

The Memoirs of

Bernard Elden Knapp

Army Journal
&
Army Travel Journals

COMPILATION NOTE

The following journals contain stories and details from Bernie using his military leave to travel around Europe, the Middle East, and Northern Africa.

Bernie was stationed in Friedberg, Germany. He served there from 1953-1955 with the 29th Field Artillery Battalion.

Most of these journals are not dated, and may have been written later. Some of the separate journals may overlap in content. To the best of our knowledge, he did not keep a regular daily journal during the army (or ever really). Many of these journals were written in pocket-sized notebooks.

The first journal starts in 1953 and covers some of Bernie's early days in the army, but then jumps around to include a bunch of miscellaneous addresses and dates at the end of the journal.

ALL FILES ARE ORGANIZED AND PRESERVED IN THE ORDER
THEY WERE FOUND

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Bernard in the Service



Bernie -- Germany



Bernie -- Germany

July 14. '53 inducted
left I.F. at 2 P.M.,
traveled by train to
Pocatello - went to
Boise stayed in
Hotel Idanha, Boise
(stayed there on basketball
trip)

July 15 sworn into
the army. Left
Boise went to
Portland on train
(pullman) the
"Portland Rose".
Lots of drawbridges
logs and ships
in the bay, sawmills.

seen all along the
way. I changed train
from Portland to
Tacoma. All of trip
lots of sawmills
seen. Saw Columbia
River and barges,
tugs and several
large vessels.
Lots of overpasses
to railroad, large
new bridges.

Got to ~~the~~ North
Fort Lewis Reception
Center Thurs, Co K
Processed in
four or five days.
Got high on all

tests but one (radio)
at church met
Kerry Heiny, Ray
Thompson, DeLynn
Murdock (kids from
Ricks College. met
Ellis Hensley,
Got orders to
ship to Ft. Ord, Cal.
will ship Monday
27 of July '53.

many guys from
Ricks came in
and guys from
home. Sat. before
I left saw many,
from the Fort you
can look East
and South and see

Mt. Rainer looming
high, such as the
Keton perhaps it
is taller but it
sets alone, Area
of St. and Tacoma
to Portland is all
fir trees mostly
scrubby however,
weather was good
all the while
Humid but very
cold nights!

July 26, 1953
Sunday
Gen. of Pres.
D Eisenhower spoke

on T.V. a special
talk. The Korean
Truce was signed
about one hour
before this was
written at Ft. Lewis.
time now is 6:00¹⁰₁₀ P.M.
It is a wonderful
news, written at
The Service Center
6219th R. C.

July 27.

Left Ft. Lewis by
Bus about 10:30
arrived at Seattle
Tacoma - Olympia
airport. Left

on United Airlines Transport
at 12:15. Large plane
about 45 seats.

Arrived in San Francisco
about 4-4:30

Saw The Golden
Gate, Saw ocean.

Left there by Western
Coast liner plane
smaller held about
30 passengers. Large
plane was ~~type~~ ^{type} ~~type~~ ^{type}
landing gear. Flew
to Monterey Cal. went
by army truck to
Ft. Ord the
Replacement Center,
issued wool clothing.

weather was cool
part of season just
seemed little cool
sunshine was not
any. Ft. very large
Didn't see hot weather
expected.

Wed morning schedule
to ship again to a
permanent place on
Is. Likely will
take basic training
from there.

Address:
(over)

Pvt. 1 Name SA —

Co "M" 63rd Inf. Regt.
Ft. Ord, Cal.

Pvt. Bernard E Knapp #154
Co M 63rd Inf Regt.
Ft. Ord, Cal.

Started Pre basic
at above address
issued at here a
M1 30 cal rifle
serial no. 2505131.

Two of cadrey here
(twins) Ferd and Fred
Neilsen are from
St. George, Utah.

Joe West went to Ft. Bliss
Texas.

Harold Ireland, myself
and Kenneth Patterson
(From Burley) went to
Co M. I and Harold are
in 3rd Platoon and
Kenneth ~~and~~ is in 4th pln.

Have lots of classes
very little sleep.

First 10 days very
little sleep. Have to run
double time. Get up at
4:00 or 5:00 and never
get to bed before 10 or
11 sometimes 11:30 or 12:00.

Well first 4 wks
are supposedly in
restriction to Ch Area.

Aug 23 open house
got off restriction

Aug. 29 passed
rifles inspection
and knew general
orders and chain
of command was

able to get pass
for day and to

Shedley Aug 30 in
chapter with Kenneth
Patterson

Had a pass from
Sat. noon Sept. 4 until
Monday 11 o'clock.

Took airline from
San Francisco to Sacramento
and on from Sacramento to
Mansfield.

Aunt Alta, Uncle Father
and Mother met me
there. Stayed with
mother until Monday
after noon. Had plane
reservations from
~~Princeton~~ Princeton
to Monterey from
3:30 to 7 o'clock
to Monterey, brought
duffle bag with
some laundry for
the trip also. Had
a ride up to dining
where Hale lives.

~~Start~~ starting 6th week
of 16 wk. basic train. 7th.
Mon. want back

left. Maysville by
plane. Transferred at
San Juan. went to San Jose
plane had leak in
hydraulic fluid line to
turbine landing wheel
had to fly back to
San Juan for repair.
Got repaired got back
to the Lt. about 9:00.

Sept. 27, 74 Sunday

Today at 10: I pulled
guard passed both
inspections and
missed regular
church at 13:30
but the Sgt. of
Guard arranged
to have an

extra pack up
my next turn so
that I could attend
the special evening
service at 2006.

I got off guard for
Elder Bruce R. McKorkie's
meeting. He talked to
us in an informal
we finished our first 8
wks of basic 27th Sept.

way. He told how with
scripture we knew so
far more than did
scientists about
evolution. And time
periods of the earth
its creation and
man upon the earth.

Sat. 3rd Oct. '53
M Co won the Division
Parade.

Sun. morning Oct. 4
saw a little part
of Conference on T. 6

Signed up for
USAFI and Book
of Mormon Course
by the B.Y.U.

Sunday Oct. 25 left for
Hunter Liggett bivouac
area. Was there two
weeks. The following
Sun. Nov. 1st the
LDS boys went
to a report about

our camp area
and held a ~~for~~
Testimony meeting
and the sacrament.

Today Nov. 8 we
are back after a
17 mile "tactical
march" at night.
Had inspections
during Sat and
Sunday morning after
return. Have just
returned from Priethood
and Soc. meeting - Our
new Chaplain was
present who replaced
our former LDS
chaplain, O. Council

He is a Mortensen
from Arizona.

We have two weeks
left in this cycle.

The 23 of Oct.

I recieved word
while on bivouac
was the date of
the death of
"Tom" Aunt Agnes

Purcell. I read
it in Harold's
paper of the car-
train accident
that is. Later I
received a short
letter from
Mary Ann saying

that she had passed
away Friday morning,
Edgar, ^{Purcell, Shirley} John, and
Helen Hollick were
injured in the accident.

St. Donald Purcell
was driver and also
hospitalized.

Wed. Nov. 12 Armistice Day
had a pass. went to
Monterey saw Parade.
Saw Fisherman's Wharf.
Saw open Fish markets
and waterfront saw
fishing boats, crews
etc.

Nov. 14. uneventful

birthday. Usual
army day. Became
24 yrs. old.

16 Nov. Sunday,
went to Pacific Grove
to Sunday School
with (Hank)
Hendricus ~~Hijet~~
Huyboom and after
wards went
down to the beach,
walk on the beach
of the Pacific
Ocean. Saw waves
come in spray
go up 20 ft
on the large rocks
on part of sea
coast line.

Nov. 21 graduated,
received blue
scarf and insignia
discs.

attended Sunday
School, now

prepare to POR
out, Orders to
Europe, Leave
Ft. at 3:00
for Salt Lake

Address changed

Prov. Co 2064

APO 8420 P.M.

N.Y., N.Y.

4th Repl. Co. A.P.O. 39 P.M.

N.Y., N.Y.

Spent Christmas at
Zweibrücken, &
leave day after Christmas
for Frankfurt.

567 Mar 54
attended LDS
servicemen's
Banquet at
Frankfurt.

Elder Henry D
Mayes was
the presiding
authority.

Light Meter	22.50
Camera Case	9.95
Rollie	117.50
2 Filters	5.50
lens hood	3.00
L	<u>156.95</u>

Edixa	42
tripod	5

AWOL Bag 3.25

(over)

Presents for home

Feb. 1 used wrist watch $\$5.50$

Mar. 1 little doggie clock sent 8.00

(Rollei)

Hotels Day

May 400 Day Clock to Mom 10.45
 3.50
 $\$14.00$

Rolleiflex

taking lens serial/no.

3633443

viewing lens # 528996

\$1.2⁰⁰ and 10 mks
Norvell

~~\$75~~ Roots paid

~~\$40~~ Jim paid

~~\$30~~ Norvell paid

\$20 Jim 31 Dec

5⁰⁰ Sgt Dotson

^{\$}(230 at Lunds banking)

incoming

May 3 4.50

May 4 10.00

May 6 4.00

May 11 75.63 Fed. income tax refund

May 20 112.00 VA

Soldiers Deposit

1 Mar. 54	5 ⁰⁰
31 Mar.	5 ⁰⁰
30 Apr	5 ⁰⁰
1 June	5 ⁰⁰
30 June	5 ⁰⁰
31 July	110 ⁰⁰
31 Aug	10 ⁰⁰
30 Sept	10 ⁰⁰
31 Oct	10 ⁰⁰
16 Dec.	NONE
31 Dec	NONE
28 Feb	5 ⁰⁰

Payroll (From 1 June 54)

Friedberg	30 June 54	106 ⁰⁰
Grafenwöhr	31 July 54	113 ⁰⁰
Friedberg	31 Aug 54	102 ⁰⁰
Friedberg	30 Sept 54	102 ⁰⁰
Friedberg	31 Oct 54	102 ⁰⁰
Friedberg	16 Dec 54	102 ⁰⁰
Friedberg	31 Dec 54	107 ⁰⁰
"	31 Jan 55	125 ⁰⁰
ie	28 Feb 55	125 ⁰⁰
	Mar	145
	Apr	125
	May	276
	<u>muster pay</u>	<u>100</u>

Tithing
for total
£ 80.25

Payed: 28th May 55

record money Tithing
To home fr. amount date

from 1 June 54

1 June 43.20 \$ 2020 1 June
30 June 23 20 10 60 30 June

4 July 10 60 11 30 31 July

31 July 10 20 / 30 10 20 Aug

Mr Brown Oct 20 130 10 20 Sep

~~total 24 20~~ 10 20 Oct

130

45.20

16.30

Tithing 30.60

16 00 money order 5 Nov 54

paid up to date of 1 Nov 54

paid up to date of 30 Nov
\$119.10 total

receipted for (see following
page,
record at home

30 Nov. \$1.73

tithing ~~10.70~~

Money at home

Tithing
\$ 1.73 30 Nov (due 10.20)

tithing receipts

Apr. 40.60

" 6.00

Je 20.00

Jy 10.60

Aug 11.30

Nov 30.60

2 red Riding Hood dolls

(1) for Marcia

7 German costume dolls

\$17.50

140112 2 sisters in law

~~140112~~

4 sisters

3 vases black & white

1 arab head piece

1 statuette

3 sets salt & pepper shakers

2 small novelty clocks

Hummer / wave (6 pc)

- ① boy with rabbits
- ② boy dog and fiddle
- ③ boy with dog & umbrella
- ④ boy with horn, bird on toe
- ⑤ boy on tree
- ⑥ little girl with flower

Rothmans 142 84 DM
Mr Brown

① 400 Day Clock 9.95
Thelma

① small 400 Day Clock 8.50
AL

① small 400 Day Clock 8.50 home
1 blackforest knife 11 DM

① black forest knife 11 DM

② small pocket kn. 10 DM

1 smaller " knife 7 DM

figuer

← figurines (over) 6 pièces

hand uhr 30 DM

presents 500 from mom
grand uke for Alto
figurine for
finnie & Theda

150

150

~~10~~ in

8

30 titmy

10 for telegram

258 to home
owed

25⁰⁰

Mr Brown

for cheap
lenses

Xmas cards received
in Germany 1954
Tex Gardner,
Les Bateman
Mavis Wright
Mory Ann

9th World Bishopric
Henk Huijsboom
Harold & Helen
Jack Hillmans
Lela Godfrey
Mom & Dad
Shaleen & Dix

Homer "Tex" Doyle - Texas at Fuessen
Duke Ireland & family
Cpl Darwin Anderson
Aunt Lella

Kietz Larson
Henry 'Hank' Pozhanski
Claudia & Arch
Perron Anderson
Aunt Fannie
Bob Hamworth

David Croft & family

Norman Reece

C. S. Stacki

Theola Dunn

Orion Brown

Dorothy & Brick Parkinson

J. Wendell Stacki

J. A. Patterson, Wash

Estu, Tex, U. Kent

Kaye Hacker

Aunt Mabel

Kenneth Patterson

Addresses:

NELDON D DYLER

Box 64

NOR. UTAH

ROUTE 2, BOX 208

REBERG. IDAHO

Melvin C. Fish

Pintura, Utah

NORMAN G. REECE

Box 228

ABERDEEN, IDAHO

PHONE 206 4

1955

Tithing Record

~~Tithing receipts.~~

date	amount
30 Nov 54	10.20 due
31 Dec 54	10.70 due

Money home

date	amount
30 Nov	\$1.73

Tithing 1955

\$160	\$70.25
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Feb	Feb
Mar	Mar
Apr	Apr
May	May

The Art Center

5353 West Third St
Los Angeles, Calif.

Payroll

Cp Kilmer	8 Dec '53	40 ⁰⁰
Zweibrucken	23 Dec '53	20 ⁰⁰
Friedberg	11 Feb 54	195-
"	1 Mar "	91
"	31 Mar "	60
"	30 Apr "	91
"	1 June "	91
incidental		10-
"	30 June "	106-
"	31 July "	113-

money at home

59.82 tax return

1 June 54 at home

43.23

minus till 20 —

53.23 balance
at home

tithing date
paid up to and
including 31 Mar.

30 April 9.10

1 June 9.10

plus 1.

paid £20.00

June total 10.60

Tithing

to Idune paid
paid to 30 June

To be paid on
rations

540 days

X \$1.10 per day

594.0

$1/10 = 59.40$
Tithing

Soldier's Deposit

1 Mar	\$ 500
31 Mar	500
30 Apr	500
1 June	500
30 June	500
31 July	11000

Birthdates:

Claudia	11 May
Warren	23 Nov
Marjorie	14 Feb
Thelma	12 Mar
Anna	21 Mar
Alma	12 April
Lois	11 Jan
Paul	7 Sept.
Barney	4 Jan.
Arch	24 July

Sharleen & Dix

Marj. 955 Ada Ave
the/ma Box 257 Aber
Anna Route #3 I.F.

Claudia Hess

Box 315 Shelley
Berdett

413 Moscow

Warren - 1137

1137 Main St - Evanston,
Hensley Wyo. ~~Wyo.~~

Box 54 Austin Hall

Box 40

Nathan Farnworth

1410 Evan's Ave, Gridley, Calif.

MR Farnworth SK3

NSD storage Box 40

Navy 926 7a FPO

San Fran, Calif

Aunt Mabel % J D Cherry

Rt 2 N. Pocahontas

Jennie Walters
154 Nor. 1st East St
Rexburg

CH Ward Rt 2 Box 36 Rex
Aunts - Rexburg RFD #2

Max Brown Box 344

Ellis Hemsley
Co B 1401st Engr Bn (a)
Ft. Lewis, Wash

Elder Rex Bateman
4316 Beggs Box 105
Houston, 5514 Caroline
Texas New Add

Elder Lavat Godfrey
~~780 Main St.~~
~~Conneaut, Ohio~~

West German Mission
Betbinastrasse 55
Frankfurt A Main

Swiss Mission
Basel, Swiss.

Leimenstr. 49

Ferron Anderson

~~München (Munich) 15~~

~~Rückert str 2~~

Sharlene & Dix Kelsey

~~Dutie Apt. Apt. A~~

~~17 Minor St~~

~~Falmouth, Mass~~

VS 56 226009

Kenneth J. Patterson
1444 Thayer Dr.
Richland, Wash

VS 56 226009

H. Mort. Co. 112th Inf. Regt.

APO 111

Pt Norman G Reese

US 56 211706

Box 228 Aberdeen, Idaho

Hq & Hq Co. 110th Inf. Regt.

28th Div. APO 111

Hq 47th Inf Regt
APO 35

Pfc Arnold L Frazer

H & S Co 103 Engr. 28 Div

A.P.O. 111 70 P.M. N.Y., N.Y.

Pvt Harold R. Ireland

US 56 211 694

Btry "B" 1st Tng. Bn.

~~Hq. Hq. Bn. 5th Tn Bn~~

AAA RTC (by Aids)

Ft. Bliss, Texas

Hendricus L Hüyboom

US 56 213 946

Co A 8th TTRG

APD 578

757

582 So 2nd West

Salt Lake City

Wm O Kussman

RA 194-50749

4th Sig. Co

4th Inf. Div.

APD 39

Huyboom

To Mrs. C Sprank

313 W 5 So.

Salt Lake City, Utah

Wayne R Hurlin

537 Commonwealth Ave

Salt Lake City 6, Utah

Warren B Davis

736 So 11 East

Salt Lake City, Utah

Elder Rex O Gardner

Calle Brito del Pino 1525

Montivideo, Uruguay, South

Ferron Anderson

~~München 15~~

~~Ruckertstr. 2~~

Maj. Denmark C Jensen

044695

164th Inf. APO 112

Derold Bates

5 East 2nd South

Rexburg, Idaho

Darwin Anderson

US56211698

Co D 110 Inf. Regt. 28th Div.
APO 111 7. PM

New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Reno And. Thornton, ^{Box 7} Ida

Elder Herman Hatch

Hugo De Groot Plein 18
Delft

Elder Gaylen Beezer

Provenierssingel 22A
Rotterdam

Laver Godfrey

267 Cleveland St.

1390 N 3rd West

Provo, Utah

Coal P Daeylen

1124 D

Lexington

Glendale, Ca, Calif

Berdett 244 N. Lilly
Moscow

Ferron Andersen
Elverdissersstr
13 (Hinterhaus)
Herford

695N 7E prva

Les Mason 1
812 West Maxwell
Lexington, Ky
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Richard Lund Lexington
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Reno, Nevada

Orlynn Wang US 55392590

'C' Btry 32nd FA Bn APO 162

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APO 139

PO Box 422

Mineral Wells Tex

PA 1973

~~703 Livermore Ave~~
Livermore, Calif.

Ray Griggs 1258 B Park St
Livermore, Calif.
Box 112
Driggs, Idaho

Calvin W. Ashby
256 So 2W
Richfield, Utah

Kodachrome
developing

Kodak AG

Stuttgart-Wangen

Rt. Ellis Hemsley

~~Hc's~~ ^{Co. B} 1401 st

Engr Bn (C)

Ft. Lewis,

Wash.

M. R. Farnworth SK3

NSD Storage Box 40

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San Francisco, Calif.

Max Brown

Box 344.

Rexburg, Idaho

Marjorie

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Aunt Jennie Walters
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H. Ward R.F. Box 36 Rex.

Hemsley SN
Box ~~54~~ 40
Austin Hall
Idaho Falls,
Idaho

Hess Berdett
Box 315 413 Asburg,
Shelley Moscow

Military Leave Journal

Middle East

I mid-East

1955

30th of January finished details of obtaining clearance for leave.

For two months prior have been going to Frankfurt to the consular for passport, visas, international shot record.

Clearance for leave obtained thru USAREUR on ordinary leave absence. 1st submitted leave papers returned because of interference of allowing passport to Israel and non-admittance by Arab nations bordering Israel to people coming from Israel.

So Israel was scratched from the list and resubmitted with Jordan in its place.

Leave Orders read as follows:

USAREUR clearance to Libya, Trans-Jordan, Egypt, & Lebanon. Also Greece, Italy, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Netherlands, England, Denmark, & Allied zones of Germany.

We came again today after "pay call" after being unable to get a "hop" by air this morning.

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ME

Hoping for a hop in the morning.
Staying at the Four Seasons Hotel
~~Hotel Fingering~~. "Fier Jahreszeiten Hotel"

Have in possession 23 rolls of
35 mm 20 exposure Kodachrome
film and 31 rolls of 120 black & white
plus X for the 30 day leave.

Staying in hotel in Frankfurt with
Carl Doerfler & Les Mason awaiting
notice from the travel office for call
and information as to when
the plane will leave.

Frankfurt Jan. 30

Went to Frankfurt unable to get
hop.

Went to Friedberg Jan 31 for
pay call. Went back to Hotel in
Frankfurt.

Went out to snack bar & store
and bought some things to
lunch on.

Showered and hit the sack.

Next morning approximately 0500
call came to report with baggage
at Baselerhof Hotel opposite MATS
Office. (Military Air Transportation Service)
Here we checked baggage

3 corporals - last 3 names read on a
long list of scheduled passengers
for flight. Just above us
in seniority was Capt. Dunn
(Father Dunn)

a catholic chaplain) young man
likely under 35

We left Rhein-Main air base at
0815 on a C 54 (four engine plane)
a very nice ride with 2
stewardesses. A very nice box
lunch was served for a fee
of 40¢ and no other charge
was asked.

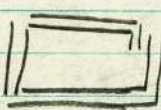
We traveled with Capt. Dunn
who was going to the Holy Land.
He had met Mason in conjunction

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with his duties as chaplain's assistant at Friedberg.

At Tripoli, Libya we were able to get a hop on to Cairo within 8 hours after landing. It was necessary that we have our uniforms on to ride on MATS. But also civilian clothes had to be carried since in those mid-east countries as well as Switzerland uniforms were not allowed to be worn.

Tripoli was a very flat desert place near the coast of the Mediterranean Sea part of the North African continent of course.

It was a cool sunny day. The houses from the air looked like this  open tops around the outside was a wall, the dwellings were inside.

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Our arrival at Tripoli was at 2:30 pm
~~but~~ we left at 4:30 and arrived in
Cairo at 9:30 p.m.

Here at the plane we were met by
a 4½ foot tall Arab fellow who spoke
fluent English. He was a very interesting
receptionist and was called Chico. He
was known to the pilots and some others
who apparently flew that way occasionally.

The plane was a heavy ship and the
young man in charge thus far was a
steward.

We were taken to the air port
building where we went thru
customs (check for cigarettes,
and liquors.) Not rigid but
seemingly hostile. We then
went into a room removed our
hats, Ike jackets and put on
our civilian top coats and

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returned.

Then some arabs started carrying our baggage out.

We were having a hard time wondering if we would be able to keep up to it all.

Then they started arguing which cab and cab driver we would be going with.

