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Dear Dr. Douglas, I heard from Leo that you are going to India to see the eclipse. Congratulations and best of luck. I hope you see the best eclipse ever! I have been very well settled in my own small home about 30 miles south of Tucson. Since September, we have had about five completely cloudy nights. I have used the opportunity to get about 6300 variable star observations, and in addition, I have not missed observing the active sun for a single day since October 5. Do you think you could write me to tell about your experiences in India -- I am most interested. I miss you and the other astronomical friends that I have in Kingston, and I plan to visit Kingston sometime during the coming summer. Let's keep in touch!

Clear skies,

David



CAPE BRETON
HIGHLANDS
National Park
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CAP-BRETON

So sorry - This was never
postcard!
Now it's 20 July!

Cape Breton Highlands
National Park

2 July 80

We arrived Monday evening
about 7.00 p.m. Just one night
on the road, outside Edmundston.

Quebec was warm & sunny, but
N.S. & N.B. blanketed in torrents
of rain! However, sunny periods
now. Bushes & grass unbelievable
looks like virgin wilderness. Pat &
Dan have just started with
water mowers, so things should
improve. House in pretty good
shape considering how many
people have been here since
our last visit. Isabel is
 terrific - lots of help & amuses
herself to end in side &
outside. Much love,

P. A. D. & Isabel



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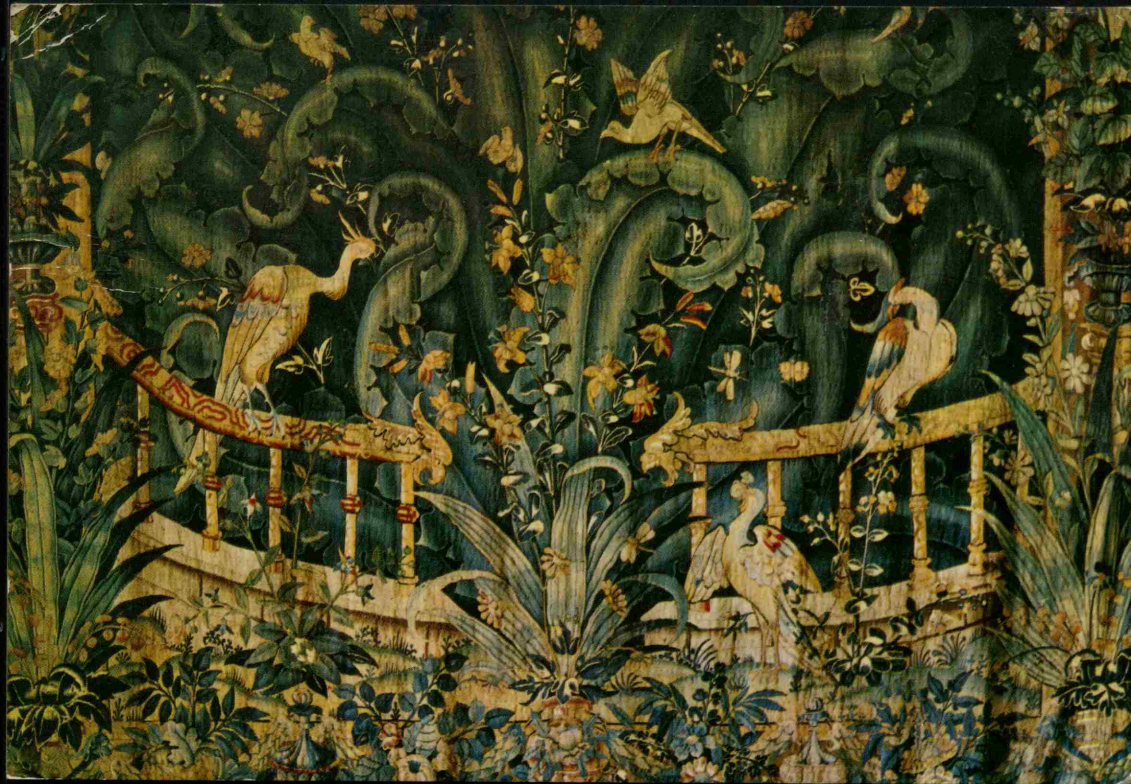
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20 July. Christine arrived yesterday -
a hot sunny day. Now we're
back to cloud & rain!

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Dear Aunt Ellie,

Jelly 1st 180
Saumur

We are having a marvelous time. There is not much though. We have been visiting many things and among them the Tapisseries de l'Apocalypse. This is not one of them but of another in the same castle. So far we have been only to Saumur but next week we will go to Amelon and after that I will go to my camp.

Time seems to be passing very quickly. I hope that you are having a good time and that Mary-L. enjoys her trip to the Arctic. Much Love
Marianne

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BY AIR MAIL



"Törnaskator" av Jens Groselius.

Jens Groselius är nästan alltid på resande fot. Även om han har skandinaviskt påbrå, betraktar han sig som en världsmedborgare. Under andra världskriget experimenterade han fram sina speciella växtfärger, som ofta ger hans målningar en egenartad lyster.

"Red-backed Shrikes" by Jens Groselius.

Jens Groselius is nearly always on travels somewhere around the world, and although Scandinavian by birth, considers himself to be a citizen of the world. During the Second World War blockade he developed his own special paints made from plants, which give his paintings their own unique lustre.

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Had a good day of orientation re
Sandra & Whittaker and all
is go for tomorrow. It's going
to be a great adventure
Now going to a play with Patsy
She goes off tomorrow too.
Hope all goes well with you
a Mary d'Eschange & that the
Island Thanksgiving went well
with good weather and easy
closing. Will write when I get
there. They say best to send mail
out with people going. Love M.
to England.

DR A. Vivert Douglas

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An Irish Donkey.

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Only Auntie

JOHN BINDE

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FIRE 15

Lovely to hear Creevy - some
sunshine! Hydrangeas
glorious at foot of fuchsia
absolutely dripping. We'll
probably both be here next
Spring to see them all in bud.
Alex & Susan, Mary, husb & child (Andrew)
all floundery as is Peter & family -
Very helpful. Go to Dublin on
Thursday (and) for the night & then fly
to Hertford & Esher for a pre
wedding dinner. Great fun.
Then to wedding on the 4th & John's
on the 6th. Then a wait for 10 days -
Patsy & off to SA on 17th! Benbulbin
& Knockree send their greetings to you & Mary.
Dunnamung. Lots of birds.

Dr. Av. Douglas

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AN IRISH DONKEY: The origin of this sturdy animal
is found in the Sahara area of Africa from where it was
brought to Ireland more than 700 years ago. To-day
the donkey still plays his part on many of the smaller
farms in the country, taking milk to the creamery and
drawing turf from the bog and even in some cases
providing a means of transport for the farmer on market
day. There are approximately 75,000 donkeys in Ireland
at present.

