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Letter from Friedrich Mennecke to his wife (November 1941)

Note: All emphasis in original

Letter No. 3 Fürstenberg, November 20, 1941

My dearest mommy!

Today at 5:45 p.m., I completed the day's work and am again sitting in my hotel. The results of today's work were 95 questionnaires. After another conversation with the [Ravensbrück concentration] camp physician, *SS-Obersturmführer* [SS First Lieutenant] Dr. Sonntag, and the [Ravensbrück] camp commandant SS Major [Max] Koegel, the number of prisoners will be increased by sixty to seventy based on my detailed evaluations, so I will work through Monday. I called Prof. [Werner] Heyde earlier today at 8:15 a.m. and told him that I can finish the job here alone. So no one else came today and Dr. [Kurt] Schmalenbach does not need to come. Heyde and I have agreed that after I complete my work here, I will again go to Berlin to discuss the Buchenwald assignment. (You can write to me at general delivery Weimar.) I will probably travel to Berlin early on Tuesday and continue on to Weimar the same day. The work goes quickly, because the answers to the questions on top have already been typed on the form and I only have to record the diagnosis, main symptoms, etc. I would prefer not to describe the composition of the patients in this letter, but will tell you more later

in person. Dr. Sonntag sits next to me and supplies information about their behavior in the camp; a *Scharführer* [SS sergeant] brings in the patients – everything proceeds without a hitch. I am in the camp; today at lunch the cafeteria will have lentil soup with pieces of bacon and an omelet as dessert. I finished at about 5 p.m., ate this evening in the cafeteria with Dr. Sonntag again: there were three kinds of wurst, bread, butter, beer. I was then driven back to my hotel. I hope things are going as well for you; I feel marvelous. Please accept your loving husband's kisses, my most precious possession, and hug me,

your

faithful Fritz-Pa