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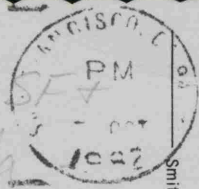
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Powell Street Cable Cars

Good flight to SF +
now on to Manila



17 hrs! Lovely visit
with you will keep me
going - like you did
whizzing around the world!
Marvellous to read your
journals!

Great love M.

BUSY CABLE CARS climb the steep, terraced
Powell Street Hill at twilight time. San Francisco,
California.

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Love to Mary

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the Continental card

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No news of John's babe yet.
Que ad love to you & Marianne
Steve & Mary!
SÂM ASH Love
at.

Sam's work is amazing, not only for its strong esthetic and historical value as a colorful record of the legend of his forbearers but also as a brilliant illustration of one man's ability to overcome a highly restrictive handicap. Sam Ash is a deaf mute. While he can neither hear nor speak, his art has opened avenues of communication which are significant in both content and quality. Sam has exhibited in all cities throughout Canada.

L'oeuvre de Sam est étonnante, non seulement dans sa valeur esthétique et historique — témoignage des traditions de ses ancêtres-, mais encore en tant qu'indication extraordinaire de la capacité de l'homme à vaincre un handicap extrêmement contraignant. Sam Ash est un sourd-muet. Bien qu'il ne puisse ni entendre ni parler, il a ouvert, grâce à son art, des voies de communications importantes tant par leur contenu que par leur qualité.

L'oeuvre de Sam a été exposée dans toutes les villes du Canada.



Use to travel in the
Spring. I will have time
end of May to June - but
don't feel you have to make
up your mind because there
are a million things I can do.

Had lovely trip to the Red
(Hot) Sea + swim with the
papoises.

people are gradually
returning from Christmas
holiday + glad to get back
to good weather!

Darling Auntie,

wrote you a letter to be
mailed in England and
now find someone is going
to Canada - so you'll get
this one first.

Your letters are marvellous
and keep coming clear +
full of news. Thanks so much.
Think you are probably right
about trying to walk on
Florida Sands - but do
let me know if you get the



29/3/82

OUTER BANKS, NORTH CAROLINA

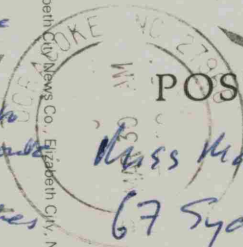
Pelicans on poles in the hollows
 outside our hotel window!
 Spending one night here on edge
 of Hatteras Seashore Park & then
 off by ferry tomorrow p.m. back
 to mainland N. Carolina. Hope to
 go home via Blue Mt. Ridge Road.
 The dune-beaches, have one
 Gunklebeiz, two bars & more patches
 of dune cottage development.
 Went to Williamburg - pretty
 but price-y & Mount Vernon, &
 visited Antietam in Wash. D.C. Galley
 lots of seafood, & weather night
 now is perfect for sightseeing.
 Love, P. A. C. H.

USA 13c



Crazy Horse

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THE OUTER BANKS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Broad aerial panoramic looking north along the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge.

Photo by Bob Glander

We went up the Cape Hatteras
light house today - beautiful sun
about 50° F. Sea too cold for swimming
marvelous sand beaches miles
& miles - terrible summer
cottage development but a lot
of nationally preserved sand
dunes. Had a nice visit with
a friend in Washington then on to
Williamsburg where spring was
in full bloom - ran into Ted
Lea + his wife + mother (Peder's haveny's
nephew) Tomorrow we explore
Ocracoke Island in North Carolina
& then start home! Love from

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Us all Pat + Audrey + Christine + Isabel.



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Angels Supporting Wat-Aroon
High Chadee, in Thailand

12th
Oct.

Love the way these fellows are
so determined at holdy up
the wall!

Off to India today. Saw
the amazing shrines + golden
Buddhas in every pore -
all so jolly + fun. +
the Grand Palace - quite
incredible! Walked through
the Oriental Hotel. All new
& spectacular - probably a bit
changed since you were here. You
to see an old city & then
fly away. Will be glad to be
in India group. Wish you
were here. Lots of love. M.

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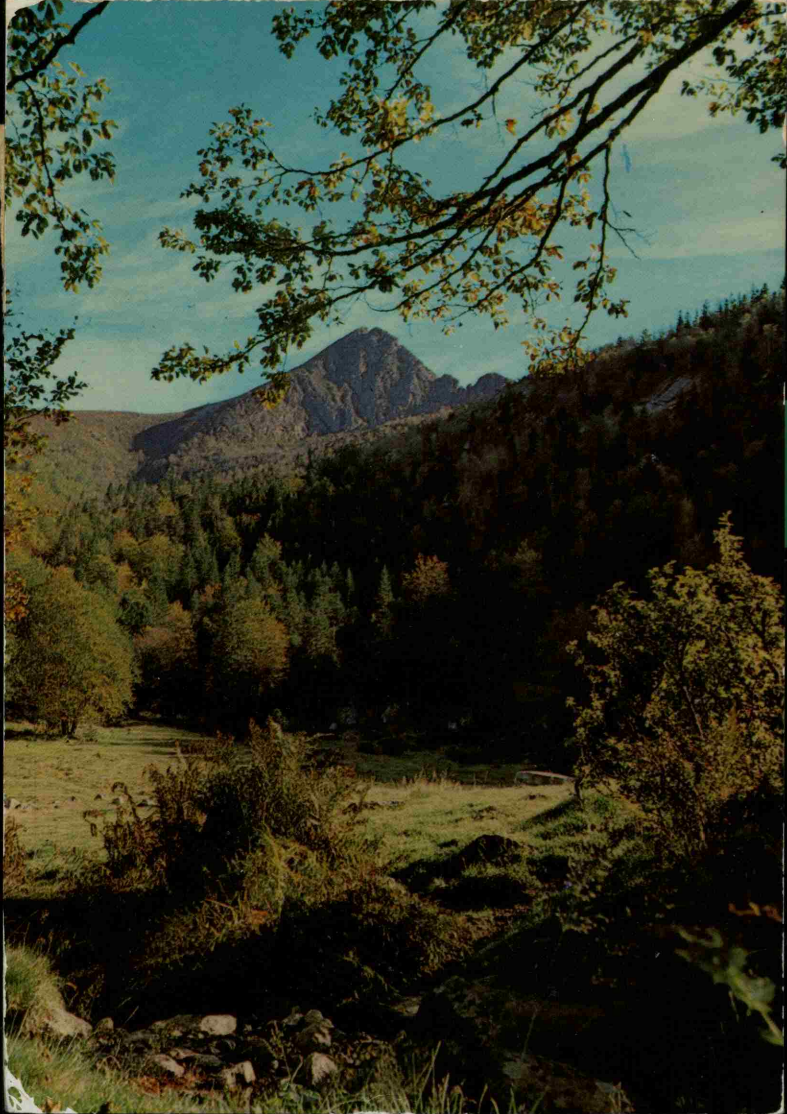
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Dear Aunt Alice,

I'm sorry for the terrible
 letter I sent to you a
 few days ago. I heard you
 were in hospital but are out
 again, take care. I'll be back
 the second of September and
 will see you, hopefully at
 the island, I miss it. I saw
 Paul yesterday but only for
 one day. We got along well
 but I don't know him very
 well. I will go to see him
 for another two days after this
 camp. We did a magnificent
 5 day hike in the Pyrenees
 hoping to see you soon. Alice



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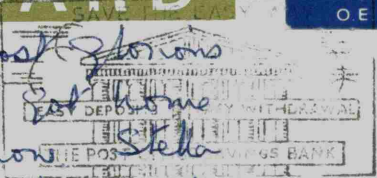


The Four Courts, Dublin
from an old engraving, 1841

Doonecoy. Co. Dublin May 5/82.

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Handwritten signature
A 15P
MAY 7
1982

We had the most glorious weather when I got home but it's colder now Stella + I have just spent 2 days in Youghal on the S. coast, an interesting old town with a most beautiful medieval church, and you should see the gorse just now. We go to Shigo next week + are hoping to get to Innismurray weather permitting.

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love fr. us both Stella + Mary.

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Saudi Arabia

11/1/82.



Darling Auntie,

Wonderful to get your letter - such a steady handwriting -
your mind is as clear as a bell! Annoyed about the
slow transmission of sound or difficulty with the
interpretation of sound - But you seem to enjoy
music which is the main thing. After all you
can use a bit of guesswork with every day
conversation - Be sure to get people to speak
slowly & watch their lips.

Expect you are right about trip to Sand Islands
near of Florida - but if you change your mind let me
know - Maybe a trip next Sept? Don't feel you
have to do anything you don't want to!

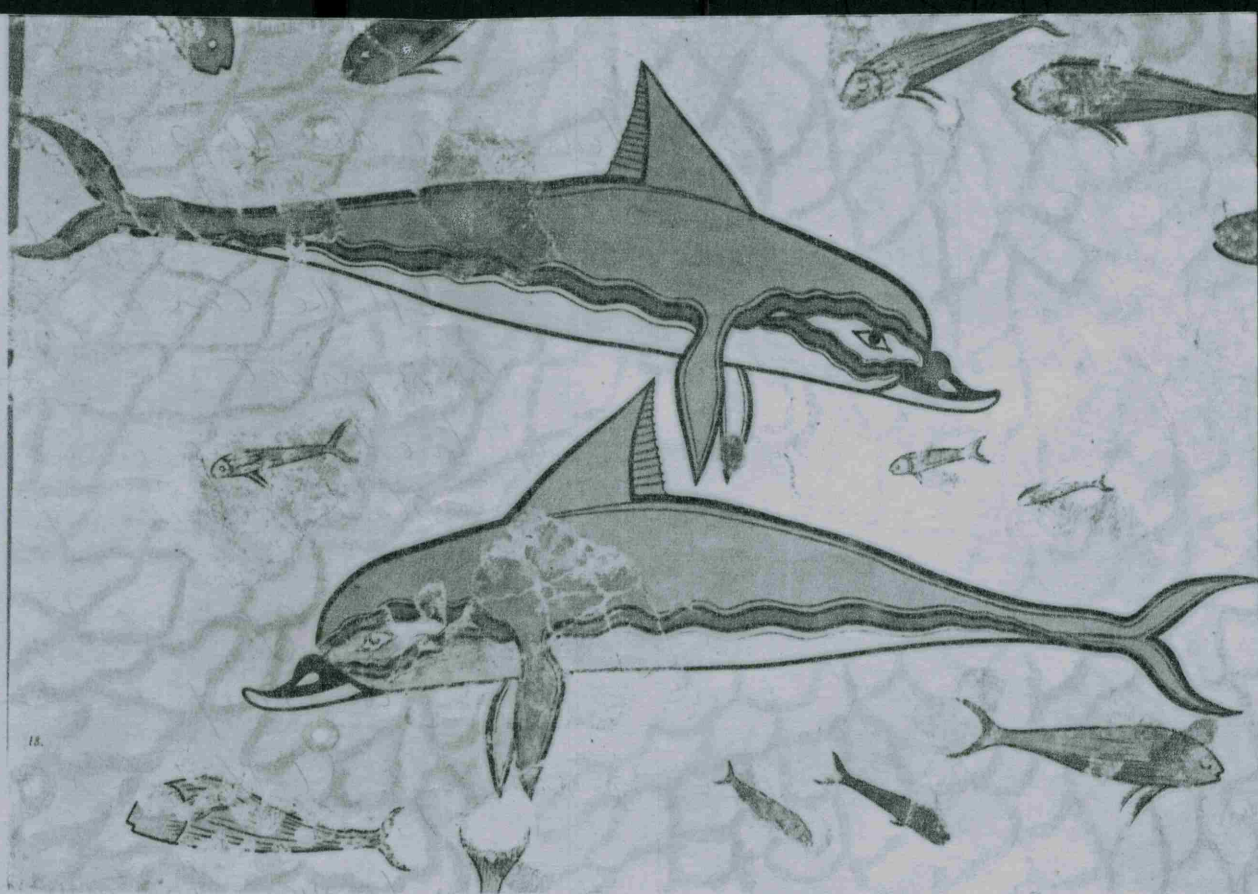
Talked to Pat & Steve on phone. They sounded terrific.
Hope that the University thing for Steve & Marnie will
go well.

