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NOTRE-DAME

L. FERNANT



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"Somewhere in Belgium"

30 November 1944

Dear Miss Blaney,

I have been procrastinating this brief note for quite some time, but finally I'm letting out with a few lines. Honestly, Miss Blaney, I owe you a great apology for not writing much sooner. Am I excused?

Since you have last heard from me, I have done quite a bit of travelling, some probably which may be somewhat familiar to you. I can say that I have four countries to my credit; namely, England, France, Luxembourg, and Belgium. At one time, I was fortunate to take a little trip to Maastricht, Holland, and also a couple of German villages.

Of all the countries, my travels were most extensive in France. I landed in Normandy in June and from there I proceeded to Montebourg, Ste Marie Eglise, Valognes, St. Lo, etc. Yes, I was fortunate enough to take in Paris, too. Paris, the most beautiful place I have ever seen with its numerous historical sites, the Arc of Triumph, Trocadero, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, Napoleon's Tomb, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier--why, I could go on forever naming these places!

In Belgium, I have visited a few places; such as, Liege, Namur, Chaleroi, Waterloo, Napoleon's battleground, etc...

How is everything at Bryant? Have there been any changes in the teaching staff? How is "Dottie" Hines? You give her my regard for me, please, Miss Blaney.

I shall close for now; my space is limited. Remember me to all at school, and if this gets to you before Christmas, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely, John