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Mr. JOHN DIERKING,  
St. CLAIR, Mo., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Dierking,

Your letter of January 28th reached here at the beginning of this month and I was very pleased to hear that you are quite well now and shall be glad to see you again in the Vienna organisation, tho' we presume that on account of mines and submarines you will postpone your trip for some time yet.

Ten of our men have been called up and we are sorry to say that one good office-man has fallen on November 26th in Servia on the way to Nisch.

I suppose you will be pleased to here of the firm stand we are making and we are sure of the outcome in the end and we all hope that it will be over before the season is over. We suffer considerably from those ammunition deliveries, as it is shot into us every day and wherever we go, but with the old friendship which connects us with most of our agents and with our block force of many years' service, we nearly succeed everywhere to pacify the people and keep them affiliated to our banner.

You will be sorry to here that our agent FRANZ SUCHY in STAAB, whom you know and who was in garrison in PILSEN, died a few weeks ago.

MALY of PRAGUE was wounded badly near LUBLIN, but has recovered again from his illness and is going to the front again very soon.

ALBIN from the Novaragasse is joining the colours to-day and is very enthusiastic.

You will have seen from the papers that we have now two factories in Germany, one at Neuss and one at LILLE and we hope that it will stay so for always.



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I suppose you are a daily reader of the New Yorker Staatszeitung and Washington Post, which papers will convey to you our standpoint. There has been too much crying about Belgium, but the misery which has been caused in Galicia by the Cossacks, and in Russian Poland and in Eastern Prussia, is far worse than the damage which has been done by the Germans in Belgium.

Our friend RUPRECHT is in the Schützengraben in the Argonnenwald and from the latest news seems to be very well yet. In case you wish to write to him, his adress is as follows:

Wehrmann PAUL RUPRECHT,  
Landwehr-Infanterie-Regiment No. 26,  
2. Bataillon, 5. Kompagnie, 16. Reserve-Korps,  
34. Infanterie-Division, V. Armee,  
Kaiserlich Deutsche Feldpost.

We also give you the addresses of the other three men whom you know and who are at the front in Austria:

EDUARD BOHDAL, Rechnungsunteroffizier,  
k.u.k. Feldkanonen-Regiment No. 41,  
Kanonen-Munitions-Kolonnen No. 2,  
Oesterreichische Feldpost No. 98.

FRANZ ŠIMON, Vormeister,  
k.u.k. Festungs-Artillerie-Regiment No. 4,  
12. Reserve-Kompagnie,  
POLA, Oesterreich.

KARL STEFEK,  
k. u. k. Landsturm-Befestigungs-Arbeiten-Abteilung No. 6/25,  
postlagernd HOMONNA, ZEMPLIN Komitat, Ungarn.

The book you mention of Bernhardt I read two years ago and as it was one man's view of coming events, it had not the value to be spread broadcast in cheap editions by our enemies, but all their workings only show their weakness and the writer's opinion is that as we were handed over by the English to the Japanese in Kiautschau, Grey would not hesitate to do the same with the U.S.A. if it suited him. This has always been British policy and perhaps every other nation in the same insular position would have made the same moves.



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As regards Mrs. Gottwald, you may be sure that she is all with us and she belongs to that generation of England which we all admired and which we tried to follow. England no doubt was with the Victorian reign at her zenith and is going down now rapidly. As every nation has its great epoch, so France and England have had theirs and we hope that this century will see the great age of Germany and the U.S.A.

I sent you some time ago some illustrated papers and hope that same have reached you.

Hoping to hear from you soon again, I remain with kindest regards to you and Mrs. Dierking, in which Mrs. Gottwald joins me,

Yours very sincerely



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Ans.

May 16, 1915

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Mr. John Bierking, Rt. Clair, Mo., U.S.A.

Ans June 18, 1916

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