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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Hyde Park,  
New York.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

It is my belief that the incident which I shall relate to you in this letter will be of extreme interest to you since it has to do with a tribute paid your late husband by a group of kindly folk in Belgium.

During the war years it was my privilege to serve under the capable leadership of your husband in the armed forces, at the close of the war I was stationed at a tiny town in Belgium, this town, named Beauvechain, is peopled by a gracious lot of people whose charm and goodness is most impressive. I "adopted" an elderly couple in Beauvechain and it was with an ache in my heart that I left them when my travel orders to America came through.

Upon my return to America and civilian life I mailed several gift packages to my friends and in the most recent package I included one of our new coins which bears the likeness of our late president, in time I received an acknowledgment from them and in their letter they wrote the following:

\*\*\*\*\*and as a tribute of recognition, the senior of our deanery blessed the medal with the image of your late President Franklin Roosevelt, which my daughter has made into a pendant, and wears around her neck as a souvenir and relic, since it is blessed: for he was a great man, who saved much of the world from the enemy, and to him and all the valiant soldiers we owe reverence and homage\*\*\*\*\*

This glowing tribute came from the hearts of a type of people your husband cherished and fought for and who will remember him always.

I have read many remarks of affection concerning our dear president but the expression of my Belgian friends is the ultimate.

With sincere wishes for your good health, I remain,

Yours truly,

Regis C. Bryson

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