



## Letter from Marianne Homburger to Georg and Max Bredig, December 15, 1940

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### English Translation

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Dear Father and Max,

Although it has been a long time since I wrote to you (Number 4 on November 22nd and Number 5 on December 5th), I don't know what to tell you today. The days pass and I don't know how. When the weather is nice, we are hopeful and feel like we're in the highlands with a wonderful view of the mountains. When it rains, we sit in barracks and sense the dark forces upon us. The rainy season will probably be over in mid-January. Paul, Viktor, and I are stalwart and resilient. A gentleman recently told Viktor that I am the shining star of the camp because I am tanned and being out in the fresh air was always good for me. You don't have to continue worrying about our health. Of course, we (especially I) always worry about when we'll get out of here. It's all so obscure and unpredictable! We also don't receive any mail from you or the children. Except for your nice telegram, we haven't received anything from you. Bill's packages haven't arrived and who knows if they'll still come. Thanks to the funds that we received from you, Paul, and other people, we are now able to buy different

things, especially fruit. A lot of things like eggs, butter, cheese, wurst, and sugar are not available because they are rationed. Ms. Anna Wismer, who seems very charming, sent me a package. However, Switzerland only allows one 4-pound package to be sent per month. We are very worried about the suitcases stored at Ernst's place. We will eventually use up everything that we have here. The suitcases must be sent to you. There is probably still time for now, but hopefully they will be kept for us. Father, I am grateful everyday that you are with Max. I hope you both are healthy and happy. Despite everything, we still have purpose. There is still joy here and we laugh sometimes. I am very much waiting for a sign of life from you both and send you kisses.

Love,  
Marianne