along the river bank. Pingshih town a straggling place of one long crowded narrow paved street. Found Pres. Chin [Jin Zeng] and had a very formal meeting in his office -- he is a political administrator who only speaks (apparently) Kuangtung-Hua [Cantonese] (unattractive). Arranged schedule:

Sat.	m [morning]: Lingnan; a [afternoon]: Science College
Sun.	m [morning]: Arts College a [afternoon]: Culture Institute
Mon.	m [morning]: Engineering College a [afternoon]: Science College
Tues.	Go to Agricultural College
Wed.	Back from Agricultural College
⊙ [Thurs.]	Leave

Then went to visit Graduate School. Embarrassing visit with historian Chu Chien-Chih [Zhu Qianzhi] and his wife [Zhu (Huang) Qixiu/Beatrice]; Folk-lore Journal; his bk [book] being translated; prehistory collections, etc.

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Visited small University Library in temple with the Librarian Tu Ting-Yo [Du Dingyou]. Nuts but rather nice (fanciful Chinese character etymologies; new library classification along lines of San Min Chu I [San min zhuyi, ie Sun Yat-sen's Three People's Principles]). Visited his home (very crowded attics), compared his little wife now, yellow (malaria) and haggard like him, with photos of them in Canton when she looked very spry and they had car as well as house. But he has carpentry as a hobby and was making dolls' chairs.

Dinner with him and Li Chien at the Wulishih. Back to Shiukuang in scented night air, with cicadas among the pink wild roses.

**Sat. Apr. 29th.** Li Chien to bkfst [breakfast]. Our baggage [has been] taken to Wulishih Hotel in the town. Meanwhile, guided by Fan Huai-chung [Fan Huaizhong] (plant histologist). We crossed the river (after looking at bombed locomotives on siding) and got to Lingnan Agricultural College; on rising ground facing the Gold Pheasant mesa ("eats the grain of Hunan and fertilizes Kuangtung").

[Gave] lecture on Nutrition & Agric. [Agriculture] in Britain in Wartime. [It went] OK. Then embarrassing meeting with Profs., followed by much better visit to [27-28] their labs.

Some work going on in spite of great poverty of equipment. Library [is] rather good.

Lunch with Li Pei-Wen and some of the faculty, including Wu \_\_\_ [Fukun] who had come up from Hsienjengmiao to teach a periodical course of bacteriology.

Then walked a half hour through pinewoods and rice fields past some queer looking high hills to the Chungshan Ta Science College beside the river in a pretty spot.

Found everybody out, in spite of the engagement (!), so looked around -- Chem Lab [chemistry laboratory] seemingly very dead, though good runs of journals in library. Liang Kuang [兩廣] Geological Survey also asleep. Chang Tso-Rjêng [Zhang Zuoren] afterwards called and said President had sent a message to say I wasn't coming -- but I think they all wanted to have a good feed at the wedding in the Wulishih that afternoon!

Went up hill to visit the observatory. Found very nice girl in charge of it, Jap[anese]-trained but knew [F.J.M.] Stratton. Chou Yi-Hsin [Zou Yixin]. Had a good visit and photographed her place.

Walked back to town and had tea and cakes with HT and Li Chien. Heard about how he was captured by bandits and held for four months in 1924. A very nice chap; Vancouver, Stanford, Princeton graduate, 25 years in USA, ordained Presbyterian minister, now a phonetic specialist and Professor of Engineering in Chungshan Ta.

New difficulty -- our bags locked in President's Office (!). But Li Chien got them to us without much difficulty. Supper at Wulishih -- very tired. Too tired to have my cigar.

**Sun. Apr. 30th.** Breakfast at Wulishih with HT, then with 伍 [Wu] to College of Arts. Lectured from 9:30 to 10:30 on HoSci in Ch&W (1) [History of Science in China and the West (1)]. Students [are] quite diff. [different] from other Chinese universities: laughing and talking and reading; I very nearly stopped, and Li Chien couldn't translate, but Wu Kang took over and I spoke in French. Afterwards, weather very warm though raining, lunched in Wulishih, [and it was] very crowded.

After lunch [went] to Wu's special Institute for Chinese Culture. [Gave] Lecture Two: HoSci in Ch&W (2) [History of Science in China and the West (2)]. [It went OK]. Tea at the rickety old place and also with HT on return, [then to] supper, [and to] bed.

On the whole, Chungshan Ta [is] worse housed than any other Ch. [Chinese] university. The whole outfit rather queer (see notes).

**Mon. May 1st.** Rained hard in the night. Slept badly because of thunder, etc. Cigarettes 38. [29-30] After breakfast [had] lovely walk up river guided by Dr. Li Chien, past waterfalls and pink wild roses to 三星坪 [San Xing Ping]. Spent morning viewing Engineering labs (poor) -- very rustic environment -- and seeing faculty (sensible). Crossed [the] river by ferry to see the rest (scenes very lush) and had [an] enjoyable lunch with the engineers at good restaurant in the woods. Photographed bridge models. Then walk. Lovely paved path through pinewoods (pavilions to rest in, like lychgates at top of every hill) to Science College.

Lecture on Biochem & Morphogen [Biochemistry and Morphogenesis]. [It went OK] (while river flowing past outside and strong noise of waterfalls and wind in trees). Students [were] very nice. Met faculty; mostly French-trained with Chang Tso-Rjêng [Zhang Zuoren], only one nuts. Supper in town with C T-R [Zhang Zuoren] and Yu and Li and HT.

**Tuesday May 2nd.** Up around 5 and went to catch bus for Li Yuen Bao 栗源堡 [Liyuanbao] ("original chestnut fortified village", but produces no chestnuts now), where the Coll. of Agric. [College of Agriculture] is. Delicious Iotsabing on way to catch the bus. Charcoal bus -- very comic. OK downhill, up river--beautiful valley, cross on barge, over flat heathland and pine pass. Arrived at Liyuanbao at 8:30 am. Met by Chao Shan-Huan [Zhao Shanhuan], the insecticidist. Nice breakfast of boiled eggs and cookies in Miss Chen's [Chen Ruiqi] room (biochemistry). Morning visited labs. Good work going on especially in econ. [economic] and pure entomol. [entomology] (Chao [Zhao Shanhuan] and the Pu's [sic, Pu Zhelong and Pu (Li) Zeying's]). Afternoon, ditto, bot. [botany] very good. (Chiang) [Jiang Ying], rice genetics, (Ting) [Ding Ying], forestry, etc., etc. soil science. Lunch in common room with Dean Tang [sic, Teng/Deng Zhiyi] and Profs. Tea at the Pu's home. Feast-dinner in common room. Incessant rain all day, clearing at tea time. Saw warm spring just at the edge of the big river.

[At] 8pm [I gave a] lecture on Biochem. [Biochemistry] & the War to the agric chem [agricultural chemistry] class.

Bed in nice guestroom. NB: Unexpectedly in the library found the librarian Liang Chia-Mien [Liang Jiamian], interested in Hist. [History] of [31] Agric. [Agriculture] in China and got from him a reprint and many refs. [references] after a long talk (interpreted; he [was] only speaking Cantonese).

**Wed. May 3rd.** bkfst [Breakfast] in common room of the big bldg [building], a former primary school. Bus and ice-cold fried eggs! 8am lectured to all the students on Sci & Agric in E&W [Science and Agriculture in East and West], then visited more labs. On the whole, no doubt the Agricultural College is much the best part of Chungshan Ta, no question, that is the story. Talk[ed] with Liang [Chia-Mien] again. Left after lunch about 12:30 by sedan chair, walking up the hilly and over the rough bits; (lovely country). Arrived at the Law School. Ferry at 3:30. Nobody there, but saw library. Plenty of sociology and Marx. Walked back to town via Science College. A ferry. Pretty tired. Got in at 5:00. At 5:30 a formal dinner at Ying-Mei Restaurant (ghastly foreign food) by the President and Deans [32] -- speeches. Later, from 8:00 to 10:00 at Wulishih, confab. [confabulation, ie an informal private discussion] with Wang Ya-Nan, Sheng Cheng, et al. Slept well.

**Ours. [Thurs.] May 4th.** Got shiny [?] iotsabing and very good dienhsing for breakfast at Wulishih. Wang Ya-Nan, the economic historian, and Acting Dean Hu [Hu Tigan] to breakfast. Bright sunshine; very nice after the last few days. Put on shirt and shorts [for the] first time.

At 9:00 lectured (by request) at the Science College on Organisers: Chang Tso-Rjêng [Zhang Zuoren] and others very nice. Met Dean Ho [He Jie], just back from geological expedition. At 10:30 packed, at 12:00 walked to Dean Wu Kang's house for most delicious lunch (his wife a gastronomic expert). Muddle about rickshaw -- walked to the station and then had an hour to wait. Seen off by Chang Tso-Rjêng, Wu Fu-Kun and charming student Chou [Zou Huixin], younger brother of the astronomer woman [Zou Yixin] (she's only 32) and 3 of his friends.

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On the journey down river saw some fine trees of what looked like wild purple pale lilac in full bloom, only enormous. Got to Lo Chang 樂昌 [Lechang] at 6:00, met by Dean Li and Prof. Eo [Ou]. Walked to restaurant in city and had very good dinner with the faculty. Across the river by ferry and to bed in very nice guestroom in Medical School. pd. [paid]

**Fri. May 5th. At Lo Chang.** Breakfast (very German) at 7am in Hospital. Modern-style building, very good. Then saw Anat. [Anatomy] Lab and Path. [Pathology] Lab (Liang Bai-Chang) [Liang Boqiang], very good.

[Gave] lecture at 10:30 on Sci. & Med. In Engl. [Science and Medicine in England] Today. Nice audience. Day very sunny, hottest yet. Then saw teaching hospital, very nice. Lunch; rest; tea under the huge trees (supposed to be associated with leprosy in folklore). Train late. Went to station (supposed to be 3:30). (Met German missionary, 6 concd. [concentrated] here [34] both Cath & Prost [Catholic and Protestant] in Cath place.)

Train very late indeed, walked and talked with Dean Li. Sat in Railway Clinic waiting room. Eventually got off at 6:30 with Profs. Ou and Hu [Hu Qixun?] returning to Lingnan Med Sch [Medical School]. Dao [reached] Kukong [at] 9; no sign of van, but on entering our room we saw our bedding and typewriter and knew it had come. KW had borrowed the necessary 16,000 at Liuchow from a friend and come on! Car parked in hotel yard. Went out to eat, met KW and Lao Ling [Lin Meixin] just beside the Western cafe and had a big reunion over fried eggs and toast. Deh-i-yang-yang [= contented]. The 16,000 had been a fine (!) exacted by the Chien-Kwei [Qian-Gui, i.e. Guizhou-Guangxi] railway at Liuchow for our not having paid for the baggage in the van at Tushan. Must complain to the railway manager and get the money back, as we could not but have followed the advice of Mr. Tu at Tushan.

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**Sat. May 6th. At Kukong.** A busy day. Up at 5:00am. Breakfast all four with very fine dienshing at the hotel -- then HT and they went off to BMM [British Military Mission] to load up [power] alcohol and vet [= check over] van, while I worked up my notes and card index. About 9:00 a serious air raid alarm, with 14 Jap planes within 2 minutes of city -- everybody left hotel and I stood in [the] lovely sunshine talking to Graham Peck (OWI [United States Office of War Information]) and the three US Navy men including P/O [Petty Officer] Gallant (playing with revolvers with admiring crowd of small boys) within easy reach of hotel shelter. Nothing happened (they bombed Namyung airfield), gradually people drifted back. All clear at 10:00. HT came back, all OK, with Capt. White, ex CIM [China Inland Mission], now BMM convoy officer. Later in came Bamboo Friend [=Tzu-Yo / Ziyu?], Li-Sungs, [and] ripe-peach-like young woman: HT took her out to lunch and I had it with G[raham] Peck at hotel [because] second air raid alarm hoicked us out of [36] a northern restt. [restaurant]. He affected [?]. Shoe repairs 300, biscuits, etc. 30.

After lunch, [went] out to Moores with HT and Tzu-Yo, bearing books for Lingnan and Chungshan [universities], and a bundle of things of mine to keep till my return. [Had a] very nice tea: gardens still paradisiacal. Back at 4:00pm. Took a lot of photos of my beautiful tough mahogany boat woman and her baby.

Off to bank, got out 36,500, sending 16,500 of this to the man in Liuchow. 10,000 to KW and LL [Lao Ling = Lin Meixin] in equal shares, as adv. till we can calculate. Telegrams sent to Changting, Embassy, and thanking Lindsay Ride.

Walked back, got cigars 170. Both took Tzu-Yo out to dinner at 大三元 [Da san yuan]. Got off safe-hand packet to Δ [Dorothy Needham] and co. at Pettendrighs [Arthur Pittendrigh's]. Finished packing.

Mem: Kukong biscuits for Δ on return.

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**Sun. May 7th. Dep. Kukong.** Up at 5am, off at 6am. Hotel bill 3,000 exactly, including all four and pkg. [parking] charges. Inspection Station: some delay. Went up the east fork of the river, passing about 30 km,

much volcanic-plug-mesa type of scenery. At 8:30 am [reached] 63 km at 始興 [Shixing] Shih hsing. Nice breakfast of fried eggs and cakes (watched by [an] ex-army living skeleton, alas, who had to be prevented from getting on board when we started). Cigs. 40.

At 100 km reached 南雄 [Nanxiong] Nan hsiung (Namyung). Long, straight, street, kuochu [過去 = "passed through"?] At [the] 132 km road, at top of 小梅關 [Xiaomeiguan] pass in the 大庾嶺 [Dayuling] Mts. [Mountains] separating N. Kuangtung from Chiangsi; kms change to 98 from Ganchow. It was 12 noon.

