1938 Correspondence

Postcard - 1 January 1937 - Mutti (Lilli)

Charl Momment 55.

Mein lieber Junge da ich nun
doch nicht weiß ob Du meinen
Reftbrief in Phisis noch behommen
hast, sthicke ich Dir und Bratchen
marhmals meine alleherglichten
Ellichwünsche zum neuen Jalut.
Selbstoerständlich auch von Fte Toni
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verletyt hat. Es ist hier jetyt
allgemein schr die Tondens, fort.

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Einstellung in Doinem Brief
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yn sich litten. His heute schr
haber herzliche Thiese

Charl., Mommsenstr. 55 1.I.37*

My dear boy,

Since I don't really know whether my airmail reached you in Paris, I want to send you and Beatchen my renewed best wishes for the New Year. Of course also those from Tante Toni, who slightly hurt her back skiing. There is a strong general tendency here to leave, and I was very pleased with the optimistic attitude expressed in your letter. Prof. Simon was in France and in Switzerland; when he returns he will invite you. For today much much love and kisses,

Your Mutti.

*I believe this letter was written in 1938 and not 1937 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 1937.
- 2. The address for this letter is Mommsenstrasse 55, where Mutti moved in April 1937. She lived at Kirschenalle 11 at the beginning of 1937.
- 3. A postcard from Tante Toni dated 23 December 1937 mentioned Tom's trip to Paris, which Mutti mentions in this card.

Pamela, 26 October 2016

Haify. M+ Carmel- Beth Mouskly. d. 7. I. 38.

Muis Cirbon Form, Di gobt mir immar voial mis obaiman frinfun, rossil di dus saifte son zour soupan Zail prieft. Ty fuba systa d'inder nut systa gulsal int vill muy, mu Vij za istinan, romblig bunifan, sprif waiter Mother med Gropmitten za blabair. At ip fait sin beforders Jeprovar Luy fin muf: nie Binsalgafor of 6 faron far, dufs if dun tiefpun Tymus muinos Subunt argapan mitsta, fin fribe foll mir duribar finnagfalfun. King zi dir, mein linder Trugs: Großerati Jun dir in trogomo tog ams traiter gring bysburtstny warpgrogen. Sy fathe fix dir, soin Du nur og lunban ering, mit Franken egelfande Jors abor, son allan farfræmmifyan Tartaer, Die ig intergoliere Jube, dup mise Zisperdig -/ fulle somme dink in atustflured- son maning Szanssouto unt-byanafning rosinta, critar ip at mir ja nich moglif) mir metar Zollzuskung dub efugginngart, orlfo dung egnel, nor ful appear dust of 1. Wasi mingoto ce. 4th Zoll zuflug, wording Die je diefer Modes was Tulbe undrigt. Le gibe vialling nog ricen.

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1938 January 8 Grossmutti Hedwig envelope





[Grossmutti to Tom]

Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Beth Moushly

7.1.38

My dear Tom

You always give me so much with your letters, because you speak the right word at the right time. I have good children and good grandchildren, and I will – to quote you – make a big effort to continue being a mother and grandmother to all of you. Today is a particularly hard day for me: it's exactly three months ago that I had to suffer the deepest pain in all my life, but I count on your love to help me get through it.

Now about you, my dear boy: as I recall, in Lugano Grossvati had promised you a Leica for your birthday. You will believe that I would have been very happy to give it to you, but I hear from all the experts I consulted that sending it (even if a withdrawal from my savings account in Germany were authorized, and that is the only way I could do it) could only be done if the receiving party paid the customs duty; that is to say that Vati would have to pay 4lb. customs duty, so that this way is not worth pursuing. There may be another way: if somebody personally takes a used Leica, whose ownership he can document (and the minimum period of ownership must be 1 year), to London. As far as I am aware, no one, for fear of legal difficulties, would be willing to take this risk. So then, comment joindre les deux bouts? [how can we manage this?] I would like to hear your opinion (after consultation with Vati) about this, but I would ask you, for specific and easily understood reasons, not to write anything about this to Germany, for it could cause major trouble! Sapienti sat! [for one who knows, this is enough].

Two days before I left [Berlin] I talked with Mutti about the possibility that she might bring you the Leica in the summer vacation. But who knows today what the legal rules will be nine months from now?! You can see, child, that the will to do something nice for you is not lacking – so think about what you might want or need and make a list that you send to Mutti or Franz Baumann, so that he can purchase things that <u>can</u> be purchased (assuming...). Please tell Vati that today Tante Käthe sent a petition to the Haifa post office. Since the receipt for the recovered registered letter is in their possession, this incredible sloppiness will surely be cleared up. Well now, remember, nothing <u>written</u> about the Leica to Berlin. Herewith the address of Glaser, the son-in-law of Dr. Arthur Levine: Ossaltonaway 27, London N.2, telephone: Speedwell 884. Perhaps A. L. will come to London again some time [rest hard to read, to the effect that Dr. Levine's wife is very nice, and that Tom could consult with him about his prospects.]



51. Buchland crescent N. 4.3.

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Samstag pormittag ansufen ?

Merslicht Hildre.

20.1.38 51 Buckland Crescent N.W. 3 PRI 2376

It is perhaps not proper to write first but – do you happen to have time on Sunday, and can you call me Saturday morning?

Cordially, Hilde Zornin einbar Form,

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My dear Tom,

If I congratulate you today on your birthday, I wish you nothing more than what I wish for you throughout the year and every day: that you be healthy, have strength of body and soul, and be armed for the struggle for existence. For your generation was not given a destiny of dreaming and enjoying life; the realities make it imperative that you command the abilities and the knowledge that will permit you to hold your ground, and only those who keep going will reach the goal. In this sense your new year is a turning point: You are entering a new phase of your life, the second decade; it may well be that the coming ten years will be the root, the blossom, and the fruit of life, and indeed the time when the entire person is completed, and that all subsequent aspirations, work, and creativity are but the further development of what is already there. For you, my dear boy, the auspices are favorable. In this time of great upheavals, your father has made it possible for you to embark on a course of study that meets your needs, so that you will not be obliged to abandon your visions for the future only for the sake of making a living, as so many young people nowadays are forced to do. And so I wish you once again, my dear, dear Tom, the very best of circumstances in your work, in your future profession, and in your personal life. May the blessing of your beloved grandfather be fulfilled and be with you always!

Loving kisses from your Grossmutti

Since, much to my distress, I am unable to send you the least little thing <u>from here</u>, I hope that Mutti has seen to it that some nice presents you had wished for reached you from me (and from my Berlin account). Now enjoy the day, happily and carefree, just the way you like it. And also give my very best to your loved ones, who after all are my loved ones too.

1938-01-23 Mutti postcard

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[Postcard, Mutti to Tom]

Charl, 23.I.38

Mommsenstr. 55 Pension Schwalbe

My dear Tom,

Your two postcards arrived promptly. Since I have more means at my disposal than the things cost, I would like to know if you could use underwear, socks or some other nice things (sausage, chocolate). Right now I am seeing "Much Ado About Nothing."

Love, your Mutti

Mouns enstry 35 1.38. Mein geliebter Junge zu Deinem 20 gelustot ag winsohe ich Dir soviel blick nie nur mödlich And die Hoffnung auf ein baldiges Wiederschen felt fällt nut ellen sin daß Du vielleitet eine Tousing Grothelse branchen könntest, so eine sinfarhe, nur wir auf dem Boot halten. Wie ist ex damit? · Viele herylishe trusse und This sel Deine Mutti: Test Daine Other north? the and werlt baldiges Wiedercehen und odehen relles alles finte.

[Mutti to Tom]

Charlottenburg, 23.I.38 Mommsenstr. 55

My beloved boy,

For your 20th birthday I wish you all the very best. And I have the hope that we will soon see each other again. I just now remember that you might perhaps have use for a touring First Aid kit, a simple one, like we had on the boat.

How about that?

Much love and kisses

Your Mutti

Is your watch still working?

Again, here's hoping for a meeting very soon, and until then all the very best.

1938-01-25 F.Pimm postcard

Jan. 25th 1938.

