



## Drinking Cup, Used as Rice Ration Bowl, ca. 1944

John Rodman used this ration cup while a prisoner of the Japanese. The cup was used to measure the meager daily portion of rice given to each prisoner, which often left them starving. After being released in September 1945, Rodman wrote to his sister, "I am tired but far from being hungry—for the first time in years."

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