

Fri. Dec 7, 1945 11:30 P.M.

Brooklyn.

Dear Frank.

Awfully sorry that I never wrote to you Frank. But when I first became a civilian, I'm afraid the going was a bit tougher than I had ~~anticipated~~ anticipated. I tried to write you & couldn't. Then when I had over come my fears I was so use to the fact of not writing anyone that I just continued in my errant ways.

But I do have news for you Frank. That is if you don't already know. After 4 long years Felicity has finally consented to become my wife, & just as soon as I can put away some money, we will be married. So if you & Peg intend being the first, you had better hurry home. It all happened very sudden like Frank. I guess I was more surprised than anyone. I have been trying ~~for~~ so hard & for so long, that when she said she loved me, I could hardly believe it. I still can't believe it. Its too good to be true. My only prayer is that she be sure of herself. I wouldn't want her to regret it. But I think she knows her mind Frank. Fel is quite a changed girl, as you shall

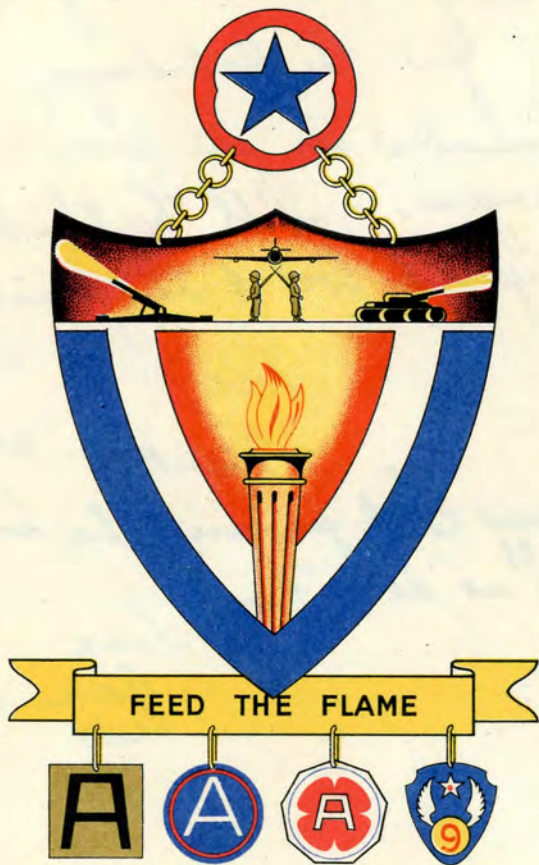
see, when you arrive home. The navy took her away from me last Monday night & sent her to Holmbeck Calif. How do you like that? Now I know how girls feel when their fellows go off to war.

Peg is waiting for you Frank. Don't disappoint her, she has been waiting for you for a long time now. That's about all for present Frank. I'll try to drop you a line again soon.

I hope your Christmas will be a little better than the one I spent overseas. Best of luck Frank & take care of your self. Pray for me, I'm trying for the Fire Dept. sometime after the first of the year. It will mean a lot to me, and Ted too, if I can make it. So pray hard Frank. Thanks a million

My Love & Prayers

Joe
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Christmas Greetings
from

ADVANCE SECTION

(COMMUNICATIONS ZONE)

MAY THE FLAME
CONTINUE TO BURN FOR
AN EVERLASTING

" PEACE ON EARTH - "



All my best wishes to you,
Joe, for the Holidays.

Remember me in your
prayers. I'll be thinking
of you & Dot & the family.

Love,

Frank. '44

I pray that you will be home
with us soon Frank

Love

Joe 1945'
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