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STANGATORN SSISS.

Sehr geehrter HerrREhfisch,
Ich hörte, dass Sie mich germ mal sprechen wollen
Wann können Sie mal rüberkommen? Nächster Sonntag
passt nicht.

Mit bestem Gruss





[Typewritten card from F. Pimm]

Jan. 25th 1938 10, Belbroughton Road Oxford Summertown 58\98

Dear Mr. Rehfisch,

I hear that you would like to talk to me sometime. When could you come around? Next Sunday is not possible.

Best regards, F. Pimm [?]

Year is a guess based on other letters from Lichterfolde Onte Lichterfelde/Lichterfelde-Ost Mein geliebter Junge, 29. dies mal hatte ich gedarht, Dis persønlich blick nünschen zu konnen, aber das missen war noch ctrous din ausschieben. Einstweilen minache ich Dir en weiteres Gelingen in Deiner Laubkalin. Der leicherige Verlauf, wie Dil ilva mir schilderst, ist ja gang großs artig – umsommeles- wenn mun bederkt mir schwierig -das Leben für soviele Menschen jetyt ist. Da man gang bedan angelen muly roan man institusland schiplet to ist es das Beste, wenn Du miv-Deine genauen Fehrehnummern schreibt a der was ich Dir sonat schicken soll. Leider kann ich en Moment night bei Einzigs ann for wood ith sin wenig Temperatus have, we who gent tun an kommen dann schreibe ich sie Dir sofort. Nun sci welmals gokusst Beatchen bekommt sehr beld auch noch sinen zum Dank für ihren letzten Find son

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[Mutti to Tom]

Lichterfelde-Ost 29.I.38 [year is a guess based on address]

My beloved boy,

This time I thought that I would be able to wish you happy birthday in person, but that we will have to put off a little longer.

Meanwhile I wish you continued success in your career. Its course so far, as you describe it to me, is indeed magnificent – particularly if one realizes how difficult life is today for so many people.

Since one has to make a very precise declaration of what one sends out of the country, it will be best if you send me your exact shoe size or the size of whatever else I am to send you. Unfortunately right now I cannot shop at Einzig's because I have a bit of temperature, but I think tomorrow I can do it and then I will write you about it right way.

Many kisses now,

from your Mutti

Another one goes to Beatchen, to thank her for her last and next-to-last letter.

[Different handwriting]

I have heard so much about you that I would like to send you my best wishes for your birthday. Warm regards to you and your sister,

Ilse Grinitzer [?]

Jeogles gelisdblægbæinds vi. Charl. 9. 29. 1.38. Lieber Tom, zu Detnem Gebeurtebag winnsche sch Der sehr vill Gutes und Schönes, vor allem Gesundheit und gute Aussichten für den Bernf! Es ist ja sehr nest, dass das erwachsene Beatehen Sin auch fesern helfen well-hoffentlich Rommen Rollenhagen. Kuchen und Wurst-noch rechtzeitig u. ohne gar zu vill tall an. Mutti wollte das tacket recht schnell expedieren - da futer se sis zum Lehrter Balenhof n. schickte es als Express - nun konnte suaber ihre Fertel micht liewerden, durch all sie den Foll spårer selbet karte entrike Ronnen! the faire! Als see mit emiger Verspåtung im neuen Kulturbundsaal in der Komandan, tenst. edntraf war ste darob recht. bekinnmert. ither itnuelliese

Landan sprack aber sehr amissant uver englische musik u. Behaupstebe dafs die English ganz zu unvecht Seller unmusikalisch gehalten virtrden Ju. dass sie sest 100 fahren gute musik sappliegt harten Flandel en talecht, dann mendelssohn, auch englische Komponisten, besonders judische, die Aufführungen in den schönen music Halls herausbrachten. She liefs durch eine gutedångern semige Proben brungen, auch franzis. Bruch (z. B. n. Ernest Block) englische negro fazz Lieder aus Amerika und s nationalist auch einiges auf dem Hugel beglevden u. vortragen. The Vortragende int eine geistwelle Wienertn u. hat viel Fliemer-etwas was man heuse gut branchen Kann. Wir haben auch soviel davon, dass ner smmer noch mitt Deviden für nevri im Laufe des Februar rechnen, um dann für elmige Wochen fern von Berlin der Sonne nahe Fyn sein. Sann sende ich Sirwiede, Letwas Leidiges vder Williges von dort da ich hier Reinen Winich von Sir mehr Dear Tom, for your birthday I wish you every kind of good and beautiful things, above all health and good professional prospects. How very nice that our grown-up Beatchen wants to help you eat all the goodies. I hope that the cakes and the sausage from Rollenhagen have arrived in time and without costing too much customs duty. Mutti wanted to send off the package extra-fast, and so she traveled all the way to the Lehrter Station and sent it as an express package, but then she could not use the slips of paper with which she could have later paid the customs *herself*. *Que faire?* [What to do?] When she arrived, considerably late, at the new auditorium of the Cultural Center [Kulturbund] in Kommandantenstrasse, she was quite upset about it.

But anyway, Anneliese Landauer spoke very amusingly about English music and claimed that "the English" are most unfairly considered un-musical, and that they have cultivated good music for 100 years now and have discovered Händel, then Mendelsohn, and also English composers, particularly Jewish ones, who premiered their performances in beautiful music halls.

She had a good mezzo perform a few examples, including French ones and Englishlanguage Jazz songs from America – all of this of course accompanied by grand piano.

The speaker is a witty Viennese lady with a great sense of humor – something everyone could use nowadays.

We have quite a bit of it ourselves, since we still count on getting foreign currency for Nervi, where we want to go sometime in February in order to be far from Berlin and close to the sun for a few weeks. Then I will again send you something "silky" or "woolly" from there, since here I have not heard anything more about your wishes.

By the way, Mutti also put the fountain pen for Beatchen into the package.

[Rest illegible in the margin]

A kiss from Tante Toni

Warm greetings and best wishes for your birthday from your Onkel Philipp

Start. 9. 30.1.38. Tieber Tom soeben fallt mir eint. Bischlein der Toursnachtothes a Evate Falfe bei Unglischsfällen in du Hande- Da mionte ich Dich fragen, vo Du solche Apotheke firs das Auto gemeent hast und noch branchet. Dann sendet Din Mutti eine solche, oder ich lasse Dir meinen alten Kasten nen fällen U.b.A. w. q. nochmals alles Gute int mobil achon begonnenen menen Levensjahr. Herzlicher ollein lieber großer Fohn holfentlich sind meiner Glürknrünkrhe Und Briefo recht gat angesennmen Abernaus aller aller Gute: Deine Stutte: Othles Tute wins all Tir, felogy Tom herslichet Goßemuch It. Meinen herzlichen Glüchwunsch! Sein Onkel Cauf little wender!

Dar Bruk van Terman ist gestern von Amerika un Dish geschickt werden. Endlich, nach vielfachen Rehlamatienen. [Tante Toni, Mutti, Grossmutti St., and Onkel Paul to Tom]

Charl. 9 (?), 30.1.38

Dear Tom, Just now I came upon the enclosed little book from the Touring First Aid Kit, "First Aid in Accidents." So I want to ask you if you meant such a kit for the car, and whether you still need it. If so, Mutti will send you one, or else I will have my old box refilled. Please let me know a.s.a.p. [German here also has an abbreviation, Transl.]. Again, all the best in the new year of your life, which probably is already under way.

Cordially, Tante Toni

My dear big son, I hope my wishes and letters have arrived as they should. Again, all the very best! Your Mutti

All best wishes to you, dear Tom, from your Grossmutti St. [Stadthagen]

Cordial wishes,

Your Onkel Paul

[On reverse side, Mutti handwriting]

The book by Terman was sent to you yesterday from America. Finally, after repeated reminders.

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Beth Moushly, Carmel, Haifa 1.II.38

Dear Tommi,

Despite Grossmutti's exhortation we end up being late with our birthday wishes. All the best, then, for your new 1938 – perhaps we will be able to address you next time with some impressive title and brag about you, the only big earner in the entire family.

