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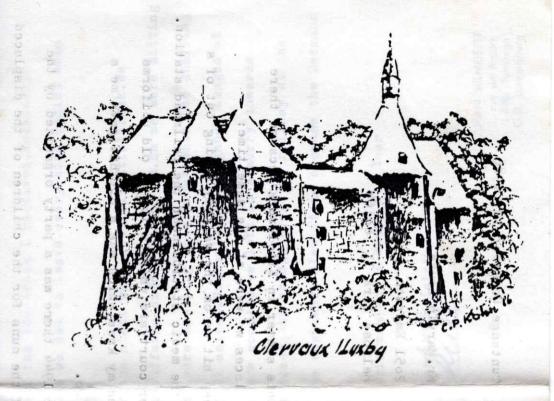
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Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Joyeux Noël Bonne Année

Sche'nt Chröschtfest Gläcklecht Neit Joer Mr.Marvin Kruse

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Dear Marvin:

I was glad when we met this summer in Ettelbruck because there are 2 things we share and 2 places we were at the same time:

1. Just before the Bulge a jeep hit me on the walkway coming out of a gate and they brought me to the medic station near the railroad station.

I remember there was an inner courtyard, where a lot of old uniforms were piled. The medics treated my knee, which was a bit hit, gave me a chocolate ration and let me go.

2.On St.Nicholas, December 6 1944 there was a party organized by the GIs in the private school of the nuns for the children of the displaced persons, who received toys and sweets. I was 6 at that time and among the kids and I remember quite well the toy truck I received, because it was the only toy I had, because we had to leave everything behind when we left home in September 1944.

I wonder if you remember the night when you left Ettelbruck. We had wished to leave, but Civil Affairs didn't let us go. So we were sitting in the cave while the Germans were shelling Ettelbruck. When the shelling stopped we went to bed and fell asleep. Suddenly our neighbor banged at the door: Quick! The Americans are gone! So we left in a hurry towards Luxembourg and we had just crossed the bridge over the railway at the West-end of Ettelbruck, when the engineers blew it up because the Germans were entering into Ettelbruck.

With my best wishes for Christmas and a happy New Year

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Dear Marvin:

It was good to hear from you. I was interested to hear you were to go to Diekirch as a replacement.

I'll try to answer some of your questions.

Tuntange is a small village in the center of Luxembourg near Mersch. When we fled in December 1944 from Ettelbruck we came to Mersch, then they shifted us to smaller roads because on the main road Luxembourg-Mersch there were reinforcments coming up.

I'm a staff member and the historian of CEBA.

I'm a teacher and teaching in Vianden north of Diekirch. That's my hometown where I was living during hte war. We had been displaced to Ettelbruck.

I have 3 children: a girl and a boy are in high school, a girl still goes to primary school.

I'm hoping to see you again this year and if you have time
I would be delighted to receive you at our home in Tuntange. You are welcome.

With my warmest greetings

Jean Milmeister