

Assen 20 April 1947

Dear Jeannette,

I presume you are wondering why you heard nothing from me in such a long time. But excuse me, for I was ill for a very long time, nearly three months. I had a very bad pneumonia. At present it is going really good and since March 15 I am back at my job. But as I had no worked during three months, I had to make up for this lost time, so there was no spare time to write to you.

I received our last letter in the middle of November, in which you wrote, you would appreciate it to receives bulbs.

Alas, time was over to send you winter-bulbs for they couldn't reach to soon, so that you could plant them. Therefore I ordered my florist to send you some summer-bulbs, namely 100 gladiolas, 50 xxx, 10 Lilys and 5 Dahlias. I hope you have all ready received it, or will receive it soon. Do you like them? I like most Lilys and Dahlia's. The gladiolas are a very nice flower, especially for a bouquet. I hope that these flowers will you give much pleasure and may they be the interpreter of all Dutchmen and especially me as a appreciation for all that the American did for us, especially like American soldiers, who give their life for our liberation. I hope they will give you a little Dutch Sphere in your room.

Last winter was a very severe one. The most severe winter in fifty years. It has frozen from Decembre 9 till Sbassi 15. The frost had pushed into the ground for more like eighty centimeter. And we had a very little quantity of coals. But happily winter has gone and spring is come with its beautifully days. At present the sun is shining nearly every day and the trees are greening. My life is coming. At five six oclock in the morning I hear the birds singing and that all give you new courage and you feel that your blood is going a little quicker.

This summer I have to do examination but I do not think I have success.

Dear Jeannette, I hope you will write soon and forgive me the delaying of your letter so long.

Sincerely yours,  
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P.S. How is it with Agnes, I heard nothing from her since August last year?