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Okinawa Loo-Choo Islands

Sweetheart:

Your V.E. day letter written Apr. 8 and mailed Apr. 9 in today - 8 days! Ain't that sweet? Glad to know my little tip was published, you say in Town Crier - Det Free Press.

Honey - how come - when it was sent to friend H. C. L.

Jackson Det. News? Also sent him "Okinawa News Letter" for possible Sunday features - but believe that has been held

up. No doubt all that got through was the letter to him. The

only thing I can figure out is mebbe H.C.L. went over to F.P.-

but don't think so as I have recent issue from father. Anyhoo,

he does not write the "Town Crier". Why not send clipping of entire column - so I can tell what-the-hell.

Father writes that my "Family and Friends" letter is being published Cad. Eve. News. Sort of a bum break as some of it is magazine material - but if he gets a kick out of it - swell - Jo writes that time hangs heavy on his hands - Also ARC will be upset- as letters home are not to be published - They might get sore and send me home - and would that be something!

Last night Zeke gave us a wild and woolly time - 8 raids from 8 to 1 am. Most of the action was miles away so we stood around in the bright moonlight and watched the show - very spectacular. But around midnight some men around us opened up with rifles on an imaginary (I hope) Jap. The bullets whistled over our heads & we hit the dirt with a bang - I would rather

have air raids any day than have small arms fire at close range.

Guess I told you half dozen of your letters came thru at once - so I'm fairly well up to date.

Tonite one of our G.I.s and I dined in style in our "kitchen" - tomato soup - yum! The pickled tongue, baby lima beans we scrounged and some olives and Trisket that he had from home. A welcome change from "chow", believe me.

Understand our (officers) likker is ashore - but we can't have it until G.I. beer arrives or until L plus 90 or July 1!

Would give a lot to see the Jaques and Fullers - give them all my love. The sun has gone down & it will soon be dusk then

the moon & the Nips. Had a good (helmet) bath this P.M.
in the warm sunshine - but our nights are cold. This climate
would be perfect for loafing and making love to you!

Understand they found a swimming beach for us - but no one to
kill the sharks. I love you dearest one & will lie close to you
tonight. Your own H. ~~N~~