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Mr. John Dierking,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear John and Lizzie!-

This is in answer to your kind letter of August 13th.. We have been a very busy bunch during the last half year and I do hope that from now till about January 3rd. or 4th., it will be more quiet. The Holland business in connection with Neuss keeps me jumping sideways. Many trips have to be made which come in very unopportune times, but which can not be postponed. Trips of this kind are the ones which wear one out. Still I am glad to have the Holland business. In these times it is a treat.

We were surely glad to hear that Lizzie was getting along so nicely and that she was beginning to save to make up for what had to be spent to get her well again. It is all O.K. to be saving, but she will have to be sure that she is absolutely well, and in every sense of the word, capable of handling you, then she can begin to go a bit easier on some things- and save-. We do hope that this Christmas letter will find both of you in the best of health and ready to spend a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

By the way, did you get the photo-card of us which we sent you July 29th.? Do not forget to let us know. We would send you one more today but we are just out and are writing the poor fellow at Wiesbaden to send us a few more. They were fine, we think, and we want you to have one.

Have you been to see Mr. Goonzy? I bet he did a lot of swearing about Germany and everyone connected with the German work. If you can, let me hear what you were able to hear.

From the letter-head you will see that I am all alone for the present. Mr. Reinert went back to the states and conditions do not permit more than one BIG man- I do hope you received our photo- at a place like this.

Hutmacher, Baltzer, Sawall, Stelter and Hagberg are about as you know them. Well and always busy.

I am glad to hear that Gottwald is still sending you the German papers, it is therefore not necessary for me to write over conditions here. G. is in Buckerest now. He will soon be in Russia? *if he keeps on going east.*

Mother and Ella are getting along as well as can be expected. If they did not have us they might have starved before now. For folks like these present Germany is a poor place to be. Everyone who can work-earn-gets along fine, but all those who had retired before the war and had to live from a limited income are up against it and a large number are starving slowly. Men who come from the outside to study conditions here do not get to see this class of suffering. Everyone who can help ~~their~~ those nearest him, but there are thousands who have no one- these are lost the first cold they have or any other sickness they may get.

You must excuse me for not writing more this time and I will try to do better when answering your next letter.

Lena and I are just fine -never were in better health- and hope these Xmas Greetings will find you the same or still better. We expect to spend Christmas in Berlin again as we always have done. Lena will go to Berlin on November 29th., so as to be with her mother on her mothers birthday. They need a bit of cheering up and for this reason more than any other Lena will stay with them during the month of December. I will follow, as a real I.H.C. man should about December 23rd., in the evening- no not like you are thinking now- in the morning. There is still a lot to be attended to during the forenoon of the 23rd., then run a catch the train and get to Berlin in plenty of time just a few minutes before midnight of the 23rd., Oh, is that not a grand and glorious feeling? PFLICHT-MENSCHEN! John, tell Lizzie, that I am also thinking of you when I write thus. Lena says we are "DUMME KERLE", but on this one point we will never agree.

How about the DEMOCRATS? How about WILSON? Stop him before he comes back! We are reaping a grand harvest here from the effects of his grand 14-POINTS, which he was not able to hold out for at VERSAILLES. Do the voters in America know what they want now and will they be able to make there wants known at the next presidential election? Our world seems to have lost sense for doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

John, if all goes well and we are not disappointed, we will be in the United States some time in 1924, and then we must meet and talk over all these years we have been seperated. There is no need starting on this by letter, there is much too much to say, and then there are moments when a swear-word must be used, and this can not be made sufficiently effective in letter either. Wait till we meet.

I will have to close now and Lena and I wish you and Lizzie a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR also every thing you want and must have for 1923. Do not forget to write also let us know if you got the picture.

Mit herzlichen Grusse von Haus zu Haus,

Dein  


F Say John are <sup>you</sup> not figuring on a "Stammhalter"?