

The space is just about gone so I'd better explain the blanks in our last letter. I wasn't sure of Janice Clark and Debra Welsh's names and wanted to check it out with Rene but the letter was mailed without their being written in. I expect you figured it out anyway.

We're looking forward to getting home to our mail. We haven't heard, but I expect harvest will be in full swing by now. It should be a big one by the reports we've had. Hope you are having good weather.

Greetings to the family and especially Brandon. It was nice to get the tape from the folks with so many of you talking on it. You'll have had lots of company this summer I expect!

Have you had a ride in the folks Toyota yet? I expect Judi has had lots of interesting experiences to tell. I think it's really good to travel and see how other people live. Must close now. Hope all is well. God bless! Love, R+L

TO OPEN SLIT HERE

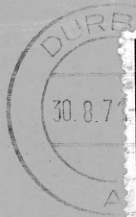
SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Baxter
4 Malcolm Moffat S.S.B.
P/B Serenje
Serenje
Zambia

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

SECOND FOLD HERE

BY AIRMAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION
AEROGRAMME



POSTKANT
EMBLEM
POST OF
EMBLEM

Mrs. Gudrun Jackson
Zion Evangelical Lutheran
corner 4th Ave + 19th St
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Canada

R.M.S. "Edinburgh Castle"
East London, South Africa
August 29, 1971

Alan Gidman,

Please pardon the red ink. Although we are very nearly "in the red" as a result of this trip, the reason for my writing red ink is that Rene is writing with our blue pen.

As you can tell from the return address, we are aboard the Edinburgh Castle which is docked in East London at present. We are due to leave for Durban in about half an hour. We boarded at Cape Town on Thursday and arrived at Durban tomorrow (Monday). We spent yesterday in Port Elizabeth. In the afternoon we walked down to one of the beaches and I took a dip in the Indian Ocean, more so that I could say I'd been there than anything else since it was cold and the waves were pretty big. The ocean has been a little rough and we do not seem to be a bit. They have had the make up on the table and the dishes were sliding from side to side at one point. Ken complained that she didn't sleep too well last night because she was afraid she'd roll out of her bunk. Really, I do think it could be quite a bit worse and neither of us have gotten over sick. We just to turn down and we're both enjoying it!

Our plane ticket from Philadelphia was written through to Blantyre, Malawi since the fare to the same in Malawi. The only objection is that you must use the remainder of the ticket within one year. The fare to Salisbury, Rhodesia and Johannesburg, South Africa are also the same, so we had our destination changed to Johannesburg. Since Zambia doesn't have diplomatic relations with S.A., this meant that we flew to Blantyre anyway en route to Johannesburg. - we didn't stop over though. We left Durban on the 12th at 2:30^{pm} and got into Johannesburg at 8:30 the same day. It is a lovely modern city and we enjoyed getting back to civilization - the big stores, bright city lights, etc. We went to a large play and saw the movie "Cromwell". After three days in going, we took the train to Cape Town - a day and night on the train.

Cape Town is beautiful. It never all on any other grounds in, but we had two lovely sunny days anyway. We went up Table Mountain in the cable car and since it had overcast the night before Rene was able to gather up a heapful of snow. Since it is opening down here there were all kinds of wild flowers around and we got the atmosphere of opening.

Since Thursday we have been on the Edinburgh Castle en route from Cape Town to Durban, from where we will take the train back to Johannesburg then through Botswana and Rhodesia to Durban, Zambia. (This is when Victoria Falls are.) We should arrive in Durban next Friday morning. School starts on Monday, so we just got home in time again. We had hoped to get home sooner but this was the way arrangements worked out. We've seen a lot of beautiful scenery and had some interesting experiences so we feel the trip was well worth while.