

Diaries of John J. Ledbetter, Jr. 1939 through 1944

1939 In El Paso

Friday, January 27, 1939. Dr Jesson Stowe cut cist from Leonoras chin this morning.

This was second time he had performed this operation for Leonora and for same cist.

Monday, January 30, 1939. Leonora ordered fur coat from Popular Dry Goods Co \$128.00.

Tuesday, February 28, 1939. Went to library this evening and took out following books:

Story of Philosophy, Durant

March of Philosophy, Alpern

General Psychology, Murphy

Friday, March 24, 1939. This evening I started reading The Basic Writings of Sigmund Freud.

Thursday, May 18, 1939. Let Jack Wallace ride his bicycle to school this morning for the first time.

Friday, May 26, 1939. Leonora went to see Dr Rennick this afternoon and he said she should go to hospital for an operation.

Saturday, May 27, 1939. Leonora and I drove to Masonic Hospital this afternoon and reserved a room for 7:00 a.m. tomorrow. [he meant Monday]

Monday May 29, 1939. Up at 6:00 a.m. Drove Leonora to Masonic Hospital at 7:00 a.m. Took her up to operating room at 9:05 a.m. Brought her back to her room at 10:03 a.m., and she began to rouse about 10:40 a.m.

Wednesday, May 31, 1939. Took Leonora home from the hospital at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 1, 1939. Jack Wallace coughed and sneezed some tonight.

Friday, June 2, 1939. Jack Wallace sneezing and coughing some this evening.

Saturday, June 3, 1939. Jack Wallace sneezing and coughing this evening.

Sunday, June 4, 1939. Leonora had bad night last night. Jack Wallace had fever 103 this morning from allergic flare up. Dr. Rennick out this afternoon to see Jack and Leonora. Had prescription no. 8475 filled at McKees and started giving it to Jack.

JWL, JJJ Jr., and WBL mid 1939

Monday, June 5, 1939. Jack Wallace had bad night last night. I was up with him from 2:30 to 4:30 a.m. this morning. He sneezed and coughed most all night. Jack Wallace had fever up to 102 today and coughed a great deal. Leonora up and around today, but started having pain and bleeding about 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 6, 1939. Dr. Rennick sent nurse out about 3:30 a.m. to give Leonora injections of Pituitin (?). She went off duty at 7:00 a.m. Jack Wallace had bad night coughing and vomiting. He had considerable fever. Dr. Rennick out to see Leonora about 10:00 a.m. Leonora had 99.4 all day.

June 7, 1939. Jack Wallace coughed considerable last night. Dr. Rennick out to see Leonora this morning. She had fever about 99.6 today but began to feel much better.

Friday, June 9, 1939. Leonora up and around today. Jack Wallace still coughing. Seems to have taken cold in his chest.

Saturday, June 11, 1939. Jack Wallace coughed about half the night from 2:00 to 6:00

a.m. Leonora woke up with cold or something that made it difficult to talk.

Saturday, June 17, 1939. Jack Wallace just about over his allergic attack. Coughs very seldom now.

Saturday, July 8, 1939. Leonora and I took the children to Brackenridge Park late this afternoon. By scales in the park Bill weighed 42 lb, Jack 69 lb, Leonora 123 lb and I weighed 155 lb.

Saturday, August 5, 1939. Went to Ft. Sam Houston this morning. Ordered and paid for one Colt automatic pistol, 45 caliber M1911 A1 price \$27.47.

Sunday, August 27, 1939. Took family to picture show this afternoon. Saw The Wizard of Oz..

Friday, September 1, 1939. Germany invaded Poland last night.

Sunday, September 3, 1939. Great Britain declared war on Germany this morning.

Monday, September 18, 1939. Dr. Rennick gave Bill combination diphtheria and anti tetanus shot.

Tuesday, September 19, 1939. Completed reading Congress, The Constitution and The Supreme Court, by Charles Warren.

Tuesday, September 26, 1939. Read portions of Wells Outline of History this evening.

Tuesday, October 29, 1939. Went to see Jesson Stowe about dizziness. He gave me a prescription and advised me as to diet.

Thursday, October 26, 1939. In office today. This evening completed reading A Farewell to Arms by Earnest Hemingway.

Wednesday, November 1, 1939. Went to library this evening and brought home Adventures of a Young Man by John Dos Passos and Benjamin Franklin by Carl Van Doren.

Saturday, November 4, 1939. Leonora began working at the Me-We store today.

Saturday, November 11, 1939. Leonora working at the Me-We Store.

Thursday, November 30, 1939. A&M beat Texas 20 0.