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Love to Stephen -



ROYAL OAK HOTEL

ROYAL OAK HOTEL

Dear Auntie

Greetings from Keswick
in the lakes! Patsy + I
are having lovely walks
Quirk. Weather not too bad
Both weddings we at well.



Dr A. Y. ... AS
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- so entirely different of course
- Everyone at Ruth's - nice
- 1 after conventional; At
This a few & service had
an Eastern flavour & their
Indian dress & both in white
& Maroon. - lovely & simple.
Ingram was operating & was
pleased. Off to Saudi in 4
week the green tree
May (trying to learn script)

Royal Oak Hotel
Keswick on Derwentwater
KLD 731



DURHAM CATHEDRAL FROM PREBENDS BRIDGE

C 3996X

Patsy & I had a
marvellous visit to Durham
& York Cathedrals on the
same day! Cathedrals & great
beauty. Have had such
fun in the Lakes & Weyhill
now tomorrow must leave for
Chester & then on to SA.
Will have coffee with Jessie
tomorrow morning. She has a
new house in Kirkby-Lonsdale.
Glorious sun here today -
(seemed quite strange)
Lots of love to you & Mary L's
& Stella - Mavis.

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Fri. 22nd Aug. 1980.

Dear Miss Douglas,

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*My visit is almost
at an end.*

*Most of the time has Min
been concentrated on
my mother's welfare,
but there have been
opportunities to travel
a little. Keep unearthing
facts on the "Quest".
Thought of you when
passing along the Embankment,
London*



HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER
80TH BIRTHDAY

*A. Violet Douglas,
APT. 402,*

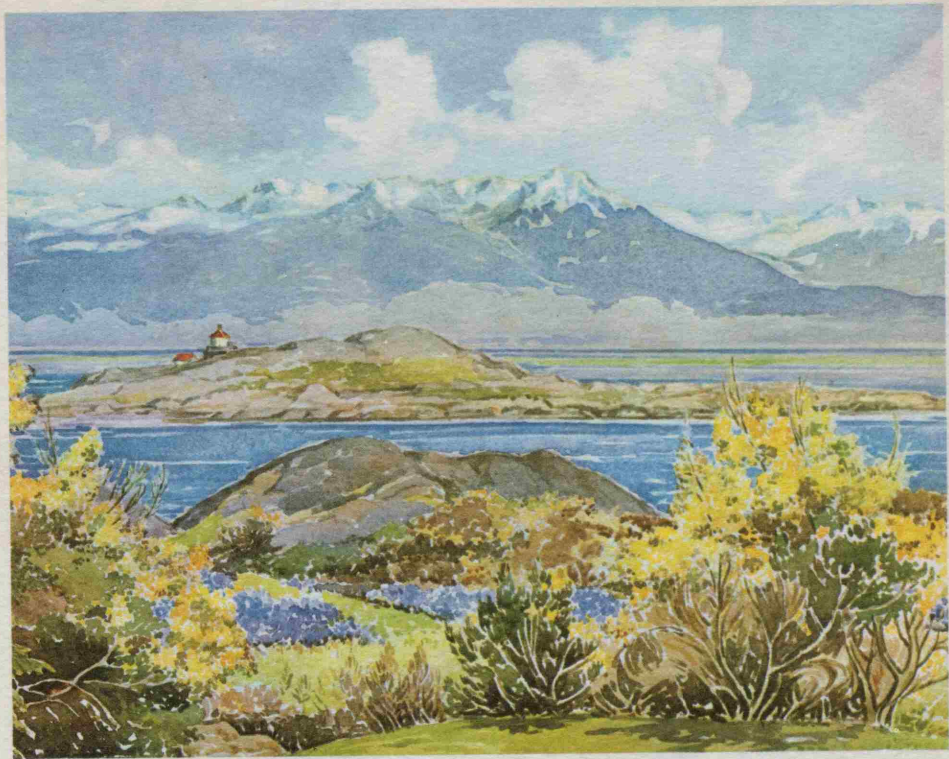
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Sincerely Roy Barraclough



NW 5/80" Parkside Towers'
#504, 890 Academy Close,
Victoria V8V 2Y8 B.C.

Dear Dr Douglas; -
So glad to hear
from you to-day. I was so happy
to meet you, when in Victoria, and to
help to entertain you for a few
hours. You are such an
interesting individual that I
am glad to have your address
now, for I would like to keep

in touch. Your Astrophysics^{study} is
a fascinating subject; I have always
been interested in outer space, & its
terrific potential, and believe in
beings living on other planets in
our solar system (and I believe
there are 12 planets in each solar system)
and in other solar systems out there.
I am now reading a most unusual
paperback (format about 8 1/2" x 11") called
'SPACE TIME AND BEYOND'
BOB TOBEN, JACK SARFATTI Ph.D.
and FRED WOLF Ph.D. It is published

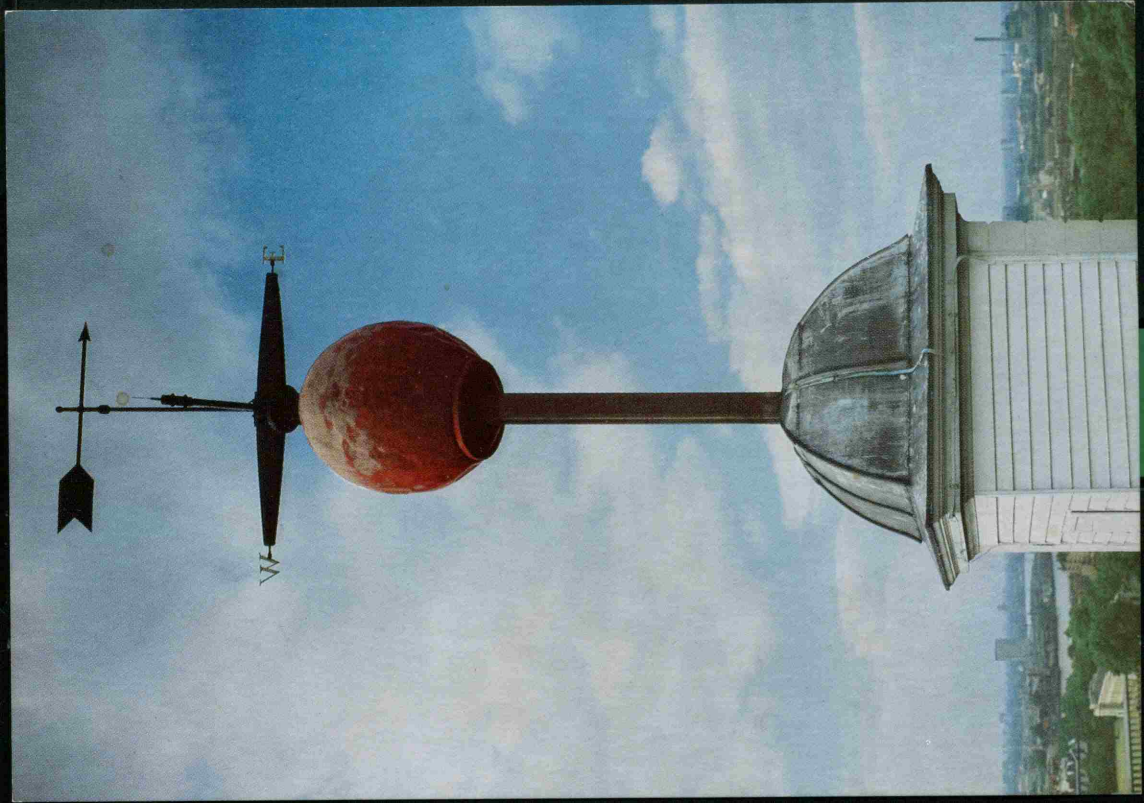
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Toronto. It is about 7.50 or 8.75.