Had great trip to sea last weekend - saw
with the porpoises! We had an eclipse of the moon
All the while the Muesin prayed - bawled - over loud speaker!

Great love - Mare
Great love to Steve, Marnie & Mary.

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21/1/82



Dear all of you in Kingston,

Grand letters from everyone. Many many thanks. So glad to hear news of Auntie's doing & Stevie in Jafarcan & Beaver Valley ^{+ USA!}. Thanks to Steve & Val for looking in on my house.

One of the physiotherapists is going to England & will post this letter. Not much news since last I wrote - when was that?

Last weekend went out on the Escarpment with a Australian ~~engineer~~ doctor & nurse wife & walked for miles down a wadi ^(cave) that lead into the

big wadi - quite exciting. Valley kept foresty & sunny & we thought we'd never get to end. A bit of water flowing over edge into big wadi. When it rains it would be very dangerous as water would sweep down & fall over edge. No fear of big



there ahead rains!

lots of ancient cave drawings & dwelling: Then back to
car & built a fire from wood we'd collected last July -
still there. The place we left the car is quite hidden
from the roads & is quite private. Saudis are so
inquisitive & friendly they love to come over when you
have a picnic & just stare or share food -

This weekend to the sea again and then next
weekend I work - then to Taef, then to Riyadh
& then soon to Norway. (Told you all this!)

The year will soon be over for you two students!
What a short year. Great studying & fun for this term.

One of the Nfld doctor parents are here now &
will come here to supper on Sunday - will have
turkey - as is easy for a large no of people - some
from Australia & NZ & Canada! Great Commonwealth
gathering! - One NZ-Canadian's birthday on that day
& will have a cake!

Meeting so many people from so many places
is fun - makes being here worthwhile - as well as
weather, travel, ^{work!}
Great love to you all & many thanks
again for letters

U1.

Jan 11/82
Monday P.M

Dearest Auntie,

I 'phoned Aubrey Russell today. Here is his advice which I think is simple + uncomplicated (redundant - sorry!).

1. Buy the apartment in your name.
2. There are no longer succession duties unless the estate is over \$300,000.
3. At death only capital gains are taxed on property + other investments.

If you were to put the apartment in my name I would be subject to Capital gains if you decided to sell it. Also as your executor, I would be in a complicated position in dividing up your estate among your heirs - how could I divide up the property if I owned it - in the eyes of the law etc etc.

You are a dear one to worry about it
but I am very glad that the simple
way is the best thing.

I'm rather glad that your Crawford
issue has been basically decided - you won't
have to live with the uncertainty. What's
to say that the owner of the building on Brock
St. might not decide to do the same thing
as Crawford - realize his money-capital
by making them Condominiums - there are
many rather mean deals going on here in
Toronto - pushing people out - wrecking the
building & then increasing the density on the lot.
It is wonderful to be up in the sky loft -
feels very luxurious. Very bright.

Wonderful to have had you here for the
holidays - the days went so quickly by.
Everyone well & busy.

Hope this cold snaps soon
passes - Do not venture out in it
please!

So much love from all
Pat



c/o Whittaker
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Saudi Arabia
27/1/82.

Darlings Auntie, Stephen, Marianne, Valerie ~~Mary~~ etc!

How are you all? So marvellous to get letters from you at Christmas & how I expect you are hard at it all year & in the cold cold weather. Hope some winter spots. Here's a picture to bring you hopes of Spring!

Here nights are still cold & day warming up. The sun stays up longer & twilight getting shorter. There are lots of buds, especially as the sea & we meet Mary Mills to tell us what they are.

This week we are going working on the seafront again instead of another trip to the Red Sea. Also having a party for one of the surgeons who is leaving to take over in

North Yemen. Hopefully we can go & visit there there later on.

The new hospital has opened at last down the road - giving us 2 hospitals & 3 stories to staff - shortage of housing again & doctors - but so far no great hardship!

The new one will be for men only - patients that is.

Houses being built everywhere big, old, piggishly over the rocky terrain - but not for Whitaker, I'm afraid. Douglas Aircraft are moving in & making our name famous! They get new houses - put up like prefabs in concrete slabs -

Marc Lalonde is in the Kingdom talking to Yamani. Apparently we still get 40% of our oil for SA. - 3.5 billions & sell them only 2.5 millions - mostly wood & prefab houses. So our trade will improve balance-wise after this visit:

Going on a weekend trip to Taif - the pretty resort area east of Jeddah - trip is planned from the Recreation Centre here. Should be quite fun - then to see friends in Riyadh the next weekend & in March to Norway where I meet Patsy for skiing.

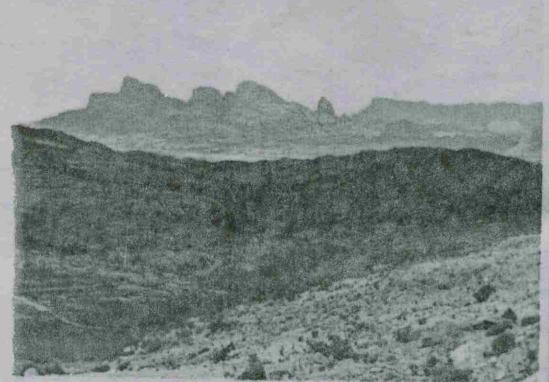
How are summer plans coming?

Great love to you all.

Mary.

Auntie, here you will be big owner of 402. Let me know if I can help finance it. M.

Recd 22 Feb

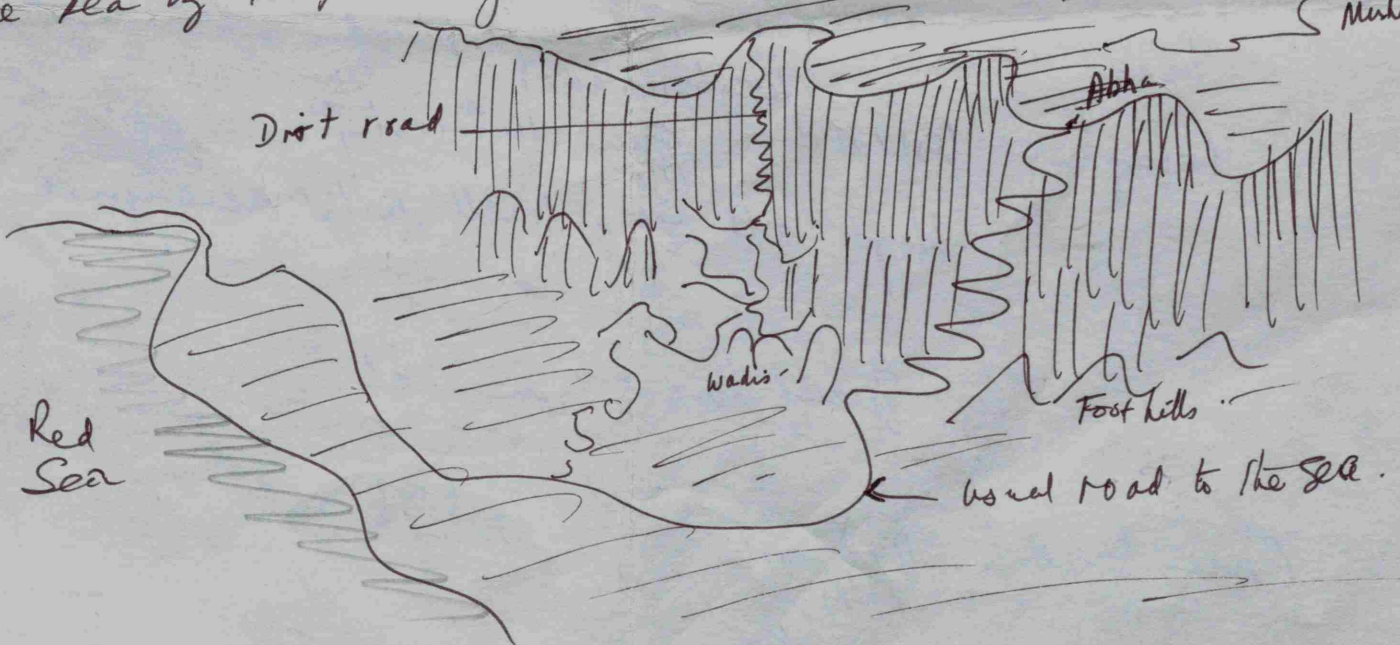


13 Feb 1982
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Darling all -

Woke up this am thinking I was in Ireland! - Blowing & raining like Billy O! Rather nice really because last year at this time there was a drought & water was turned off part of each day - Don't think that will happen this year - & not really time for vining season yet. Sun crosses the equator in another month & here in equatorial probably - seem to rain more here when sun at 0°

I worked this weekend. People trying to get to the sea were stopped at the top of the escarpment where it was very foggy or cloudy & pouring - Some took an alternate route down a dirt road & took ages getting to the sea - as they got lost in a mass of little roads leading up ^{blind} wadis. Finally they reached the sea by 10 p.m. Glad I write there! Some adventures



can do without!

Because of the rain Wadis become dangerous too & return trip for the Sea took about 8 hrs because they had to wait in places where the road crossed the wadi because of flooding. However all who got down got back safely & some caught a lot of fish.

The trip to Taif is off for now because of a mixup re plane tickets - maybe will drive there one day along top of escarpment -

The weekend after - 2 weekends for now ~~to~~ fly to Riyadh for a W/E - should be great fun & then skiing! Will have a few days in London first & will try & see Brian & Sheila & Françoise etc. Have not heard from them for ages -

Poor old Fredrik Baker & his planes - too bad
Amazing response from so many.

Have been reading the Ray Quartet books - may many sent me - Paul Scott - The Jewel in the Crown & The Day of the Scorpion - marvelous & I wish I had the other two - but someone is getting them for me in London next week. Amazing how exposed one can get in a book. The Bob Miller BR sent me some books - one by Humphry Osmond - (Westburn fame) - quite interesting. Hope all goes well with everyone.

