

Oct. 23, 1944  
Belgium

Dear Mother,

Sorry you didn't hear from me for a while, but that couldn't be helped as we were traveling thru France and into Belgium. Don't worry when you don't hear from me for a time or two because it won't always be possible to write letters regularly.

Our trip to Belgium in box cars was interesting, even if it was a bit crowded. The most famous land mark I saw (even though it was from quite a distance) was the Eiffel Tower.

The people here are more sincere about their happiness to see the allied troops. The Germans treated them terribly, and these people have come to hate them so that they would like to eliminate every man woman and child in Germany. Many of the Belgians speak French, many speak German & many speak Flemish and some speak all including some English. The people here are more metropolitan than those

we met in Normandy and they seem to be much cleverer in their living

While in Normandy I visited Cherbourg, which has been bombed to ruins. Valognes is another town in complete ruins that I saw.

Belgium has plenty of ice cream and the G & I's sure go for it. I've had a good deal of it already.

Say hello to everyone & tell them all to write. I haven't time to write to anyone now but I'll write when I can so long for a while.

Love

Hersh