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A new transcription and assessment

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Abstract: Among the fragmentary versions of Wace's *Roman de Brut*, only one has remained unedited: A short fragment transcribed at the very end of the 13th century or very beginning of the 14th. Specialists have argued on linguistic grounds that the manuscript was probably a continental copy of an insular original. The present discussion, which is accompanied by an edition of the text and color photographs of it, offers a new look at various scribal and decorative aspects of the fragment, along with a reexamination of several of the more unusual dialectic features. Taken together, these physical and linguistic features suggest that the fragment may well have been an insular copy of a continental original.

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