Great love to you all

Copies sent to Palmerston
AA.
Gov Keenan.

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Box 101

Khanis
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Saudi Arabia

3 Jan 82

Happy New Year!

Do hope you have heard from me somewhere along the line! Certainly, you have been in my thoughts during this Christmas season, your birthday and at New Year. And thank you for so many good letters. Have not heard yet how your Christmas went and hope all were there in good health with many happy happenings & not too much noise or confusion!

The whole time since returning from NA has flown by - great trips to the Red Sea, many friendly meals and evenings around Christmas, family school children arriving, shopping trips and even some work! Lots of lovely letters.

The trip to the Red Sea with a Finnish family was quite eventful. We got very bogged down

it already 3 days into 1982! But until again soon. Put Kenny & I are going to Neway to
Sleis at end of February. Have to get - good space to Sleis Chen-Lomotto! Your little calendars
are marvellous for fixing out holidays! Great love to Mary L. + Sleis + Marianne.

in deep mud when trying to run to a peninsula
on a track - But the tides had been very high
and we sank into gumbo of the worst sort! After
a lot of pushing, digging roaring the engine & spinning
the wheels we saw a ~~auto~~ car in the distance
(we were miles from anywhere) and after a lot of
waving & raving & persuasion got them to come
to the edge of the wet area & help us out. They
turned out to be Koreans - 4 men who had been
in the country about 5 months and already pulled
about 5 people out! They were marvellous!
By the time we got out it was dark & we followed
them & found a camping spot, luckily - even though
it was very dark. Funny to wake in the morning &
see where we were - quite near the highway
but a good beach. Water glorious & warm - all of
"jelly fish" The Koreans were camped nearby &
went right fishing with great slaves - a marvellous
sight! They caught one small stingray only.

Had a lonely Christmas dinner with about 30
others - with all the trimming & lots of music & party -
great fun. Christmas eve we drove out to the escarpment for
a picnic and had a bonfire at sunset - glorious -
incredible to think we can sunbathe out in the great
rocky highland at this time of year. I wanted all over
New Year - but managed to eat a lot anyway! Cannot believe

Dealing Auntie,

9 Mar 82


Here I am in Zurich - a few days in Switzerland before speeding on to Norway to join the others. Reason being that we get 3 buckshee days before our weekend Thurs. Friday - so nearly a weeks extra holiday!

What a glorious city Zurich is! I so remember being here with you at the IPOW in 1950(?) What fun we had & how marvellous you were as President. 32 years ago! Glory be!

I had planned to do some down-hill skiing (vs. cross country in Norway) but my suitcase was left in Amman! Hopefully it will come on today & I will go on to Grindelwald tomorrow! The weather is balmy but the high alps are snowy & should provide some good skiing. I will be very cautious as haven't skied for 2 yrs & am also not very supple! If suitcase doesn't come will go to Interlaken & await it & wait. Bought a few warm things today which they say they will reimburse.

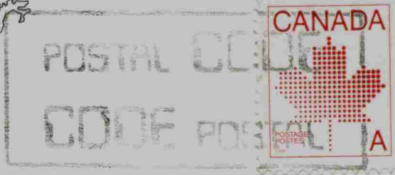
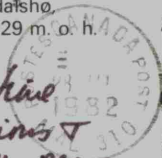
This hotel has its little refrigerators full of small bottles of all kinds of alcoholic beverages! Just had - Sandeman's sherry - first since Oct! super. Drained the last drop & thought of you!

Love to all here & great love to you. Will write again via Patry for Norway.

Telly be & Skaat  & Prost! Eggashegana
& Ham didallah (Praise be to Allah)
Love M.



Norge: Jotunheimen. Parti fra Heimdalsho,
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Have had marvellous time
sking in mountains &
hilly terrain with masses
of snow - Several days of
snowing & a few glorious sunny
days - One morning of downhill
sking & one time sking at night
with torches (flaming!) Incredible
amount of food! Patsy will
take this across the ocean today,
I go to London for the night & then
speed away to Saudi the
next morning. Marvellous to
have seen snow in such
quantities again. Hope it has
gone from Kingston sidewalks now
great love to all. Mary.
Thank for all letters.

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5 April 82.

Dear Everyone,

It's April already! Spring. Easter. Rebirth.
What does it all mean. Awareness of now!

Spring here is very subtle - suddenly you notice the day are a little warmer, a blossom appears on the peach tree in the patio, new birds, longer days & less twilight as the sun moves across the equator & heads this way. It will cross overhead ^{at} in May again before it starts back again at end of June & then is overhead again in July.

It's also the rainy season. Enormous white & black cumulus appear high above the edge of the escarpment & by evening drop their load of moisture - much appreciated -

Except for the huge rain we had at end of Feb: Absolutely poured for 24 hrs - resulting in great floods up here over the roads - all the deep ditches overflowing & bridges covered. It was nothing compared to what happened down the wadi. You can imagine all this water hurtling down over 7000ft to the Red Sea. Apparently they warned no one in the wadi & people & animals were washed away by the huge torrent. Sometimes 50' wall of water in what is usually a dry valley.

Last week we went down to see the devastation. Incredible! Bridges that crossed the valley were swept away & the huge concrete sections carried for many meters down the river & the very good road.



Broken bridge after storm.

- Gone for miles.
& no animals or life around. Incredible. Years of work destroyed in less than 12 hrs. And practically without it in any

paper. The journalists allowed to write up the "personal stories" of those
it must have looked like & what their loves or escapades - one
can only guess.

They closed the road for 3 weeks & did amazing rebuilding
of a temporary nature - up & down - but have to go through
water in places & the trip to the sea is longer.

Red Sea is warming up again & it will soon be too
hot to go there at all.

We now have two hospitals to look after - though
the out patient Dept in the new hospital does not open
until June. Incredible though how it all works here. The
Company did not get the contract until November or
December. So had no chance to arrange new housing.
Then the recruiters had to bring in masses of nurses &
doctors - nowhere to live! Then the Military decided
the hospital would be all men instead of women &
children & so all the sections set aside for babies in
incubators & isolettes - small canteens - had to be
changed. And the isolettes etc cannot be used in
the old hospital because of difference in voltage -
The hospitals are about 6 miles apart - so busing
also a major problem! Ho hum!

I have now been here 18 mos $\frac{3}{4}$ of my
required time. We will soon be asked to sign a
new contract for a year - which I will do - with the
understanding that I can leave on a month's notice.
So may not stay all the 3rd year. Will have to see how
it goes. There is still a lot to see in Saudi Arabia & I
haven't done half!

Next month get sent to the Saudi Conference in
Dammam - over on the ~~west~~ Arabian Gulf - should be
fascinating - in the oil producing area. I am lucky
to be going - with 7 others.

Had a weekend in Riyadh, the Capital - with
old friends. Stayed in the Whittaker Villa where they
dine & house. You go walking & it's all very grand. They
even have a video here & I saw Lawrence of Arabia part
I - for the first time! Went to the Souq & looked at carpets -
lovely old part of the city - also saw the old Ibn Saudi's
Castle - Diriyah - incredible contrast to the new

Modern city. Strange things + landmarks there too. A huge
tower with revolving restaurant had to be closed because
could look down into Princess's garden from there! Also
high rise apts built without elevators! so noone living in them.
Also a Whitehouse - exact duplicate - but then you've heard
A lot of this before - And in the middle of all "Chop chop"
square where they do the beheadings + cut off hands: in front of
the main mosque. And so it goes Mid East + West meeting
+ somehow not getting the best of each other - except probably at the
highest levels there is a glimpse of the best of each - Hopefully.

In the mountains the work is easy, the climate
good, friends friendly + holiday + salary good -
So I'm finding my time here a white larger doing things
I haven't done before.

My colleagues in Jackson's Pt. will laugh
when they hear that I have been made the president of
the Medical Records Committee in the hospital! So surprised
when they asked me - that I said 'yes' (Others with
gather that records were never a very strong point!) Since I've
been here though when 30 others might be treating the same
patient - they've improved!

Had a super ski holiday in Norway - from County
Met a great group of Canadians - Oslo (planned) +
we went off into the mountains + plateau. Snow + weather
marvellous. Suddenly realized how much I had missed the
snow. We sometimes skied 30 kms/day: Nothing compared
to those who took part in the Birchenbirge race of 55 kms -



NORWAY!

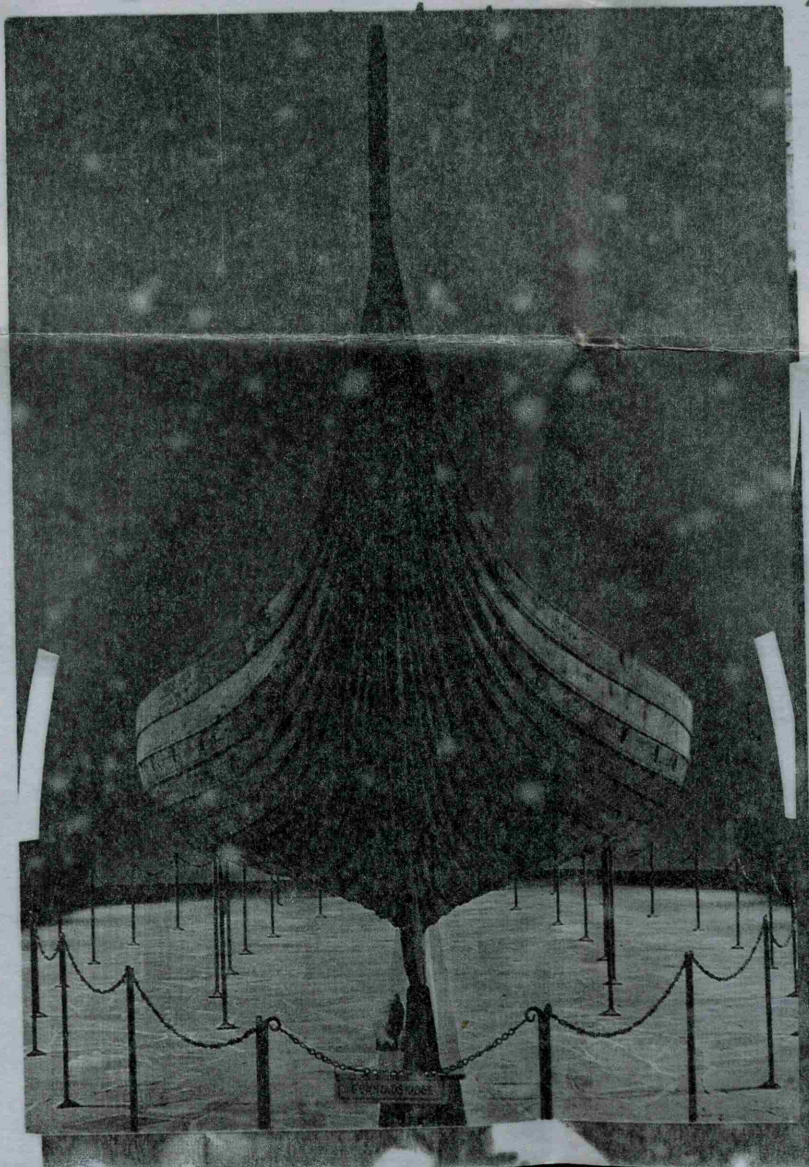
the oldest of whom is kind 60's called the whole 55 km!
 Marvellous! A great deal of it was uphill too! We had from
 our hotel to other hotels for lunch - enormous snuggled
 of every sort of fish, meat, dessert, salad! The snow was
 perfect (mid March) about 6-10 feet of it! Hard to believe it
 will ever melt away for the summer! And the weather
 warm. You can ski for hours & miles & miles on the
 trails through Norway - as so much is virtually unpopulated
 - a rather only cottage area - & not nearly so cold as
 home! Oslo was lovely too - though probably not at its
 best as this season - and we saw the Viking ships dug up
 in the 8th C. A.D. - remarkably beautiful - they had been used
 for burial & filled with all the possessions of the
 dead plus his dog & servant. Shadows of the pyramids

Getting to Norway had some problems! I ^{left here} a few days
 before meeting friends in Norway, & was to do a bit of downhill
 skiing in Switzerland first - travelling, Abba-Jeddah & Amman
 (Jordan) - Geneva - Zurich. In Zurich - no bag! Suit case &
 all ski cloths left in Amman! So walked a lot instead.
 There was only snow on the highest mts anyway. Zurich
 a wonderful city with beautiful situation on river & lake &
 lovely bridges & easy transit. But expensive!