At 87 km from Ganchow, [reached] the town of 大庾 [Dayu] Ta Yu, "di ming, mio isse" [diming meiyou yisi?, the place name has no meaning]; very nice lunch by new concrete bridge, 316.

Mem: Talk with G[raham] Peck at lunch yesterday. [He was] very agitated about the bad feeling between the American army and the Chinese. [He] says the American airmen are very anti- (I had seen this forcibly myself at Hengyang).\* [He] thinks this will lead to disillusionment and isolationism in the US post-war. [He] says Americans distinguish between sing [laobaixing, lit.: 'old hundred surnames', i.e. ordinary people] and officials, liking the former, and that their feelings are based on concrete facts of lack of cooperation in their work. E.g., the notice re firing of AA [anti-aircraft] guns at Hengyang, and GP [Graham Peck] says Kuangtung government just asked Americans to repair Kukong-Ganhsien road owing to their heavy traffic use of it -- though they pay through the nose to commercial trucks for everything transported -- [therefore] who is pinching the high road tax? No doubt there is a "Chinese side".

Road surface very bad, improving after entering Chiang[si], and esp. [especially] after an area of activity, guessed to be near the airfield.

Weather rainy with thunderstorms, clearing later. Warm enough for shirt and shorts though.

At 32 [km reached] 南康 [Nankang] kuochu [過去 = "passed through"?]. [39] Arr. [at] Ganhsien [Ganxian] at 3 pm. Rewi's [Rewi Alley] old place, famous for 山水 [shanshui = painting] experts (Ganchow hsienseng). [The character for Gan is written] 贛 or 贛 (two rivers Chang and Gung meeting here), or what would be nicer, showing two rivers meeting [like the character 'ren' 人 for 'person'].

Got in at CTS [China Travel Service]; extremely nice place. In general, [it is the] cleanest and most prosperous city [I have] seen in China yet. Like Kukong (and New Delhi) has colonnades for miles, very useful in [the] rainy season and when [there is] hot sun. Arranged about buying 120 gals of alc. [power acohol] at Producers' Assoc'n [Association], at 520/gal [gallon]. Bank shut, being Sunday and not open until 3 tomorrow. Went out to get tea (lovely buns). Set in to rain. Supr [Supper] with KW and LL at hotel. After dinner [in Greek (p. 39):] Εφηβος καλος αγαθος δοκιμαξετε, κατετε; 樂 [ephebos kalos kagathos dokimazete, katechete (a young man, handsome and endowed with all the virtues, got together, had a chat, and had a good time); le, 'joy'].

**Mon. May 8th.** String bed at last. Slept well, except never trust hotel mosquito nets again. Had to repair it at 4am after trouble.

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Accounts up **to now**, incl. [including] all HT expenses, **see p. 24**.

Claimable expenses through HT

Our food 27th April to 6th May, incl. 8 days	2418
Misc. coolies, rickshaws	635
Train fares Pingshih-Lochang-Kukong	400
Telegrams	448

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carried forward 11159

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Therefore, he has 20,000 - 15,060, i.e., 4,940 in hand.

That is his own.

Now Apr. salary is 6600, therefore 6600

[-]4940

Now I give him to square up: 1660

Now re [regarding] the men:

KW received at Liuchow	2,500 (see p. 9)
ditto, by borrowing from b/i/l for "fine"	16,500
from consulate, Kweilin	15,000 (see p. 10, therefore we owe consul 8000)
Kukong	2,000 (borrowed from Adams)
ditto, adv. given by us	5,000 (see p. 36)
	<u>41,000</u>

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KW's outgoings claimable:

Minor Expenses at Liuchow	748 incl. telegr [telegram] to us
Liuchow "fine"	16207
Liuchow fare to Kweilin	4017
Kweilin, fare to Kukong	12057 van
	1419 baggage
	<u>34448</u>

41,000 - 34,448 = 6552 therefore he has 6552 in hand.

KW's Salary

For March it was	4400
Therefore plus 9%	= 4800
+24 days @ 100/day road allowance	2400
	<u>7200</u>
But he has in hand	6552
	<u>        </u>

Therefore we owe him 648 pd. [paid]

LL's Salary

For March it was	4000
Therefore, +9%	4400
+24 days @ 100/day	2400
	<u>6800</u>
Set against 5000 advance at Kukong	5000

1800 pd. Today

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Complete Rly. [Railway] expenses summarised

Van & 2 3rd-class fares

Tushan	14,613
Liuchow	16,107 "fine" (real charge claimed was 1473)
Liuchow	4,017
Kweilin	12,057 [van]
	1,419 [baggage]
	<u>48,213</u>

Our fares: 2 1st-class

Tushan	3,400
Liuchow	1,392 (see p. 9)
Kweilin	2,800 (see p. 24)
Hengyang	2,500
	<u>10,092</u>
	<u>        </u>

total 58,305 and if fine had not been levied  
[it] wd [would] be 43,572.

Gould thought 20,000 would do, and would nearly if prices not doubled a few days before.

	km
T-L [Tushan to Liuchow]	394
L-K [Liuchow to Kweilin]	177
K-H [Kweilin to Henghang]	357
H-K [Hengyang to Kukong]	320

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So at alc. [power alcohol] 7km/gal, 180 gals at 500/gal wd [would] be 90,000\$, at 440/gal [would be] 80,000\$.  
So rly [railway] is about half the alc. [power alcohol] use rate and no wear and tear.

Mem: We owe Whittamore 8000, and Lindsay Ride something, and Adams 2000

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Existing situation on arrival at Ganhsien:

We had taken from bank	20,000
[At] Kweiyang	20,000
[At] Kweilin	20,000
[At] Kukong	15,000
[At] Kukong	36,500

91,500

We have in hand me 6800 /84,700 spent  
HT has no house money

For alc. [power alcohol] here we need 120 gals. x 520, i.e., 62,400

Tax will be about 3700, other charges bringing it to, say, 5000, making [it] 67,400 [or close to] 68,000.

$84,700 + 68,000 = 152,700$ , just over half

but this will get us back nearly to Taiho.

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Continuous rain all day. Western breakfast with coffee. Later did accounts and wrote letter to CY Hou [Hou Jiayuan] of Chien-Kwei [Qian-Gui, i.e. Guizhou-Guangxi] Railway, re fine. Lunch with the reporter Bao Bi-Chi 鮑必驥 [Bao Bij]. Told him lots about science, war, England, etc., for an article. Haircut 40. Got 70,000 out of bank for alc. [power alcohol]. All retained by HT. Cigs 48, buns 54, electric torch 500, seals for Ferdi and Beth 360. Met Fr. Mottey, RC [Roman Catholic] Missionary, in bank. Made notes on Lyon Sharman's book ["Sun Yat-sen; his life and its meaning: a critical biography"] and list of books wanted. [Bought a copy of ] Lu Shih Chun-Chiu [Lüshih Chunqiu 呂氏春秋] 90.

Tu. May 9th. Dep. Ganhsien. Off at 6am but could not cross the river broad and wide (the Gung) till 7:45 (producer-gas twin-screw ferry) because they were pumping up blast. Bkfst [Breakfast] of yutiao [油條 long fritters] and douchiang [豆漿 soya milk], v. hot and delicious, while waiting. [45] On the other side, excellent surface road, but hadn't gone but 5 km before KW noticed [the] battery [was] not charging. Went on till 40, looking for a shelter; finally found a large tree; on exam'n [examination], insulation burnt in dynamo. Great discussion que faire [on what to do]: advised by passenger to go on.

At 63 km 零都 [Yudu] (Wolfram mine) bore off on another road 13 km North to "Wodjipu" 禾溪埠 [Hexibu] where Chiangsi Road Administration have a Shihlidien--like place of 100 workers evacuated against air raids.

The manager was very nice, 潘盈庭 [Pan Yingting] Pan Yung-Ting: promised repair done by tomorrow afternoon.

HT and I walked 1 里 [li = a Chinese mile] to 同樂 [Tongle] Inn. Very attractive people; lunch and food for KW [Kuang Wei] and LL [Lao Ling = Lin Meixin], 185.

Later we drove the van down to |46| the inn and settled in for a rainy afternoon. HT and I put up camp beds in an empty room and slept. Later drank all kinds of tea, chrysanthemum, etc., and had a duck supper [supper]. The laoban [owner] had been a Col. [Colonel] at Sian, and all the inn people were very nice. [diagram of inn showing:] narrow staircase leading to upper rooms, more tables, impluvium, laoban's room, counter, tables, arbour.

At night, joint (very ephobic) mosquito net but [it] didn't keep them out; found a half dozen [mosquito bites] in the morning, but didn't feel bitten.

**Wed. May 10th.** Slept a bit late; weather turned very cold with violent wind and rain. Put on trousers. Bkfst [Breakfast] of hsifan, v.g. [very good], and fried peanuts and biscuits and barbelade [marmalade] and fried eggs.

Translated more folksongs in the morning. At 10am went to repair shops, but the shift was coming off work. However, the repair had been done. Returned at 12:00 and got dynamo fitted, cost 1860. Bill at inn was 670. Off at 1pm. Returned to fork by (at Wodjipu and Yutu) |47| Yutu and turned north to Changting, but hadn't gone but a few km before a roadman shouted the road was blocked by floods! About 8 km on we found this was indeed so: had to turn back to Yutu and put up with very nice Fr. Flaherty, a Vincentian, and Fr. Tang, a taciturn Chinese secular. This was about 2:30. Thus lost 26 km alcohol on the sideroad and 20 on the main road. Went for a walk with HT in the town--very small and not prosperous (formerly Red), reminiscent of Yumen, but battlements path along river side very nice. At 5pm had nice supper. Bed at 9:00 after hearing radio news of Red Army's recapture of Sebastopol.

**Thurs. May 11th.** Up at 6am. No rain in the night; bits of blue sky; lugubrious unmusical chanting at mass in the chapel. Very nice breakfast. Looked at the books. News came at 8:30 [that the] road Paid Flaherty 200.

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[is] now passable. Off, thinking all well, but soon found dynamo not charging again, so no choice but to go back to repair shops. Another 26 km [of] [power] alcohol wasted. Arrived there at 9:30 just before shift knocked off for their midday 2 hours, damn it.

Next a new trouble [:] KW noticed water dripping into No. 3 cylinder, so c/h gasket must have gone. However, they quickly got to work. Later decided gasket OK but very small leak in cylinder head: electric welding being impossible, they put in iron filings and it has to rust! All day very sunny. Sat around reading Time, etc. Played around with very nice little boy Mr. Wu. By half past five reassembled and away. But water still covering the Rjuichin road, so back to Yutu crossroads, where found 20 trucks held up, including that of the Indian historian (formerly of Nankai and Chinghua [Nankai University and Tsinghua University]) 余協中 [Yu Xiezhong] Yu Hsieh-Chung, now Councillor of Exam. |49| Yuan [the Examination Yuan], going to lecture at Fukien Military Academy. Supper al fresco [i.e. outside] and spent the night again with Fr. Flaherty.

**Fri. May 12th.** Dep. Yutu. Up at 5:30, off at 6:30. Left Flaherty and Tang 20 quines and 20 plasmosquines. Got over floods all right. Breakfast very pleasant across first long rickety wooden bridge, 90. Had to wait till 8:45 by small wooden bridge under repair by very nice country people. Photographed them. I drove in morning to Rjuichin 瑞金 [Ruijin], former capital of the Reds in Chiangsi. Lunch exceptionally cheap here (HT paid about 160 for 4). [It is] a sleepy, dreamy little place, very Engl. [English], with big trees and ponds.

Afternoon on and on uphill through lovely valleys very like Switzerland or Jura, higher and higher, road narrow and winding (cf. N. [northern] California with GD [Lu Gwei-Djen]). Forests of bamboos and trees; finally dao [arrived at] Changting.

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Top of the pass 美里嶺 [Meililing], look down on Fukien mountains, range beyond range. Weather lovely and hot, a lot of little stops to clean filter, etc. Reached 長汀 [Changting] about 4, in the middle of air raid alarm. Parked car at hotel and went to find Pres. [the President of Xiamen University]. Pres. Sah Bèn-Tung [Sa Bendong] had left the same morning for the USA; we'd passed his car. Acting-Pres. [Acting President], Wang Teh-Yao [Wang Deyao] (Ouang Te-Yio, hatching enzymes). Put up in Sah's house, now occupied by Prof. Fêng [Feng Dingzhang] just moving in. Very comfortable. Supper with Profs; arranged program.

**Sat. May 13th.** Up at 5am because I'd found a copy of Cajori History of Maths in my bedroom, and made notes on the Chinese section. Later completed by borrowing Li Nien's [Li Yan's] small bk [book].

Nice Western breakfast. Afterwards visited library and Labs, etc., in Chiangsi Huikuan [Jianxi Merchants' Hall] with Wang Teh-Yao. [Had] lunch with Hsieh Yü-Ming [Xie Yuming] and Chou Chang-Ning [Zhou Changning] the physicist; at 3 |51-52| [gave] lecture to Eng. Soc. [Engineering Society] on Science, Democracy and Lit. [Literature]. At 4:30 [had] tea chez [at the house of] Sah house. [At] 5 [went] to bank and got out 10,000. At 6:15 lectured to all students on Sci. in the War Effort of U.N. [the United Nations]. Feast chez Sah in evening.

**Sun. May 14th.** Lectured at 7:00 on Biochemistry and Morphogenesis to chemistry and biology students. Used my book[s] pictures. ΦΦ [Photographed] the University and Fu Wên Miao [temple]. Worked at home. Lunch [with] Arthur Li [Li Qingyun]. Three meetings of all Profs. Talked on Work of Office [SBSCO]. Tea. Dinner chez Wang Teh-Yao.

**Mon. May 15th.** Breakfast chez Mrs. Hutley on verandah [with] lovely view over the valley (reminiscent of Deeside or N. Wales), and pagoda. Hughes' \$5000 not wanted immediately, so send T/T [Tao Tsang / Daozang 道藏] later. She [Mrs. Hutley] was here 16 years with the Hugheses [Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Hughes].

