1937 Correspondence

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Mein Welled Dealthen win

Mein heller Beatrhen ich mehme am dafs Du noch dort bist. Vun der Ju He hutte ich Mishts gehört, Ihr weid work gurnister weggekommen? Was ist mit Walkers? Herylichet Deine Mutte: Franks Hollen eine Wohnung dost haben. Hart Du nun den Morgenrort bekomen? was do not see Travel north resistagesting inkany we gaing. Wir ish hipe, intil a lotell cret auch the Frenstager, angelenmen. Returns thield north out the rater sin e with underder with our gets uddt. Hite fament fliest in to chanter you mit The Buttend noth & under tet ist stated, air allemes Ticktheir uniterpresh The totale threather you inform. In Sixet til the theke willy vier wan modelik B. H. mitspelen. I've sinen Ishein lest Dis The I down beer Tie Collect water a der har fried grife ra. Sie fielen Have ist, " The wind Find how with was Irlm grafitether : I'm Francist in Whordast. Bide some assidure tappelessing I'M ith own I red mest a color trum " Thing They I Palat. Tiele hertline majore Irone Mathe. Fitte werden!

2.1.36.*

Kirschenallee 11.

My dear Tom, thank you so much for your lovely letter. I couldn't put a note into the shoes, which I chose extra beautiful, because I had to run all over town so that the package would get off in time. But I hear that it only got there after the holidays anyway.

I suppose that by now the slide rule and the set of water colors have also made their way to you. In the middle of January an acquaintance of mine, Herr Burkthal, will fly to London. He has offered to take along a small package. So please tell me what you would like. The First Aid drugstore [kit] we will give to B.H. to take along.

One of the notes [money? Transl.] Tante Toni put in. She sends you much, much love. She is nursing Uncle Philipp, who is staying home with the flu. There is a lot of talk here about a new film: San Francisco, showing at the UFA Palace. I also saw a rather good performance of the Midsummer Night's Dream at the UFA.

Much love,

Your Mutti

Over, please!

My dear little Beate, I assume you are still there. I haven't heard anything from Julie [?] I guess you finally did not get away? What about the Walkers?

Cordially,

Your Mutti

I hear that the Franks have an apartment there. Did you finally get the dressing gown?

*I believe this letter was written in 1937 and not 1936 based on the following:

- 1. It is a common mistake to write the previous year after the calendar changes. I believe that Mutti also made this mistake at the beginning of 1938.
- 2. It appears likely that Mutti was living in England for the better part of 1936 because:
 - a. Grossmutti asks Tom for Mutti's address in her letter of 10 August 1936 (suggesting that Mutti is in England, not Berlin).
 - b. Grossmutti states in her letter of 30 September 1936 that "Mutti has safely arrived bringing greetings from you and the fabulous candies for me. You know, my boy, I was really touched when I heard that you paid for them with your own money..." as well as a report that Vati looks well. It appears Mutti has returned to Berlin and is visiting with the Rehfisch Grosseltern, bearing gifts and welcome news.
 - c. The next letter from Mutti written in 1936 is dated 18 October.
- 3. The address on Mutti'd letters dated 19 November, 16 December, and 24 December 1936 is Kirschenallee 11, as it is for this January letter. Her address changes to Neubabelsburg in April 1937.
- 4. The two December 1936 letters letter discuss the slide rule, and this January letter presumes receipt. The slide rule was apparently returned for a customs payment per Mutti's 24 January 1937 letter, and was again presumed received in her 16 April 1937 letter.

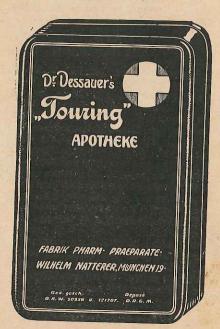
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Erfrankungen und Unglücksfällen

mit Benützung von



Chirurgisches.



Allgemeine Bemerkungen.

Für den Laien ist es empsehlenswert, jede Durchtrennung der Haut und der darunter liegenden Schichten nach vorhergehender Reinigung mit einem seuchten Verband zu bedecken. Ausgenommen davon sind alle Flächenwunden wie Brandwunden, Wundsaufen, auch Verbrennungen, die von raschem Durchgleiten von Tauwerk durch die Hände und durch Gletscherbrand entstehen.

A. Die Reinigung.

Wer eine Wunde berührt oder Gegenstände, die mit der Wunde in Berührung kommen (Watte, Gaze, Instrumente), hat zuerst seine eigenen Hände auf das gründlichste zu säubern. Erst Räger reinigen! Dann Hände mit warmem Wasser, Seise und Bürste behandeln! Darnach gießt man Brennspiritus über die Hände und zuletz steckt man die Hände in eine Lösung Kaliumpermanganat (Röhre 3) siüns Minuten lang. Die Lösung nuß weinrot sein, spielt sie ins blaue, so ist sie zu stark. Ist diese gründliche Desinsettion der Hände nicht möglich, so reinige man wenigstens unbedingt die Rägel, wasche mit Wasser und halte die Finger 5—10 Minuten in eine Kal. perm. Bösung. Die Aluminium-Hüsse der Apothese dient als Gefäß. Dann wird die Bunde gereinigt. Sand, Steinchen, Erdreich, Holzsplitter ze. müssen mit der beiltegendem Pinzette entsernt werden. Ist kießendes Wasser vorhanden oder Meerwasser, so sasse werden; dann tauche man einen Wattebauschen in die Kal. perm. Lösung und presse ihn ilder der Wunde aus, sorge aber dassir, das der weitaus größte zeil der Lösung wieder aus der Wunde absauft. Unch die Wunderänder mitsen wissen bespillt werden. Es soll nach Möglichseit die Blutung gestillt werden (j. Blutung) und dann solgt

B. Der feuchte Verband.

Man benützt den in der Apotheke vorhandenen Kompressenstoff, der nur mit reinem Wasser, da er mit Borsäure imprägniert ist, sekenchtet wird. Auf die Kompresse wird ein die Kompresse ringsum

um ½ cm iberragendes Stück Guttapercha oder Bülkrotbatist gelegt. Eine Mullbinde hält das Ganze als Verband sest. Bet großen Verlegungen wechse man den Verband nicht mehr bis zum Einstreffen des Arztes. Bei kleinen Verlegungen wechsie man den Versdand täglich unter Beobachtung der größten Reinlichkeit. Guttapercha und Vilkrotbatist können nach gründlicher Reinigung immer wieder benützt werden.

C. Brandwunden. Wunden infolge Scheuerns. verbrennungen, Gleischerbrand, Seilbrand, Wundlaufen, Wolf.

Bei allen biesen Gelegenheiten ist von einem seuchten Verband abzusehen. Sind die Wunden klein oder handelt es sich um Versbrennungen ersten Grades (Rötung), so mache man einen Salbenverband. Man schmiere auf ein doppelt gelegtes Stückhen Vinde mittels eines Lösselstelses oder eines Messers 3 mm die Salbe (Tube 1), lege die Salbenkompresse auf, darüber Guttapercha und binde das Ganze mit einer Mullbinde sest. Verbrennungen zweiten Grades (Rötung, Blasenbildung). Zuerst die Blasen entsernen, dann Brandbinde (14) aussezz, dünne Schichte Watte und Vinde darüber. Natürlich können auch Brandbunden zweiten Grades, wenn die Vrandbinde nicht reicht, mit Salbenverband bedeckt werden. Der Verband wird erst vom Arzt wieder abgenommen.

