

water loving power unit.

Each night after the evening meal I visited around camp and ~~and~~ renewed friendships with some of the officers I had known either in college or had identified as being from my home state of South Carolina. Among them were ^{Capt} Henry Leitner, ^{Capt} Ben Skardon, ^{Lt} Francis Scarborough, ^{Lt} Jack Leonard, ^{Lt} Alton Bryant, ^{Capt} Bill English, ^{Lt} ~~W~~ ^W ~~isson~~ ^W ~~Glover~~, ^{Lt} Tom Patrick and ^{Lt} Otis Morgan. There was much optimism among us that the war was now going ~~on~~ ~~wa~~ favorably and that we would soon be free. We talked of home and good food and ~~the~~ beautiful girls we had yet to meet; of fishing and hunting trips and football games. Of all subjects discussed, none held the attention or stimulated the imagination as did food. It was the thing dreamed of most, and ^{which we} felt the physical need of more personally and strongly.

Henry Leitner and I ^{spent a great deal of time together} ~~became very close friends~~ during ~~that time~~. ^{Six Feet, blonde and broad shouldered, he normally made a good appearance. As a person he was ~~pleasant~~ ^{pleasant and} ~~but his eyes still sparkled~~ ^{but his ^{blue} eyes still sparkled} and had long discussions on what we would do in the future, and his sharp wit remained refreshing.} once back home. He had a good position waiting ~~for~~ for him in a textile manufacturing firm near his Aiken, S. C. home town. Henry had been married just ten days before leaving to come to the Philippines. He spoke of his lovely bride often and of the home they had yet to build. I had met her at the wharf in San Francisco where she had come to see him off. I assured him he was fortunate to have someone of such superior qualities awaiting his return.

In addition to having a brilliant scientific mind, Leitner was also a deep thinker on things esthetic ~~and poetic~~. He often ~~wrote short poems~~ ^{wrote} ~~jotted down short verse~~ ^{short poems} nature's beauty and man's struggles and dreams. His written ^{of verse} words revealed