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Dear Arthur

Now I call you with you Christian name "Arthur", because you has been allowed me. In Germany it is so, one has to wait, until it has to be allowed. Other countries, other customs.

I had been sick and feel not so right well. And to all last week our big dog Ambra died. Ambra had two cancer operations and was in a special animal Klinik (hospital) in Amsterdam, Holland, but all has been in vain. Ambra has died and is buried on our meadow. Arthur, I am unlucky, because Ambra is no more alive, often I could be crying. My heart is full of merciful for the creatures. Ambra came from an animal home near Essen, (Ruhrgebiet). I believe to be merciful for all tormented animals for all the people who have hunger and all the tormented on this earth. Every month I give money to different animal home and for the hunger on this earth. I myself need only little to live.

Your wife is a registered nurse, I read. Then has you an angel married. ----- After the air raid on Dresden I suffer on depressions, sometimes these are severe, and again not so severe. I lay also in hospital for it. Has you received my little book "(Du Mein Freund"?? It was appear in German language. I believe you has only little understand, was I was writing. In Du Mein Freund are partly abstracts from my diary. It has considerable difficult written from me.

In your last letter you were writing, your university has been Lamsdorf and then was telling your many sufferings at Lamsdorf. Arthur, I believe your everythink and was already saying "sorry for it". Please believe me, I cannot for it, and please not hard be to me, because I also am a German, -please not hard be to me. One of my uncles was working in Russia as a werkmeister (master). He had only a son. Then he came again back to Germany and he had much money. Therefore he could give his son to high school and later to university. The 2. uncle also and the children again. But all the "Hannaks" were also not in high schools. My mother wanted always my brother to be a doctor (Arze, mediziner), or a priest. She was a pious person, we all are not religious. I pray to God 2x in a day. I myself love people, who have goodness in their heart. Such people are for me are the lovest people. How is it with the English edition of my "Stalag" Buch? Could you buy it with the publishinghouse. Many books??? From Mrs Margaret Collins I know, that you have the REUNION on 9. December And for this reason I am sending you the photo-print from Padre Rex Dakers. There will be men who have a remembrance to Capt. Dakers. Show please this photo-print around. If you are able to write, then please write again. I wish you and your wife all the best, kind regards. Sorry, for my shocking English.

Elfriede

(In hand writing). *My brother was going for 6 years to the real gymnasium at Oppeln.
Has you much work regarding the RE-UNION? because I have no post of you. Last
week in the night we had a great Orcau. I was alone. I had so much*