Woldegk, 9 October 1926

Dear Lizzi and family!

After a long time, I MUST finally write you a few lines again, it had been my duty to send news back to you, but I never got around to it, I was away from home the whole week from Monday morning at work and did not come back home again until Saturday, and then there was so much to do, that I didn’t know what to start doing first. I also spent this summer working on the house where I live, taking care of improvements, the house my grandfather built, and in the course of time it needed to be renovated, otherwise it will fall apart.

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Now dear Lizzi we also express our heartfelt condolences on account of the death of David’s brother. It made me very sad, and I can hardly believe that Hermann has already departed this world. At his age he could have easily lived a lot longer, but when the time and hour have come, one must depart, some early and others later, there is no herb growing that prevents death, and we must all pass that way whether we want to or not. He probably never imagined he would die so soon. Otherwise he probably would have written us earlier. I had already thought sooner that something had happened because he didn’t answer

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my letter that he probably received at Easter. As you wrote, he is buried in the Woodland Avenue Cemetery next to his father and mother. It was quiet and peaceful there so I can remember approximately now where his bones are buried because I know where your parents are buried from the time I was over there with you. Was he not been able to get along with Hazel since the last time because she was not present at the funeral, or was she kept away from it by her mother? I still cannot see why his wife did not divorce him after such a long marriage.

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I want to express my sincere thanks for the pictures, likewise for the announcement of the betrothal of Arnold and Anna Banse. We also wish the young couple good fortune and blessings in their marriage, and we hope that both will be very happy. Now dear Lizzie, write me again sometime from there. As I see from your letter, it is hard for you to write, but you can feel free to write in English, I can read it, and it is easier for you to write in your own language than in German. When we get older, we fall out of practice. Now I wish to finish my letter. Hopefully you and the family are in good health and in good cheer. We are also doing well. I hope this letter reaches you in good health as well.

I remain yours sincerely, Emil Förster