



„A sorghum dumpling is wrapped in leaves“ (Pa 12-12)

Food supplies and even cookbooks filled 8 of the 25 large metal boxes that the expedition team transported from Germany to Ethiopia. One box contained for instance 40 kg of crispbread; another box contained 2,5 kg tobacco and pipes, both sponsored by German companies. Elisabeth Pauli often mentioned how finding local food supplies was far more complicated than imagined.

While in Addis Ababa, she employed and trained the expedition cook, Tadesse, who stayed with them throughout the entire expedition.



„During lunch“ (Ha 39-3)

Their Ethiopian notes were difficult to exchange for food in southern Ethiopia. Those who were interested in money, still preferred the Maria-Theresienthaler.



„Market in Gazer“ (Wd 28-6)

Even in areas where weekly markets took place, the expedition team was not always able to find food supplies, as the quantities for sale were quite small.



„Meat is cut into slices and hung for drying“ (Pa 33-14)

Sometimes the team was successful in purchasing supplies locally, like in the Banna region, where they bought one ox to celebrate Easter.



„Kitchen made out of a tree“ (Pa 10-12)

Some of the reasons for the difficult food supply were of great interest to the anthropologists. They found that among the Maale and Aari the ritual role of the eldest brother forbids younger brothers to sell milk that has not yet been blessed by him.