Then Chico came out, raised his voice and arabs really scattered. Then he ushered us into cabs told them to take us to Hotel Victoria and also gave them instructions to tip off Sam that we were there.

So then he told us Sam was a very good guide and that we should make use of his contact. His fees were reasonable and he had a car

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could take us all over on tour,
So we left the strange air port in
the middle of the night where all
the strange fellows ~~was~~ with red
caps & black tassels and long
dark red robes stared with dark
eyes piercingly thru one. An
~~very~~ ~~gay~~ eerie feeling indeed.

The taxis drove toward town.
It seemed a half hour drive.
Carl and I were in one cab while
Les & Capt. Dunn were in another.
And our baggage we were never
sure of but I did have the bag
with my cameras about my
neck. (I was carrying a camera
bag with the Rolleiflex, light meter,
and Wigan "Edixa" in it plus
some of the film.

My large ~~awot~~ bag got a
rip in it in the baggage department

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of the plane during some of the handling.

Our cab stopped at some place along the way and some passengers got off. It seemed like it was a station wagon, or else a very large custom model Chrysler.

Well it was many miles. The streets were wide like boulevards and street lights were every little ways. On so many of these corners Arabs stood under the lamp posts some of them talking. Most of them wore the long robes. The night was pitch black away from the very near vicinity of the lights among the houses, alleys and streets running off the boulevard. We arrived in front of the Hotel

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M-E

Victoria at last and we immediately met by Sam. In fact the driver made sure by driving past the hotel making a U turn and signaling for Sam. Then Sam met us as we got out of the taxi also and we told him that we would talk to him in the morning.

Well of course we weren't there long before we were registered at the Hotel and a large very tall dark arab in dark colored reddish robe with red cap & tassel came for our baggage. He carried it to the stairs and up several flights, it seems. They did have an elevator also. This we rode most of the time - going up at least. The ceilings were especially high.

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the hallways narrow.

Carl and I took a room on the 4th or 5th floor & Capt Dunn & Les on the Second. They stayed together here in Cairo.

We were glad to get to a room. He showed us in placed our luggage - hung around for a moment or two but we didn't offer to tip him so he left.

Finally we decided to check the second entrance to our room another door we made sure that it was locked. It sounds as tho we were really chickens but believe me it was a strange feeling. The arabs bell boys (whatever they might have been called all gave one the impression that they were alike. They returned the gaze with a very ~~flank~~ piercing

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store. One could not help but to feel ill at ease. We opened the window and gazed upon the street below running in front of the Hotel. It was not well lighted, other streets ran into it from many directions the side streets were ~~ill~~ dim lighted and as figures moved briskly about the street below we noticed the shadows cast in an easy eerie way upon the pavement. It was a brisk night and they moved about rapidly not slowly as one would suppose clots might move. There was a misty appearance fading into the dark as one look toward line of the horizon beyond the roofs

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of the lower buildings, there was a smell associated with Cairo, I shall never forget it when ever I think of it I find in my minds eye associated with it the view from our hotel window.

Well ~~it was~~ the 1st day of Feb 1955 was nearly gone. What a change had occurred in that day,

From a feeling of security, friendship in Frankfurt to the one expressed here the same day.

Chills went up my spine as I imagined what this strange people were doing to me - unconsciously but I was unable to cope with the dark piercing gaze and not feel uncomfortable. However, many a combination of stories, scenes from movies and a conglomeration of ideas from a life time of handed-down

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information may have wielded a great influence at this moment.

Our toilet facilities were out of our room, around a corner of the hall way and it seemed a long time before Carl returned.

Les came up before retiring and we planned some what for our trip. We were tentative in planning of course.

We decided that one should conduct for each of the three weeks we would be gone. I think that ^{Les} Mason was first followed by Carl and then me.

This person would have a certain amount of veto power in case of a tie or near tie in our plans.

He would by appointment be in charge of such things as

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taking charge of our devotional periods.

So Mason began his turn as we knelt in a circle of prayer.

Thus ended our first day, a very eventful day. We had traveled $\begin{array}{r} 1,430 \\ 2,961 \end{array}$ miles from Frankfurt to Tripoli and another 961 miles in a Navy D54 to Cairo in just over 13 hours including our ~~2 hours~~ ^{2nd Feb} in Tripoli.

The next morning we were confronted by Sam before breakfast but we were able to fairly well shake him by going into the dining room.

Before we left the dining room a large man dressed with typical Arab robe and a turban headress came in and talked to us. He wore an arm band with Hotel Victoria on it and either must have had a franchise or else worked for the hotel because

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Sam didn't come into the dining hall as he did. However Sam was waiting and we couldn't leave without seeing him in the lobby.

Well we needed to go ^{to} the American Express Co. so we made no commitments.

We took the big fellow from the Hotel with us as an escort to the Amexco. On the way we were confronted ~~by~~ another Sam.

He assured us that his fees were the most nominal and that he had a good car and driver.

His tour was authentic and educational.

We didn't buy. So another block further we were confronted again. This time the Sams turned out to be Sam's cousins and the real Sam owned a ^{souvenir} shop in Cairo right on the main street we were traveling. So we finally went into his shop. Of course our Hotel man

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waited for us and told us to be careful of Sam.

This 3rd Sam was a nice looking young man, (perhaps 30)

He tried to sell us souvenirs but seemed only a little interested in tours. When we did not respond he wanted them to line us up with an Uncle who furnished the best tours yet. Well it happened we left - didn't buy anything. They were getting more put out all the time.

On the way on to the Amfeca we were often fronted with hordes of shoeshine boys, fellows, selling red hats, quirts and other articles. We didn't buy any but sometimes they became so thick that we couldn't get on down the sidewalk. Then the big man from the hotel would speak roughly to them

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and they would drop back and let us go by but only a few minutes later the same situation would again arise.

We were relieved when we came to the Amexco office and got away from these beggars, and peddlers.

Here we changed money into the Egyptian money. (piasters)

They had some very good tours set up and we decided this office was well organized so we should take a tour from them. They all were clean and wore good clothing so we talked tour with them. They arranged to take care of us for what seemed a reasonable fee. And so we were assigned to a dragon man dragoon.
He was a well educated man, ~~from~~ 56 years old. ~~(by appearance)~~
He had a driver at his possession and took us to the Hotel and arranged to

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pick us up for ~~an afternoon~~
day tour. ~~same day~~ for a scheduled 2-day

Well as we left our big friend
from the Hotel who had confidently
led us to the office turned away apparently
very disappointed and disgusted as well
and took off down the street. We
didn't see him again either at the
Hotel or in Cairo.

Our guide told us his name
but we were unable to speak
even that much
Arabic so for short he
told us to just call him Aka
"Okay"

He had at one time visited many
leading universities in the U.S. and
having spent several years here spoke
English quite well. It seemed the
Arabs spoke English with little
trouble from broken English and pronunciation
difficulties which seem to be so

evident with many peoples such as
Scandinavian or European peoples.

So the guide & driver picked us up
and our tour started. the morning of
the second day.

He took us to the mosques in Cairo.
The old mosque called "the blue mosque"
and also Al Mahammed Ali's mosque
then to the citadel.

In the older blue mosque some construction
was under way. Men were carrying the
rubble out in baskets on their backs
or heads. This is where they worked
slowly. It was a huge domed building
which all mosques seemed to be.

It had a courtyard affair. We were
taken there by Alca. He paid our tickets
and all accommodations, in this way we were
not having to worry about being charged
~~un~~ unreasonable fees. We had to place
a sort of slipper over our street shoes

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before entering. And of course the natives went barefoot inside their mosque or temple.

The lights were turned on for us. They were suspended from the ceiling and there were a great many of them which illuminated the mosque well. The sort of altars were unique. One here had gold leaf sheaves on the side.

Then we went by the citadel.

An aqueduct ran from the Nile to the Citadel. (This ancient work remains in part to be one of the 7 wonders of the world. Cairo of old connected to wall of 62 gates. One gate of "victory". 2 gates north & south open.

Menlur 1630 came from Turkey (flag was red & white crystals and stone)

Mohammed Ali's mother was an Albanian woman.

Menlur was a sea captain.

Then the citadel was decided to be used (1803-1805) built ~~and~~ became changed some reconstruction and rearrangement. Became palace of Saladin. 1809 he became the pasha (spelling) and took control of

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the Mamluk.

(1899) 499 Mamluk killed by Mohammed Ali then the Mamluk scattered from Cairo.

" perhaps group such as legendary Arabian nights where an entire group under one man ruled.

1918 father of Farouk made ruler.

Mosque built in 1830 after Mohammed Ali started it.

1848 M. Ali. died
work was copied from St. Saphya of Constantinople.

the 2nd mosque or Mohammed Ali mosque of Cairo copied from Abraham's temple in Mecca.

We went then to the old city of Cairo slums. sandy streets. they were walled and we were glad because we saw enough poverty on the street.

Many donkeys were seen pulling carts.

Some camels were seen here also.

Part of this old city was a cemetery, or at least it had been but the poor still lived here.

The people here were merely existing. We went to a Catholic church where

in the rear we entered a Grotto which was supposed to have been the same

one used by Joseph & Mary after their arrival from Bethlehem. (Flight to Egypt)

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We visited the bazaar and the market place. We were asked by Aka to keep our cameras in their cases while on the streets. The arabs were superstitious of cameras, they may have become enraged had we tried photographing them in the open. Also the government took the right to confiscate film depicting the poverty conditions of Egypt. Partly in fear of alien influence such as communist propaganda to use such pictures to influence people against the Egyptian government.

While following Aka down the side walk in the market place a large ant reached out seized hold of my shoulder when I turned toward him he showed his biceps and grinned broadly showing his teeth some of them missing.

We saw the center of the street lined with carts, makeshift stands with fruit, vegetables for sale.

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They were really busy. People hustling all about. A lot of donkeys crowded the traffic. There were no cars driving about in this street which was so crowded with carts, people & animals.

Along the street - side walk shops opened up immediately onto the street.

Here we saw dressed animals hanging in the open air. The carcasses didn't look like the ones we would see in a butcher shop or cooler ~~box~~ at home. They were long ^{sinewy} ~~sinewy~~ carcasses bloody and showing for the most part very little fat. I guess there were camels, sheep, goats, I don't know what else. Water buffalo & donkeys I suppose.

Alka had a deal I guess where he was linked to bring us to certain of the bazaars. We did a lot of shopping.

But the visit to the perfume shop was unprofitable to the owner as far as we could ~~see~~ see. We were not interested. All bachelors except Carl & he didn't buy any. Then another

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shop was a leather shop. Here they tried to sell us ~~port~~ purses, and other goods. Covered hassocks etc. which were supposed to be world famous.

They were nice but very bulky and we didn't care to ~~see~~ pay to have them shipped for us.

We then went on with Aka

We saw where Moses was found in the bull rushes on a little island on the Nile. It was much changed.

No bull rushes. A modern cement embankment or retaining wall surrounds a part of the island.

Then we went to the Museum.

Inside we saw things from King Tut. and other relics & statues from the early cultures.

A statue inside of King Chephren the builder of the 2nd ~~Pyramid~~ ^{Pyramid} of Giza.

It was carved in alabaster stone 5,400 years old.

Alabaster stone like marble but softer. May have been long distances

to Egypt from quarries out of that area or at least away from Cairo.

1550 BC King Tutmosis III who by legend was raised by milk of a cow.

The Cobra & Vulture sacred symbols having to do with death.

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the vulture carried the spirit to heaven.
the cobra blowing on the forehead
drives the spirit from the body.

The island where Moses was found was
near the harbor where the stone for the
pyramids were crossed over the Nile.

On the east of Cairo at ~~a distant~~ from
the Mohammed Ali Mosque near the top
of a mountain above Cairo, the cities
highest point perhaps, we could look
eastward and within 2 or ~~three~~ miles see
the vast quarries in the mountain side
where a huge mountain had been
~~been~~ hewn away in vertical
cliffs arose. These were the
quarries for the stone of the pyramids.

In the haze of the morning sunlight
one could see across Cairo, the
Nile valley to a sand desert
plateau where pyramids loomed
in the dusky sky of the Horizon. There
were several. One outstanding group
were those of Giza. Smaller ones
showed up ~~else~~ elsewhere on the
western horizon.

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It was a distance of 20 miles I suppose making a rough guess. Aka took us on a tour about the mosque telling us of the legends connected with it and also of the early rulers of that country since the time of the mosques.

At the museum Aka told us a lot about the statues of significance, their early sculpture work, civilization rulers and customs and explained things of interest such as emballings etc as much as he knew which I understand today the ancient arts are little ~~and~~ understood. There were carvings, ~~to~~ hieroglyphics stone statues of early Kings & rulers.

beds, chariots, beads, fine ivory work, works taken from mummy cases, tombs etc were displayed in glass cases. In front of the museum we saw several small sphinx. Also a pond where papyrus was growing. Very green reed like and tall.

He didn't explain how the paper scrolls

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may have been made but he did say that perhaps by pressing. In the museum we saw several pairs of sandals which were made of papyrus - pressed together in layers.

Then he took us to the Embassy where we checked into the country.

Then he took us to the hotel and we arranged to meet him the next morning at the hotel for another day of touring.

After supper at the hotel we walked around Cairo. It seemed much nicer at night. We got down on the main streets of town and they were not so congested with peddlers and beggars.

Lee wanted a belt for his to wear with his "civils" so we went into a store that had dry goods and looked around.

This became a very comical experience. Several of the salesgirls there who were young girls tried unsuccessfully to wait on him. They tried speaking

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in French and some other languages but finally one came who could speak a little English. Then by sign language and pointing we got the point across.

Then we were shown the selection of belts. Then came the size. That too took a lot of sign language but finally one was found after the manager of the store was brought out to help and at last a size and choice was made and the little sales clerk made a sale and was probably glad to finish waiting on us although she might have, like us, enjoyed it.

We went out on the street. It was dark but of course the street was well lit up with store windows, & street lights.

We walked several blocks down the street and finally saw Dunn who had wandered on while we

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were shopping for the belt. He was coming back down the street. He had gone several blocks, seen nothing of interest and so had returned.

So we crossed at the stop light and went down another street to a theatre. But we had to wait. They sold tickets and admission only at the change of the show. So we walked about for a short time looking at store windows until we were able to find finally buy our tickets.

During this time we were harassed by beggars & shoe shiners.

One little girl who had had her foot cut off and was a little bit crippled limbed about. She was very agile and she followed us all about.

She didn't speak just made sounds, opened her mouth and motioned with her hand. I think we gave her some change but she still

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followed us until finally a policeman
~~interven~~ intervened and she scrambled
across the street in front of the
automobiles and disappeared the
cop shouting at her.

The movie that we saw there
was on an English sound track.

It was "The Student Prince"

Holly wood production of Ludwig,
the Mad Prince. Not mad in the
show however.

It seemed nice to see the show
of beautiful green Deutschland,
and the Romantic city of Heidelberg
and its university.

One fellow who sat by me in
the movie was very friendly and
talkative after the show when the
lights went on in the theatre.

He apparently was a student
at the American University in Cairo
or at least had been. He was
young and enjoyed talking to
someone in English, from the U.S.

We could have had an enjoyable visit
but the other fellows were anxious to
get back to the hotel it was
after 10:00 pm or maybe even
much later.

On the way back we ~~had been~~ ^{were}

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having trouble with the various peddlars.

Everything from red hats with black tassels to shoe shines.

We were warned several times by friendly people we met well dressed to not wear pencils etc outside our coats but Mason disregarded this advice and left his eversharp which was only a cheap one on the outside pocket of his jacket.

Along the street which was not so well lighted now we passed darkened door ways where people were crowded into huddles sleeping away nothing except their robes on their backs. After we walked several blocks we came to Victoria square and turned to our left and headed toward the hotel about three blocks away.

Along this road (street) Dunn got detained by a very talkative

gentleman so much that we finally missed him and went back looking for him.

We found him alright. A couple of shoe shine boys had him, a shoe a piece.

Well we returned then over our route to the hotel. In ^(right) site of the hotel we saw a little outfit on the side walk looked like a little pan that roasted nuts are in in carnivals and theatres.

I guess it was sort of their version of hamburger. It may have been mixed with rice but anyway the raw product was there as well as the cooked and that was proof enough that we really weren't hungry so we went on.

As we were crossing the street to the hotel which was a corner building Lee and I were close together when two

fellows approached us; one of them holding up a sheet of paper.

sort of stiff card board.

We supposed he had something to sell and as our attention was drawn to the card he made a rapid swipe with the card drawing it up Lee's jacket pocket and pulling the eversharp by its clasp from his pocket.

Lee grabbed for it and in the brief scuffle managed to get hold of it. However it was badly bent & out of shape.

The only time that I ever saw Lee really riled up and ready to go on the war path. The two fellows were young and dressed in white clothing. They scrambled across the street and away. They were carefully watched by others

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on the street and so kept on going.

It was a very brief encounter and now we knew what the warnings had been for.

Well we there ended the 2nd day. The luggage & peddlars follow up to the steps of the hotel where they finally leave off until one comes out again then they flock to meet you.

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We fooled the peddlars this day. Aka picked us up in front of the Hotel and at 9:00 a.m. ~~we~~ we left. We crossed the Nile and out to the oldest city of Memphis.

Along the way we saw a village among the palm trees which ~~was~~ we were told was where Moses was supposed to have been born.

This was a good road. One side was bordered by a canal which was almost empty.

The other side by fields. And also fields across the canal.

There was a lot of traffic on the road. Mostly carts a few wagons and donkeys and camels with packs on their backs.

a funny thing about these donkeys.

I guess from pictures etc. of prospectors, and Mexicans I have always thought of burros or donkeys as very slow moving individuals.

It was surprising here to see them. They rushed along the streets at a very brisk pace. Part of the time on a high trot and even galloping at times when being ridden.

It was surprising to me. Also very few appeared to be castrated among the males. I wondered at this and if it wouldn't make a more difficult job in handling them. But perhaps this was the reason they didn't appear so sluggish and docile. (the same with cattle)

Well along the way we saw crude farming techniques. The strange looking cattle appeared like hinder types or perhaps related to the water buffalo.

They had the large high shoulder blades. One farmer was plowing with one and his plow was merely a stick one end being pulled along in the soil. The soil was a very deep

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black soil.

Well this old city of Memphis one time the capitol of Egypt was a desolate looking place. Certainly not resembling a city of any type now. One sphinx here was large 10 or 12 feet high. Originally, we were told, two such figures - this one of the originals were mounted at the gates to the city. This one had been taken from the mud and flood deposits from among the silt of a flood plane. Other figures of alabaster were here. One enclosed in a building which was a huge statue of Ramses II. It was lying in a horizontal position and was forty to fifty feet long. Perhaps even more.

The few dwellings at Memphis were very old ones. People here were very poor. Many wore black clothes and women had black veils

Some of the ~~small~~ camels were loaded with what appeared ^{to be} fire wood but may have been willows, etc gathered for use in forming a base for their smaller dwelling huts. These ~~the~~ appeared to be made of mud placed over a form or structure of tangled woven willows. And from appearance and the realization that this arid country with only 1-3 days of rainfall in a year, one might not be able to even guess the age of such dwellings.

Along the canal we saw women scrubbing clothes in the muddy water. We saw even toddling children playing in the canal waters also. But at this season the water was low. Some were carrying mud from the canal in baskets up over the high banks

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to their fields.

We asked the guide to stop at one place where we were going to get out and take a picture of a farmer operating a very primitive type pump. It was a wooden tube - open on one side.

A sort of auger type wooden structure was in the center which he turned by a handle which brought the water up a tier at a time to the top of the canal bank where it went out on the field.

Others we saw were carrying water by bucket.

When we started to get out to take a picture Aka said no don't. So we didn't and as soon as the fellow saw us stopped and taking pictures he came running toward us and shouting. ~~the~~ He must have meant business judging from how shook the driver got. But he finally drove off leaving the arab standing in a

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in a cloud of dust in the road.

Then we got off the Nile valley with its dark soil and dark green vegetation and drove on to the edge of the desert. Here we saw the oldest pyramids of Egypt.

They were not so tall nor symmetrical and were apparently never finished smoothly. They were rather rounded at the top and very rough in construction.

Then Aka took us on to the tomb tombs of Mela or Mera (mayor of town) ^{the real city or tomb of the Caliphs} chief justice. Hieroglyphics were on most of the walls. They told stories, depicted the character of the ruler his hunts, his trading experiences etc. Women going to market, Hippopotamus eating crocodiles or alligators.

There were several rooms underground. The tops of buildings here were even with the sandy desert floor and the entrances and insides had been

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In this area are some ruins of the early Roman era when they were ruling the world, excavated.

We left here and drove a few miles farther to the tomb of the sacred bulls.

This was a unique place.

It consisted of underground passage ways lighted by electricity.

Above ground it was merely a part of the sandy desert terrain. In the area small uneven knolls arose. Here many arabs (the money seeking photogenic ones)

were waiting with smiles to take tourists for camel rides or rides on carts.

Aka kept them from hounding us and we went on into the underground caverns.

The main passage way was very long. It was perhaps 12 feet high and as wide.

At intervals along the way alternating on either side were very large openings, rooms

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actually, which contained large alabaster stone boxes with lids. The height of the boxes were 14 or 15 feet ^{high} about that wide and 20 feet long.

Larger than the passage way, the stone walls of the boxes were unjointed and appeared to be from one stone except for the lid which was one piece and they were all 12 to 18 inches thick.

It remains a mystery how these were placed as they were. Being ~~smaller~~ larger than the entrance, no evidence of bracing shows up as indication that they were set down into the rooms from above and later covered over.

These were called the tombs of the sacred bulls and apparently in some former dynasty this animal was worshipped by a people and embalmed and buried as part of a religious move or ~~ritual~~ ritual.

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We drove down the opposite side of the Nile River to the pyramids of Giza. The largest of the pyramids and the ones accompanied by the large sphinx.

Along this road we saw carts and wagons going to market. Mostly however one sees the more primitive transportation. The donkey or camel with its heavy back.

We saw some fishermen with their nets fishing in the water of the Nile. Water was being pumped onto the land. Of all these miles we saw only 1 gas engine operated pump.

Good pictures of local color were hard to get.

Along the way we saw animals tethered by a leg usually and a large awkward looking rope crudely woven.

We saw a few corals for livestock. Occasionally cattle were seen feeding in fields.

But mostly we noticed that

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they were ~~at~~ tethered in the area of the hut and a small bunch of freshly cut green feed lay before them. Here the greatest evidence of poverty showed itself. Little children, some small enough that they could not walk or at least were crawling were moving about the heels and horns of the animals. Well children this small unattended in such quarters seems hard for us to imagine.

