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Dear Mr. Parenti,

With great joy and excitement I received your publication *A story of love and war* through your contact mr. A.T. Hughes. Your personal account of the liberation of Europe is very valuable for both research scholars and the general public and it is a very welcome addition to our collection of World War II materials. Of all the materials we have received during the years, one's personal history is always special, especially if that history is to be read in love letters. Your book is unique in the sense that it does not look at the war from the occupants side, as most personal accounts do, but from the liberators side, which gives it great value.

I also want to thank you for the poem accompanying the book. It is a wonderful gift that expresses your gratitude to the citizens of Holland, which we will cherish along with the book. Signing the book as well as the poem enhances the value all the more, a personal note from the author is special in itself.

While you thank the citizens of Holland for the help and kindness they provided the American soldiers during the war, I think it is our place to thank you and those you fought with for liberating our country. We now live in freedom thanks to your determination and the sacrifices you have made.

Again I want to stress the importance of the book to our collection and express our gratitude to you for adding this special publication to our library.

Sincerely yours,


Petra Links