D. Blutungen.

Kleine Blutungen stehen nach funzer Zeit von selbst, wenn die Wunde verbunden ist und das verletzte Glied unsig gehalten wird. Ist die Blutung bedeutender, so kann man sie durch Kompression stillen. Man beseuchtet Watte mit Kal. perm.-Lösung, drückt die Watte seit aus, so daß sie saste mit Kal. perm.-Lösung, drückt die Watte seit aus, so daß sie saste neit kal. perm.-Lösung, drückt die Watte seit so daß sie saste neit kal. perm.-Lösung, drückt die Watte sam den so imprägnierten Wattedaussichen sessen. Vösung ungefähr 10 Minuten lang auf die blutende Setelle. Blutungen aus größeren Gefäßen müssen durch Druck zum Stillstand gebracht werden, aber nicht durch Druck auf die Wunde selbst, sondern auf eine Stelle ziemlich nahe der Wunde, unter der daß blutende Gefäße auf seinem Weg vom oder zum Herzen durchläust. Erscheint die Blutung hellrot und stoßweise (Verlegung einer Schlagader-Arterie), so kommt der Druckverband zwischen Kerz und Wunde, ca. 1—2 cm isber der Wunder und die Blutung gleichmäßiger. In diesem Falle ist die Gefahr des Auslaugens vom insektiösen Keimen groß und man tut gut daran, oberhalb und unterhalb der Wunde einen einschnürenden Ring zu legen.

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[Grossmutti and Grossvati to Tom and Beate]

Charlottenburg 5. 5.I.37

My dear Tomchen,

Two years ago you were here and there was no need for me to thank you for your good wishes <u>in writing</u>. May a gracious fate give us the possibility to celebrate the next New Year together. That you were happy about the package was the point of sending it. In order to repeat that experience, we will, as soon as Mr. H. gets in touch with us, give him some of the things that were on your birthday wish list to bring to you. My motto is: you can never enjoy anything too far ahead of time. I hope that our combined efforts to meet your taste succeeded – I would like to see the 2 pair <u>warm</u> socks in your possession as soon as possible. This season's flu is not to be taken lightly, May all of you be safe from evil.

And may the New Year bring you nothing but good things in every respect, my Tomchen.

This the most fervent wish of your

Grossmutti

And that is also the wish of Grandfather, who longs to put his arms around his grandson.

Warm wishes for today from

Grossvati

Charlottenberg 5. 5.I.37

My dear Micky-Maus,

I thank you very much for your good wishes for the New Year and for my birthday, and I wish you in turn much joy, health, and success in school. Vati writes that your report card is brilliant, congratulations! Could we perhaps get a copy of it? I am so glad that the things we sent pleased you, I hope that you are finally in possession of the warm dressing gown, which will surely look very pretty with the new shoes. I still haven't heard about it. I am sending this letter to Vati's address, assuming that, as always, you will be together on the weekend.

Keep well now, my girl, and take much love and kisses

from Grossmutti

And from Grandfather, who was very pleased with your skillful needlework.

Warm greetings,

Grossvater

Postcard - 17 January 1937 - Mutti (Lilli) & D. F. Schneider

Charlottenburg, 17.1.37.

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willst. Bitte antworte mir sofort, ob wir ihn mit

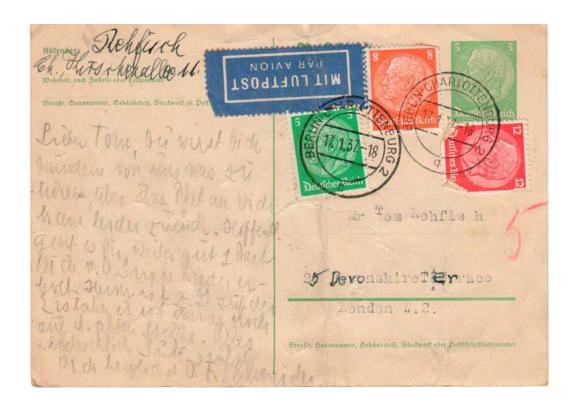
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ke haben willst. Hier ist es jetzt kalt und die Gripp

lässt ein wenig nach. Bei Euch hof entlich aauch!

Gestern war ich mit Ite To i zu "Hofkonzert"

Brauchst Deur Motte.



Charlottenburg, 17.I.37 Kirschenallee 11

My dear Tom,

I just remember to ask whether you need an overall. Please reply right away whether you will want it along with the other things we are sending (toiletry case and First Aid kit) Here it is cold now, and the flu has abated a bit, I hope with you too. Yesterday I went with Tante Toni to "Hofkonzert."

Love,

Your Mutti.

Do you need handkerchiefs?

[Back of card]

Dear Tom, you will be surprised to hear from us, but the package to you unfortunately came back. I hope you continue to do well and to have recovered from your flu. Heinz [?] is right now in the ice rink, but still in his old position. That seems worrisome [not sure about this, Transl.].

All the best, D.F. Schneider

Charl. 24.1.3% Min lieber Jom, vor allen Dingen und ymnärhst vielen her zlinhen Dænke fitt Deinen lieben Brief, ubes don sich mich scho freute. Inh have Dir yum Geburtstag cine Auweisung geschicht. Die hart In wohl crhatten. In den Wiener heitungen las en wir wher Fir Anthony. Ich sah im Thulturbund Kingsbeys Men in White, das hast Du doch nach meiner Erinnerung mit Vati in Landan gesehen? Es wurde sehr gut ge geben und war sehr aufre gend-großse Aehnlichheit mit Semmelweis. Groß vati ist scho bereit Dir Bürher yn Schieben, weil das beicht geht. Auch Anderes durch Haffha, der sich dagu erbat. Jag mal, mufst Di nirht mit Drinen Hallfunkt "zum Tahn nigt ? Mit ist doch st. Alber Dein Rugby-Frontball habre ich nich sehr gefrent. Ich erst und brei Rochlig spezielle Flutgen dafür Went Du sie nicht brunken kannst, bitte gurisk, ein

Wer den Tall have ich nich sohr gearges ich hatte bei Wishmann angregeben, ihn hier yn erheben, aber sie hatten die Adresse vergesser, beg. die nichtige Nummer und so ham es dest gerrich und wurde als ge. wohnliches Taket abgeschiekt. Hier ist Winterschligs - Wirkauf in Herrens arten litte um Umschäufserungen. Bei Frite war ich yum Gebuttstag vorgestern, sie freute sith seht mit Deinem Grufs. En water nut 3 Aven dinner da und abends ging sir gnEdwin Fisches ins Hangest. Ich sah noch Singhysnighter mit Hollkrage wie ist as daniet? Time zwerkmäfrige Jutn. hose hast Du Dit wihl für dies on hwerk an gesthaft? Van dem Strumpfpalet waren Z Taar für Dirh, haffentlich hat Unti sie Dir abgegeben. Habe ich eigentlich whom meiner Breger sterne ille Dein conomies-colum und ilver die überst andene Griffe Aus Arnek gegeben? Victo herzliche Grifac und Thusace Deine Moth.

My dear Tom,

Most importantly and first of all, thank you very much for your welcome letter, which was a great pleasure for me.

I sent you a check for your birthday. I assume you have received it.

In the Vienna newspapers we read about Sir Anthony.

At the Cultural Center (Kulturbund) I saw Kingsley's "Men in White." I seem to remember that you saw that with Vati in London. It was very well played and very gripping – very reminiscent of Semmelweis.

Grossvati is all set to send you books, because that is easy to do. Other things too, through Kafka, who offered to do this.

Listen, don't you have to go to the dentist with your "chalk point"? I have that definite feeling. I like the rugby football. I went to Rochlitz's to purchase a special stand for it. If you don't want to use it, please return it.

[A page seems to be missing here, Transl. Confirmed, PHR.]

I was really mad about the customs payment, I had told Withmann's to charge it here, but they had forgotten the address, or the correct number anyway, and so it came back and had to be sent as a regular package.

Here we are having winter sales of men's clothing. Yesterday I went to Käthe's for her birthday; she was very happy about your greetings. Only three of her women friends were there, and in the evening she went to an Edwin Fischer concert.

I saw some turtleneck rugby sweaters; how about that? You probably have already gotten yourself a pair of proper gym shorts for that purpose. In the package of socks 2 pair were for you, I hope Vati has given them to you.

Have I properly expressed my enthusiasm about your economics exam and about your recovery from the flu?

Much love and kisses.