Are you planning to stay in England after your exams, will you automatically get a working permit, and will you already be an Englishman by that time – or is all of this still pretty nebulous?

One of my last memories of you in Berlin is that we sat in Onkel Otto's room with the grandparents, for some reason celebrating you, who were quite tipsy and kept rassling with Hansi on the couch. So now it is of course hard to imagine that since then you have become a staid grown man. And Hansi will this year have his "Barmitzva," even though he remarked about this solemn act, "Can't one turn 13 without going through hoops?" But he will tell you himself about what he is doing.

So, dear Tommi, enjoy your life and keep writing such good and beautiful letters to Grossmutti, who is <u>terribly</u> pleased about them and who, by the way, the other day went for a 2-hour walk in a tremendous wind without stopping once.

Greetings to Vati and Beate, and a big birthday kiss from your

Tante Käthe

[Child's writing]

Happy Birthday to you, and I wish you all the best. At the Boy Scouts the other day we had to make a promise that we would keep our commandments and help other people, and then we got badges. A month ago we got our report cards. In arithmetic, natural history, and geography I got *very good* and in English *good*.

Greetings, Hansi

[In margin]

All my very best for your birthday, and I wish you, among other things, that you will not forget the language of the Poets and Thinkers as thoroughly as your cousin Hans does. Cordially, Onkel Otto

tishtrefelde- Vit Jungherusting It. Mein geliebter Junge, vielen Dank für Deinen lieben Brief. Das Bush von Soydel muß ingneischen auch bei Dit adgekommen sein fedenfalls halle ich hier. her die Reduning bekommen. Es ist hier marking kalt genorden, hoffentlich test Dit der neux Sallover gate Dienste. Ton Grofs mutte mu Palasti no half ich quite Nachsielt Ick om men, Atht ist dost Regenzeit, who would nicht wel besser als bei Dir. Was maght Doin Hale ? Ich habe von Deinem Heruch bei Virof Simon gehort, never midd. Doin Dank an Inhel Things und The Toni ham gerade ad seinem Gebuststag da. Ish halve für Euch mit gratu Viele Juist gand Theme

Lichterfelde-Ost. Jungfernstieg 14, 10.II.38

My beloved boy,

Thank you for your lovely letter. The book by Seydel must by now have arrived for you, in any case the bill came to me here. It's gotten awfully cold here. I hope the new sweater will serve you well. I had good news from Grosmutti in Palestine. It's the rainy season there now, so probably not much better than where you are. How is your throat?

I heard about your visit with Prof. Simon. Never mind [in English]. Your thank-you note for Onkel Philipp and Tante Toni arrived exactly on his birthday. I congratulated in your name too.

Much love and kisses,

Your Mutti

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Mit geteileten Gefühlen, lauern wir hier noch im Kühlen. Doch wie immer zieht 's uns hien nach dem Lande Itali-en-Sonne gibt's und süßen Wein, wer soll da nicht heiter sein? Hier gibt es nur Mürbekuchen. die man noch als plus kann buchen, sonst ist alles herzlich mies. doch mein Herr Sie wissen dies. Und das Meckern ist verboten in dem Lande der Despoten. Und da wir so reich an Riern. können wir Geburtstag feiern, Und das noch recht viele Jahr, winsch ich mir-das ist doch klar. Dir wunsch ich, cal lange noch Du ertraget das Bhejoch!

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Charl. 9, 11.2.38

Dear Tom,

Yesterday we had the pleasure of your nice letter, exactly on Onkel Philipp's birthday. Mutti, who some days ago was pleased with your humorous letter, had neglected to give you her new address and to tell you about the birthday, which alas, had to be celebrated here. She is not particularly well, and since she took the rather indigestible (for her) meals in her city pension in too irregular a fashion, I considered it absolutely necessary that she return to the quiet and the care at the Lichterfelde place. She did not like to go there, particularly because it is more expensive than the poorly heated maid's room in the Mommsenstrasse. But I bargained the price down by 15 marks a month, and so she will just have to pay a bit extra for her health. Today I will also write to Grossmutti R., hoping that she will send a little more a month from her account, so that Mutti can regain her strength. On Tuesday she had already – in one week - gained almost 2 lbs. Last night she came here for a turkey dinner, only the 20-year-young birthday boy Paul Salomon was there, and our old friends Privy Councillor Holdes.

I repeated my morning poem, which I had recited, accompanied by crumble cake and cognac beans in the morning, instead of presents. Since Mutti liked it so much, I enclose it, just as a joke. Our trip to Nervi, which both of us, thanks to multiple agitations, need rather badly, no longer seems possible. Unless you have already mailed the shirts, I suggest you consider whether the postage back and forth, and possibly customs duty for you when they are sent back do not in the end come to more than an inexpensive mender in London.

Otherwise I might also advise you to send them, along with Beate's outgrown clothes for Evamarie to me. Then I could give them to Bertha Feurich who comes 2x a week to clean my apartment and does my laundry.

Mutti's address is now: Lichterfelde-Ost, Jungfernstieg 14. Day before yesterday she already received there a very nice letter from Beatchen.

[Tante Toni's Poem]

"For 10 Febr. 1938"

Here we sit in a frigid place But how we are drawn to Italy! There we find sun and sweet wine Who wouldn't be happy with that? Here all we have is crumble cake And that isn't even the worst, All the rest is truly bad hat, But then, sir, you know all about that, And remember that grousing is not allowed In the land of the despots that rule. We still have a lot of eggs So we can have a birthday bash For many a year to come. That's what I wish for me, As for you, I wish that for many more years the yoke of marriage be light to you.

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Lieber Fommy, Bei den Refadeindern haber ver auch kochen und erste Hilfe bei Ung Lücksfällen gelernt. Leichblen Versansmlungen spiele vir fabelhalte Gelandespiele. Wir mussen auch hebroischen Mors lerpen. In der Schule ist er auch schon

[Grossmutti and Hans to Tom]

Haifa, 21.2.38 c/o Klemperer, Beth Kolnisibri [?] Mt. Carmel

My dear Tom,

I imagine that you are already in possession of your birthday gifts; I hope that Mutti was able to find the things for which you had asked, and that you are pleased with them. Unfortunately I can send things to you only by way of Berlin, as was the case here, since I have no access to money here and, grotesque as it must seem, I have to put letters to you and Beate into those to Vati in order to — save postage! I would therefore ask you, dear children – and that includes Vati – to write to Berlin if you need anything, and there it can be taken care of from my account by Franz Baumann. There is no other way for me.

I also want to tell you that your letter did me a lot of good, my dear boy, it shows me that you don't forget your Grossmutti, and I need that, now more than ever. How I wish I could contribute to ensuring your and Beate's studies until summer, for I do not doubt that you will muster all of your energies to pass a good final exam, which is to be the key to your working lives. Despite all of our efforts – and those of our advisors in Germany – the prospects of finding some way of making a transfer [of money] to London or to here do not look favorable. So let us hope that in his work Vati will – as so often before – be successful again. But don't let such cares blight your young life – it will work out somehow! That you have made closer contact with Theo [?] Sch [?] pleases all of us very much, including even Father Sch [?].Onkel O[tto] and Tante K[äthe] send warm regards.

Loving kisses from your Grossmutti

[From Hans in margin]

Dear Tommy, in the Boy Scouts we have also learned cooking and about First Aid in accidents. At our meetings we play terrific scouting games. We also have to learn Hebrew Morse code [?]. I also like school. For most of my English papers I get a "fair." Best greetings, Hansi

Mein geliebter Junge,

hab vielen Dank für Deinen lieben Brief. In Habe mixh sehr damit gefreut und auch darüber, dass Du so guter Stimmung bist. Ich habe gier eine Bekannte getroffen, deren Tochter Frau Doktor in New York ein Settlement LeitetSie hat ihr Seine Adresse geschrieben. Aber uch bin genz Deiner Meinung.