Because of the dry climate and perhaps the need for fertilizer on the fields we cannot visualize these corals or barnyards as those we have in which the manure is hauled out only once or twice a year and where the moisture of rain or winter ~~so~~ snows keeps the yard muddy and mucky. It is rather a hard packed lot but of course is filthy dirty and not in any way clean except that it is not wet.

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Well we were very impressed at the poverty conditions we saw among this very low class.

We were thankful for our heritage as Americans.

We took a lot of pictures at Giza. the pyramids of Giza. It was a clear day. We were in our shirt sleeves. It was cool enough that the flies weren't no bother to us ~~at~~ in fact I don't recall seeing any. But later in talking to others who had been to Cairo, that's what they saw the most of.

Well Aka took us about and explained the place to us.

In back of the large pyramid was an old building where embalming chambers had been. This was almost directly behind the Sphinx. The Sphinx was huge. At a distance it had appeared small partly because it has been excavated from a mound of sand and its back is lower than the level of the sand around it which shifts down from the base of the pyramids. To the left as one faces the Sphinx one ~~sees~~ sees the chambers where many nobles ^{spelling} nobles were buried.

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Beneath the extended fore limbs of the Sphinx an entrance goes back into the body or beneath it. Some sort of chapel.

~~a but~~ a room or burial chamber for a person of ancient nobility is located in a building to the left of which we went in side.

The Sphinx, which is the large and famous one of Egypt is approximately 150 ft. long.

62 ft. high
mouth 3 ft.

eye 1 ft. (diameter)

nose 3 ft.

Napolean shot at the Sphinx with cannon balls.

The newest pyramid 1630 or 1660 BC

We finally were finished. Aka finished his tour the speaking part and so then he answered questions and arranged to get a camel for us. We each took a turn getting on the camel. Had our pictures taken on it. then Aka dismissed him and we weren't bothered any more by camel jockeys.

The camel kneels down on all fours while you get on. Then he groans and moans as he rises to his feet. First one end comes

part way. This is done in a long swaying motion that makes you wonder what's happening.

Then the other end catches up to the 1st and goes ahead.

Then still a little later the other end gets there and you're sitting on a camel and you're

quite a ways up in the air. You pose proudly in front of

the old Sphinx. Then later you feel a little badly to find out

that these pictures turned out

the worst. Badly over exposed in spite of the use of the light meter.

Well it's also a long ways back to the kneeling position.

I don't know if camels buck or not but if they do it must be a long ways to get thrown.

Well we went back up to the large pyramid. Between the Sphinx & this pyramid we saw some excavation being done. A

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huge opening in the ground was shown to us where a boat had been ~~taken~~, removed. It was supposed that it had been a possession of an early ruler and buried ~~with~~ at the time of his burial along with other possessions.

We walked beside the pyramid, One on one side and two corners it seems the stones appeared considerably larger. This may be due however to erosion depth into the structure from the outside.

Guide tours were available to take tourists to the top of the pyramid. We had no desire however to ascend.

Also had we wanted to we could have entered the inside thru a passage way which went thru the pyramid. According to a Ka at a certain season and how the moon can be seen by looking thru this opening in such a manner as to

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appear (setting sitting) on the ~~opposite~~
pyramid directly behind this one,
and this was planned by the early
architects and astronomers before
the building was ever completed.
We had no desire however
to go inside, the passage was
small and one would have to
crouch to walk inside.

Back at the car we were met by
an Arab who wanted to give us a
ride. We didn't take one though.

He called his camel California
a tourist attraction no doubt.

Then we drove back to Cairo.

On the way to the pyramids aka
had taken us to a rather secluded
restaurant but a good one and left
us for an hour to eat lunch while
he and the driver went away. I
remember there was a cat there that
hung around and we kidded that if
he left before we were served
we were liable to get him in
our soup. Well we were fed well,

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The day before Aka had taken us to a nice eating place in downtown Cairo. Here I ordered a glass of milk but after one sip gave up trying to drink it.

We were surprised when we noticed that street cars came to the foot of the sand mountains where the pyramids stand.

Cairo is a city of wide streets. Along the road to the pyramids we saw camels, donkeys and horses many of them dressed up and their owners renting rides on them to tourists.

We crossed the bridge the sides adorned with huge lions sculptured ~~by~~ of stone.

Here we saw traffic that was really thick. From new cars to donkeys, sheep, and cattle. It was a wonder about how one person with a huge platter of pottery balanced on his head ~~rode~~ ^{rode} a bicycle thru the traffic jam, starting and stopping and never placed his hand on the tray once.

Aka took us to the Arab Airlines

office where we made arrangements to fly on to Jerusalem the following day.

Well we ate at the Hotel. I enjoyed the bread it was a very dry hard bread. Several kinds of bread rolls were served and the butter was rolled into little balls and served on a saucer.

When we walked back to the hotel we passed the Victoria Square. Here we took some pictures. A large park is in the center.

We were again followed by shoe shine boys and peddlars.

One started red hats at a \$1.00 a piece and soon had them 4 for a \$1.00 but we had no place to carry bulky souvenirs and a long ways yet to travel

so we bought none.

Many of them sold leather braided quirts. Of interest was one who looked all around to see who was watching, then by pulling and turning on the handle unsheathed a shiny sword tapered about like an icicle to a point.

We supposed such items were unlawful for possession since he acted so suspicious about it.

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Back at the hotel we managed to get away from the crowd. Then we sat in the lobby and one came up to the window outside.

Dunn opened the window and there it he reached and was given one to examine.

Well it was a pretty fierce looking weapon alright.

Finally he made him a ~~ridiculously~~ ridiculously low offer and in disgust the Arab replied. "You must be from Jerusalem!"

We got our money and tickets thru Amexco. The next morning at 5:00 am we left the hotel by taxi for the Trans-Jordan Airlines office.

This was the 1st morning we had been out early. Other mornings we had noticed the noise, the hustle bustle in the streets as dawn approached of the merchants making their way with produce & livestock

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to the market place.

The airlines office was in the back room of a shop and certainly seemed in an out of the way place.

But we went in with our luggage, picked up our tickets and were escorted by a man and a very cute receptionist to our waiting plane

at the airport in a late model station wagon.

Les + I were one up on Carl. He paid little attention to the girls but she could really display a pleasant smile and ~~nice~~ nice personality and seemed happy to do so.

She didn't appear dark. Cairo is made up of many classes of people. As a whole they appear a dark people but yet in the street in down town they seemed white and delightful while at the same time many of them were of course dark. This was more apparent in the markets and such places.

They were very dark, Ethiopians were mixed perhaps in such amounts as to be unnoticed a lot and yet there were many very dark skinned and even the blackest ones seemed to have finer features of the mouth, lips and nose than

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Negroes we see in America yet the skin was even bit as black.

Well it seemed good to leave Cairo yet I wished I had been able to get better pictures of local color that cannot be seen elsewhere.

Among the people on the street many appeared to have eye defects - serious enough to be distinctly noticeable.

Well of course many had marks, scars, perhaps of cuts, etc. Others were crippled. It ~~this~~ seems that perhaps one out of 4 or 5 persons on the street had such a defect.

Aka told us that at one time the people of the Moslem faith washed as part of a religious execution of their faith daily in the Nile River and it was here that infection and contamination was contracted and spread in a dread eye disease.

But for several years of late the government had forbidden this practice. Trachoma, a dreaded eye disease known among the Lebanese.

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And so we left Cairo. We boarded the plane around 7:00 AM and the little receptionist waved good bye and gave us a cheerie smile.

Once on the plane however Les's mind was taken off her by the little dark eyed, dark haired Stewardess.

Les remembers her name I don't. He found out a lot about her even though she was busy ~~most~~ of the way helping a lady who had a sick baby that cried most of the way.

We were in a 20 passenger 2 engine plane.

At 09:00 we arrived in Amman, the capital of Jordan. Here our passports were checked and we obtained visas.

This was the 4th of Feb. We flew over the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Suez.

Then we flew over the Sea of Aqaba (AKaba) on the border of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, & Egypt.

Then we flew northward to Amman. Amman is built in very hilly country. The houses are of stone and spread out - Rambling type construction.

We flew over the palace where the prince lived.

Then on to Jerusalem.

People looked rather dubious at us as we took pictures from the window of the plane

in flight - however they turned out

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to be exceptionally fine pictures.
It was desert and wilderness
all the way.

Just before we landed in Jerusalem
we saw the Dead Sea.

The air got pretty rough just before
we landed and Les and I were
expecting to have to use our paper
bags.

The valleys of Jordan appeared
greener and the desolate waste
mountains disappeared.

We arrived in Jerusalem at 10:15
probably 350 to 400 miles beyond
Cairo as the plane flew.

We got a ^{room} at Hotel Az Zahra
after finding that the YMCA was already
filled up. The chaplain made separate
arrangements here however, and stayed
at a separate hotel.

But prices were reasonable and
we were glad to have a nice hotel in
a quiet district away from noisy
streets.

We packed our luggage, cleaned up
a bit and went for a stroll.

We walked only a few blocks when
we arrived at the old wall of Jerusalem.

Then down a ways from Herod's Gate

we took some pictures across a ravine
of the hillside, the Garden of Gethsemane
and the Mt. of Olives.

On the tops of some of the hills were churches, schools and so on.

The colors of Jerusalem are rather pale - pastel colors.

It was very peaceful and we enjoyed going about in our shirt sleeves and most of all not having any shoe shine boys or peddlars clinging to our coat-tails trying to sell us things.

It was nice to realize that this pretty land was where the Savior lived. The significant thing of the Holy Land is not that which one sees there but rather that which he takes with him; ponders upon and recollects events of the Savior's life and his ^{atonement} which took place in this country - His home as a mortal.

On top of the hill is the Jerusalem Archaeological School next to the old wall.

Modern Jerusalem is separated by this wall from the old and also ~~by~~ from the Israeli sector

in places. We were unable to go into ^{the} Jewish area & return to the

Arab side. The border was heavily guarded.

Many of the stone buildings in the modern city are light colored even white.

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It was amazing the high light quality here as recorded by our light meters.

After a nice dinner in the hotel we went to the Consul and checked into the country, then with Dunn we went thru the Damascus Gate and started toward the beginning place of the trek of the Catholic's Way of the Cross - the 14 stations.

Each Friday they travel from the start where Christ was sentenced by Pilate to where he was crucified stopping at each significant place along the way where Christ ^{was supposed} to have been and stopped ^{while} making the journey. Each stop is honored by

praying and chanting in Latin.

A different group of the Catholic church leads the procession each week until all take their turn yet all participate each Friday. This is terminated at Golgotha where mass is given inside a huge domed church where the crucifixion was supposed to have taken place. Also the tomb is surrounded by

a gilded figured building with elaborate stone carvings on its exterior. The interior is common and unpolished

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stone and is supposedly the very tomb in which Christ's body laid for the 3 days.

Lots of pomp and ceremony go on in this building.

Also here we again noticed ~~peddlars~~ peddlars. Not selling things so much as trying to make contacts to come and visit their shops where they had rosaries & other things such as 5 pointed stars of David etc for sale.

Mrs. Reynolds from Calif. later remarked at the hotel how this seemed to destroy so much the meaning and sacredness of the occasion. I'm not sure I ever felt any in connection with that musty ^{old} church.

A church should be for man not man for the church.

This was called the church of the Holy Sepulcher.
The Hill of Calvary was

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it flattened during the rule of
Constantine over the church.

Many members of the church come from
all over the world to live and work
in the Holy Land and die and are
buried there.

There are many good travel agencies
here but there are also lots of
independent guides - Sam's so to
speak.

Father Dunn arranged thru his
connections with the church and got
our tour arranged thru a friend,
a Franciscan friar, who secured
a Philippine guide & car and took
us around.

It was cold in the evenings in
Jerusalem and a Kerosine heater
was placed in our room at
night but it always ran out of
oil before morning.

Usually the days were fairly
warm but it was cloudy
so that it remained a little chilly
and kept us from shooting some
of the Kodachromes we would have
liked to have had.

The arabs here depict more those
seen in biblical paintings - wearing
the turban rather than hats.

There were few camels around the
city but quite a few donkeys. They
would be seen 3 or 4 going down
the road and a driver following along
behind.

There were many new cars here
especially of Chrysler make.

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Inside wall no cars drove. There were steps up and down. Some donkeys were used there to carry goods about. Prices were reasonable partly due perhaps to off season for tourists. At Easter it would be much different.

5th of Feb. Sat. Started / on tour. went to Mt. Moriah the old bare rock

stands beneath a huge dome of a mosque. Mt. Moriah is where Orson Hyde dedicated the land to the return of the Jews.

The Mohammedans hold this rock very sacred. Claim that Mohammed ascended to heaven from that spot and the sacred rock rose part way with him and ever since has remained suspended.

The work, the finish of the mosque is done by mosaic inset.

Here we wore slippers over our street shoes to enter. Picture taking inside is forbidden.

A fountain outside provides for the Mohammedans washing their feet prior to entering the temple.

There are two mosques one on a higher landing than the other, the

lower one is where the common people go to pray.

This is ^{the} place where Solomon's temple was. Some huge pillars still stand next to the stairways leading up to the upper landing.

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The whole level is covered with large rough stones. Some altars are on the outside of the same age as the columns of stone work & pillars. Likely remnants of the crusades (not older at least to still be standing).

There was a well on the upper most landing.

Near the main mosque a small dome shaped structure supported by pillars with no walls representing the area of the temple where the Holy family sacrificed 2 doves and also later Christ drove the money changers from the temple.

Unknown is the vicinity of Christ's contact with the priests at the age of 12.

Then from the east wall we see across to Garden of Gethsemane and Mt. of Olives.

Also Stephen's gate where Christ entered on palm Sunday.

The lane by which He approached Jerusalem stands out on the opposite hillside marked by a high wall on either side.

A Russian church tower stands on the hill top ~~on~~ on the skyline with the Mt. of Olives.

Turning to ~~the~~ the right and looking south west we see the Israeli part of Jerusalem (old city) the guide points out 3 distinct

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buildings - where the last supper was held.

Where Peter denied thrice the Savior and where Judas hanged himself.

These are all prominent buildings and modernistic showing that they are much more recent than were the events.

near the bottom of the Mt. of Olives and ~~far to~~ to the right of the Garden of Gethsemane but not extending high up the mountain are grave stones so thick they are nearly adjoining. Thousands have been sent here to be buried in the Holy Land.

The large wall was several feet wide and we walked about on its top.

Then we went to the Church of Mary where Mary was born.

We saw fountains where both animals and people were washed before going to the temple. Also a man was healed at one of these pools.

Animals were washed before they were offered for sacrifice.

We saw the courtyard where Pilate sentenced Christ to be flogged.

Saw church representing a star surrounded by a wreath of thorns. Here Christ was

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taken to be ^{crucified} ~~crucified~~.

Saw the wailing wall where Jews were kept back from the sacred ground of the temple by Crusaders and others, thus a barrier gaining this name because of the desire of the Jews to go to the sacred place of Solomon's temple.

Also mourning was ⁺ carried on here for ~~the~~ their dead ^{likely}.

Streets in side wall were narrow, and many lined with shops and ~~bazaars~~. bazaars.

After noon spent by going by car to the Dead Sea. Along the way we saw place where disciples were supposed to have stopped to rest.

Saw good Samaritan Inn.

Bethany and Lazarus' tomb, Could go with guide down into it carry ~~light~~ candle to light way.

Stairs down several feet in hole in ground.

Saw the River Jordan place where baptism ^{was supposed} to have been

performed. It now has a small structure on the shore with a painting of the baptism taking place by sprinkling.

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A church stands nearby erected by the Greek Orthodox church ~~the~~ in honor of St. John.

The Jordan was muddy - appeared about like our own Idaho Canal. Not quite so swift however.

Banks a little higher in the River, across was sand dunes and desert. (insert a paragraph page 66 #1 here) A few trees grew on the river banks.

From here we went on to Jerico. This was an interesting place. Very green valley surrounded by high barren hills.

The lowest city in the world at 1000 ft below sea level. Here excavations were being made in a huge mound of earth. The geologists many of them English & American students said diggings revealed things dating back to the bronze age.

Our guide commented that the mound perhaps was where the walls fell down.

On the mountain to the west was a monastery built into the rocky mountain side on a cliff.

This was called the mount of Temptation.

Just below us on the road was Elijah's well. Here animals were being brought to drink and (It ran out and down a bed like a spring) also women from a nearby refugee camp were carrying water in huge (earthen earthen) jars on their heads.

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Inside temple Dome of the Rock

Some of the pillars inside are taken from Roman and other mins.

None of its construction is of any recently imported materials.

A huge stable is located beneath the wall on the east side. It is stone covered and had a capacity of 1000 head of horses. It was used during the crusades. Jerico is pretty with palm trees etc. and a lot of vegetation.

Back to Jerico. We left drove out to the Dead Sea. It is 1300 ft below sea level. Down along the shores we were told where the location of the ancient cities of Sodom & Gomorrah. Also the areas of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The water was very dark. One could not look into it. The water was too dense with the water even out in the lake didn't seem blue like most lakes. Perhaps the sunlight may have had some influence from where we were viewing it.

Les had to take a taste of it and he immediately decided that it was pretty salty. 8 times over the ocean.

We bought a few ^{souvenirs} ~~tokens~~ made from stone from the area. Very black stones - probably a sandstone.

There was a beach there where apparently people came to bath & swim during warmer weather.

Beyond the Dead Sea was a range of rather high rugged mountains.

They stretched nicely against the light colored sky.

On the way back to Jerusalem we passed numerous herds of

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bands of camels.

Of interest to me was seeing
a camel hobbled.

Zes didn't know what hobbles
were. He had never seen them before.

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the Jordan River where Christ was
baptized.

Across the river was
a mountain, Mt. Moriah where
the last of the manna fell.

Also in this area of the
river the Israelites ~~were~~ crossed
after the 40 years in the
wilderness.

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The hills are gentle rolling mostly and the road follows up the canyon. The hill sides are boulder & rock strewn.

There seemed little grass for grazing. In the Jordan valley some irrigation is carried on. The 4 point ag system is sponsored there by the U.S. government.

Near Jerusalem the mountains become more steep and rugged.

Along the way occasional low black tents of shepherds ~~were~~ pitched, in the ravines.

6th of Feb. Sunday. It was colder today and it rained. Rained during the night.

Went to visit Bethlehem today. Very windy out there. Rain coming down in sheets. Witnessed or saw a marriage in Mary's church in Bethlehem. It was just Sunday.

We saw the church of Nativity. Also saw the oldest church in the Holy Land.

Down inside is imitation rock of where once it is believed inn stable was. In a small room adjoining it where Christ was born. 3 wise men & shepherds were supposed to have visited there.

The original manger is supposed to have been taken to Paris, France where it is today. So now it is marble inlaid affair with a resemblance to a flat stone altar, in a cut away place.

It is illuminated by candles. A sort of mural is on the wall in the form of old material.

Near by is the church of the "Milk Grotto" where Mary was

supposed to have stopped on the way to Egypt and nursed the babe and spilled a drop of milk which turned the inside of the Grotto white.

There has been a legend that since there was a time of famine when women mixed this white material taken from the Grotto and mixed with water to nurse their babies.

It appeared to be light colored pumice.

It was so rainy that we didn't take any pictures in Bethlehem except in the church where we took a few flash pictures.

Then one picture of an inset in the church ~~with~~ a doll in a manger.

It was lighted and set in a glass case. It was very realistic and had been photographed and used extensively as a cover for Xmas cards the world over.

On the way back to Jerusalem we passed flocks of sheep.

They were dark colored sheep with rather long curly wool and some had curly horns.

After dinner we went to the Mt of Olives. and the garden of Gethsemane. It really rained. We saw the old church at the top of the Mt where Christ was supposed to have ascended.

Then we went down to the church over the spot where Christ played at Gethsemane. A church built in 1919 is standing with an altar directly inside and behind a rock which is partitioned off. It is supposed to be the rock where Jesus knelt & prayed.

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It is near here where Judas kissed and betrayed the Savior.

It was here at the Mt. of Olives that we saw a wedding take place, and saw the grave of Mary.

Then we saw a gyttha which is quite large and where Jesus and his disciples often went to rest after a tiring journey.

The marriage the 1st part of which we saw was a Greek Orthodox.

They were men with black garb & dark long beards. I supposed they spoke in Greek, perhaps Latin. But it was Greek to me.
at top of Mt is a church

The Lord's prayer appears in the corridors of the church in 40 different languages painted on the walls.

A hospital is located there also built by Wilhelm II

The Mt. of Olives is quite huge. The Garden of Gethsemane is near the bottom but the place of the ascension is near the top, as in one of places where Christ was to have prayed.

Near the top is where the palm Sunday palmanade began with Jesus being led on a donkey down and thru St. Stephen's gate into Jerusalem.

It rained all day. felt a little under the weather like I was catching cold.

the fumes from the kerosene

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heater hasn't helped not being used to it. I bought an scarf from a fellow outside our hotel.

He showed me how to tie it and also the different ways to wear it.

Down on stormy days up on good days.

7th Feb.

Monday.

We prepared to leave today. I felt better this morning.

I am to be more or less the governor for this week.

We got up fairly early and went to the air Jordan office and got our tickets and applied for a visa. At 0915 we left by car to airport.

It was a beautiful day. We didn't have time to go back to the Mt. of Olives. We left a roll of colored film with the ~~Philippine~~ who had a good camera. He was going to get some pictures of things we couldn't because of the rain and later send them to us. After a short wait at the airport our passports and visas arrived and we left by plane.

The Franciscan Friar who had been so good to take us around came to see us off.

He had taken us to a printing shop of the church and a bakery where rations were distributed to the poor.

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She was very attractive.

" She is a nice Hostess, I guess I've been away just too long.

but she had the nicest smile, the nicest everything that I've seen in a girl for a long time.

So I really don't know what to think of it.

Brother! I guess the girls back home will be a welcome sight if they are half as

nice as mattie

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We left and flew over a large area of desert then came to a large area of farming land. It was in fields and appeared cultivated.

I suppose by the expanse that modern equipment must have been in use here.

From the plane we also saw snow capped mountains above the clouds as we neared Beirut, Lebanon.

The soil was a very rich brown. Before we landed we flew over the bay. It was very beautiful. It had many modern dwellings of the scrambling type construction. Near this seaport city high mountains pushed up to great heights.

The airport was very nice, modern and the reception was much different than at Cairo. The stewardess on this trip was very very pretty. A cute little gal, with light brown hair and eyes. She had a very pleasant smile and a twinkle in her eye. She was born on the island of Malta in the Mediterranean near Italy and the French Riviera. Her parents were both English and since they had moved to Cairo she and her sister each began working for the airliner.

← She liked the work and enjoyed visiting with us. She didn't have any sick persons to attend so she came back and chatted with us. Les especially.

Her name was Mattie. She said her best adventure was one flight with 4 US Sailors aboard.