Tuesday, December 12, 1939. Mr. Lawson called me in today and asked me if I would like to be Acting Counsel, U.S. Section, International Boundary Commission, U.S. and Mexico. I told Mr. Lawson that I would appreciate the opportunity of serving as Acting Counsel.

Wednesday, December 13, 1939. Dr Rennick gave William Burl second shot of Diphtheria antitoxin and anti tetanus serum at noon. At 5:00 p.m. he gave Leonora and I our first typhoid shot. Went to Calumus Club meeting this evening, but came home early. Had considerable reaction from my typhoid shot.

Wednesday, December 20, 1939. Dr. Rennick gave Leonora and I our second typhoid shots at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23, 1939. Alvin Ledbetter called me from S.W. Hospital at 1:40 p.m. and said that Marion, his wife, had just given birth to a baby girl [Francis Anne Ledbetter].

Wednesday, December 27, 1939. Dr. Rennick gave Leonora and I our third and last typhoid shots at 5:00 p.m.

1940 In El Paso

Monday, January 1, 1940. A&M beat Tulane 14 13 this afternoon at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Monday, January 22, 1940. Jack Wallace at home today with fever. Arms sore from exercise at YMCA. Dr. Rennick out.

Tuesday, January 23, 1940. Jack Wallace at home today with fever.

Wednesday, January 24, 1940. Jack Wallace at home today.

Thursday, January 25, 1940. Jack Wallace at home today with slight fever.

Friday, January 26, 1940. Jack W. at home today with fever.

Saturday, January 27, 1940. Leonora took sick today. Had fever 102.

Sunday, January 28, 1940. Dr. Rennick out to see Leonora this morning. Said she had flu. She had fever today about 101. Jack Wallace at home today with slight fever.

Monday, January 29, 1940. Leonora had fever about 100.7 today. Jack had no fever.

Tuesday, January 30, 1940. Jack Wallace returned to school today. Leonora had fever 99.8. Bill had fever 99.8 this evening.

Saturday, February 3, 1940. Leonora up and around some today.

Wednesday, February 7, 1940. Jack Wallace had fever today at noon and Leonora kept him home from school.

Thursday, February 8, 1940. Jack Wallace at home today. Dr. Prensky pulled tooth for Jack Wallace today. Jack out of school with fever.

Friday, February 9, 1940. Jack at home sick today; fever went to 102.

Monday, February 12, 1940. Jack Wallace at home today.

Tuesday, February 13, 1940. Jack Wallace at home today. No fever.

Wednesday, March 13, 1940. Jack W. at home today with cold.

Thursday, March 14, 1940. Jack W. at home from school today.

Friday, March 15, 1940. Jack Wallace at home today with cold.

Wednesday, April 10, 1940. Jack Wallace at home today with cold.

Thursday, April 11, 1940. Jack Wallace at home today with cold.

Friday, April 12, 1940. Jack coughed a great deal last nite. At home from school today.

Wednesday, April 24, 1940. Bought 20 volume set of Book of Knowledge from second hand book store for the boys. Paid \$6.50 for the set.

Monday, May 6, 1940. Bill Ledbetter sick last night. Vomited twice.

Tuesday, June 4, 1940. Received letter fro Adj. Gen. saying I was transferred out of war Dept Reserve Pool and assigned to 82nd F.A.

Wednesday, June 5, 1940. Took Jack Wallace to see Dr. Pipkin this morning. The doctor dressed his boils and gave him 1500 Am (3000 Int) units Tetanus Antitoxin, 049516.

Monday, June 10, 1940. Italy declared war upon France and Great Britain today.

Tuesday, June 25, 1940. Signed and returned to Civil Service Commission form inquiring as to my availability for appointment. I brought up me experience record up to date on the form and informed the Commission that In view of the fact that I am a Captain in the Field Artillery Reserve, assigned to a regular army unit, and

have already notified the military authorities that I am willing to go on active duty in advance of mobilization, I do not believe I should accept any appointment in the near future. I shall communicate with the Civil service Commission whenever I am willing to accept an appointment.

Thursday, July 25, 1940. Mailed to the Office of the Quarter-master General, U.S.A. a copy of my personal history and professional record together with a letter saying that I would be willing to consider a commission as Major, Q.M.C., USA.

JJL Jr. 1940

Wednesday, August 7, 1940. About 2:25 p.m. received by phone from Ft. Bliss, Radiogram from Onthank, War Dept, Washington, asking if I was willing to accept appointment as Civil Engineer at \$3800 per annum

Leonora entered southwestern General Hospital at 4:00 p.m. for abdominal operation. I went to hospital about 6:00 p.m. and stayed until 8:30 p.m.

