

28th October 1807

To Mr G Van Crombrugghe, Businessman in Grammont, Dept of Escaut.
Montdidier, 28th October 1807

Very dear Father and Mother

The report which I am sending you provides me with the opportunity to ask you if you received my last letter in which I asked you to send me as soon as possible the remedy that Mr Delmarre used, two years ago, to heal my eyes. I have had no reply and this causes me concern; it is not that I absolutely need this remedy, as my eyes are better, but it is, my dear Parents, that I have not heard from you for so long. I would like to know if you are happy about my brother's substitute¹, and if my Cousin Albert's health is entirely back to normal.

I am very happy in the second class, although I am quite weak, but the Good Lord knows well that I have age on my side and I hope that the Good Father will give me the necessary help to use the time that he has given me to browse through the poets.

I am also taking this opportunity to give you my good wishes for the forthcoming Feast of All Saints. May my feeble prayers obtain that one day we will all be together with them to adore and to love the Good Lord in an eternity of happiness; this is my main wish, the single wish of my heart, because indeed, very dear Parents, everything that one can ask for must relate to this end. I form the same wishes for my dear brother and my dear sisters. They are also the wishes of François; please accept them and believe that he will endeavour, with all his power, to respond by his application to his duties as a Christian and as a pupil to the promises that he made to you.

Please, I pray you, present the same wishes to my Aunts Huleu, De Bakker and all the family. I am forever, with the greatest respect

Your very submissive and devoted son

C Van Crombrugghe

PS: I ask you to send me at the first opportunity the works of Ovid that I forgot when I left you.



¹ For military service