← attach here

She spoke English, Arabic, French, Italian, + Maltese

She was a Catholic

She was 23 and her sister was 20 and an older brother

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after landing we went to air lines office in town and after checking schedule took a taxi to a hotel. An american informed the cab driver in arabic where to take us said it was a good hotel and close in.

So we were really surprised when we saw the driver get out at a luxurious appearing hotel with tennis courts and garden and say this was it.

We were nearly afraid to get out for fear it was way over our budget.

But after we arrived at ~~the~~ ^{the} office it wasn't so bad. \$6.00 a day with meals included.

We got a two bed room double bed suite and we enjoyed the private bath and modern shower facilities. The food here was very good and the service nice. We really felt at home. Chaplain Danna stayed with us here.

We ate dinner and later took a short tour out along the coast to the ancient city of Byblos.

This we were told was the oldest city in the world. There were many ruins of old temples there built to the different gods.

Mostly Greek architecture. Some mind it was claimed went back to the ancient Phoenicians. We saw burial pots of clay for infant graves.

It was an old Phoenician seaport. The bay was very pretty. There was a beautiful sea coast with green grass on the hillsides. The colors here were
A canon had been lodged in one building.

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more brilliant than any since we had been in the middle East.

We passed thru the village and arrived back at the hotel after dark. We walked about for a little while.

~~At the same time~~

A man came up after the meal the following day and said you boys must be from the west. Any of you from California, Arizona.

No but of course he was getting pretty close, Carl from Calif.

Well we ^{talked} went on a little and Les mentioned that he was planning to go there to Utah to school, at the B.Y.U., "That's Mormon isn't it?" "Yes, we are all Mormons."

"Well when are we going to convert the father" he said. Later I talked to him again. I found that he was non-LDS but his neighbors were LDS and were taking care of his farm in Arizona while he was working with the government on the point 4 program.

Well he told us if we had time we should go over a block and visit the American University. So we did. The visit to the school was very educational.

It was a compact school.

It had an enrollment of about 2000. We talked to a senior student. Several night classes dismissed and filed past us. They were very fine looking students.

We were given the scoop on the school. All the teachers are from U.S. And except for linguistic courses all classes are held in English.

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It is a co educational school.

The girls dorm is on the campus while the fellows may ~~not~~ live off campus.

The campus is beautiful. In the rear it borders the Mediterranean and the campus has its own beach. It has a variety of trees & shrubs, and buildings. It has a wall and gate enclosing it from the city.

Across the street is a snack bar with good food like college students at home might expect to see on a menu.

And then the hotel "Alumni Club" is only a couple of blocks away.

~~was~~ We also became acquainted with a Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds from Los Angeles. He was over there on a Fulbright Scholarship as an instructor in civil engineering at the American University at Baghdad, Iraq. He had taught at M.I.T. but now was at U.S.C.

His wife did all the talking. She was working on a master's

degree writing a thesis on a particular pagan sect of the country they were visiting, Iraq. They had been at Hotel Victoria and also the same

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hotel in Jerusalem that we had,
they had a break in his teaching
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schedule and that is why they were
touring at this time.

She advised us not to go to
Damascus since they had been and
were held up a long time at
the Syrian border and they didn't
see very much after they arrived
there.

~~The next day we got a driver
and talked him into taking us
to Baalbek Baalbeck.~~

~~Baalbek Baalbek~~

In connection with our visit
to Byblos we saw a huge ~~statue~~ white
statue of Christ and a little farther
down the coast a statue of
Mary.

Also on the road we passed a
critical pass which had been used
in by Napoleon III.

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Today we went to Baalbeck.
Baal was the sun god.

There are some early Phoenician ruins
there. Later the Romans constructed
huge temples there for their gods.

Diana and others.

At front was 12 stumps to where
pillars had been. and then a great
stair way.

Inside was a hexagon theatre
with inscriptions and carvings on
the side. part of it was torn down.
The Turks and Arabs came and destroyed

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much of it.

They used it for a fortress and even tore down some of the mosaics. Then later used some of the larger stones for an extension to the main walls for a moat.

Then in the middle there was a huge outfit that was used as a place to sacrifice animals.

It was an enclosure and built up very high though at present it was torn down.

There were inscriptions all around and in Latin carved names of Kings, etc.

It took 250 years to build.

100,000's of slaves were used. Lives were of little value and were quickly expended. The object being to build.

Stones and pillars were large weighing tons and tons.

Some erected upon each other in only 2 or 3 sections such as the huge columns.

A place was built in front of the temple of the goddess Diana for washing sacrificial animals.

Many carvings (articulate) were on the stone work.

There was a circle where every other structure making up the perimeter was, rectangular in shape for a god & the next one was semi-circular.

The one for Diana was square.

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Infants were buried here the same as were those at Byblos. Customary for the Romans.

Huge temples the highest was to the rear but the famous ones in pictures of Lebanon were the ~~some~~ dramatic pillars still standing in one column.

Beyond Baalbek could see snow capped peaks. It was beyond this 11000 ft elevation.

area that the forests (Cedars) of Lebanon are found. Only a few of about 3 centuries ago there were 40 left. those early forest sentinels remain. only 12 large trees remain.

A lion's head and a calf's head are symbolic here. There are several of them about. Many are the same stone side by side.

On the way out of town & our driver sideswiped a pickup. He got out, the two drivers stood toe to toe and shouted at each other. In their apparent rage it was a wonder to me that they didn't exchange blows.

Then on the way back from Baalbek he had a flat tire and was very down-hearted because we had talked him down before we left and he felt that he had lost any chance for a profit.

The tree is an emblem and is used on the national banner which we saw on a flag at a military installation along the highway.

There are more new cars here than I've ever seen. All seemed later than 49's. Mostly Chryslers but many others also.

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We saw some camels at the higher elevations loaded so heavily with bags (burlap) of wool that they practically appeared like ants.

Sometimes camels were tied to donkeys and the driver leading the donkey. Here there were also many donkeys and quite a few horses.

Horse racing is a sport here. I saw a couple of race animals on the outskirts. The Lebanese cattle seemed more like the new world or European cattle.

Along the road to Beirut there are a lot of spacious modern houses. This capital is supposed to be about 3rd or 4th among world cities from a monetary standpoint being a gateway into the middle east countries.

It could easily be by the amount of new cars, 1955's and modern homes.

One person said it was second to New York city as a currency exchange point, or trading point and Zurich, Switzerland is third.

Many muslim women wear black veils here. And many mosques similar to the Turkish minarets.

In the center of town the streets are very narrow and carts, donkeys, and delivery wagons are really too bulky to be practical.

For this reason most of the produce in these areas are delivered on the backs of men.

It is fantastic the size loads that

these men carry on their backs, not especially large men either or particularly strong looking but persistent.

The way in which they work is by carrying large loads on their backs

attached by a strap about 3 inches wide which they wrap around their forehead about like a ~~hitch~~ saddle horn and then they hold the loose ends in their hands lean forward and take off.

They go for blocks with fantastically appearing loads.

For instance one man had about 15 or 20 square 5 gal cans end to end with that many or more so that from the side they were 2 deep. I'm sure they were empty, but he had them all placed in together with his carrying strap and was going down the road.

You can see the bulk from such a load. 15 to 20 5 gal square cans tied up in a stack they would certainly lap ~~on~~ over a man's back.

Another man had a large wooden box filled with 18 or 2 dozen large flasks. It was heavy you could tell by the way he moved.

Ants have several legs these men have only two.

I did not see this elsewhere in the Middle-east.

There are 3 universities French, American, & Lebanese.

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Left Lebanon about 930 arrived in Cypress 45 minutes later. (This is the traditional birthplace of Venice)

We flew on the BEA

British European Airways on a Vickers "Viscount" new type H engine plane which had jet turbine engines. And they really sang especially when they wound up prior to taking off. ⤴

We arrived in

Athens about noon.

The weather was nice. It looked nice and sunny and we thought the Mediterranean really looked good enough to swim in.

There were quite a few ^{US} air force planes here. We rode on a bus to the center of town where we got a hotel. Use room at the.

New Angle terre located at Constitution Square, Athens.

Here at the tomb of the unknown soldier we saw the changing of the honor guards. They had a very distinct and unique manner of marching while walking their post.

We went to a movie that night Judy Garland "A Star is Born". We ate macaroni in a little restaurant.

Feb 10th Athens

Went to AMEXCO and took one of their bus tours of the city.

In the morning we saw museum. Left at 900 to 1200 visited a Greek Orthodox church.

After noon we saw stadium,

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Olympian temple of Zeus began in 6th Century.
completed in 2nd Century of Christian Era by Romans.

the acropolis, Mars Hill, where Paul preached to the Athenians.

Beyond Mars Hill is located an observatory. From the Acropolis one can look down on the city and see the stadium, where the olympic games are accredited as originating.

In the museum picture taking was forbidden. But many statues of bronze ^{that} were very nice. They had such poise and tone that one felt the feeling that they were even in motion.

One marble statue of a man found in a tomb in 1943 impressed me ^{more than} all the rest. It was very athletic. Over left toe (just over life size)

Another was a man leading a stallion and it was particularly outstanding in depicting strength of movement, motion and power.

The horse seemed a little out of proportion. He was carved in marble against a solid background, with the front quarters and head facing away enough to show all of the breast and both sides of the head. He was very thick jawed with a heavy neck. Yet ~~had~~ very narrow across shoulders and still his girth was deep and point of shoulder to withers was deep.

The leg had no taper but was very heavily muscled, and short.

The hoof looked large enough for at least a number 3 shoe. The back was fairly well short

coupled. One ear was missing the other was short, well set and alert. The eyes were large and placed out and forward indicating life good life and a long head with lots of wrinkles about the mouth.

He had no bridle or halter and was placed in an excited stance, and was being controlled by a slave boy with a stick.

~~We~~ ~~app~~

We met a man named Stoddard. He was a major in the air force. He was in the same hotel with us. He was in the branch presidency at Frankfurt. He was in Athens on business. ~~He came and met us at the doors~~ We bumped into him on the street. So we met him after he had had time to change his into his "civics".

So then we met and he insisted on taking us to supper. He knew a nice little restaurant off the main tourist route and we enjoyed a shrimp dinner. We went with him also to pick up some mink, a stole and a short length coat. A fellow there who had learned the fur trade in New York returned and with an agreement with New York furriers bought small pieces and scraps and with the cheap hand labor in Athens he was able to piece them into beautiful fur pieces.

The commander of the air force had promised that for a discount to service personnel he would try

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to encourage business among the U.S. and so air force personnel in USAREUR were taking advantage of the opportunity like Brother Stoddard. I later met him and ate dinner at his home in Frankfurt. He and his wife had 2 or 3 children. They were originally from the ~~East~~ Mid Sid ley, California, ward.

After we went to a movie with him. June Allison in "A Women's World" a very cute movie.

The next morning at the air field we were three corporals all outranked

so we were on the bottom of the totem pole. Bro Stoddard got a hop with a friend on a non passenger plane.

The chaplain went ahead of us on a plane which developed some trouble and had to land again. The next time it left it had ~~charged~~ juggled cargo about enough that it had room for the three of us too.

It was a rough ride to Rome.

I was getting pretty sick. We had to really hang on to keep from getting thrown from our seats.

We sat along the side. The weather was really rough and it seemed a long flight. We were all happy to get off safe.

The plane at times had shock, hovered and ~~at~~ even

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quaked a few times.

We flew over the Isle of Capri as we neared Rome. We also saw Mt. Vesuvius along the coast.

Nearer to Rome we could see the irrigated fields. Then we passed over Angio Beach and arrived in Rome.

Oh! at the PX in Rome ~~we~~ ^{we} tried ice cream but it wasn't very good because it was made of powdered milk.

Then we did some ^{souvenir} shopping here. We bought a small group of statues - mine a replica of the famous Venice.

While walking down the street window shopping I strolled ahead of Carl & Les a few windows passed a corner and a small woman with dark eyes and hair but certainly not unattractive came up put her hand in the crook of my arm and asked me if I was lonely. I told her that I wasn't I had two friends with me. She said no more and disappeared as quietly as she had come. For a little while I was sort of shook up about it. She really

She wasn't dirty, very clean looking, well dressed and spoke very good English.

I thought she must be a mother. I wondered if she felt that she was driven to such a life.

After checking thru customs we finally got a bus ~~after~~ after being refused transportation on one because we only had leave orders. We passed along the road. It was narrow. Trees grew in rows along the road. We saw glimpses along the road of the remains of ancient ~~so~~ aqueducts.

at 6:00 pm we arrived at the Nord Hotel.

The train station in Rome is a very large one and rebuilt since the war and ~~the~~ consequently modern.

12 Feb. Saturday.

one week left of leave time.

was cloudy rained off and on all day.

So we visited the Vatican museum. It seemed we saw more things of Egypt in the museum than we had seen in the Cairo museum. The paintings were elaborate. Michael Angelo I think was one of the artists. It closed at 2:00 pm so we went to St. Peter's and looked around. We went to the USO and ate a snack. Then we walked back near the Colosseum. (spelling)

Our hotel near station and a square with a fountain with many large sprays. We retired about 10:15

Feb 13 Sunday.

after a night of clear skies it rained again today.

Stayed in hotel. Walked to Colosseum. and to the Victor Emanuel monument, and tomb of the unknown soldier.

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King Victor Emmanuel II monument

14 female figures surrounding the equestrian statue represent Italy's most important cities. At the base of the monument lies Italy's unknown warrior.

The Colosseum seated ^{Em - says 84,000} 45,000 to the capacity of the Yankee Stadium.

Saw several of the famous arches and the forum. Saw the steps where Caesar was assassinated.

Rained again.

We ate at the California Bar.

Monday the 14th of Feb. we left the sun began shining by the time that our train left. 10:45

At 4:00 we arrived in Florence. We went to the Majestic Hotel.

Walked thru bargains & city. saw statues, famous mosaic church at the piazza dell Signoria and Michaelangelo's David.

We saw the remaining covered bridge which has stores built upon it.

That night we went to a movie, The Egyptian.

after movie Carl thought hotel was one direction Les and I thought it was in another so we went together Carl's way until finally the street lights grew dimmer & dimmer and farther apart. I and Les tried reason that didn't work so we went our own way. We were waiting at the hotel when Carl finally arrived.

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This movie had been in Italian. We didn't follow the plot too well. The people really smoked heavily here in the theatre. It was a very elaborately decorated theatre.

We were glad to see it. We had seen some of set in the distance that was used for the "10 Commandments" while in Cairo.

13/14 Feb Tues.

The Sun shone in Florence (Firenze) so we took a few colored pictures of bridge and square.

We took the train out to Pisa. ~~We saw the tower.~~ We climbed to the top of it. It has several bells at the top.

From the leaning side it takes more nerve than I could get to lean out far enough to see the foundation below.

The acoustics in the baptistry are noted and we listened to echoes resound back and forth several times. A statue of Romulus & Remus is just off from the leaning tower a short ways.

Near the bottom is the figures inscribed on the tower of a hippopotamus with a crocodile in its mouth. This same thing was seen in the tombs among the hieroglyphics in Egypt.

Back at Florence we picked up our luggage and got a ticket for Venice.

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the church

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it was founded by the Etruscans and is counted one of the oldest cities in Europe. It became a Roman colony in 189 B.C.

We changed trains at Bologna. We

talked to the conductor and a couple of Italian soldiers on the way.

Carl used his Spanish to good advantage. We got their names, age, ideas, where they lived.

They were in the infantry, peons etc.

We arrived in Venice toward evening.

An army of men met the passengers telling us about their hotel. Finally one of them ~~was~~ convinced Carl & I that ~~this was~~ his was the best hotel so we took it. I watched the luggage while they decided where to go.

It cost us 700 lire 700 L tip for carrying our baggage. We

went to the hotel by the large passenger boats which stop along the way much like a city bus.

Also hotel instead of being 1000 L was 1200. Well we got took but it was getting late so we took it.

We really teased Carl about this, because he had been here before with his wife and knew all about getting around in Venice.

The next morning was sunny and warm but quite hazy sky. We left the hotel early and took our baggage back to the ^{station} hotel then we went on a tour with Carl being the guide.

By canal boat we went to St. Mark's square. In the square one sees several types of architecture: Roman

Renaissance, Bessantine, and Gothic.

Then we hurried to get back to the train in time to leave. And we did have to hurry and we were afraid that our boat was stopping at 2 many stations.

Some boats stop at every station along the canal like a city bus while others stop at only the more important stations. ~~Then~~ the water was quite dirty and ^{an} oily scum ~~was~~ covered the canals. We saw a lot of (gondolas ~~gondolas~~) spelling but we didn't ~~know~~ have time to ride in one.

We left Venice at 1100 and arrived in Milano about 400 pm. We didn't have time to make the necessary connections to go out and see the painting in the dome of the church where the famous painting of the Last Supper is by Delvinal.

Then we got a train out to Bern but we had to go by way of Zurich. We should have gone ~~by~~ way of Domodossola and Brig, according to our ticket.

So we got off the train at Como on border and rode back to Milano to get other train to Bern.

But we arrived too late to catch it so we stayed in a small hotel near the station.

We visited a nearby church in the morning while waiting for our train but we didn't have time to go see the painting. The church we saw was elaborate - one of the 7 famous churches in Europe.

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It had bronze doors, painted glass windows, was dark inside many carvings. It was certainly larger than most.

It was catholic naturally for Italy.

In front was a large square where we caught the street car.

It was so crowded coming out we didn't get a chance to pay the conductor so going back we tried to pay ticket for both ways. But he couldn't understand and a person there who spoke some English couldn't either so we paid fare just one way, about 930 we left for Bern by way of Domodossola.

We arrived in Bern at 200 pm. It was snowing. Several inches of new snow. It had been cloudy all day. We got on a small train about 2 cars and went to Zollikofen several miles from the center of Bern.

There we inquired about the temple. "Mormone", It rang a bell and they knew what we wanted to see.

We walked thru the snow about 1 block from the station we saw the temple. It was beautiful. It could not be mistaken. No other building in Europe is nearly so beautiful. Built of light colored stone with its single tower reaching sky ward. No figures or carvings on the wall but the beautiful lattice work near over some of the windows.

We were glad we saw it but we were cold & wet from the snow.

Back in Bern we were very happy to see the German signs. It looked so good we really felt as though we were coming home. It is hard

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to ^{realize} visualize feeling so much at home in a city you've never been in before, but it was really true.

We ~~we~~ ate at the Brauner Bern (Brown Bear) restaurant. The food was delicious. (French Fries.)

I ordered a Weinerschnitzel. It was really good, and the nice German soup so typical of German restaurants. And did we enjoy the milk. It was the first we had had since we left Frankfurt. Except Les and he couldn't get his glass of milk down in Cairo.

We left Bern at ~~about~~ ^{7:00} ~~midnight~~ ^{7:00 PM} and went to Basel. Basel has two stations. One in Switzerland and one in Germany. We had customs checks at both. But for GI's they are not rigid or snooty. They just pass us on by. ^{no 2} ~~Left~~ Basel about midnight. ^{no 1} → However Switzerland is rigid, ~~we can't~~ doesn't allow wearing of foreign ~~and~~ military uniforms.

And on the Italian border the officials opened the suit cases? ~~and~~ went thru them ^{no 3} of all the Italians riding in our compartment. But didn't look inside of any of ours. ^{no 4} Well at Frankfurt we stopped. We rode all night on the train and were in Frankfurt about 5:00 ~~am~~ ^{in the morning}.

^{no 3} → from Bern to Basel cost \$3.00 for 2nd class fare. Just double what it would cost a civilian. And \$2.50 on to Frankfurt.

→ Then we went to Friedberg, and took a taxi to the Kaserne. ^(Annoyed) It was Feb 18th

Sunday the 20th our leave was up.

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Lee stayed ~~in~~ with the funds until his leave was up. I went back to billets but left early in morning didn't stay around. I mailed some ^{souvenir} souvenirs home and did some other shopping.

We all had some money left over.

My blue card was ready to be signed so my rotation date was getting near.

It was good to see Jim again and the others. Jim again and the funds, Chuck, Bill Orchard, Joe Vitely, Lynne Holladay & the others.

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Bernard E Knopp

1955

30 Jan finished
details of obtaining
clearance for leave.
for 2 months prior
have been coming to
Frankfurt for passport,
visas, international
shot record.

Have been obtaining
clearance for leave
through USAREUR and
ord LV absence.

Orders read as follows:

USAREUR clearance to
Libya, Trans-Jordan,
Egypt, & Lebanon.
also Greece, Italy,
France, Switzerland,
Luxembourg, Belgium,

Netherlands, England,
Denmark & Allied Forces
of Germany.

We came again today
after pay call
after being unable
to get a 'hop' by
air this morning
for a hop starting
tomorrow or
tonight for Tripoli,
Libya.

Have 23 rolls of
35 20 eff. Kodachrome
and 31 rolls 120 H & W
for the 20 days leave.

I am in hotel in
Frankfurt with
Dad & Les awaiting

call for when the plane
is going to leave.

Frankfurt

Jan 30 went to Frankfurt
were unable to get hop
but had hotel room, then
went to Friedberg 31 Jan
we got paid; back to
Frankfurt to 4 Season's
Hotel (Pier Jägerstein Hotel)
Then stayed until next
morning at 0500 received
call to ~~pack~~ report with
bags to Baslerhof
Hotel opposite MATS office.
Here we checked baggage.

3 cpl's last of boy
aid in priority called
for flight. Just above us

in seniority was Capt Dunn
a Catholic & chaplain.
We left Rhein-Main at

4) 0815 on C54 passengers
included two stewards.
We had lunch for 40¢.

We traveled with Capt Dunn
who was going to Holy Land etc.
at Tripoli we were able to
get a hop on to Cairo within
2 hrs after landing. Tripoli
flat, cool sunny day.

House [] but not from air
had center courtyard so to
speak. Arrived at Tripoli

230 PM left 430 AM for
Cairo 930. There were no
men met by 4 ft tall
fellows spoke English and
receptionist called Chico,

Then after customs etc we left
by taxi to airport town to
Hotel ~~Victory~~ Victoria. Nice Hotel

There we were told to look with
a guy named Sam but within
a few hours we found there to
be at least 3 Sams. All

~~asking~~ them two there was another
fellow with arm band from our
hotel also wanting to know on

their tour. We ended up
going to Mexico ^{2 Feb}. There we got
a nice delay tour about 10:00

that day 1st of Jan. Aki
or Aka or "okay" was our
guide. Had visited leading
universities in US & then

there yrs before. Was 36 yrs old
Our guide for 2 days.

