Dec. 26, 1941.

At 6:30 am. I attended mass and received Holy Communion. At 8 am. I went to see Genal Mac Arthur and I asked him to assign me some work as this inactivity is terrible. He thanked me and asked me to wait, as he had plans in which he wanted to utilize me. His office was being installed at "top side" at the extreme end of the long concrete barracks. The outside door and windows of his office and the windows of the adjoining ones were being protected with sandbags. I returned to the tunnel.

21. At 4 p.m. went to the Post Exchange at top side to buy some things I needed urgently.

Dec. 28, 1941 Sunday.

I attended mass at 6:30 am. After mass I had breakfast and then went to the Cottage assigned to us to take a bath and change clothes. At 9 am Col. Willoughby G-2 Usaffe. arrived and told me that Gen. Mac Arthur wanted to see me rush. I dressed hurriedly and proceeded to the house of Gen. Moore which Gen. Mac Arthur was occupying. He received me and instructed me to

to proceed immediately to Manila and organize a hospital ship to leave Manila within 4 days with all serious patients of Sternberg Gen. Hosp and added: No military personnel must be on board except the C.O. of the unit and one nurse. The balance must be all Red Cross personnel. We shook hands and I left. I realized that the mission was hard as I had been informed that the previous day the Japs had severely bombed Manila bay and had sunk various ships.

We left C.- on a Q. Boat. It took us 45 minutes to

negotiate the distance. The picture of Manila bay with all the ships either sunk or in flames was one of horror and desolation. We landed at the Army and Navy Club.

Rushed immediately to Red Cross Headquarters. I informed Mr. Forster, Manager Phil Red Cross, and Mr. Wolff, Chairman of the Executive Board of my mission. I then called the Collector of Customs Mr. de Leon and I asked him what ships were still available for my purpose. He offered the Govt. cutter "Apo". I accepted. He told me that it was hiding

somewhere in Bataan and that he expected to hear from Captain at 6 p.m.

From his house I rushed to Stanley Gen. Hospital where I confered with Colonel Carroll regarding my plans. Then I returned to the Red Cross Headquarters and arranged for 100 painters and sufficient paint to change its present color to white, with a huge Red Cross in the center of the sides and on the funnel.

At 3 p.m. I again called Collector de Leon and inquired if he would try to contact the "Apo". He assured me that he would endeavor to contact

the Captain. (Panopio). At 11 p.m. Mr. de Leon phoned me that he had not yet received any reply to his radio. I could not sleep. I was worried.

Dec. 29, 1941

At 5 a.m. I phoned Collector de Leon. His voice showed that he was worried. "I have not heard from the Apo", he said, "I fear that it may have been sunk." I decided to take other steps, if no reply were received at 6:30 a.m.

At 6:30 am I called up Mr. José (Peping) Fernandez one of the Managers of Companies