



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Somewhere in da Pacific  
June 28, 1945

Dear Joan,

After contracting that well-known disease the "G.I. Trots" I was evacuated by plane from the battlefield of "Bloody Okinawa" to gusto time, to a general hospital where to my disgust I was cured. I sat in the back, no less. I'm now residing in a casual camp awaiting transportation back to the God damn Infantry.

Having left my pen, pipes, wallet, pay book, cigarette lighter et al of value in a musette bag on the front lines of Okinawa



I sit here broken in ~~spirit~~  
health and pocket book, writing  
this sad tale with one of those  
pens you can find in every  
post office. The damn thing  
scratches, stops, stutters and  
can't spell worth a damn, but  
I toil laboriously on, cause you  
are a faithful correspondent  
and a girl. Grrr woof, oooooobk!  
Especially a cove girl !!!

Ah, sex, sex, where for art  
thou, yeah, where the hell are  
you? Oh? oh! I see, you've  
been replaced by kakai, well pardon  
me, for a moment my passion  
ran away with me.





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Cheerist, come back passion.

I haven't received any mail  
for a month now so you can  
see I'm in a bad way. Been  
moving around to fast, for it to  
catch up with me. By the way  
don't write me here, I won't be  
here long enough to receive it.  
I'll let you know when you  
can write. Rite! Chuck!

Well, we can write finis  
to Okinawa, 101,000 of the  
little bastards are dead and the  
rest have surrendered. Quite a duck  
shoot, that it was, a little rough  
in spots, and boy were there a lot  
of spots.



Well you luscious hunk of woman,  
I must stop this drooling, cause  
I plan to attend the local  
cinema with hopes of seeing some  
pictures of goils!!!

Hey! Stop! Don't drink  
it that way! Blow da foam  
off first!

Cherrie, old Bean and  
all that,

Passionately

Jack the Ripper alias

I ain't got no zippers on  
my G.I. issue so I use  
buttons. Reet! Reet!



Cigarette? Oh you don't smoke,  
not any more, eh! Ynk, Ynk!



cutout. Here are the ten who found it a tight fit.

Wide World Photo

## Tokyo Rose And Vinegar Joe Agree:

# The 96th Tops All At Killing Japs

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96TH DIV., OKINAWA—It is seldom that Tokyo Rose and "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell, new Tenth Army commander, agree on anything. But they did recently when both commented on the famous 96th (Deadeye) division of Maj. Gen. J. L. Bradley.

Tokyo Rose, in a frenzied burst of anger, screamed that the Deadeyes are "Chicago gangsters—murderers released from the Chicago jails."

"Vinegar Joe" didn't agree with that statement literally, but he did go along with its general spirit by labelling the 96th a "damn good sluggin' outfit."

### Given Large Order

The Deadeyes hit the coral beaches of Okinawa on Love Day, April 1.

The division landed on the narrow neck of the island with a mission of driving south with the 7th to capture the southern end of the island and its two main cities of Naha and Shuri—a task which eventually took five divisions.

Murderous fire from ill-famed Kakazu, Tombstone and Hack-saw Ridge greeted the Deadeyes when they turned south. The advance was halted while battalions of artillery poured tons of heavy explosive shells in the Jap positions and Navy bombers bombed and strafed the enemy. Battleships, cruisers and destroyers poured in broadsides.

In the words of Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge, XXIV Corps commander, it was "the greatest fire support of any one assault in the

Pacific." Some observers compared it with Cassino. The bar-rages hurt the Jap—but he wasn't licked. He came out of his fortifications and caves and let loose with machine guns, mortars and artillery.

### Costly Cave Fighting

Tanks and self-propelled 105s poured direct fire into the caves, but in the end it was the infantry which advanced from cave to cave with grenades, flame throwers and satchel charges.

But possession of the top of a hill meant the job was only half done. The Jap is a great rear slope defender.

Effective artillery or tank support is difficult there, and the division lost more men blasting a way down the other side. Every cave had to be sealed.

Kakazu Ridge never was really taken. It was outflanked and made untenable at the cost of thousands of American casualties.

### Cracked Shuri Line

In the first 30 days of the campaign, the 96th took two of the main Jap fortifications. After a few days rest, they went back and helped crack the vaunted Shuri line, then drove on south. At the end of the 78th day of the campaign, the 96th had been in the line 68 days.

Recognition of Deadeye accomplishments came in a letter from the late Lt. Gen. Simon Buckner to Gen. Bradley.

"I wish to congratulate you and all members of your command for your part in driving the enemy away from his Shuri line and forcing him to the present area for final destruction. While all the divisions in the line have contributed to this end, I regard the capture of Conical Hill by the 96th division as the most important single factor in the collapse of the Shuri position, since it opened the way for the envelopment of the hostile right and forced the enemy's immediate withdrawal."

### Kill 20,000 Japs

By mid-June, official estimates credited the Deadeyes with killing 20,000 Japs, the biggest bag of any division on the island, but the price was highest of any XXIV corps division. Only two or three survivors remain in some of the original platoons left from Leyte. More than one company lost all its officers; one company has had seven commanders; one regiment has had three.

There are ugly knolls and ridges on Okinawa that are indelibly

## Nazi Officer PWs Quelled By Photo

LUDWIGSHAVEN (UP)—A delegation of captured German officers, protesting against treatment which they were receiving in the camp in which they were interned, derived little comfort from the reply of Col. S. E. Iverson, camp commander.

They had many complaints: "We are forced to sleep in tents; we have to dig our own latrines; do our own KP; the food is not what it was in the German army and there is no mess-hall; furthermore we have no orderlies."

Iverson, a former infantry commander, who was wounded in the Saar, listened and when the last German colonel had finished, without speaking turned upwards 36 official photographs of American soldiers in German prisoner of war camps and scenes at the Buchenwald, Dachau and Valsingen concentration camps.

The German delegation filed out in complete silence.

imprinted in blood-stained letters in the archives of the division.

There was Kakazu Ridge, up which the 383rd and 381st Infantry regiments charged. Oboe Hill, where rain-soaked dough-boys of the 382nd Infantry hung on for days. Conical Hill where men of the 381st and 383rd fought for 19 agonizing days.

## Cherchez La Femme

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Charlie McCarthy, the world's best known dummy, is missing.

Edgar Bergen's companion was absent from the baggage compartment when the ventriloquist arrived by plane from USO hospital tour.

It was the original Charlie too—and not one of the several imitations Bergen has had made

## If You're On Pass In Honolulu...

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Dancing: 11:15 a.m., USO Victory club; 1 p.m., The Breakers; 3 p.m., USO Army-Navy club, music by the Tradesmen; 6:15 p.m., USO Victory club.

Round the island: Buses leave daily, 10:15 a.m., from Capitol Market (across from postoffice) for five-hour trip.

Deep sea fishing: Trips arranged any day by USO Rainbow club; 48 hours notice required.

Waikiki swimming: The Breakers, Royal Hawaiian hotel, Moana hotel; Ft. DeRussy (Army personnel only).

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**ver** The Army brought in 2,000 soldiers to drive and unload Chicago truck drivers' strike. Four Andy City freight depot.

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