He took us to the mosques

in Cairo. The old mosque
and also one called of
Mohammed Ali's mosque.
Then to the citadel. Then down
through old part of city in taxi.
Many donkeys in city. pulling
carts, wagons etc people
carried things on head, saw
some camels. passed through
old part of city which was
cemetery. People hardly
living, scarcely eating in
city. Saw people living meagerly
it was terrific. Well saw
bazaars and market places.
Saw where horses were found
in the bullmets on little
island of the Nile. Then
went to museum. Saw things
from that and all sorts of

things of early culture,
cuneiform, hieroglyphic,
rock stone coming out
early king etc. beds,
chariots, beads, pins.
iron work etc. in fact
more or less of everything and
a pond with the reeds
growing of which papyrus
was made. Early shoes

were also made of papyrus
pressed together.

Then we went to Embury
and checked into the
country.

Back to hotel,
after supper walked
round Cañon. seemed
much nicer once we got
away from the inevitable

around of beggars and
peddlars around hotel. speak
enough English to beg on the
street. Very very persistent.
Sure money

(One fellow at bazaar showed
me his muscde.)

Followed in some parts of
town by persistent beggars
who spat at us quickly
of course as tourists.

3rd Feb ~~20~~

Okay picked me up right
after breakfast. 9:00 we
went to across Nile and out
to desert city of Memphis.
Along the way saw a willow
among palm trees where
Moses was supposed to have
been born. All along this
road, gravel road saw
furry hinds or water buffalo
looking type of cattle.
people with carts, camels,
donkeys, must moving
lockers. great deal of
joke we are contacted also
young cattle still un-dressed
and glancing etc.
People wearing clothing
in canal along the road.
old mine in Memphis.

then to old pyramids, built
in Egypt - (also refer to
photo notes) then to tombs
of Mele, hygrophyllis,
Hippopotamus eating
crocodiles etc. - women going
to market etc. See photo
notes also left about the
tombs of the sacred bull.
 drove down opposite side
of Nile River to pyramids
of Giza. Along way
people were taking out
water from canal, then
two people were carrying
the mud to their land from
silted stream bed.
Also fishermen with
nets fished. Water
was pumped out a decent

like an and was used
and times by hand. One
gas engine for pumps on whole
long stretch of road. Stopped
for one picture. Man
mashed up from river. Okay
said just shoot from car.

Good pictures hard to
get of local color. Photos
not well liked. Outside
people act strange and
mashed car when stopped
for pictures. Okay
warned not to get out.

We missed much local
color, at pyramids of Sige
took lot of pictures.

Walked behind lot pyrs.
to where on taking show he
was then from there which

was located in direct
back of the Sphinx. I
went to where embalming
was supposed to have taken
place. Then I went to
front of Sphinx took shots
with pps & spen and
camel in front.

Camel stood in one spot
got up & down many times
while four of us took
time getting pictures
taken. Came back to
Amefco got tickets to
Jerusalem. Plane to
leave soon after 5:00 pm
Jerusalem, will not
be flying in a strait but rather
Air Jordan. 1130
signing off

4th Feb 

Left Air Jordan office
by bus 0515 to airport
left on Air Jordan plane
2 engine small 20 passenger
plane at 0700 and at 0900
arrived in Amman,
capital of Jordan where
visas were received.
Left Cairo soon were
flying over Suez canal.
About all the way
passed AQABA turning
and heading north. There
is border of Saudi Arabia
Egypt, and Jordan.
then flew to Amman
capital of Jordan.
Landed and secured visas.
Here no picture taking.
Left in 1/2 hour and

Mason and I turned
pale nearly but near sick

flew out of Ammon
taking pictures of
palace of King. Came
on. Valley appeared
greener in Jordan.

Light pastel shades
in evidence of
terracine and sky
and vegetation as
we neared Jerusalem
also at Ammon.

Jerico, we passed
taking aerial photos
on the way.

Arrived in Jerusalem
1015 Got to hotel
Azzahra after finding
that YMCA was already
filled up. We walked
a few blocks to Wall

of

of old Jerusalem taking
some photos then down
a block from Herod's
gate and took shots
across ravine of
the hillside and on
top of hills were
schools of Arabians
and orthodox Jews
(some) and the
Garden of Gethsemane
and the Mount of Olives
just to the right from
where we stood and
then from there we saw
the beautiful pastel
colors of Jerusalem
country side with
white buildings.
Amazing how bright the

quality of light here
registering very high
on light meters.

We saw on horizon
a Russian church
a prominent Terrain
feature of the skyline.
At right and part
way down the hillside
is a very nice looking
mural. We plan to
visit it. It seems that
perhaps it is in the
vicinity of the place
Christy went when he
died many changes
from the temple.

After eating a nice
dinner in hotel we
went to Consul

and checked in to the
country. Then with
chaplain Dunn we
went through the
Damascus gate
toward the beginning
of the trek of catholics
of 14 stations of Christ's
ascent to Calvary.

Stopping in conyugal
where Cortina was
when he judged Christ
we followed the
supposedly route of Christ
when he bore the cross.

Each place he was supposed
to have stopped along
the way the priests
and followers, monks,
nuns, etc knelt and

led by one priest
started in Latin phrases
prayers. making signs of
the cross along the army
etc. we felled to
the Church of the
Sepulchre where we
saw where bodies were
prepared for burial.

And tomb, also
church in built around
it and over spot. the
hill was leveled by
Constantine so of course
no longer stands. Church
of Church was fixed
up by the Crusaders
in their day. Now
the altar is nearly
within church

and church dome is
directly above where
Christ was at time he
was buried in tomb.
part of tomb is still
original. Lots of pomp
& ceremony - praying,
Each Friday the 74
stages are attended
by monks, priests etc.
Many are from the states
have come here to work
and live here for many many
years. There are some
good travel agencies
here yet many try to get
me on independent tours.
many "Lams" so to speak.
Well finally we left
were harassed by shop

owners etc all the way
back to walls and
even out of gate but
they didn't carry
goods or swags
sticks, cones, knives
black-jacks, hats
etc like in Cairo but
tried to get us to come
in to their shops.

So back to hotel
rest write a few letters
home and on the morning
right seeing in old
Jerusalem.

Were impressed here
not the unclean
natives like in Egypt
here. saw no camels
so far but the

arabe here resemble
pictorial records of
shepards etc in herd
gear rather than
like the Egyptians.

Very nice to walk
on outskirts and not
be bothered continually
with peddlers or pests
also here can make
way through the
streets and not be
too much bothered.

In Cairo hardly could
walk in streets with
out throng of overbearing
peddlars. In Cairo wall
no care about steps
up and down. built on
hill where Calvary

formerly stood.

However the latest

map of U.S. cars are here
in area not so
many but not such
a heavy population.

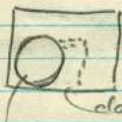
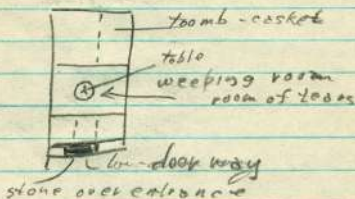
We saw many nice cars
being owned by touring
outfits and guides.

Prices here seem
reasonable, partially
due to off tourist
season. In Easter time
there will be many more.

~~6th Feb 7th day of leave~~

model of old tomb

Top view



Front view

stone



stone



side
view

slot for stone

5th of Feb Saturday
Went on tour. Went to Masiah
Mt Masiah old rock
is covered by Dome of the
Rock, a mosque made
directly above rock by
Mahomedans. Down from it
is another mosque not so
elaborate but used for
prayer. Pictures taking
forbidden inside. Between
mosque is fountain used for
washing feet. Moccasins
used on shoes for entering
or else no shoes worn.
all around mosque are
pillars of temple of old.
near mosque and on eastern
side is small roofed
pillars over spot where
Christ drove money changers
from the temple and also
where Christ ~~spent~~ family
offered 2 doves for sacrifice.

the whereabouts of Jesus' contact with the priests at 12 yrs old seems unknown. Then on to east wall we overlooked the Garden of Gethsemane and ~~into~~ of Olives to the east. they are far below but raise on a hillside high up to top of hill where a Russian Church tower stands.

then from south-east corner of temple wall we overtopped the city to the west south west and overlooking is a tower where last supper was held and to the left was where Peter was when he denied Christ and went to this place and wept when he thought of it (what he had done).

farther to the left and
down hillside was a
building where Judah's went
and hung himself from
the roof.

Then we walked to church
of Naiv where Mary was
born. We saw fountains
where both animals and
people ^{were} washed and washed
before going to temple.

Also this was pool where
a man was healed. Saw
courtyard where Pilate
sentenced Christ to be
flogged. Saw church
with dome representing
a star surrounded by a
wreath of wreath of thorns.
And here Christ was taken

to be crucified. Walked
down the "way of the cross."
the "wailing wall" of
signs to Jews. Part of old
wall which at times in past
kept Jews from the holy place
so they wailed lest that they
couldn't get to their temples
of these fathers. Also mourning
may have been carried on then
for the dead.

Went back through
narrow streets and bazaar
to Gate of Damascus and
to our hotel.

Afternoon by guide and
one with Chaplain Dunn to
Dead Sea along the way,
we saw place where Disciples
were supposed to have stopped

to rest. we saw place of
the Good Samaritans, we
saw Bethany and Lazarus
tomb where he came out
from the dead. Went
inside the tomb. Saw
church of Lazarus.

Further ~~on~~ on we saw
other places. We saw the
river Jordan and the app
spot where John the Baptist
baptized Jesus in the waters.

Here was a hotel in the river.
Several holy places
erected and a church
nearby by Greek orthodox
catholics for St John.

Of significance to me were
the paintings which showed
John sprinkling water on

Jesus's head got at some
spot Jesus was supposed to
have been taking into the
Jordan. The Jordan were
very muddy (a canal actually)
Steps had been built
down bank which was
fairly high and steep
to where Jesus was supposed
to have gone with John.
Then on to Jerico.
Lowest city in world.
~~said~~ 1000ft below sea level
and then on to Dead sea
where it is 1300ft below
sea level.

At Jerico we saw a
huge mound near one
edge of city on the side
next to plain lying next

to the mount of temptation
where Jesus was supposedly
at when Satan tempted him.
Actually it was a very
high and desolate place.
And a monastery is built
at this spot about $\frac{1}{2}$ way up
the mountain side.
The high ~~city~~^{mount} of Olives
near Elijah's well at
Jerico appears like a
sand dome more or less.
At present the students of
the Archaeological school
of Jerusalem both English
and American are excavating.
They have dug deep in one
side on toward center
uncovering old ruins walls
steps etc which they

think date back to the early
bronze age. It is thought
that there are remnants of
more than one civilization
there. and here is where
the wacks of Jerico came
tumbling. One of oldest
cities. at the well it
seemed a spring women
were coming and carrying
water in earthen wack
on their heads. Donkeys
were being watered there
also. then to the center
and east ~~was~~ ~~was~~
Jerico proper. Most of
women came from a refugee
camp. there are two
such camps at Jerico.
The place is alive with

vegetation. Along the
Jordan Valley it is
rich, seeing gardens of
green. Palm trees,
bananas, figs, etc grow
there, & were pretty.

In distance was Dead Sea
glistening in sunlight
and a little beyond and
bordering was a nice
looking range of mountains
fairly high and pretty with
a colored hue against
misty pastel sky.

We looked at Dead Sea.
It is very salty & twice
more so than the ocean.

It was a dark color &
you could see only a
little way from the bank

where it made a steep
incline but by sight
it couldn't be that it
may have dropped off
7 or 8 ft out. ~~Water~~ tide
was very gentle as it
rolled with tiny white
laced cuff against the
sand. The sand were
strange as there are no
sea shells etc from the
sea. It appears to me life.
Black stones there
are commercialized
and made into pottery
by lather etc. I bought
a few for souvenirs.
Then back to Jerusalem
many herds of goats and
sheep along the way.

also some camels. The hills are gentle rolling but as we get farther from Dead Sea the more steep they become til they are quite large acrolate hills with very meager vegetation.

Some irrigation ^{is} being carried on in the Jordan valley. The Hpoint system is being used by the government there. Hence Jerusalem hills become a little more gentle and more rolling.

Road is narrow and winding and near town many steep embankments. Along way occasional

Hoofblack Tents are
pitched by shepherds for
their herds in ravines.
I saw a few camels
along this road. One
was hobbled and I
had never seen nor heard
of hobbles before, I
thought that was unique.

Plomh of Lagmeth
resembled Christ's in
type of make-up or
construction conforming
to that of Jewish traditions.

6th Feb - ~~Saturday~~ ^{Sunday}

going to visit Bethlehem
today weather cool and
very windy yet cloudy with
sunshine. It is fast
Sunday.

Saw Bethlehem and
Temple of Nativity.

Saw oldest Church in
the Holy Land. Down inside
is imitation rock where
once it is believed
inn stable was and in
a small room was where
Christ was born, 3 wise
men & shepherds visited
and across room is another
small place where manger
was. Original manger is
now in Paris. Now it is
a marble imitator alter

offer with resemblance
of a flat stone altar
in a cut away place.
It is lit with candles
covered with scuffs
and candles, pictures
etc. Stalls, adorned
with pictures on old
type material in a type
of mural also paintings
hanging in it.

Near by is church of
"Milk Grotto" where
many stopped on way to
Egypt and nursed the
 babe and spilled a
drop of milk which
turned the inside of the
Grotto white. Has been
legendary that the stone from

grotto can be powdered
in the hand mixed with
water and old moslem
women fed it to their
babies for milk.

Too rainy to get
pictures of Beth lehem
from surrounding area.

After dinner we went
to Mt of Olives and
Gethsemane. It really
rained. We saw a lot
church at top of Mt where
Christ was supposed to have
ascended. Then we went
down to church over
spot at Gethsemane
where Christ was
supposed to have prayed

to the Lord. A church
built in 1919 is standing
with an altar directly
inside and behind a
rock which is pettified
off. It is supposed to be
the spot as nearly as
can be told of where
Jesus prayed. It is near
here that Christ was
kissed by Judas.

At the Mt. of Olives
we witnessed a wedding.
and a grave of Mary.

There we saw a grotto
which is quite large
and where Jesus went
to rest with his disciples
after tiring of journeying.
The marriage the Mt

part of which we saw was
being performed by Greek
Orthodox sect. They were
men with black garb
and long beards. They
spoke in Greek & Syriac
or Arabic but chanted.
We did not stay long but
the ceremonies were still
going strong when we
left.

Then where Jesus
was baptized was where
the Israelites crossed
over from the promised
land. And in the distance
were Mt Moriah where
the last of the manna
came from heaven to the
people. In this area

at top of Mt. is a church
now kept built by William II.
was where Solomon and
Bomarrah.)

Mt. of Olives is quite
large the Garden is
near the bottom but the
ascension is near the top
and also one of places
where Christ prayed.

At top of Mt. Olivet the
Palm Sunday palm processions
began with Jesus being
led on a donkey down
and through St. Stephen's
gate thru the temple
wall.

Rained all day. Have felt
a little rough today. May be
the rain. A lamp in heated
room and oil kerosene lantern
which could attribute to my
head a little bit of heat. I had a cold.

In church on Mt. of Olives

7 Feb

feeling somewhat better today. as we prepared to journey on our way, I am more or less "bishop" for a week now. ~~Less~~ acted in the capacity the 1st week of our tour.

We arose fairly early went to Air Jordan office and got our tickets and applied for a visa. At 0915 we left by car to airport. It was a beautiful day. we didn't have time to go back to the Mt of Olives, Bethsenuane or the temple grounds so I left a roll of camera

35 mm so that we could
have a member of the
Franciscan Order take
pictures and later send
them to me. So after a
short wait at airport our
passports and visas arrived
and we left Jerusalem.
We passed over a large
area of desert then
we passed over a very
large area of farming
land. It was in fields
and appeared well cultivated.
Despite modern equipment
is being used due to the
vast area. We saw
snow capped mts above
the clouds as we neared
Beirut. The soil was a

very rich brown. Before
landing in Beirut we flew
over bay It was very
beautiful and Beirut
has great many of modern
buildings. and a very
nice airport - superior to
Cairo and on the ocean
bay more or less the
beach. We went to the
air Jordan office and got
a cab on up to a very
nice hotel called the
Ahlami Club. We were
directed to it because
of the expense here. It
is a quieter hotel and
located in town rather
than on the beach and
also prices are more

reasonable. We were usually
surprised when the topic
pulled up to a modern
building very clean,
just new and of the
latest architecture. Well
we sort of felt our way in
figuring the rates would
no doubt be out of our class
entirely, but to our ~~surprise~~
we found that it was
quite reasonable. Chaplain
Dunn is still with us and
the 4 of us got double bed
rooms adjoining, \$6.00 a piece
including three meals. Well
at lunch a man walked up
to our table and said you fellows
look like you from the west -
any of you from Arizona.

well no Doer from Calif. He
said he was from Phoenix.
then asked if any of us were
from Utah. I was from Idaho.
Well we went on a bit
Les mentioned he was planning
to attend school in Utah.
where? the BYU. That's ~~mormon~~
isn't it? Yes were all
mormons except the
father of course. Well we
should convert him he
said. So I take it that
he is a mormon.

Well this evening we
saw him again at the supper
table. supper time 7:30-10:00
there is an elderly couple
here from Los Angeles. The
man is a prof at USC

and was several years at
M.I.T. now he is on a
scholarship to the United
States University at ~~Soof~~,
at Baghdad. He is an
instructor in civil engineering.
He is there for 1 yr on a
Fullbright Scholarship
and at present is touring
the middle east.

We ran into he and his
wife at Victory Hotel
Cairo, later Agassiz
Hotel in Jerusalem and
now here. They are
touring during a vacation
he has with his work.
She is planning to finish
her 6 hrs of credit in
Theology for a master's

degree in history and
by writing a thesis on
a particular pagan
sect of that country.

Then this afternoon
after dinner we took
a taxi north along
the Lebanese coast
to Byblos where there
are ancient ruins
running back thru
the Roman escapades
on to Phoenician days
and even further where
the oldest city of the world,
well we saw graves or
burial pots of the day
consisting of large
earthen jars. Many still
had remains of skulls,

cannon, ball lodged
in the stone wall
teeth and bones in

the pottery, must have
just left earth so the
reason is acute.

Along the way we
saw nice fruit orchards
and green foliage with
banana stalks or trees,
palm trees etc. It is
really quite beautiful.

We were surprised here
as in the other countries
we've visited to find so
many excellent new US
cars. From Cadillac to
Chrysler, to Chevy, the
Ford and even European
one yet they are really
in the minority. And
almost no new cars can

he found less than
50's most all are
54's and 1955's,
tonight the man from
Arizona told me to
cross the street before
the hotel and visit the
campus of the American
University. Here we saw
a very nice young son-in-
law who explained to us
all about the school.
There unless they are studying
~~speaking~~ a language
than they use English
since the American
faculty are Americans.
The school has an
enrollment of 2000
and is compact.

It is conventional
although the ladies
down is of course.

It overlooks the Med. Sea
and has many buildings
and schools. Also it
is very nice to see the
variety of trees, nice
buildings yet it was
dark when we were
there.

On the road to Byblus
we passed an old pass
which was used in
the time of Napoleon III.

High above is a large
white sculpture of
Christ with his friends
~~near~~ further is a
statue of Mary yet

high up the hillside
and several kilos down
the road.

Talking on the flight
from Jerusalem we
were greeted by a
sweet little hostess.
She is a Catholic, her
parents are Maltese,
we thought Malta was
in Pacific Theatre, yet
her parents were English
and moved to Cairo
before she was born 23
yrs ago, then she has
a sister 20 yrs old and
an older brother. She
was born in Cairo, she
speaks very good English
yet not like an Englishman

She speaks, Arabic, French,
Italian and a little
Maltese. She was very
very ^{attractive} ~~attractive~~ and Lee
really felt her a time but
it was fun visiting
with her certainly made
the flight go faster and
we enjoyed talking. She
is nice hostess. Guess
we just been away too
long but she had the
nicest smile, the nicest
everything that I've
seen in a girl for so long
that I really don't
know what to think of it.
But then I guess the
girls back home will be
a welcome sight if they

are half as nice as she.
It's here

8 Feb

today I went to Baalbeck
Baal was sun God.
Early Phoenicians worshipped
me there. Later the
Romans constructed
huge temple for their
Isis, Diana and others.

At front was 12 stupes
to where pillars had been
and then a great stair
way. In middle was a
hexagon theatre with
inscriptions and carvings
on the side part of it was
torn down. The Turks
came and cleared and

destroyed much of it
and used some for a
fortress and even torn
up the mosaic and
then later on they used
some of larger stones for
an exterior to the
main walls for a note
then in center of it there
was a huge outfit

that was used as a place
to sacrifice animals it
was an enclosure and built
up very high though at
present it was torn down.
There were inscriptions all
around and in Latin carried
names of kings etc.

It took 250 yrs to build.
100,000 + of slaves were

used. Lives were of
no value and were
quickly expended. the
object being to construct.
Stones and pillars were
huge tons and tons
erected upon each other
and standing high in the
air. around the sacrificial
altar in front of the
Temple of the Goddess
Diana was a place built
for washing animals
before they were sacrificed.

Then too many articulate
carvings were placed here
on pillars and elsewhere
In this circle ^{for} every
other god ~~or~~ or goddess
was built a rectangle

temple and the alternate one a semi circular one.

Diana was square.

Infante were buried here in patteny the same as at Byblus. Infants were buried that way customarily by the Romans.

Huge temples the highest was to the rear but the pillars the famous ones in pictures of Beirut show the very nicest of stonem & the place. Several of them standing solemnly alone as it were still supporting the cross beam.

At bottom are pillar stones of course and on many of them are carved a lion's head and

a calf's head next to it
on the left side. Apparently
were worshipped or had
some connection with
Jupiter. Across from this
were a huge temple more
nearly whole than any of
the others. It had a
great many carvings on
the top between the
wall proper and the
pillars. Then inside
there were also some
pillars. Backus, god
of mine & had many huge
pillars or columns.

On the trip out our driver
side swept a pickup.

Coming back he had a
flat and ran out of gas

when

but ~~before~~ he ran out of
gas he was nearly to top
of a hill so he turned around
coasted down to a town
and got gas.

The valleys were very
beautiful. We climbed a
long ways before we got
over mountains near coast
at Beirut. There the valley
was large and beautiful
field stretched across
the vast majority of
it. On three sides were
snow capped mountains.
The highest mountains
were 11000 ft. highest in
the middle east. over it
from where we were in
the famous Cedars of Lebanon.

Today there are only
12 trees left. And
about three centuries
ago there were something
like 40 trees.

The tree is an emblem
and is used on the
national banner which we
saw on a flag at a
military installation along
the high way.

There are more new
cars here than I have ever
seen. Mostly Chrysler
products. Then comes
Chevy. We saw some camels
carry huge sacks of wool
appearing larger than
the camel. The camel being
tied to a donkey usually

and the driver leading the donkey. Then of course there are many donkeys here and some Arab horses.

Occasionally they have races with their pumpheds.

I saw a couple race animals on the outskirts of town today.

