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Somewhere in Belgium
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Dear Friends,

Your Christmas package arrived yesterday and it was a swell surprise. It was in excellent condition and you can be assured that the contents received extra special attention.

Altho most of us won't be where we would like to be at Christmas time, we celebrate the best we can.

We have just recently completed building a dayroom for after work leisure. It is a swell place to read, write and relax and listen to the brand new radio. The most important feature is the bar which serves the best beer and cognac. The whole setup is

the envy of every other squadron
on the field.

Our group also runs an Enlisted
Man's club in the nearby city
which is really ritzy. All the
modern conveniences of a large
hotel and the Saturday night
dance with the local belles is
the highlight of the week. So you
can see that things could be
a lot worse, at least here.

There weather lately
hasn't been any too wonderful
so I won't take any time to
praise this country about that.

This country is just about
as good as any of these old
countries in this old world. All
of them are so far behind the
good ol USA that they never

will catch up. One exception
might be the gay city of Paris.
A visit to that city will never
be forgotten, at least I won't
forget my two trips.

I read all about Lt Desormeaux
and his recent adventure in a
clipping sent to me. He sure led
an exciting life for a while there. I
still haven't run into any Bryant
Alumni in my journeys around
this world. Maybe I will before
we all get home tho.

Well, thanks again for the
Christmas pkg. It was swell of
each and everyone of you.

Best of luck, Merry X-mas
and the happiest of new years
to you all.

Russell Brown