Looking forward to hearing
 from you all.

Love

Mary.



Dear ones all in
 Ottawa - including
 AX! Hope all goes
 well there & M.C. has
 Marvellous trip to France
 where does one write to
 Paul now? So glad M.C.
 going over.

Lovely letters from you all &
 book for M.C. So many
 thanks. Great love
 M.

Darling Auntie,

Recd June 1

14 May 82

Are you back in your own little nest? Terrific that you could manage all that Ottawa trip & housekeeping. Hope you had fun.

So great to get letters from you so often. Love to get them & you are marvellous at giving the highlights of all the happenings of the family. Great that Marnaine got the job & SSNI should be a fun place to be in - though a bit far from everyone. ^{Hope she had good holiday.} Wonder how MC found Paul! So glad Steve has good job. Dan will be much happier outside than working in a factory. Good for them all. So glad Alec & MC will be at the island. Maybe I'll be there next summer for a holiday!

Who knows how long I'll stay. Plan now to stay a while longer into the 2nd contract - but Saudis are always sending people home ~~unseasoned~~ if they take a whim - or offense at anything you say or do - away you go! So who knows or can plan very far ahead....

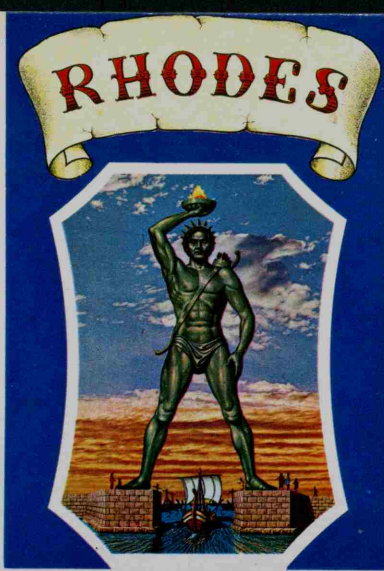
Am off to Greece for 8 holiday days & that makes about ~~17~~ ^{altogether (with weekends etc)} ~~other~~ day - so should be fun - will go from island to island by ferry & possibly get as far as Rhodes. Depends on how much I like each one - lovely free feeling of just being able to go without too much planning.

Had another lovely weekend at the sea - mostly because some locum doctors wanted to go down - I had thought it might be too hot now - but it was glorious. Finest

up with a carload of 7 children, 1 adult & a surgeon & his wife - all very fun & happy. The road is alot better - but bridges wont be rebuilt for years, I expect.

Am now chairman of Medical Records Committee & that is quite fun as have never done anything with Med Records before. The big move of all male records to the new hospital - 40,000 charts - comes just when I return from Greece. Big job! - though I have little to do with that part of it.

Am reading as many books about India as possible. Where did you go - all the times you have been there? Apparently John & Liz are near for with Orion now. Hope they are doing well. Cannot quite imagine their life! What a difference in all the cousins - Paul in French Army. John in India - Then the Canadians! Amazing. I go to India in Oct. with a group from USA lead by Draine Pyke - whose husband was the bishop who died in the Middle East - a controversial person. Two friends from Toronto are also going. It should be great fun & very interesting as they are interested particularly in Eastern thought. Have read the 4 novels by Paul Scott: The Raj Quartet very well done & interesting - Great great love darling Auntie, & to all



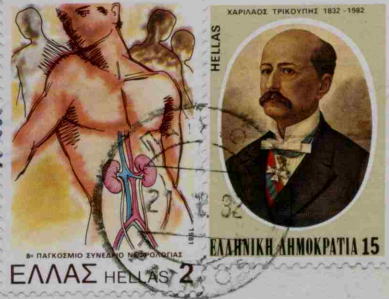
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I am sure you have
been here & explored
the old city. Wish
you were here now! Glorious
weather. Walked many times
through old city & castle of the
Masters & though all old farts
one day got a car & drove
to Lindos & then over the island
by windy dirt roads. Now will
take the ferry to Cos (Kos!)
where Hippocrates worked & was
born & where the Alcealapa
Arts Carried on.
Great love to you &
Mary & all at Ashburk. M.



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Did you see Santorini.
 What a magic island.
 Wish you were here!
 glorious weather - not too hot
 Great trips to archeological sites,
 Volcano (not so exciting as Iceland!)
 - up & down a million steps
 (avoided the donkeys). Have
 been to Rhodes, Cos, Patmos
 Samos → Turkey! Ephesus is
 a marvel! The sea is a
 glorious colour & a wonderful
 temperature. Now ferry back
 to Paros & then fly tomorrow

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back to Sand;
 Great love to all
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Kharris

3 June 82

Darling Auntie,

(Former patient sent me this fancy paper!)

Your letter arrived today telling of visit to Ottawa & returning home and Marie Claire's time in France & Mariannes departure to Sault Ste. Do hope she has a good summer. So glad MC's time in France with Paul worked out so well.

Hope your Ashkute weekend was glorious. Love to have been there with you.

Have been back 5 days from the Queck Islands! Hard place to leave - though its quite fine to settle down now after fogginess about so much. They are so choice though. Now a while to wait

until India in October. Have lots of
reading to do between now & then. Have you
any good books on India - or maps I
could borrow?

We go Delhi - Rishikesh → Agra (Taj)
→ Varanasi ^{Banaras} → Bodhgaya → Patna → Bagdogra
Darjeeling → Calcutta → Bhubaneswar
→ Hyderabad → Madras with excursions
to Mahabalipuram & Kanchipuram - the
temple town. They go on after that to
Sri Lanka but I don't have time to go
on that part of the trip.

Must go. Great love to you
dear Auntie - Love to Mary L's.

Tallyh.

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14 July 82.

Darling Auntie,

Days fly by so fast that it's hard to remember when I wrote to you last - too long..

Plants have been very erratic here because of Ramadan, I suppose - The wakees do not get up very early when they've been eating all night & have to fast all day. Only one more week of Ramadan - the moon is really on the wane!

Hleck writes that your apartment building is now a modern looking affair! Poor old Armandale. Hopefully they will get an elevator that works - easily and good mail boxes. Will they have a door attendant?

Hope Mary L' had a great time in the Rockies. Was Stella there?

Had a trip to Jeddah recently, to renew passport & found that the Embassy had taken June 30th off as Canada Day & that they were also off for the next 2 days! (Saudi weekend) So had a day up in the mountains near there - in Taif - where the Kings & many princes palaces are - amazing place - so much cooler than Jeddah - but quite bare & rocky - with enormous buildings & a giant Sheraton Hotel standing like a huge fortress at the edge of the escarpment. Jeddah is incredibly hot & humid at this time of year & it's easy to see why people go up there - especially during Ramadan -

On other weekends we've been camping around in the escarpment & down the various roads - & sometimes having tea with Saudis - all very friendly. Some of the Bedu are traditional beggars - the singer talked about

Box 101 Khamis Mushayt
KSA. 26/6/82

Marvella's got so many letters from you and enclosures & descriptions of India. Very helpful - thanks. Don't quite know yet how much of what you saw, we will see - I have ~~a few~~² weeks before the Group starts that I can do something on my own - either Shari Lanka or Kashmir - could be a remarkable trip all together. Wish you could come too!

So glad Marie Claire had such a good time in France & Marianne has that good job in So. Stephen seems very happy in his job. I sent some money to Marianne - but never know about Pat's kids or he has strong ideas about not helping them too much. But could easily help with some aspect - so do let me know if you have any ideas. Wonder what Dan will do.

We are now in the Holy Month of Ramadan

∩ all the Muslims seem half awake & half
stared - but suppose it's a good thing?

We work morning & evening & have afternoon
off. The big suns go at sunset & 1 hour before sunrise.

The King's death made very few
changes & very little impact here at all
no even a day off! But apparently mourning
is not a big part of their religion. His burial
was very simple in a simple grave - unmarked
- but the procession of all people carrying him
on a simple bier was quite impressive.

Fahd is a bit more level person - a bit of a
playboy at times but seems to be sobering
up. His brother Abdulla, now Crown Prince
is very strict & religious.

Will be going to Jeddah this weekend to get
my passport renewed finally & may go on to Taif
- the Summer city in the hills on a route back.
Great love to you, Mary, Marieclaire & Alex m.

Must be glorious at the island! Wish I could join you.

that - in Arakair Sands - that Marie Claire
sent me - they come over with their flocks of
sheep & goats (worth thousands!) and ask for
fellow - (money) & end up taking all the
bits of food they can scrounge! Most of them
are not like that - but it's supposed to be
quite acceptable.

Wonder what Dan decided to do re his
college. Waterloo sounds like a good bet
for a year anyway - but I really do not
know anything about Laurier U. Great that
Mananne & Steve do so well - (sure it's partly
the good meals they get with you!)

Hope the BP is coming down again &
you will have some days at the Island.
Is the Water Taxi working again?

Next summer I'll spend some time at
the Island - Hurrah! + will rig up a

nice little boat that will make it easy for you
to get there.

It's hard to know when to leave here
they pay us too well!

Thank you for reading the article about
Weldon - Fitzgerald - It was very well
done & friends here enjoyed it alot.

Have now finished the first course
in Arabic - Unpardonable language to
pronounce! - but fun to try & everyone gets
a big laugh out of ones attempts

Great love to you & Mary &
all

Tally ho for now

M.

July 27 (82)

Not easy to write during Ramadan - mails are bad; we work morning & evening (& tend to snooze in the hot afternoons!) & one tends to become a bit disoriented (NA lazy-leavers as!). All the ~~poor~~ Muslims gradually get more & more tired as the month wears on & the fast becomes a drag & the evening meal less & less digestible!

