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Somewhere in France

December 28, 1944

Dear Sirs:

Many many thanks for your Xmas package and the kind thoughts and the work behind this gift. It arrived just a few days before Christmas. My correct address is now: <sup>11011020</sup> 1/1 Sgt. John L. Champlin,

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There is very little in the way of news that I can tell you. I am well housed, well fed and well clothed. I have a good job in a good outfit and all in all I'm content with my lot. My name has been submitted for return to the U. S. under the army's rotation plan. I don't expect to get back to the U. S. right away, but it is something to look forward to.

We did very well this year on our Christmas dinner. Turkey and everything; even apple pie and chocolate ice cream. The only thing that gets us down is the mail situation. Very little seems to get through and what little does takes an awful long time.

Here's hoping that Bryant has a banner year and that we'll all be home alive in '45.

Respectfully yours  
John L. Champlin