

Departed Kunming with my new outfit Aug. 3, 1945 at 9:00 A.M.  
 The way they rushed us on this trip would indicate that there  
 must have been a critical need for us at Tsuchaw. An advanced  
 party had already flown down to set up preliminary organization  
 and to construct a few tents in an orchard where we were to be  
 located for operation of the hospital. Tsuchaw had been so  
 thoroughly leveled that few buildings remained for housing of our  
 unit. The itinerary included Panitang, Annan, Anshan  
 and Kueiyang. Between Kunming and next large valley was  
 somewhat devoid of human beings and resembled topographically  
 the Cedar Valley hills with occasional rocks dotting the landscape.  
 Grasses excellent for grazing but no sign of it being used for that  
 purpose. The first large valley can be identified by a bald  
 mt with one side extensive in surface exposure and lined with  
 grasses at its upper limits. R.R. cuts expose beautiful deformity  
 of rock stratification. Beyond the mt & valley covered with  
 cedar and Pinus. Hoopoe, Kingfisher, magpie, crow and Teng  
 Sparrow incidence. The 3rd large valley like Wallalong ridge  
 long and straight. Changed from train to truck convey here  
 and drove all night in bad weather. Daybreak found us on a  
 high, cold, treeless plateau with large granite like range and  
 deep valley adjacent. This country was to be the type of  
 all subsequent travel to Kueiyang. From this high plateau  
 the road trends down through step-like valleys and meadows  
 with the deep canyon still paralleling and finally it emerges  
 or drops into a deep sealed village surrounded by high mts.  
 The lower limits of this descent was favored with stands of  
 conifers. Paddy fields feathered and delicate. The limestone  
 ranges were pitted with sink holes, most of them conforming  
 to series or straight lines. Would not be surprise that some of  
 the finest stalagmite caves will be found in this area. The  
 people are cleaner here and use rock instead of mud in their  
 construction of homes and buildings. This use of rock has  
 allowed them to build better and larger structures. Groves  
 rocky and very elaborate. Arrived at this city of Panitang  
 at 8:30 A.M. You can see that we were not getting much sleep.