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Naha, Okinawa  
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Dear Folks,

I haven't had time to write during the past few days as I have been very busy hauling "gooks" (Okinawans). We have been picking them up from the front lines and taking them to camps. They are filthy and stinking. They have been living in caves for 3 mos. or more and smell just like the dead. Many are wounded and sick. These are taken to a hospital where they are given excellent care by American Doctors and Corpmen.

They have several Japanese nurses and a few Jap. Doctors to help out too. We have captured several thousand "gooks" and there are several more left to haul. By seeing these people we can really see the horrors of war and are really glad that it didn't happen in America. Little kids, women and old men are in a pitiful condition. Some of them have been beamed and wounded and usually a few of them die before we can get them to a hospital.

no picked up a girl in Naha this morning  
with two children and an old woman. One  
of our officers asked her in Japanese  
where she was going and she said in  
perfect English that she was going to  
her home. We told her that her home  
was destroyed and that we would take her  
to a camp where she would be taken  
care of. She had lived in Honolulu until  
1939 when she said that her step-  
mother sent her here.

To change the subject I am feeling  
fine and am as happy as could be  
expected.

I expect to move again in a few  
days

Love  
Frank