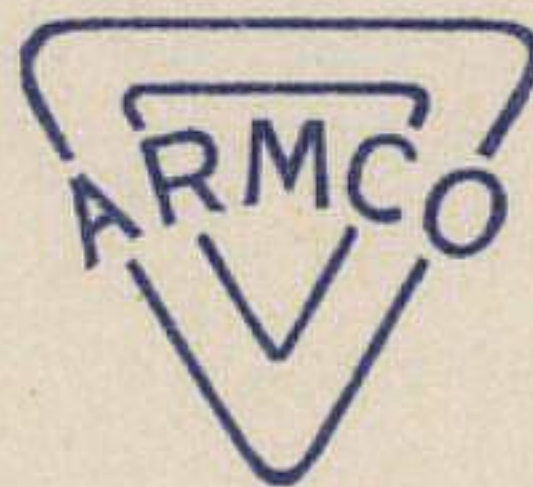


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27 July 1944

Dear Uncle Forrest:

I received my commission as ensign and have to report to Hollywood, Florida on 31 July 1944. After the indoctrination course I will be assigned to some specific branch of the navy. My personal choice will be submarine.

I understand you were at Sen. Truman's reception. I wish I had known it because I would have liked to see you + Aunt Bessie. I had planned to bring the family up before I left but now find that I won't have time. I'm very proud of my family - a very fine wife and two sturdy + healthy boys. I know that the boys will receive the proper spiritual, mental + physical training while I'm away. The realization is just dawning on me as to how much I will miss them. However I feel that I belong in the service and that the navy is going to make me a better man.

all of the immediate family are well. However, my mother hasn't fully recovered. She is up in Fargo with Dad now. She has promised to write me while I'm away.

Euclid is now asst. treasurer of Viking Refrigerator + doing well. Homer is in the cost department at Lake City. Richard (Genevieve's husband) is doing exceptionally well as an assistant purchasing agent for North American.

I hope before many days I will get to see you + the family. Lois + the boys join me in sending Aunt Bessie + you our love.

Affectionately yours,

Frank.

P.S. My address will be
Ensign Frank S. Allen U.S.N.R.
N.T.S.(I) Hollywood Beach Hotel
Hollywood, Florida.