About 9:45 p.m. phoned following message to Western Union to be sent as night letter, Government Rate collect: Onthank, War Dept., Washington, D.C. Reference Radiogram August 6, File K9717 am not repeat, not willing to accept appointment as Civil Engineer per annum have previously so advised Civil Service commission. John J. Ledbetter.

Thursday, August 8, 1940. Up at 4:45 a.m. Mrs. Lackey and I went to Southwestern Gen Hosp. about 6:00 a.m. Leonora was put to sleep in her room (245) then taken out to operating room at 7:30 a.m. Dr. Barrett giving anesthetic; Dr Jordon to perform operation assisted by Dr. Multoff. She was brought back to her room at 8:45 a.m. and began to rouse soon thereafter. Hypo given at 9:15 a.m. and thereafter at intervals during the day. Leonora restless and suffered considerably. Engaged special nurse, Mrs. Landrum, for the night.

Friday, August 9, 1940. Up at 5:45 a.m. Mrs. Lackey and I went to the hospital at 6:30 a.m. Leonora rather uncomfortable today from pain.

Saturday, August 10, 1940. Mrs. Lackey and I went to hospital about 6:30 a.m. Leonora had very comfortable night.

Tuesday, August 13, 1940. Went to hospital at 7:00 a.m. Leonora slept all night and is feeling fine.

Wednesday, August 14, 1940. Went to hospital three times today.

Thursday, August 15, 1940. Went to hospital three times today.

Saturday, August 17, 1940. Leonora up in wheel chair today.

Sunday, August 18, 1940. brought Leonora home at 3:00 p.m. Paid her hospital bill of \$94.74.

Friday, August 23, 1940. Went to Office of Constructing Quartermaster, Major Edwin Dunstan, Fort Sam Houston to see about reserve commission in QM-Res. Maj. Dunstan said I could not be appointed Major QM-Res. because I was already a reserve officer but that I could request active duty with the Const. QM, and that he would send in recommendation that I be given active duty if I applied.

Tuesday, August 27, 1940. Mailed in to Chief Const. Div., Office of Quartermaster

General, application for extended active duty and for transfer of my reserve commission to Quartermaster Corps.

Sunday, September 1, 1940. Started teaching Jack Wallace to play chess.

Tuesday, October 8, 1940. Bill Ledbetter cut his leg at school this morning and Leonora brought him down to Dr. Jordons office for attention.

JWL Portrait 1940

Wednesday, November 20, 1940. Bought from Popular dry Goods Co:

Double Breasted Tuxedo - \$29.50

Tuxedo Sash 3.95

Tie and handkerchief 2.00

Sox 0.50

Total \$35.95

Friday, November 22, 1940. Received letter from Lt. Col. Honeycutt regarding active duty with J.A.G. Dept. Started reading life of John Adams this evening (Gilbert Chinards Honest John Adams).

Saturday, November 23, 1940. Air mailed to Judge Advocate General, US Army, Washington DC request for extended active duty with the Judge Advocate Generals Dept.

Wednesday, November 27, 1940. Wrote to Congressman R.E. Thomason concerning active military duty.

Thursday, November 28, 1940. Texas University beat A&M 7 to 0 today at Austin.

Friday, November 29, 1940. Received letter from Judge advocate Generals office saying that there were no vacancies in that Department. Wrote air mail letter to Brig. Gen. C.D. Hartman, Chief, Const. Div., QM corps, US Army, renewing my request for extended active duty.

Sunday, December 1, 1940. Finished reading life of Thomas Jefferson by James Truslow Adams.

Saturday, Sept [Dec] 7, 1940. Received by phone at 3:10 p.m. from Radio Station, Ft. Bliss the following message: Washington, D.C. 226 p Dec 7, 1940. Orders being requested you detail extended active duty in connection with Construction stop request you submit to final type physical examination by regular Army board of Medical Officers and have report forwarded to Commanding General 8th Corps area who will be requested to issue orders stop P680R 2:32 pm Gregory QMC.

Monday, December 9, 1940. Went to William Beaumont Hospital at 9:30 a.m. and took physical examination for active military duty. Completed examination at 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 10, 1940. Capt. Bell of William Beaumont informed me by phone that I had passed physical examination for active military duty, and that he would mail the report in to the 8th Corps area. Leonora took Bill to see Dr. Jordan this morning and the Doctor removed the cyst or ??? from his right wrist. He inserted a needle, drew out the matter, and then injected a fluid.