To the Liao family, gave HY [Liao Hongying] letter and money, and [was] entertained in nice old courtyard with trees by her eldest brother, the scholar, 廖荻甫 [Liao Difu], now about 60. [Went] to RC [Roman Catholic] mission, Fr. Lödding and three sisters, very nice.

[At] 10:30 lect. [lectured] to [econ.] economics gp. [group] on Internat. Polit. Sit'n [International Political Situation]. Lunch with Benjamin Chou [Zhou Bianming] and family, and Chu family. At 2:30 lectured on Chem. Constitution and Biol. Specificity [Chemical Constitution and Biological Specificity]. Nice young man Huang Hou-chih [was] keen on organisers. [Had] tea at the economist Huang's family. Dinner with the professors chez Sah. Repairs on shoes, 350.

**Tu. May 16th.** Up before 5am. Got away from Changting around 7am. Seen off by the Acting President and Ling Yung 林鎔 [Lin Rong], the botanist, going to Yungan; [the character] 鎔 [rong] [means] to smelt metal. Also Huang (Li) Chia-Ping 黃李家斌 [Huang (Li) Jiabin] and Mrs. Ko 柯候菊蘭 [Ke Hou Julan], wife of General Ko 柯遠芬 [Ke Yuan-Fen]. Also a gendarme [= policeman] who couldn't be kept off, but was useful afterwards. Country wild, mountainous, apple-green and dark-blue like Ireland. Road very little used and narrow and winding.

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Passed over Bullring Pass or Mt. [Mountain] 牛鬪嶺 [Niudouling] or 鬥 [dou]. OK walking up it. At 9am, at the foot of Sung Mo Ling [Songmaoling], another big pass. Notified of road block due to landslide, so we followed the road gang up the pass 4 miles (Ling [Lin Meixin], HT, me and the gendarme) with the spade from the truck. Nearly at the top, we found it and helped shovel till the bus could go down and our van come up.

Lovely wild Gardenia angustifolia, sweet smell. Lovely pubu [瀑布 = waterfall] opp. [opposite] [the] landslide.

Washed in mtn [mountain] stream. So not over 松茂嶺 [Songmaoling] Sungmaoling till 11am. Reached Pêngko 朋口 around 11:45 and all sat down to lunch. Ling [Lin Rong] [asked] Did I know Queeniewoggin? Famous British woman scientist. (ans. [answer]: [Helen] Gwynne-Vaughan). Lunch [was] exceptionally excellent. Here the old main road to Amoy goes off. |54| I drove; it was wild country like Scotland; up very big pass called 金雞嶺 [Jinjiling] Chin Chi Ling, "Goldchick Pass". Stopping halfway up to rest engine, we picked masses of wild Rhododendron mariaci, pale and medium pink with sweet smell. I fell into a hole up to my neck but no harm. At the top, among the clouds, with KW picked mass of red Rhododendron indica var. ignescens, an ecstatic moment. Women pleased.

A little way on, at 2:15, our first puncture; near front wheel had to be changed, new tyre used first time.

A tiring day; the gradients so bad, the scenery quite exhausting. Eventually came out of the hills (wild strawberries 1" long!) and down the river gorges, dark came on, reached Yungan 永安 [Yong'an] [at] 7 pm; headlight v.g. [very good]. Hotel nice, dinner too.

**Wed. May 17th.** Dao [arrived at] Yungan. Program arranged with Provincial Govt [Government]. Bkfst [Breakfast] with Prof. Ling [Lin Rong] and Mr Wang [Wang Shirui] of the Transport Bureau. Then off for

visits, first to the Meteorological Station and [55-56] Service: best in China I should think. Headed by Dr Shih [Shi Yanhan]. Then to Fukien Geol. [Geological] Survey, headed by Dr. Chou [Zhou Changyun], who is also President of the Fukien Prov. Acad. Sci. [Provincial Academy of Sciences] (only such in China). Lunch (very good) with the Commissioner of Reconstruction [Zhu Jiuying]. The two women there. Then (turning rapidly) to the Acad's Agric Dept [Provincial Academy's Agriculture Department]; the Prv. Agric. [Provincial Agricultural] Station; the Hydroelectric plant; the Prov. Agric. [Provincial Agricultural] College (exceptionally well equipped) and the Acad's Depts of Chem. Technol., Zool. & Bot. [Provincial Academy's Departments of Chemistry, Technology, Zoology, and Botany]. [Had] dinner with the Governor [Gao Dengting] at the hotel and officials. Very nice. Mosquitoes very numerous. Afterwards discussed HoS [History of Science] books at Fuchow, etc., with Huang Tsêng-Yueh [Huang Zengyue], a remarkable scholar, and saw journalists.

**Thurs. May 18th. Dep. Yungan.** Up at 6am. Lecture to 300 provincial officials and the Acting Governor from 7-8. Very successful though translator, Mr Wang, not A1. Then breakfast of fried eggs, yutiao [油條 long fritters] and douchiang [豆漿 soya milk]. Off at 9:30. Seen off by concourse of officials. Through thick forest country and eventually down the Min River to 三元 [Sanyuan] Sanyuen. Reached [Sanyuan] at 11:30, where we deposited the two women with suitable compliments. Then on to Shahsien 沙縣 [Shaxian], another 40 km, [which we] reached at 1pm. Lunch [was] cheap.

This [is] lovely but disease-ridden country taking a heavy toll of the army. Between Yungan and Sanyuen [we] passed many small parties of sick soldiers being driven on to some conc'n pt. [concentration point] One dying, couldn't get up, being feebly urged by an NCO. Many looked at the point of death. Malaria, plague, etc. Mem: "Les Invalides" at Pingshih. Conditions very bad. One shift each with spidery [cross] on it, begging. No industry, no drugs.

Mem.: Dress in SE [southeast]. In Southern Chiangsi there were many "Ming" dresses of country women, i.e., broad, usually mauve stripe edging to the top edge of front of the dress. [drawing of this style of dress] In S. [Southern] Fukien, women's remarkable flat hats, with hangings, white and red on the bamboo. Also pale blue tunics often well ironed. [drawing of this style of dress]  
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Reached Nanping ferry at 4:30, and so to 南平 [Nanping]. Tomorrow's boat fare 600. Called on John Caldwell ("Birds of South China") of OWI [United States Office of War Information]; [he was] jumpy about the military sit'n [situation], query the evac'n [evacuation] of his family, f&m [father and mother] and tribe. [Had] tea with HT in an overseas place with a neon sign (!), but the cakes were not good (45). Then worked on card index, with guttering candles as electric light failed to come on. In came Francis Merton, FAU [Friends' Ambulance Unit], young Cambridge botanist ([completed] Pt. I only), [whom I had] previously heard of at Luhsien. [Got the] dope [i.e. story] about the Weishengshu [National Health Administration] Anti-Epid [Anti-Epidemic] (plague-prevention) Units.

FM [Francis Merton] in No. 4th; at Nanping but fed up and leaving. No cooperation between the two heads, R. [Robert] Pollitzer (at Chienyang) and Shih (at Nanping). Severe friction. Also very poor organisation: neither he nor his FAU colleague had anything to do after three months' training in WSS [Weishengshu, the National Health Administration] at Koloshan, of which they spoke highly. Work: rat dissections for pm [post mortem?] observable changes in organs; then blood [heart] smears for mic. org. [micro-organism?] B.pestis. Work very fitful and Fuchow divided between four authorities, Nat. [national], Prov [provincial], Hsien [Xian, County], and Municip [municipal] WSS.  
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Dinner with FM [Francis Merton], LL, HT (240). To bed around 8:30, but awful night. At 10:30 a gendarme [came] bothering about forms not filled in fully enough; at 12:00 mosquitoes in useless hotel net.

**Fri. May 19th.** Up at 4am. Dep. Nanping. 4:00am and only just caught the boat. From 5-6, sat at the bow; [it was a] pearly morning with some clouds very low and some blue sky showing. The rapids [were] very exciting, [and it was a] delicious temperature. From 6-8 slept on a bunk. Then [had] bkfst [breakfast] of buns. [Went] down the 闽江 [Minjiang] all day; played in dicty [dictionary] and rested. Fried rice lunch. Reached upper Fuchow bridge through lovely broad gorges at 4pm (weather quite hot) and dao [reached] Fuchow itself at 4:30.

Met by Murray Maclehorse [sic: MacLehose], V-C [Vice-Consul], and taken up to the consulate in the old concession quarter. Lovely old spacious house full of objets d'art.

Questions: (1) purchase of old books for CUL [Cambridge University Library]; (2) purchase of old and new books for HoS & ST in C [History of Science and Science and Technology in China]; (3) borrowing of books from [the] Fuchow Club [Library] for SBCA [Sino-British Cultural Association] [Library] at CK [Chungking]; (4) evacuation of [Keith] Tribe the C. [Consul] [who was suffering from a serious illness]. See pros and cons list, and telegram ultimately sent to Embassy.  
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Nice tea with Mattie Tribe (North Carolina born). Keith Tribe was ill, but came down later. [Went] straightway to the Club where [I] selected 120 books from the Library. At 6:30 [attended] cocktail party for KT's [Keith Tribe's] bday [birthday]. Met [Charles] Pearson (Salt [Affairs Department/Salt Administration]), [Mr] Kierkegaard (Post Office); [the] customs man [was] absent, and some USA officers.

Delicious bath and nice dinner with HT, MT [Mattie Tribe] and Maclehose. My bedroom [was] enormous, with very large bathroom attached. HT's [was] equally large at [an] excellent old hotel adjoining. The concession [was] just like England, say an old bit of Clapham Park.

**Sat. May 20th.** Weather hot. Lovely breakfast by ourselves. [Went] into the old city a long way by rickshaw. Fuchow [is] a very modern city; smelling of the sea (dried fish, sailors, etc.) Pagoda Anchorage (Tea Clippers) not far down; and also marvellous for art products (lacquer, carvings in wood, stone, ivory, sealstones, etc.) quite unlike anything in the "interior". Art attracted by wealth on the Coast these 300 years.

Visited two of the bookshops to which Huang Tseng-Yueh [Huang Zengyue] had given us introductions, and got [60] things going by giving them lists. Then from 11-2 [went] to the famous warm springs and had baths. One is washed all over and slightly massaged by a bath man; the water seems just the right T [temperature], in a bath cubicle. Mine very nice. Wiped my face like Δ [Dorothy Needham]! Then lunch in the baths adjacent; fish with famous Fuchow red wine-fermentation sauce. We took off our shirts; [it was] very pleasant eating that way. At 2:00 [we went] to the Com [Commercial] Press and bought lots of HoS [History of Science] books.

Back to tea (exquisite [with] rolls, jam, honey, etc.) in my bedroom, beautifully served. At 7:30 [went] to dinner with the Pearsons. She had been Myrtle (Morgan-) Young, at Sheffield with Muriel [Moyle, Dorothy Needham's sister], and knew the family at Stockport--slightly patronising. Her hb [husband] [Charles] Pearson, CGG of the Salt [Affairs Department/Administration], [was] an awful pompous and talkative man. Evg [The evening] [was] rather a bore.

**Sun. May 21st.** Breakfast as before. While negotiations about [Fuzhou] Club books [were] proceeding, HT and I went to visit the most famous lacquer factory. Spent a long time with [61] 沈德魁 [Shen Dekui], the present head of the firm--see notes.

Then [went] into the city again (a rainy day) and called on all three booksellers to keep them going. Lunch at a restaurant in the main street. Looked at sealstones -- marvellously cheap and beautifully carved e.g., for the price of a pkk of cigarettes.

The people of Fuchow were nice but plain in comparison with Kukong and Kweilin. Tea at Consulate. KT stayed down for dinner.

**Mon. May 22nd.** Bkfst v. [Breakfast very] nice. [Went] into the old city as before to make final dealings with the booksellers (see special notes). First to the bank, and drew \$50,000 on the Consulate account. Telegraphed about this to CK [Chungking]. Went to Western Lake Park, [which was] rather gloomy, and [there was] no restaurant open there. However, [we were] fed well at a restaurant in the main street. So then [we] packed all the books [we had] bought in wickerwork boxes and returned to the Consulate. Tea [was] very nice. At 7:30 [went] out to a restaurant in the town to dine [62] with the Board of Directors of the Minchiang Steam Navigation Co. Dinner very good with much seafood, but most of them only spoke Fuchienhua [Fukienese].

**Tues. May 23rd.** Slept beautifully again. Nice breakfast. At 9[am] [went] out with Sun Shih-Hua to see the automatic telephone exchange and power station, and with Ling Chün-Yang [Lin Zhunyang] to see the shipyard and machine shop of Minchiang [Steam] Navigation Co.

**Dep. Fuchow.** At 12:30 [had] lunch with Mattie Tribe; goodbye talk with her hb. [husband] and off by boat at 4 with a safehand letter to Kukong. [Also with:]

+ 2 wickerwork boxes containing 56 vols. from Fuchow Club to SBCA [Sino-British Cultural Association] at Chungking, plus five donated by the Pearsons, and five donated by the Tribes.

+ 2 wickerwork boxes containing books bought for CUL and HoS. Approximation of value: CUL 3060, HoS 4420.

+ large carved wood Taoist figure from Tribes to Berkeley or failing him [to] us. Also small one given to me -- carved boat given to HT -- half made lacquer party reticule for Δ [Dorothy Needham] -- bottle of anti-bookworm cpd [compound] given by Mrs. Williams [of the Cathedral] -- and many cigars given by [the] Tribes

+1 bottle of honey, 4 cans of tea for the house, 2 tins of coffee substitute

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**Accounts in Fuchow**      **(see p. 40)**

HT's account from Ganhsien to end of Fuchow	
actual cost of [power] alcohol	65,850
so he had left	4,150
general expenses (hotels, meals, etc.)	
9th	1595
11th	590
telegrams Changting	170
16th	1440
18th	395
at Fuchow HT visiting cards	150
Tea for CK house	540
HT hotel etc.	540
baggage ticket	20
	5440

HT now (24th) receives 1290 so again he has no house money; all is with me.