I think you would find some of it
quite consciousness expanding!

My across the hall here neighbour is an
Astronomer. Dr. Charmante Crittenden
(APT. 503, 880 Academy Close. She is retired
Professor from Berkeley University, California
She also studied Sanskrit. You would
find one another very good company.

My son is a rowing coach at M.I.T.
in Cambridge, Mass. & also teaches sailing &
physical Ed. It is a most stimulating atmosphere.

Thank you for your letter.
With all good wishes. Clarissa Clark.



POST CARD

Oct 15/80

Had a lovely visit to
Greenwich when staying with
Frieda in Oct.

Wondered if you
would like this calendar
for 1981
Love Mary

The Time Ball signal, Old Royal Observatory,
National Maritime Museum.
The first public time signal in the world, it has
been dropped daily at 1 p.m. ever since it was
erected in 1833.

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

Card No. 238

Antie & Mary

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Tuesday 25 1980

we arrived in good

time (Marianne driving)
Sunday night and feel
very refreshed by our week
end. The lovely waters
of the Lake, with its waves
and billows. It was
good to see Stephen and I

Lupinus minimus

Le Lupin argenté, bien que de taille naine, est très attrayant à cause de ses petites feuilles à reflets grisâtres et de ses fleurs bleu pourpré. On en trouve un grand nombre de variétés un peu partout au Canada.
Le Musée national des Sciences naturelles des Musées nationaux du Canada (Aquarelle de Dagny Tande Lid)

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course to spend these days with
you and Mary! Alexander did
very well on his test, and is
pleased! We have a snow
storm to-day, very beautiful
and a Cardinal at the window!
Mary came to-day and her time
to do some work in the bathroom,
which is very nice. Things had
so many thanks for this lovely
week end - and marvellous chicken
with great love from all of us

Lupinus minimus

The attractive little Dwarf Lupine with it's silvery grey leaflets and deep purplish-blue flowers is found in a variety of forms throughout much of Canada.
The National Museum of Natural Sciences of The National Museums of Canada (Watercolor by Dagny Tande Lid)

Marianne

Thank-you for
the wonderful time



Wed 20 Aug.
All goes well here and I hope
with you too. Almost 1000 are
here from about 43 countries.
Many old friends & some
fine representatives from
Asia, Malaysia, S Africa
& S. America.

Sunny & fresh. Excellent
residence accommodations.
You bo van! A
Tiket da!

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MOUNT CHEAM

Fraser Valley, British Columbia, Canada

On Trans-Canada Hwy #1 at the Cheam Viewpoint, the mountain which towers 6,913 feet can be seen at its majestic best. This mountain is midway between Chilliwack on the west and Hope on the east.

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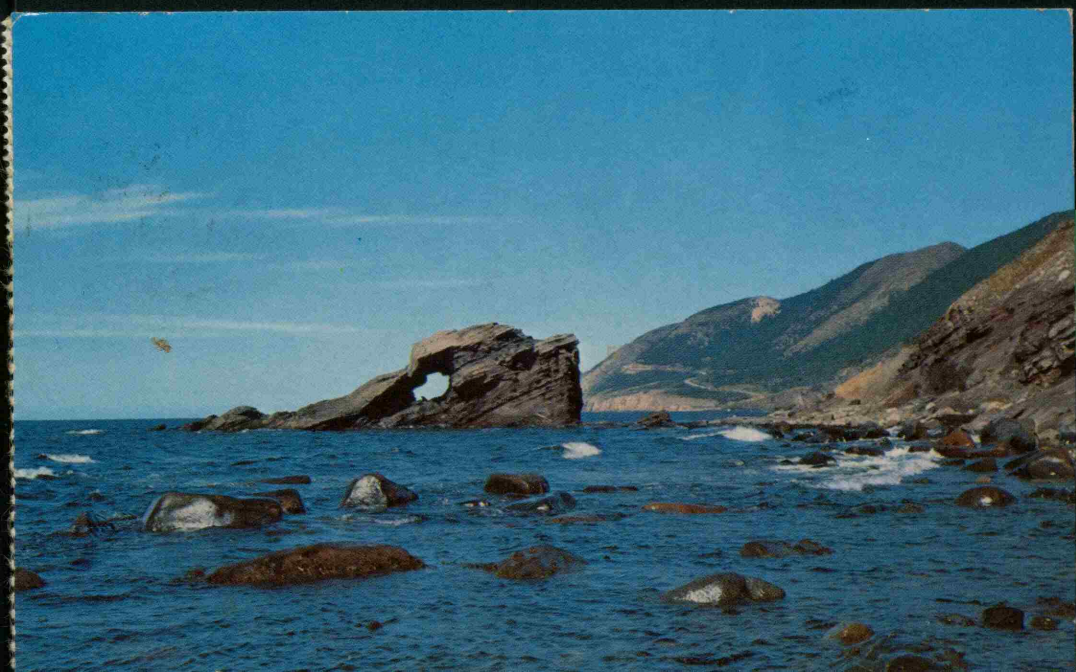


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Out



Cap Rouge Rock, on the Cabot Trail, within the
Cape Breton Highlands National Park, Nova
Scotia.

Dear Aunt Alie

We are now in Cape Breton.

The weather has turned
out fantastic and we have

been swimming in the sea
which was very cold.

I have been sawing a lot
of wood here and I am
sleeping in the cabin we
made.

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Hope you are well
much love Daniel



QUEL
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Monday July 7th 1980.

Churchill. A most successful

trip so far, met Ruth according to plan + had 2 days here of gorgeous weather + 2 fairly good.

The birds are most exciting + the wild flowers marvellous.

The remainder of the group arrived today + we go

North tomorrow to Repulse Bay + then travel ~~by~~ in komatiks in freighter canoes pulled by

Eskimo Hunt on the Arctic.