WBL Portrait 1940

Monday, December 16, 1940. Received air mail letter from Lt. Col. Robert E. Jones, Hq 1st Military Area, quoting radiogram from War Dept. signed by Adams saying that I

was to be ordered to active duty with QMC. Talked long distance this morning twice with Lt. Col Robert E. Jones, Hq. 1st Military Area, regarding my orders for extended active duty.

Monday, December 23, 1940. Saw in Times this morning under Army Orders issued yesterday in Washington that I was ordered on active duty with Quartermaster Corps effective Jan 3, with permanent duty station at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Monday, December 30, 1940. This afternoon bought the deluxe Nash 600 sedan from Lewis Thomson of Tri State Motors. Car had 1090 miles on speedometer, gas tank half full.

New price \$1084.00

Overdrive 59.50

Subtotal 1143.50

License 3.27

Grand Total 1146.77

Cash 6.77

Allowance for 1936 Chev. Including

Discount for mileage on new car 490.00

Balance \$650.00

Insurance 73.00

Carrying Charges 86.76

Balance to be Paid \$809.76

Payable in 24 equal monthly installments of \$33.72 [actually it should be 33.74] each. First payment due on March 1, 1941.

1941 In El Paso and San Antonio

Thursday, January 2, 1941. At 4:30 p.m. received by phone from radio station Ft.

Bliss a radiogram reading as follows: 53WVB CN 64 WDOR Ft. Sam Houston, Texas 453p

Jan 2, 1941 Capt John Jackson Ledbetter 627 First Natl Bank Bldg El Paso, Texas. V

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forty one with permanent station Ft. Bliss Texas and direct you proceed that date to

Washington DC reporting on arrival to QM Genl for temporary duty approximately one

month reporting by letter to Commanding General Ft. Bliss Tex.

Friday, January 2, 1941. Sent Mr. Larson an air mail special to West Point, N.Y.,

advising him of my orders for active duty. Left El Paso, family with me at 2:00 p.m.

(MST). Arrived Pecos, Texas 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 4, 1941. Up at 6:00 a.m. (CST). Left Pecos 7:25 a.m. Arrived there

[at the Bairds in Dallas] 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 5, 1941. Left Bairds home in Dallas at 9:00 a.m. Arrived Jackson,

Miss. 9:00 p.m.

Monday, January 6, 1941. Left Jackson, Miss. at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 8, 1941. Arrived Washington, DC at 2:00 a.m. Up at 7:00 a.m.

Reported to Office of QM General for duty about 8:50 a.m. Signed in at Personnel

Office.

Thursday, January 9, 1941. This morning was interviewed by Mr. Mitchell, Chief Labor Relations Sec., and Mr. Brigham, Asst. Chief, and was assigned to Labor Relations Section.

Saturday, January 11, 1941. Saw Lt Col Edward V Dunstan and had talk with him. He is to be Supervising Const QM at San Antonio.

Sunday, January 12, 1941. Drove around the City of Washington, went up in the Washington Monument, and drove down to Mt. Vernon.

Special Orders No. 299

Saturday, January 18, 1941. Received Orders at noon today relieving me from assignment at Ft Bliss and from temporary duty at Washington, and assigning me as Assistant to Zone Const Quartermaster Eighth Zone at San Antonio, Texas. Seven days detached service allowed for automobile travel.

Sunday, January 19, 1941. Up at 7:00 a.m. Left Arlington Hotel, Arlington, Va. at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 23, 1941. Arrived at LW Lackeys [in San Antonio] at 10:30 a.m. Jack W broke out on his body tonight. Something like nettlerash.

Friday, January 24, 1941. Started Jack and Bill in school this morning. Reported about 9:00 a.m. to Office of Const. QM Eighth Const. Zone Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Lt. Col. Edward V. Dunstan Zone Const. QM.

Monday, January 27, 1941. Made \$10.00 deposit on house at 951 Bailey Ave by check to Wm F Schulte Co.

Wednesday, February 12, 1941. Bought 2d hand Dodge Car, 1937 model from Milam Chev. Co., San Antonio, this morning. Car \$245.00, Repairs 10.00, insurance 6.00, title papers 1.00, paid by check \$51.00 balance due 15.00 monthly with interest at 8% on unpaid balance.

Saturday, February 15, 1941. Bought Kelvinator washing machine from Beyer Co., this afternoon.

Price \$69.95

Down Payment 5.00

Bal 64.95

Carrying Charge 9.09

Tuesday, February 18, 1941. Left San Antonio about 3:20 p.m. by car and arrived in Houston about 8:30 p.m. Was arrested for excess speed by Constable Precinct 2 Guadalupe County near Seguin and went by J.P. Court in Marion, Texas and paid \$14.75 fine.