I haven't seen very many nice houses here other than two

race animals. A couple pulling a cart didn't look bad but were very small.

There are new rock building huge residences along the road in the hills overlooking the ocean. There is a lot of money here. Beirut is 2nd to New York City as a currency exchange point on

trading point & it would Zurich
Switzerland is this.

The man I thought was L.D.S.
is not but in Phoenix he has
L.D.S. neighbors and works
with ag students where he
teaches at the U as an
ag Engineering major.

One thing here very interesting
even more than in Canada at
least the part of Cairo we
saw is the different kinds
of people. We see extreme
poverty here also but not
so mixed in the downtown
area. There are the most
modernistic ~~people~~ buildings
in town may be side
by side with a mosque.
There are the peasant

class. Many well dressed individuals. Many muslim women wear black veils or entire black head scarfs covering their entire faces.

In the middle of town with its very narrow streets and heavy auto traffic there is hardly no room for carts, mules etc. probably are not even allowed.

So much of the transporting of goods around from retail and warehouse appears to be carried on the back.

Men have a web strap about like a GI belt only longer of course. They carry it

around then carry bulky
merchandise in boxes or
tied on with three long
straps tied around and then
over their forehead.

One old man had a huge
wooden box with 18 or
2 dozen large flasks in it
and it was heavy you could
tell by the way he carried it.



one had
about 14
en by square
5 gal galvanized
cans on the back.

Ants may carry
loads many times their size
but these men have only 2
legs ants have several

and they carry loads much
larger than themselves
some as donkeys and camels.
This was not seen anywhere
else in the middle east.

There are three universities
here. American, French and
Lebanese.

9 Feb

Left Lebanon approx
930 arrived ~~on~~ Cypress
45 min later. Flew
on BEA (British European Air)
Vickers "Viscount" new
nice type 4 engine plane.
Arrived here in Athens
about 1200 weather
was very nice and sunny.
There are quite a few
US Air Force planes at Athens

so a hop on to Rome
should be fairly possible.
Hotel here is the New Anglaterra
located at Constitution
Square, Athens.

Here at the Tomb of the
unknown soldier we
saw the guards come
out of their guard houses
(tiny houses and perform
in a peculiar march to
~~exercise~~ after standing
at position of attention
in guard house. Very
~~rigid~~ rigid stance.

went to a movie Judy
Garland "A Star is Born"
ate macaroni in a
little restaurant.

10 Feb 55 - Athens

Went on an AMEXCO
tour today. In morning
saw museum left
at nine till 1200
saw a Greek Orthodox
church also.

After noon saw
stadium, Acropolis
and Mass Hill where
Paul preached to the
Athenians.

Beyond Mass Hill is
located an observatory
and just below it is
a modern Greek Orthodox
church. Peculiarly constructed
end of tour.

In museum one marble
statue of a man found in
a tomb 1943 impressed me

very much. Very athletic
very nicely proportioned
and looked alive so
to speak. Very nice
sculpture showing
smooth muscles, and
natural body. Was
perhaps a little larger
than life size, or else
was a 225 or 30 pounder
with large size foot
and better than 6ft
tall.

There were other
bronze statues.

One statue of a horse
seemed a little out of
proportion. He was
carved in marble against
a solid background,

with the front quarters and
head facing away enough
to show all of breast
and both sides of head.
Very thick jowled with
heavy neck. Yet very narrow
across shoulders and still
girth was deep and
point of shoulder to
withers was deep. Leg
had no taper but was
very heavily muscled.

and short for its bulkiness.
Yet hoof would take at
least a #3 shoe.

back fairly coupled and
hind legs seemed a little
longer than front ones yet
hind quarters ~~was~~ heavy but
narrow from the inside to point
of thigh

one ear was missing & the was
slight well placed and short.
Eyes were large and placed
out and forward indicating
life with fairly long head
and nose wrinkled about the
mouth. Had no bridle
or halter was in an excited
stance, was being controlled
by slave boy with a ~~stick~~
stick. Was a stallion.

11th Feb - Rome

got up at 600 - left 630
by taxi to airport. signed
up finally got a hop
out at 1130 - very slow ride
was strictly military plane.
no seats sat on side.
arrived at Rome 400 by

Rome time being back on
Central European time. set
watch back one hour on today's
flight - night before.
Leaving Athens ~~at~~ talked to
Bro Stoddard, an air force major,
in pres. of Frank just branch.
He took us to a champagne
afterwards we saw a movie
"A woman's world".

On flight we hit really
rough air a couple of times.
We flew over the Isle
of Capri as we neared
Rome. We could see Mt
Vesuvius along the coast.
As we neared Rome we saw
irrigated fields. looked
really nice. Then we passed
the Angio beach and
arrived in Rome.

after checking the options
we finally got a bus to
town after being refused
trans on one bus because of
only being on a leave order status.
Arrived about 6:00 at the
"Hard Hotel"

Rome seemed interesting from
the bus with old aqueducts,
then the huge buildings.

12 Feb Saturday
one week left of Lv time.

Was cloudy rained off
and on all day. So we went
to the Vatican museum. It
closed at 2:00 so we left
went to St. Peter's then we
went to the USO while it
rained we ate a snack and
later after writing letters

for a while then walked
back near the Colosseum
to a picture show then to
our hotel. Our hotel is
near the station and also
very near a square where
there is a large fountain
with many sprays.
retired about 1015

Well today 13 Feb Sunday
after clear skies last
night it is again raining.
Perhaps with Monday
we shall have some
sunshine once again.

13 Sunday

Stayed in hotel rained.

We walked to the Colosseum
to Victor Emmanuel monument
and monument of unknown
soldiers

saw several of the
famous arches and the
forum. Saw steps where
~~Cassius~~^{Cassius} was stabbed.

Began raining again.
We ate at California Bar
so we went to bed. ^{14 Feb} Monday
we left, sun began
shining by the time our
train left 1045 then
at 4:00 we got to Florence
We went to the Majestic
Hotel. We walked to town
with Dory. Saw the famous
squares and covered
bridges, sculptures by
Michelangelo etc. An
original "David." Then
went to a movie "The
Egyptian" It was a

new movie but in Italian.

It was really a great movie, spectacular sets. Then after movie we got lost. Duff went one way I wanted to go another back track.

we finally had to ask him to get to the station. It was a long walk back.

Then upon arrival in center we started out again for hotel. Carl went one way Leonard I another. We beat him to the hotel. He finally came in. Well we are

Tues 14 Feb

Sun shone in Florence (Firenze) so we took a

few colored shots of
famous squares and
old covered bridges, a
bridge with stores and
shops on it. One of few
remaining such bridges.
Florence was in olden
times a province, so we
noticed many buildings
are of a variety, stemming
from castles - all type
castles like. Then we
rode train to Pisa and
the leaning tower church
and baptistry. It had
wonderful acoustics.
After climbing tower we
rode back to Florence
picked up our baggage
and came on to Venice

coming through Bologna

We changed trains there.

We talked to the conductor
and a couple of Italian
soldiers on the way. Carl
used his Spanish to good
advantage. We found out
some of their views.

age, name, where they
lived, sworn in the summer,
was in infantry, platoon, etc.
Well it was interesting.

Then we arrived in Venice.

A Character met us at station
convinced Carl & I to go to his
hotel, but it cost us 700 L
tip for our baggage we found
out when we got there,
also he said hotel was 1000.
It was 1200. Well we got
that. so so so much

We all spent night in
Venice. It was sunny but
hazy the next morning when
we went out. We took
our baggage back early
to the ~~train~~ station
then by canal boat
went back to center of
town and to St. Mark
square. There was enough
sun to take colored
pictures but not the best.
We took several shots in
area of the square. There
are several types of
architecture present in
the one square, Roman,
Renaissance, Baroque,
~~Baroque~~, Gothic. There were
had to hurry to catch train

so we left for next stop
station. We took pictures
of gondolas and other
river traffic along the way.
Rialto bridge near square
then down canal to station.
then we left Venice at
1100 arrived in Milano
about 400 then got wrong
train to Beane, we were on
train to Bern but by way
of Zurich. We were
supposed to have gone by
way of Domodossola and Brig
according to our ticket. So
we got off train at Como
on border and rode back
to Milano to get other
train to Bern. However we
arrived too late to catch it.

and consequently had to
wait until the next morning
so we stayed in a little
Hotel near station and in
morning went to see famous
Cathedral but didn't have
time to see painting of last
supper in another part
of city and in a chapel
or church there, the
Cathedral was very elaborate
and one of 7 famous churches
in Europe. It was made
using carvings including
bronze doors, stained glass
and other unique qualities.
Inside was a bit like
a chess board for size.
In front was a large
square. We got there by

street car. It was so
crowded we could pay
so on return we tried to
repay but conductor couldn't
understand and even
one man who knew some
English couldn't get him
to accept fare except for
one way. Well around
130 we left for Bern

by way of Domodossola.
Arrived in Bern 200

It was snowing. There
were several inch snow.

Cloudy all day. stopped
snowing around 12
midnight as we left Bern

Well at a little after
2 PM we took a little train
to Zollikofen, there we inquired

as to the whereabouts of
the "Kormore temple". A
man at the little Bahnhof
told us. It was in an
a quarter of a mile from
station, about 2 city
blocks but we had to
walk around a road to
get to it. It was snowing
so when we got there we
looked like snow men in
our summer suits, sport
coats & clocks and our st. formal
soaked a little water.

The temple was small
with beautiful spire.
and white. Grounds
were then in mounds of
dirt covered with
snow. Several cranes

and drag lines were set
up on the ground.

It was pretty hard some
lattice work to the stone
which of course was white
but inside was unfinished.

Many places were closed
off with lumber perhaps
it was for large windows
areas or even lattice work.

There were a lot of work-
men around, plumbing,
plastering, wiring etc.
mostly doing inside work.

We went upstairs and
downstairs and on main floor.
Nothing finished. Base for
font was built but scaffold
across center of room
for plastering. Walls were

thick, many hard kick
work inside. None of workmen
could speak English. I
figured out some of the
rooms for instance, shower
and dressing rooms from
blue-paint on wall and
~~some~~ some painting rooms
where plastering was going on.
Directly to the rear were
pine trees. Across the
dirt road in front were a
~~group~~ group of modern apartment
houses. Large buildings. We
left & walked back to
station road & waited to
Bern HBH took 10 or 15 min
by little train. Then we
went to the Brauner Bern
(brown bear) restaurant.

We had most delicious food of our trip. Wiener schnitzel with vegetables and french fried potatoes. Whole plates full. Our 1st milk to drink since we had left Germany also.

We stayed around Bahnhof because of ~~same~~ until nearly ~~midnight~~ ^{11:00-7:00} then we got train to Basel. There we went to station had milk, waited until nearly midnight to cross to the German. Bahnhof then got thru customs easily by showing orders and 2 D marks then conductor gave us our tickets. From here to Basel cost \$3.00 and from Basel to Frankfurt cost \$2.50. We arrived in Frankfurt 5:00 AM

very fast train. then got a
train almost immediately
out to Friedberg and by taxi
on to the Kassel gate. Then
to Leds. Went up at 6.30
and got my mail from Jim.
Well today is Feb 18th.

Sunday the 20th I must
sign in off leave as it is
my day of grace for leave.

So I'll stop today
and be away and get things
ready to send home. In the
way of presents.

Jim told me that
my blue card was to be
signed today. So just
when I go home I don't know
but L. P. Dr. Anderson came
in on 31st. was scheduled

previously June 15 some as
I Tiburzi, Bty Clerk
leaves in March signing
this card today same as
I so my rotation date may
be advanced at least
a month possibly more.

Trip Expenditures

30 Jan	Frank	200	hotel
31 Jan	"	200	
31 Jan	"	40¢	snack
1 Feb	"	40¢	lunch
2 Feb	Cairo	1.00	dinner
2 Feb	Cairo	11.00	AMEXPO tour
3 Feb	"	1.00	meal
3 Feb	"	60	tip to Okay
3 Feb	"	hotel 11.50	hotel bill
3 Feb	flight to Jerusalem	33.70	plane fare
4 Feb	Jordanese	3.00	visa
5 Feb	Dead Sea	3.00	pottery
6 Feb	Azzahra Hotel	13.75	room & meals
7 Feb	Jerusalem	1.50	souvenirs
7 Feb	Jerusalem	19.00	plane fare
7 Feb	Jerusalem	3.00	visa - Liban
8 Feb	Beirut	83.00	plane fare
8 Feb	Beirut	5.00	tour
9 Feb	Beirut	12.65	
10 Feb	Athens	10.00	hotel, meals, ^{tour} status
14 Feb	Rome	3.00	ticket Rome to Florence
14 Feb	Rome	8.00	hotel Rome

15 Feb Florence 2.00 Piggy
15 Feb Florence 2.00 hotel
15 Feb Florence 2.50 train-Venice
16 Feb Venice 2.00 hotel
16 Feb Venice 6.00 train-Bern
16 Feb Milan 6.00 hotel
18 Feb Bern 2.10 meal
18 Feb Basel 2.50 trans to Frank.

Total expenditure
of traveler's check
285

film not included

miles total / 5325

total by air 4350

MATS total 3100

Commercial flight 1250

total miles by rail 975

<u>Mi</u>	<u>destination</u>
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1260 m	Tripoli
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1190	Cairo
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300	Jerusalem
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200	Beirut
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150	Cyprus
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600	Athens
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650	Rome
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150	Fluence
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(50-50) 100	Pisa
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150	Venice
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150	Milan
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(25-25) 50	Como
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140	Bern
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35	Basel
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180	Frankfurt
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20	Friedberg
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Military Leave Journal

February 1955

Leave for Feb 1955

30 Jan. finished a long drawn out program of securing visas, passport and clearance for a leave to the middle east countries. It entailed red tape dating back to December before Christmas when we started by sending for our birth certificates to facilitate attainment of a passport from the American Embassy ^{Consul} in Frankfurt. Clearance also had to be granted specially thru USAREUR for Libya, Trans-Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon. We at first applied for Israel but were informed that the Arab adjoining countries would not admit anyone from Jerusalem so we had to submit to go to Jordan or else go to Israel last and then from there we would have to fly or sail to the European continent as the border couldn't be crossed out of Israeli.

So we had Israeli scratched and placed Jordan on instead. Also on our orders were the following countries, Greece, Italy, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Allied Zones of Germany Denmark, and England. We had applied for the Netherlands but it had been left out, but of course once our clearance was through from USAREUR we went south for a warmer climate anyway.

the morning of the 31st our plane (a military air transportation service plane) which was supposed to fly to Tripoli, Libya didn't leave so we waited and by waiting we were able to get paid the 31st pay day and left the next morning on a hop to Tripoli. Having \$450 was nice. We hoped we didn't need it all but had it just in case.

Well Les Mason and Carl Doefler were my companions on the trip. We got international shot records booked in with MATS and waited in a hotel for further notice. The hotel was near the Mats office in Frankfurt. The 4 seasons hotel or Vier Jahreszeiten Hotel.

I had a good supply of film. 23 rolls of 35 mm 20 exp. Kodachrome and 31 rolls of 120 black and white film.

Feb 1st received call at 0500 to report to the lobby of the Baselerhof hotel lobby with baggage so we left. Here we checked in our baggage. 3 Cpls the last of a long list all in priority over us for obtaining flights. Just before us was a Catholic Chaplain, Capt Dunn. He was going the same place we were the Holy Land. So he knew Les, he was from the 22nd Regt a Küch. Gens. too.

(U) We left the hotel by military bus and arrived at Rhine-Main Air Force Base where we departed on a C-54 at 0815 for Tripoli, Libya. We paid 40¢ prior to leaving for a snack lunch which we received mid-way. It was served by 2 nice WAF

hostesses. It was a snack lunch with vegetables, milk and sandwiches - very good meal. When we neared Tripoli the hostess asked for a show of hands of the passengers going on to ~~Tripoli~~ Cairo so we found there was a flight.

And on home after arrival in Tripoli we boarded a plane for Cairo. It was a large 4 engine naval ship and for some season after tarrying the field it returned for maintenance

we unplugged for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. got on again and took off.

~~We had arrived in~~ We arrived in Tripoli approx 2300h
and left at 430. Wheelus Air base in Tripoli

In Tripoli it was a ~~flat~~ cool sunny day. I saw my 1st palm trees there and as we circled to land the country lay desolate against a blue sea shore. Dry looking unproductive land with adobe houses built in a fort style with yard enclosed. Really a desolate looking place. Of course we were unable to leave the air base for town so we saw no native customs or dress while there. We did notice it was a dreary place and the fellows stationed there didn't mind saying so. Well I took a picture of Jess by a palm and vice versa. Then after mailing a picture as they had no post cards (were sold out at the time) we headed for Cairo the plane fixed. We had flown about ~~1260~~¹¹⁹³ (1130 miles) to Tripoli and on ~~490~~⁹⁶¹ (960) to Cairo

It was night when we arrived at Caia and also we had changed our time coming into another time zone going east we advanced one hour. It was 930 when we arrived in Caia. Our plane was met as soon as it stopped by a tiny $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft tall fellow speaking fluently in English who everyone called Chico. He took us into the airport and started us through the customs with a registration

form and on. The other passengers most of them stayed on the plane because they were enroute to _____ an air base in Saudi Arabia.

After we arrived we had to take off our Ike jackets and put on our civilian jackets as it is unauthorized to wear a uniform in Egypt. Then we took our baggage to the taxi, but there were many ~~asas~~ watching us. They just stood around and like wooden Indians watched us. With Turbans and red caps like inverted flower pots with a black tail and tassel to it and in their robe like dress they stood erect, tall and quite as we checked through the authorities had our passports and visas checked. Then when we went to the taxis we were met with a strange shock. All these Arab drivers were waiting and all came up at once reaching for our baggage so that they would get our business. There were many of them flocked around us. Then a few carried our other bags from the plane inside and they came around for a tip. Carl had said previously now we won't tip - we aren't rich - we can't afford it so let's carry our own. Well they were so determined and overbearing that we were unable to keep them from totting our baggage so they came up for tips. We didn't know either how much to pay them for taxi but finally Chico came out and said a line or two in Arabic and they all scattered. Then with two taxis remaining half in one $\frac{1}{2}$ in another with our baggage separated also we started for Cairo, Love.

I personally was really surprised not to see some outmoded sort of taxi so when it was a 53 model Chev I didn't know what to think of it.

It was as strange driving⁵ from the airport. that night as it was the last day in Germany or perhaps even more even though I had experienced one change to a land of which I was totally a stranger.

As we neared Cairo we observed along the streets Arabs out in both the light and the shadows of the street lights. Many of the Moslem women wore veils over their whole faces. They gave you a funny feeling dressed as they were. They moved around somewhat listlessly in the street lighted streets.

When we neared the hotel ~~we saw an~~ our driver ~~of~~ honked and pulled over to ~~stop~~ the curb where a old car got in the front seat. I'm Sam's brother he told us. Now Previously at the airport we had been told by Chico at the hotel we would meet Sam so to look for him because he took care of all of their MATS guests and gave them professional guides as well at good rates. Well here was Sam's brother already. He was interested in finding if we wanted a tour the following day.

We told him we were tired we could talk to him in the morning because we had wanted to get situated in our hotel tonight and get rested. So we turned our passports over to the Victoria hotel and got rooms. Les was in a double room with a shower and Carl and myself had a double room on the 4th floor where we had an oversight to the main street in front of the hotel.

It seemed weird, the long curtains, the hotel stewards all men, many of them dark browned skins and some of Ethiopian blood and their red caps with black tassels. They carried our baggage for us in spite of our protests and up the elevator we went.

We had a fairly nice room. Well we certainly were in a strange world and I felt as though the others sensed it the same as I did. At any time we could

see activity on the street below. There was noise all hours of the night. It was a weird thing. For a city it seemed still and peaceful and as though the noises were always an interruption to the calmness or at least the atmosphere seemed to have been the remnant of calmness anyway the hustle-bustle of a huge city just wasn't there, but instead of the rumble of a modern city there was a stillness present in which any noises seemed an interruption of it rather than a part.

houses drifted in as though they were far off and echoed through the streets. Occasionally a high two wheeled cart jiggled by with the pounding of a small donkey's feet on the asphalt streets. Arabs, women with black face coverings, others with nice posture carrying loads upon their heads.

Feb 22 Next morning we were awakened by Lee as he came to our hotel room for his shaving gear which was in one of the bags that we carried. We of course did not wear our uniforms anymore here because of restrictions so this morning we wore jackets and summer clothing. Cairo was busy as the winter sun made its way through to the now crowded and busy streets below. There were carts loaded with vegetables, fruits, and regular bazaar articles on the streets below already setting up for the day's business. There was still the stench-like aroma in the air which I had now become assured was a marked distinction of Cairo. Donkeys were being hustled through the streets it seemed as though they were half way trying to keep in step with the motorized traffic of this day and age as it jammed up at the intersection where

an Arab traffic policeman⁷ shouted and waved while the traffic went ~~by~~ ~~unperturbed~~ ~~as~~ as though ignoring his being. Cars honked at ~~slowed~~ slow traffic and pedestrians who hurried out of the way as the cars drove on with no sign of slowing down for any reason.

Camels although not plentiful made their appearance also and long woolled goats and sheep were herded across avenues of traffic with shouts of Arabs ~~and~~ ^{herders some young - some old} ~~youngsters~~ hurrying them along.

As soon as we finished breakfast which was a conventional one coming with the hotel ~~and~~ ^{and} consisting of rolls, Arab bread butter and an order of eggs on the side we stepped into the lobby. By this time it was past 9 AM and the same Arab Sam's brother was there shaking our hands and wanting to take us touring. He had a car all ready to go and was just more than anxious. He wanted \$5.00 or 15 lbs. They use the lb as a monetary standard in Egypt and it is further broken down into piasters. We explained that we wanted to go to the American Express, so they wanted to drive us but we wanted to walk see the town. Up came a large fellow with a band on his arm inscribed Victory Official Guide. He told us that we shouldn't listen to this guy Sam he would take us touring for just \$2.00. Well we still insisted upon going to the America so a huge Arab walked along the way with us very silent except for one little plug for Sam stating that he was a good guy.

Well on the way he and Sam's brother who was taking us had us stop in a little curio shop (sort of a bazaar type) and look at the things. Well no wonder this was Sam's shop. The manager there spoke English well and put in his plug for Sam's tour also. Well it wasn't far to the American Express Office and there inquired about the tour. They offered us a good deal and we felt

they were completely reliable so we let Sam go. The ~~old~~ big old Arab that took me to the office got sort of "teed" off when we took another tour. He told Les, "your not friend."

Our guide was named Aka, Akia, we called him "Okay". He had worked for the Amexco for about 40 yrs. Formerly he had toured many of the leading university in the US and spoke good English. He had been educated fairly well and at 56 was a good guide.

