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There is much to discover in Japan, but among the most pleasant discoveries is the delicious drink called *Saké*. Here it's called, "Water of life."

**Tokyo**  
**Jan, 8. '67**

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POSTCARDS



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FROM DAD, MUM  
TO

FROM MUM, DAD  
TO

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1967

When writing a letter took  
more than a moment  
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And loving someone took  
a lifetime  
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**N**either love nor death can be entered twice ... And so you cannot learn to love; nor can you learn to die ... Love and death will strike, come their time; only you have no inkling when that time is.

(Zygmunt Bauman,  
*Liquid Love*,  
2003/2006, p. 3)





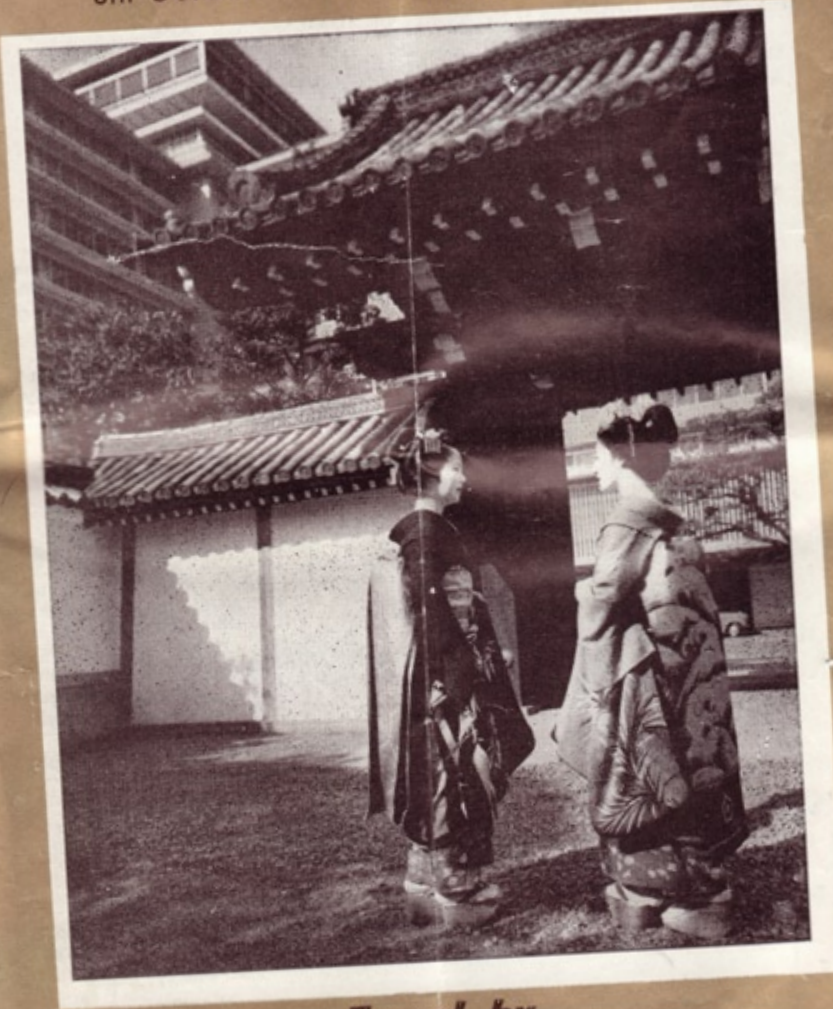
**GOLDEN ORIENT HOLIDAYS**

# JAPAN

**Singapore • Bangkok • Hong Kong**

**EVERY SATURDAY**

**8th OCTOBER, 1965 - 7th JANUARY, 1967**



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**QANTAS**

**BOEING 707 V-JET**

**and**  
**CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS**

- 9. Sun. After breakfast you may join the sight-seeing tour of Tokyo which visits the famous Tokyo Television Tower, downtown shopping sections, a silk gallery and the Imperial Palace Plaza. In the afternoon you are free for your own explorations in the world's largest city. All meals and overnight **SHIBA PARK HOTEL**.
- 10. Mon. Today you will visit the famous resort of **NIKKO**, held in very high esteem by the Japanese people. You travel by the luxury Tobu Line express from Tokyo, and on arrival your sight-seeing includes Lake Chuzenji, the Kegon Waterfalls, Toshogu Shrine (home of the original Three Wise Monkeys). Lunch is served at the **KANAYA HOTEL**, and in the afternoon you return to Tokyo by the luxury express, for dinner and accommodation at the **SHIBA PARK HOTEL**.
- 11. Tues. After breakfast your coach will take you on one of the highlight tours of modern Japan. Today you visit the Sony Corporation, home of transistor articles, Canon Camera Company, the Suntory Company, maker of fine whiskies and beers or other leading manufacturers whose names are world-wide. A delightful fried tempura luncheon of fish and chicken is served during the tour. Dinner and overnight **SHIBA PARK HOTEL**.
- 12. Wed. Today is a free day for your relaxation, or perhaps you wish to discover the delights of shopping in Tokyo's large department stores. All meals and accommodation are provided at the **SHIBA PARK HOTEL**.
