

# Adventure In The Philippines

**NOTE:** Clark Lee, boarder and writer, who lived in Manila on Christmas night, grabbed a typewriter and wrote a story. Lee, a native of Oakland, Calif., a newspaper man since his college days, an Associated Press reporter since 1935, wrote the first detailed, 200-words account of the Japanese invasion.

By RUSSELL BRINES

MANILA.—Big, genial Clark Lee was a mass of mud. Even his four-day growth of beard was white.

Four days earlier when he departed for the Lingnan barge, he was dressed in immaculate white. Now he wore a borrowed khaki shirt and denim trousers. He had no socks. Ditches had served him as air raid shelters after repeated Japanese air attacks on the city.

He looked every inch a dramatic story, and he had one—a yarn of personal experience to top that of any newspaperman in the Philippines in this war.

**HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH BOMBS**

Japanese bombs were a constant overture in his recital. Doves of time Lee and two friends had to abandon their car in the middle of the road near the barge and dive for cover on the way out.

On their way back to Manila, the party reached the mountains just as a Japanese column began marching up the back mountain roads. Through the darkness, Lee and his companions followed a winding road leading down the side of the mountain.

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The next morning Lee and his friends followed a long caravan of Americans and Filipinos heading into the rugged mountains. At the end of a dirt road they met an American soldier in a jeep.

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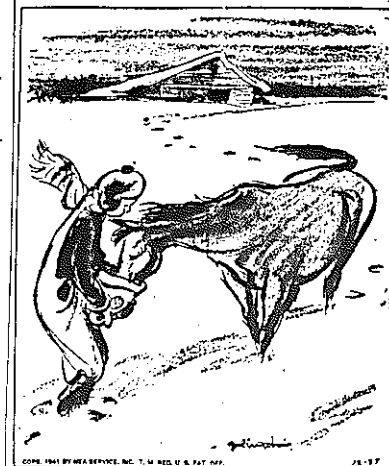
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## Side Glances



"When I get to be a famous movie star in Hollywood I'll send for you, Nellie, and make them give you an acting part, too!"

## City News

**MR. WADE IMPROVED**  
H. M. Wade, prominent manufacturer and realtor, who has been confined to his home, 330 Hermitage Road, for several days with a severe case of influenza was reported improving today.

**AT HOME**  
Mrs. D. E. Hign of 1010 W. Sixth Street is confined to her home with a broken bone in her foot which she injured in a fall in an up-town district yesterday.

**DRUG TRAVELER'S PARTY**  
The Charlotte Drug Travelers will have a party tonight at a rendezvous at the clubhouse on the Catawba River.

**AT MERCY HOSPITAL**  
C. L. Ballard, father of Mrs. Grady Taddick, is a patient at the Mercy Hospital, where he is being treated for a broken leg.

**VISITING HERE**  
Mrs. Roy H. Bunt of Cross Pointe, Mich., is spending the Christmas holidays here with her sister, Mrs. F. L. Lacombe, and her mother, Mrs. B. Wollin, at their home on E. Seventh Street.

**STATESVILLE VISITOR**  
Mrs. W. H. Ramsey, president of the Statesville chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, is spending the remainder of the Christmas holidays here with her sister, Mrs. L. Lindsay, 521 E. Boulevard.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
A routine session of the County Commissioners on Monday morning was presided over by County Chairman B. M. McAden. The Commissioners met at the Courthouse.

**PARK ENCAPS**  
When Paris was threatened by the advancing Nazi Army, eight of the city's parks were enclosed by barbed wire in the interest of security. The city's parks were not so lucky.

**OTHER ATTACKS**  
Attacked by unopposed Japanese bombers, Manila, the Philippines, has been attacked in three years. Other attacks have been reported from other parts of the Philippines.

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## Talk About Strategy

Roosevelt & Churchill In Conferences

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were believed to have reached preliminary agreement on the broad lines of a strategy for the victory in 1942. Today's meetings were expected to have a direct bearing on the details.

There was reason to believe that arrangements for close Anglo-American co-operation already had been worked out, and it was reported that General Sir John Dill, the British Army's chief of staff, would remain in Washington indefinitely to help in the planning of the war.

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## Japs Rain Death On Helpless Manila

Great Fires Rage in Capital of The Philippine Islands

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ness had been told through other channels of the purpose before it was announced.

Significantly, the proclamation contained this paragraph: "The Government and the Philippine people are united in their determination to resist the Japanese aggression as rapidly as possible."

Immediately upon announcement of General MacArthur's action all military stores that could not be moved from the open city were destroyed; anti-aircraft guns were dismantled and moved out of the city; the Far East Air Command headquarters located by President MacArthur were left in the city.

The United States High Commissioner, Francis B. Sayre, also left the city. He had declared that "we will fight to the last man to protect the Philippines."

**FIVE ALARMS**  
Manila went through five air raid alarms yesterday and bombs fell in various areas around the city.

During the fifth alarm seven or eight bombs fell in the city. General MacArthur's declaration that the capital was not now a defenseless city was not an exaggeration.

A Japanese dropped pamphlets addressed to Philippine soldiers, saying: "Dear Friends: Our aim is to liberate the Philippines. We have no quarrel with you. We are not of the Far East. You are of the Far East. Return home to your families."

On at least one downtown corner, the pamphlets were read. The pamphlets were read by a group of men.

**OTHER TOWNS**  
Undetermined casualties also were reported caused in the bombing of four towns below Manila in Laguna province. They were San Juan, Cruz, Calumpit and Los Baños, all on a railroad running north-south from Manila.

Infamously, the walled Spanish city where much of the important civilian damage was done in the first raid, was hit and a mile in width, but it is the historical, artistic, ecclesiastical and architectural center of the metropolis.

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## Letter From The Front: Children Gather Jap Shrapnel In The Yard

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## Dutch Smash Jap Vessel

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## Reids Won't Let Nazis Red During Winter

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