Well we got a car with a couple of folding seats and the four of us piled in. Now we were free from all the peddlers that had been harassing us. As soon as we had left the hotel we were confronted with arabs with red hats with tassels, braided quirts some with knives inside to comb, nearly everything. They wouldn't take no for an answer but insistently kept following us going from one member of the party to another. Then occasionally the huge guide would say something to them in Arabic and they would ease up but it wouldn't be long until they would be back again. If we ever stopped walking it gave the shoe shine boys added opportunity to confront us.

~~Then~~ after our Now we are on the way driving thru Cairo we stop at a wall near a large square get out follow Okay to the top of some stairs. ~~There is~~ This was an old mosque. We went inside where workmen were doing cement and stone work on the floor. They would carry the ~~old~~ litter out in a woven basket on their backs and dump it. The other mosque that we visited was further on and it was called Mohammed Ali's mosque. Mohammed Ali's mother was an Albanian woman; ~~his~~ his father a sea captain.

We visited the citadel. From the Nile River to the citadel

in ancient times there was an aqueduct. It is one of the 7 wonders of the world.

Cairo of old (the old city) connected to wall of 62 gates
 one was called the gate of Victory, rather gates one north and south
 they were always open. Sultan Hassan mosque - Hassan died ^{while fighting in the Nile}
^{his son is buried in the mosque}
 Manluk in 1630 came from Turkey. Their ^{facies} red with
 and ~~the blue~~ white stars. Then the citadel was used for Manluk.
 (1803-1805) ^{he built the} palace of Sala dien. 1809 ~~it~~ became pasha and took
 control of Manluk. 499 manluk were killed by Mohammed
 Ali then other manluk scattered from Cairo. 1918 the
 father of the Farouk made the mosque or finished it after it
 had been started, this was in 1830 it was finished. In 1848 M. Ali
 dies this mosque ^{Citadel was a copy of St. Sophia of Constantinople} was copied from Abraham's temple in Mecca.

From the hill we could look out and see the pyramids of Giza in the distance. On one side we could see the quarries where the stone was taken to construct the pyramids. It was surprisingly far away from the quarry. Then we left from the hill above Cairo (city of $2\frac{1}{2}$ million people) and drove down through what our guide called the dead city. Here were ruins or remains of a city. Most of the way it was walled on each side of the road but anyway many people were buried within until it was nothing but a grave yard yet we saw people living here as among the dead, not living but merely existing. Such poverty we shall never see in our lives again. Such ignorance, such poor underprivileged human beings.

Our guide then took us to the bazaar and we entered a few of the shops. I think Okay was surprised to find that we were unlike the usual tourists that he encountered. We really noticed the hand craft and fine workman's workmanship especially of inlay and leather work but we just weren't buying. In the last place we couldn't carry souvenirs and secondly we were only \$10 and therefore limited on funds quite abit. So after a couple of shops and a little place that sold perfume which was likewise turned down with a friendly excuse from the invitation to have a cup of tea we left and headed on. Okay then took us to ^{a big area} ~~the center of town~~ ^{where he held up my shoulder where he looked at him, he agreed his arm} a ^{surrounding} restaurant and picked us up a little later and we ^{We were cautioned not to use our cameras in the streets by the bazaar.} ~~headed~~ ^{went} directly to the large Cairo museum. It was forced in of course and Okay took care of the entrance fees and took us in. He was a patriot of Egypt all the way and so he told us the history explaining much of it in detail. He always wanted for all of us to

and pointed to his muscles.

gather around when he explained something. I do doubt many guides working in the museum could have told us more than O Kays. He had studied the Egyptian history and was up on the current excavations and things of a historical nature that had taken place right up to the present time.

Often he would wait until Carl or I would catch up from where we would be lagging either snapping pictures or else changing film then make sure that we would get the information. One time after I changed film he took me by the arm and made sure that I saw a certain pair of yellow beads in a show case they were very old and had come from materials used in that day.

We saw ~~mummies~~ and the mummy cases throughout the museum and some were very beautiful with gold paint. Then many were huge carved of stone. They were nice. Some had been found far down in the mud of the Nile. Others had been found in the river while working for a foundation for a bridge and had been cracked when it tipped over. Some were of alibon tea stone. This stone was sort of a yellow similar to a river bottom rock and when held before a light allowed some light to show through it.

We saw many things in one room that had been taken from King Tut's tomb. All sorts of things from the earlier age, shoes with soles made from papyrus pressed together in layers, coverings of wood, stone, bronze work. Hieroglyphics with some stones showing the alphabet. Cappings of ~~old~~ early kings, rulers, their wives etc. we saw ~~some~~ a few old chariots, some of the best steaks of the early Egyptian people, fine ivory work, model ships.

In front of the museum were several stone carvings. Of a rock resembling granite but not common to that immediate area it had been brought in before it was carved centuries before. There were several sphinxes and a huge lion. In an east front and center was a small pond in which grew papyrus. It was a wiry looking ~~very~~ reed about 5 ft or 6 ft above the water.

Then we went out to an island on the Nile and saw the place where Moses was supposed to have been found in the basket. There was also an old church here. It had been used at one time as a palace but at present was being used as a school and there was a school located there at least. As we left 3 little children playing near came up to the car and waved, 2 boys one girl. They were cute but a little dirty. About as cute though as any I saw there. Well for sure they were really made me think of the opportunities we as Americans

enjoy and how many they are deprived of compared to us. How wonderful it would be if we could only give them something stable. Then we went to the Embassy and checked in to the country. Chaplain Dunn had to get an ~~state~~ official statement vindicating that he was a Christian. This was for further use in getting entrance into Jordan. Les, Carl, and I already had one, they were ~~made~~ typed up in Tripoli and signed by Chaplain Smith, who Les works under stating our religion.

Then back to the hotel where O'Kay arranged to meet us the following morning and came on having to walk down through a persistent crowd of peddlers and shoe-shine boys.

That night we walked to center of town down from the Victoria a Victory square where we saw a great deal of the nice part of Cairo. Here were modern stores with up to date merchandise and appropriately modern window displays. Then as we ~~went~~ ^{went} on we stopped in a couple of stores to buy a belt for Les. It wasn't hard to get over what we wanted but it was hard to find one the size he wanted they were all too large. Seemed they were anxious to sell as they wanted to punch a hole. The little girl that waited on us had a ~~ton~~ ^{big} counter when finally she found one that fit. The belts were individually boxed. She was able to speak a couple of words of English and some French. Carl knew a couple of words in French also. It was hilarious but finally we wound up paying so many piastres about \$1.50 total. Well then we walked 5 or 6 blocks further until we came out of busy district and we turned back. We were looking for the chaplain who had gone ahead while we ~~waited~~ ^{shopped} for the belt. Finally on the way back we saw him standing on an island in the center of the street. We joined him and headed for a cinema. We saw a German movie or an American movie about a German prince. "Student Prince". (About Ludwig II)

We had to wait a few moments for the movie to start so while waiting we walked around a little more. But in the vicinity of the movie we ~~had~~ ^{had} contact with a rather unpleasant experience at least I felt so. A small girl came up begging. She had at one time lost her toes of her right foot. She would point to her foot which caused her to limp naturally and she ran as a he dances up on the curb. She suddenly darted out into the street between the parked cars later she ran across us again and pulled and tugged on our fingers. We didn't know what to do, all the people were ~~looking~~ ^{the} at beginning to look at us. Then a policeman came up rather swiftly and cuffed her and took her away. It was really pathetic yet she was only 1 of thousands many ~~more~~ ^{more} perhaps

even less fortunate than her. She was able to run around. Many had terrible eyes. Crossed-eyed, blind, other most abnormal appearances. After movie we went to hotel. Town was fairly well decorated but as we neared the hotel out hopped the kids to try to sell us knives & what have you? One had quite, some with knives shaped like (ice) ~~icicles~~ ~~as icicles~~ ~~icicles~~ then he pulled a blackjack from his waist when he saw that we weren't interested in his knives. He wouldn't take no for an answer so he followed us most of the way to the hotel. Then near the hotel up walked two young boys to Les and one with paper in hand made an upward swipe across Les's breast his paper catching the snout of Les's pen as it pulled it from his jacket pocket. Les grabbed the pen before the boy could get it away. There was a sudden rush. The boys disappeared so quickly they just faded. And others came quickly to see what had happened. Well one that spoke English said never wear anything in the open like that where it could be seen. Actually we had been warned previously not to wear pens or pencils out in the open like that. The pen got bent somewhat in the scuffle but we learned.

We hit the sack and in the morning Okay was waiting for us at 9:00 to take us on a full day's tour.

We were going in the morning out along the Nile to a couple of places the names of which I must look up. We decided not to go to the upper Nile country to Luxor and the Valley of the Kings. ~~to~~ Luxor

End of Feb.

Okay picked ^{us} up at 9:00 right after breakfast. We drove but crossed the Nile and went toward Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt. Along the way we saw sail boats on Nile. Also we saw people hawking all along the way. There was ~~a great~~ ^{constant} traffic very heavy traffic toward Cairo, most of it donkeys, some with carts. Camels, and the fields were green and rich looking although they were primitive. The houses were mere dwellings. Mud stuck in woven crude frame work some merely sticks, willows ect. some having appearance of canvas. There were a ^{few} fields ^{of} kindle playing among the water buffalo many of buffalo were tethered with a little pile of green feed ~~throwing~~ on the ground before them. Many were grazing in fields but all were poor. The ribs & hips nearly projected beyond the thick hanging hides. Some were with calf. After some more pass being driven and many times goats too would be driven in bunches and they were long woolled and coarse.

for picture taking inside with out the aid of a flash.

Then we drove on to the tomb of the Sacred Bulls. Here we saw remnants of Roman ruins on the outside of the tomb. The inside was a long dark passage way leading far down into the earth where it opened up. It was light by an electric light system. Inside was a straight hallway for several 100 yds. about 9 ft ceiling, and 8 ft wide, carved in the earth which was not stone though it was firm. At intervals all along on both sides of this channel ~~many~~ were rooms. 15 feet high or 15 ft wide and 12 to 22 ft in length. Inside these rooms were high boxes 10 or 12' by 8 or 9' and carved out of solid stone, some alabaster, ~~some~~ some granite etc. The tops were solid stone lids cut to fit exactly and evenly on top flat with the sides. Since the boxes weighed several tons it is wondered how they were brought in especially when they were longer than the passage way. We all back to the car and on toward the pyramids of Giza.

All along the way we saw different types of crude farming practices. We saw wooden sticks being pulled thru the ground for plows by buffaloes. We saw water being pumped onto land higher than canals by means of a ~~power~~ ~~human~~ affair with resemblance to an angle winding it up. Of course being carried by bucket was not uncommon either. We stopped at one time to photograph one of these water or aqua-elevations when the farmer dropped his work and races savagely for the car. Okay warned none of us to get out before he permitted the driver to stop. But I was amazed at the fierceness of the farmer. The driver took off and left him sputtering in the dust of the road.

We stopped before we got to Cairo and took pictures of the pyramids. They were fascinating and the sphinx seemed small in the distance. We ate in an outside restaurant in the edge of Cairo. There were street cars running up to the pyramids or very nearly so. Along the way to the pyramids is a wide boulevard. It was filled with horses, camels and even drivers with the owners soliciting riders for their mounts for a fee of course. After we ate Okay picked us up and took us on to pyramids. "Oh yes we drank 'Shura'".

that is carbonated water at these places as we feared the possibility of other types of drinks.

We spent a couple of hours at this location with Olay showing us around.

We walked behind the 1st py. to where the embalming chamber was which is directly behind the sphinx. We visited where the embalming was supposed to have taken place.

Then an area of sphinx is many buildings which are tombs of ancient persons of nobility.

We took pictures of each other on a camel there. It was quite an experience riding a camel. He gets up about $\frac{1}{2}$ way on front or hind one, can't remember which but then the other end comes up a ways then the other end and when he final gets up he has groaned many times rocked "fore" and "aft" about 2 times and you are really quite aways of the ground. ~~He~~

~~Then we went back toward large pyramid,~~

~~It was so~~

The sphinx is situated quite low and at the bottom of a small hill. Most of it except the very lower half are below the surrounding ground level and the back which is toward the hill and pyramids is even below the slope of the hill showing that it was nearly buried giving reason to its small appearance from across the terrain to the front. But it is actually quite large:

150 ft length

62 ft high

3 ft width mouth

1 ft eye

3 ft nose

2 ft ears.

Was shot at by Napoleon.
But really damaged by the Germans in World War I when it was suffered direct hit by artillery and was blown off.

Newest pyramid 1630 or 1650 approx AD

Pyramid's large pyramid took 30 yrs to construct. 10 yrs to quarry stone. 10 yrs to lay the foundation and 20 yrs to erect. The stone was quarried behind the citadel at a huge hill and taken to the valley where it was loaded

upon rafts which were floated across the Nile during flood season. then by using logs as rollers ~~slaved~~ slaves drew them to the place of construction. 100,000 slaves were used for one pyramid alone. There are several mysteries of Egypt anciently however, (1) method used to transport stones to top of pyramids. (2) type of tools employed for carving stone, ~~also~~ ~~also~~ ~~also~~ (3) there are three letters of the alphabet that are lacking never having been found yet.

The large pyramid has a passage way through it and also can be climbed from one side and is under direction of guides only. It is said that the passage way through the pyramid is such that the moon can be seen through it resting upon the tip of the other pyramid nearby.

Recently excavated in the immediate area and between the main pyramids and the sphinx is a huge pit in which was found a ship. It had belonged to a former ruler and had been buried along with other of his treasures. It has been removed now but the pit denotes its size as being of fairly large dimensions.

As we left Arabs came looking for riders for their ~~saddles~~ mounts. One had a colorful harness on his camel, saddle or what ever it's called and we took pictures of it. Its name was "California" He spoke good English.

I thought that the Arabs that did speak Arabic English spoke it without hardly any accent. Apparently their tongues are adept to the English phonics.

Well we were taken back to Amman where we got our tickets to Jerusalem. The plane left next morning at 5:00 for ~~so~~ since no "hope" were available we of course paid out the cash and got our reservations.

It seemed nice to get away from Cairo yet I personally felt also that as far as pictures were concerned I had really missed the boat though I hadn't done it entirely on purpose. A large city, 2½ million with old and new with extremes in both cases and weird and strange sights never to be seen any other place I can be sure of that. Sweet air again. Nights where people sleep and no hustle

hustle in the streets all through night

Old guide ^{who took} ~~as to~~ ^{us to} get sort of "feed" off
when we didn't use him but to an ~~Ameco~~
Tour. In a "You're not my friend"

In Cairo we saw the oldest Jewish
Synagogue in world. Church where Moses
prayed and also where Christ stayed for three
months in Egypt as a babe. Old manuscripts
dating back to 500 BC

3 mysteries ① stone cutting tools ② Lost 3
letters of alphabet. ③ getting huge stones top of pyramid.
Oldest church in Egypt.

It took 30 yrs and 100,000 slaves to
build the pyramid. It took 10 yrs to get
the stone. 10 yrs to lay foundation, 10 yrs to
construct. Stone was taken across river by
boat. Stones quarried opposite side of
Citadel from pyramids.

We saw the road just out of Jerusalem which
Paul traveled on his way to Damascus.
Mosque is 2nd greatest in world next to Mecca
Also the sight of the Holy of Holies and a cove of
Covenant was kept

Mt. Moriah where Abraham offered Isaac
Half way between Jerico & Jerusalem is pass
where the Lord Samaritans were supposed to have
stopped.

The spot in the Jordan where Christ was baptized is approx spot where Chitcher of Israel crossed the Jordan also.

Belgash (Caplin tree) where Manna first came down - place three miles south is place where Israelites made camp after crossing the Jordan. Also an old city in time (referred in time of Saul) later a city of adulterers worship.

About 25 miles down the Dead Sea is where John the Baptist was beheaded.

Also the city of Sodom and Gomorrah were located. Also we saw Mt Moab where Ruth and Boaz came.

In Bethlehem we saw Rachel's Tomb. The Basilica there has a very low doorway to keep donkeys from entering the church.

We saw hillside where shepherds watched their sheep.

In this Basilica is located the graves of many of the babies that were killed by King Herod.

The little little inset of Christ was nice. Many pictures are taken from it and used for Christ mas cards. It was carved probably in the 12th century.

In area of Garden of Gethsemane is Mary's tomb. where Jesus' prayer exists in so many languages. Byblos oldest city, a royal acropolis, temple of marl stone.

18 cent BC - Greco Roman amphitheatre of 12th cent. A Phoenician temple of 3rd millennium Baalbek erected to Baal - ^{250 yls to hills temple} center of hero

the God of Jupiter (Jove) Bakus (wine) Diana (hunting)
1759 a great earthquake shook much of it down -
tricks overran the country a few times

Jupiter had once 54 columns 17 on 2 sides 10 at end
Large lions head on top.

had no cement so used hot lead poured into
holes like dowels in wood.

temple of Jupiter in Athens 3rd largest built in
its day 104 columns. 16 left standing.

Saw modern Greek soldiers in old type
uniforms look like scottish dress.

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Unknown Leave part 1

31st März

went on leave

after pay call went to Frankfurt.

got \$200 in AMERCO check.

1st April

got started on way to Switzerland, arrived at

Freiburg, Germany 0400 1st Apr. went around town
left at 09:50 for Basel. In Basel Deutscher Bahnhof
got off took "tram" to Leimenstrasse 48 visited an
Elder Davis from Pocatello a good friend of Lynn
Halladay's. He helped me to pick a route to
tour on my trip and I took it. Then I went to
~~another~~ ~~land~~ the bahnhof and got a "Holiday ticket"

A half fare deal for touring allowing travel on
the designated route but on any train on that
route and you can stop off at any station
on the way and resume travel any time.

2nd April
So I left for Zurich after staying one night
in Basel. I walked around Zurich took
some pictures of sail boats etc. my map finds
on edipsa has me wandering. I'm not sure it
is accurate at infinity.

Drew the Zoological museum. There they
have all types of mounted animals. They
have cut away of showing the anatomy of

the house. They have a display on embryology. Then they have a wonderful display of skeletons. And Irish elk including horns is much larger spread than any moose. Cause it is a moose in actuality having palmated horns. Its spread was often more and length of horns were nearly left to, stretched nearly its whole back.

Skeleton of a mammoth.

Many lion, bear etc One Indian lion had longest teeth even more than African species, hundreds of monkeys and some orang utans and gorillas too. All sorts of birds, parrots, snakes every thing spiders of a 4 to 5 ft diameter

A very lovely moose mounted and a Bison. ^{also} snapper.

Well nice little city. one church has huge clock. many swan in the lake and many sail boats.

Then on top of high hill where the Grand Hotel is I took shot of the city. There is a golf course located there also. This high point was called Dolder.

On way to Zurich I met a girl from a village near Zurich. She was going home after having lived or worked in London for 9 months. She ~~was~~ was happy to be back in clean cities and sunshine with

fresh air and beautiful scenery. She was glad to return and likely would never leave again. Well there's no place like home specially if it's in Switzerland. ~~James on~~

I left Zurich around 4:30 for Lugern.

I arrived before dark and saw some beautiful mts along the way situated near Lugern. A little stop called Baar it was a beautiful view but too late for a bird shot.

I have enjoyed beautiful weather but I haven't taken too many pictures as yet.

Well

3 Apr. Today is Sunday. I have the address of the church here in Lugern where I plan to attend.

Feel fine after a very nice meal last evening.

I live in the Mastrasse hotel. I went to another hotel but they had no bath and it seemed more like a guest house than a hotel. So I found this one. also very reasonable price. I can see out over river with the swan, old wooden covered bridge and look toward the lake and the station.

Well it clouded somewhat Sunday afternoon but remained bright though.

quite happy so I
prolonged picture taking.

I attended meeting. I
arrived at the very end of Sacramento - Testimony
meeting. I met the missionaries there. There
were 2 LM and two elders. 2 from Calif.
One from Utah, one from near Edmonton Alberta, Canada.

NOTE: see last page
for an itinerary

Well sir Shirley whom I had met at Basel
day before was here just having been assigned.

That afternoon I slept a few hours
and when I awoke I was to meet
the LM and a friend of theirs a former LM
in Minn. She was a grad of the 'Y' and was
at present returning as an exchange
student of an Agricultural program with

the Philippines. She had been there 6 mo.
On way back she had come through Lisbon,
Singapore and other cities, and in Africa then
too she had stopped at ~~Port Said~~ ^{Port Said} and gone
to Cairo there to Port Said through Italy

and went to Lugan.

She remarked that the hills Valley was as if getting back to civilization after what she had seen in the Philippines. There she had actually lived with the farm people on their little farms in their huts, on fish, rice and "bananas" the only good food she had eaten.

In Philippines average farmer has to rent carabos to plow with and of course uses wooden plows and harrows consist of tree trunk filled with spikes.

Much of land too wet to use mechanized equipment or thought to a certain extent track vehicles have been used. Well what a small world it seems in a way.

I need to check to find out if I can what the weather here will turn to and if it is not good move on to Intalakun I suppose but I am hoping that it will clear here this after noon. Maybe farther on the weather would be sunny even now.

I trained some during the night and may even more today unless it changes.

For a small aquarium in half way of my

hotel are 12 to 15 trout. Seems nice to see them.
most are about 8 inches and on the Buffalo
would seem pretty nice on the end of a line.
or in the pan either one.

after looking out the window again I think
perhaps that it will clear and therefore
I should take off for a museum and if old
Sol gets out I can walk around taking a few
shots of historic places.

Some of finest clocks are plastic with
jewels etc set in so that working parts can be seen.

One was beautiful it was a square plastic and
had beautiful work in the plastic consisting of
fish sea shells etc like rose bud handles
etc commonly seen. Very beautiful ~~at~~ on a
polished base of bronze. Cute for a mounted.

Well the sun came out I got a few nice
shots from the area of the old wall and
the one tower I climbed in to the top.

Most of staircase, stairs and flooring had just
been put in with new lumber so it was
bright and fresh. Then I walked on toward
the north and east came to the "panorama"

I went inside and saw the painting of
the armies, French and Swiss at the French
border. very nice painting. 5 or 6 painters spent
2 yrs doing it. It covers many square feet

It goes all around the building. It is approached from a ring like balcony where you enter from the center and then walk around. You cannot see the very top edge for an overhanging ceiling from which lights about it drop down to illuminate - probably sky-light. And the floor of balcony extends out to a point past the rail to where it also acts as a frame to keep the observer from seeing the very lower edge of the caisson. In a few spots it is torn and has been put back in place or mended.

