

**P.F.C.  
CHAUNCEY BERNHARDT  
WINS PURPLE HEART**

After several weeks of waiting, word and detailed reports have been received by members of his family stating that Private First Class Chauncey Bernhardt, the Mohawk Indian boy from Caledonia who has been for the past two years a member of the 104th Engineer Combat Battalion, U.S. Army, in the Pacific, was wounded in action while engaged on patrol duty and mopping up operations in one of the final battles for the Island of Okinawa. Private Bernhardt received painful injuries on August 9th during a terrific battle at close quarters with the remnants of a Japanese suicide patrol a Jap hand grenade landed and exploded a few feet from him. Detailed reports state that the impact of the flying shrapnel knocked PFC Bernhardt down but he arose quickly, though wounded, and in a matter of seconds had shot and disposed of several grenade throwers including the Jap who had thrown the grenade that wounded him. For this timely action Private Bernhardt was awarded the Purple Heart decorations with the compliments of the commanding officers of his battalion representing General McArthur. He is at present confined in a naval base hospital on the island of Guam, awaiting transfer to United States for further treatment.

P.F.C. Bernhardt took part in several hard fought battles of the Phillipines at Leyte, Manila, Luzon and Okinawa. He does not expect to be home for several months.

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CHAUNCEY RUSSELL BERNHARDT  
OF CALEDONIA

ENLISTED IN UNITED STATES ARMY  
WOUNDED AT OKINAWA AUG. 9/45  
AWARDED 2 PURPLE HEARTS and  
GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL DURING WAR  
WITH JAPAN.