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Aug 29 /

Dear beloved Pat et al

Such a joy to get your letter of Aug 17
I hope you will find a quieter place to live near your
centre of activity. I have happy memories of Bath
and the moated Bishop's residence with its swan who
swam round to a rope by the drawbridge & tugged
it to ring for food. I was lucky to see it & someone
came out the front door & threw some food for it into
the moat. The Cteddae gorge is near there & it
is worth walking up it. I did not go into the
caves.

Today I expect you are in Chester or thereabouts
& have seen Ingram et al

Congratulations to Sarah on her 2nd good record

I wonder what she plans for next year
and I wonder how Orion & parents are flourishing, I hope.

Dan & I had a glorious week at Ashkirk & then Steven came
bringing Valerie & her parents & a man with his two small
children who all 3 slept out in his tent - I forget
just who he is. He loved sailing with Steve out in
the lake. Dr Endicott told me he had lived 13 years
out in China. They all loved the Islands - they
live in Toronto now.

Our elections come soon 4th Aug Sept. There are
some pretty strong opponents to the present
incumbents & it will be interesting to see if they
make some inroads.

Sept 5

The PC party swept the polls - even in P Que where
58 Conservatives to 17 Liberals! I enclose the record.

Sept 6

Now your good letter from Howgill (Aug 28) How well you are

To resolve to climb no more towers - fun for the very young ones - up + up, round + round! I remember the climb to the whispering gallery in St Paul's. To the top of "The Monument" on Lower Thames St. To the high view down into the nave of Santa Sophia in Constantinople - not now for love or money!

I think Mary comes this week-end - + the Ashbirds with her, hurrah! Probably Marianne too - her rowing season may be over. Mrs. Marianne is off to France.

Just rereading your letter of Aug 29. Richmond is one of the places the 17th N.F. were camped when George first joined the Battalion in 1915. First Hull, then Richmond, then down to Bedford on Salisbury Plain. + thence to France.

Cold but sunny here. Leaves just beginning to turn. Stephen has been appointed to his job as computer for Environment Canada. He is lucky as many are without jobs this autumn.

Sept 10

What a procrastinator I am. Marianne moves into my spare room today. Everything beginning to buzz on the campus now. The new Principal will be installed Oct 25/26 with speeches + Dinner.

More accomplished! bag + baggage!

Much love mes chers ~~and~~

Tally ho it shall

Alma

To Mr Crawford on Jan 9 - 80

Here is a list of items which need attention.

1. The refrigerator door of the cold section has given trouble for a year but now it needs immediate attention as it falls off completely every time it is opened from its propped up position.
2. The gas stove is too hot at back right, to keep one's finger on. This must mean a waste of gas & larger bills than are necessary.
3. The bathroom hot taps are almost impossible to turn off even with two hands straining to tighten them. Mr Hoffman can fix them in a few minutes but after a week or so they are as hot as ever - continual drip as worse.
4. The towel rack in bathroom is still not fixed. The plasterer came before the new storm windows went up & removed the useless socket but he has never returned.
5. Re new outer window of the bathroom. You told me to keep that section in the apartment. The workmen found a damaged screen in this section of Apt 503 and asked me to let them put in my section promising to bring me a new one to store here that afternoon. They never came with it. I do not want it but I told them what you had said about keeping it.

Please do something constructive about items 1-4 especially no. 1. and take what action you wish about no. 5.

Sincerely yours

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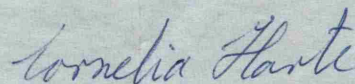
The Fellowships Committee has just had its meeting to select the fellows and grantees for 1980/81, and I am sure you will be pleased to hear who the new A. Vibert Douglas Fellow is.

She is Dr Laila Ekelund of Sweden, born in 1940, and now an associate professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Lund. She will spend 12 months at the University of Toronto working with Professor Göran Enhörning on "fetal lung maturity with regard to the effect of insulin and beta-adrenergic agonists." Our expert, herself a professor of medicine in Britain, wrote: "This application is an outstanding one, and I support it strongly without reservation ... Her record shows that she is extremely likely to make a real contribution to knowledge in this very important field... She is obviously a first rate research worker and has a long list of excellent publications. These are all well written and she will obviously write up her new research in a similar fashion."

We shall certainly give Dr Ekelund your address, and hope that it will be possible for her to stop by and meet you sometime during her stay in Canada.

As this was the last meeting of the committee this term, and I will not be a member during the next triennium, I want to say that it was a great pleasure to select the excellent candidates for the CFUW International Fellowship during the past two trienniums. In all cases their reports showed that they had profitted from their fellowships, both in their research and in their academic careers.

Yours sincerely,



Cornelia Harte
Convener, Fellowships Committee

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To Aunt Allie, Pat, Audrey, Stephen, Daniel, Christina, Isabel
Marie Claire, Manaima, Alex.

18 Oct 1980

Darling Everyone:

Here we are in Jeddah! And Whittaker will read this letter to you free! Tonight at 10 we go to the airport for our flight to Tabuk. (Am trying to learn to write legibly as part of my new Life Style!)

Well, where to start.

Patsy will tell Pat about my time in London - and I will tell you at the end of this letter if I have time.

Starting with the first contact with Whittaker.

Brigid took me out to the Sheraton Skyline near the Airport - a swishy American type hotel with central space open covered by a glass roof, filled with Palm trees + a pool + bar + alot of Hawaiian music + drinks. Incredibly expensive drinks - so we settled for a Sherry - the Lobby. Brigid quite scathing about the American + the Saudis - of course! Very plush room of course with all the extras including Shower cap, bubble bath, colour TV + Map of London. A letter awaited me from Whittaker with his welcome and directions for the next day. After a real American breakfast (good coffee) went to a conference room where 7 other fellow travellers were gathered for the orientation. One other was headed for Tabuk besides me - an American ENT specialist whose wife is to follow after she has sold their house in Houston. Typical overfed American, fully asking obvious questions - who probably knows all about his subject + not much else! Anyway very friendly and helpful. Four Canadians - a 50 yr old couple going to Khamis (in the South) he a GP from Banorff and she a nurse doing MA. Very nice + fun to visit them there sometime. The nurse whose going there comes from Newcastle! She has nursed elsewhere - in New Orleans and Texas and seems quite informed.

(To next page)

Do you think my writing is improving? Hopefully it will get better!

The other Toronto nurse and one from Dublin are staying in Jeddah.

The orientation we run by Whittaker - an English nurse - very nice person - Carol Sullivan there was names of coffee as well. The discussions were informal just being on any problems - and then a lot of audio visual stuff on Saudi & about Whittaker. Whittaker is an enormous company making everything from running shoes to heavy machinery, ~~for~~ box cars, road line paint, luxury yachts and diagnostic equipment for medical use. They have 3 hospitals in Saudi Arabia & 2 in the Emirates. The picture about Saudi - a movie was beautiful - shows colours reflecting on the sand & red sea beaches - high mountains, plateaus, animals - Another audio visual picture about the Arab way of life & changes done as an interview with a woman Arabic scholar. She was very good & particularly interesting about the role of women - which in some way is more privileged than we are (though cannot quite remember how!) The incredible changes taking place due to modernization over the whole peninsula - will be fascinating to study & see as we go.

