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10 October

Ma très chère,

This is just a very short, hasty little Hello, so that you don't wonder and worry. I am back with Fifth Army, where I found your letter of September 8 and the "provider" copy. I shall write one of these days to Dad, to tell him how much I enjoy reading the beautiful book. As for your packages, and your other letters, they must just have missed me at my temporary Eighth-Army address, to which they were forwarded. I trust, however, that everything will catch up with me, eventually.

My life is rather "rugged" and restless, right now -- with a lot of travelling about, through muddy, chilly, miserable land. There are new prospects for a more satisfactory job again, but one never can tell what will actually materialize. Just now, I am mostly away from Headquarters, and hardly ever in big cities.

A surprising and quite interesting meeting I had the other day -- with -- Hanna K., in Florence! I had not seen her since the far-away days in Lenzerheide. She has lost her looks, and seems to be sincerely anti-Nazi. The fact that Bruno-Liesel refused to see her, ten years or so ago, in London, has been haunting her ever since. She also most cried when she spoke about the terrible incident.

Have you written to Elmer? I wonder if he will be able and willing to do anything in my case. It seems that la Golette -- from whom I had a letter today -- is going to get (quasi against his will!) exactly the kind of arrangement for which I try to apply -- probably without success...

Will the mess last another winter? It almost looks like it, hélas. Maybe we all have been a little too optimistic. Or are we unduly pessimistic now? Somehow I don't like the present situation -- and I am not speaking primarily of military developments...

Do I have Christmas wishes? But I have received Christmas packages from you during this whole year! There is nothing I could think of, except nice things to eat, and maybe some lotions and Eau-de-Cologne -- yes, and a pair of slippers (I think # 9 D is my size) -- you know, soft, subtle leather slippers, real bed slippers -- they might come handy.

V ... - MAIL

M: Be loses,
Old son, K.

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