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Letter from Youth Killed in Hawaii Tells of War Alert

Benjamin Times
 PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—The last letter Private Jack H. Feldman, 19, wrote to his parents disclosed today that Hickam Field, Hawaii, where he was stationed, went on the alert six days before the Japanese attack.

The penciled letter was dated 2 a. m. Friday, Dec. 5, two days before Feldman was killed. It was delivered today to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Feldman.

He wrote:

"Last Monday Hickam Field went on the alert. I have been on guard since then.

"I don't mind this a bit. As company I have a .45 automatic, and I've been instructed to use it in the event of sabotage. After tomorrow night I will be returned to my duties in the machine shop.

"For the present the schedule of outgoing steamers to the coast has been discontinued, so I don't know whether a ship is going out, but I'll write every week."

A postscript added, "Please excuse the pencil as I'm now on guard (2 a. m.) it was all I could find."