That night I went to a great musical with Patry - Evita - a musical about Waterion - very well done. London was looking marvellous - especially at night - all flood lit: Neba against the sky.

There is a bit of talk about the Middle East fighting but some in Saudi seems very concerned - or rather none we talked to seemed to think that Saudi was going to get involved. Anyway they say that we will have a choice as to stay or go if fighting starts (which is most unlikely anyway).

The next morning we got up early in order to get to the plane check-in before the rush. ^{I wore a long dress.} They did not seem to bother with our bags weight thank goodness. We bought books ~~for~~ that the hospital librarian will buy here & Zaghaf stamp so that our letters can go from there when the Whittaker people are going out to London!

Finally we got on the Saudi plane - a Super jet - about 1/4 full if that. Some marvellous Arabs came and sat behind my seat - jabbered away. Their long white robes & white or red head dress is

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quite magnificent. There were a very few women - mostly with
Captains ⁱⁿ + some in Western garb - one fully veiled in black
put down
We stopped at Jeddah but could not see the mountain. + during
the rest of the hejras there was no view until we put down in Jeddah
at about 10 pm - in total darkness except for the lights of the moon
& the lighted ships in the harbour & then the many tiny lights
of the city as we circled over it. The temperature was 30 c. & we
debauched into a hot humid night with little breeze.

We had heard so much about confiscation of books by
the customs that we were amazed when we all passed through
Customs with only a cursory glance & feel. There we were
escorted by a Whittaker employee to the Sands hotel quite a
long way for the airport + given an official welcome & meal.
I put up for the night. Two other doctors going on leave
joined us. One - a Welshman will be going to Tabuk -
So that makes 3 of us tonight -

Jeddah is an enormous city and we really have
not seen very much of it. We were taken to the market today
(the Saps) but its holiday (veligious) time and most of the
shops were closed. They are not nearly so exciting as the
Bazaars of Iran that we saw, Auntie!

The city looks as if it has been bombed & there is
so much demolition & acres of waste land. There is a lot of
new building that seems to spring up higgledy piggledy
in the middle of all this. There are the occasional very old
buildings with their wooden enclosed balconies, stables on
the outside - and these are picturesque. But you can see
their walls are cracking & crumbling and that they will
soon be rubble.

We passed the palace of the King and prince
& saw no guards at all. There is some vegetation -
a few palms, boyenilla, some small trees & shrubs -
mostly covered in a yellow dust. We saw a little glimpse
of the harbour with some ships - a lovely traditional design

When I am more familiar with Saudi I will come back and really see Jeddah. It deserves more than a cursory glance

The Hotel ^{room} has an enormous volume of the Koran - all original & translation with commentary all in one - Crown TV has English & American movies (James Bond) There are two swimming pools - one for women & one for men! I am going to have a swim now.

The food is magnificent - all Lebanese & the whole bill is picked up by Whittaker! We are all very spoiled right now. Whittaker also gave us a present of about \$180⁰⁰ in bags as spending money when we get here!

So tonight we go to Tabuk. It is wonderful having time to sleep and get used to the country before dashing on too fast.

Will write to you soon again from Tabuk.

The Saudis are very friendly and enjoy talking - the ones we have met anyway. There are many faces here - Asian Africa & Caucasian. So far being a woman has not been an encumbrance - though there certainly is no special treatment.

I know that I am going to get a lot out of the experience though I expect seeing you all again (maybe next spring) will certainly be glorious!

Lots of love. If you can keep all the letters they might be fun for me to read again. Please pass them on to Kuyler & Ollie & - I miss you all -

P.S. will write more about visit to Inham, Sherks etc later
Had a Great Swim in the pool - only swim! - Saw Black Station on TV. (only)

End of week one
(104)

Box 3838
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

21-24 Oct 1980

Dear Everyone, Toronto, Kingston & Ottawa.

How are you all?

I've been in Saudi One week! Hope to write you weekly reports - though this one will be the largest - As I can predict there is not going to be a tremendous variety in my life - That is expected & gradually becoming acceptable!

Still cannot quite believe I'm here - or why - but am working on it hard! It's not at all bad - or as bad as I predicted & in fact there are many very good aspects! People are very nice & friendly.

Got here at night - There was a moon - but flying in it was hard to get much of an impression. Everything looked very flat & barren. Getting here at 1 am means you really don't see anyone much. I was taken to the guest Villa (Anyone may come & visit & stay here!) - occupied by one guest - & told that I would be shown around at 11 am. It felt a bit bleak - but the bed was comfortable!

And since then things have gone zooming along.

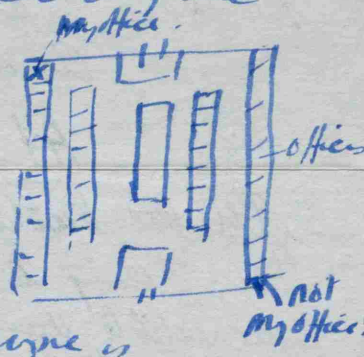
At first I could not distinguish anything from anything! All the buildings are flat, mostly white & all looked alike! Gradually I am seeing it as familiar & getting my bearings. I realize what an incredible variety we have in our environment. Making recognition easy - here you learn to be much more observant of nuances & probably the Bedouin powers of observation are incredible. They must recognize the smallest subtleties that to us look like nothing! That sort of awareness must be a very important part of survival.

It's flat flat but I can see mountains in the distance - not very high here - but they say they are quite magnificent on the road to the Red Sea & Gulf of Aqaba. This vast plane has an enormous base & other companies - stretching for miles. And here are about 40 yellow cranes ^{constructing} dotted around at various building sites. This all gives a strange pattern of flat housing, flat land & tall yellow cranes - then distant mountains. There is also a mosque - rather modern & since the King's visit in August it has been decorated by a Christmas tree pattern of lights on the tower.

The hospital complex is in the middle somewhere of all this - very hard to distinguish from any other place at first -

A very nice GP from England is in charge of the general practice clinic - a building separated from the hospital & quite spacious. There are about 14 GPs working here - 1 in the only female so far. There are a few American, one other Canadian (Young Queens grad) and the rest are British - a great crew of them - most of them with their professional superior air! There are also some Expatriates who have practiced in Canada - as a Maltese, a German etc. There is a high standard, I think but most people get a bit fed up with all the S.A. clothing, attitude (will come in daily for anything - any time).