- 13. Thur. After breakfast you will be transferred to Tokyo Station for a thrilling ride on the world's fastest train to **ATAMI**. You arrive for lunch and in the afternoon you are free in this seaside city, which is the "Riviera" of Japan. Dinner and accommodation at the luxurious, new **ATAMI FUJIYA HOTEL**.
- 14. Fri. This morning you continue your train journey, by the same express, to the industrial city of **NAGOYA**, and after lunch you will visit the home of Noritake fine China, an Ando Cloisonne factory and Nagoya Castle. Dinner and overnight accommodation at the **MIYAKO HOTEL**.
- 15. Sat. After breakfast you travel by fast super express train to **KYOTO**, where you are met on arrival and transferred to the superb **INTERNATIONAL HOTEL** for lunch, dinner and accommodation.
- 16. Sun. This morning is free for relaxation and in the afternoon you will visit the beautiful Golden Pavilion, the gardens of Kyoto, Heian Shrine, Nijo Castle and the former Imperial Palace. All meals and overnight **INTERNATIONAL HOTEL**.
- 17. Mon. After breakfast you will enjoy a full day visit to nearby **NARA**, the first permanent capital of Japan, established over 1,000 years ago. Nara is the home of 1,000 tame deer, which you may feed. Here you will visit the Deer Park, plus Kasuga Shrine. You return to Kyoto for dinner and accommodation at the **INTERNATIONAL HOTEL**.
- 18. Tues. Today is free for your own leisure, and we would recommend the shopping sections of Kyoto which are most attractive. Arrangements can be made, if you wish, for a visit to a private home or garden. All meals and accommodation at the **INTERNATIONAL HOTEL**.
- 19. Wed. This morning you are free and breakfast and lunch will be available at the hotel. In the early afternoon you travel via the new super expressway to the Osaka airport for your jet flight to **HONG KONG**. You will be met on arrival by an **IMPERIAL HOTEL** representative and transferred for accommodation.
- 20. Thur. After breakfast a sight-seeing tour has been arranged of **KOWLOON** and the **NEW TERRITORIES**, which are leased from China. Here you will see the famed "Bamboo Curtain," Shatin, the fishing village of Taipo and the Walled Village of Kam Tin. This is a very pleasant drive through typical Chinese countryside. All meals and accommodation at the **IMPERIAL HOTEL**.
- 21. Fri. Free day in **HONG KONG** for shopping, exploring or relaxing. All meals and accommodation at the **IMPERIAL HOTEL**.
- 22. Sat. Today is also free and all meals will be available for you at the **IMPERIAL HOTEL**. Early in the evening, after dinner, the hotel will transfer you to the Hong Kong airport for your departure.
- 23. Sun. Arrive **SYDNEY** and connect with your flight for return travel home.