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Boat not comfortable; inside passage, and berth much too short for me, also 4 [people] in [the] compartment.

**Wed. May 24th.** Slept not too badly. [We] tied up from 2-4 am before attempting the rapids. Weather overcast and cool. Did log. Read Chuangtze [Zhuangzi, the Daoist text].

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**My a/cs [accounts] in Fuchow**

lacquer silver plates & red chopsticks for mess	2400
gold lacquer box for Δ [Dorothy Needham]	2500
rickshaws	150
lunch	310
books at No. 2 bookshop, partly CUL (the old man) but mainly HoS	1460
honey in concession	2502
wickerwork boxes for books	800
rickshaws	80
lunch	120
books at Commercial Press, all HoS	2400
books at Commercial Press (2nd time) HoS	420
books at No. 1 bookshop   CUL	3000
HoS	200
sealstones	250
rickshaws (bikeshaws)	170
man	302
wickerwork boxes for Club books	760
sunhelmets for HT and me	1100

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Navigation very complicated up through rapids. Cf: Mark Twain. Fearsome rocks.

At lunch time discovered the loss of GD's [Lu Gwei-Djen] red chopsticks--very unhappy.

Dao [arrived at] Nanping at 4pm. Coolies 135. [Went] to the hotel; OK, 2 rooms. [Went] to the bank and got out 68,500. [They were] v.n. [very nice], though strictly speaking [it was] after closing time. It was necessary because [there is] no Letter of Credit place nearer than Ganhsien.  
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[Went] to Huanan Girls' College (China's Newnham [College], though only 90 students as against Ginling's [Ginling College's] 400). A Methodist Foundation, drawing mainly from this province. Met President Wang Shih-Ching [Wang Shijing] and other profs., including v.n. [very nice] Hsu Ying-Ming [Xu Yinming] the parasitologist and Yu Bao-Sêng [Yu Baosheng], the biochemist. Saw round the labs. Very small but neat and efficient. Dinner with the staff (farewell to one of the American women going home). Then [gave a] lecture at 7:45 on The Importance of Women in Science, which was well recd. [received], while HT had a haircut, and advanced 5000 to KW [Kuang Wei] and LL [Lao Ling = Lin Meixin] each. Bed around ten. Cakes 44.

**Ours [Thurs.] May 25th.** Dep. Nanping. Up [at] 6. Hotel, 150. Breakfast at remarkable western-Chinese restaurant with neon sign, 150. Trunk call to Chienyang, 50. Away about 7:15, after writing notes to [John C.] Caldwell and Chêng Kuei-I [Zheng Kuiyi].

Dao [arrived at] Chienou 建甌 [Jian'ou] about 11 am. Chienou airfield [had been] bombed five days previously, but the town [had] not [been bombed] for some months, though formerly [it was] chiefly destroyed.

Went to visit the Pinewood oil Gasoline works of the Fuchien Provincial Government, Ling I [Lin Yi] and his colleagues. A very fine show indeed. Lunched with him at the works, and visited the cracking plant. (See special notes).

Away at 4:15. Dao Chienyang 簡陽 [Jianyang] just as dusk [was] coming on and found our room in the hotel OK and clean. Supper in a little restaurant with KW, 250. All day rainy and drizzling. Road surface the worst yet met with, deeply pitted, etc. (Traffic quite heavy, too heavy) and just before reaching Chienyang, came across a bridge with some boards quite gone and many rotten which we had to fix ourselves before crossing.

**Fri. May 26th.** Dep. Chienyang. Hotel 250. Up at 6 and breakfast with Dr. R. [Robert] Pollitzer, renowned plague expert and Fr. Devine, an American Dominican, with two completely brownd off [i.e. bored, fed up] US Naval personnel. Pancakes and honey with coffee ad lib [i.e. as much as you want]. Interesting talk with Pollitzer, joined presently by Peter Teng [Deng Bingming], his aide, and HT. [Went] to the North Gate with the car and P [Pollitzer] and T [Teng]. Over across ferry to Chinan Univ. 暨南 [Jinan], formerly at Shanghai. [The "Ji" of Jinan is the] old word for 合作 [hezuo, co-operation]. Very interesting talk with President Ho Ping-Sung [He Bingsong], |67-68| the historian, and [had] lunch with him, very nice. (See special notes). Chienyang was where 朱子 [Zhu Zi = Zhu Xi, Confucian scholar in the Song Dynasty] was exiled.

At 12:45 off, past a temple to him [i.e., Zhu Xi] of which we only saw the Pailou, on which was written 南閩\* [Nan Min (something with a door radical) Li, [the unidentified character could be] 闕 kan, or yü, lang, or 闕 han [JN not sure]. Kan or yu [mean] "to peep" or "spy"; lang [means] "boundless, vast", and han [means] "threshold". So [this might have been]: "In the South, in Fukien..., we caught a glimpse of the universal principle" or "the vast universal principle (in contrast with local geogr. [geographic] name), etc. etc.

(心) [xin]: We didn't think we had time to see the temple itself, for President Ho [He Bingsong] had said there was absolutely nothing to see there now. ? were we right?

The two dynamo stopped working again, [but] later started again.

At 2:30, crossed the river ferry at Ma Sha 麻沙, the place where Chudze's [Zhu Xi] books were printed during his exile at Chienyang, but now a poor village with a rotten-boarded bridge.

At 3:45, passed Hangchow Univ. bldgs. [University buildings] 之江大 [Zhijiang da] and reached Shaowu 邵武. The town [is] on the other side of the river, and [there was] only a lonely bus station on this [side] with the stationmaster's wife who knew nothing about anything. Parked and HT and I crossed [on the] ferry, and

on entering the city met messengers from Fukien (Xtn [= Christian]) Univ. coming to meet us. HT went back over the river with them, and I waited a long time in a small teagarden beside the ferry outside the city wall.

Eventually [got] to the Univ. campus and [were] welcomed to an extremely comfortable guestroom by Pres Ling Ching-Rjun [Lin Jingrun] and family. The same evening, [went] to a meeting of the students' Biol. Soc. [Biology Society] and [had] supper with them, and [gave a] speech on Biologists' Work in Wartime Engl. Back to the President's House and another supr [supper]. Slept very well.

**Sat May 27th.** At Shaowu. At 7[am] [gave] lecture to Embryology students on [The] Development of Modern Concepts in Embryology. At 9:30 lecture continued. |69-70| Lunch with President Ling [Lin Jingrun] and his family. Then to visit the Biology Labs with Dean Cheng. Excellent. [They are] at North Gate in [an] old missionary hospital. Tea at Samuel Leger's house, [and gave a] talk to American missionaries on Sci in China now and Work of Office [i.e., the SBSCO]. At 6:30 [gave] general lecture to 600 studs. [students] on H of Sci in Ch & West [History of Science in China and the West]. At 8[pm], exceptionally delicious supper (Virginia ham, sweet potato, cabbage, honey, baked beans, etc.) with Miss Asher, Univ. Secy. [University Secretary].

**Sun May 28th.** Bkfst [Breakfast] at 7:30 [with] [Merlin A.] Bishop[']s family (industrial arts). At 9:30 Chapel, preached on Xty's Two Faces and the KoG [Christianity's Two Faces and the Kingdom of God]. Lunch with Roderick Scott family (very interesting). At 2pm [went] to see Library of University. At 3:30, tea meeting, and [gave] talk on Univ. Educ'n in Engl. [University Education in England] (donuts). At 7:30, supper c/o [care of] Dr [Eugen] Milch.

**Mon May 29th.** Addressed a Memorial Mtg. [Meeting] on International Sci. Coop. [Scientific Cooperation] at 9[am]. Then spent the morning in the library; [an] especially fine collection of old Chinese books.

At 1 heard the news from HT (radio) [:] Japs now 40 miles south of Hankow ??? Wish we hadn't said we'd stay an extra day, but to leave early now would look bad.

Friday night received Δ's [Dorothy Needham's] telegram saying house [= new SBSCO building] is sanctioned - - 7 million dollars. Replied to it next day, 1000.

After lunch [went] to North Gate to visit Chemistry, Soils, Physics, and Tea Labs. Tea with Prof Wang Tiao-Hsing (Chemistry). [Went] with Milch to visit Konig, Fr. Sup. [Father Superior]. At 6:30 [gave] a lecture on Protein Particle Shape. Supr [Supper] in.

**Tu May 30th.** At 7[am] [gave] third Embryol. lect. [Embryology lecture], then [had] bkfst [breakfast]. Afterwards [went] across the river to Hangchow Univ. 之江大 [Zhijiang da] (see notes). Welcomed by Pres. Li [Li Peien]. [Gave] a speech on Sci in W. Efft. Un. Nations [Science in the War Effort of the United Nations].

Then off in the hot sun (after 3 days of continuous rain) to see the Provnc'l. Agric. Exp. Sta. Entomol. Sta. [Provincial Agriculture Experimental Station, the Entomological Station], and its brilliant entomologist, Ma Chün-Chao [Ma Junchao], [who has] much work coming out. On leaving, saw FAU [Friends' Ambulance Unit] truck pass with Francis Merton on it and Miss Savage, whose farewell dinner we had attended in Huanan Coll. Lunch at Hangchow Ta [University].

In the afternoon, saw the Fuchien Ta Agric. [Agricultural] work -- quite extensive. Tea at President Ling's [Lin Jingrun's]. At 6:30 [gave] a lecture on Sci. & Socy. [Science and Society], [that was] rather good. [Bought] Univ. [university-made] tea for house, 2700. Supper with Dean Chêng [Zheng Zuoxin] and his nice wife.

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**Wed. May 31st.** Dep. Shaowu. Up at dawn, packed and had bkfst [breakfast] at 5[am]. Walked with Pres. Ling [Lin Jingrun], Dr. [Eugen] Milch, and professors Wang and Tan [Tan Renmei?] across river to car. Got there at 6:30 but couldn't go because the battery [was] right down, (心) [xin] 6 hrs [hours] chgg [charging] not having been enough. So a battery had to be fetched from the Univ. Labs. It worked and the car went well thereafter.

Off at 7:30 up lovely gorges. [Took the] ferry at 和順 [Heshun] -- clear water; passed OK. A very bright morning; dull later.

Then over heard radio news that the Japs now 75 m south of Hankow. Transported a Rice Commissioner to Kuangtse. [Sketch of] nun on a bicycle with white sunhat on top. Reached Kuangtse 光澤 [Guangze] at 9[am] and dropped him [the Rice Commissioner]. Reached Leichuan (Rewi's Lei) 黎川 [Lichuan] before 11:00 and bought a drum of [power] alcohol (30 gals) at 440/gal. (the CK [Chungking] price) from a small alcohol factory direct, 13,200 plus coolies cum shaw [with rickshaw] 100.

Kuantseh [Guangze], though now in Chiangsi [Jiangxi], is on the Fukien edge of the mountains, so on the top of the pass, out of the plague area, D. G. (Mem: Pollitzer's explanation of why it doesn't spread to Chiangsi).

Reached Nanchêng 南城 [Nancheng] at 1:15. [72] Roads excellent, drove much of the way at 40; not possible anywhere else, even in South Chiangsi.

Eventually [crossed] over a long old stone bridge into Nanchêng, and driving through the town, were appalled at the destruction done by the Japs when they occupied the city formerly; most houses destroyed by bombing or shellfire. Very few people left now. Still quite near the front.

Lunch at 2[pm] at restaurant near inspection station, 290. Then [went] to a little alcohol plant back on the other side of the river, and bought 100 gals. at 400/gal, i.e., 40,000.

Thence proceeded to Nanfêng 南豐 [Nanfeng], beyond our plan for the day. Arr. [Arrived] [at] 5 but not content with that; decided to go on to Kuangchang 廣昌 [Guangchang].

We soon repented of this, though, for before we'd gone 11 km, trouble developed in the feed system and what with the engine-testing, etc., the battery was soon absolutely down. Night came on, and village people nearby unhelpful. Also incessant rain. We had no candles and my torch was out. Fireflies in millions. So I hopped on a belated bus going back to Nanfêng. Nice people; kind man going to build Nanchêng USA aerodrome paid a coolie to take me to the Tien Dju Tang [Roman Catholic Mission] [73-74] in the city, very inconvenient, but he took me to the CIM [China Inland Mission] instead, where found [Miss] Savage and [girls]. One slice of pummelo (unpleasant) and one draught of cold tea (highly unpleasant). So [went] to the RC's [Roman Catholics] where found Fr. Duffy and Fr. Lucey (Dublin Anglo-Norman with screaming accent), and was given supper of dry bread and tea. The Irish fathers much more ascetic (or poor) than the Americans, everything having been broken or stolen by Japs or (earlier) Reds. Bed comfortable but couldn't sleep much. In the morning, up at 4:30 and tried everywhere (with Francis Merton of the FAU [Friends' Ambulance Unit] truck and his colleague Chingwin returning from the plague prevention unit) to get a battery, but no hope except the Farmers' Bank. Mr Chen nice but slow; eventually their station-wagon bus came out and re-joined our van around 8; giving the SPARK. Cost of relief bus 3000 -- a shark, 陳忠慶 [Chen Zhongqeng] -- 2000 [paid by] me and 1000 by HT. Rain all the time.

Meanwhile, HT tried to get food from the village while KW and LL decided [that the] pump gasket was wrong; they changed it. No food came so they all fell asleep anyhow, too tired to open the cans of Soviet fish or other supplies. Incessant rain all night.

