

Berlin October 23, 1946

Dear brother-in-law Gustav

I received your letter which only took 8 days from you to us. And now I will answer all your questions. You wanted to know what happened to your brother and families; I heard from Annchen (Anna), she is Carl's daughter who lives here in Berlin that her parents had to flee East Prussia and came here, close to us in Berlin.

They were only here for a short time and then had to return to their homeland East Prussia which became part of Russia. Shortly after they arrived back home Carl and his wife passed away. Your brother Friedrich and his family returned to/left for East Prussia after they lost everything in an air raid in Berlin in 1944. He has not made contact with anybody as of now. Annchen (Anna) can write you in more detail when she writes to you about where he might be or what happened to him.

You had wanted to know about my son Herbert and if he was married and had a family; yes, he was married for 6 years but had no children; but during the time he served in the war his wife had a child by another man and because of that he has been divorced for a few years. I still don't have any news for him; this uncertainty is frightful/dreadful and the Russians could let our prisoners at least write; that much they should allow.

I am happy your children are all well; I know them all from the pictures. Does your daughter Hildegard still live with you since she is unmarried? It is good for you, that way you are not all alone. Your Ida and Fritz have been gone for some years now, how fast time passes; it is good that Fritz did not have to live through what we had to experience. I am sorry to hear about the bad accident your sister had in her old days and thank God she is doing better and you can have her around for a few more years thanks to good care.

And now dear brother-in-law Gustav you want to know how our situation is with food and clothing. With the garments we can manage for a little while longer; however, shoes are not available as of yet. If it is not too much trouble for you could you please send a care package with food to my address here, I would be very grateful; maybe I can do something for you at a later time and return the favor. Even though we live in the Russian sector we can now receive packages from America; the packages go to the American sector and then we are notified and then we can go and pick it up.

This is about all I can write to you today; please don't be offended that I asked for a food care package, we have so little food here, the end result of a lost war.

And now to you all and your family real sincere greetings from your sister-in-law, Emma Augustin

Let me hear something from you again

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