Your

Mutti

Donnerstag 28, 1.3%. Kirshenaller 11. Mein geliebter Junge, vor einem Jahr hatten wir bei tyous am the yel cine harhat clegante birthday-party und am narhsten Jage Richard III. in Old tit. Ingwischen bist Du ein großes Thirk weiter gekommen. Wehr und aus volleren Herzen kann wohl kaum eine Mitter ihrem John Flirk minischen als ich es ture. Den Ledersuitease, den ich Dir für Deine Wege zum College und Rugby zugedarht hatte, besorge Dir lieber von dem letzten, von Große. midti ges undten Gelde. Donn in den Mita geben an ywerlassige texte nie Mini Frank have ith allmählich ein Haar gefunden. Truty dom trug it gestern einem Stirhitekten Wolfsohn, dor hute frish nach London fully trug ich auf sie Zu mahnen. Of ar as tut, weifs ich night, so tent Du as vam Besten sellest. Elen kommt Dein Brief nud ish sause in die Statt Viele viele Thurse Deine Mutti:

Thursday, 28.I.37 Kirschenallee 11.

My beloved boy, a year ago we had a most elegant birthday party at the Lyons [Restaurant?] by the Angel and on the next day Richard III at the Old Vic. Since then you have made big strides. No mother could wish her son more happiness and from a deeper heart than I do.

I think you should get the leather suitcase I wanted to give you for going between the College and Rugby with the last money sent by Grossmutti. For I have found that giving things to take along even to reliable people like Mimi Frank has its problems. Yesterday, for instance, I had to ask an architect, Mr. Wolfsohn, who will travel to London this morning, to remind her. I don't know if he will do it; if not, you will have to do it yourself.

Just now your letter arrives, and I am rushing off to the city.

Many, many kisses

from your Mutti.

Mesu lieber dom væle hevzliche Glischwinsche zum Geburtstag und alles Gute fürs Rommende Jahr. Das Leben ver langt heute recht viel van jedem von uns, und ich kann Der nur winschen, dass En Deine bewährte Arbeitsfrendigkeit und Deinen Gummunus werderhen For und um allen erhaltet. Ess und Schnee meinen es jetzt auch mit uns so gut dafs not zwischen 16 und 16 8. Kalte vantieven, all Winde wehn hent grad von Ost. Todarf Takel Philip die 7 he Worke die waring ven kommer der Whung histen und das Freber will durchaus nucht gang weggelen. Ein Bade, gimmet voll heißer Kamillen. dampfe veilnelt ab mit i warning

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Charl. 9, 28.I.37

My dear Tom,

Our warmest congratulations and good wishes for your birthday and the coming year. Life today demands a great deal from all of us and I can only hope that for your sake and all of ours you will preserve your well-known enthusiasm for work and your optimism.

Ice and snow are now favoring us so much that we vary between 10 and 16 minus degrees C., and the winds are blowing straight from the East. This means that Onkel Philipp can occupy the warmer rooms of the apartment and that the fever absolutely will not go away. A bathroom full of chamomile steam alternates with warm poultices for the chest, and there is also <u>Dame</u> and <u>Schlagdame</u> to vary the fare. Then the piano takes the place of the oh so beloved radio. The South was to bring rapid recovery – and then the currency for Italy went on strike!

Tomorrow I will ask the Public Health doctor about an attestation. Let us hope! [in English, Transl.]

With Arnold the teacher thinks he can see a slight improvement, I hope I can find a replacement for him in March when he goes first to Munich and then to England as lecturer for German language. Then you should meet him too, he is such a fine and intelligent person. We are very pleased that Beatchen is developing so nicely.

I hope to send a little package from the trip.

For today warm greetings for the 3 of you, also from Onkel Philipp, and a kiss from Tante Toni

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My dear, dear Tom!

[Two words with exclamation marks in Greek] we are all very happy that our dear Tom celebrates his nineteenth birthday today. Nineteen years, what a wonderful age, full of projects, full of hopes, full of aspirations. How much as yet unproven good lies within you! Of how much beauty dreams your mind! The world lies before you! All you need is the desire to reach for the stars and to be ready; read the essay your father wrote in high school (Obersekunda) on the theme "Within your breast are the stars that rule your fate." Yes, my dear Tom, you have been able in your young life, especially in the last 3 years, to show a very valuable trait of your character, the will to go steadfastly about fitting into and understanding your milieu. Then you succeeded thanks to hard work, so that this year you did very well in your economics exam, for which I especially congratulate you. And since it is the tradition in our family to always look forward only to something good, I do not doubt that your aspirations will develop in this direction. You have no idea, my dear boy, what pleasure it gives me to watch you, your ambition, the development of your character and – last not least [in English] – the results of your work.

So spend the festive day with your father and your sister in joy and good health. Loving kisses and blessings [?] from

Your

Grossvati

My dear good Tom,

What should I, what could I say to you after all the wonderful words from your grandfather?! Only wish you happiness with all my heart, not just for this year but for your entire life. May the world be good to you, my Tomchen, may it recognize your aspirations, may it continue to foster your courage and the vital spark in your soul, and keep you in good health of both body and mind. "The eyes of many are looking at you" – there is your beloved father, who cares and worries about you and who has the right to reap the prize he deserves even in his younger years, a prize he is already enjoying in many respects: namely to find a friend in a son, for that is the tradition in our family, your Vati too had the good fortune to become his father's comrade and companion, notwithstanding his pursuit of different goals, his development in a direction that made him a self-contained and creative personality. And creativity is always "the highest happiness of mortal man." So, continue to be happy at work and at leisure.

I kiss you with all my heart,

Grossmutti

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We were pleased to receive your lovely letter, but wonder why we have not received an acknowledgment for your birthday package. Since I had sent a detailed list of all the things contained in it to Vati a long time ago, I hope it [package] will have reached <u>your</u> address and been received by you. Yesterday I packed another package with Mutti, containing, 1. A writing case (beautifully reconditioned, as always), 2. Sun block, as specified, for <u>Vati</u>, and then 1 red sleeveless sweater, 2 underpants, 3 pr. socks for <u>you</u>. The latter items are all monogrammed with your initials, T.R. All these things I sent, having first inquired, to Dr. Kafka, who volunteered to deliver them conscientiously to Vati. So, as soon as he has arrived in London, go and get them from <u>Vati</u> and wear them *mit Gesund [in the best of health*] as our forbears used to say. I think he [Dr.Kafka] wanted to depart at the end of this or the beginning of next week. We read the two critiques in the Fr [French?] press and in the W [?] Journal and do not think they are all that bad. The main thing here – that was probably part of the intention – is that the public is intrigued, which one hopes would lead to full houses.

Greetings now to your dear father and to Beate, and love and kisses

Your Grossmutti

This very moment the evening mail brings us your letter, gladdening our hearts. Isn't it odd – or perhaps not odd at all – how our view of the critiques coincides with yours, my boy! But really, you must stay healthy (for a runny nose two drops of iodine in a glass of water, but that helps only at the beginning of the cold.) All the rest will work out somehow, as it always has, so far. If you want to write to Kafka before he leaves: Charlottenburg, Albrecht-Achillessstr. 9, telephone: 97-742. That Beatchen can already help with your English correspondence is the best proof of her good progress in school. And our Tom will also afford us the occasion to be very proud of him! I always tell our young Dutchman (boarder), who looks like Tom and is also studying engineering here at the Techno, how well Tom is doing. He is becoming positively envious. And I am very glad that you, my dear Mickymaus, are finally in possession of your dressing gown and no longer have to warm yourself on men's beards – pasted on! of course.

This letter, having been written at several points in time, has turned out to be a bit of a confused mixture, but as I wrote it I felt as if we were all sitting together. Ah yes! –

Kisses,

Mutti and Grossmutti

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Don't think that I have forgotten you; I think of you almost every day. And you can believe me, I don't have 1 minute time for me personally. My life here fortunately consists of nothing but work and more work. Two months ago I wrote [to you] but the letter came back.

