



Correspondence from Germany
(From Matheus Hantschko)

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Worthy Volksblatt Readers in far away
Texas!

Seven months of winter and five months without a summer: that just about says it for 1913. June and July were cold and dry in our area, to the extent that potatoes would not grow in the sandy soil. Porcino mushrooms were not available all summer, they did not poke through until September. As the Texan from Baden reported in the “Giddings German Gazette” some time back; they had too much rain in Baden. But, that's enough about the weather! Incidental to the recent emperor's maneuvers in Silesia we had billeting in the districts of Spremberg and Cottbus, namely all guard troops. Thus, there were 400 soldiers in Graustein during September 13th and 14th; these 5 companies came from the 1st Emperor-Alexander-Regiment of riflemen. Since my brother lives in Graustein, I went there on Sunday. Each home owner had to billet from 3 to 8 men: military band music was available in the afternoon which provided pleasure for the village beauties who were able to dance with the soldiers. Maneuvers were staged between Cottbus and Great-Bokow on Monday, the 15th of September. The cloth making factories were idle. Everyone was away to view the spectacle as there had not been any troops billeted in the area since 1905.

With greetings to the “Volksblatt” and
all its readers

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