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Translation: *B02 Siegfried Rappaport's letter from Stutthof to his mother*

Frau

Rapaport

32 / 17 [This is on the back of of the paper strip, probably her camp number or barrack address.]

Dear Mommy,

How are you? I got your two letters. I'm healthy. Now you don't have a stomach ache anymore. Mommy, I think you need bread. I'm going to Block 3. I have just enough for myself now. OK, so don't worry about me. Mommy, when the Army Clothing Depot (A.B.A) [The A.B.A. Siegfried refers to is the Army Clothing Depot (Armeebekleidungsamt) where he, his mom and sister Paula used to work in Riga. This is likely where they worked until sent to Stutthof in August or September 1944.] was working, were we 3 better off? Hopefully we'll all be together soon. When I have bread, I'll send you some, you know that I will, mommy. Mommy, I know what it means to live on the allocations. Mommy, please send me some writing paper. That's why I haven't written. Our block is going to be gassed [i.e. fumigated. A verb used in German is begasen, he writes vergasen]

these days. Mommy, that's where I got the paper from. Everything's being covered over and I stole some. Mommy, I send you kisses, say hi to Paula. Soon we'll be baking potatoes again in tailor shop 5. [It seems likely that this is the tailor shop at the A.B.A. in Riga]

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