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Dear Sonny,

The hot Japanese climate isn't too bad for the man that we have air conditioned rooms here as the hotel. In fact it is probably much better than D.C.

There are lots sick people here now. A particularly bad ole mosquito bites you and then sometimes you get sick, go crazy and die. Allegedly some sort of encephalitic thing that call it.

In fact lots of people get sick of lots of things there. The sweet semi-tropic climate is just swell for skin diseases, fungus growths and as an aid to catching simple cuts.
injuries.

The doctors (young as they are) know all this very well and it gives them a chance to use their medicines. Like the other day while playing chess in my room I banged my hand down on the table when making a particularly bad move. Just a simple outburst of feeling and not done in anger which I would have amounted to nothing at all if one of the chess pieces recently captured (a knight designed with a horse's head) hadn't fallen on the table where my hand hit. So the knight pierced the palm of my hand to my amazement and pain. A fracture rather than a cut, but which led me to rush off to the hospital. There they sewed up my hand and gave me...
(because the wound was deep) anti
tetanus shot for tetanus. This is
not the explanation you received
during the war but the kind
of serum you got when you haven’t
taken this shot and after the
dog bites you. To say the least
it is a thorough pole probably
given for the purpose of making you
forget your living with cholera.
But all in all, it’s for the best and
perhaps tomorrow when they take
the stitches out it will be well
on the way to healing.

Enclosed is a picture taken of
Sgt. Mitsumori in front of my hotel
during his recent visit of Tokyo.

I have no real news to give
although would like to know the
electrical return in T.C.

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