But now for the main subject: Unless I am mistaken, you have a birthday one of these days, for which I send my congratulations. And what else are you up to, old boy? How about your studies? I hear from your mother that you are now driving a lot. I too got my driver's license 9 months ago, but alas I am not as lucky as you are to own a car. From time to time I rent one from an agency. Perhaps we will buy a car for the business in the spring. But of course all of that is not the most important thing, what is important is the future!!! Only today I took a close acquaintance to his train, at noon he was off to Buenos Aires, lucky fellow! What are the prospects in your field in England, where you are? Day and night my work here is accompanied by the question of what will happen. Perhaps we will meet again someday on another continent. That would be so wonderful, but for the moment these are all castles in the air.

My private life here has become quite boring. After all, most of my best friends have left, and so I really have only two or three good friends. Going out is not much fun and there are very few entertainments !!! where one can go.

I just hear from your mother that you would like to have various prospectuses, and I will try to get them for you, Please write to me right away in what form you want to have them. Should it be the entire brochures or only the explanations of existing books publications?

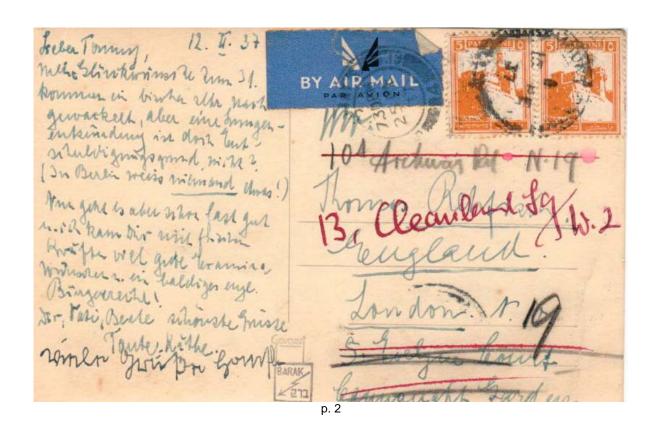
Wishing you the very best in your new year I close for today, with warm regards,

Heinz Günter Schneider

1937-02-12 Kathe postcard



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12.II.37

Dear Tommy,

My good wishes for the 31st. Come slouching in a little late, but a pneumonia is an attenuating circumstance, isn't it? (In Berlin <u>no one</u> knows about this!)

By now I am almost all better and have the fresh strength to wish you good examinations and a short wait for English citizenship!

Best love to you, Vati, and Beate,

Tante Käthe

Greetings from Hansi

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12.II.37 10 at night

My dear Tom!

That our birthday present pleased you so much makes us happy in turn, After all, you deserve it.

Now for another brief word about the physics books, I told your Mutti that I would be ready any time to send you books that you need for your studies, So don't be shy, my dear boy, and write to me what you need. Since we are starting on our Palestine trip on March 1, you have plenty of time to figure out what you need and/or what you would like to own. It will always give me great pleasure to help you in your studies, if only in this manner.

You can imagine now, my dear Tom, the excitement we are experiencing here. 37 years ago, when I was in Naples with your great-grandparents, your great-grandfather said, our next trip will be to Palestine, Well, since then the horizon has changed quite a bit; nonetheless it will be for us, and particularly for me, an emotional experience to see the land that commanded the vivid attention of my youth.

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Warm greetings from

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Eugen Rehfisch - 1930s (died 10/7/1937)



My dear Tom,

I read your letter of condolence to Tante Toni, and I am moved by the sensitive manner in which you express your feelings, and thrilled by the thought that if you had been here, everyone would have embraced you so tightly that you would hardly have been able to breathe. You give me such joy, my dear Tom; I feel as if, in watching you, I were experiencing a second youth.

Included you receive a photograph of me. It is a very good likeness, for good and for bad. As Luther once said at the Diet of Worms, "Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise." I too would like to say, this is who I am, all of me.

This is our last letter before our trip to Palestine.

Keep well, my dear good Tom, and continue to give us so much joy.

Love and kisses,

Your Grossvati

[Grossmutti to Tom]

My dear, big, grown-up, good Tom,

We are still under the impression of your wonderful letter to Tante Toni. I wish you with all my heart that the last sad years of your now departed friend may vanish from your memory and you will only remember the time when the two of you were united by shared goals, shared ideals and shared experiences. And you, beloved boy, must now direct your clear sight to a hopeful future, sheltered in the protection of your dear and wise father who is truly intent on preparing your ways, even though <u>you</u> are the one who must walk them yourself, albeit not alone. How proud and happy you must be that you can already be something special to him and can contribute to some of <u>his</u> achievements. May this relationship continue between you!

Love, Grossmutti

If Beatchen is with you, give her my best. I shall write to her from the boat. Please let me know if Dr. Kafka has delivered Vati's Maggi [a German spice, Transl.] and your socks and pants.

* also Vati's calendar.

Charle, H.M.34. Wen bieber Jon, vielen Dank für Deiner lieben Brief. Heute drickt she gange Tourion Schmirden first Dish den Danmen fils die Wahlen. Und dann ist hier ein schäner Tihal, gerignet für den Truner. sturm Woundhir dow north habt, worde ich int Dit geen schieben. Das Illegramm unt der telvesse hast Du wohl need verktycitig bekommen. Dark ich Dich mal mit aller Richt icht an Dowler Jahn crimner ? Vargestern war ich bei Hoffmann-Harnisch er hat welivere diehe Bürher geschrieben und der Tohn märhte nach dem Alisturium als Esetrancer hiro (er steht nach davos und hat grafse stagst) nach Landon in sine Thanspiels thate. Er wollte von Dis Makeres misson ilver die France in Dustington Hall. It halve ihm alver lieber Beates Advesse gegeben, danit Du Dich damit nicht abzugeben arauchst. Volke Bücher Du wolltest, weife ich immer noch

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Today everyone in Pension Schnieden is keeping their fingers crossed for you in the elections, And then we have here a beautiful scarf, which is good in a snow storm, If that is still going on, I'll be glad to send it to you. I suppose you got the telegram with the address in time.

May I remind you with all due delicacy of your tooth?

Day before yesterday I went to see Hoffman-Harnisch; he has written several big books and his son would like, after his *Abitur*, which he is preparing as a guest student (and he is very scared) to go to London to an acting school. He would like to get details about the school in Dartington Hall from you, I thought it better to give him Beate's address, so that you don't have to bother with this, I still don't know which books you want, I had already been given the money for them from Grossvati.

Are you still doing rugby-football? I hear that that is a very vigorous game, tough all around.

I have not yet written to Tante Toni, because I don't know if she has the pictures with her.

Grossvati gave me money for my ticket to England and things to get for the trip.

Warm greetings now,

From your Mutti, who hopes to see films in England soon again!



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Dear Tom,

I heard about you from Gertrud Wagner, and I would like to ask you if could come to see me next Sunday, the 14th of the month, at 8:30.

A few others will also come, among them Erwin Rothbart, if you remember him from Comb [?]. I hope Gertrud will come too.

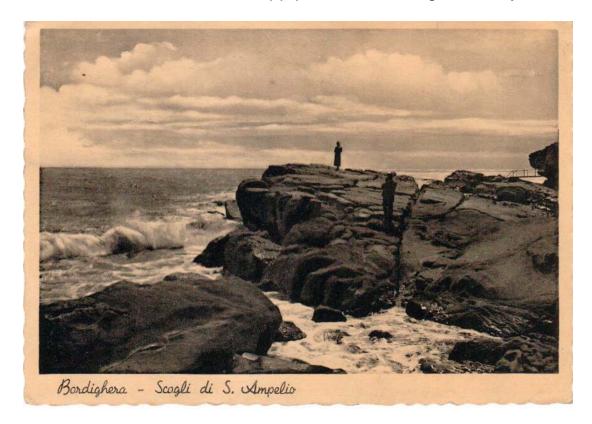
Please call me in the morning to let me know. Between 8:15 and 8:45.

I hope this is convenient for you.