Now it's over & so is the 4 days of Eid al-Fitr - the feast. On the last day of Ramadan the down town souq is alive with festivities (as much as anything is alive in SA, with all the calls to prayer, lack of dancing & singing & pageant)

Some of the scenes in the souq were quite moving - Bedu families - enormous numbers, sitting in groups on the ground - in areas lit by one lamp only, selling grain to people who could afford it & who would then give it away. Children lay with their heads on the grain sacks & the faint light gave an atmosphere of ancient Arabia - back in the 14th C.

Beyond these groups were stalls selling modern plastic buckets & bright clothing - quite a contrast.

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Last night one of our JP's had a party for someyas - a few drinks with bar b.q. & fabulous desserts & then games + bedies of the Royal Wedding! Quite fun. Tonight another party by the pool for the retiring Chief of Professional Services who gets sent home (like everyone else around her!)

Still really enjoying weekends camping - usually on escarpment now - as the R. Sea is so hot (100°) & the sand blows + the road is deteriorating. Last week our car was broken into + all that was taken was a blouse of mine & a coat of the driver's; my money left. We are pretty certain it was some Bedu shepherders who tend to be quite vicious & very inquisitive about Western clothing & makeup etc - & probably a sign they are becoming emancipated! The women have far more vitality ~~than~~ & aggression than we would ever believe when seeing them hidden under a veil! Lucky they didn't drive off in the car! - So then a big expedition to the Souq to find another window for a JMC truck - all the shabby tin building where they work on car parts -

So much courage and enterprise to so little purpose, and at such a cost
in human lives and expensive military hardware. But the real irony is that
we are still further from an acceptable solution to the Falkland Islands problem.
I wonder what George would have thought about the landings on South Georgia?
He has his painting of a wily headland, done Longfellow from memory.

John & his wife from Athens. They have been staying in a friend's farmhouse
in Southern Austria (Kärnten) after visiting his mother, but propose spending the
next 2 months in Crete where a friend has built himself a house in a remote
and lovely spot. They will help with the orange picking and then head back to
Nepal and their beloved India. Evidently they have established a
pt trading arrangement in Athens which welcomes the jewelry and other hand-
crafts they are able to bring back from India and which seems to be quite profitable.
Orion is thriving and enjoys travelling - for the moment anyway. Best love from us all
Logan

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1st August 1982

My dear Allie

Greetings from beloved Creery! Here we are again - just back from morning service in the little Church; a good congregation and a thoughtful sermon by a retired old clergyman with pronounced Irish accent, I am sitting by the fire as Olga did so often, hating this on my knee while Monica gets the dinner ready. Alas she cannot turn to the garden for delicious beans or peas as we used to do in the past, but the magic is still here. We arrived on Thursday at the tail end of a remarkable spell of fine hot weather, so that the hay is saved and everyone is pleased. Now it looks as though the weather has broken and we had a little rain last night - perhaps just as well as there would have been complaints of a water shortage! In fact we arrived to find the rain water tank very low indeed, but that was either because Peter had ~~let~~ let his cattle drink it all up, or as he asserts the pipe had become disconnected and the water allowed to run away. He has always a ready answer, and he is so disarming in his replies, that one never knows what to believe! It seems to be a national characteristic. Even Alack is tamed with the same brush.

We had a splendid long letter from Audrey with their family news from Cape Breton. I dare say you will all be meeting up at the Island. I hope you have some happy days there. What memories it must hold for you. Someday I hope I shall see it again, though like so many places one almost hesitates to return knowing how much it has been bound to have changed. One special memory for me was creeping into the road beds on the next island (I forget the name) with Buzzy to see the little green heron - and we did. Quite a thrill.

Emma has two school friends with her who are both keen swimmers so they are going to have good times down at the beach house and at Dunmorran. Yesterday we were at Sheedagh and had good swimming, but today is warm and heavy with the clouds right down so I don't suppose we shall go far. Later, in fact we went to Arghuis, watched the fulmars and kittiwake on the cliffs, and then had a swim in the harbour! The children have a snorkel and flippers which they enjoy using.

We were so sorry to hear you had had to go in to hospital to get your blood pressure under control but we hope it has proved successful, and that you can enjoy the rest of the summer. What a sad world we are living in. The Falklands affair seemed to us to be an off the main futile distraction from the real problems both in the UK and in the world of larger

quite fertile valley with a lovely stream
(temporary) & green pool - beautiful.

The stars have been glorious - as you
say - Marvellous plants -

Hope S + M outd through exams &
now have lovely summer jobs - but expect
that's not so easy these days -

Maybe they should take over the water taxi
service - rowing! - a sailing! at the
Island -

How did the Queen get on in Ottawa -
Nice to think we have the Constitution now!

What - to do about these desolate
Falkland Islands - keeps everyone's mind
off other issues anyway! Seems so old -

14 April 82

Darling Auntie & Ottawites

Lovely letters from you. I have
written via Saudi mail & now find
that someone is going to Toronto & will
post this there. So will send it to
Ottawa. Do hope you have a
lovely time there. Spring in Ottawa
should be glorious.

There has been lots of rain & snow
here & so spring flowers are sprouting
up all over the deserty areas &
in some places a meadow full of them -

- black-eyed Susans, yellow daisies, Poppys.

We had a super weekend camping out
on a point high above the Wadis & in
the cool morning climbed down into a

fostered to be warning about such a
place - 'in principle' - or is there
any oil there? Anyway expect Argentina
will give up.

Tomorrow the Saudis have declared a
day of Mourning & prayer because of the shooting
of Arabs at prayer in a Mosque in Jerusalem.
What an unpardonable situation there.

Great great love to all -

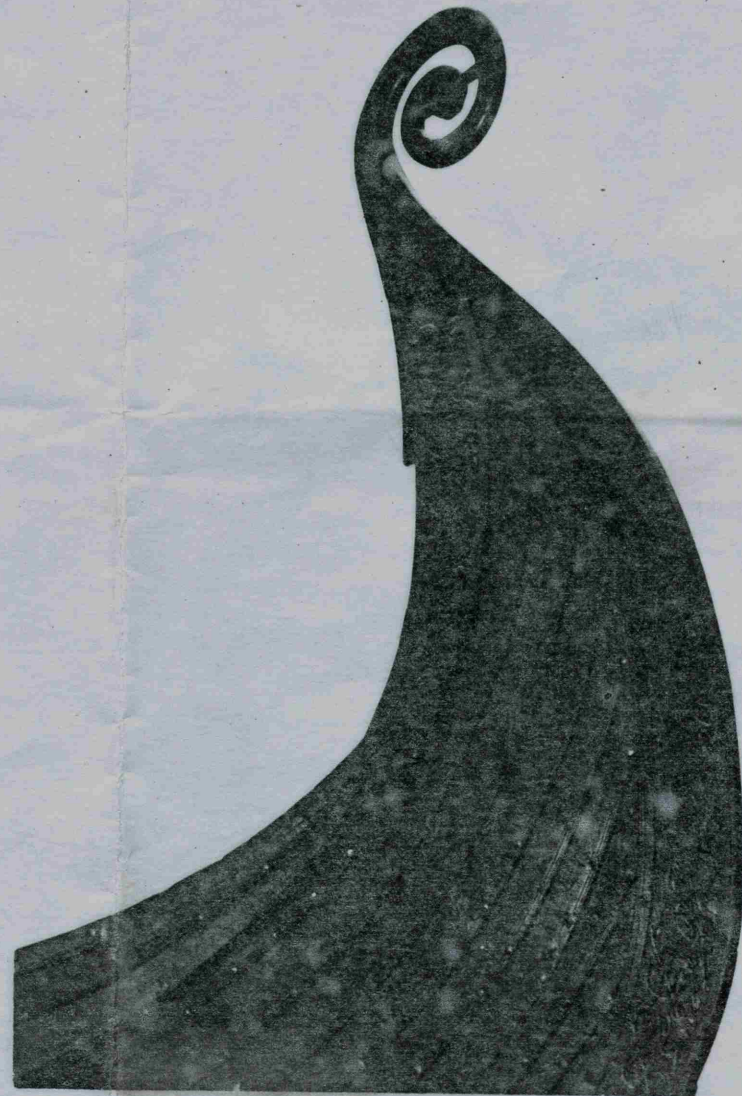
Have a lovely time in Malta

May thanks to Maname & Aleck
for letters. So glad this worked well!

Great love

alay

Hope MC has travelled
fine in France
wish I could get Paul's
address



Vicki Ship

Orng 10

2 Aug 82

Darling Auntie,

Do hope that the BP is stabilized
and all goes better for you -

Pat & family will be back from
CB soon & have some good visits.
Wish I could drop in too.

Here - lovely weather - not
too hot & we are even thinking of
going to the sea again, taking
friends & even age children who are
here for the summer holidays -

Behavon situation does
not seem to improve or hag-han
- but here we seem immune
as the old rock we live on
- to any world forces (including

Inflation! - Will have to get out
again in the world next year!

Had lovely walk in the rocks
last weekend - could not go far
as was working nights - but
went locally to area where
granite weathered in great round
& hollowed out 'Henry Moore'
Shapes - like going to the Trout
Art gallery! Between great rocky
wedges - small wadis & oases
with Bedu guts & their goats, sheep
& families - all campy -

lived in long denser black or
occasionally grey headdress. Quite
a contrast to the rocky landscape.

Must run. Will send this via
person going USA. great love Alan

Bennie!

Late Sept '82

Great, steady hand letter from you Aug 18. telling about Mary's Stella's trip - sounds terrific. So glad M.C. was able to stay with you for two weeks.

Did you get my letter saying I would be in Canada first week in Oct! Will be terrific to see everyone. It's been a whole year! Only 4 weeks now!

It will be a consolidated visit & I will come down for a night with you - travelling by train, I think! Hope

M.C. and Alex could come for w/e. It will be w/e of Oct 23 if I can get there by then! - otherwise during week.

- or who knows, I'd fly Montreal + come up from there by train. Something! It will be wonderful to see you.

Then on to Toronto to do some business + buy a few essentials + then on to India via San Francisco + a few stops in between.

Had a w/e in Jeddah last week - went with friend who had to see her young daughter off to Canada for schooling. It's a growing city & now they are clearing it up a lot & so it's much more attractive. We stayed in the Sheraton Hotel - that's where Whittaker puts up its employees - quite elegant. There were Saudi weddings going on in the Pool, reception area - & as we wandered through they invited us in - only women - all the men elsewhere! - but no veils & all the women looking splendid in their elegant dresses. They had an all female 'band' - all of hand drums sounding quite African & various women got up and danced from time to time. Apparently at 3 am the bride comes in & then the groom is allowed

for a few minutes - The only view!

Incredible food - but we did not stay for that.

The swimming pool is under a huge dome -
glass & quite marvellous. Swam there next morning.

Please don't go to a lot of trouble re meals. I would
enjoy cooking at your house & can do shopping also -
What fun to see you & Alan & all.

Great love

Alan.