The clinic is totally symmetrical. If you happen to head in the wrong direction you end up in a room exactly like your own office but at the opposite corner! (If I were Auntie, I would carry a compass!)



We have interpreters. There had 2 different ones - Nasser & Al-fandi - Al-fandi my present one is quite a funny guy & keeps telling me that everyone is trying to get out of work. Actually he is a huge help.

He writes out requisitions & gives me tips etc on what is acceptable! He started putting Do Doug on the requisitions & when I asked him why he said it was the Arabic for Duke - we had a laugh about that. I said I would call him Al - but I don't think he wanted that & started writing my name in full again.

The patients are incredible. Usually a husband leads the way. Then the wife wearing huge black veil over her head & shoulders. Under the veil is another black mask covering her face except eyes - and a very bright dress - usually a polyester material. They must be hot. (90% of the women are pregnant.) They follow 4 or 5 children - on a year - the girls in long dresses - & 7-10 up in veils - the boys in t-shirts - long dress! Marvellous sight.

Most of the people are very friendly & really very simple, I think. They adore their children. The women have an almost unimportant time, I think & after going to the hospital becomes an outing - so to us they abuse it & come for nothing or care daily - at least the Saudi hosp & ours. Hope by the time I get through here I will have some clearer idea of how they think. Then comes another wife and her children! Sometimes the man looks incredibly young!

The hospital is built like many Middle East hospitals with around a large quadrangle - planted with shrubs & some small trees & flowers. The various departments are situated around this and so far I haven't seen much of them - but we have to cover the Emergency too - so I will be working there soon. So far have been doing straight 8-4⁴⁴30.

The other side of the hospital from the clinic is the Recreation Center - a fine building with a big pool, a snack bar - (where you can get hamburgers & omelets etc) a big room where they show movies, another for video tapes, a library & a games room. The pool is 25 m long & heated! Most of the day it's in the sun & there is room to sit around. There's a big wall surrounding it all - making it quite private. Outside the wall are the single people apartments - & luckily I do not have to live there! They are guarded by a Saudi guard. I do a lot of swimming & am working up to doing some exams in snorkeling - To pass the A test have to swim 8 lengths front, 4 back strokes, beat water one minute with hands above water & pick up objects at 12' for the deep end! The B & C tests are much harder - have to swim

Many lengths - or one anyway under water & do forward & backward summersaults etc. There is quite an active snorkelling & scuba club - that goes to the Red Sea - Maybe I will get there sometime - but its not easy to do unless you have a husband who dives etc. So will wait & see.

This large complex is on the military Cantonment & between where I live & the hospital is alot of military housing - then the Whitaker Villas. I am sharing in with the head nurse - who is never here as she has a boy friend off in another encampment - but who has furnished it all as my stuff still has not arrived its nice not to be rattling around here all by myself - (though some of her things I would gladly replace.) There are 3 bedrooms - a kitchen 1 1/2 bathrooms, large living room - dining room, enclosed patio. Back & front garden (mostly wilderness) & a room in front ^{with separate entrance} where an Asian lives (have not seen him) who does grand work & looks after our 'garden'. Next door lives the pathologist's nice wife - English, who are about my age & very friendly. They are leaving for a new appointment over on the Red Sea - soon.

There are quite alot of activities - besides the skuba diving, I'm learning bridge! Arabic lessons are full up right now - & I'm just as glad as there is enough to do without that. There is a Camera Club & etc. There are alot of movies - Kramer vs Kramer being the latest shown.

There are no discussion groups or cultural activities as yet - but hopefully that will change in time. There is not a room for any creative activity & no one seems to want any! So I will have to do my own - Have been trying to learn the crawl too.

The main town of Tabuk is about 2 miles down the road - out of the military zone - though a guarded gate & you have to have a pass to get ~~there~~ in & out of the gate.

The town is quite incredible - not at all like Iran, Auntie. There are no really beautiful Mosques or bazaars as in Iran. The Sugs - (markets) are large dusty dirty pits of junk with a few treasures here & there. I have only been once so have not explored much - but know there fascinating things to see even if not particularly beautiful!

Sometimes I wonder what on earth I am doing here! But usually it's all fascinating & quite rewarding & a time to catch up on so many things that I have neglected to do - in the reading, writing, sports & hobby world. There is lots of time!

Mamellous to get letters today. They had been held up by Hajj - the big pilgrimage to Mecca - which is just over now. Auntie - you are a marvel at writing. I hope you got my ^{cards} letters for Ireland & England - Keep writing everyone!

Please send this letter the rounds To - Kuzlin - Ottawa
(+ Keep it for the record.). Very hard to keep up with letters and my journal & work & all the swimming & movies! It's hard to find people to take the letters - so far - no one going to England yet - so may be a while before you get this.

Dan - Island (be Moderately thick, I expect & think the Crisis Moderate. (Don't the sheet!)

Steve - Hope all going well there. How was the Commencement! & the football? Life sounds super.

Chris (what Her is School. Here ~~children~~ sometimes do not go to school until they are 9 or 10!

Ottawans - Am looking for saddles! Please send me

imprint of your feet. Glad you got to heck MC!

- (There are alot of sandles here)

The way to survive here is to write a book. I am convinced. So if anyone has any ideas about this please let me know! (Audrey). Have a good hesty book by John Baggot Shubb Far

Auntie - Should we be able to see the Southern Cross from here? So glad you have had such lovely moments. Hope trip to Toronto was fun & Benie is well. Must write to her. Waiting out holidays. How about Creevy in June?

Great great love to you all. Do write

This will be a great spring experience & will also be a good lesson in survival!

The climate here is marvellous. Occasional clouds - but generally sunny & nice breeze & cool at night. In winter it gets quite cold at night! Things will grow here if watered well. Bought many seeds in England - so will try them out in the back yard! Soon. There are small trees, flowers - growing biggely, peggeldy in people's front gardens & lots of marvellous mint. There are a few birds. Crickets sing in our back yard all the time

There are good newspapers & tonight about the Arab & Mediterranean world - also the horrors of other parts of world. Don't have much war fears here. Things will gradually die down. Think in Fran Iraq.

Great love to you all & my friends
Mary.

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Darling Auntie,

You are a marvel at writing! Thank you so much for so many letters. We try and send our letters out by people leaving for England or the USA - Yours of the 21 Oct arrived exactly on my birthday. Bless you.

Things are going along in this strange place. I am really learning to live one day at a time + that is very good for me! It is a very good experience in many ways - Personal strength, new medicine, living conditions, lack of variety - no running off anywhere! There are many things that I can learn - Medical, sports-wise, game-wise, reading + getting on with so many different nationalities. It is really United Nations here. By the way do you remember the name of our nice Danish doctor one met in the F-aves - (then a medical student.) We have a nice Danish Dr ~~now~~ + I would like to ^{ask} ~~know~~ if he knows him - but cannot remember his name.