© [Thurs.] Jun 1st. dep. Nanfêng. A most unpleasant time. No repair shop nearer than Ningtu. Gasket of pump proved apparently not the trouble, so the spare diaphragm was put on. But that didn't do the trick either, stopping and starting, feebly going, a most nerve-wracking morning. At last, around noon I (I think it was I) had a brain-wave to short-circuit the faulty feed system by conveying [power] alcohol from our drums direct to the engine through our long pipe. It worked, KW drove, and we got to Kuangchang 廣昌 [Guangchang] at 1:30. [Drawing of truck, with] LL acting as carburettor float, [pipe] held by me inside, [?] held by HT.

[Had] lunch, none of us having had anything to speak of since the previous lunch. Breakfast 50, cigs. 60. After lunch, a small alc. [alcohol] fire broke out and LL slightly burnt (first aid necessary, [but] OK). Off again, reaching Ningtu 寧都 [Ningdu] at 4:30. Called on the RC's [Roman Catholics], [but] Fr. Mason not there, no radio news. But the Chinese newspaper says fighting in Northern Hunan between Hankow and Changsha. Bought a petrol pump diaphragm (900, HT), and a new battery (6000 me, 500 HT). Very nice room in a hotel by a pretty lake; good sleep.  
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Fri. June 2nd. Dep. Ningtu. Hotel 435. KW and LL repaired truck, put in [the] new battery and new petrol diaphragm. Dg [During] this, a strategic war council [was] held between me and HT: to go to Taiho or

not? Even if Changsha does not fall for many weeks or even at all, there may be dislocation of traffic at Hengyang, preventing us getting back to the West, with the valuable truck and fruits of all our efforts so far. Decided not to go; (thus missing the Gov. of Chiangsi, [the] Reconstruction Commissioner, Chung-cheng Ta [Chung Cheng University], believed to be like Chinan Ta, and a few NRC [National Resources Commission] factories).

Dao [Arrived at] Yinkang 銀坑 [Yinkeng] (same "kang" as the NW sleeping kang), the crossroads at 11:45, and lunched, 300.

Definitely decided not to go to Taiho. Pressed on at 40 mph, the engine going very well, passed Wodjipu and Yutu without stopping and reached Ganhsien outskirts at 3:30.

A bright sunny day with violent but short rainstorms.

Called on 工合 [Gonghe, i.e. 'Gung Ho' -- Chinese Industrial Cooperatives] SE [Southeastern] Regional HQ [Headquarters]. Met Miss Li Chi-Chiung 李季瓊 [Li Jiqiong] (pretty) and Li Chih-Chiao 李志喬 [Li Zhiqiao], joint [76] o/c's [officers in charge] in the absence of Walter Chen [Chen Zhikun], now returning from Chungking. Found a discussion going on with maps, the Kukong coops [cooperatives] having been told to evacuate! Learnt that many evacuations [are] beginning from Kukong. Evidently we are not too soon.

Saw the Boat bldg. [building] and Machine Coops, and then across the car ferry.

On reaching the hotel, found the FAU [Friends' Ambulance Unit] truck [had] just arrived, it also having been delayed. Learnt from Francis Merton "from an American army man" that Hengyang has been continuously bombed for three days and railway traffic interrupted. Query, exaggerated? The local paper says nothing except fierce fighting N [north] of Changsha.

In the hotel I got back my old hat and mirror and hkf [handkerchief?].

HT [had a] brainwave: [we should] get out all our remaining letter of credit money here where there's no uneasiness. Done. We now have nearly 100,000 in cash with us. Dinner 400.

After dinner [I] called on the RC's Fr. Mottey and Bp [Bishop] O'Shea. Discussed the situation. Apparently Hêngyang [was] only bombed by night so far. Listened to the radio ourselves. Can hear Amer. [American] plane pilots and ground talking. Yesterday they bust 22 Jap locos [locomotives] at Hankow. Suddenly Graham Peck came [77-78] in; [he's] leaving on the Central Bank bus tomorrow.

Bishop O'Shea, a scholarly man, playing Chinese chess with three Chinese Fathers and American ones, a very photographable sight!

On the way back an air raid siren went, and all lights went out. The population dispersed into the country on foot or in trucks, but we stayed put and went to bed, and before long the all clear went. No doubt a Jap attack on the American airfield.

**Sat. June 3rd, dep. Ganhsien.** Up at dawn and off at 5:30, leaving the FAU [Friends' Ambulance Unit] truck getting ready. Hotel 120. Most delicious breakfast of yutiao [油條 long fritters], doudjiang [豆漿 soya milk] and buns, etc., arranged on a nicely laid table under the characteristic arcades of Southern cities -- [have] never seen anything like this elsewhere -- with fragrant anti-fly incense between each plate. Lots of dragonflies, mostly brown, all this day.

Between these places, around the place referred to under Sun. May 7th [there was] an inferno of activity: millions of men and women carrying loads of stone -- [maybe] for a new airfield to turn the scales at Changsha? An inspiring sight, but the road [was] awful.

At 7:45 dao [arrived at] Da Yu 大庾 [Dayu] and turned off 9 km to the famous Tungsten mine at 西華山 [Xihua shan] (NRC). Buns 35. An ascent of 600 m (nearly 2000 ft) took us to the mine and [we] were shown round by the Chief Engineer Yang, et. al. Washing of wolframite from quartz and sand; and driving of rock tunnels through the mountain. The privately owned mines are all of the nature of quarries.

By 9:45 we were back on the main road and at 11:15 reached Nan-hsiung 南雄 [Nanxiong]. Lunch 280.

After lunch, passed an unusual number of trucks going in the opposite direction, most probably full of gasoline for the Amer. airfields, but three at least seemingly full of evacuating office or factory personnel.

Arr. [at] Kukong [at] 3pm, everything seemingly quite normal. Proceeded direct to the Stationmaster and asked for a flatcar. Yes, they would put us on (after seeing our Waidjiaopu [Foreign Ministry] paper). [We were] to come back at 6. [Went] to the hotel and parked our stuff. [Then] to Pettendrih's [, where I had a long talk with Pettendrih and Lt. Com. Davis.

The situation is certainly serious. The Japs reinforced at Canton but not yet moving from there. The Japs [are] pushing down in several prongs from around Tungting [Dongting 洞庭湖] [79] Lake, though being much slowed in their advance by the USA Airforce. The Chinese have good divisions up there too. But it may be the main attack will not come via Changsha but by the flank on the railway from N. [north] Chiangsi. This is not expected for another two weeks, however. Davis himself [is] leaving on Tuesday night; we [are] to leave a message for him with the customs office at Hengyang station.

Data: Road from Kukong to Pingshek definitely out, bridges down, not yet repaired. Road from Linhsien to Bapu [is] said to be passable, but [has been] long derelict and bridges certainly unsafe. Best advice [is to] push on by rail at any rate to Leiyang, thence by truck through Hêngyang to Kweilin if the line should be broken north of there. We have enough alcohol to get us well beyond Hêngyang and could pick some up from either BMM [British Military Mission] at Leiyang or AMM [American Military Mission] at Lidjiabao (?) west of Kweilin.

[Map showing locations just mentioned: description follows:]

[On the east, from NE to SW:] Nanchêng, Nanfêng, Ningtu, Ganhsien, and Kukong. [Then from Kukong going north and slightly west:] Kukong, Pingshek, Leiyang and Hêngyang on the way to Changsha [off the map]. Good road [indicated from Leiyang to Changsha]. Then from Hêngyang, southwest to Kweilin. [Linhsien is west of Pingshek (connected by a road), and Bapu is west of Linhsien (with no road) and southeast of Kweilin. (There is a road from Bapu to Kweilin.)]

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Not a day to be lost anyway. So back to hotel, gave Pettendrih [Arthur Pittendrih] the safehand letter from [Murray] Maclehorse, and unparked our stuff. [Went] to the station and arranged everything. [We are] to go on a military train starting between 9:00 and 10:00. So [I] rushed across the river by boat (interminably slow) to Dr. [S.M.] Moore, 400; rickshaws 200. Found the family and Mrs Moore gone off to Kweilin already some days ago. Asked for my kitbag [that I had] left with them, but Dr. Moore didn't know where it was! She had stowed it somewhere and he couldn't find it. Searched thoroughly but nbg [no bloody good]. It didn't seem to be anywhere in the house. Thus go, probably never to be seen again, my[:]

- only white summer suit
- chungshan fu
- probably also my sports coat,
- Chuangdze [Zhuangzi] and Kuandze [Guanzi] [books] bought in Kweilin
- Lun Hêng [book] bought in Kukong
- and various literature from universities

Very miserable at this. HT also depressed, as Bamboo Friend had left only the day before for Meih sien in N [northern] Kuangtung, where she will be safe but isolated, possibly for a long time. We could have taken her to Kweilin. Also he couldn't find Li-Sung's [Huang Lisong's] sister to warn her.

Back to Pettendrih's [Arthur Pittendrih's]; gave three radio messages, but forgot to ask for Dophi's [Dorothy Needham's] [81] letters which Adams had been asked to send there for me. Awful! Also no T/T [Daozang]: or at least the party playing poker said nothing about it.

Back at the station, our train had not started, and didn't do so in fact till 1 am. We slept quite well in the truck.

**Sun June 4th.** By 7:30 am, had only reached Lochang(!) Progress very slow. An air raid alarm (though thick drizzle) here, and pulled out of the station. Ate some bkfst [breakfast]. Then very slowly up the Pingshek

gorges to reach Pingshek at about 1. HT and I hurried out and bought some excellent bread and other food. But owing to shunting and waiting for down trains, we didn't get away till about 4. On up the grade to the top of the Kwangtung-Hunan divide Mountains; enjoying a high tea of bread and marmalade. At a mountain station on the way up, near a rly [railway] coal mine, regrettable recently decapitated corpse of coolie between the tracks. Bad [because] (1) far too many people allowed to run around the yards, including children selling things, and (2) after such an accident [82] the rly [railway] people leave the results lying around for hours with a crowd of people looking on and saying "aiya" -- perhaps pour encourager les autres [i.e. as an example to others]. Afterwards, as dusk fell and moonlight came on, smoked a cigar with HT in the front seat with beautiful mountainous countryside in the night all round.

**Mon. June 5th.** Slept well because took off all my clothes and got between my sheets. In the night, passed Chenhhsien 郴縣 [Chenxian], with much shunting; and did some quite fast travelling. Now on the way to Leiyuen. Morning overcast. But then got stuck at a little station called Gaotingse 高亭司 [Gaotingsi] from 9 to 2:30. Then on again with many stops for shunting to reach Leiyang 耒陽 at 7. Got rather nice supr. [supper] of eggs, cucumber, and bing. Off after a surprising short stop and so to a very small station where the engine driver found he had no coal; had to go somewhere and get it. Supposed to be back (now 9) at midnight, but didn't actually come till 5 am. We slept well, though, especially me, between the sheets as before.

**Tu June 6th.** Arrived at Hêngyang at last, at about 9. Saw Stationmaster who says he will put us across the river in three hours and doesn't recommend detraining and driving over [83-84] as another flatcar might be difficult to get on the other side.

Situation at Hêngyang was very calm and normal except for numerous soldiers making machine gun posts, etc., "putting the town in a posture of defence". The Hsiang-guei Railway [is] now running three expresses daily in the Kweilin direction, which clears the evacuees pretty well.

Heard the news of the Fall of Rome to the UN, and Emmanuel's abdication.

Passed the day in various ways, sitting, drinking tea with HT, and playing with the dictionary. Notable: During the afternoon, [we saw] two trainloads of evacuees from Changsha (or rather freight trains with evacuees sitting on top). Examined two large (4-8-4 and 2-8-2) engines, English and German respectively, too badly damaged to be repaired, with KW. Noted, besides these, several flatcars of rails and sundry railway equipment across the river, out of reach of the Japs. [Also] notable: great air activity, [with] squadron after squadron of P40's and other fighters with Chinese Star coming up from airfield just beside the station and going off north, and some returning -- a marvellous sight, often flying very low -- tiger face prominent.

Finally at about 5:00, when all hope seemed to have gone, the engines came and remarshalled us and set up a train to go across. Not off till 7:00 though, and then stood on the bridge approach a long time. KW went off to have a wash in a big pond, and we all felt so perspiry we followed his example. I first, then Lao Ling and HT. Later sat in the now all our own flat car in the brilliant moonlight, and smoked cigars, a pleasant time. Mosquitoes not bad there, as they are at both W & E stations.

On the platform, some very good Chinese soldiers, tough-looking, with swords, fans and umbrellas, as well as rifles, listened to a talk by a captain with a revolver and a walking-stick. Very different to the starved coolie garrison troop skeletons seen in the back areas. E.g., some sitting on our flat car on the way up, and one oldish man lay under the truck and groaned all the way (malaria, [fever]?)

At last went to bed around 9.

Mem: Re [Keith] Tribe evacuation, [Lieutenant Commander] Davis at Kukong said he had no Chrysler, having only tested it but not bought it. However, Tribe will be OK if evacuated to Yungby by launch. Food on the train, 500. At Hêngyang. Further advance of 2000 each given to KW and LL for journey.  
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**Wed June 7th.** A bad night indeed. Woke [at] 11:30 (temperature still very hot), finding ourselves across the bridge (DG) and in West Stations. Consulted Stationmaster who said the van would go off about 4:30 but [there would be no] fast train till 7. So [we] found some tea, and HT ate some djiaodze [jiaozi = dumplings] and I some Cantonese biscuits still with us, and tried to sleep again, but now the mosquitoes were very bad because the wendze hsiang [anti-mosquito incense] had gone out and [it was] a hell of a job relighting it. KW slept outside the van on a campbed. Later more shunting, so we got our baggage ready and finally dropped off at 4:30, just before dawn.