Cordially,

Gabi Sachs

1937-03-12 Toni & Philipp postcard - Bordighera, Italy





[Postcard from Tante Toni and Onkel Philipp]

Bordighera, Italy 12 March 37

Dear Tom,

In today's storm we don't dare going too close to the Rocks right below our hotel – but when the sun shines we like to be there. What happened in the Debating Club? Wishing you continued good fortune and sending you warm regards, your Tante Toni,

Dear Tom, I was very pleased with your birthday-greetings, and especially your good wishes. I am following with great interest your master [...?] and am sure that you will succeed. Greetings, Onkel Philipp.

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Charlottenburg, 14.III.37 Kirschenallee 11

My dear big boy,

After a lovely spring day it's raining once again. But now I do want to write to you, for I think I am no longer disturbing you in your exam time. Are you again planning to go on a hike? I really would like to come to see you. Grossvati left the travel money for me, and also money for the books, which you have not yet ordered from me.

If it is possible for me to visit there, I will be satisfied with a small, simple room, I certainly do not want to be in the way, for I have the feeling that you are in need of some rest and relaxation.

Much love and kisses,

Your Mutti

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[Toni and Philipp from Italy] Letterhead: Hotel Cap Ampeglio Bordighera

24.III.37

Dear Tom, with warm greetings for Easter I am sending you a silk handkerchief for your suit pocket, hoping that it will arrive in better condition than some sweets.

We have had so many March storms that we are counting on sunny and warm Easter weather. But then, in a storm, it's fantastic to be near the rocky cliffs here, especially if the sky is blue. It's like the Baltic.

Warm regards, Onkel Philipp and Tante Toni

25. early

Just now we received your welcome card, for which we thank you very much. Today the sun will lure us to the sea, and we hope that you in London will also have a sunny holiday. Beate wrote yesterday that she will have a short vacation over Easter and that she would probably spend it with you. It would of course be wonderful if in the longer vacation she were to come to Berlin.

Give her our best, and warm greetings to you and your father

From Tante Toni and Onkel Philipp

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[Eugen Rehfisch (grandfather) to José]

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31.III.37

José!

You probably have been expecting for some time a report from me about how it feels to be here. Unfortunately I was unable to produce it, since a feverish cold and a less dangerous but protracted gastric affection forced me to stay in bed for two weeks. Since yesterday I am, thank goodness, fever free, and since Mutti has nursed me with the same dedication as she did 45 and 35 and 5 years ago, I hope to be my old self before long. But you will understand that I have not gotten beyond the streets of our apartment. But what I was able to see here made me feel as if I were on Capri – this infinitely blue sea, the blue sky, and the rocks of the Lebanon mountains with their gentle contours – it was a tremendous impression. Added to this is the great joy of being together with the children, who are constantly endeavoring to do nice things for us, What can I tell you about Käthchen and Otto? Here for once a kind fate has helped us. If only Käthchen were not forced to work so much. Otto's salary is not high and sufficient only for the most necessary expenses. When anything unexpected is added, it is very hard! Fortunately they are living the house of an unbelievably kind man who gives them all the support he can.

I only learned yesterday through a letter from Lilli that Tom passed his exam; I am only surprised that Tom himself did not write to me to tell me. So I congratulate you, my son; it's another step forward.

Of course I cannot say anything at all about your decision to accept the invitation to travel to New York. It pains me deeply when I have to see how hard you work and how meager your successes have been lately. If I am not mistaken, Lilli suggested in yesterday's letter that Beate might come to Berlin for a short stay. I don't know any of the details yet, but the most important thing will be that Beate must finally obtain a regular passport that automatically allows for entries and exits.

On April 4 we will finally go to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem! For 4 weeks we have sat here and have not experienced any of Palestine's[?], And also, we are so short of money that we actually have think twice about every piaster. I hope that next week I will receive a sum of money from South America, as I was promised. More about this later.

Stay well, my son, and keep your chin up.

Warm greetings from your

Vati

Best to Tom and Beate. On April 14 we leave for home

Charlotterling, 4.W. 3%. Frischer alle II. Lieber Tom hab vielen Dank fin Deinen lieben Brief. Ich weiß garnicht, ab ich Dit schon richtig grem Granen Glick gewinscht habe Denn nicht, they ich es hiermit. Hier ist as nichtiger duril. Hat Vati das Gold für Brates Himatschein dort bekallt. Ich whichte ihm die Karte Gurier, wil och soust hirs with die Dovisonerlambnis bokomme. Ich halbe solo, dass or die Farke dost orledition hann and Brate - mit Ferhibild !! doct ihren Pals lok omnt. Sout ist, doch an Fredericise garnisht zu denken. Die Buchh andlung wrte sich um 1 16, die eth noch nachsenden muß. Froth dem scheint sie die Bucher dryeschicht zu kaben. Sall ich von den anderen Blitten beliebige heraus greifen? Sie wolltenkate log skicker a agter der, dafs sie nicht The sin auch gerade in thuzicherthad Dur Salamans kamen vorgestern gu. stick. Et am berublisher Grinden. Es geht viel besser als workers— aber immer broth nirtit gut & genng. Bes onders aber nit seiner finden di thetis Tom, relienste Gribe! Helan in johl Soloment. hieber Tom, I des uste Brispe! Stefan ist jekst Schundauer und wenfs Ober = 4. Muster schunda susammen in linem Jaler machen. Aberick hoffe, vir werden das früher unterbrechen homen. Heesticht Hille St.,

Dear Tom,

Thank you so much for your welcome letter, I don't even know whether I have properly congratulated you on your exam. If not, I am doing it herewith. Here we are having a real April.

Has Vati paid the money for Beate's certificate of residence [Heimatschein] over there? I sent the card back to him, because otherwise I would not get permission to receive foreign money [unclear to me, trans]. I hope very much that he can straighten this matter out there and that Beate – with her photo! – can get her passport. Because otherwise a trip for her vacation is out of the question.

The bookstore made a mistake of 1 mark, which I have to send them. But they seem to have sent the books anyway. Should I just make a choice among the other books? They were going to send a catalog but said that they did not have one for these subjects. I am also in the midst of moving. How about you? The Salomons returned yesterday; he for professional reasons. He is doing much better than before, but still not good enough. Especially with his diabetes.

Love, Mutti

Dear Tom, Stefan is now in Secunda and supposed to do Upper and Lower Secunda in one year. But I hope we will be able to interrupt that earlier. Love, Hilde St.

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Date assumed based on only letter from Babelsberg (previous page); no translation needed

Undated Mutti envelope





Neubabelsberg, 16.IV.37 Wannseestr. 9

My dear Tom,

I hope you have received the bobs I sent you from here day before yesterday. And also the books from the Polytechnic bookstore, the slide rule in the case, and the pouch, which unfortunately is not very fancy. But I do believe that the tobacco, mixed with some potato peel, will stay fresh. A few days ago I moved into a small pension which belonged to a psychology professor, Dr. Lipmann, with whom I studied when I was young, He himself is dead, but his wife runs the place as a "Jewish pension." I could not remain at the Schniedens' for racial reasons. Here the air is good and sometimes I can find sun and water close by.

The matter of Beate's passport I was able to take care of before I moved, as you may have gathered from the letter to Vati.

Much love,

from your Mutti

Thomas Rehfisch's 1936 Slide Rule



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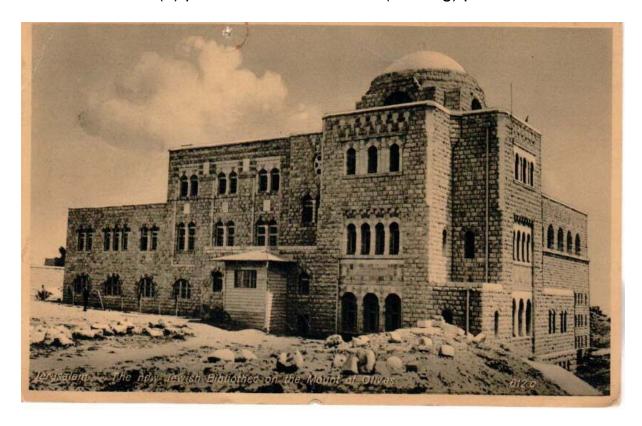


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I found a similar slide rule (Castell) on a website for a slide rule museum and emailed an inquiry with this photo to the curator in mid 2016; I have not received a reply. Other similar slide rules of this vintage were listed. One in Australia, and one in German obtained from a German soldier as I recall.

