delicacies of Leyte very good…
Here, people speak Waray-Waray. We left Tacloban and drove to Ormoc City to catch our ferry for Cebu. I was happy to see dolphins swimming before the ship.
Cebu is a major city in central Philippines. We stayed at the Cebu Midtown Hotel. We visited some of their famous sites. Magellan’s Cross, Lapu-Lapu Monument, Basilica del Senor Santo Nino, Taoist Temple, and Fort San Pedro. Magellan’s Cross is the most important and most famous historical landmark of the city. It was erected in 1521 by Ferdinand Magellan. Magellan was killed by Lapu-Lapu in the nearby island of Mactan which ended his historic travels.

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After Cebu, we flew to Boracay by Asian Spirit airline. The island is a beach paradise of white sand and fun. There were many kids around since their parents brought them for vacation. This is one place in the Philippines where I saw many foreigners. I enjoyed playing with the sand under the sun. I joined Uncle Don and Uncle Thijs when they went scuba diving. I just stayed in the boat. In the future, I will be a diver too so I can also play with the fish. We ate a lot of seafood in Boracay. I also joined Uncle Don who wakes up early in the morning and watch the sunrise.

We flew back to Manila (by Asian Spirit airline) in time for the New Year revelries. Firecrackers were heard all over the city days before the New Year's Eve. I knew I would expect a big bang in this part of the world. We stayed with some friends in the city of Marikina for the New Year's Eve. Just like Christmas, this is a big family affair with tons of food. The whole city greeted the New Year with firecrackers and fireworks. I was only allowed to play the fireworks for children. During the New Year's Day, we went to the province of Cavite visiting relatives of some friends. I was very happy because there were many children who played with me. We also went to the city of Tagaytay. Seeing the nearby volcano was a very nice sight to behold.

It was saddening to leave the Philippines. The people are so warm and welcoming. Never have I felt a country where everyone is so friendly. I am going to miss their hospitality. I will be bringing home a lot of memories and experiences to tell my friends. Right now, I am in Cardiff, Wales with Uncle Don after two weeks of stay in Amsterdam with Uncle Thijs. In a few weeks, I will be in a plane home bound to the USA. I will join my friend Paulina and her classmates in Cincinnati. She is Uncle Don's niece who is in grade school in Ohio. I sent her class postcards when I was traveling in the Philippines.

I hope you enjoyed my story about my trip to the Philippines. If you want to know more about my adventures, and me you can check my website http://flatstanley.enoreo.on.ca/ I am interested in meeting children all over the world. I hope I meet you readers of Munting Nayon in the near future.

Love, Flat Stanley.