

Sat. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1:45

Onboard Dixie Flyer  
bound for Miami.

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CHICAGO, 4, ILLINOIS

Dear Frank:

Well Frank, the Army has done it again. I was sure sitting pretty up there in Chicago. But orders came in Wed. night for all returned combat men to report to redistribution stations immediately. So here I am, aboard train, trying to ~~answer~~ answer your letter. I have a pullman - upper. Air Corp you know. But this train shakes like hell. I'm due in Georgia about 3:00 P.M. so I sent Pat a wire to try & meet me.

Well it looks like you've done me one better. Paris no less. Boy if it's as good as you say it must be something. What are they going to do with you, do you have any idea?

I just wish I knew what was going to become of me. I'll clean the shit-house, if they'll just send me up north. But you know the army.

Well Frank I'm not positive yet. But it looks like I've found me a girl. I met her in Chicago & we really clicked. Probably if I'd had a little more time I would have married her. At least we're engaged. But don't tell the Folks. You know ~~that~~ them. Her name is Harriet Janda & she is one swell gal. What she sees in me I don't know. She's pretty well off financially too. But that don't go with me. ~~that~~ We live on my money or not at all. I like Chicago & I think I'll settle there after the war. ~~That~~ I've made some good connections

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& I should be able to get a good job. but that remains to be seen. I'm still short on money Franks, so you'll have to wait a while longer for a Christmas present. If you have an old barracks-bag, fill it up with French women & send it home to me. That's all I want for Christmas. Do me a favor will you & don't write me V-mail. I didn't like it over there & I don't like it here. I know it's quicker but I always figure I'm getting cheated when I get one of those postage stamps. Bye now Franks, take care of yourself.

Love.

Joe  
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