

Dreis, March 14, 1948

Dear members of the Lorang family,

You don't know me personally. My aunt asked me to write to you, since she is not in good health and I am taking care of her correspondence. She suffered during the war, which brought her grief and sorrow. Yet it isn't over; even now she still has to bear much hardship. Her sister's five sons lived with my aunt after the death of their parents and she took the place of their mother. Now they are missing in action in Russia which is causing her much worry. You certainly want to know who my aunt is. She is the daughter of Vinzenz Neukirch, and Mr. Lorang was born in his house. On his last visit to Dreis Mr. Lorang gave them several photos. I am enclosing one of them, so I can at least prove to you that my aunt really knows them. Perhaps there are many letters like this being sent to America. Need drives you to do it. It is really bad here with groceries and clothing, in short with everything. Myself, I am only 21 years old and was only 13 ½ when the war started. You might not be able to imagine over there that a girl my age has any worries as far as clothing is concerned. I don't want to beg for anything in my letter; I think, I have already written too much. However, I want to ask you for one favor only. People here say that there are families in America who would be delighted (to Germans) to help Germans but don't have an address. My aunt and I would be very grateful if you could help us with this.

How are you? Are all of you still healthy? I wish you the very best.

Receive heartfelt greetings, especially from my aunt,

Not knowing you I am sending you greetings as well,

Anita Behrens

C/o Mrs. Klara Neukirch

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Postscript on the margin:

If you know anyone who would like to help me as well, please send it to the address below, since I am working out of town and am only there on Saturdays and Sundays.