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AIR CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY

To Bill's Folks:

How is the big city coming along? It really would be big down here. I received your letter a few days ago. I also heard from Bill, Syl, and John yesterday and have their letters answered already. I am now down on an island in the South Pacific. It is really quite a place. When I get back to the States and go to one of those Tarzan movies, it will remind me a good deal of here. There is nothing at all to do on the island outside of the camp. In our area here we have an open air theatre and they show a movie every other night. We have been kept pretty busy during the day either flying or in school. When we are around the tents we usually write letters or step outside and sling our knives at the trees. We have to do our own washing and I suppose you can just imagine me washing clothes some fun. Like heck. The food isn't so bad. Some days it is really good and most the time just

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fair. The P. X. sells coke and beer when they have it and they usually don't. They sell only so many cans a night, one night will be coke and the next beer. It usually takes about half an hour for them to sell out. So far I have had only a couple of cokes. Boy how I miss those malts and shakes I used to have back in the states. The only milk here is condensed and I can't stand that at all.

I suppose back there it is cooling off and you are looking forward to snow. I wish I was. The rainy season is getting underway here and I never did care much for mud.

When we first left the states we were stationed in the Hawaiian Islands for a couple weeks. We had a swell time there. We had nothing to do except wait for our plane to get modified. I was swimming at Waikiki Beach

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a couple of times. It was pretty nice but not quite like you see it in the movies. I never saw any Hula Girls down on the beach. I tried riding one of those surf boards but gave up after trying for an hour. I could have had the board for 2 hours but I got rid of it before I busted my neck. I couldn't even sit on it say nothing of what happened when I tried to stand up on it like those natives did.

There isn't much more I can say right now. I expect to see a little action before long.

So long.

Russ.