MR. MILLER AMENDED AIR ITINERARY.  
GOLDEN ORIENT HOLIDAY EX SYDNEY 31/12/66.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Journey</u>	<u>Aircraft/Notes</u>
Saturday	31/12/66	0715	DEPART ADELAIDE	T.A.A. Flt. TN527
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"	"	1130	DEPART SYDNEY	B.O.A.C. Flt. BA723
"	"	1825	ARRIVE SINGAPORE	
Monday	2/ 1/67	0900	DEPART SINGAPORE	Cathay Pacific Airways Flt. CX572
"	"	1030	ARRIVE BANGKOK	
Thursday	5/ 1/67	1105	DEPART BANGKOK	Cathay Pacific Airways Flt. CX576
"	"	1430	ARRIVE HONG KONG	
Saturday	7/ 1/67	1635	DEPART HONG KONG	Lufthansa Flt. 648
"	"	2020	ARRIVE TOKYO	
Wednesday	18/ 1/67	0940	DEPART OSAKA	Cathay Pacific Airways Flt. CX599
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Sunday	22/ 1/67	2145	DEPART HONG KONG	T.E.A.L. Flt. TE222
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Bangkok  
2.1.1967

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JUST ARRIVED BANGKOK (11AM) 2/1/67  
 ANOTHER GOOD FLIGHT.  
 HAVE FREE RIETER NOW TODAY  
 WILL WRITE WITH MORE DETAIL.  
 CHEERS FOR NOW, WITH LOTS  
 OF LOVE FROM,  
 BILL.

To **MRS. B. GUNTHER**  
 GLEN-GARRY AVE  
 GLEN ALTA  
 SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

BANGKOK

Place Stamp Here.

CONVAIR 880-22M JET



Mum  
3.1.1967

3.1.67.

Dear Bill,

You have been away for almost four days now, it seems a lot longer I might add. I have written to you every day, including Saturday and then torn up the letters, I guess I'm not very good at putting words on paper either and to think it took me all this time to find out. I can't pretend I don't miss you, I do, terribly. We watched your plane until it was out of sight, by this time Benita was crying bitterly for Daddy which didn't make it any easier for me. However, I kept telling myself it was only for three weeks, and they would soon go. I spent all Saturday afternoon at your place cleaning up, when I left it looked really nice. I'm sure your mother will feel a lot more comfortable there this time. By the way, I have been trying to get in touch with

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her for the past three days without success,  
 she finally rang me this evening. She has  
 apparently been staying with your brother  
 and had only just arrived at your place.  
 I will be spending the day with her tomorrow.  
 I didn't go to the Judds on New Years Eve,  
 I felt exhausted by the time evening came,  
 I'm sorry if I've let you down. I rang  
 Judith to let her know I would not be  
 coming, she will be in touch with me when  
 they return from their holidays. Incidentally,  
 I noticed the letter to Hallett Brick Ind. lying  
 on your dresser, did you want it posted?  
 I think that is about all the news I have at  
 present, except that the weather has been  
 glorious and so far, there has been no  
 change forecasted, does this make you feel  
 a little home-sick? Please don't worry  
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as it may seem, on the contrary, I'm glad you had the opportunity to go. I have read through the brochure and this enables me to follow your movements to a certain extent, it helps to know where you are. My thoughts will be with you every step of the way until you are safely home, in the meantime, I will be looking forward to hearing from you.

With all my love and a kiss  
from Benita,  
Brigitte.

I almost forgot "Happy New Year".



Bangkok  
4.1.1967



No. 446  
Floating Market Wat Sai Dhanburi, Thailand.



of Park Hotel

Hong Kong.

5-1-67.

Dear Brigitte,

Hi there, hope this letter finds you and Mito both well, I am feeling pretty fit but am putting on a bit of weight which I will have to lose when I get back to Adelaide. Before I get any further with this letter I had better explain that I have sent several post cards to you but have not tracked them AIR-MAIL and I am led to believe that they may go be lost and not get to you for a couple of weeks. I will make sure that all letters and cards to you in future are sent in the proper manner - sorry if I have caused any concern by my lack of thought.

