

Assen,
Anreeperstraat 135 10 April 1946

Dear Jean,

Thanks for your interesting letter and the lovely snapshots you sent me. I like them very much.

We need not pay anything for what you sent me, but I may not ask it from you, for I cannot sent you money for it. I have money enough to buy all that I am needy but alas here is nothing to buy. I have not get new shoes in five years, but I hope I can get this year new ones.

Clothes are very rare here. Children wears here clothes made from allied soldiers uniforms. Girls and young ladies cloaks from blankets from the soldiers. Very often children are not able to go to school because they have no shoes. But we may not grumble for it is much better than a year ago.

About four days it is first a year that we were liberated by the Canadian soldiers. The food is at present very good and we get fourty cigarettes a week.

Boys who wish to marry cannot get a house and no furniture.

When we will buy something in another country we must have bounds and I have them not. There fore I cannot sent you money.

At present I have still one good suit and one mended before the day. I have no summer suit. But that is not the principal matter. We will and we can work hard and then it will become all right.

At present I am so busy with my work to study, but I hope I can soon continue my study.

Dear Jean, this is a very short letter, but I have very little spare time. It is ten minutes to eight and at eight o'clock I have a meeting, so I have to go. Till next letter.

How is it with your book you are writing. When it is ready you must sent it me. I like very much writing, but you must have very much spare time.

Sincerely yours
Your Dutch friend
Hermmanes