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My Dear Mrs Smeets *Colman*

I thought that you would like a note to let you know that both Jim & I and Busty are all still alive and kicking. We all hope that your husband has returned safely, we made some enquiries, but found it hopeless, no one could give us any information as we had so few particulars.

We have travelled quite a few miles since last we saw you, and are at Bremen-haven and would much rather be in Holland as we are not allowed to mix with the people at all which is all rather trying not that I have any sympathy with the Germans, but it makes a change to mix with civilians and get away from the army.

Both Jim and Busty left for England today, for 7 days leave, it will not be so bad when the time comes to return, this time, with the war over we can look forward to return in good in the near future.

I should like to thank you for all of us, for your kindness during our stay in your village and we all hope that everything has turned out well for you and that your husband's health has not been upset by his trying experiences.

We all hope to pay you a visit in the future, in civilian clothes I hope,

Please accept our thanks once more

yours sinc:

Jack Prested