Wednesday, March 12, 1941. Mailed to Collector of Internal Revenue, Austin, Texas, check for \$1.93 with letter explaining that enclosed check was for defense tax which I overlooked in preparing my income tax return which I mailed on March 10, 1941.

Sunday, May 11, 1941. [in Denver] Called Leonora by phone at 7:30 p.m. Found that she was in bed with fractured ankle.

Friday, June 13, 1941. Went to Hq 1st Mil. Area at noon and executed oath of office

for appointment as captain QM-Res.

Tuesday, June 17, 1941. This evening Leonora and I went to see Mr. and Mrs. Jessie O. Bryant at 149 Weaver St., San Antonio. Mrs. Bryant was formerly Miss Mary Ledbetter half sister of my father John J. Ledbetter. She had seen Jack Wallaces picture in the paper the other day and called Leonora by phone.

Monday, July 21, 1941. Bought Leonora a Gruen watch as a birthday present. She is 36 years of age today.

Monday, September 8, 1941. Had difficulty with Mrs. Spears over children; occurred about 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 10, 1941. Notified by Sheriffs Office that warrant had been issued on charge of aggravated assault made by Mrs. Sophrania Speers. Went to Sheriffs Office about 1:00 p.m. and signed appearance bond. Horace Wilson signed with me.

Thursday, September 11, 1941. Went to see Tommie Cobbs, Judge Corp Court, and then Mr. Benton Davis, Asst. Dist Atty, about assault charge.

Friday, September 12, 1941. Went to see J. Ed. Wilkens this morning about aggravated assault charge. Received this evening from Wilke Duns??? Summons on Simple Assault charge made on Sept 8, 1941 by Mrs. Sophrjana Spear, No 10821, Corporation Court

Monday, September 15, 1941. Received radiogram advising of my promotion to Major, QM-Res. I took oath of office at 8th CA JAGD Office at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 16, 1941. Had talk with Col. Dunstan this morning about Spear incident. The Col. had received an anonymous letter concerning the matter. Talked to Tommie Cobbs this afternoon. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Spears came to Corporation Court this morning and discussed the charge against me.

Monday, September 22, 1941. Received notice that Case No. 68615 styled: The State of Texas Vs, John J. Ledbetter Jr. is set for trial on the County Court of Law No 1, of Bexar Co. on Sept. 30, 1941.

Tuesday, September 23, 1941. Went to see Ed Wilkens this morning left notice of setting of Spears case with him.

Tuesday, September 30, 1941. [no mention of trial over Spears case.]

Wednesday, October 15, 1941. Had trouble with my stomach today.

Thursday, October 16, 1941. Had considerable trouble with my stomach today. Started taking Vitamin B complex.

Friday, October 17, 1941. Spent the day at home in bed in order to get may stomach in shape.

Friday, October 31, 1941. Developed bad cold and trouble with my stomach today.

Saturday, November 1, 1941. Went to bed at 3:00 p.m. with severe head cold and sore throat.

Sunday, November 2, 1941. In bed all day. Temp 99.4 this afternoon. Called Ft. Sam Station Hospital and talked to Emergency Medical Officer about my condition. He advised me to remain in bed.

Monday, November 3, 1941. Went to Station Hospital Ft. Sam Houston this morning. Lt

Patterson gave me two prescriptions and advised to stay at home and in bed.

Friday, November 21, 1941. L.W. Lackey operated on this morning at Nix Hospital by Dr. Heck. Had his prostate removed.

Thursday, November 27, 1941. Drove to College Station and back today and saw Texas vs A&M. Texas beat A&M 23 to 0.

Wednesday, Dec 3, 1941. Bought bicycle for Jack and flex-flyer for Bill from Hex Cycle Co.

Sunday, December 7, 1941. Japan attacked Pearl Harbor Naval Base in Hawaiian Islands, and Manila, in the Philippines today. Secretary of War ordered all military personnel in uniform.

Monday, December 8, 1941. The United States and Great Britain declared war upon Japan today.

Thursday, December 11, 1941. Germany and Italy declared war against the United States this morning. The US Congress declared war against Germany and Italy this afternoon.

Wednesday, December 17, 1941. Bought \$26.95 Motorola radio from Straus-Frank for \$16.71 as Xmas present for Jack and Bill. San Antonio had practice blackout tonight from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

1942 In San Antonio

Saturday, January 3, 1942. Bill appears to be taking mumps.