Rec'd Oct 21

The Manila
Hotel
Philippines

9 Oct 82

Darling Auntie,

What a lovely visit with you - though
so short. Do hope ~~we~~ we did not do too much.

Now in Manila - in this elegant
hotel! ^{Built 1912 "The Aristocrat of the Orient!"} On the water front. Did you stay here?
Very grand & unlike the big international
hotels - lovely huge lobby with great pillars
& chandeliers! - & jolly rugs & screens of the
East - (A throw little of the East) (The lowrie grill
has 7,700 cowrie shells making up lamps & other decor!

Good ride in from the airport
along spacious water front. A lot of Filipinos
cleaning - apparently a scheme to create
employment set out by "The First Lady".

Flight from Toronto - 12 time
zones away - a long one. Put down for
few hrs in San Francisco (changed planes
to Philippine Air Lines) & again in Honolulu -
lovely balmy weather - but all at night -
& arrived in Manila at 5⁴⁵ am.

Love to
Mary & 's
& Stephen
Manuano

Went on a day trip to Pagsanjan -
a 2 hr drive from Manila through villages
& rice paddies + huge coconut plantations.
Then to the river of Pagsanjan where
they dug out canoes paddled by 2 Philippines
carry 2 of you (Many many canoes)
up + up the rapids in a deep gorge -
lined by tenacious trees + vines -
glorious. How skilful are the boatmen,
jumping from rock to rock when the
going gets too steep + pulling that little
boat then paddling fast - never
endangering anyone! It's quite shallow
- just enough water at times to get by -
but plenty to have a thrilling ride down
again. They are so skilful - & would probably
love the Canadian white water canyons.
At the top end of the upward trip is a
glorious shoot of water cascading over a
Cliff + creating marvellous spray. Some people
then get an ad raft + go up behind it. Very well!
Going down, really, shorty rapids - very exciting!
Have a fish + chicken lunch layed on.

Today will go + see Manila by a town (Tuesdays) + then on to Pagsanjan for a day
or tube + then to meet from 13th in Delhi. Will keep entry Great Love M.

Peak Oct 20



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Statues guarding the gates. Tally amazing! The King & Queen were
proving themselves & Moss of soldiers waiting for them to come out - looking
like Oriental Burenham Palace Guard - Swelling in the 50997 Bangkok heat!

Darling Auntie,

Here I am in Bangkok. Wish you were here!

This hotel is less grand than the Oriental - which is the
Most STAR Hotel! Trust you! Had a marvellous

day yesterday - getting to the floating ^{market} ~~garden~~
in the early morning. You must have done that -
up & up the canal past dwellings & boats of all
sorts - boat load after boat load of tourists. In fact
far more of us than any floating market - which
was almost over by the time we got there - as
engine on boat kept seizing up & water pouring
in - in spite of the active pumping of the boatman!
However, we did not sink, Thank goodness!

What an amazing country: the temples are
extraordinary & give one a feeling of fun & festivity,
I found. No gloomy religion here. I loved
the folksy gold & ornate robes - a bit of a fairy
land - Tally unreal!

In the afternoon we did a temple tour -
Marvellous golden Buddhas - & reclining Buddhas & Buddhas
every shape & stance & fascinating Chinese



19 Nov 82.

Darling Auntie,

So many wonderful letters from you to greet me when I arrived back from India.

It was a great trip. What a Country. So many people! Such a lot to see. So steeped in religion.

I enclose a few photos. The developing process here is not good - much too pale - but will give you an idea of some of the things we saw - So many places & hotels we overlapped with you. We saw alot of the temples around the big cities - that you did. You did better at Bombay & one day I'll have to make the trip from there that you made - though we did get to Elephanta Island - remarkable.

The group were so nice and its fun to have new friends ~~there~~ - mostly Californians. Some of them stayed as for 40 days - (2 more weeks)

and just leave Bombay today. I hope they didn't get too much Monsoon in the South.

The weather in Saudi - this part - is glorious - cool & sunny - like an September in Canada.

We have had some good walks & a picnic on the escarpment. Wish you were here to enjoy it

instead of the cold November days in Kingston.

Hope you've had some good concerts and are getting to see some of your friends.

Wish you could go somewhere nice & warm for the winter.

Pat says you will be in Toronto for Christmas - I am so glad - wish I were there!

Had a good letter for Ingram (expect you did too?) He says Sarah is enjoying her University.

John & Ley & Owen are in India - wish I had seen them!

Much much love, dearly wanted & to
Sue, Manana & May

Love May.



Nov 1 / 82

NO. 332A MOUNT KANCHENJUNGA.

DARJEELING (INDIA)

Wonderful days! Glorious Darjeeling!
 Up & up & up & then this marvellous
 mountain Kanchenjunga! Thank
 you have been here. Stayed in
 lovely old English type hotel - so beautiful
 up early one morning & saw
 Mt Everest from Tiger Hill!
 wonderfully exciting. Saw the
 Himalayan Mountaineering Institute
 where Tenzing sometimes is seen
 & great exhibits. also walked
 around the town & hills & visited
 the Tibetan Refugee Centre -
 up early early to see sunrise
 & lot of eating! Great time
 may.

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Flying up Red Sea →
Suirai but too hazy
to see much.

Off to Mykenos +
Delos + Rhodes tomorrow!

Great love
with you were here!
me.

ATHENS - General view of the Acropolis, immortal
monuments of the 5th century B.C. and
in the foreground, the theatre of Herodus
Atticus of the 2nd century A.D.



Dr. A. V. Douglas





Had marvellous day in
Bombay seeing the

Elaphanta Caves &
Carving. Now off to
Saudi early in am.

Have to leave! The group
have been terrific & the
trip wonderful
Will write! M.



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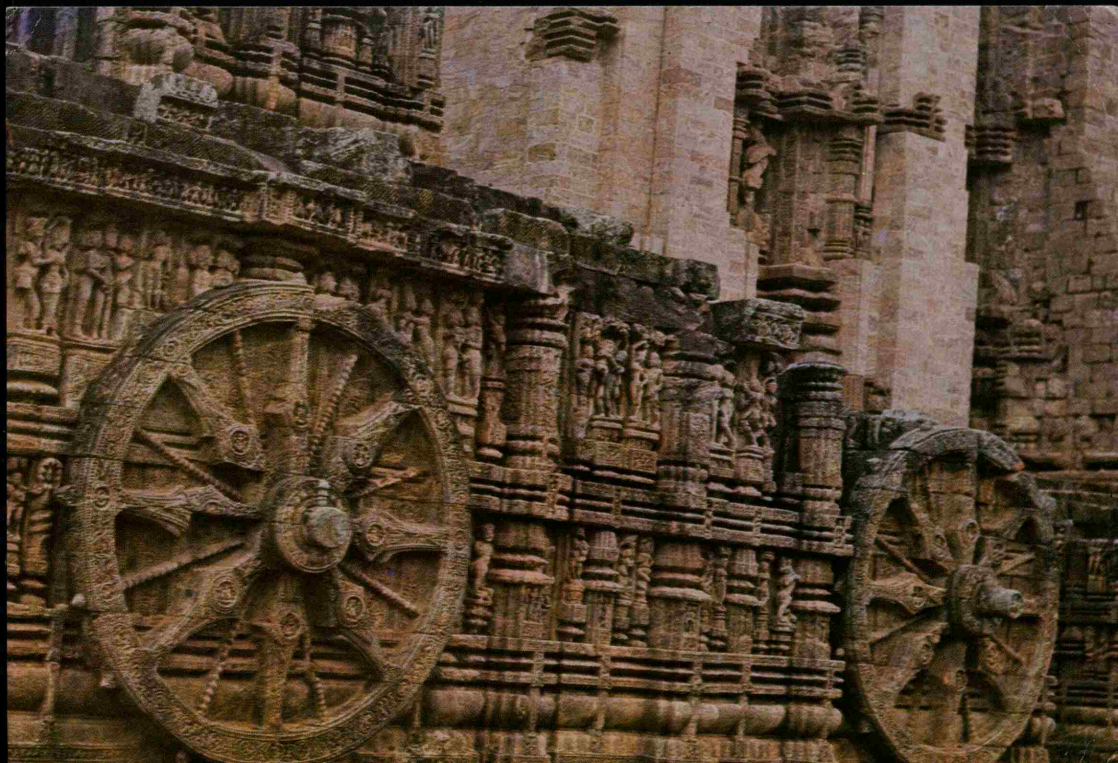
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This great temple pulled by 6 Nov 1/82
buses & on 23 wheeled chairs
one of finest in India - near
the sea where we had a
fantastic swim in the surf
gorgeous. At Bhaneswar saw
dozens of buphs! road in rickshaws
& bought lovely bright toy &
apleque bag! Had a day also
in Calcutta where went to
Mother Theresa's orphanage &
hospice. Amazing person. Only
few more days & then back to
Saudi. Wish I could drop in -
for longer this time. Next year!
great love. Mary

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15 Nov

8 Nov 82

Back in Saudi!

Friends are leaving for Canada tomorrow so will write a short note now & then a longer letter later.

Think I told you we saw the Elephanta caves that you & Steve saw - glorious. Then other bits of Trombay & said good bye to my friends & departed by plane early in am. Had to make 2 changes but when arrived at our airport - there were friends to meet me - so marvellous! & wonderful letters from you & all - so glad you are getting stronger & walking everyday & taking the tonic! Terrific.

The weather here is glorious & the hills very clear-sharp. It rained a bit & we have no water shortage now.

When I got back, I found that an Indian doctor is living in the house for next 3 weeks. Very nice person - a Brahmin. My Filipino housemate has ~~been~~ gone on vacation for 6 weeks - so that is fine.

How lovely it was to see you. Great love always. Love to Marianne, Stephen, Valerie, Brady & all others when you see them.

Will write again soon

Mary



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Collecting "St. Geo's" dragon for
you around the world!

At last have a few hours
of free time & sitting by the
pool by a statue of Shiva
at hotel in Varanasi &
drinking tea! Wrote you a longish
letter yesterday & hope it gets
there. Today saw bathing in the
ganges - ghats & this point to the
Buddha tree & then to see the
Maharaja on an elephant

Love M.

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Good trip to the sea last weekend
with lovely swimming in the Red Sea
- about 78° + a nice wind to keep
away the fleas + mosquitoes.

Have had a really nice Indian girl
living in my house while Fanny is away -
Such a nice ^{doctor} person + she leaves today
for London to return to her family - but

May come back.
Her husband is also
a doctor + they
both may come out
here.

Great love to you
all and have a
glorious Christmas
if I don't get a
letter to you before
that.
Tally ho
or.

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When did I write last? People leave for US, Canada
England + I try + get letters off with them — so
they may arrive with you and any higgledy Piff
order! No matter.

Many people are leaving for Christmas Holiday
& really, except it would be wonderful to be
with you all, I do not envy the travel in
winter. Hope your trip to Toronto comes on a lovely
day — or maybe you should just hop on a
bus when it is a nice day! Hope you all
have a glorious time together there.

