

Letter from Leona Funk Keller to Frederick (Ted) M. Applegate, M.D., while he was stationed in England during WW II. Leona was the mother of Robert Funk Keller, who died in France during the war. Ted, Leona and Robert were from Corydon, IN. Eloise was the wife of Robert.

Corydon, Ind.

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Dear Fred -

I have thought of you saying to us before you left - "Maybe it will be your boy that will need me". But never did I let it enter my mind that he wouldn't be back - Now I wish you could have been near - I hardly feel that there is anything left for me - In his last letter, he had said - that if he was killed to leave his body there - It will never seem true, I think no illness, burial, or grave - Only when the other boys, his friends, come home - will I realize it - We hear he is buried at Epinal - That he died quickly ^{in an action} near Harbouey. I hope some time to hear more - All our letters have been returned - seems too bad - he didn't receive any mail at all, before going into action -

Frank is in Aachen - for so long, he wasn't busy, but I think lately, has been in a hospital, with much work -

I see Margaret occasionally - I think these mothers at home, have a big job on their hands, too.

I was glad that Eloise could sell her home, and was glad that the Bullets could use it -

Your Mother walked up to see me, & Mrs Miller not long back - she looks well.

The reports from Europe sound so good - hope it won't be so long - until you are all home - Sincerely

Leona F. Keller -