Pamela October 28, 2016

1937 (?) postmarked Grossmutti (Hedwig) postcard





[Postcard from Grandparents; no date visible, but it mentions Mount Olive; assumed to be from Palestine, 1 March-14 April 1937].

Very hard to read, "Grandfather is well again; we made a 4 hour trip to Mount Olive (picture on postcard) impressed with the grandiose landscape. Loving greetings from the Grandparents."

Reillingen (Wistenberg)

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Rolf was a friend; I have a few more of his letters but wanted to see how this one goes before providing the others.

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Reutlingen (Württemberg) Burgstrasse 64 II Reutlingen, 22.4.37

Dear Tom,

Please excuse me for not writing in English, but I have very little time. So excuse me please. Thank you for your letter. And please answer this letter, only this once, in German, for your opinions about "our friends" were not quite clear to me. But only the next [letter]. So, I have now landed in Reutlingen, some 45 km from Stuttgart, since I was not accepted in Chemnitz. Here I attend a technical school for textile studies, where I will study for 2 semesters, and then I will pass my textile master's examination. I have a lot of work to do since I entered 2 weeks late and now have to make notes of all the lectures, which were dictated or distributed, and I also have to make the drawings of the machines.

Otherwise Reutlingen is a pretty nice town. Old imperial city with half-timbered buildings and old towers. On Sundays I put on my short pants and head out into the countryside by myself. That is my only recreation. All the rest is just shit. The 7 Jews who study here are doing what they can to chuck one big log after the other into my path, and some of the Aryans are not easy to get along with, either. But nonetheless everything is going OK [?].

In the evening I often play the accordion, which I have been doing with enthusiasm for 3 years. What I really miss is my boat. When I was still in Berlin, my Section Berlin 4 bought 4 boats (paddle boats), with which we went on trips. That was terrific.

I have to close now.

Write soon, Greetings, Rolf

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"To put off is not to put away," an old saying goes, but in an effort to modernize that word, I will describe to you my daily activities. Even though you know my old stories about working too hard, they will now be proven to you by my best friend, for this guy will come to London and will be there from July 19 to 21, He has never been to London, and so it will be difficult for him to get around in such a big city. I would be very grateful if you could look after him a bit, if your time allows. He will give you a call and then you can plan something with him. I will also give him a little note. Perhaps you can show him something of the London film world. He is particularly interested in this field. In his dreams he imagines that he can be introduced to the beautiful Gitta Algar. Perhaps it is possible for you to play the Dream Fulfiller.

And now, as to the motorized world, I can tell you that I too have become a "motorist" – perhaps it would be better to say "motorized driver." Your mother told me that the Bobbies always tease you, saying, "well, little man, are you already driving." But, dear Tommi, let them talk, for "to become a master you must start from the beginning." And now, old boy, something else about the crap of life. Driving a car is nice and good, but if you have to look at each kilometer whether there still is a drop of gasoline in the mill, then it's no good at all. From this you should see how things are here for me. Perhaps we as old friends might be able to find a way out. The details you can discuss with my friend Heinz Kirschner.

By the way, I hope to address my next letter to "Engineer Thomas Rehfisch."

Write me sometime to let me know how far you've gotten.

All the best, old boy.

Greetings to your sister and your father, and warm regards from your friend

Heinz Schneider

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Translation by Elborg Forster follows

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Dear Tom Charlottenburg 22.7.37 [22 July 1937]

I am finally getting around to writing to you too. I hope that you have gotten over your hay fever for good. As for your wishes, they will be completely fulfilled. We have sent your order in two parts, one for the scientific and the other for financial works. Concerning the first one, I have advoised to have the two books you mentioned sent to you. And I have also contacted the[? ..] Bookstore, who promised to send you regularly their announcements of new books on technical subjects. Last and not least, since one cannot do science without ink - for written in pencil science is not clear enough - I have also gotten you a new Primus fountain pen. The book about plant [?]1 have not yet been able to find. As for the financial part, I leave that area to your grandmother. Warm greetings from your Great Aunt *[not too sure about that, trans*]

Best to Vati and Beate From your Grossvater

My dear Tom

Since Grossvati has given me the floor, I will use it to enumerate for you what I have purchased for you. There are, first of all the two Oxford shirts, 2 underpants (all washed, ... and ..., that is to say these are "second hand things"), also 1 pair black calf shoes, a very good brand from Keiser. I don't know yet whether I will send you these things through Mutti. But you will get them in any case, and I hope you will be pleased with them. Mutti will write you directly about her arrival in [illegible!] because she would like to take a train that does not arrive so late (for the ordinary train does not arrive in [...] until eight in the evening), but rather around noon. That would probably be a special express. If you want to know or like to have something tomorrow, write to us soon, Tommchen.

What will happen with our trip is not yet clear. We can only travel in such a way that it is not strenuous for Grossvati, who is now fragile always fatigued. Vati told us today in his letter, which just arrived, about a route by way of Calais-Dorsevant [??], which would be right-but we will first have to find out from the travel agency whether we would get a transit visa for France. We long to see you, but all of this is quite complicated. Still I believe that here again, Vati will know what to do. We wrote a detailed letter to him yesterday, and look forward with confidence to his reply. For today, Tom, loving greetings to you and Beate from Grossmutti

[In the margins:]

Of Vati's jacket and the stockings I will take care one of these days. Please, Tommchen, ask Vati whether they should be woolen, cotton or silk stockings, since he wrote that he has good but not very thick socks. And please, don't forget it! I must know this exactly before I buy them, also the size (no. 11, right?)

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Oberschreiberhau 30.8.37

My dear Tom,

Post nebula, Phoebus! After it had rained for days on end and the outlines of the mountains were not even visible because of the fog, today, finally, Homer's sun broke through with all his might. Today the red tile roofs shimmer in the most beautiful light, the meadows smile happily, the forests rustle, and the sober, lonely buildings wave to us from below, And so I am, my dear Tom, myself in the most wonderful mood in this fantastic weather, most thankful to the fate that not only allows me to see all this splendor but to enjoy it, as it were, with understanding. Of course, I am thinking of all of you all the time, and so I thank you for your last humorous letter. My mood is so good that I even forgive you the dreadful pun you committed on [two greek words]. I would actually be more justified to use these words for the marvelously changeable nature around and before me. In such weather even sleeping ghosts do not awaken. I therefore imagine that the last weekend you spent with Mutti and Beate in Margate will have been as beautiful and filled with impressions as the last one. Please, all of you, keep up the courage to live in a [...] way. I am surprised at not having received a photo from Margate from you. I hope it will come later.

Now our magnificently beautiful days, by which I mean the last two, are soon at an end [this is a citation from Schiller], and in three days we must leave here, so that in Berlin we will not miss the precise date when foreign money can be obtained. So this is the last letter from here. Goodbye now, my dear Tom, and may you always be as happy with your life as I myself have enjoyed mine today. Greetings to Vati and Mutti and warm greetings for you

Grossvati.

My dear Tom,

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have an even grander repeat of our lovely days in Braunwald in Lugano? Unfortunately that does not depend on us alone but on the force majeure of money. Just to be sure, I have thoroughly examined my sewing and my soap boxes, so that I can be ready to do things for you and Vati, as I did in those happy days, "when Bertha spun." (And by this I mean your socks and underpants, which were regenerated by my expert hand.) But in this area Mutti and Beate seem to have already done remarkable work, so that we will surely find time to walk, chit-chat, and enjoy the marvels of Lugano – just so the foreign exchange people show a bit of understanding! Let's not give up hope!

Until then, a big kiss from

Grossmutti.