How did your dinner at Douglas House go?
I think that was such a nice idea & hope
you had a super feed. Marvellous to think of
traditions of Douglas as Queens! Expect
Stephen + Mairianne are working very very hard
this year — though Steve seems to get some
good weekends in Toronto! Glad you are
having some good concerts. Wonder how Froy's
lecture went.

Glorious weather here with great
white clouds & sun + cool nights. We had

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14 Dec 82

Merry Christmas to you all!

Will think of you all & drink your health! Have a wonderful time. My friends Barb & Don Blade will be posting this in Toronto on Thursday - so hopefully it will get to you in time.

Christmas here will be a working day - but I get the afternoon off & expect to be cooking turkey for almost a dozen people \pm - or maybe we'll have a rotating dinner up & down the road to various houses.

Last night had a very nice evening with the Milnes - Doug & Sheila's friends - & I showed them my photos of India & we talked & ate salt. They live a few miles down the road so I don't see them too often. They go to Austria & Switzerland for Christmas.

Days seem to be flying by - Have been back for under nearly 6 weeks - only about 12 weeks to Steving! We are having a hard time after that getting holiday sorted out because they have stopped giving us locums & we haven't enough people to cover all the Obshchinas summer holiday - fear meetings about it all... It would be wonderful to have some time at the Island!

Great letters from Stephen, & Marvellous ones from AA.

So much love & eat & drink lots! Bon Appetit!

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Darling Auntie

Very Happy Birthday!

Lovely to get your letters and
news of the good dinner at Douglas
House - along with Stephen & Marianne.
What a joy it is to have them there.

What is Mary doing for Christmas?
Do hope you all have good dining
conditions & I know you will all have
wonders to eat & drink. Went to
a party the other night where a Saudi
Man (who has travelled alot) told me
the 'Cheers' in Arabic is Sahatik
- a new one for you!

Great love at Christmas

Bon Appetit

Sahatik

Tallyho!

Mary.



Some skanking, now that the temp.
has descended sufficiently to
allow it.

Our cat will miss all the
attention - actually she gets quite
worn out by the constant stimulus
& is a complete "flag" by the end
of the day.

Marianne (chef) & Isabel (appetizer)
made a simply beautiful soup/bread
house. Here is part of the surroundings
we still haven't demolished the
actual house yet.

Happy New Year - love from us all
John

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Dear Mary,

So many thanks for all
the marvellous things in the
"kitchen". The mandolins
were super & rapidly consumed
esp. as we had a celebration
just before Christmas for Carol
Styger & instrumentalists (bassoon,
trumpets, recorder, violin, cello) -
actually quite a heavy sound,
to put it mildly. M-C ornaments
have gone back, Atec sticks here
for a few days. I think A.A.
has been splendid, & has en-
joyed it all.

Only disappointment is the
lack of snow - & I suppose that
will come on the birthday next!
However, they have all had



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17/12/82

Dear Robert Douglas -

Happy Christmas! We look forward
to seeing you in the New Year -

The enclosed two letters might
interest you - (Please let me have them
back in due course)

We were especially delighted to
from Isobel Abbott this Christmas

Take care of yourself - Blessings!

Hilda & Elizabeth

Buckmaster

are not ruining the Assad - Asian
James in Delhi -

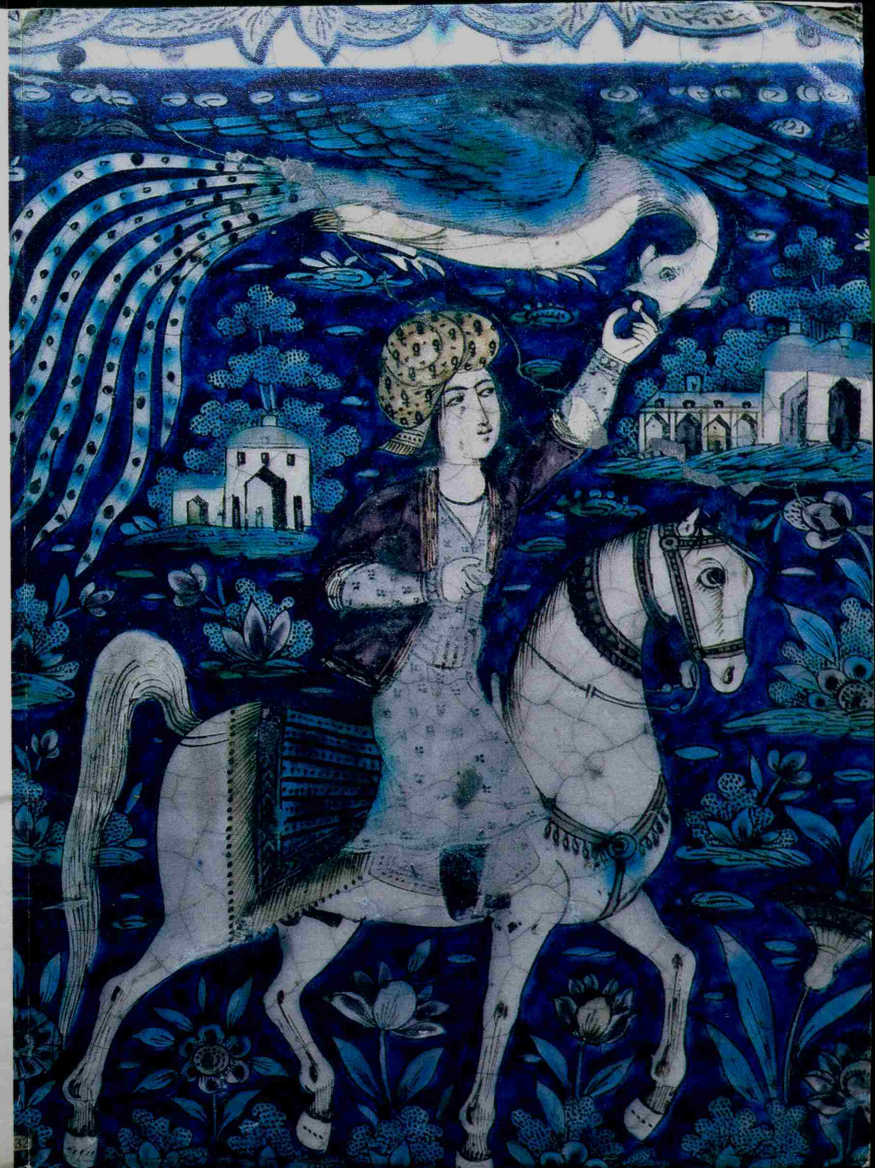
Great love to you all
1 month until Christmas.

Tally W

or.

Got this card in India! What fun
he had in Persia.

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Darling Auntie,

Thanks for letters & Grant
McDonalds announcements etc - fear
that Grant has done so well - what
will he do with all that money!

How your flat is nice & warm
& weather outside not too bad.
- Good for you to walk the corridors
anyway! Do you chant as you
go?

Have you ever heard the
Tibetan monastery bells that hum
when you rub them with a stick
around the edge? I got 2 when
in Darjeeling & they are lovely
- also a bowl that does the
same thing.

India was not as full of starving
people as I thought it might be.
- or so it appeared. It's so hard
to tell when travelling around like
we did. We did meet up
with an American woman who
travels around buying for a
shop in California - things that
would otherwise have no market
- think I told you - & she
knows the Tibetan refugees well -
- the ones you also visited in
Darjeeling. Did you see the
Everest Center there too? - in
Darjeeling I mean. They showed a
great ~~photo~~ movie of the Indian
(successful) expedition.

Thank goodness the Sikhs (???)

Dear Allie:

It's usually travel that takes "top billing" in our annual letter but this year Fred's trip to China has to compete with the news that he finally finished his book and is now reading page-proofs. It'll be off the press after Christmas and we'll make sure you are advised! But in case you can't wait to know what it's about, here is the title: "This is the Prophet Jesus... An evolutionary Approach to his Teaching". And a reminder (for explanation) that what Jesus taught and what kind of person he was, has been a continuing interest of Fred's since his student days in the twenties.

In September, Margaret's doctor advised that China was too far from home for her. However, she persuaded Fred to go anyway on this special itinerary which he had planned and requested two years ago. Besides the McGill group of 33 included several old friends as well as sister Helen. Under Stanley Frost's leadership we left Montreal early on Oct. 2nd and flew via Toronto and San Francisco to Hong Kong in 26 hours. A brief stop there for recovery and then by train to Canton and by plane to Peking.

The two full days in Peking included a visit to the Canadian Embassy for a useful briefing, as well as the now familiar but always interesting sights of the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace, Great Wall, Ming Tombs and a Peking Duck dinner! This time I climbed the Great Wall to the left as one approaches: it is steeper and the top higher than that on the right and there is a wonderful view. The trees on the hills were in full autumn red.

Xian was spectacular. (And we had a guide to match: Miss Wang Hai had everything!) At Emperor Qin's mausoleum they have uncovered part of the estimated 6,000 terracotta army of foot soldiers, horses and chariots - life-sized and natural looking - which have guarded his treasure for more than 2,000 years. To look down on row after row of these figures - each face different - was pretty impressive.

Xian was the capital of China for more than 1,000 years and during the Han dynasty was the China-end of "the Silk Road" to Europe. Such a long history means there are many cultural relics such as the two Wild Goose Pagodas (Buddhist temples), the Bell Tower, with the library of ancient calligraphy, a Neolithic village and a Chinese mosque. In addition we visited a museum, a cloisonné factory and went to an evening dance performance which had no discoverable social significance!

Fog in Chungking kept us in Xian an extra day which was all very well except that having checked out of our hotel we could not get back in: with so many tourists all beds in places like Xian are booked well in advance. However beds were found in a country inn which we went to by bus.

As in 1980 Jiang Ze Jia, the Chairman of the Electrical Engineering Dept. at Chungking University, met us at the airport. He and his wife Jia Qi laid on a 15 course banquet for Helen, me, Bob and Lois Chipman (University of Toledo but at McGill in 1947-48 when Jiang was a student there. Bob was Jiang's research supervisor). Two Chinese who had been scholars at McGill recently were there also as was Jiang's son, his wife and their new baby. A very good party.

When the plane for Chengdu came it was small and could take only 25 of us but it returned for the other 8 before long. On previous visits travel was largely by train. Now tourists go by plane but the "four modernizations" program is still too new to meet the needs of an ever expanding tourist industry. But they'll make it - and soon! Tourists are once again treated as guests, given small gifts and shown many courtesies.

The name Chengdu, capital of Szechuan Province, will be familiar because

this is where the West China Christian Missions were located and generations of missionaries from many Protestant sects and a variety of countries, but especially from Canada and the United States, went there during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The city foundations, so to speak, date back to about 400 B.C. Chengdu has long been famous for the quality of the brocade woven there. Just how long is indicated by the fact that in AD 25, a government official was appointed to control the brocade industry. For all that, the industry survived and Chengdu brocade is still famous and with the arrival of each tourist group even better known for we were taken to the mill where the cloth is made and each of us presented with a square of brocade - large enough to cover a bridge table.