Dawn came suddenly and also a pretty girl with boiling hot water (probably from an engine) and a basin, in which on the platform we washed and I shaved, 10. Then at 5:30 the train came in and we got two second-class tickets and one berth without much difficulty (746 + 746 + 160).

Just then up came Wm [William] Dickie 狄愷 [Di Kai] Dr. in BRCS [British Red Cross Society] (Flowers Unit) evacuating from Changsha. [He] says the hospital there was given extremely short notice to leave -- a week ago the Japs were within six miles of the city -- [so they] walked out, then [took a] boat, and then boxcar. The flowers [are] remaining [86] at Hêngyang for the present. The doctors lost all [their] personal possessions. [We] travelled with him (he [is] going to Tushan as the hospital will reopen at Kunming).

[Had a] talk with the Stationmaster. [There was] good news last night: the Japs [were] pushed back 20 km and air superiority [is] quite definitely ours, though the American pilots [are] tired out.

News of the 2nd front, [of an] invasion on five points of the coast of N [northern] France in the Chinese papers today, but WD [William Dickie] says [that they] couldn't confirm [it] on European radio last night.

Also rumour of a Soviet brush with Japan and transfer of three divisions of Japs from Changsha north accordingly.

At Lêngshuitang enter another BRCS [British Red Cross Society] man and two BRCS nurses, overwhelming us: Dr Short, Sister Dey, Sister Silver with lap dog (!), Dr [Vilma] Lasser [of] Munich (elderly woman doctor, v.n. [very nice]), and Miss Hudson. They all left Changsha very hurriedly and lost not only their personal possessions but also a large amount of drugs.

Second Front confirmed!

A very tiring journey.

[Met a] nice railwayman and his pretty wife and baby and talked Chinese with them. [His name was] Ma Wei-Hsin 馬維新 [Ma Weixin]. Also [met] Sun Bao-Yuing 孫葆榮 [Sun Baorong] (brother of the Salt Commissioner at Kweilin Sun Liang 孫亮), just out from Shanghai, a merchant.  
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Finally we reached Kweilin at 1:00 in the morning, absolutely exhausted, and after some slight unpleasantnesses, got deposited at the Consulate in Com. [Commander] Davis' truck. [Had] mosquito trouble but eventually slept deeply after lovely wash off of a week's grime.

**Thurs. Jun. 8th.** [Awakened] by Geoffrey Wallinger, staying here with [C.E.] Whittamore and [C.B.B.?] Heathcote-Smith! Query now whether Kweilin [is] really a safe base because the Japs could come up and strike at Nanning from Indo-China and Pakhoi, thus.

[Map of possible Japanese attack, showing Changsha offensive going south to Hengyang, railway to Kweilin, Liuchow, and Nanning on one link and to Pingshek on another, with bridges out West of Hengyang and bridges or road out between Kweilin and Pingshek.]

Today [there is] news of slight movement north [from Kukong to Pingshek], [but] no news of such movement [Changsha offensive] yet.

Bkfst v.n. [Breakfast was very nice]. Later I visited the Governor's Sec. [Secretary] with [the] Consul and Geoffrey [Wallinger], and met [the] Waidjiaopu Tepaiyuan [official of the foreign office] Kuo Teh-Hua. [88] Lunch [with] HT alone; hope to move into Lochunshih 樂羣社 [sic: Lequnshe] later. Ok, very good hotel. Slept after lunch on Geoffrey's bed by request.

[At] 3pm [had a] conference with Whittamore, Wallinger, [Col.] Lindsay Ride. Intelligence exchanged. Δ [Dorothy Needham] is not to come to Kweilin at all. We [shall] first do the Kweilin things [in] one week chapudo [chabuduo, "more or less"], and then go to Bapu mines and straight to Liuchow via Pinglo. HT [will] then go on with the van to Tushan and await me at Kweiyang. I [shall] go back to Kweilin, [and take a] plane to Kunming and CK [Chungking]. Then back by convoy to Kweiyang and resume. [This is] always assuming [that the] mil. sit. [military situation] remains quiet on Nanning side. Bapu would combine a valuable reconnaissance with sci techn. [science and technology] stuff.

Later [I] met Hsia Chih-Hua 夏之驊 [Xia Zhihua], Yap Chu-Fei's [Ye Zhupei] manager, here on the Nunglingpu [Nonglinbu 農林部] inspection tour. He may come with us to Bapu.

[At] 7pm [attended a] Consulate dinner, very interesting. [Also attending were] US Consul-Gen. [Arthur R.] Ringwalt, Su Mishuchang [Mishuzhang = Secretary-General] [Su Xixun], Geoffrey W [Wallinger], US General Lindsay (whom I had met at the Ambassador's), The Mayor, Major Milne (of Delhi, [whom I have] met!), Lt. Talbot, USN ([whom I have] met), Col. Davies ([whom I] met at [the] Grimsdale's, and Kuo Teh-Hua.

Slept excellently.

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**Accounts Again**                    **see pp. 63, 64**

HT's a/c [account]:

food on board, 24th,		
from Fuchow to Nanping		120
coolies Jun 1st		200
contribution to relief bus		1000 p.74
petrol pump diaphragm		900
lunch on the 2nd		320
contribution to battery at Ningtu		500
food on the train		
from Hengyang to Kweilin		60
		<u>3100</u>

pd [paid] now, again he has no house money.

<u>HT salary</u> for May	6600 + 10%	
	660	
paid now.	<b>7260</b>	

KW salary for May

for April it was	4800 + 10%	
	480	
	<b>5280</b>	
+31 days at 100 road allowance	3100	
	<b>8380</b>	
But now, adv [advanced] in Nanping	5000	
Hengyang	2000	
	7000	<u>7000</u>

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But [he] pd [paid] outgoings:

Nanping garage	180	
unloading at Kweilin	360	
repair tyre in Changting	20	
distilled water in Nanping	200	
	<u>760</u>	760
		1380
		<u>2140</u>

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LL Salary for April	4400	
	440	10%
	<u>4840</u>	
+31 days at 100	3100	
	<b>7940</b>	
But adv [advanced] at Nanping	5000	

	Hengyang	2000
		<u>7000</u>
		7000
		<u>940</u>
But [he paid] outgoing at Shaowu		
dynamo repairs		300
carriage of battery		200
loading of car at Kukong		60
		<u>560</u>
		560
		<u>1500</u>

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**Fri. Jun. 9th.** Bkfst [Breakfast] with Hsia Tien-Ma [Xia Tianma]. Worked on lists all the morning, and got in touch with Univ. [university], Acad. [Academia Sinica], and NRC [National Resources Commission] places. At 12:30 [went] out to lunch at BAAG [British Army Aid Group] to go with GW [Geoffrey Wallinger] to American Infantry School. (See notes). Wonderful afternoon with Gen. Thomas Arms. Called on [Peter?] Thompson and radioed to Adams and Moore at Kukong. Tea with HT in the hotel garden. At 8:00 pm dinner with Col. Milne at BAAG.

**Sat. Jun. 10th.** Breakfast with Hsu Wei-Man [Xu Weiman] of the NRC Tin Admin. [Administration]. Worked on lists all morning and got shoes mended. Lunch at the Red Plum Restaurant with Hsu Wei-Man, Lindsay Ride, Heathcote-Smith, Yen Rjen-Kuang [Yan Renguang 顏仁光] of the [NRC] radio works, Wang Tsung-Su [Wang Zongsu] of the [91] 4th NRC Elec. [Electric] factory, Fêng Chia-Chêng [Feng Jiazheng] of the 2nd NRC Elec. Factory, and Li Se-Kuang [J.S. Lee/Li Siguang] (geologist). After lunch, motored out and worked over the three elec. factories till 5:30. Very tired. Supr. [Supper] + [with] HT and David Paton at the Red Plum, 900. A subscription to a Ch. [Chinese] Army Comforts Fund [was] taken up by [some] nice midschool students, [I contributed] 300. Gave my seals to be carved. [Bought] fan, 35; batteries, 100.

**Sun. Jun. 11th.** Finished writing, wrote Δ [Dorothy Needham] and GD [Lu Gwei-Djen]. [The letters will go] safehand by Geoffrey [Wallinger] to CK next Wednesday. Lunch at the BAAG. Saw Graham Peck again. Called at the US Consulate, saw Dick Service. Went to Whittamore and arranged to get \$120,000. Supr [Supper] with A2 Suffiad [?] and HT. Ordered cards. Sun dze [Sunzi 孫子, a work of the Warring States Period] 100, supper 360, hotel 2035.

**Mon. Jun. 12th.** Met Li Se-Kuang and [went] out to Liangfêng 良豐 [Liangfeng], where at Yungshan 雁山 [Yanshan] there is a park [and the] AS [Academia Sinica] [Institutes of] Geol [Geology], Physics (really Geophysics), and Psychol [Psychology] (really Entwicklungsmech) [developmental mechanics]. [Also went] to Kuangsi (Prov. Govt.) Science Institute; and Kuangsi Ta [Kuangsi University], about 25 km out to the south. On the way [to Liangfeng], saw about the new batteries which Central Electri. Wks. [Central Electric Works] are giving us.

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A lovely sunny day. Put up at the AS guesthouse, an exquisite place above pinewoods on the side of a hill, with comfortable beds and bath, and [its] own dining room, with lovely triangular lawn, and hillside covered with wild flowering shrubs. What a pity Δ [Dorothy Needham] is not here. The campus is like an English village green.

Lunch in the guesthouse with Li Se-Kuang [Li Siguang]. Met President Li [Li Yunhua] of Kuangsi Ta [University] and arranged lectures. In the afternoon, visited AS Geol. [Geology] (see notes) and Kuangsi Sci. [Science] Institute (see notes). Biscuits for tea, 60. Dinner at the guesthouse with Li Se-Kuang.

**Tues. Jun. 13th.** After breakfast saw (see notes) AS Psychol. [Psychology], mostly the remarkable Tang Yueh [Tang Yue] (see notes). After lunch, went with Pêng Kuang-Chin [Peng Guangqin] and others to visit Kuangsi Ta labs (see notes), and the Univ. [University] Library. Tea very nice, with S. Kuangsi-grown coffee -- curious taste but nice -- and very unpleasant cakes, at the Peng family, with beautiful wife and children. Discussion [took on a] very free tone re MoE [Ministry of Education], Government, etc. Then to

dinner at the guesthouse and lecture in the Park on Sci. [Science] in the UN War Effort while HT went to bed with rheumatism?

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**Wed. Jun. 14th.** At 8:00 am [gave a] lecture to AS people, [with] L S-K [Li Siguang] in the chair, on Hist of Sci [History of Science] in China and the West. After that, I walked over the hill with Dr. Ting to see the wonderful geophysics and terrestrial magnetism set-up of AS Physics (see notes). Got back rather late to lunch with Mrs. Wang Ching-Hsi [Wang Jingxi] (a picture of Shirley Temple on the wall [was] rather like her, revealed their pipitic relations) [pipit = Dorothy Needham]. Then [went] to the University Library where I browsed in the CP [Commercial Press] series of old book reprints. Tea with Tang Yueh at the guesthouse, discussing HoS [the history of science]. Wrote on the board as dusk fell in the physics lab. Dinner, official, with Pres. Li [Li Yunhua] and professors. Then [gave] lecture on Chem. Struct. & Physiol. [Chemical Structure and Physiological] Action in Steroids. Much trouble about lighting but overcame. The weather [was] very wet and hot. [Went to] Bed late.

**Thurs. Jun. 15th.** Packed up. Whai pichi [坏脾气 = I was in a bad mood] at breakfast because L S-K's [Li Siguang] men, having been lent my camera, have got it into one of its messes again and [it] won't work. Tried to fix it, but couldn't. Took Mrs. Yu into town.

(1) Whittamore, got letters from Δ [Dorothy Needham]. Got money, 76,800 for BAAG [British Army Aid Group] for 120 gals. alcohol, and in addn. [addition] cash funds of 50,000.

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(2) Lindsay Ride, inf'n [information] re military sit'n [situation]; road, will send relief truck if necessary. Got alcohol.

(3) US Consulate, pick up Fritz Jensen's things.

(4) Thompson (or rather Chauvin) says no BL [British Legation], BMM [British Military Mission] or BAAG man at Liuchow, but Americans will be found helpful.

Ate ravenously late lunch of [curry?] and cakes at Lido Cafe, while rows of pathetic American soldiers sat and looked across at some highly coloured Chinese grass widows. Lunch 500. Shopped and got haircut (30); cigarettes (35); mirror (130); seals for Beth, Mgt, Ferdi, Holtfr, Dorothy Crowfoot, and Lilska (650), i.e., 110 each; cigars (220), biscuits (50). HT and Van to get new batteries

(5) [Had] tea with 王澤森 [Wang Zesen] of Central Electric Works (batteries) who was at Hong Kong University with HT, and later two girls, ditto, 胡紫瑛 [Hu Ziying], and 陳愛棠 [Chen Aitang]. Put the camera right.

Dinner with 張奧偉 [Zhang Aowei], also at Hong Kong Univ. [University] with HT, in his nice house in Governor's cpd [compound]. Hotel 750.

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**Fri. Jun 16th.** Up at 5:00. Couldn't [get up] before because rainclouds so dark. Booked a room against [my] return. Got to Liangfeng through bad rain and had breakfast, very nice, of yutiao [油條 long fritters] and douchiang [豆漿 soya milk]. Then [went] up to the Geol. [Geological] Institute and took some twenty pictures of Li Se-Kuang's objects (clay slab distortions and right-angle bent pebble). Off at 7:30. The scenery typical, characteristic Kuangsi-Kueichow peaks standing out of the plain. [drawing]. Reached Lipu 荔浦 [Lipu] at 10 am, just 100 km from Kweilin. Delay due to filter and feedpipe trouble. Road surface very variable, in general rough, but not much traffic, spoilt rather by torrent runoffs. Considerable animal husbandry here and population thin. Ferry before Pinglo 平樂 [Pingle], noon. While crossing the river at Pinglo, saw a chain of boats coming up with a capstan on the first one, winding in a rope, i.e., the pullers [were] on the ship and not on the shore! Φ [Took a photograph.]

