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European Women Better Looking Says Local Vet Policing Japs

KURINASI, Japan, (AP)—The men of the U. S. 97th Infantry Division are going through it all over again—Makeshift billits, strange surroundings, curious natives—with an oriental instead of a European setting.

The 97th is the first European Division to participate in the occupation of Japan, and coming all the way from Czechoslovakia to Honshu via a 30-day home leave is fully in keeping with the "trident" outfit's 30,000-mile reputation as the most-traveled in the Army.

I Company of the 303rd regiment is stationed near this unpretentious little farming town on a railroad line north of Tokyo. The troops are living in tents, eating their own familiar field rations and going about the business of policing the defeated enemy with an experienced hand.

"I think we're treating the Japanese better that we did the Germans," Sgt. John Carl, 20, of 715 Tenth Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa., commented. "Of course, I realize we met the Germans under combat conditions instead of walking in the way we have over here."

As an afterthought he added: "And the women were better looking in Europe. Another thing, they

were not quite as curious."

The division, which landed at Yokohama Sept. 25, saw action, as well as a lot of Europe, between February and June when it was successively attached to four different armies. It was supposed to come to the Pacific originally, but the Battle of the Bulge caused it to be sent quickly from the United States to France.

Technical Sergeant Carl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Carl, of 715 Tenth Avenue. He entered the service in February of 1943, immediately after his graduation from Liberty High School.

He went overseas to Europe in February of 1944, and was home on a 30-day furlough in July of this year. Sergeant Carl holds the ETO ribbon with two battle stars, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Good Conduct Medal.



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