

DorleLettersJ L0001 (English)

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Dear Mother, I wish you a very happy birthday and hope, above all, that you have many worry-free hours. I'm sorry that I wrote to you about shortages in my last letter. I will come back again, as I promised. In the meantime, I'm going to see as much of Canada as I can. Even if I'm not always working in agriculture, it's not wasted time. But I was surprised that you think of the earnings when it comes to a profession! I found that unusual. Apart from that, nurses here are very well paid and there are always positions open. With this plan, I also thought a lot about the future, perhaps precisely for a situation that you might one day find yourself in. A three-year course would probably not have been an option anyway, since you need a high school diploma, but only a 9-month course, during which you would still earn nearly as much as in domestic work. I might still do that someday. At least the food is good. How is Ursel? Was she also in Bern- bach? I wrote to her in Tübingen once, but as expected, I didn't get a reply. Have you heard anything from Erdmute? She wrote to me a couple of times last year, but I didn't get an answer to my last letter. It's still not spring yet. But when it gets warm now, the apricots will probably bloom soon. On my days off, I always go to the farm to do some weeding, since everything is grown flat along wires. The asparagus harvest has long since begun in the south, but not here yet. Have you planted the lettuce? Fertilize the animals well, it tastes sweet as sugar. Here, "sweet" is used for anything that isn't explicitly salty or sour. For example, unsalted butter is "sweet butter." How are the assistant and the apprentice doing? The radio just announced snow for tomorrow. When will you give a sign again? We used to always do that on your birthday. Warmest greetings to you all from Joch.