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FIELD ARTILLERY

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Dear Bess:-

I landed today and have been trying to find a cable office that has not a U.S. censor in it. They won't let us cable for things like informing our "peeps". We landed safely because the wires are so crowded they can't send them. I guess you've got my cable I left in New York by this time anyway. My cursed pea went sky right up there and I had to get up and fill it. I am in a French hotel room about as big as your grandmother's room and the front hall combined and



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the floor is as cold as the top of
a lake when it's frozen and
the grip with the ink had to be
as far from the bed as it could
be. The electric switch turns off
the light in the centre of the room
and another turns lights on over
the head of the bed. You can't light
both at once; when one's on the
other goes off automatically and
as the bed is the warmest I
~~and~~ am writing this in bed.
We go to work tomorrow and
I have been seeing this town
which is quite wonderful to
me. It isn't Paris but if
Paris is as much broken as



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as it is bigger Paris is some town. Wine and beer are sold here and most of the 35th Division have been in Okla so long that they are trying to drink all there is here. There can't as the supply seems to be in a low tide. Prices are marked strictly on the American plan in French money and they skin us alive. Our dinners cost us 10 Francs a piece about \$1.80 so you see things are not so cheap. One fellow bought him a Sam Brown belt for 40 francs (I don't know why I spelled that with a "C") and gave the man a



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ten dollar bill. He got 60
Francs in change and
the belt so he made a belt
and 3 Francs by the deal and
didn't know it until someone
told him that ten dollars was
fifty seven francs.

This is a beautiful place
I wish I could tell you where
it is. (Call Boxley up). The
room I have at the Hotel
des Voyageurs is furnished in
Grand Army with dourby lace curtain
at its windows. It has a picture
of Henry IV and his children on
one side and Henry VIII of
England at some state function



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on the other. There is a fine
place (no fire) with a white
marble mantelpiece, which
has a Dutch clock under a
glass case. (The clock doesn't
run probably on account of its
age) It is a beautiful gold affair
with a couple of 17th century
pikemen on top of it. It is flanked
by two exquisitely beautiful lamps
and there is a large mirror over
the ~~rest~~ whole thing about four
feet square. The chairs are
upholstered in red plush. It
looks more like some count's
bedroom than a hotel room.

I went to a picture show
and saw Pearl White in one



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of the sections of a spacen
that has been running a year
or so over in USA. The name
and explanations were in
French and I've forgotten its
name but it was good old
Mellendamer and I had it
seen this episode. There was
a comedy and another com-
plete film that was good and
a dance named Miss Teen.
We got tired and left before the
show was over or I guess we
could have seen them yet.
It began at 7:30 and we left
at 9:30 all for 1 franc 45
centimes about 35 cents.



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We had a most pleasant voyage and found a well beaten ~~way~~ ~~now~~ that we were sunk when we got to port. The navy has the army beaten pity bags for wild stories.

I've got to quit because it's ten P.M. and lights go out a 9 o'clock and I'm liable to get arrested.

Write me as before. Yours
always

Harry Truman

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