Hope Pat has sent on letters to you - Also sent you cards from Ireland + England - Hope you got them. Cannot remember what I wrote about John's wedding. It rained really! I think they will be alright as time goes on. They will have to learn that the world is not going to support them forever - In the meantime they are very much involved in Eastern thought - Buddhism I suppose + are very gentle and loving. They do not drink + don't seem to smoke very much of anything. They are convinced that they want to lead an alternative life style. I hopefully they will be alright - I did not see Sarah as she was in France picking grapes - unfortunately.

There is lots of interest here - especially in looking at the people. Women would have loved to paint them - in their very colorful cloths (the women) with black veils + the men in long robes - (robes) + bright red + white head gear. We do not have to dress too conservatively - They like us to wear shorts + long tops + I don't have to wear long dresses.

The freight has not come yet but am staying with

don't see everyone. Alect Crichton & Joan have enjoyed the Brussels trip to the Common Market shop. They manage to keep Carnoo going in spite of all the difficulties with Staffen.

The head nurse - so use all her things. She is very generous.

I may take up gardening if I ever get round to it. Things grow well if you water them alot - then tend to shoot up very high. Most gardens are rather straggly - but people work hard at them. Some are trying to grow vegetables - but that is not easy. There does not seem to be much humus in the soil & it blows away in the wind. Might work as compost.

about 2 hundred

This weekend am going to the Red Sea with a nice doctor & his wife. Unfortunately they are leaving to start up a new hospital over on the Persian Gulf - quite soon. So I will miss them. There are lots of nice people - not many that want to discuss anything very deep and there is alot of small town gossiping & running down of everybody, & everything. But I will not do that! There are movies nearly every night too!

There seems to be very little talk of the Iraq - 100m lbs - Quite alot of talk of the America Election - (in 2 days) & absolutely the Canadian hero. Would love any little tidbits when you feel inclined!

So glad your concerts were fun. So glad Stephen gets over for meals. Heaps of love to him & to Mary, & great great love to you, dear Annie.

Tallyho

Mary.

The Markets are not so much fun as as full of wonder as our Afghanistan & Iran ones. How lucky we were to see all that! Frigid is quite happy now thinking of buying a horse and working as a District Nurse. Ruth, I think will be very happy & I think Sheila is relieved that all went well with the wedding - very grand it was &

I heard from the office. George ran (+ got in!!) as a Counsellor. He is a tenacious fellow. They seem to be doing alright without me - though sound as if they envy me the weather, anyway.

1 Dec. Swam today! Also got engineers mail (last 2 days - from AA, Audrey, Pat, Patsy etc!) Many thanks.

This letter goes via England tomorrow. A Canadian is going to Toronto at Christmas & will mail your Christmas presents! Hope they get there ok. (only paper!) on time - but with Christmas next usual strikes - it may be a bit late. All heaps of Christmas cheer anyway.

Had another 2 trips to Red Sea - 200 years just funny people! Bought an underwater camera!

Some quite interesting medicine. Some good visitors talking re Medical matters.

So glad Patsy's test ok. Some AA's after ya compass - Have been finding my way better lately - except perhaps in the maze of behavioural idiosyncrasies & expectations! (Good writing matter - wish I were cleverer!!) So glad Audrey has a job. Appreciates a terrific idea. And Don's 'Cous' guard ^{sketchy} ^{orange!} - fun for a while. Alan. Keep writing!

Darling all.

24 NOV 1980.

Marmellos to get a letter from AA saying that you had heard from me. Never know when letters go astray.

Have now been here more than 5 weeks! Time flashing along though some days it seems to stand still! Would love to hear from you guys in Toronto - though did get a Bathurst Newsletter which made marmellos reading in SA (Never did get around to read it in Canada!) So will have to send a subscription donation.

Cannot remember when I last wrote. This is such a funny place - made so partly by the fact that it is staffed by a predominance of very British Brits & very Southern ^{states} Americans - the combination is hilarious. They have to work together but spend much of their time talking down the others. ^{Canadians} ~~Can~~ get on quite well with them all - a most Canadian do & they Canadians stand out as a jolly go-between - friends of all - as they do in most international situations! I absolutely refuse to get aligned & poisoned here! The other group form around positions such as Doctor - Nurse - Maintenance etc. We all use the same Recreation Centre, Restaurant, Buses, etc - generally it's all quite democratic - though the Jordanian - Lebanese group (mostly interpreters) tend to stick together - as do the Saudi employees. Right now there is a housing crisis brought on by the influx of numerous Filipino nurses

who were all allowed to live in a villa & then proceeded to break all the rules & entertain boys etc - so they were told they must live in the apartments - & that meant that others had to move into some horrible barracks - The Saudis keep confiscating Whittaker-promised housing & Whittaker will not stand up to them & there are endless meetings & discussions & everyone threatening to resign etc! Certainly we could not do without the interpreters & they seem to be the most upset by the whole thing.

I think a lot of the upset is a product of natural result of general boredom resulting from all life confined to this spot in a rather unstimulating environment. It's a Seeger Study of Unrest! & ^{another} example of turmoil & discontent in the Middle East! Of course

a big Corp. like Whittaker makes a fortune out of their 3 Saudi Hospitals & are very reluctant to make any wages & demands what they should for their employees - The US Nurses are in fighting form & cheer down the Whittaker representatives. I haven't got involved in the housing disputes as I am happy living here considering all the alternatives! Marilyn, the head nurse who lives here is very pleasant, hardly ever here, generous & considerate. So I am lucky - though it would be fun to have my own thing around - as they still have not come. I couldn't do that anyway!

Had another trip to the Red Sea! This time we went overnight - 2 couples - one from Canada - Sask. & with a bunch of other doctors - all quite fun. It was a glorious night in a beautiful moon & we built a big fire on the beach & well as a BBQ - with steak & potatoes! ^{Part of} I had been to the Souq (Market) & got a lot of very good veg & fruit. The apples look quite Canadian - (not sp.!) - ~~but~~ red delicious. Bananas & pappas & dates are super - Really you can buy just about everything here (one ~~type~~ ^{brand} only though) - but it's all about 2x as expensive.

Anyway, more about the Red Sea. The coral is so glorious. Every kind of fish & coral. Snorkeling is such fun - you can see everything so clearly. The shells are spectacular - though everyone collects them & shells & coral are disappearing at a great rate. I have never seen anything like the fish - every colour! Glorious.

Days are getting a bit colder now. It's about like early Sept. in Canada today & everyone is shivering. Swimming during the day is still very good & warm though - Nights are cold & I wish I had brought my sleeping bag for the Red Sea (Not ~~your~~ the Arctic one - just a summer weight.) Feel like having a week back in Canada ^{end of} March (my first break) but expect that is rather foolish when I could go to Greece etc! It would just be fun to drop in there - get a bit out of contact with that life.

