

# LIGUE INTERNATIONALE DES AVIATEURS

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My dear John,

I have many times wondered how you were getting on, and I was very pleased indeed, to get your nice letter, and to know that you have such a fine family. I have been thinking of our many trips to Greenwich, and remember you once said that it was better to marry the girl that you love, than the girl that loves you, and I hope you worked it out so that you had both.

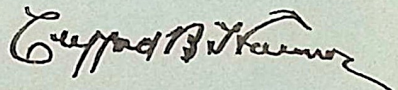
The busy life is the happy one, and I have been very occupied this last year and a half forming the International League of Aviators, which is going along very nicely indeed. The sad part of it is, that I meet all these fine fellows, great aviators and splendid boys, get very fond of them, and the next day I hear that they have crashed, are in hospital or killed. The sort of thing that happened to Bertaud and Hills who set off on "Old Glory" to come to Rome. One of the prize winners of the English Section of the League was a wonderful pilot and had flown 46,000 miles without breaking a skid, and then this year he went up in a little machine and was killed. Last night I returned from Dijon where I had gone to visit two Belgian aviators who had crashed at Dijon on their way to Central Africa. These boys made the same trip together to Central Africa last year, and were trying to repeat their performance when they crashed, and they were both in hospital seriously smashed up. If I want to have much happiness I guess I will have to quit associating with aviators, as they are like my own sons. They keep me in a constant state of mourning, although I think I am doing a grand thing for all the aviators of the world by forming this League and trying to bring them together as comrade and friends.

I sincerely hope that this letter finds you and your family well. Thank you very much for writing to me.

With my very kindest regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,



Clifford B. Harmon.