Sunday, January 4, 1942. Kept Bill in bed today.

Monday, January 5, 1942. Bills jaws swollen in both sides this morning. Kept him in bed.

Saturday, January 17, 1942. Jack Wallace in bed with mumps .

Monday, January 26, 1942. Received orders relieving me from assignment as Asst. To Zone C&M, Zone III and assigning me to duty with Division Engr., Lower Mississippi Valley District, Vicksburg, Miss.

Wednesday, January 28, 1942. Left home in Plymouth coupe (3742) R 9:00 a.m. Stopped Post Exchange & bought Val-a-pack for \$12.50.

Thursday, January 29, 1942. Arrived Vicksburg Miss. (4310) at 3:00 p.m.

Friday, January 30, 1942. Called Mrs. E.C. Amborn about 9:25 p.m. and rented home adjacent to her home on Confederate Avenue. [I remember we lived inside the Vicksburg Battlefield; there were lots of cannons and space to play; just no children around to play with.]

[JL Jrs major efforts involved handling labor relation problems throughout the area. Following is one example.]

Wednesday, March 4, 1942. Major OConnell called from Washington this afternoon at 4:50 p.m. and requested that I investigate and report on labor situation at Camp Livingston. He advised that delegation of Labor representatives and congressmen called on Gen Robbins, Chief of Const Div this morning complaining of labor conditions Livingston.

Monday, March 9, 1942. Left Vicksburg at 4:30 a.m. in govt car, Charles Garrett

driving. Arrived Camp Livingston at 8:30 a.m. Spent morning in conference with Area Eng, Capt Carl Y, Ferrell, and contractors on labor complaints. Spent afternoon in conference with Labor Representatives.

Tuesday, March 10, 1942. Spent day at Camp Livingston investigating labor matter.

Wednesday, March 11, 1942. Spent morning at Camp Livingston on labor investigation.

Monday, March 16, 1942. Mr. George Oslerberg came to the house this evening to see about giving Jack Wallace flute lessons. Agreed to start lessons Wednesday and give two lessons weekly at \$1.00 per lesson.

Tuesday, March 17, 1942. Left Vicksburg at 8:30. a.m. Arrived Camp Livingston about 12 noon. Spent afternoon on labor matters.

Wednesday, March 18, 1942. Spent morning at Camp Claiborne with Dick ??? getting information pipe laying practice. Spent afternoon at Camp Livingston. Went over Alien Enemy Camp construction job with Capt Farrell, Mr. Rickey and Mr. Worley. Found James Zephrim, negro, No. 944, working as pipe layer on concrete sewer pipe but classed as laborer at \$0.40 per hour.

Friday, March 20, 1942. Spent day in office working on report of Camp Livingston investigation.

Saturday, March 21, 1942. Spent day in office working on report of Camp Livingston report.

Tuesday, March 31, 1942. Capt. Hendricks called from New Orleans and reported on complaints of negroes regarding employment of negro painters on New Orleans Staging Area.

Monday, May 18, 1942. I was appointed Chairman of Division Office Selective Service Board.

Sunday, May 31, 1842. Maj. Dees said Jack had German Measles.

Wednesday, July 8, 1942. Spent the afternoon at home in bed. Had fever probably from upset stomach.

Monday, July 27, 1942. H.M. Ledbetter called me collect at 8:45 a.m. from Evansville, Ind. Said Ida had fallen and hurt herself. Asked me to wire him \$25.00 at 210 N.W. 9th St. Evansville, Ind. At 10:30 a.m. sent following day letter to H.M. Ledbetter by western Union. Reference your telephone call. Upon further consideration do not feel that I can take care of your financial needs. [The only H.M. Ledbetter in my genealogy data base is Herbert Marshall Ledbetter, born Apr 28, 1886 in Hardin Co., IL. He is the son of John Thomas Ledbetter, my great grandfather, one of ten children. My grandfather, John Jackson Ledbetter, was Herberts older brother.]

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Thursday, July 30, 1942. In office today. Col. Dunstan designated me as Division Legal Officer, L.M.V.D.

Tuesday, August 11, 1942. Left Vicksburg about 10:00 a.m. in Govt. Car. Arrived Camp McCain about 1:30 p.m. (Granada, Miss.). Spent about two hours in conference in Area Engrs. Office discussing employment of negro carpenters.

Wednesday, October 7, 1942. Received orders from Adjutant General USA, announcing my promotion to grade of Lieutenant Colonel, AUS, effective Oct. 5, 1942.

Friday, November 13, 1942. Talked to Col Barker in Washington about my transfer to Dallas.

