

Berlin October 26, 1947

Dear Cousin Harold and family.

We received your letter and I will answer right away. I am always very happy to get your letters and I hope you have received my past letters as well; even though it takes a long time for a letter to get back and forth, we feel very fortunate to communicate at all.

I will miss the letters from your dear father, my uncle. His death is a heavy blow to me. I will never forget all the compassion with which he took care of us. But it was God's will. To me it's like I lost my parents a second time. The letters your father sent were so much the same as the ones I received from my father. All good things must come to an end; we have lost so much already. Dear Harold we hope that you and your siblings will not forget us.

The package from Randall Taos, New Mexico did arrive; however, your package has not been received as of yet.

You wrote you still have a lot of land to farm; I am sure you planted a lot of wheat. Would it be possible and not to much of an imposition and expense if you could send us some wheat flour? Forgive me if I sound like a beggar; in reality I am a very proud, but the need is so great. There are many days during the months we are without bread. We receive one pound of flour per month with the ration cards; that just isn't enough to bake and for use in the kitchen. Cake is out of the question. However, with Christmas approaching it would be a real treat if we could celebrate the birth of Christ Our Savior with a real cake.

I know nothing about my sister; neither about Herbert. He may have become a war casualty. He was divorced from his wife and she remarried; however she does not live in Berlin now.

I hope your family is well; you have three boys and one girl. You are blessed. May God keep you and your family.

My sister lost her two sons in the war; her daughter and her husband are missing. My sister doesn't know it yet. I am so thankful my husband returned home to me, even though he is not well, he is getting better, he is with me and I thank God for that.

You want to send us another package with clothing and you asked for some sizes/measurements;

my shoe size is $38 \frac{1}{2} = 81/2$; men's shoe size $42 = 10$; my dress size is $44 = 14$; I am not so sure if you can even relate to that.

Waist= 78 cm; Bust=98 cm; however, all can be altered.

My husband is 170cm tall; Werner is 184 cm tall; both are slender.

Dear Harold, I thank you in advance for everything.

It is already real cold here, winter is soon to arrive. We are in real need of wool.

Enough for today, affectionate greetings to you, your dear wife and to your children.

Your cousin Anna, Adolf and Werner

You wrote you have plenty of everything; that is good; show your good heart and share some with us.