

Oahu  
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Dear June,

I wanted to write you all last week but found myself so tired at the end of the day that all I could do was try to sleep. I say try to sleep as that was about all I was able to do. I had a bad cot and a couple of nights I had to go out of night problems in the jungle.

A night in the jungle, there's a subject I could write a book on, if I were a writer, but I'm not, so remind me to go into details when I get home. You have to go through by compass and bvy, the situations you delve into.

The vegetation is so thick that you have to feel every inch of the way and with all the cliffs you can go over, you are only to glad to feel everything before taking a step. You probably won't believe this, but the branches and roots of trees are so thick that you are walking along in

the tops of trees before you realize it. It may sound funny but it is easier to climb around on the tops of trees rather than to try and fight your way along on the ground.

On the second problem I happened to be in a group that got away from the head of the column and thus I was, in the middle of nothing without a compass. Well that night I ended up wandering around in the middle of a swamp for about two hours. That was something. You can be wading along and all of a sudden you fall through and you are up to your neck in water. What makes it so bad is that you can't use a light so you ~~have to~~ have to depend on your hands and feet to feel your way.

Well in a way I am glad it is over but it was sure the best army course I have ever seen. I even learned how to live on the food you find in the jungle.

Any while I was there, Jack Benny and his show played for us. He is returning from the South Pacific and stopped here for a while. Carol Fandis, Martha Tilton, and

Fanny Adler were with him and Carlos  
Janda is really beautiful. They stopped  
out there in the afternoon and I got a good  
look at them. Jack Benny's hair is gray  
but he doesn't look much different than  
he does in pictures.

I went early enough to the show  
to get a good seat so I got a good  
view of the show.

I have also been seeing quite a  
few of these Hula shows the natives  
put on for us and some are pretty good.

Well this is all for now so let  
me hear from you and Mary soon. I got  
Morgans letter last week at Jungle school  
so thank you and let me hear from you  
again. Now, have you ever seen the end of  
a rainbow. Well I stood about 20 yards  
from the end of one and there isn't any  
pot of gold there.

Love  
Owen