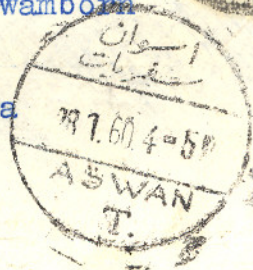


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# Wally Byam's Caravan

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Dear Mom and Dad:

Presently the Caravan is in Aswan, Egypt. Today the mail was brought down by the tourist department from Luxor. At 3:00 today Wally went by plane to Cairo, to make arrangements for a campsite and pick the mail up and bring it back to ~~Cairo~~ Luxor. I would suggest that you keep writing to Cairo until at least Feb. 10 to Feb. 15 at the Embassy. After we arrive there I imagine that it will take two to three weeks to ship to Beirut. Also I believe that Beirut will probably be our next mail stop after Cairo. I'm waiting for answers to many questions that I asked in letters sent from Khartoum. They probably will all be answered in the mail Wally is bringing back to Luxor.

I will try and have my book ready to mail from Luxor, if not there a little further up the road. Just briefly about our trip through the desert. seven trailers and the three solo trucks crossed the Nubian Desert to Wadi Halfa. It took eight days, alot of deep sand, two broken axles, several ~~fast~~ flats, burned out bearing in Pete's truck, fractured spider gears in one truck, and Nick, Art and I towing Pete's truck were stuck in one hole for ten hours! This is just a brief sketch of the desert crossing.

As of Jan. 5 my cookhouse has been on a money basis. 75 cents a plate for dinner. To whip up a meal for five is really something. You know Wally is really in pitching about my future as a cook. It might not be too bad. But first I must get my sheep skin in history. About all that is on my mind is going back to school, the sooner the better. I went into detail about this in my letters from Khartoum.

Now to the three letters.

Letter #1 dated 11/20/59. Most of the details and ~~answers~~ answers and questions have been covered in other letters. But some things of are interest to me. Adele Toepfer wanting to be your secretary is of interest. She is a real nice girl, smart and attractive. But under the circumstances of your short visit to Europe it would be of no necessity for you to hire her.

I have talked to Wally several times about going to Europe. In my last letter home I mentioned how I might come home from Cairo. I'm waiting for an answer to this in the oncoming mail. Just a week or two ago Wally told me that he might use me for a photographer in Europe to take movies. Time will tell about this. I do know everything will work out for the best. As I have previously said I want to enter school again at the first possible oppourtunity.

Give Ruth my regards. Also I hope by now my lovelies have arrived.

Letter #2 dated 12/16/59 I so glad that you recieved my long letter, I know how much it means to recieve a word from the ones you love. My Christmas card was my last large post card mailing. I will only answer ~~those~~ those people whou write to me. All of your cards arrived in Khartoum and were appreciated by the Caravaners

I'm glad to hear that everyone likes my long letters. What I would like is some critical analysis from Pat, and Marianne in Cario. Telling what I should cover in my writing, my shortcomings and my

strong points.

Thanks for the clippings on the JRB. It must have been a lulu of a game.

Did the diacondra ever come up? or do we still have alfalfa?

Still can't get over Rod getting married. It just shows what insecurity in the family circle can do.

Glad to hear Pancho is in his prime. The old devil is quite sly and playful. Will be glad to see him again when I get home.

I feel real bad about leaving out some of the people that are on the top of my favorite list, but I just don't have all of the addresses that I should have. Newmans, Sonnemans, Ruth etc. I gathered all my lists together but some how over looked these favorites of mine.

I don't know whether or not you have personally met Dr. Mueller(Miller but if you haven't you should. He is a real fine man, and one of my favorite teachers of all times. I glad he calls you ever so often and I really appreciate him looking into the matter of possible credits for this trip. Tell him that I will be out to his house as soon as possible after I return home.

What type of Volkswagen. The sedan, bus or sport model? Not too much more to answer in letter #3 dated 1/9/60.

Thanks for the top 10, next time try KAFY.

How's Gil? I write him about half as many letters as I do you, but very few reply's. Tellhim the next time you see him I have 58 different coins for him from Africa including Egypt, with more coming from Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Greece and I think Bulgaria.

Please writewhen ever you have time and may God bless you and look over you.

*Dale*

Love Dale XXXXXX000000