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Dear Mary & Pat,

Just a note in answer to your letter which I received the other day. I'm glad you've had a good winter but I'm not exactly looking forward to the coming winter here - it's cold enough already. We've had a little rain lately but today is quite fine and we're praying that it will remain so - things are doing in France at present. I have been kept out of it - some how or other one wants to be in everything that's going but still I suppose I'm really better off than I if I had been there. Both Dan & Bill are there & I'm anxiously waiting to hear how they got on. As a compensation I've had a visit to Paris - well one's education isn't complete until he has seen Paris. It's a wonderful city - some of the buildings are simply marvellous inside. As you know of course France is a Catholic country and some of the

churches and Chapels built years ago are simply wonderful. During the six days I was there I saw practically everything that was worth seeing and had to keep moving to get through it all. We engaged a guide who showed us everything in this way saved a lot of time. One of the most wonderful buildings is the church of "Notre Dame" a huge building but easily the most beautiful as a chapel built years ago and now disused. The windows are stained glass dating from the year 1300, - the secret of making them has been lost - and modern stained glass is positively ugly in comparison - I really can't describe it but the picture of the windows is on my brain. The theatres are not to be compared with the London theatres though the best of them - the Grand Opera - is now closed on account of the war. Altogether I enjoyed my visit there immensely & am now looking forward to ~~Paris~~ "Blighty" leave.

It's fine to have something to
look forward to over here
because life does become
monotonous at times - when
the weather is bad especially.
Well this is all just now, and
I'll conclude by wishing you
a Happy and prosperous
Xmas and New Year.

Love to both yourselves
and the boy I am &c
Dick.