No restaurant there, so [went] on and on, and picked up biscuits on the way. [Reached] Tongan 同安 [Tong'an] at 1:15-1:30 for tea. At 3pm dao Chungshan 鍾山 [Chuishan] and had lunch. People, as generally

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[Map in Chinese showing their route. From west to east:] Choujiang 榴江, Lipu 荔浦, Pingle 平樂, Gongcheng 恭城, Tong'an 同安, Chiushan 鍾山, Babu 八步, Hexian 賀縣, Lianxian 連縣. Northeast arrow from west of Choujiang goes to Guilin 桂林. North of Chiushan is Yuantou 源頭. Beyond Lianxian is the direction 'To Pingshih [Pingshi]'. Distances between locations are indicated on the map. Also indicated are ferries and America RC [Roman Catholic] Mission.

[Then follows an indication of distances:]

Kweilin to Lipu	104	
Lipu to Pinglo	34 } 138	
Pinglo to Chungshan	87	
Chungshan to Bapu	39 } 126	[Lipu to Bapu] } 160
Lipu to Liuchiang	65	
Liuchiang to Liuchow	73 } 138	[Pinglo to Liuchow] } 298

Between Pinglo and Chungshan, the road in many stretches permits 40 mph; much better than it looks. Curious bridge between Tongan and Chungshan, a floating boat built the width of the river, and permanently moored.

Best information available at Bapu is that the Bapu-Lienhsien road is being repaired and will be ready in ten days.

[End of Interlude]

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on this road, very unused to traffic and collect in crowds to look at the truck. Throng while we had an excellent lunch in an upstairs inn.

On to Bapu 八步 [Babu], passed canal works and factories, and got into the town about 5:00. Found the Pingkuei Mining Administration Office after much difficulty and were guided to HQ [the headquarters], near the coalmine.

Received by Mr Bai [Bai Jingzheng] & Chiu [Qu Guangcai] who had not known of our coming, but the letter of introduction worked well and presently Li Fang-Chêng [Li Fangcheng] himself arrived with Chang Chün [Zhang Jun], NRC [National Resources Commission] Chief Accountant, also visiting. They went across the river to his house in spite of difficulty owing to high water, and we, putting up our campbeds in an empty room in the high and spacious house of the Adm. [Administration] offices, had a delicious supper (specially good egg dish) and sat around with two or three NRC men before going to bed.

Li Fang-Chêng, a marvellous old man, was formerly at Armstrong College and a colliery manager in England for ten years or so. A great character.

**Sat. Jun. 17th.** Up at 6:00 and [went] across the river to a breakfast of toast, canned butter, honey and coffee with the old man and his charming [98] second wife, a Ginling College girl. Then [went] off in PKMA [Pingkuei Mining Administration] car with Bai to see the Tin Mine and the Power Station (the latter [is] in a hollow Kuangsi hill) -- see notes. Lunch with Bai [Bai Jingzheng] and Chiu [Qu Guangcai]. After lunch [went] to the Tin Refinery, Analyt. Lab. [Analytical Laboratory] and Coal Mine. No time to see the Ironstone quarry and blastfurnaces.

Dinner with the Li's across the river. Very enjoyable indeed. Weather improved to rather hot today.

**Sun. June 18th.** Off at 6:30 after a nice breakfast of hsifan and peanuts. Got to the Pinglo ferry at 10:00 am already. A lot of gay women and girls work [on?] this ferry. Φ [Photographed them.]

Got to Lipu surprisingly quick, by 11:30. [Had] a big discussion with HT about whether to go on or not. I wanted to rest with the American fathers the afternoon but HT's deciding argument was that it might take more than one complete day to go over the Lipu-Liuchow disused road, so we'd better start. Lunch on the main square at Lipu, 220.

HT doesn't really care for staying with the RC's [Roman Catholics], I think.

KW has changed the new Union Jack [on the truck] for the tattered old one.

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[Map, top of p. 99, showing from west to east:] Liuchow 柳州 [Liuzhou]; 三門江 [Sanmen Jiang]; Lusai 鹿寨 [Lusai]; Lo-rjung 雒容 [Luorong]; road v. [very] bad; 柳江 [Liujiang], a small place only; 外要 [Waiyao]; 四排 [Sipai]; 平田 [Pingtian], probably 二排 [Erpai]; Toupai 頭排 [Toupai]; 仁修 [Renxixiu]; 荔浦 [Lipu]; Bapu [going off from Lipu to the east]; [and] Kweilin [going off from Lipu to the north]. [The map shows ferries, rotten bridges ([it is] doubtful if [they] would take a heavily loaded, three-ton truck, but I believe [they] would take an unloaded one), low passes, and places where the road is bad. South of Lipu there is an asterisk indicating "Fr. RC Fr" [= French Roman Catholic Fathers].]

[Distances:]

Lipu to Liuchiang - 65

Liuchiang to Liuchow - 73;

Lipu to Liuchow - 138

Surface excellent (40 mph) from Lipu to Liuchiang because no traffic, but very bad, due to machaidze [馬車子= carts] rutting it up, (and would be extremely bad in wet weather) between Liuchiang and Lusai. After that, grass-grown alongside the rly [railway] till Lei-rjung [= Lo-rjung], then alone again. [Lusai] looked like ancient hunting country.

Off at 1:00. Called on Fr O'Connell (treadmill mice) and Fr Regan (huge red and yellow irises). [After] 8 km, a ferry, and a delay due to stuck charcoal bus. [Saw] charming little boys bathing, and sub [i.e., contributed] to schoolboys collecting for the troops at the front, 100.

Got through at 1:30. Puncture at 2:00, near rear outer. Refuelled at 2:30. Reached Liuchiang and changed the tyre at 3:30. Reached Lo-rjung Railway Viaduct ferry at 5:30, over at 6:00. This viaduct is fitted for road traffic, but [is] not OK now. "Boards no good" [but] could be replaced quickly. Saw the first train, crammed with refugees on top as well as inside, from Kukong and Hêngyang, after passing over the blasted heath at 5pm [on the way between Liuchiang and Lusai].

Came to another ferry (San Mên Chiang) at 6:30 with the light failing. Got across though, and did the remaining 12 km in the dark (the lights good). A record trip for us of 300 km.

No accommodation at the CTS Hotel (lots of people waiting for 1st class berths to Tushan), so went to the RC's [the Roman Catholic mission] (charming, French) and got a nice room there where we slept like [101]

logs. Fr Madiar from Clermont-Ferrand very nice, black beard. Fr Pelamot from Aurilliac, with white hair and beard, came to China in 1897, nearly got killed at the Boxer time, and formerly wore a pigtail. Lived through all the civil wars, etc. Also a young Chinese priest, Fr Liao. American pilots [were] talking to a half-dozen evacuated Maryknoll sisters and one ditto [i.e., evacuated Maryknoll] lay brother.

**Mon. Jun. 19th.** Awoke terribly tired. Feel sure it was a mistake to come on from Lipu yesterday; we should have rested at Lipu; yesterday afternoon's stuff [was] quite enough for one day.

Breakfast of real Fr. [French] coffee from Indo China and homemade marmalade and buns (nvg [not very good]). [Donated] to Mission Funds, 400.

Worry about repairing tyres. Day very hot and damp. Poor KW's leg [was] gashed by a tyre lever. At last found a shop OK, and with everyone in a whai pichi [bad mood], made our way to South Station. Then things looked up, for the Stationmaster and railwaymen remembered us, and the flatcar was OK for the day after tomorrow. [Went] back into town, over the ferry, and out to Shatang 沙塘 [Shatang], [102] where we found the Nat. Agric. Exp. Sta. [National Agricultural Experiment Station]. Rested, slept, and bathed, during a violent storm of thunder and rain!

Dinner at Paul Ma's [Ma Baozhi]; exceptionally delightful conversation, though I was not well, having had to take Enterovioform.

Chiang: "Here we have the buggers".

**Tues. Jun 20th.** After ten hours sleep, got up at 7:00. In the morning, saw round the labs (see notes). At lunch still no appetite. But our rooms very roomy and comfortable. Weather very hot and steamy. In the afternoon, saw round Kuangsi Ta Agric. Coll. [Agricultural College] Labs (Dean Wang Chên-Rju [Wang Zhenru]) (see notes), and also the crop breeding place (Dr. Sun [Sun Zhongyi]), and the Agric. [Agriculture] Vocational Training Sch. [School] (like the Baillie Schools but military rather than democratic) (see notes). A storm sprang up again at about 4:00, same as yesterday. Dinner at Ma's [Ma Baozhi]. Met his wife who was at Ginling College, senior to Mrs. Li Fang-Chêng, but much junior to GD [Lu Gwei-Djen]. Huang Rjui-Lun [Huang Ruilun], the chemist, though, was a classmate of GD's at Nanking Ta in organic chemistry. Said she tied a bunsen burner to a water main tap. [Made a] speech after dinner, very very tired.

**Wed. Jun 21st.** Up at 5:00 and repacked. We get v.g. [very good] buns for bkfst [breakfast] here, fried egg, and doudjiang [豆漿 soya milk].

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KW's salary for May	5280
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5808

+ 30 days/100	3000
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[Therefore] Total for June: 8808

LL salary for May	4840
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	484	
	<u>5324</u>	
+ 30 days/100	3000	
[Therefore] Total for June:	<u>8324</u>	total 17,132
Liuchow to Tushan:		
truck fare flatcar	15,102	
contents ditto	2,060	
two 3 <sup>rd</sup> /cl. [class] tickets	1,026	
	<u>18,188</u>	
But recd. [received] back in refund from Chien-Kwei Co.	14,733	
[Therefore] spent only	<u>3,455</u>	3,455
		<u>20,587</u>
In hand:	50,000 from Kweilin	
	46,000 from Ganhsien	
	<u>96,000</u>	
less	20,587	
	<u>75,413</u>	

This divided, HT taking 60,000 in view of possible heavy truck expenses such as buying alcohol at Chinchêngchiang or so and me taking 15,000 as I can get more from consulates at Kweilin and Kunming if necessary.

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Still quite exhausted physically and still needing Enterovioform. But was dragged half-conscious to see more crop-breeding, and the experimental sugar-mill.

[Gave] a lecture at 9:30. Audience very large. The chemist Huang [Huang Ruilun] translated.

Lunch with Dean Wang [Wang Zhenru], Peng Kuang-Chin [Peng Guangqin] having arrived to see after evacuation of Kuangsi Ta from Liangfêng.

Nasty rumour that no trains to Kweilin now, owing to troop movements. Telephone line, however, [was] broken, owing to two afternoon storms, so couldn't enquire.

Just as we were leaving around noon, [Donald Vincent] Shuhart and Hsia turned up, having had a dreadful journey from Kweilin in sardine-packed ordinary second class, to rest up a few days.

So [went] back into town, calling at various places.

[Our] plans [are as follows:]

- HT to stay a few days with his friend Leslie
- me to go on a night train to Kweilin
- truck to load on to flatcar
- On arrival at Tushan, KW to come back to Liuchow and visit his people at Kweiping
- All to await Δ [Dorothy Needham] and me [at] Kweiyang.

At the station all afternoon. Got ticket all right and most unexpectedly the refund too on account of the extortionate fine previously levied! (See opp. [opposite])

Heard the news of the fall of Changsha.

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Mem: characteristic of Shatang: bicycling around the vast 7000 acre experimental farm.

Liuchow city rather reminiscent of Ganhsien, with southern-style arcades, but much more hick, and very awkwardly arranged.

[Map showing northern city, southern city, and the river between; showing directions to Tushan, Kweilin, Shatang, and Lipu; and the location of the north, south, and city stations, p. 105]

N.B. While crossing the river on the steam ferry, the afternoon typhoon as usual came on, though with less thunder and lightning, and it rained all the rest of the afternoon.

Saw the Dragon-boats practising -- a very pretty sight; mem. Lichuang on the Yangtze last year. [Diagram of] hills around like Kweilin.

While waiting to load the truck, [heard] engine-bells reminiscent of the church bells at Roscoff [in France] when we were young.

At 7:00 bought a 1st class ticket and got settled in, while the van took HT into town and returned to be loaded. Ticket 870.

Shared compartment with a USAAC [United States Army Air Corps] radio GI, one Chase. He thinks Hengyang will never fall.

Terribly hot in the train at first.

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**Thurs. Jun 22nd.** 到 [dao, arrived at] Kweilin at 8:00, and found BAAG [British Army Aid Group] truck to Lochunshih, [arriving at] 8:45. Bkfst [Breakfast] there, though no room immediately available.

A succession of good lucks:

(1) Kweilin train running. Some people had waited three days for it.

(2) flatcar kept for us

(3) fine refund actually refunded

(4) truck at the station

[Went] to the consulate; [had] difficulties about the plane. Americans in more of a flap than ever. But if no plane, [there will be] a special coach to Tushan on Saturday morning. Gene's seal, 150 -- [it was] the same dumb boy, very nice. Printing of cards, 100, preliminary payment.

Went to L Ride's [Lindsay Ride] (BAAG). The situation [is that] the Japs [are] now bypassing even Hêngyang and moving down towards Leiyang, just as [I] predicted in [my] conversation with Pettendrigh [Arthur Pittendrigh] (see Sat. June 3rd). His view is [that] they won't come beyond Lingling, wanting only the N-S Rly. [North-South Railway].

On this day Hengyang airfield was evacuated. Got typewriter and paper from Milne and did two memos, one on the Bapu-Lipu-Liuchow road system, and the other on the Bapu mining area. Lunch at BAAG.