Westbrook 8.18.34. The Gables Westeliff Road Mein lieber Junge wir sitzen in den Tunken Gardens. Ich walter Dich gestern nach ansufen und Dit sagen, daße die Witten sehr nett war und Deinen stufenthalt nich den einen Jag vertechnet hat, der bei uns an der Worke fehlte. For stell Dit -als-or das Weld your Verfügung. Es kortet hier für suns Beide zunamen 5 \(\frac{1}{2} \) guis. Whit Du nächster weekend Armmen? Hier sind Tennis soluch Ar 8 (?) yn 2 sh VE daller dings nirks haben kannst, nimm sie liebert, sont school mit Loing genaut Größe. This dies en Haus kannt des Vater cines kleinen Jungen mit einem disheen tuto her für den Sanntag - vielleicht kann er Dich mitnelmen. I Viele Grüße und Thisse Deine Muth: Des kann er nicht weil et vielleicht garnille weder Econot. Kannet Da wir Sitte, Den De

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Westbrook, 8.IX.37
The Gables
Westcliff Road
Westbrook

My dear boy, we are sitting in the "Sunken Gardens." I wanted to call you yesterday and tell you that the landlady was very nice and added your stay as the one day that we were short of a week. So this money is at your disposal. The cost for the two of us here is 5 ½ gns [guineas].

Will you come next weekend? Here tennis shoes (size 8?) are 2 sh 16, but they are not very classy. If you can get better ones there, you should take them; otherwise write me the exact size.

In this house the father of a little boy comes to visit for the day on Sunday in a great big car – perhaps he can bring you.

Love and kisses

Your Mutti

No, he can't, because perhaps he won't come at all.

Could you please, if you come, bring me my [...?] and my pink dress that is on the shelf in Vati's wardrobe.

Yesterday we saw "Splinters." It was disgusting. See you.

Beate

Charl., 22. 9. 3%. Mein lieber Jam, houte traf ich Fran Frant. Frank . Fir was es die bei Dir augurufen ver Sie war It Tage in London bei Harhs, Teter geht so gut in der Felwein, aber von Amerika sei garnicht die Redet Fie rat Dir, da Mimi Frank night mehr hier itt-jetyt London, dann Edin. burg, no or Eseanda marken wird - Dirk Air thet on Frof Simon, tolford, Belevaughton Ad yn wenden, er ist immer gang bes va, dere nett yn jungen Mensohen. Haste itt die Verdunkelung zu Ende. Ich auch mit , Signale nach London "an, leider in Deutscher Apraishe, aber schr-gut gespielt. Hast Du -das Ham aplast-gefunden - Haf dem Heimwig vom Think - schien der Mond, so kounte ich mens Tarkenlampe wieder einsterken. Deine Bilder sachhundigen Leuten wie Hedi Thiff, die ich gleich nach meiner Anhunft im Bollevier park traf. Es sind hier noch om paar Arstain lich schöne Tage daywischen was es wirder gang kalt. Hart Du schon Deine Collège France Tiele viele Grifax und Thisne Deine Mutte. Lieber Vom, habe mich selv gefrent Eure hibschen Bileler zu sehn n. durch mutti so viel tiebes von Euch zu høren. Mulli nen gnar- zuenst-Awas angestrengt vonder Rette withren Vorbereddingen, von dem Abselved von Euch, abe,

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My dear Tom,

Today I met Prof. Frank's wife. It was she who tried to call you on the phone. She spent 10 days in London with the Hochs [?]. Peter is fine in Switzerland, America is not in the picture. She advises you – since Mimi Frank is no longer here, now in London, then Edinburgh, where he will take his exams – to make direct contact with Prof. Simon, Babington [?] Road; he is always particularly nice to young people.

Today the blackout is over. I saw [the film "Signals for London," unfortunately in German, but very well played, Have you found the Band Aids? On the way home from the movies the moon was shining, and so I could put my flashlight back into my pocket. Your photos delight everyone, even people in the know, like Hedi Schiff, whom I met in Bellevue Park right after I came back. We are having a few amazingly beautiful days here, but some really cold weather in between, Are you already wearing your college scarf?

Much, much love and kisses,

Your Mutti

Dear Tom, I was very pleased to see your pretty pictures and to hear such nice things about you and Beate from Mutti. While Mutti was at first somewhat stressed from the trip and the preparations for it, and from leaving you, I can see now that the trip was restorative for her. Old acquaintances are astonished at how very well she looks, and then they say, "why yes, she was in England, visiting the children." Today we enjoyed a relaxed time in the sun at Wilhelmshöhe, but now we have to finish packing, since tomorrow Mutti will move to the boarding house of Frau Schwalk, Mommsenstrasse 55. It seems to be very nice, with good food, and she will give her a small but cozy room with full pension, like at Dr. Lvetzov's, but without the evening meal. At Lvetzov's there were only ladies over 60; she had only 1 room left for November 1, and no communal dining room.

Mutti will probably find [the place] a bit too urban, but she can be at Kant and Wilmersdorferstrasse in 10 Minutes, and from there she can reach the Adolf-Hitlerplatz for 10 Pfenning. The latter is all decorated up for Mussolini. Saturday Onkel Philipp will come back from Baden-Baden. Unfortunately it was pretty cool there, and here it's also too cool.

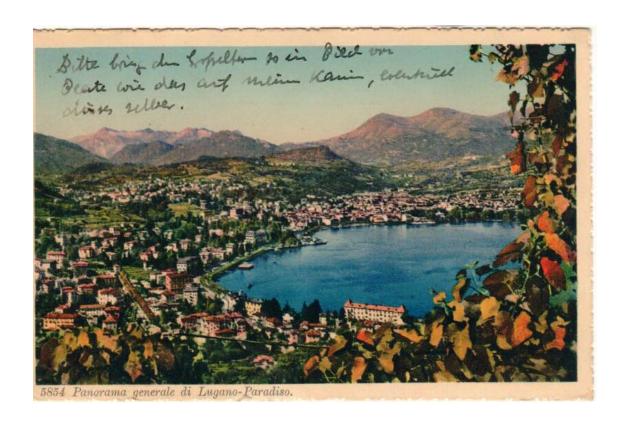
Once again, hearty greetings, Tante Toni

Dear boy, tomorrow I go to the dentist for a checkup. How about you? Vati's man makes a very good impression. I was very pleased with Beate's letter, but I don't have her new address; however, I assume that today she entered the new school.

Love, your Mutti

Did you receive my last postcard from Lugano?

1937-09-27 Grossmutti (Hedwig) and Vati (Hans Jose Rehfisch) postcard



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My dear Tom, Now we are all assembled and say *quousque tandem* [Cicero, Catilina speech, tr.], When are you coming? Come soon, and write exactly by which train, Greetings to Mutti and Beate. Meanwhile [?] loving greetings to you too, Grossvati

Same here, my dear Tom, Grossmutti

There are considerable price reductions on the Swiss section of the railroad if the return trip takes place after 10 days <u>and</u> if one produces proof of a stay in Switzerland. Big suitcase please because of the many presents! Vati

27 September 1937 Rehfisch Grosseltern postcard

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[Grosseltern to Tom]

Prof. Rehfisch Berlin/Charlottenburg Grolmanstrasse 41 27.9.37

My dear Tom,

You are back at work now and the lovely days of Lugano (and they were lovely, despite that stomach, were they not?) are over. Wanting to sweeten your being all alone, we had asked Mutti to order the book by E.W.Golding from the bookstore, since our bookseller could not find it, He agreed to make inquiries, but so far the book has not been sent to us, As soon as we get it, we will see to it that it comes into our possession. Greetings to Vati and also to Beatchen, when you see them. Love from your Grosseltern

3 October 1937 Grossmutti Hedwig postcard

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[Postcard from Grossmutti to Tom]

Prof. Rehfisch Berlin/Charlottenberg Grolmanstr. 41

My dear Tomchen,

The Golding book will be sent to you tomorrow, so you will have it in 8-10 days.

