

Monday Dec 11/44  
10. P.M.

Dear <sup>air mail</sup> Jack

Your letter with Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> enclosing  
money order for \$5. to be credited to your  
account - arrived today. eight days  
service isn't bad; but - damn I do wish  
they'd do as well with the deliveries on  
your side of the pond. Seems to me  
your getting very little mail. And,  
that Xmas card you received was the  
last one <sup>to be mailed</sup> I sent you - The only  
reason there was soap was because  
I had gotten mail from Paris asking  
for lux soap - You speak of the  
cigarette shortage, it's bad here but  
I did think they were keeping you  
fellows supplied. We couldn't get  
any when Doc was in on furlough

but when she went back to Pa she got some at the  
post and sent them to you - I hope by now you've  
got them. If my Tomas boxes had all arrived to-  
gether you would have had some feast - I had  
a letter from Alfred K - and he got the 2 boxes I sent him  
about 2-days after Thanksgiving - Each time I  
write I swear I'm going to go back to the S.F. P.O.  
and then I'm afraid to - Collon sent us a card  
from Washington - says he's delighted with it and the  
for - I know he must have sent you his address  
but just in case here it is again - J. Collon - 2800 Ontario  
Road - of Mrs F. Laise - Washington D.C. Says Duffy is  
shipping out - and his mother has gone to Nebraska  
to see him. Betty tells me Flaley is in France, so is  
Murphy - Had a letter from Joe today and he's  
supposed to go back to St Pete this week. Mary Palermo  
was in to see us ~~last~~ last week and she's working in  
a Vets' Hospital near Philadelphia, Pa. She says the  
sights are awful and she's losing weight but  
loves the work - and the Dr says after she gets hardened  
to it she'll put the weight back on again. Her  
assignment is taking care of 6 blind officers.  
Still no change for Dot - I guess they've frozen  
her in Pa.

Well Jan in my last letter I told you  
I was going to buy Peggy a bracelet, but after  
some detective work I found out she was  
longing for Pearls - so I bought her a very  
nice string of Oriental Pearls for 12.00 - Mrs Keyser

thinks they are beautiful and she  
knows her stuff - Did I tell you  
John Morris's mother phoned for your  
address - yes I remember I did - Fan  
& I had I think met today money  
order for 15. your bank balance is 53.  
that's not counting the bond - Those are  
a separate saving. Joe wrote home  
for me to cash in one of his 37.50 so as  
he'd have Tom's money - but he starts  
that all his bonds will go - He has 8  
50's and one 25 bond.

Well Fan I'll write you during  
the week again - By the way I  
have 5 from Joe to send you - Hope  
my 5 has reached you by now -

I'll love

Love and prayers

from Mother

Seen Frank Malone yet?