Kürzlich war Inge Kau fmann hier und schwrmte noch sehr von Di und Beate. Sie müchte auch gern nach Eng end War Veate ei entlich z m half ter ei Dir? Da ich leiden Moment Dir ein Geld s hicken enn eld z schi ken. ch be e te en bischen el n der So s gele en Du weisst ja, dass das im Frühjehr manchmal gefährlich st, so us st Du also de Tipp fehler ents huldienDes interessen fol stäck, des Du gerefen hegit es hier nicht Ich habe it Tinte Tomi den Film m sie enteb immel gese en.

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[Mutti to Tom, typewritten, with many typos and missing letters/words]

Lichterfelde-Ost, 12.3.38

My beloved boy,

Thank you so much for your lovely letter. It gave me much pleasure, as did the thought that you are in such a good mood. I met an old acquaintance here, whose daughter, a Frau Doctor, is in charge of a settlement in New York. She has sent her [the Doctor] your address. But I quite share your opinion.

Recently Inge Kaufmann was here and; she was still full of praise for you and Beate. Did Beate come to you for [?]. Since unfortunately I cannot right now send you any money [?]. Today I lay in the sun for a while. You know that in the spring this is sometimes dangerous, and so you must excuse the typos. The interesting [?] you saw is not shown here. I went with Tante Toni to see the film in which she [?].

I still have not gotten around to *Maienzeit*, but think I will go to *Mutterlied* [?] tomorrow.

I hope that this spring greeting will reach you properly.

Much love and loving kisses,

Your Mutti

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twould be a subur Lieber Tom, and the add - spander menologic Dein lieber Brief mitten aus dem zum ersten Teil so blendend oder erschreckend gut bestandenen Examen hat uns riesig gef freut. An das , was nachher kommt, verlernt man ja hier überhaupt, zu denken und Du hast recht, wenn Du es auch ohne Skrupel abwartest. Ich hörte von einer Freundin, daß ihrem Jungen die feinsten Empfehlungen in England nichts nützten und daß er zufällig einen Kaufmann kennenlernte, der grade eine kleine Stellung in seiner Postkartenfabrik zu vergeben hatte. Da probierte er und der Chef fand den Jungen, der grade sein Matric hatte, so sehr geeignet und tüchtig, daß er mach 2 Jahren schon die einzige gehobenere Stellus lung bei ihm hat und auch oft nach Schottland und Irland als Wertreter fährt! Inzwischen geht der Vertrieb der schablonenmäßig an gefertigten Postkarten so gut, daß sie enorm zu tun haben. Meine Fr Freundin meint nun, daß auch in Deinem Beruf ein Unterkommen in ei nem kleineren Betrieb viel leichter wäre und sie meint, Du mögest Dich doch später mal um solche Vakanzen kümmern. Bei einer Empfeh lung an eine Kühlschrankfabrik wurde ihm vor 2 Jahren gesagt, er s solle sich wieder melden, wenn er den Engineering Degree habe!Sie konnten ihm aber von hier aus das Studium nicht ermöglichen. Für Dich hat wohl der Name dieser Fabrik auf dem Lande weiter kein In teresse?-Beatchens Wunsch, in Frankreich ihr französisch zu vervoll kommnen, halte ich für sehr vernünftig. Ob sie wohl eine Au Pair Stel lung dort annehmen möchte? Nun, es hat ja noch Zeit!

> Wir haben hier viel Sorge um Großmutti St.gehabt.Sie hat starke Kreislaufstörungen und Arteriosklerise und der Arzt brachte ihren Kreislauf mit viel Cardiazol u.a.wieder in 3 Wochen besser in Gang. Nun bekam sie vor 3 Tagen plötzlich hahes Fieber und der Arzt stellte Lungenentzündung fest. Dank einiger Spritzen ging die

Temperatur sofort herunter und die Entzündung läßt nach. Sie ist fieberfrei und wird von einer Schwester noch öfters mit Spritzen und Zäpfchen geplagt.-Nun ist's Sonnabend geworden und Mutti war mit erstaunlicher Pünktlichkeit gegen 11 schon bei Großmutti, der es wieder etwas besser ging, sodaß der Arzt darauf drang, daß sie mit seiner Hilfe vorn aufs Sofa ging, um ein wenig Sonne zu haben und für bessere Luft und Durchzug zu sorgen, was für sie sehr wichtig ist

Ihr ist alles zuviel-aber das Interesse für alles, was man ihr erzählt und für Eure hübschen Briefe ist immer sehr groß. Mutti war zum vegetarischen Essen bei Grete Zimmt und bis gegen Abend bei uns.

Heute war sie viel überlegter und ausgeglichener als sonst und sah auch, nachdem sie schon ganz nett Sonne gekriegt hat, besser aus.

Sie findet doch immer wieder Menschen, die ihr ein wenig helf fen und sich gern mit ihr unterhalten. Ich hoffe auch, daß sie es noch eine Weile in Lochterfelde aushalten wird um dann so weit zu sein, daß sie es sich wieder billiger und selbstständiger einrichten kann

Hoffentlich wird ihr in Euern Ferien der Paß bewilligt, damit sie Tuch wieder besuchen kann, ich hörte, daß man die Erlaubnis bekommt,

Für unsern Paß durften wir nach unsrer Eingabe ans Fremdenamt mach 4 Wochen nun für neue Pässe zwecks Erholungsreise mit Attest einreichen. Die Devisen warten noch, d.h. schon 5 Wochen.

Nun will ich Dich nicht länger langweilen mit unsern diversen Nöten und mich mal nach den Schachspielern umsehn-Onkel Philipp spielt

Viele herzliche Grüße von O.Philipp und auch von Mutti, die mich bat, einen Extagruß von ihr anzufügen Deine getreue Tante

Anktonic - denn Toui sell neverdings (da es fiir Anton und Autonic gebranchlich mehr als name geführt noch enrigen sommøgen So bei herrlishem Frähling

Your nice letter, written right in the midst of your frighteningly brilliant examination, has given us great pleasure. What will come afterward nobody thinks about any longer, and you are right to await it without fretting. I hear from a woman friend that the most glowing recommendations did not do her son any good in England, and that he happened to meet a businessman who just then had a low-level job in his postcard business. So he took a chance and found the young man, who had just passed his Matric, so well suited and so competent, that only two years later he has the only upper-level job in this company and often travels to Ireland and Scotland as a salesman. Meanwhile the machine-produced postcards sell so well that the company is extremely busy.

My friend thinks that in your field too it would be easier to find something in a smaller company, and that later you should perhaps look into such an opening. When he applied to a refrigerator plant two years ago, he [this young man] was told to apply again when he had an engineering degree! But they were not allowed to finance his studies here. I guess the name of that plant in the English countryside is of no interest to you. Beate's plan to perfect her French in France strikes me as quite reasonable. I wonder if she might take a job as an au pair there. Well, there's time.

We have been quite worried about Grossmutti ST. [Stadthagen]. She has severe metabolic difficulties [Kreislaufstörungen, a German catch-all illness] and arteriosclerosis. The doctor, using Cardiozol and other meds, more or less fixed the metabolism in about three weeks.

But then, three days ago, she developed a high fever and the doctor diagnosed pneumonia. Thanks to some injections the temperature immediately came down and the inflammation is receding. Grossmutti is fever-free and is still being bothered by a nurse with injections and suppositories. It is now Saturday, and by 11 Mutti had arrived with amazing punctuality at Grossmutti's. Grossmutti was feeling a bit better, so that the doctor insisted that with his help she should move to the sofa in the front room, where she would get a little sun, and to make sure that there is cross-ventilation, which is very important for her. All this is too much for her, but her interest in everything one tells her and in your lovely letters is always great.

Mutti had a vegetarian meal with Grete Zimt and stayed with us until early evening. Today she was much more thoughtful and even-tempered than usual, and also looked better, having had a bit of sunshine. Yet she always finds people who want to help her and like to talk to her. I hope that she will be able to stay in Lichterfelde a while longer until she is ready to find cheaper and independent accommodations.

