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Dear Al,

My chief purpose is to tell you unless I change for the better very fast I wont be able to do much work this week. I've a terrible cold that has backfired into my sinuses.

I think our armedforces story problem may be solved. Remember some time ago we spoke of on "unsung hero" series, and we more or less agreed that we do, with fair regularity, a double truck, with an American and an Allied hero or heroine? Well, I haven't heard any further from you on this, but I have enquired around at the various public relations offices and they are supposed to be keeping their eyes open. The Navy has located three unsung heros for us, and we'll be able to "uncover" them exclusively. Maybe these three will be enough for a story, if we can get pictures, which will probably be hard. Also, if these three wont be enough, I'm certain I can get more from the other services. What do you say? Also, can you get drawings made if there is a picture deficiency? These will all be out-of-country stories.

My expenses for the past week:

Pictures on tank story (receipt sent Sat.)	\$20.00
Phones (Inc. l.d. to Belvoir)	1.80
cabs	1.40
entertainment(tank story)	1.35
messenger service (to Army and return-tank story)	1.30
stamps	0.18
parking ticket (caused by unexpected delay in Army Bldg. waiting for approval of story and convoy to leave bldg., receipt attached)	5.00
	<u>\$31.03</u>

I have received yout check. Thanks.

This morning I got 25 additional copies f the second issue.

By the way, Chic Schwarz, who, as you know, is the regular public relations officer of the Treasury, has written a war song, with lyrics, which I have heard is pretty good. Can we do a little story on it. For pictures we caould use maybe one of him conducting Morgenthau's press conference, another work shot, some family stuff(understand he has a cute wife and nice kids, living in suburban Washington. I visualize possibilities of a nice text angled around the idea that here, the man who handles much of the info. Americans get on how they can win the way, a busy, hard-working guy with lots of responsibility and worries, practis s what he preaches and still finds enough time for creative work of good quality. I haven't spoken to him about it, though I tried to get in touch with him and couldn't. Also, I understand the famo s song-writer of the same name is his brother.

I hope you'll be writing me pretty soon to tell me when you'll be here.
Harold Weisberg