Dearest All, MERRY CHRISTMAS! Jeddah, Saudi
Dec 80

I suddenly find that it's the day before Ethel goes to Toronto - & I thought I had a week & could write to you all individually - So here's (Kundness of Whittaker Saudi) a 'stated' letter & a personal touch - (on the back of the paper)

Blessings & Christmas cheer to you all from Saudi! I believe it is not there are signs of Christmas here - a Christmas party advertised in the Rec Centre & Christmas parties here & some cards - in the SOCG (donations attached) Also there is Christmas music down in the shops - not really like ours - paucity of choice - but coming sporadically from the tape shops - when anyone who is buying asks to try out a tape - amazing! And there are a few grumbling trees in the more Western shops. Advertisements in Jeddah papers say 'Seasonal gifts' now available!

As ^{Christmas} falls on a Thursday - that is the Saudi Saturday - it is off time for most people. For the GP's (there are only going to be 9 of us - when recently we had 22 because of many English locums) there is to be quite a lot of hard work - mine 16 hrs straight on Christmas Eve etc - but I have Christmas off & have been invited to the Orthodox surgeon's home - British with grown up family in England - along with some Americans. So it should be fun & I expect the Americans will all get together for New Years Eve (and by then I hope some of my cheer will be well received). Please I'll be thinking fondly of you all & 'create' you the same here with lots of hugs & Jolly toasts.

Life is so strangely different. So many things that we have always taken for granted - a sudden missing and one is at one's end sometime to create alternatives -

Darling H. PASDCI ME MA. Wow!

A lot of this is repetitions of what I've sent you!
Impossible to write a letter for everyone to read & say what you want.
Please share it i Patry & Co.

So silly of me to have left all this to the last
minute - always do at Christmas!

Glorious weather here. Has not rained for a week -
Still snowing in the pool but expect they will close
it down soon as the nights are cold & they
cannot keep it warm enough to attract people.

Have had Maurellas letters from everyone.
Auntie's clipping & map of the heavens - also
well received. At one a.m. the deeper dips!
NOT ^{any} many astronomers here now - so cannot quite
locate any stars I don't know ...

Great great love to you all
& very Happy Christmas & good times

Mary

The garden, I suppose is a good example of the soil - Salty, dusty red clay! - How does anything grow in it - & then you find that it does!

There is no sound of water - & then you listen to the wind blowing in the Pampas grass - that is lovely - And there are days when you feel very paranoid (Lots of back Stabbing & gossiping) and then there is always a nice warm friendly person you did not suspect was there at all.

Now I have a villa to decorate. I share it with the head nurse & she is going home for Christmas & returning after that for only 90 days - so she has taken home all her stuff & I am having great fun decorating it & will invite people in as soon as I get things in order! There is also a room & I haven't been enough just here to stuff all the 'cupboards' (like I do at home!) Most people have sales when they leave to go home - so I've collected a slow cooker, a coffee pot, a blender (with no lid!) - & all these will be sold again when I leave!

Saudi Arabia is certainly 'into' construction ^{nesters call these the national bird!} Everywhere there are enormous yellow cranes ^{as usual,} by Korean construction crews & every road is periodically blocked, rerouted. The Saudi driver is notorious & rarely sticks to the rules - or the road - when driving & takes off across the desert in his Toyota pick up - where there is hardly a trail at all. Most of the corners have some sort of guard rails (some are rail for the old Tabuk (Lawrence) railway!) so the driver can cutting right across the corner.

we get papers from Jeddah³ - The Saudi Gazette - full of all
the world's disasters + a daily account of the foreign exchange
+ the King Khalid's Comings + goings, a Green bridge game
and the Astrologer's Zodiac predictions! There is always a
half page ad congratulating the King on the opening of some
new project. The whole country has new projects but none of them
seem to be connected to any other project. And the poor Saudi
Man - in the desert - seems to have nothing at all to say about it.

We see alot of Bedu families - coming from generations of nomad
tribes - now packed into soldiers housing - with nothing else to
do but come to the doctor + usually get brushed out! They
have so ~~many~~ little idea of what constitutes Normal development
in a child + what is a serious illness + what just a common
sniffle or cold! Burning the child with a hot nail
(Cowie) is supposed to help it - + Children here is scared
from head to toe. They also use Camel dung on the newborn's
umbilicus + we have had several cases of lock jaw because of this.
The eye-mans are painted + black? Charcoal - someone said it has
lead in it - I don't know - and the women have a predilection for
henna - dipping their whole hand in it or drawing various designs
with this Arabian beautifiers! - They also tattoo their faces.
Examination of patients is made difficult by the layers + layers
of tight, difficult to remove clothing - and (I insist they remove it!)
The patients are very friendly + think I am quite funny!

Trips to the Red Sea are a joy - The sea is so warm +
Dusty + comes miles of glorious coral + incredible fish.
I've been there 4 times. We sleep under the stars + the stars
hang down + of the sky + I wish my little Auntie were here +

Sort them all out!

of the Ex-patriates have named them after either the funder or their home town: Chidi for

Going on these trips is such a 'todo' & so funny. The company has 2 large 4 wheel drive, 10 seater vehicle that can carry lots of mattresses & sleeping bag on top & most and the the people & the coolers & water containers, & extra gas & bag of scuba equipment & Snacks & Air tanks! You have to have a Pass to go anywhere - which has to be signed several days before by the local prince - & then has to be a married couple along! What a todo! I don't expect to be able to go again for a long time! (When I think of the freedom I gave up! - but then I couldn't get to the Red Sea either!) From Tabuk we can either go to Haql - where the coral is fantastic, the beaches filthy & the view of the Sinai - amazing - (High high cliffs almost 20 miles away!) - this is really the Gulf of Aqaba. Or we go further south to any number of beaches* en route to Duba. The road goes through spectacular mountains by a circuitous route - though sometimes people go across the desert & through the mountains on a Bedouin track (would love to do that - but no chance yet!) The sand is ~~rough~~ coarse - coral sand - & usually, harvests lovely shells - but everywhere pop cars (There must be several billion strewn everywhere over the desert of Saudi Arabia!) In the way back from these trips people are usually very sleepy & the poor driver does it alone except for the sand of the Air Conditioner which is trying to blow away the smell of the recently collected shells. (Phew!) There is no seaweed & the smells are very different - wish you could all see the Coral.

Meanwhile the world goes on I suppose. Feel very apart from it - but still it's too! lots of love to you all & Merry Christmas!
 Mark will see you 1981 already.

No 5
DEC 1870

Pat, Please buy something for A.D.
for me in 2nd cheque



Hope you are healthy & happy - Stella
 over - also health of us all fine!
 Good (enough!) excursions all
 streets - There's no much to see, and
 by candle light procession round the
 we Greek church service, followed
 together and all! Tonight
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