I hope that during your vacation she will obtain her visa so that she can again visit you; I hear that one can get it as long as a child is still in school. For our visa we were able, after 4 weeks, to apply to the Office for Foreigners for new visas for therapeutic travel upon doctor's orders. We are still waiting for the foreign currency - it's been 5 weeks. Now I will stop bothering you with our various troubles and go to check on our chess players. Uncle Philipp is playing with Dr. Hirschberg.

Cordial greetings from Uncle Philipp and also from Mutti, who asked me to add special greetings from her.

Your faithful Aunt Anktonie - because Toni, standing for both Anton and Antonie, is not to be used any more nowadays!

Here's another sunny Sunday-greeting in glorious spring weather. T.T.

TELEPHONE KENSIMERON 56941.

65 RUTLAND GATE S.W.7.

30th March 1938.

Dear Mr. Rehfisch,

Lady Reading has asked me to write to say that she duly received your letter of March 18th, and is still making enquiries with various organisations, to see whether some assistance may not be secured to help you over the difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

A Doris Herz

Secretary to the Marchioness of Reading.

P.S. Your letter was addressed to Lady Erleigh, who has, since you were in touch with her before, become the Marchioness of Reading.

Mein lieber Tom,

mit Deinem lieben Brief habe ich mich sehr gefreut. Er war zwar nach Neu-Babelsberg gerichtet, kam abee doch richtig an. Ich habe mich forografieren lassen, um Passbildes zu

Freude machen. Hier sind ein paa r Blumen aus dem Garten der jetzt nach dem Blühen öllig veregnet ist.

-ch freue mich sehr, dass ür Dich ein Stipendium eingereicht ist, weil ich dar as sehe, wie beliebt Du bist.

Aus Amerika habe ich für Dich nichts Besinderes er ahren könen meine Bekante schreibt, dass man mit 16 jahren hinkommen muss

Start ist mir die Mantine fortgonommen worden, also schnoll viele Kerzlijke Grifse und Shrisse Dein Mutti. [Mutti to Tom, typewritten]

My dear Tom,

Lichterfelde, 5.4.38

Your lovely letter pleased me very much. Although it was addressed to Neu-Babelsberg, it did arrive here in the end. I had my photo taken so that I would have some for the passport und I am sending you one because I think you will like it. And here are a few flowers from the garden, which after it blossomed was totally ruined by the rain.

I am very glad that application was made for a scholarship for you, for this shows me how well-liked you are. I was not able to learn more about America for you. The lady I spoke to said that one must arrive there at age 16.

[Handwritten:]

Now they are taking away the typewriter, so I quickly send much love and kisses,

Your Mutti







"Mutti 1934" written on back



This photo of Lilli was on the shelf at 319 Nashua Road



Photos of Lilli Dora (Stadthagen) Rehfisch

Possibly one of these photos is the passport photo Mutti sent to Tom in her 5 April 1938 letter.

2, Manor Way, Totnes, S.Devon, 6/4/38.

Lieber Tom,

Wir haben uns herzlich gefreut, malw wieder was von Dir zu hören. Ein schlechtes Gewissen brauchst Du nie zu haben. Ich weiss aus eigner Erfahrung, dass es Zeiten gibt, in denen man nicht zum Schreiben kommt; und wir sitzen nie auf dem Sofa und nehmer übel.

Leider weiss ich im Moment nichts für Beate. Ich bin schon zu lange fort von dem Lande. Wenn Ihr aber ernsthaft beabsichtigt, sie nach Frankreich zu schicken, kann ich einem Freund darüber schreiben und bitten, sich nach etwas umzusahn. Aber nur, wenn daraus wirklich etwas werden soll, weil ich meinen Freund nicht gern umsonst bemühe. Auch müsste ich dann wissen, wann Beate nach Frankreich gehn soll. Wie alt ist Beate übrigens?

Uns geht es weiter gut. Die Ereignisse in der weiten Welt sind freilich nicht dazu angetan, uns immer bei guter Laune zu erhalten. Ausserdem besteht immer die Angst, dass meiner Mutter der Pass abgenommen wird, so dass sie uns nicht mehr besuchen kann. Und wie stehst Du zu der neüen Anmeldepflicht der Meutschen in England bei einem deutschen Konsulat?

Für Deine eignen Pläne wünsche ich Dir-"Hals=und Beinbruch".
Wenn Du mal wieder in de unserer Gegend bist- vielleicht auf einer Radtour- würden wir uns herzlich freuen, Dich wiederzusehn.

Mit herzlichen Grüssen, auch an Deinen Vater und Beate, auch von meiner Frau und meinen Kindern, Dein

Luc G. Kornley.

[Ludwig Rosenberg (?), typewritten to Tom]

2, Manor Way Totnes, S. Devon

6 April 38

Dear Tom,

We were very pleased indeed to hear from you again. You never need feel guilty about the gap. I know from my own experience that there are times when one does not get around to writing; and we never sit on the sofa holding a grudge.

Unfortunately I do not for the moment know of anything for Beate. I have been away from that country for too long. But if you are serious about sending her to France, I could write to a friend about it and ask him to look around. But only if you really mean it, for I do not like to trouble my friend needlessly. I would also have to know when Beate would be going to France. And by the way, how old is Beate?

We continue to be fine. But of course the events throughout the world are not exactly made to keep us always in a good mood. Moreover, there is always the fear that my mother's passport will be taken from her, so that she can no longer come to visit us. And what do you think about the new obligation of Germans in England to register with a German consulate?

For your own plans I give you a hearty "Break a Leg!" If you sometime are in our area – perhaps on a bicycle tour – we would be very glad to see you again.

With warm regards, also to your father and Beate and also from my wife and children.

Yours, Ludwig Rosenberg [?] Jeanfe V. 12. 4. 38.

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Haifa, 12.4.38

My dear Tom,

In his letters to me, Vati writes so much in praise of you and your hard work that I hardly know where to begin to express my pleasure about it. What pleased me most was hearing that Vati went for a 3-hour walk with you, for it means that despite your intense mental exertion you find time to engage in such healthy recreation. I no longer worry about you, my boy; you will reach your goal, even if only a fraction of the favorable auspices that surround you on all sides can be effective. "Being close to people" – that is one of the most important things that make for success and for a good life, your grandfather always said – gain friends, not just partners in sport. Solitude is good for inventors, but we haven't gotten that far yet, have we? Here I have just read a wonderful book Die Kindheit des Paracelsus [The Childhood of Paracelsus], vol I and Das Gestirn des Paracelsus [The Star of Paracelsus] vol II, by Kolbenheyer. Try to get a copy; you will be fascinated by it, especially in the second volume, which contains eerie and ghostly descriptions of experiments in chemistry and related branches of science. All of this will be of great interest to you. You might want to have it sent to you from Berlin, but you probably can't do this yourself as far as I know, because it comes under the currency law (ask Vati or Auerbach). But if you want to have this book or others (perhaps some scientific works), then write to ME right away, as long as I still have money in Berlin. Once my transfer is completely carried out, I HOPE that I will be able to send you from here the things you need or would like to have, but nothing more will come from Germany. Please tell this to Vati and Beate also; if they want books, clothes, or anything else, they should note it down right away and write it to me here, and I will then ask Lotte B. [Baumann, perhaps?, Transl.] to purchase these things without delay, and hope that there are no snags! Do you perhaps need shoes, socks, shirts, and so forth. SO FAR it can still be done!!!!

I enclose this letter with the one to Vati, since I have mislaid your address.

Keep well, my Tomchen, and don't stop loving your

Grossmutti

Charf. 1. d. 29 1V. 38. Lieber Jon, In hast much mit Dernem læben Brief und der kanne glaubhaften Strand Karte and Favourke in der Du Stok in negerbräune? benerden läfst, sehr enfrent. Da sich nocht zu den neiderlie Menschen gehore, so habe ich Din bei dem schauderösen later- dehne. Regenwetter und den verzenden Osterfrenden bessens Sonne u Enholung von Herzen gegonnt. Wie ich gestern for anasselstroppe very terreprecher from musti hørse, minst Du wohl in einigen Woohen mit frischer Kraft Dein Examen Vanen. Vielleicht Kann Mutti Euch u. er. auch Freunden Amas mitbringen, damit sie dadwick ev. dort besser auskommen Rann. Truent muss ja mal sehn, of Eure Shul, ausweise ihr den Tass ermöglichen werden. Benfeys hasten im oktober einen neuen Tafs beautragt um shren Rl. John un London uniquathulen - jetgt enst kunder ese fatige machdem Takel theligh sich vergation nich Ednmal beim geaundheitsamt undernehe lauren durfte, huffen mer nachte Worke auf

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Dear Tom,

I was very pleased to receive your friendly letter and the almost unbelievable postcard from the beach in Devonshire, where you let yourself be envied in your Negro-like tan.