At two or three places a little reality has been added with the addition of a set. Such as at the point where sick are being evacuated by train. A real box car from by-gone days sits with the stuffed image of a lying soldier on its floor. And at another setting there are strewed equipment old saddle, saddle bags, packs, canteens etc strewed around. In painting the dead horses looked particularly real and the old equipment strewed with a cast off moldy look seemed so realistic - perhaps ~~skinner will~~ McViller camp in Island Park lend to that particular setting because of my memories of that scene lasting three winter now. It was either faded or quite partial which may have been original - the setting being 20° below in winter time.

I didn't enter any of the old places churches. I looked inside the church with twin steeples. I could tell from 10 feet away it was like all the others, smelled just the same. Could see the gold finish and altars and statues etc. Truly Catholic with statues of the.

I walked up a little street to Töwenplatz didn't go to see the glacial garden of torn stone from a former period of archeology.

But near bottom was a nice fountain with a carving in the mountain side of the Tuggen Lion. A monument to the dead of a bygone era of battle honoring the dead Swiss soldiers who fought to preserve their home land.

All along this street were wonderful paintings and especially wood carvings. I never saw so many before. Huge ones down to small ones. This whole area had windows filled with displays. Horses, alps mountain goats, Bulls, dogs, carved to perfection.

Also head carvings or busts of Swiss country folk that portrayed art with a touch that a brush couldn't out do for personality and individuality. Every detail of the features of the person were shown.

Then I took a few shots of lake and

The covered bridge as I moved back to my hotel. I picked up my bags went to Bahnhof caught a train to Interlaken. All my tickets were to Interlaken Ost because that's where I was to catch my train up the alpine railroad to Jungfrau jock highest railroad station.

So I got off there took a train on in a couple of minutes ride to main Bahnhof. I'll go out in the morning to Ost take an all day tour stay here and leave for Bern the following morning by boat down ~~Thunersee~~ Thunersee on route to Bern, from Bern up to Zermatt see the Matterhorn.

Well getting ahead of my self now.

Coming down from Luzern saw beautiful lake of Luzern. beautiful high snow capped mountains all the way reflecting in crystal clear lakes of blue. Two or three of trip sky was heavily overcast, and the beautiful Briegsee was beautiful with a green tint to it. never saw such grandeur in mt. right down to the lakes, and villages, touching them and fingering the slants with their lofty snowcapped peaks.

Tues 5th April

I have stayed the night in Hotel Bahnhof in Interlaken. I went out and bought bread, boiled colored eggs for Easter, wörscht, Käse, pastries, and jam and fresh milk. "milch".

The bread is hard heavy brown made from wheat. Well after a nice snack I prepared for bed and ~~bed~~ the hay.

Next morning arose to go to Bahnhof and take trip up the Jungfrau jock but my watch had stopped and I looked out window and clock on the Bahnhof was 5 minutes after 8. So I headed for Interlaken Ost the main station for trains by taxi for 3 francs. I got there in plenty of time and got on train.

Part way to top we changed trains then further up at Kleine Scheidegg got on the train going to Jungfrau jock. We really climbed, nearly straight up - anyway at quite an angle.

Anyway it was so cloudy we didn't see much at all from our top. And then we came back in a couple of hours. But it was a nice train ride up the alps. Got a few shots on way down. I met on train were several people, from Australia, England, two lady school teachers returning from a mission school teaching job in South Africa via

Cairo, Beirut, Pisa, Venice etc.

Two other ladies one from Boston, one from Casper
W. go with a lady who living in I saw asked if I was
J.D. Both were interesting to talk to and one
advised me to go see the Follies Bazaar or not too.
They had both been to Cairo.

Well I left them a card of Idaho Falls temple
and my name.

I tried to get a picture of sunset but too
many houses in the road spoiled the view
so I took off for a spot free from
uninteresting foregrounds - never saw any and
the nice colors faded. On my way back to my
~~Hotel~~ hotel I happened to see Hotel Simphon
on the sign so I remembered it from address I had
of some meeting places from list I obtained in
Basel so I went there. I was able to find the
missionary though as I didn't understand I had to
be shown which room. The language is a dialect
here ~~that~~ the missionaries call it Bernese Deutsch.
Well the missionary was an elderly man
by name of "Kiedlerhausen". He left here when
20 yrs old settled in Logan raised a family. His
wife died he came here on a mission. His companion
and elder Dutcher from Diggs was sent home
because of his wife's sickness. He was a young
fellow.

The elder was happy to see me and talk
in English again. I attend an appointment
with him. He talks about the "Heiligen
Geist" Holy Ghost, well then I went to
hotel but figured on seeing him in morning
before I left for Bern. However
5th Apr.

No clouds in the sky. So I got
a ticket added to my Holiday ticket and
planned to leave for ~~Interlaken~~ Jungfrau
on a good day.

However as I had promised to meet Bro
haed. before I left I dropped by to tell him
I'd see him later and to my surprise he
was ready to go with me. Well we missed
the train and since tourist season hasn't
started yet only one train goes up a
day so consequently we didn't go.

Well I took his ^{former} companions "red"
"fabrad" bicycle and we pedalled down
to Thun on the right side of the river
There we met two missionaries coming
in Thun. One brother Randall from Ozden
and one from Dietrich from near Birmensdorf
from Rigby. They stayed in the church there.
The new little chapel was very wonderful
small but so modern that Ho me it

was intriguing.

Well we ate dinner at a member's house. Willie Fried Freyding a family that just moved there from Interlaken.

Well I pedalled out to a little nearby section with Elden Randall and each of us pumped a little girl back to the church for primary. They were cute and both were very bashful. They had a nice little group of primary children but they were rather noisy. We stayed for the opening exercises and then went on.

We pedalled back on the opposite side of the Thamessee. I stopped occasionally and took some pictures. The nuts here are so beautiful. Snow capped and the near by one so green and the beautiful homes on the sides. Then the beautiful Thamessee.

Well tonight Elden Fried. went to a meeting. I pedalled round took a few shots of Interlaken before sun went down unfortunately with no sunset tonight.

It looks like the weather will be nice again tomorrow. I'm falling behind schedule but it's been worth it. I hope weather is good a couple more days. I'll get to trip and see Mather here then after that ~~my~~ Sunday I'll have seen all I planned.

This morning it was raining I stayed in hotel with the elder ~~Kieder~~ Kiederhousers. So I went to Bahuhel and got a refund on my Jungfrau ticket because of the bad weather. We peddled around to see several of the members. He wanted me to meet them and take hello to Sis Ruf for them. So one sister on a nearby farm wrote all their names out. She said Sis Ruf had visited their home many times. Then a little after 10 I caught train and came on into Bern. It was cloudy here too. I had a nice ride in however.

I was surprised at the beautiful green fields, and the wood piles the way they were stacked they were really artistic.

Well I spent from 1:00 on out temples. The missionaries of Bern district were all there in afternoon and under direction of DP and with accordance to Bro Von Almen were working out a system where by they could do ~~some type~~ accommodate these huge holiday and Sunday crowds. All the missionary folk here are coming to help take tour through on Sunday afternoons.

Last Sunday there were 760 visited most of them going through the many rooms puzzled them. They were surprised that there weren't so many. Only a small part of visitors weren't interested enough to visit the inside.

Bro. Von Almen took me through. This a long way from finished but it will be very nice. This small. And a lot of workers are there. Dedication services are expected the 2nd week in Sept.

I visited with the Vondalmans, they have

an apartment in Gollitscher and near the temple. The temple is surrounded by new houses on one side and pine forest on the other. The sun shone a little around 5 o'clock so I took a few pictures.

It is clearing this morning. It is a holiday here Good Friday. So I'll take a walk to the Bear Pit, the huge clock, the fountains and catch a train for Zermatt early this afternoon. I hope the weather there will be clear so that tomorrow I can take some hikes and also the train up to the Gornergrat.

Well I'm here at Zermatt. What a day I'm really glad that every day isn't as tiring and as income as today has been. It's really been a trial - guess last night that fellow in the information office sort of got me hopped up a little when he charged me for calling a hotel to see if it ~~was~~ had a room or not then come to find out it was out at the end of some bus or trolley-bus line. Well then I had loaned my travel folder to a young couple at the temple of the city of Bern and he charged me for it. Also for a little folder on Zermatt and even for a list of hotels in Bern. It really got under my skin.

Well I walked around Bern this morning it was fairly good weather and took a picture of the clock tower, all the fountains except the one in the courtyard, and visited the "bear pit". I was surprised at the bears. I saw there

the pit was large and circular with a petition
Each side had two bears. One side a sort of grizzled
color and the others side more brown. Both were
European species however and by high shoulders would
likely fall into the ~~Grizzly~~ class. They had the
typical European head wide round faces with round
jowles and big ^{rounded} ears.

Each pit had a huge real limby pine set in
cement, the bear climbed. The smallest of the two
brownest bear climbed it. Very slow and clumsy
and going down even more. She hung on with her
head, shoulders etc felt way down the limbs as
awkwardly as a person, near the bottom reversed and
went down the bottom 10 feet or so head first on
the branches.

Both brown colored bears were clumsy. One
laid on back smallest one and begged for food.
Both did in fact and both would stand on
hind legs and jump up and down. jumbled action

I ever saw of an animal. Jump as high as a
man but keep going just like a spring hardly
bending the joints of the hind legs yet jumping
up and down. Then the smallest one stood and
from the second joint of fore paws with forelegs
~~to~~ foot cocked up by head would motion for the
people to give it food. There were lots of people to
see them. They were fat. I tried to get a black and white of the
smallest bear jumping on hind legs.

I was at the tower clock at 1100 when it rang and
the little merry go round affair of bears came out and promaded
and the bells were rung by mechanical men - water crossed
and everything worked like magic.

"Holiday ticket"

consists of several rail tickets one to each of a number of important places which are pre planned to visit.

ticket entitle bearer to see all of country that he wishes by getting off and on the way at any stop along the way. Total cost 101.90 Swiss or \$22.50 approx.

Start:

Basel to Zürich

Zürich to Lugern by way of Zug.

Lugern to Interlaken by way of Alpnachstad and Brienz
from Lugern to alp. either rail or boat Brienz to Inter.
from Inter. upon Jungfrau or Jungfrau Joch
highest mt. railroad. then back to Inter. and on to

Ben Belp to then rail or boat Spiez to Inter. rail or boat
or to Ben Belp to Brig with part way by boat or
rail. Belp - then - Spiez - Kandersteg
Brig to Zermatt

Zermatt to Saas-Fee and trip up to Matterhorn.

Zermatt to Visp - Visp to Martigny CFF

Martigny to Genève by way of Montreux
train and on to Villeneuve and on to
end of trip from here to Paris

Military Leave Journal

Unknown Leave part 2

Friday To Follow Text of 1837 notebook
I left Bern at 200 got in Brix at 0400

I was stranded there for two hours unfortunately nothing to do in such a dead place. Well I walked around town bought a few brochures and coopies to eat on.

Then I got on train for Gematt at 6:21 left arrived about 800 I guess. I walked quite a ways to a hotel but they had no rooms - sent me back to Bahnhof Hotel but they were full also. They sent me to Victoria which fortunately had one just for one night. On account of good Friday and weekend it seems to be really full up here so I'll try to get an early trip up to the Gomsgratt tomorrow to I believe.

Well I was in the today at a little man on train from Bern with his cigar and a highbracket car I was in same compartment and then from Brix to Gematt 5 English men young fellows and a girl all jabbering in their English dialect. I can see why all haven't any use for English ~~mean~~ I never before heard such foolish talk. Senseless and all the time they sound just like kids trying to show off. You would nearly swear that by the expressions they use they were putting on ~~airs~~ ^{airs} every word, nearly every sentence at least that they spoke. Seemed as if they could speak normal English if they wanted but their dialect makes them sound as if all they said was just acting - acting silly.

I have a nice hotel. I'll retire early there's still some snow here on streets. It's a sprinkling but just before dark clouds appeared to be dispersing.

Well the weather is pretty nice this morning.
A little cloudy but at least it's bright
outside. I had quite a hunt for this hotel.

I tried several before I found this one. The
others were all filled because of Good-Friday
and the Easter holiday.

Well I found the train to Garmisch very
crowded so I had to wait around awhile
before I took off amid flocks of skiers. I got
bumped all over the place with skiers, ski
rods and stepped on with ski boots. The price
of a pair of hand made ski boots, very nice
looking ones here is ~~118~~ 118 francs. about \$27⁰⁰

Well anyway up I went. The cog train stopped
at several smaller stations on the way up to
let skiers out. Then finally we arrived at
Garmisch. about 10.00 I waited until 12 still
the weather wasn't the best. It would clear in
spots with blue sky. I saw the tip top
of the Matterhorn once in the morning.

I took pictures of Mont Rose and Klein-Matterhorn
but still the clouds persisted in clinging to M.H.

Well along about 315 or 330 it cleared some.

I got a shot or two. It seemed all afternoon
that any minute the clouds would clear but
then another one would float in the way.

I was quite surprised. It was harder to photograph

it seemed than many wild animals would have been but I finally won out. I stayed on and on feeling the stinging of the reflected sunlight. The vast glacier floors put out a lot of heat to my tender face. That night when I left I knew I'd had it. My face ached and burned. Well at Zermatt I only had a hour 45 min before the train left for Visp where my connections were for Martigny and Monthaux. So I hurried up the village street through throngs of skiers and snapped a couple of last good bye shots at old mott with a little familiar foreground scenery of that area. The stone plates between the posts and the floor of the houses.

Then I stopped at a "Bäckerie" on the way back to Bahnhof. There I got a couple of shots of a little roan team. The horses there were all about alike no doubt of some common parent stock.

When I arrived at Monthaux I was really tired and my face was burning up. I tried a couple of hotels. It seemed as though my

AWOL bag was overweight but I carried it
now. Finally I got a hotel room. got to
bed about 11:15
10 Apr. This morning Easter Sunday. I finally
aroused. My watch was just one hour slow
I finally discovered. So I got a bath
in Hotel and got out about noon. I walked
to the quai and it was nice for scenery
with plenty of sun and scattered clouds.

I left from there on a boat at 1:15 arrived
Orchey-Jarsaunne at 2:45. I took a few
shots along the way. It was a nice trip but
windy and I later wished I had taken a
train as the train had just pulled out
for Paris when I ~~left~~ arrived so I have
to wait until train tonight (same schedule
as I rode on last night to Montreux. So I stay
here all afternoon and evening until the
10:50 train for Paris. I will arrive
there quite early in the morning.

Well when I get there I'll go first to
the mission home perhaps.

I'm going to try get a hop out of Paris
Monday morn in early Tues morning ^{the} at latest for London.

11 Apr

Last night I walked round Lacanille quite a
bit finally got a dinner and finished off my Swiss francs.

Then too I bought a ticket on to Paris and had my
ticket to Geneva changed from Lacanille to Geneva
to Lacanille to the border. So I paid 37.55 for that
ticket. Then ~~upon~~ arrived here in Paris I had no francs
left and ~~my~~ money was all in traveler's cheques. I
had expected Bahnhofs such as were in Switzerland
but no such luck. Then too it was a holiday in
Paris and I finally found a little information booth
open. The Swiss spoke good English but could not
help me at all. So later on I got a chance of
luck. She gave me a trolley ticket to get down
town to a TWA station where I cashed my traveler's
cheques. Then I didn't get around to paying her
back the bus tickets so somehow I'll have to
figure a way to get that done.

Later on I find out that there are 3 or 4 Bahnhofs
in Paris. Well I carried my baggage until I was
tired but every place was closed because of the holiday.
Finally I wound up under the Arc of Triumph.

From there I found out by asking at an airlines
office where the mission house was whose address

I had in my pocket Servicemen's Directory.
Then I took a cab to it not too far away.

The missionaries and some members were
getting ready to go out on a picnic. Well
before they left they called an air force major
member who gave me the address of Hotel
from which buses ran to and from the
air terminal. So I took a taxi off for
there. Around the corner of mission home
and there was the office she had directed
me to. Then a few minutes taxi ride
and I was to the hotel. There a bus
left each hour on the hour so I went
out. There were 29 fellows signed up and
waiting ahead of me all for hope to
London. Well I changed to my uniform just
in case but went back on bus and
took afternoon tour starting at Hotel Little

Then afterwards came back by bus to
Orly Field but still no planes so I got
back into my civies. I made arrangements
for a commercial flight with PAA after I
found that Air France was filled. There was
a ~~2400~~ plane due in at 2400 hrs from

Rio De Janeiro so I got a ticket for it. I
was lucky and got a tourist rate so I
saved \$5.00 The fellow in Office worked out
a tourist rate deal for me. I appreciate it too.
So now I just wait.

Draw Arch of Triumph, Louve, River and
"new bridge" thus called because it was 1st
built in Rome not covered. All old bridges of that
time had been built on pattern of covered bridge as
exists still in Florence, Italy.

~~well I wait back to~~ Our tour took us
to Notre Dame, Jannan cemetery, garden by the
Eifel tower and other places, monuments,
arcs, and old churches.

I ate ^a snack in snack bar at Orly jail.
I haven't seen anything better than Frankfurt
or Friedberg when it comes to snack bars in
the air force.

Well I'll soon be leaving for London.
Not much sleep again tonight.

My face feels better but I surely do
need a shave and a hair cut.

Weather's been cloudy but comfortable today.
Beauty here is only skin deep & absence

Went on to London for \$23.00 by
PAH I got a tourist rate on a 1st class
flight from Rio de Janeiro stopping in Paris
on way to London. Went in London early
on Tuesday morning. I went 1st to
Mission home and inquired about Larry Jackson's
address and temple grounds. So I went out to
see ~~just~~ some of the temple grounds. The
huge oak tree, ~~this~~ the small stream and the
beautiful hedges that belong to the old
estate.

The building has several halls, two kitchens
a lovely set of rooms with separate
baths to each one. around 30 Acres are
owned by church here including a presently
operated church farm with chickens
and cows in the future plans. Around
40 murders to the ranch there. Test holes
~~built here~~ dug here look good for
foundations. A church branch of
genealogical work with mission directed
under skilled workers at office behind
some of yards here where families live.

Stayed 2 nights in hotel
walked around taking pictures - was
favored with nice weather in London.

Visited Juchan at Reading on train
ride by train from Paddington station.
Many stations, Liverpool St, Piccadilly
sub way train "Underground" were quite
extensive in London.

Visited London bridge, other
places in London of interest - Tower bridge,
old tower, statues monuments, I saw many
parade for a little deal in grand quarters.
Saw tower with huge clock, it was
under scaffolding.

Left by train, boat and train to Amsterdam.
Well I will write more later. I must sign off
for now.

I visited left London 730 got
on boat at 930 arrived at hook of
Holland 500 left boat by train at 715

went through Dept. Den Haag
Leiden to ~~the~~ Kenkenhof to Amst CS
When I went ~~the~~ ~~at~~ part fields,
daffodils were in full bloom but
tulips were just budding with
a touch of color showing. Some
other flowers bloomed, blue and
white. Some fields were a little
earlier than others enough so that
different colors blocked out the
many patterns of flowers in
the fields. Nice to look at.

Impression of Holland was
as at first reminded me of
flat parts of snake river valley
with fenced fields of livestock.
I visited with Elder Beeger then
got 6:30 train got in transport
at 3:45 visited Basechhof hotel
snack bar. Today I visited Kropp
Salon on Escherkoningstraat 66 got haircut
there. They spoke no English. I did some
shopping and came on in to Lined Long.

Military Journal

Trip Home

(1)

Trip home

Lv from 31st March to 16th of April.
Switzerland, Paris, London, Amsterdam
+ Friedberg.

arrived back at Friedberg Sunday
17th of April. on day of grace for leave.
Next morning at 8:200 prepared to
leave for Gropenwisch.

I said good bye to saints in branch
Sunday thru a missionary who
interpreted.

The evening of the 18th we arrived in
the field.

I ~~then~~ turned in all my ^{field} equipment
except my sleeping bag.

I didn't have to participate in
any field tactics. I stayed around
the billets and didn't do much
of anything. I still took charge of
the battery mail. Sgt Riordan

Riordan let me take a jeep and go
to the APO and mail packages and
I sent off a bunch of things home.

I shipped my Ralliflex, some girls
watches to Maj. One for Samdia.

Then on the 27th I left in a dice and $\frac{1}{2}$
for Frankfurt.

I said good bye to Lt. Anderson,
Lt. Thomas Weaver, Lt. Thomas Collins,
the 1st Sgt. Sgt. Potts, Gallegos, Jim of
course - Clay Benton, Jeffries, Schwartz,
Louis Thompson, Capt Kelley, Burmgardner
Sosabee and others.

The two LBS boys in the 29th also.
We arrived in Bremerhaven the next day.

The ship schedules were changed due

(2)

to the Gen. Rose having engine trouble.

So the fellows scheduled to leave on it were waiting to leave also.

But they were sent on our ship the ~~Taylor~~. Taylor.

So we waited a couple of extra days and finally left on the Rose. It was slow. We stopped in South Hampton, England to pick up some fly boys.

Here we saw the Queen Mary & the USS United States. the longest one and the fastest one on the Atlantic and in the world respectively.

It was a rough voyage w/ lots of storm. Ship didn't go fast had some engine trouble most of the way.

Took 12 days.

We arrived in New York. In the harbor we passed the Queen Mary & the USS United States on their way back out of the harbor.

At the dock we saw the Taylor. It had only been in port a few days. It had left before we but had rough weather.

I was on guard duty all the voyage.

Our LDS fellows nearly 20 of us met each day and often got together and sang. We held sacrament meetings on ship one Sunday.

We left the boat got on buses went to train then Chicago.

There were a lot of people met the boat in New York.

Some of the fellows hollered down to them. (they were holding names up on papers.) He's not here, He's on

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K.P. or the fell over board.

We stopped in Chicago for several hours. we enjoyed walking on land again. We Norman Reese and several others got a real laugh when we saw a little Volkswagen cruising down the large boulevard in Chicago.

Whipping past the other cars.

Norman laughed "Oh! Look! There goes comrade." We all got a chuckle out of that.

On to Ft Carson (Camp Carson) for separation. It was so crowded that we ~~had~~ were all given 3 day passes and told to come back later. So we went to Colorado Springs, attended church then went on to Denver. Melvin Fish, Norman Reese Olsen, ("Olie"), ^{Nelson} Oyler, and Ferrel Roundy and I. we stayed at a hotel in Denver.

Fish, Roundy, and I bought cars there I got the '49 Merc for \$350 or \$325.00

So after separation Reese, Oyler, Darwin Anderson & I came home in it. We left on a Friday evening about 800 and drove ~~straight~~ straight thru.

On the train we left New York and traveled thru New Jersey, Penn. Maryland, Va., W. Va., Penn., Ohio, Ill, Mo. Kansas City, and Kansas by pullman. Then Colorado.

It was mighty flat most of way & desolate. Also wind was blowing most of way across west Kansas & Colorado until the cars were filled with dust & silt.

The grazing cattle looked pretty sick. we were let out on May 20, 1955. on Friday.

Got home on the 21st Sat. after noon.