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Hanno Ketterer *love letters from the war*

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Love letters from World War II, complemented by archival photos and AI-generated images

Photographer Hanno Ketterer opens a box from his grandmother's estate. Inside, he finds almost 1,000 field letters that his grandfather, as a German soldier during World War II, wrote from the front to his beloved wife at home — in freezing nights and scorching heat, from rain-soaked and dusty shelters. Outside, there was fear, violence, and deprivation. But the letters reveal something else: love and hope. Moved by this true and courageous love story, he launches the book project *love letters from the war*.

What is remarkable is not only the deeply personal family story Ketterer tells, but also the book's distinctive design. The artist combines original letters and historical photographs with AI-generated images and contemporary narration. In doing so, he recreates a world that no longer exists. He takes the reader on a journey through time, making the events of the Second World War emotionally tangible.

The combination of these generated images with original family photos anchors the story in reality. I hope that the reader can feel the love and hope both in the images and in the written words.

— Hanno Ketterer

Although these letters were written more than eight decades ago, they resonate today with striking immediacy — in a world marked by uncertainty, conflict, and growing helplessness. They gently yet unshakably remind us: even in the deepest darkness, we retain the freedom to choose how we act.

From the book:

My dear Grete!

All my letters were meant to be, and still aim to be, love letters in the truest sense. Love – pure, the most beautiful human love brought us together. The eternal hatred among people separated us.

(Karl's letter to Grete, West of the Vistula, 27 October 1944)

Ketterer's *love letters from the war* is a moving, timeless love story about the will to seek comfort in small moments. A profoundly personal work, yet one that moves on a universal level.

Hanno Ketterer worked in management consulting before beginning photography studies in Amsterdam in 2022.

His debut *love letters from the war* marks the beginning of a promising career in photography.

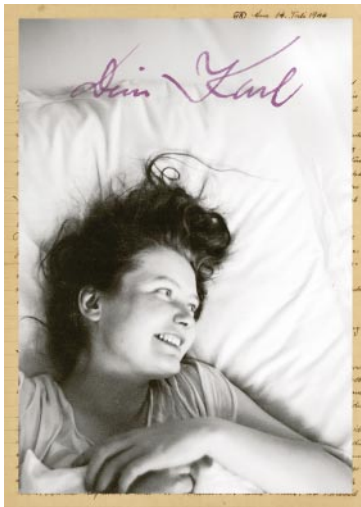
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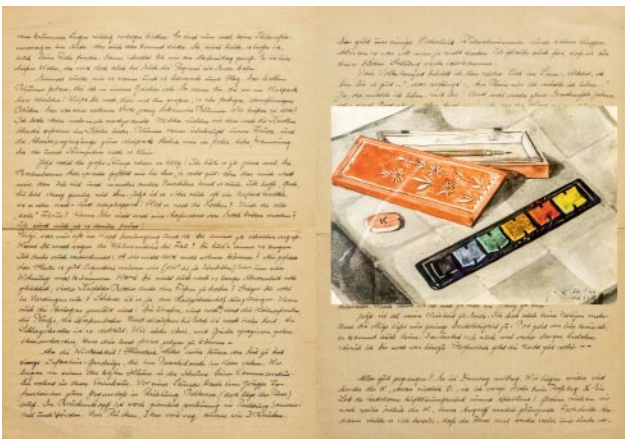
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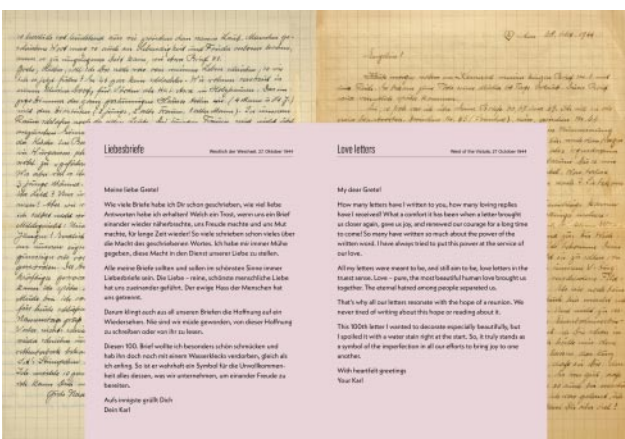
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