

Dear Aunt & Cousins,

Since I am writing letters I will send you a few lines too. I owe you as much thanks for the beautiful things as our mother. The (covers or blankets) will be a constant reminder of how happy you made us. In 10 days we here in Germany are celebrating our Christmases. I don't know if you know it over there. The children have the most fun. A Christmas tree, ~~the~~ Father Christmas knocking on the door in the evening and giving them beautiful things. There is a lot to be done yet. The apartment is going to be cleaned from top to bottom. Cakes and biscuits have to be baked. It is an old custom. I can remember when I was <sup>as</sup> small as the children, how nice it was. but now these bad times. How will our children be, or will they ever have good times again? We will leave it to fate. We are healthy, can still work, everything will come alright. We are hoping the new year will bring us better times. With this thought I will finish my letter. I am sending you sweet regards and kisses.

Your Elisabeth.

Did you get our pictures?

Here in our old hometown a lot has changed,  
you would not know it any more. Düsseldorf has  
now over 10 000 population, also Blumenthal-  
Rheinbeck.

Enough for this time. If you are interested give  
your wife and children a kiss from me, straight  
away, please. And I do squeeze your hand until I  
get from you an answer the quickest possible way.

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Dear brother-in-law,

lending you the best regards. You cannot  
do too much with young he is too upset since  
the news from Brügel. You will have to excuse  
his handwriting, too. I dose to be able to meet  
you personally. Once again best regards  
from Ingiborg, Arno, your sister-  
in-law Frieda Berthoelje,  
your brother Johann.

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