much nicer there in peace time. I spent quite a bit of time at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel and Waikiki Beach. I have nearly a year out now so I am starting on the downgrade which doesn't make me the least bit unhappy for it will be wonderful to get home again and see everyone. I imagine everything back home will have changed considerably by this time.

I hear you have had a good bit of snow back there which has tied up a good many things including school. I imagine it has been a rather trying winter but I sure would like to see a little of that snow.

Yes, I did have a fairly good Christmas, although as you can imagine, it didn't seem a bit like it. I had to work that day but we had a very delicious dinner of turkey and ham with all the trimmings, even ice cream. I do hope that you and Frank had a very nice Christmas and New Years.

I would like to have Lenny Dorgenio's address also Bill Kammerers if you have it. It has been a long time since I have heard from any of the fellows personally.

I thought you might like a picture of me so I am enclosing one of me in front of my hut holding a Jap fly that was captured here. You can see by the washing on the line, how we have to spend some of our spare time. I am also enclosing a little souvenir for you. A Jap. ten yen note that I took from a dead Jap when I first got here. Well, I will end this for now Lil. Thanks ever so much again for writing. Give my regards to Frank. I will certainly try to write sooner the next time.

With best Wishes

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