Since I am not given to envy, I am delighted, notwithstanding the perfectly awful snow and rain on Easter and all the rained-out Easter festivities here, that you could enjoy sun and relaxation there. As I heard yesterday when yakking on the phone with Mutti, you will have gathered new energies to do your exam in a few weeks. Perhaps Mutti will be able to bring you and perhaps some friends as well something [meaning money? Transl.], which would help her make ends meet there.

But first she will have to see whether your and Beate's school identification cards are sufficient to get her a passport [visa?].

The Benfeys had applied for a new pass because they wanted to start their little son in a school in London – but they could leave only now.

After Onkel Philipp was <u>allowed</u> yesterday to be examined at the public health clinic, we hope that next week we will have a new passport that would allow us to travel to Italy, since on 12 May our permit for accessing foreign currency will expire (after 3 months). So we might have to try Baden-Baden or find out whether later we would again be welcome in [Bad] Gastein.

Day before yesterday I put Onkel Paul on the Munich train, so that he can, under the energetic guidance of a neurologist, Dr. Wychgram, be led back to his work. This will take place in a small rehabilitation facility in Hohenpeissenberg in Upper Bavaria, at 950 m, and it is hoped that he will continue to get over his anxieties and his inhibitions. In the last few weeks he had already regularly done typing jobs for the doctor. He was not happy going away from his contact with us and Hilde and Stefan, fearing – not without reason – that the latter will go to America within a few months. I begrudge this to nobody, but for us here it's really hard. Recently we were buoyed by Sasha Guitry's witty film *Le roman d'un tricheur* (The Story of a Cheater). This afternoon we'll go across the street to the Oberon Kino to see *Yvette* by Maupassant with Käthe Dorsch.

Good night now, the 3 chess matches in there are over, and Dr. Hirschfeld can put this letter in the mailbox.

Warm greetings from Onkel Philipp and your

Tante Toni

1938-04-30 Toni postcard



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[Postcard from Tante Toni to Tom at 82 Adelaide Road, London NW3, England]

Charl. 9, 30.IV.38

Dear Tom,

Last night I sent you a letter addressed to <u>100</u> Adelaide Road NW. Assuming that you are not well known in this road, I would ask you to inform your post office of my mistake so that you can take possession of the auntie-letter and the reply card.

At noon today Steffel [Stefan?] came to see us in a real suit with long pants and a man's hat, trying to get into the film "Es leuchten die Sterne" with La Jana. He thinks he might want to study chemistry, hoping that it gives him a chance to get ahead in USA. Now we want to go to see Delila by Molnar and find out if it was well done at the Kulturbund [Cultural Center]. Onkel Ph. [is going there] for the first time in many months.

Most cordially,

Tantantonie

Return address: Frau Toni Salomon, Berlin 9, Ch. Hölderlinstrasse 10. [Apparently letters from Germany were always accompanied by a card acknowledging receipt of the letter. Transl.]

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Grapomitti.

Today Vati wrote to me that on the 22 you had your final exam. A long period filled with the most strenuous efforts is now behind you, and the time until you will learn the – hopefully favorable – results on July 6 will also pass. I will keep my fingers on both hands crossed as hard as ever I can that everything will turn out to the best for you and will breathe a sigh of relief with you when the time comes. But remember, my dear boy, *supra posse nemo obligatur* ["no one is obligated to do more than what he can do"] – you have conscientiously done everything you could possibly do, and if anything were not quite right yet, it would just have to be repeated and would be perfect the next time around, isn't that true? So none of this is a disaster – just don't take little things tragically if something were not perfect right away. Tante Käthe thinks that you already have a general idea of whether you have passed the test (truly a "test," sit venia verbo) [if I may be allowed to say so], but I told her that all of us will have to have patience until the day that will very soon be upon us, and that in the meantime we must stay healthy and in good spirits and – leave the rest to the Good Lord.

With this thought, my dear Tomchen, "happy travels," joyful summer days, and a big kiss from your Grossmutti

Am Stoly chensee 7.7.38. This letter was written on the back side of the next letter (dated 4 July 1938) Lieber Form, hent frich hast In mer eine grufse hofrende zu m. "zigsten Gebrutsty gemann mit seinem unerhörten first hunnen degree. Aller Achtung, das hast Du prachteg gemacht u. tilbt med wieder exten Zuhtblick for die tukungh! mit different goods n. 1 paar prosanschen Glerrensorken u 1 Faschenbuch u Schok von mer, ging heare anche at, toll yahle muth: Stever genifs and fin Lich verståndliche Fraef von Fran Sekaalsbergen kam auch zu m. Frende hert an. Du siehet, es gibt mich amständig Menschen. neur hat all hoffentlich in dem Breef an Disch Deinen nachmake mult auch weggelassen. Wenn Su sun moch with behaust no reklamio Alm bette sufortiget. Es lount sich : " muthe war etwas belendigt, dafs wer rum Gebiertstag aret 12 Tage angement staben n. all'den Aufregungen n. der stäglichen Sortiererei met maree. Heute expeter ich dass die Ankhunahren innere Souhen nicht mehr nehmen diinfen. Touch winnihe ich weller alles Gute-murgenings Herfenslich hat Vati ingwischen geschrieben um alle neue Anfregungen zum Gregnenen Wiel megstiche Epiter.

[Tante Toni to Tom]

At the Stölpchensee, 7 July 38

Dear Tom,

This morning you have given me a great pleasure for my x-th birthday, namely with your fabulous First Honour degree. My respects – you have done magnificently well and also provided us with a glimpse to a brighter future!

Mutti's opulent food package from Rollenhagen's, containing *different goods*, 1 pair of prosaic men's socks, 1 handkerchief and chocolate from me, was also sent today; Mutti will pay the customs duties. You will probably understand the letter from Frau Schaatsbergen on the back of this one; it too arrived this morning. You see that there are still decent people. I just hope that on the letter to you she did not also leave out your <u>last</u> name. If you have not yet received it, you should make a claim right away. It's worth it!

Mutti was a bit miffed that for my birthday we ran off for 1 ½ days, but I just <u>had</u> to have some peace and quiet after all the excitement and the daily sorting with Marie.

Today I found out that the auctioneers are no longer allowed to take <u>our</u> stuff. Well, that too we'll be able to deal with. Now I wish you everything good in the future – only the healthy things. I hope that by now Vati has written, thereby sparing everyone more excitement. Warm greetings and a kiss for the exam, from your

Tante Toni



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Hotel-Café-Restaurant Prinses «Beatrix» Camping, playground K. Schaatsbergen

> Apeldoorn, 4 July 1938 Zutfenscheweg 129 Telephone 4036

Dear Madam,

We received and read your letter about the loss of your son. It pains us to hear this and we share your sorrow.

You must feel solace in the fact that, I hate to say it, for you as well as your son this was for the best. To have to live like this is a heavy cross.

I followed up on your request about that money. I sent it in a letter to Mr. Thomas, London, NW, Adelaide Road 152.

I hope that other things are going well. We are all doing well; the summer is busy.

We wish you the best for the rest of your life.