The medical school of Szechuan University was just up the street from our hotel and there I contacted Professor Wu Fu Ling who teaches English to the medical students. He came to my hotel room and we spent a couple of hours together; his attitude toward the "new look" is very favorable. I learned of Wu from Earl Willmott (now in B.C.) who was Fu Ling's teacher years ago.

Statues and photos of Mao Ze Dong have mostly disappeared but near the Friendship store in Chengdu is a huge statue of Mao. There is a large billboard there too carrying a family-planning poster which shows a "just married" couple being counselled by a beautiful nurse in uniform - one child is encouraged; a second is tolerated but only just; and for a third there are penalties. With 1,000,000,000 bodies already there and the amount of land suitable for food production fixed, it seems like a sensible policy.

Kunming, capital of Yunan Province has an elevation of 6000 feet which results in a spring-like-climate the year round even though it is close to the tropics. Flowers are always blooming and flowering trees abound. Kunming was the China end of the Burma Road of world war II where General Stillwell worked his way into China only to find that his assistance against the Japanese was not welcomed by Chiang Kai Shek who was not fighting 'the Japs' but 'the commies'. Since liberation it has become a large industrialized city with a population of 1.2 million. Half of the 50 or so minority groups in China live in Yunan province and add color and variety to the city. When we went to the Stone Forest - a karst limestone formation of tall jagged stone columns - a group of Sani came from their nearby village to entertain us with songs and dances, dressed in their national costumes of blue and pink.

Our last stop was Guilin - which every tourist hopes to find on his/her itinerary. The karst rock formation here resulted in straight up-and-down mountains with the land between frequently covered with groves of bamboo. We went out from Guilin about 25 miles by bus, to take a four hour boat trip down the river Li. The scenery is beautiful, the river clean and clear; along the banks are farms, villages people fishing, washing clothes; and on the river small boats- some with motors, some with junk-type sails carrying who knows what. It was a pleasant and colorful trip - a good ending to the tour.

From Guilin to Canton to Hong Kong by train, then Honolulu on a Singapore plane. Two rainy days there, a flight to Los Angeles, then Air Canada to Toronto and Montreal on October 29, ending a month of travel.

There were some casualties - one fall by Helen which will restrict her mobility a couple of weeks more; colds shared by many; but I think all of us felt the tour very worthwhile. For me this fourth trip presented new and different views of a 5000 year old culture and a people revitalized, moving forward into a new era - co-operating and sharing. Some among the billion Chinese people no doubt harbor memories of the old ways and scheme for their return. But I keep remembering the children's faces and the peasants' expressed gut-feeling that the new way is better.

All good wishes - Margaret & Fred.

Dec 1982.

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Helen Claire Howes

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December 3rd, 1982

Dear *Allie Douglas*:

Since from October 29th I have been flat on my back with a small fracture, or limping around the apartment on a cane, I have gone through several books but haven't done any writing. However, the situation is improving and, if our Indian summer holds, I may get out on my own by Christmas.

Last year, when I left your colorful greetings and letters in a basket in my living room, I had every intention of answering them promptly. I apologize; the year went back like lightning. July I spent in England, glad to get away from strikes at home. Alas, London's Underground was out, aided by sympathetic bus drivers. After four wasted days, the Underground opened but British Rail closed down. At Victoria Coach Station, after waiting in line two hours, I got a coach ticket to Bath. After ten lovely days there I repeated the wait and got tickets to Salisbury, Sherborne, Longleat, and back to London.

Here a friend took me to a Southwark Cathedral party on the 27th floor of Guy's Hospital, drove us up through eastern England. We saw Midsummer Night's dream at the new Barbican Theatre. I explored London Museum again, and the new Covent Garden. I was driven to Gatwick Airport. The weather had been beautiful, the flowers never more exuberant, and I had had some interesting interviews.

On October 2nd, Fred and I went with a fine McGill group for 21 days in China, flying via Toronto, San Francisco and Pan Am to Hong Kong via Okinawa to refuel -- 26 hours in all! From Canton we flew to Peking, always fascinating, then to Xian where the terracotta horsemen (no two alike) stand on parade. Xian, the former capital of China, was the beginning of the Silk Road. It offers many interesting exhibits, e.g. a museum of artefacts used by people who lived 6000 years ago.

In Chungking we were again entertained by friends at the University and watched the traffic on the Yangtze River and its harbour. Chengde lies on the fertile plain of Sichuan, meticulously tended market gardens and emerald green paddies. Besides visiting temples, art galleries and evening entertainments, we drove to the Golden Horse Communs, and saw the 2000-year old Min River conservation system that controls floods and releases water into irrigation canals.

In Kun Ming spring exists the year round for the average temperature is 65° F. This flowered city is the capital of Hunan Province where live half of China's 55 Minorities. The scenery on this 6,200 ft. high plateau is beautiful with red soil terraced with brilliant green crops. Fifty miles away lies the Stone Forest which must be seen to be believed; 3 million years ago, it laid at the bottom of the sea.

Guilin, our last stop, is surrounded by cone-shaped mountains. They line the Li River, a 50 mile green, winding stream banked by bamboo groves and farms ploughed by water buffalo. During the four-hour trip down it, we passed or were passed by junks, sampans, fishing dugouts and other pleasure craft. After one night in Canton's new luxury hotel, we returned via Hong Kong, Honolulu and Los Angeles. It was a magnificent ^{trip} with fine weather all the way and good company although we missed Margaret sorely. Of the return flight, the less said (by me) the better, although I managed a few Queen Elizabeth waves from my wheelchair to those who had to walk the interminable miles of airport corridors.

Best of Christmas wishes, and may 1983 bring some reason to the deranged minds of those world leaders who seem bent on bringing our world to an end. God bless us, every one.

Hope you had as interesting a year.

Helen

Dec 13: I am improving but no bus rides yet.

Helen



1982 December 6

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Dear Paul

Happy Christmas & a good New Year.
I hope you will get a real holiday from the army.
I wonder what day to day life is like for you -
not just parade ground drill I hope, but some
worth while scientific training.

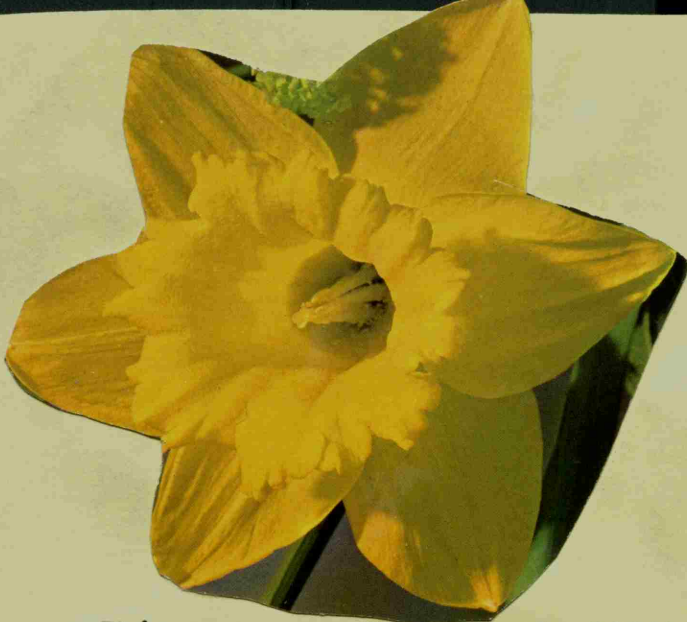
Patrick is coming here for a night & then takes
Stephen & me to Toronto on Dec 21. I think your
mother, Marianne & Alec will stay in Ottawa.

Marianne & Stephen are busy with exams
coming up soon. They come to me for lunch
once a week & to tea on Sundays - such a joy to me.
Stephen got an A on a long essay on The Cause of
the French Revolution. an optional history course.
Most of his work is on Computer Science.

Daniel started university in Sept - a BA course
with major in Music. You will have heard
about Marianne's biology course & Alec's good
progress in school.

Remember me to Jean Paul and Anne
Every good wish to you, mon cher
Much love.

Allie



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One of the nicest things that occurred to us during this year was the honor conferred on our sister Jessie, when she was chosen to go to Ottawa as one of the Canadian Achievers to dine with the Queen at the time of the official signing of the constitution. The presence of Prime Minister Trudeau was just one of the added rose petals strewn in her path.

This year was Saskatoon's 100th Birthday; it has been a year of celebration and festivity, bringing a lot of people home and bestowing many honors. Edith was one of the thirty people chosen by the Agriculture Committee as having "contributed significantly" to the life of farm people in the province. She was honored with dinner, speeches and gift.

In July both Edith and Winnie visited Eastern Canada and each stayed with Bill and Laura in Quebec. In addition, Winnie was in Kingston helping celebrate the 40th anniversary of the opening of the nylon plant there. Her former friend and partner Dorothy Catto died earlier this year but a great many friends were on hand to welcome Winnie, most of whom seem to have weathered well. When the plant was opened Winnie was doing employment for "Nylon" and many whom she hired are now retired, including D. L. Guthrie. Everybody has forgotten that the beginning wage for girls in the plant was 30 cents per hour.

Edith had a wonderful visit with Jeanne Rowles in Toronto, who drove her to the Shaw and to the Stratford Festivals. In Saskatoon our theatrical activity took the form of welcoming playwright Al Pittman and actor Clyde Rose from Newfoundland. Winnie took part in the reading to the Canadian English Teachers' Conference of Al Pittman's manuscript play "West Moon". When the boys got off the plane their urgent request was for breakfast one morning during their stay for their fellow Newfoundlanders. We did finally achieve this social function the morning of their departure (on the patio.)

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of Edith's graduation from the University of Saskatchewan and she was part of the committee to plan this event which went off to everyone's satisfaction. It was nice seeing such friends as the Van Cleaves and the Dalgleishes. Meantime Winnie was partaking of the 70th anniversary of the college of Engineering, including opening of their new building. It was a shame Dean Mackenzie could not travel from Ottawa to attend, he was often toasted. When Winnie was acting as the Dean's secretary he was consulting engineer for the Broadway Bridge. Then, too, times were hard and jobs were scarce. All construction labor for the bridge had to be requisitioned from the local relief offices; no machinery could be used for work that could be done by hand; laborers could be used for only one week at a time and a man with no children could not earn more than \$25.00 per month, while the maximum for a man with a large family was \$37.50. Things are not that bad now though we still do have to cope with unemployment. We have people cooperating and we seem to have more people with difference of opinion trying harder to listen to the other point of view. There seems always to be more than one point of view. We still have the arms race counterbalanced by ploughshares.

Century Saskatoon celebrations has a song and a saying, "For a hundred special reasons, we are proud to call you home". The Citizens Appreciation Committee chose 100 special people at the end of the year and among this group, the three sisters are included. A dinner is planned for December 10 with special Centennial medals for each person. It gives a nice warm feeling to be part of the special reasons and we mean to make this warm Christmas feeling keep on going past the end of Centennial year. We hope you, too, have had a good 1982 and that it will be followed in 1983 with a year full of joy and peace.

With Love,

Edith C. Simpson

P. Winnie Rowles