[Paid] 30 [for] rickshaw to 依仁路 [Yiren lu, Yiren Road] to find a bookshop. [Bought] Wang Chuan-Shan's [Wang Fuzhi, a late Ming/early Qing philosopher] historical bk [book], 120; [and an] edition of Motze [Mozi, a philosopher during the early Warring States period], 260.

[Took a] rickshaw to Consulate (60) with [my] baggage, as Lochunshih wouldn't take me. Tea with [C.E.] Whittamore, [C.B.B.] Heathcote-Smith, Fr Ryan, Crawshaw (MoI [Ministry of Information]), and the [107] Lionel Davis crowd ("BMWP" [British Ministry of War Production Unit]), including Major Giles, formerly of BMM [British Military Mission]. Talk on this. [Had] a bath. [Went] out to find Wu Ta-Kun [Wu Dakun], staying at the YMCA; found [him] with great difficulty.

[Bought an] umbrella (140).

He has got here with [his] wife, but upset as Tung-Wu [Soochow University] has heard from its American trustees that it must disperse, close down, and pay off its staff. ? What will he do? Arr. [Arrive at] bkfst. [breakfast] tomorrow.

Rickshaw to BAAG, 30.

Dinner [was] poor. Had it with Jack [?] at 10 [minutes] to 8[:00]. Most of them didn't start till 8:45!

The cigars wouldn't draw. [Went] to Thompson's, gave him a copy of the Roads memo. He very delighted; sat and talked with him, Stott, and another in flickering candlelight. T [Thompson] thinks the Chinese generalship is letting the Japs come on too far so as to close in behind and cut off their rear.

Rickshaw to consulate, 50.

### **Fri. Jun 23rd.**

Bkfst [Breakfast] with Wu Ta-Kun at Lochunshih (162). [Went] with him to visit:

- CIC Research Institute

- Kuangsi Provincial Bo/R Research Bureau (famous authors)

- Kuangsi Provincial Arts (Music and Drama) Institute

(see notes)

Came back loaded with literature.

News from the front [was] worse & worse.

In the afternoon, went down town, calling

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at all bookshops not previously visited. Bought Hist. of Ch. Geogr. [History of Chinese Geography] for 630 (expensive because of the maps), and two small books on Maths & Astron. [Astronomy], 110.

Tea alone, and cakes, at one of the cafes by the lake, 60.

Back to dinner at the Consulate. Helped with cyphering. Arrival of truckload of evacuating missionaries, including Mrs Hutley, at 10[:00] caused a commotion. Whittamore and H-Smith [Heathcote-Smith] [are] very hard-worked with evacuees these days.

**Sat. June 24th.** [A] special 1st-class coach left at 8:30, but not -- as Ringwalt had promised -- air passage. Went to see him during the morning with a letter from W [C.E. Whittamore]. Found him in fearful flap -- not encouraging.

Henry Wallace definitely coming tomorrow. Hêngyang airfield definitely evacuated now. The air raid warning system [is] said to have failed. The Japs [are] said to be within a few miles of Leiyang, Hêngyang, and Shaoyang (west of Hengshan). A great query: will they try to push beyond Lingling? Lunch chez BAAG [British Army Aid Group]. A special train [is] leaving Tuesday morning, BAAG/BRCS [British Red Cross Society]. Maybe W and H-S [Heathcote-Smith] will come too. [On] returning to the consulate, wrote a letter to Henry Wallace -- wish he would take me back on his bomber!

After tea, [went] to [see] [Arthur R.] Ringwalt again; [he was] less  
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encouraging than before. Query: When would he quit? "When the Japs are around the corner". 謂何? [wei he, 'what does that mean?'] When they get [to] Lingling. [He] will be notified by the US Army, and he and RS have seats in General Lindsey's plane. [It will be] very difficult for W [C.E. Whittamore] and H-S: [the] Americans wld [would] like them to go as soon as possible. Gave him Roads and Bapu memos, and a letter for H. [Henry] Wallace, [who is] coming tomorrow afternoon.

[At] 7[:00] at the Consulate, RS rang up and said tomorrow morning [there will be a] plane at 4 at the American Consulate.

Today's news: Japs [are] within a few miles of Leiyang and Hêngyang, H. [Hêngyang] airfield [is] abandoned, [and] also a cavalry column [is] about to capture Shaoyang (W [west] of Hengyang and N [north] of Lingling).

After dinner, repacked, using W's [C.E. Whittamore] small suitcase, and abandoning my own lovely blue one and campbed to come on to Kweiyang by BMM if possible. Retired somewhat agitated to bed at about 10:30.

Air raid alarm at midnight, and heard Jap planes, but didn't get up.

**Sun. 25th.** Up at 3[:00] and reached Amer. [American] Consulate by 4:00. Dick Service [was] in charge (an excellent man). We took the BAAG truck out to the airfield with refugees Dr. and Mrs. Weiss (Viennese) from Kuangsi Medical College -- a *sauve qui peut* [= every man for himself!]

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having taken place there. Also [took] N. D. Brown of OWI [United States Office of War Information], coming from Fukien, [whom I had] formerly met at Chungking. Also [took] Lt. Sickman, a Harvard Sinologist friend of John Fairbank's who recognized my badges. Slight difficulty about me, but OK, partly due to my baggage looking so small.

[Had a] talk with [Dick] Service on the airfield. I spoke of the difficult position of W [Whittamore] and H-S [Heathcliffe-Smith]. He promised they would be taken care of. Asked his private estimate of what the Japs would achieve this summer. He said he expected them in Kweilin by July 4th. The Chinese resistance in the SE [southeast] seems [to be] collapsing. Then the southern drives [from] Canton [arrow, northward?] and Nanning [arrow, northward?] will open up. If they can get all their railway objectives early enough they might [do] a 2-way Honan-Kweichow push on Chungking and Chêngtu.

Talk with USAAF [United States Army Airforce] men in the plane: the Hêngyang airfield and the big bridge was blown up duly.

Off at 8:00. Dao [arrived at] Kunming at 11:00 exactly. Good talk with Neil [D.] Brown in the plane and with Hyman Hodes of FEA [Foreign Economic Administration] (OLLA [Office of Lend-lease Administration] and BEW [Board of Economic Welfare]).

Ravenous lunch at the airfield's American mess; talk with Bob Monical.

With Neil Brown, hitchhiked into town and got to BMM, dug up Capt. Walter &

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walked to a party, where Col. Clark was. Everyone here [was] sunk in sloth (admittedly [it was] Sunday afternoon). Clark wouldn't even come out and talk about the situation, but lent me his jeep to get to the Consulate. I still think this was a piece of rudeness, as he was not even the host.

At the Consulate, found [John F.] Brewis' [family] all OK, and later Beck and David Hough. Nice tea in garden. Very good welcome.

The Consulate vividly put me in mind of my first days in China. But now it is marvellously improved from Ogden's time. Garden more beautiful, furniture better disposed, everything so comfortable as to remind one of Fuchow.

The outstanding characteristic of Yunnan [is] the rooks, whose sound had seemed to me so friendly when I first came. [They] are not met with elsewhere in China. No doubt [this is] because of the cool breezes. Peter Misch [arrived?] at dinner time.

Delightful sleep in a comfortable bed. Best since Fuchow.

**Mon. 26th.** Bkfst [Breakfast] in the garden -- very nice. Got off a note to Su-Hsuen [Wu Suxuan], and a letter (four-page) to Sir Horace [H.E. Seymour]. Started arrangements about plane passage.

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[At] about 10:00, Su-Hsuen [Wu Suxuan] turned up [with] wonderful news: she also has a week's holiday! Before her summer course begins. So we have lots of time. Talked all the morning. [She was] much nicer than I'd remembered and v. [very] pleased to see me.

Lunch at the Consulate and afterwards went to the Airfield. Saw Col. Yu about my clearance. Mr. Liu promised [me] passage for Saturday, and gave my safehand letter to Commander Skryme (harmonious). Actually this day's plane was off to Kweilin on a (significant) side trip.

[Went] to SS [Wu Suxuan] at about 5:00, [had] tea, [and went] out to dinner at Kmg [Kunming] Kuangshengyuen, very nice, and booked a bus to the Hot Springs for Wednesday morning. Dinner 770, bus 600 + 600, bread, etc. 230. (cf. Chungking prices!)

**Tues. 27th.** Collected SS [Wu Suxuan] at 7:45 and had a delicious bkfst [breakfast] of yutiao [油條 long fritters] and doudjiang [豆漿 soya milk] at a little shop outside Tahsimen [大西門]. Then [went] to the boat (100) at Hsiaoahsimen [小西門], and over the lake to Gaochiao 高峯 [Gaoyao]. A lovely day, [with] sun and showers. Then walked up the hill nearly to Huatingsê, and found a bamboo grove and a pine forest to have lunch in.

Afterwards gave up the idea of going to the temples and slept instead. Tea at Gaochiao, & back

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by bus, 300. Reached the city at about 6:00. I dined with [John F.] Brewis in the Consulate, nice talk.

**Wed. 28th.** Met SS [Wu Suxuan] at 8:30 at Nanpinggai for the bus to Hot Springs, OK. Too many people, e.g., all the Shaowu crowd, the Roderick Scotts, etc., and Pastor Tsou. However, [it was] a nice ride and got to 溫泉 [wenquan, hot springs] just near 安寧 [Anning], just after 11:00. The hotel [was] very swish. Rested. After a good Eu. [European] lunch, had a nice walk through a rock garden with inscriptions, eg. 地靈人傑 [di ling ren jie], and pinewoods. Met a Yunnanese peasant and tasted [my] first 楊莓 [yang mei] -- [it] really has a strawberry taste, + an essential oil, & a stone inside. After tea, had a bath in the hot spring. [It was] just not too hot, and [there were] seats under the water to sit in. Best yet. Dinner nice. In spite of the noise, [it was] comfortable.

**Thurs. 29th.** Another bath before bkfst [breakfast]. Rested and looked at life during the morning, and [took] a nice walk to a nearby village (though scenery around hot springs not so wonderful). [Took] bus back at 4[:00]. Parted at Tahsimen. Dinner at the Consulate, and tea at 71 Beimengai with Robert Payne, [E.R.] Hughes, Mrs Chang, Yeh Chih-Sun [Ye Qisun], and Shen Tong.

Discussion with Hughes:

- (1) [He is] furious about Robert Payne [because he?] sent off BC [British Council] funds
- (2) Stories about JB's [John Blofeld's?] op-smkg [opium-smoking], op-smugglg [opium-smuggling], and gunrunning (!!). Li Shu-Hua [Li Shuhua] [is] said to have evidence. Query: the reason for this campaign.
- (3) ERH [E.R. Hughes] wants to go home via America.

**Fri. 30th.** [Spent] all day at the MoI [Ministry of Information] with Su-Hsuen [Wu Suxuan], sorting 70 cases of supplies. Lunch at [the] MoI. In the evg [evening] went to the pictures, saw "Wuthering Heights".

**Sat. 1st July.** [Went] to Chungking by plane in the afternoon. [There was] no one to meet me, but got a lift in Brigadier Wilson-Brand's car. Found Δ [Dorothy Needham] at dinner in the MoI.

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End of Period G  
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Period H (in CK [Chungking])

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HT's accounts after [we were] both back in CK [Chungking]: See p. 103

June 12th	LL for tools in Kweilin	600	
21st	KW tyre repairs in Liuchow	300	
		<u>900</u>	900
21st-29th HT	hotels Liuchow	2000	
	food	2800	
		<u>4800</u>	4800
29th-4th [July]	HT on the train		
	rickshaw fares	800	
	baggage	200	
	fare	660	
	food	1400	
		<u>3060</u>	3060
4th-8th	HT at Tushan		
	telegram	340	
	hotel	450	
	food	2000	
		<u>2790</u>	2790
9th-17th	HT at Kweiyang		
	food on road	800	
	general expenses	4000	
	telegram	260	
		<u>5060</u>	5060
18th-20th	Bus to Chungking		
	fare	2244	
	food, etc.	1350	
		<u>3594</u>	3594
21st	river crossing, baggage	400	400
17th	advance to KW and LL (7500 each)	15000	15000
		<u>35604</u>	

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So far we have calculated on the basis of a sliding scale, 10% per month. Actually (Veitch) it has been varying:

Jan.	9%
Feb.	7%
Mar.	5%
Apr.	34%
May	9%
June	33%
July	15%

So (p. 41), we owe for:	April	May	June
[to:] HT	1400	1460	
	KW	1066	2720
	LL	933	2459

HT's salary for June (should have been dealt with on p. 103)

	=	11627
+ arrears error		1400
		1460

		<u>14487</u>	
KW for July (not 5808), but		8,528 (see p. 103) -- 15%	
+ 31 days +10%	1279		
@ 100	3100		
		<u>2907</u>	
+ arrears error	1066		
		1116	
		2720	
		<u>7809</u>	
less adv. [advance]		7500	
		<u>10309</u>	to be paid @ Kweiyang
LL for July (not 5324) but		7783	
+ 15%	1167		
+ 31 days at 100	3100		
+ arrears errors	933		
		973	
		2459	
		<u>16415</u>	
less adv. [advance]		7500	
		<u>8915</u>	to be paid @ KY [Kweiyang]
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Now HT had	60,000		
spent	35604		
June salary + arrears	14487		
July salary	13376		
[Total]		<u>63462</u>	
Bearer cheque for 3462			
given 24/7/44	20000		
		<u>23462</u>	
HT for July	11627		
15%	1744		
		<u>13371</u>	

HT advance 20,000 to include August salary and expenses for that month.

Now while KW and LL were in KY [Kweiyang],

Gould advanced them	18200	
funnel	1200	
welding	1500	
brake fluid	650	
bulbs	600	
fanbelt	6500	
dynamo repairs	2000	
	<u>12450</u>	18200
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$$5750 \div 2 = 2875$$

10309	8915
2875	2875
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7434	6040
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