

9/12/42

Dear Al,

I have had the flowers sent. Had I not this bad cold I'd have taken them myself. It cost \$7.50 in all. Receipt enclosed. Yours was \$5.00; the orchid was \$2.50. With yours I also sent a pottery vase that will hold the flowers while they last and which she can use afterwards.

Also enclosed is a photostat of Chic's song, with a copy of some of the verses. I think we can get a lot of nice schmaltz into the story if you carry it, as I hope you will.

Check up on whether or not you have seen the Wash. Canteen story elsewhere. I think we can get a nice one, with some nice people and names. It has nice angles: Treasury giving up desperately needed space for the boys; who used to go there it was the best theater in Wash who played there; the big shots, from Mrs. F.D. down, doing it, including McNutt, Pepper, etc. I'm surprised if a story has been done, because the thing hasn't been readied yet. If you like it, how about a Christmas angle?

The other things we'll discuss this week when you come down.

Thanks for the check.

Re: unsung heroes: You passed judgement on it some time ago, the judgement being it was a swell idea, but would depend on the stories. The Navy is getting some together for me, as I hope the Marine Corps is. I will probably have them next week. Lets see what they come to. Maybe this can be the armed forces story you have me looking for.

I'll see what can be done about the health thing the first part of the week.

I'm glad you like the tank story. What's the what with Readers Digest?

I have a date with Maloney for as soon as he pries Mrs. Dilling(er) away from Chicago, probably the end of the coming week or the beginning of the following. As I told you, I think I now have a good way about going after the Wallace thing. Lets hope so.

My expenses for the week were Cabs \$1.45
phones 0.80
stamps 0.27
messenger 0.50

\$3.02, which ought to just about

bankrupt you.

Hope to see you soon,

Harold Weisberg