

understanding, as well as ours, and his greater opportunities as well as ours.

Keeping abreast with others, or having them keep abreast with us, will eliminate frictions. That task is an unending one, but its shining challenge will be guiding us in our progress. For that unending task we must now guide. We must remain embattled for this cause, after the firing ceases, after the world is outwardly at peace, for it is the inner peace; the inner contentment and the sense of contributing to universal happiness, which is our goal.

In his crisp and laconic phrase, Abraham Lincoln wrote in 1861 to the Governor of Pennsylvania, "There are increasing signs of the need for getting ready." Surely that thought must animate us in the peace to which we now look forward.

Let us hope that 1948 will be the year in which most, if not all of your comrades-in-arms, and yourself, will regain your families and take up life not only where you left it when you went out to serve your country, but that you will be richly equipped with new experiences, new understanding and a devotion to the high purpose for which the nation went forward into battle.

If you have any idle moments between duties, or an occasional wakeful hour during the night when you can give thought not only to the future of your country, but to your own days to come, it would be fine for you to speculate on the new world which you may help to create, and your share in it.

Your share will be in the constant easing of physical labor by new technology and the constant provision for education and entertainment. Above all, you will have the reduction of working hours which are likely to free more time for everyone, to give you leisure in abundance with which to do something constructive. What are you going to do with this capital of "Time"? How are you going to apply your leisure so as to give you both a greater ability to accomplish and a greater capacity to enjoy the functions of a better society? To use a dyehouse term, you will be mordanted with a spirit of what is possible, an avidity, and you will be energized by the dynamo of your own new outlook in satisfying that hunger for spiritual growth and the power of new social gains.

Sweethearts, wives, sisters, mothers, dad, big brother and uncle, all of them hope fondly and earnestly that your efforts will be crowned at an early date with a collective success that will bring you home not only fit, but strong in the conviction that you have a better life to come back to than ever you had visualized before. We all feel a great solicitude for the hardships to which you may be subjected. We all hope that the trials of struggle and combat may leave you unscathed and vibrant in your energy.

This Company, insofar as it lies within its power, will do what it can when you return to help you realize your objectives.

I send each and everyone of you wishes for a safe return and a really Happy New Year.

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