Greetings from the family K.H.T Schaatsbergen-Verhulsdonk

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[Grossmutti to Tom]

Haifa, 10.7.38, Sunday, 3 o'clock

My dear Tom,

My very, very heartfelt congratulations! Just now your message arrived and my heart is beating so hard (for joy?) that I can barely hold my pen. Now everything will change for the better, my dear boy, and – further happy travels. Is it really and honestly true that you are now a real "Mr. Engineer?" I can't really grasp it! The religious people in this country have a prayer: "May the Lord bless you and protect you and let his light shine over you now and forever, Amen." And you also give lessons? Oh yes, the triumvirate: Eugen, José, Tom is capable and does not fail when the need arises. This your beloved grandfather should have lived to see! Now I wish you and us that this is a statement – melancholic as it is – that we will have reason to make frequently, again and again. So now, off you go, happy, healthy, and vigorous into real life, my Tom! With this in mind, I kiss and embrace you warmly as

Your Grossmutti

[Added to the above letter, with a date of 11.7.38 written vertically in the margin]

My dear Tom, this little sheet I want to sneak in as a supplement in order to tell you that despite the burning heat all of Carmel was under the sign of your brilliant exam, from Mr. Moushly, who called the news right across the street to his wife, Justizrat Steinitz, who told everyone he knows about it when he met them, Justizrat Mandle, whose charming spouse brought me beautiful flowers, and Tante Käthe's cleaning lady, who also brought me a big bouquet, to the vegetable lady at the market and the grocer, not to forget my hosts, of course. My room looks like a flower garden. I am very proud of you, my boy, and would have loved to express that more vigorously than with this measly <u>one</u> pound. That I can't do it is not my fault but – the usual!

Greetings to your beloved father and to your sister who, I hope will soon enjoy my congratulations also, right?

Loving kisses, your Grossmutti

Frau Wassertrudinger also sends greetings and congratulations to you too.

[Except for the note about Frau Wassertrudinger, Elborg was not able to translate the vertical writing in the margins of both sides of the additional sheet. The first page includes the date 3 August in the margin, and likely refers to Beata's birthday. PHR, 24 November 2016]

Undated Tante Käthe and Onkel Otto to Tom

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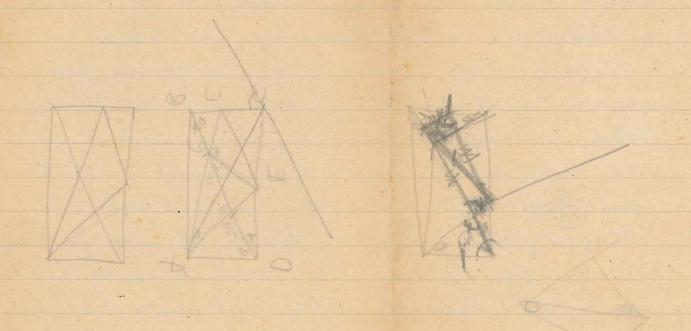
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Onkel Otto

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[Grossmutti to Beate]

Haifa, 24.7.38 – for 3 August

My dear Beatchen,

For your birthday I send you my most loving wishes. So now you are turning 17 – the perfect young lady! And do you know that this is the best birthday, or rather the best year in a woman's life? For me at least it was so. Everything now lies <u>before</u> you, the future, successes – the possibility for happiness is there and being alive to the world, but also <u>responsibilities</u>. Life as a dream now turns into reality, and a large complex of facts arises before you and must be dealt with. But easy, easy, scaring you is not fair. What is needed is a bit of courage, a bit of cheekiness and natural poise, confidence in your own abilities and the knowledge that you can do things well, can focus on what you want. I am not worried about you, my child, you are clear-minded, smart, goal-oriented, you have learned something, and you have the irreplaceable good fortune to have your beloved father, the shield and protector of your youth, still watching over your fate and close to you. And so you enter the new year of your life under the most favorable auspices – and may it be such for you and yours that when it has run its course, on your 18th birthday, you can say with full satisfaction: oh, what a beautiful and eventful year it was! *Vivant sequentes [long live the following ones]*.

Celebrate the day in the happiest of moods, in the full enjoyment of your health, and give my best to all who will be around you. Treat yourself, with the modest gift I can give you, to something nice that you will like, and take loving kisses from

Your Grossmutti

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1938-08-30 Schaarsberg to Toni S postcard



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30.8.38

Dear Madam,

We did <u>not</u> receive a confirmation from London. It would be a shame if that money had not arrived. We sent that money to the first address. Maybe everything will still work out. We hope for the best. I mailed the letter myself, with the return address on the envelope. If the address was not correct, I should get the letter back. I don't understand it. However, we keep hoping.

The summer will soon be over, and then we will hibernate through the winter. For the rest, we are doing well.

With kind regards

The Schaarsberg Family Zutphense weg, Apeldoorn

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My dear Tom,

Why, that is really positive news to which you treated me in your latest letter! May all of this become reality, and even if you were not immediately in a position to ensure the material existence of the entire family (including me?) as you hope, it would mean a beginning of earning, a hope of building a future for yourself and easing great financial concerns. It is useless for me to stress again and again how painful it is for me that my financial situation has changed so fundamentally; there is no point in regretting that I had to leave my sizable fortune "over there" – it is a fate I share with millions of others – but when I think how I could have made the life of my loved ones so much easier before those Powers took over; it is very hard, especially in sleepless nights, to mull over such considerations.

It does seem as if the dark clouds on the political horizon are dispersing – at least there is no immediate danger of war, <u>that</u> is the most important thing, and it affects humanity as a whole, which also encompasses the individual destinies that compose it – *pars pro toto* and *toto pro pars* [a part for the whole and the whole for the part. Latin is incorrect, *Transl.*]

Stay well and look with confidence – as you should in your divine youth – into the world: it will assign you your place by and by.

And don't stop loving

Your Grossmutti

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Erklärung, die Sr. Kochmann abgegeben

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meg. Sei Andy allem, hevzlich gegrüßt met Beatchen und Vati, auch von Inhel Philopp, von Senner ueben Frank Torni Dear Tom,

Mutti was in a state of great emotion and despair when she showed me your letter. Her pride and joy have always been her children, and her good relations with them. She constantly berates <u>me</u> for having placed her into a nursing home, so that she has to spend more money, which she would want to spend on you.

But today I am sorry to have to tell you that she is much sicker than you think, and that it is absolutely necessary to leave her in a mental clinic for the time being.

How in the world can you believe that one of us would want to bother, torment, or even blackmail Vati?

Whereas two years ago one could still assume that with the help of your grandfather, Mutti could be given a reasonable sum, the divorce agreement has since been changed to a life insurance policy and the 5000 M. from Grossmutti R.'s blocked account. Now, unfortunately, the Foreign Currency Agency has not unblocked Vati's and Grossmutti's money as a result of a misleading declaration made by Dr. Kochmann.

Under these circumstances is it not normal that Vati would be willing, assuming that his financial situation has improved and that this would not harm his own situation, to support his divorced and sick wife if her means were exhausted and she were unable to earn money herself?

Don't you believe too that for Mutti in her disturbed state of mind it would be very reassuring to know that if someday Vati were to be in a better situation – and this we hope mainly for him and for you and Beate – she too would not have to live in poverty?

I could have written to you about this long ago, but I thought that I should not involve you so as not to burden you with it and because Mutti was always worried that it would make you unhappy.

In my opinion it has now become quite easy to straighten out this business in a manner that would be fairly satisfactory to all parties and end it once and for all.

Such words as you have used, and which I have to consider ugly, are out of place here, but I believe that they did not originate with you or Vati.

The times we here have to experience are surely not easy to bear, but let us not make each other's lives even more difficult.

Actually, we do not even understand what you mean with your ugly expressions, nor against whom they are directed. I can only surmise that you have been given complete untruths about the situation by some third party.

We do not, and never did, have the intention to stand in the way of Vati's plans for the future – quite to the contrary. And you should know us better than that!

The money that Grossvati left to Mutti, by the way, was placed according to his wish into my special account in the form of a security [OK? Transl.], and I will not touch it until the small legacy from Grossmutti St. is used up.

About the special difficulties with which Mutti is struggling here in addition to her deplorable condition you will no doubt learn from her friend Dr. Else Wolfsohn-Jaffé, who talked with Mutti a few days before her departure for London.

Now it is time to post this letter. Despite everything, I send warm regards to you as well as Beatchen and Vati, also from Onkel Philipp,

Your old Tante Toni

Correspondence with no dates

Mon tay Alend

LieberTom!

