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Rec'd, Wed. A.M. Jan. 16



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or attend school set up on island,

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DEAR FOLKS,

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED 3 LETTERS FROM YOU DATED ON THE 27 AND THE 29 SO I GUESS THE MAIL IS COMING THROUGH MUCH FASTER NOW THAT THE XMAS RUSH IS OVER. I WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU HAD RECEIVED THE LETTERS CONTAINING THE PRESENTS. I WAS A LITTLE BIT AFFRAID THAT THEY WOULDNT GET THROUGH. I HAVENT SENT THE KIMMONA FOR GRAND MOTHER AS YET AS I DONT KNOW JUST HOW TO SEND IT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT GOES THROUGH. I GUES THAT I WILL FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO MAIL IT INA COUPLE OF DAYS.

I RECEIVED THE 20 DOLLAR BILL ENCLOSED IN THE LETTER DATED DEC29 BUT I HAVENT GOTTEN THE XMAS CARD THA T YOU SAID CONTAINED THE OTHER 20, BUT I GUES THAT I WILL GET IT SOON.

A BIG DRAFT LEFT HERE THIS AFTER NOON AND MANY OF MY FRIENDS WERE ON IT WE ARE FEELING PREETTY SAD SEEING THEM GO WHEN YOU HAVE TO STAY BUT OF COURSE WE ARE GLAD THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO GO. THE POINTS SEEM TO BE BE DROPPING PRETTY FAST EXCEPT FOR YEOMEN. IM HOPING THAT THEY WILL BE DROPPED ENOUGH SO THAT I CAN GET OUT A LEAST BY SUMMER.

I WISH THAT I COULD GET SOME SEA DUTY AR ANYTHING TO GET OFF THIS ISLND BUT THEY WONT LET US PUT IN FOR ANTHING. THE OFFICERS CAN GET ANYTHING THAT THEY ASK FOR BUT THE ENLISTED MEN CANT EVEN GO TO THE SCHOOL THAT THEY HAVE SET UP FOR THE MEN ON THE ISLAND. I SURE AM GLAD THAT I AM NOT AN OFFICER BECAUSE I HATE TO THINK OF WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO RUN FOR OFFICE AND THE ONES THAT ARE LOO LOOKING FOR JOBS AFTER THE WAR. IT WILL BE PRETTY HARD FOR THEM TO GO BACK TO SWEEPING THE STREETS. I GUESS THAT YOU ARE GETTING PRETTY TIRED OF HEARING ME GRIPE ABOUT THE OFFICERS AND OROUT DIFFERNT THINGS BUT THAT IS ABOUT THE ONLY WAY I KNOW OF GETTING ANYTHING DONE ABOUT IT AS LONG AS YOU ARE IN THE SERVICE.

I AHVE BEEN READING A GREAT DEAL AS USUAL. RIGHT NOW IM AM READING TH " THE SCARLET LETTER 1" BY NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE AND I HAVE JUST FINISH ED SINCLAIR LEWIS "MAIN STREET " ABOUT ALL I HAVE TO DO IS READ AND I W FIND THAT IF I DONT KEEP MY MIND OCCUPIED SOMEWAY THAT I WILL BE SO NERVOUS THAT I BORDER ON BEING A LUNATIC. IT WAS A TOUGH WAR BUT THIS PEACE IS GETTING ME DOWN.

THAT IS ABOUT ALL THAT I CAN THINK FOF TO WRITE JUST NOW SO A

ADDS
FRANK