Sunday, November 22, 1942. Leonora and I left Vicksburg about 9:00 a.m. in govt. car, Theodore Brown driving. Arrived Dallas, Texas about 8:00 p.m. Stopped at Adolphus Hotel.

Monday, November 23, 1942. This afternoon rented house at 3607 Euclid Ave from H.D. Barnhart.

1943 In San Antonio

Monday, January 11, 1943. Arrived Chicago about 12:05 p.m. Stopped at Morrison Hotel. Had lunch with Mr. J.L. Ledbetter (uncle).

Wednesday, January 13, 1943. Spent the evening with J.A. Ledbetter. We had dinner at the Black Hawk Nite Club. [Since there was no mention of a wife, I conclude that J.A. Ledbetter was either single or a widower. He was born in about 1878, which would make him around 65 at the time.]

Tuesday, March 16, 1943. Col. Neyland instructed me this morning to take charge of and consolidate Labor Relations, Military Personnel, Public Relations and Employee Relations activities and sections.

Friday, March 19, 1943. Was designated chairman of Division War Manpower Board by letter of Division Engineer dated today.

Saturday, April 3, 1943. Jack Wallace began wearing glasses today when reading.

Monday, May 3, 1943. Col. Neyland indicated that I would soon be assigned as Post Engr. at some station in the 8th Serv. Command. Attended Dallas Chapter ASCE Luncheon at noon and made talk on Engineer Voluntary Recruitment Program.

Friday, May 28, 1943. Arrived St. Louis, Mo about 1:45 p.m. Had chat with James Lusk Ledbetter. Left St. Louis about 6:30 p.m. on Missouri Pacific train. [I do not have any James Lusk in my genealogy database.]

Monday, May 31, 1943. Col. Neyland instructed me to take charge of Contract renegotiation Branch of Division Office.

Friday, August 6, 1943. Moved my office to Room 209 Santa Fe Bldg. Now have one half of 2d floor for Contract Renegotiation Branch.

Monday, August 9, 1943. Had severe stomach trouble last night and today.

Tuesday, August 10, 1943. Spent day at home. Had severe stomach trouble all night last night and all day today.

Wednesday, August 11, 1943. Severe stomach trouble last night. Went to see Maj. Ritch about 5:30 p.m. about stomach trouble.

Friday, August 13, 1943. Arrived Chicago about 10:30 a.m. Left Chicago at 3:30 p.m. Up several times with my stomach last night.

Saturday, August 14, 1943. Up several times with my stomach last night.

Saturday, August 28, 1943. Applied for Shrine Membership.

Monday, September 13, 1943. Sent Alvin check for \$100 by air mail today.

Thursday, September 16, 1943. Was initiated into Mystic Shrine Hella Temple, Dallas, Texas this evening in short form ceremony.

Saturday, December 18, 1943. Jack Wallace fever went to 104.4 this morning, and to 105 later in the day.

Sunday, December 19, 1943. Jack Wallace had very little fever today.

Wednesday, December 22, 1943. Received check for \$100 from Alvin in repayment of loan.

Friday, December 24, 1943. Negotiators presented me with letter of commendation today.

1944 In San Antonio, Baton Rouge, Albany, Columbus, and Charlottesville

Thursday, January 6, 1944. Received Priority Certificate for new auto from Dallas Ration Board. Cert No 115224A dated 1-7-44.

Wednesday, January 12, 1944. Had conference with E.G. Johnson of Okla. City today on Rinehart-Johnson renegotiation. Loving and Green in on conference with me. Johnson agreed to refund to U.S. \$100,000 of excessive profits.

Monday, January 17, 1944 [in Washington, DC]. Called Leonora by phone about 10:30 p.m. She reports that Alvin has been inducted into Army and that Lucy A. Ledbetter will live with us in Dallas.

Thursday, February 3, 1944. Bought new 1942 Model Master De-luxe Chevrolet Town Sedan from F.G. Smart Chev. Co., Pine Bluff, Ark. For \$1249.73 cash.

Wednesday, February 9, 1944. Received A&B Ration Books for Chevrolet and priority certificate for new tire.

Wednesday, March 1, 1944. Jack and Bill out of school today sick. Taking sulfur medicine. Obtained Social Security card for Jack Wallace.

Monday, April 3, 1944. Col Neyland requested by phone to OCE, Washington, orders assigning me as Commanding Officer, Baton Rouge Engineer Depot, Baton Rouge, La.

Thursday, April 6, 1944. Had severe attack of stomach trouble last night. Spent the day at home in bed.