Mutti just told me that she wrote to you that Grossvati had come back from Lugano with a cold; I had urgently asked her to say <u>nothing</u> about it to you all, so that Vati would not needlessly worry, He is better already but I <u>implore you</u> not to say anything about it to Vati. I wrote to him that Grossvati injured his finger and therefore could not write himself. I hope that, since the finger is also better, he will soon be able to write himself.

Love from the Grandparents

Charlotttenburg, 3.10.37

Charl, M.X.37. Moums enst. 55 Men lieber guter Junge, gestern erfreute mich Dein lieber Brief, linter dem Geleurtstagaleviel jage ich nach her. Ich katte Dir geschrieben, daßstyrefavati sjef orhältet hatte. In den letytte Sayen bekan er selv vill finderungs mittel, um las hohe Field herently udsinken: the ish da not was was sein Hauptisteresse, of In Deine Birthe Behammest und wie es Dir geht. hören, wie es felt wolfte ich aunufen, um gu hören, wie es geht und von Deinem Brief yn er gehlen. Da, kam, Frany Baumann an, den Apparat and sagte mir dass Grafavati heute morga sundt leingeschlusen list. Er hat in den Atten Tagen nicht mehr gelitten, weil et schi- biel Linderungs mittel bekam. Vist missen uns trifsten in dem Gefühl. dafi et ein sehr reiches und schönes Roben gehalet hat And die Frende Dich in Engang Juach yn schew. Diele vide Grifer und Thurse, wein liebe Junge und bleib Die mit gesand. Deine Math. An Bratchen Shabe ich noch nicht gen elwichen, werde es aber houte Nachmittag tein. Ditte sage auch Cate mein tiefes Mitgefühl. Ish werde heute Nachmittag yn Große matti gehen und schen was ish ihr Shelfen kann. Tie sollte jetzt arhfalen.

Charl., 7.X.37 Mommsenstr. 55

My dear good son,

Yesterday I was pleased to get your welcome letter but I am still chasing after the birthday letter.

I wrote to you that Grossvati had caught a cold. In the last few days he was given a lot of medications in order to bring down the high fever. When I visited, his main concern was whether you had received your books and how you were.

Just now I wanted to call to find out how he was and to tell about your letter. But Franz Baumann took the phone and told me that Grossvati passed away peacefully this morning. In the last days he no longer suffered, because he received a great deal of medication.

We must take comfort in the thought that he had a rich and happy life and also the joy of seeing you one last time in Lugano.

Much, much love and kisses, my dear boy, and please stay well for me.

Love, your Mutti.

I have not written to Beatchen yet, but will do it this afternoon. Please convey to Vati my deep condolences. This afternoon I will go to Grossmutti to see what I can do for her. Right now, she should sleep.

Mutti

7 September 1937 Tante Toni postcard

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Mutti, dafs Ener guter
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Charl. 9, 7.9.37

[Likely wrong date; Eugen Rehfisch died on 7.10.37]

I just learned from Mutti that your good Grandfather peacefully passed away today. Since in the last few days there was no more hope for him, let us not begrudge him his rest. But for you, dear Tom, I do not have a lot of fancy words. I simply take your hand in warm sympathy and give you a hug. And for now please assure Vati and Beate as well of my condolences.

Cordially, also in Onkel Philipp's name, your faithful

Tante Toni

Charlottenhung 21. X.39 Moumsonstr. 55. Mein geliebter Jam, Dein Brief kam mit großer Trhnelligheit an und erfreute mich schr. Ich ging in das Geschäft, in dem ich für Dich & Frace Clutchosen und Taghenden gehauft hatte Fix sind am 8. X. mit Einschreiben an Dich abgeschicht und woll holbentlich angekommen? Heate war ich ein bisschen in der Foune um die Fonemerhräume nach. Muhalon - und beimtahnaryt. Mir fülle schwer auf dir Soele, dass Du noch midt dort warst - oder wielt? Marke as night so vie Deine Matter und Deine Solwester. Fin nächste Montag winsche ich Dir alles Gute Wir werden im Hultershund den Goven schen. Erofs unthe freute with clo mit Deinem Blrief. Es geht ihr bedeitend besier als in den ersten Tagen. Lafs es Dit rocht gut gehen und beuntye das anliegente

Gippenittel. Hast Du eigentlich der Vicle hergliche Grüßse und Thüsse von Deiner Mutte. Lieber Tom schönen Dank får Deinen læben Grufs. Hoffentlich findest du ein netter timmer mat guter Wirten. Hals n. Beinkruch für. Herzliche Grafse vom pustenden Inkel und der Meumutischen Fante Tuni fillen siten fil millig real an extend dayone Left is de recht

Charlottenburg, 21.X.37 Mommsenstr. 5

My beloved Tom,

Your letter arrived very quickly and made me very happy. I went to the store where I had bought two pairs of underpants and 2 day shirts for you. They were sent to you on October 8 by registered mail, and I hope they have arrived by now? We will see the "Golem" at the Cultural Center. Grossmutti was very pleased with your letter. She is doing very much better than in the first days. Today I was out in the sun for a while to recapture my summer tan – and also at the dentist's. It upsets me quite a bit that you have not done that yet – or have you? Don't do like your mother and your sister. For Monday I wish you all the best. Be well, always, and use the enclosed flu medicine. By the way, did you receive the College scarf?

Much love and kisses from your Mutti

Dear Tom,

Thanks much for your greetings. I hope you will find a nice room with a good landlady. Break a leg on the 25th!

Warm regards from the coughing uncle and the rheumatic

Tante Toni



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22.XI.37

My dearest and best Tom,

How can I find the words to write to you to thank you for your letter, which was so different from those in which you used to tell us about your interests, and which your dear Grandfather loved so much that he kept every one and read it again and again!

Tom, my dear Tom, how is it possible – scarcely two months ago we comfortably sat together in the Hotel Adler having breakfast, or on a bench in the Lugano Park. His eyes were happily concentrating on you – it was like a final blessing. You have grown so tall, and you look more and more like your dear father, Ah, may this final look of blessing stand above your whole life, making it happy and fulfilled and helping you create a good future for yourself.

Do I have to speak of myself, Tom? I can't do it; I will try to live again – without him, I can't imagine that, but I will make an effort, for my children's sake, to achieve something again. You must be patient with me. And you must all stay well for me.

Grossmutter

23 December 1937 Tante Toni postcard







Slightly darker scan of Toni's 12/23/37 postcard text

Charl. 9 23 Dec. 37

Dear Tom,

Glad to hear from Mutti that you made a trip to beautiful Paris, I wish you happy Christmas days there. Much art and relaxed hours with your old friends, Give them my greetings, I am going to try the skis if the snow continues, I went with Mutti to see "Les perils de la couronne" [?]. A terrific movie.

[In French, on the same side as the picture] Happy Christmas and many sincere greetings, Uncle Phili and Tante Toinette

*The postcard depicts a painting in black and white by Liebermann (1847-1935) called Judengasse ["Jewish Alley"] in Amsterdam.

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25 XII.37. [That is Christmas Day, tr.]

My dear Tom, thank you very much for your welcome Christmas letter and the greetings from [...] and Jupp. I was quite surprised that you are suddenly in Paris, and wish you all the best there. Here we are now having [??] weather. While I do not have bedbugs in my place I sometimes hear the nibbling of mice. From David Stadthagen in Nicaragua came a wedding announcement. Helmuth St. [Stadthagen] is in Brazil. Warm greetings and kisses, Your (Lilli) Mutti.

Cordial Christmas greetings from this little party at my table, Tante Toni. I have called several times for the technical work. It will be sent directly to you in London. It will probably be bought in America.

Cordial greetings from Grossmutti.

Cordially, Eva Stadthagen.

And Phil

All the best, your Uncle Paul

[In child's handwriting]

Dear Tom, I am just now on vacation, thank God. Enclosed is a picture of me, Beate has received one from me as well, but that was actually pretty bad. Are you going to the World's Fair? Have a good time and say hello to Beate from me. Cordial greetings, Stefan