Manche Dinge Rame mon bens Schneiken, , denber der Brief.

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[Gabi to Tom]

Dear Tom,

Some things one can more easily write, hence this letter.

I shall draw the obvious conclusions from our last conversation, even though here is something I am doing for the first time: namely to say something about a feeling of my own accord.

I start with the assumption that you like me enough to hear all of this letter; if not, you might as well toss it out right away.

Every human relation is different; nothing general can be said about it. The only general rule is – in my opinion – that if the relationship becomes stale, meaningless, unchanging, and incapable of development, it is best to break it off instead of staying with it out of laziness or fear of unimagined difficulties.

I believe that it would be good if we had a closer relationship, and if you found the courage to speak in more personal terms. That would surely help you overcome much of what is holding you back. Please do not be angry about this last sentence, and please do not think that I feel superior to you or want to play the teacher. I simply have this desire to help you, and also some very egotistical reasons that are only my business.

I do hope you will understand this letter correctly, but if you do not react to it, it has never been written, and you can be certain that you will never receive another like it.

Do not have false pride and do not theorize so much, but muster the courage to experience things for yourself.

I will see you at the bottle party (8-30), and perhaps I'll hear from you before that?

I am keeping all my fingers crossed for the passing of your examinations.

So long

Gabi

No doubt I will [want to] correct this letter tomorrow morning, but it will already be gone.

Lieber Tommi !

Dein Vetter St efan ist ein fauler Briefschreiber, daher benutze ich eine ruhige Stunde, um Dir und Beate ein recht frohes und gutes neues Jahr zu wünschen !---Ich höre ja nur Gutes über Euer Fortkommen, besonders Deine guten Examen, lieber Tom, imponieren mir sehr.

Wie Du siehst, bist Du ein Opfer meener vorläufig noch mangelhaften Maschinenschreiberei. Ich habe nämlich erst kürzlich Blindschreiben, Zehnfingersystem und Stenographie zu meiner Zeichnereidazu gelernt, um mich für das Ausland möglichst gut zu rüsten. Wenn ich es nicht brauchen sollte, umsc besser!

Im Angenblick sieht es günstig für Amsterdam aus. Jedenfalls würden wir Euch dann mal in London besuchen. In nächster Zeit fällt die Entscheidung, drückt sämtliche Daumen!

Stefan bekam zum ersten Mal den berühmten blauen Brief wegen zweifelhafter Versetzung, hat sich aber in den Baar Wochen bis zur Zensur so gebessert, das sämt liche ZMangelhaft" wieder weg sind. Ich durfte ihm niemals helfen, damit ich die Besserung nicht auf meine Hilfe bezöge.

Paul ist leider noch recht krank, und diesmal ist zu seinem Unglück kein Dr. Neuer da, der ihn wie demals, zwar nicht ganz gesund, aber arbeits- und lebensfähig machen könnte. Er besucht uns jede Woche, wir versuchen dann, i hn ein y Bisschen aus seiner Entschlusslosigkeit aufzurütteln.

Wir leben trotz vieler Schwierigkeiten so gemütlich und heiter wie möglich, aber der Freundeskreis wird natürlich immer kleiner. Dafür wird die Auslandskorrespondenz immer grösser!!

HerzlicheGrüsse, auch an José und Beate,

von Deiner

Tarse Hille

Wenn ich Briefe schreiben soll bin ich immer sehr phantasielos, darum habe ich Dir und Beate (wie immer) nicht sehr viel zu schreiben. Wie du siehst schreibe ich auch Schreibmaschine, aber nicht blind und Zehnfingersystem und bis jetzt schreibe ich noch schneller wie als Mutti. Jetzt habe ich zu Weihnachten überraschenderweise ziemlich viel geschenkt gekriegt, wie ich hatte mir nämlich nichts gewünscht, weil ich wusste, dass wir 1. Kein Geld hatten und 2. Dass ich praktische Sachen, wie z. B. Taschentücher, Pyamas, nötiger brauchte, und ich war deshalb sehr erfreut, als ich neben praktischen Sachen auch noch eine Luftpistole und einen Chemiebaukasten sah.

Doch nun will ich lieber Schluss machen, denn Pappi ist gerade bei uns, und verbleibe mit den besten Grüssen und Wünschen für das neue Jahr

[Tante Hilde and Stefan to Tom]

Dear Tommi,

Your cousin Stefan is a lazy correspondent, therefore I am using a quiet hour to wish you and Beate a good and happy New Year! — After all, I hear nothing but good things about how you are getting along; especially your good examinations, dear Tom, impress me a great deal.

As you can see, you are a victim of my as yet faulty typing. That's because I have just recently begun to learn blind typing, the ten-finger-system and stenography in addition to my drawing skill, by way of preparing for working abroad. If I won't need it, so much the better.

For the moment, the prospects for Amsterdam look favorable. In that case we could come to visit you in London. The decision will be made in the near future – keep all your fingers crossed.

Stefan received, for the first time, the famous Blue Letter concerning his unlikely passing into the next grade, but in a few weeks he improved his marks so much that there was not a single "unsatisfactory" left. I was never allowed to help him so that the improvement could not be seen as due to my help.

Paul is unfortunately still quite sick, and this time, to his misfortune, there is no Dr. Neuer who might, as he did the last time, make him if not well, then at least able to work and to live. He comes to see us every week, and then we try to shake him a bit out of his lack of initiative.

In spite of may difficulties, we live as comfortably and serenely as possible, but of course our circle of friends grows smaller and smaller and the foreign correspondence grows larger and larger.

Cordial greetings, also to José and Beate,

From your Tante Hilde

Dear Tom,

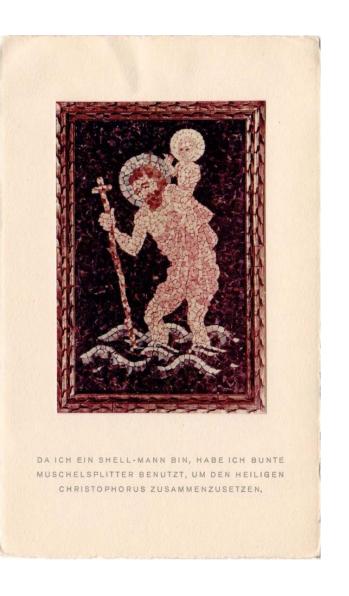
Whenever I am supposed to write a letter I lack in imagination, which is why (as usual) I don't have much to write to you and Beate. As you see, I too use the typewriter but not blind and with the ten-finger system, and so far I still write faster than Mutti. Now at Christmas was surprised to receive quite a few presents; I had not asked for anything because I knew 1) that we don't have money and 2) that I need practical things, such as

handkerchiefs and pajamas more, and so I was very pleased when in addition to practical things I also saw an air pistol and a chemistry set.

But now I had better stop, for Pappi happens to be visiting, and I remain, with best greetings and wishes for the New Year

Stefan

Likely 1938 Hilde & Otto Amsel holiday card



Lieber Tosse, ich war von der Schwen Deines Schicksals, die aus Deinem Brief von vor fast einem Jahr sprach so be driekt, dass ich mich nicht zur Ant By roll Dir meine warmsten Münrele fir sine schone Jukunft bringen, denn die hast Bu nach diesen Schieksals rehlägen verdient, Sehr heyliche Strife Deine Hilde



[Likely Otto and Hilde 1938 Holiday card.]

Image of Saint Christopher to left, with inscription:

Since I am a Shell Man, I have used multi-colored shell fragments to compose Saint Christopher.

Printed message to right: Happy Holiday and safe travels in the New Year Dr. and Mrs. Otto Amsel

In center:

Handwritten message

Dear Tom, I was so depressed by the sadness of your fate expressed by your letter of almost a year ago that I could not muster the spirit for a reply.

Now I very much hope that time has done its good work for you and that now everything looks brighter. I hope that this letter reaches you.

It is to bring you my warmest wishes for a beautiful future, for you deserve it after suffering such blows of fate.

All the very best,

Yours, Hilde