Monday, April 24, 1944. Received orders this morning transferring me from the Southwestern Division Engr Office to the Baton Rouge Engr Depot effective 1 May 1944.

Wednesday, May 24, 1944. Leonora called me about 11:30 p.m. Advised that she would move out of house in Dallas on June 1 & would leave for San Antonio on June 3 or 4.

Monday, June 12, 1944. Left San Antonio in personal auto, Chevrolet, at 8:00 a.m., Leonora, Jack & Bill with me. Arrived Baton Rouge, La. About 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 2, 1944. Capt. Bippus, Harding Field, checked my blood pressure and pulse. Reported 120/74 as blood pressure and pulse of 68. Said that was normal.

Saturday, July 15, 1944. Leonora went to see Maj Wood, M.C. at Harding Field. He said that she had climatic arthritis.

Friday, July 21, 1944. Attended conference today at New Orleans District Offices for purpose discussing establishment Segregation & Rehabilitation Center.

Sunday, July 30, 1944. Jack Wallace left today with Bill Fain and other boys for New Orleans, La to sell magazine subscriptions.

Friday, August 18, 1944. Received today teletype from Chief of Engineers advising that I was relieved at Baton Rouge Engr. Depot and assigned to EORP Camp Claiborne, La. effective 23 August.

Saturday, August 20, 1944. Leonora, Delores, and William Burl left in Nash car for San Antonio about noon.

Tuesday, August 22, 1944. Entered Station Hospital at Harding Field this afternoon for Gastro-Intestinal observation.

Saturday, September 2, 1944. Bought string of pearls from Ryders Baton Rouge & had them sent to Leonora for an Anniversary present.

Monday, September 4, 1944. Lt Col E.M. Robinson, Base Surgeon, Harding Field, wrote to CO Camp Claiborne recommending 15 days sick leave for me.

Saturday, September 23, 1944. Received by mail today at Claiborne orders relieving me from EORP-ASFTC Camp Claiborne and assigning me to Ohio River Division Engr Office Columbus, Ohio. Orders Par 1, SO 221 OCE dated 19 Sept 44. Left Camp Claiborne about 5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 25, 1944. Arrived Blytheville, Ark about 1:00 p.m. Visited with Lucy A. Ledbetter and others during afternoon. Left Blytheville about 7:00 p.m. Lucy A. Ledbetter gave me check for \$50.00 in payment of balance due me on debt.

Wednesday, September 27, 1944. Arrived Columbus about 9:00 p.m. (EDT).

Friday, October 27, 1944. Received Orders 5:25 p.m. relieving me from assignment to Ohio River Division and assigning me to Albany Engineer Depot, Albany, N.Y.

Monday, October 30, 1944. Left Columbus, Ohio about 3:00 p.m. in personal auto.

Tuesday, October 31, 1944. Arrived New York City about 11:30 a.m. (EWT).

Wednesday, November 1, 1944. This afternoon drove to New Rochelle, N.Y. to see my cousin Mrs. W.A. Butler. [I cannot place her in my genealogy database.]

Thursday, November 2, 1944. Arrived Albany Engr Depot, Albany, N.Y. about 1:00 p.m.

Monday November 6, 1944. Col. Markham back in office this morning. Assigned me as Asst. Depot Commander.

Wednesday, November 15, 1944. Prepare and handed to Col. Markham letter to Commanding General ASF through Channels, volunteering for training and duty as Civil Affairs Officer.

Saturday, December 9, 1944. Lt. Col. Nelson Page OCE Wash., DC called my by phone at 4:15 p.m. Col Page advised that I had been relieved at Albany Engr Depot and assigned to the School of Military Govt., Charlottesville, Va on or about 19 Dec 44 by Par 10 SO 294 WO 8 Dec 1944. Allotment no 501-31P431- 01,02,03,07,08 212/5045. Called Col Henry E. Robinson, Office Provost Marshall General, Wash. DC. Col Robinson advised that classes at Charlottesville started on Jan 2; that course lasted 6 weeks & from there would go to either (a) Chicago (b) Michigan or (c) Yale for 6 months.

Friday, December 15, 1944. Left Albany Engineer Depot at 12:00 noon in Chevrolet car.

Saturday, December 16, 1944. Arrived Washington, DC about 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday, December 17, 1944. Talked this morning by phone with Congressman R.E. Thomason about West Point appointment for Jack Wallace. Left Washington about 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 21, 1944. Arrived San Antonio about 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 27, 1944. Left San Antonio about 9:30 a.m. CWT in Chevrolet car.

Sunday, December 31, 1944. Arrived Charlottesville, Va. about 2:00 a.m. EWT.