Well I am now in Hong Kong and although I have only been here for a few hours and have only looked at a few of the shops - (the main shopping road runs for at least 2 1/2 miles with a crowd of people at 10pm the equivalent of Rundle Street on Saturday Morning) I can see that the price of everything here is at least 1/3 cheaper than Singapore and Bangkok.

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## TRAVELOGUES



C/- Park Hotel  
Hong Kong  
5 - 1 - 67

Dear Brigitte,

Hi there, hope this letter finds you and Nita both well, I am feeling pretty fit but am putting on a bit of weight which I will have to [lose] when I get back to Adelaide. Before I get any further with this letter I had better explain that I have sent several post cards to you but have not marked them AIR-MAIL and I am led to believe that they may go by boat and not get to you for a couple of weeks. I will make sure that all letters and cards to you in future are sent in the proper manner—sorry if I have caused any concern by my lack of thought.

Well I am now in Hong Kong and although I have only been here for a few hours and have only looked at a few of the shops—(the main shopping road runs for at least 2½ miles with a crowd of people at 10pm the equivalent of Rundle Street on Saturday Morning). I can see that the price of everything here is at least ⅓ cheaper than Singapore



and Bangkok.

I am really amazed at the number of multistorey flats that are here to house the people, I have taken quite a few snaps so when I see you I can show you what I mean.

Gee I wish that you could be here with me to see all these things.

The few days that I spent in Bangkok really opened my eyes to the conditions under which other people have to live, although they appear to be a happy type of people, but very few of them can speak English. There are a lot of new hotels in Bangkok (70 were built in 1966) and we saw some really wonderful bars in some of them, which quite amazed me with the architecture and the workmanship.

Once again the flight was good and the meal we had in-transit was really delicious.

The weather over the last few days has been kind to us for it has been about 70° for most of the time.

It seems strange that it is only 6 days since I last saw you, to be honest it seems like months so you can see that I am missing you very much already.



How is Nita getting along? I hope you have regained control of her, please tell her that I miss her and give her a kiss or two for me.

Well my darling I am not much at writing letters so I will close now and get some sleep, look after yourself and remember that I am thinking of you constantly.

With my love, Bill xxx



Hong Kong  
6.1.1967





Tokyo  
7.1.1967



CABLE: "PARKHOTEL"

POST CARD

PLACE  
STAMP  
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To BRIGITTE + BENITO  
I AM NOW AT  
30,000 FEET BETWEEN  
HONGKONG AND  
TOKYO. ALL IS WELL!  
HOPE YOU ARE BOTH  
THE SAME.  
LOVE AND KISSES  
YOUR BILL.

MRS. B. GLITZER  
GLENGARRY AVE  
GLEN ALTA  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE LARGE MODERN HOTEL IN HONG KONG  
WITH 450 AIR-CONDITIONED ROOMS

航空郵便

Cl. Shiba Park Hotel

Tokyo.

2-1-67

Dear Brigitte,

I am now in Tokyo after another fairly good trip from Hong Kong although the landing was a bit bumpy, the approach to the air strip is across the water in Tokyo Bay and the touch down is within about 1000 ft of the water so there is not much room to spare. However the bumps were just incidental and every thing is still going smoothly. The landing strip at Hong Kong is on land however the approach and take off are from the land side.

I have just received your most welcome letter for the 10<sup>th</sup> time I would say so I will answer it before I tell you any more about the trip. I received the letter in Hong Kong on Thursday so the delivery time is not too bad. Thank you kindly for cleaning up the house I only hope that you didn't work yourself too hard on my account, although secretly it thrills me deeply to think that you do these things for me. Even when I put on a clean shirt I feel a small bump in my chest when I think of the time you spent to make me look just right. And thank you for spending the day with my mother I know that she will enjoy your company

C/- Shiba Park Hotel  
Tokyo  
8 - 1 - 67

Dear Brigitte,

I am now in Tokyo after another fairly good trip from Hong Kong although the landing was a bit bumpy, the approach to the airstrip is across the water in Tokyo Bay and the touch down is within about 100 yds of the water so there is not much room to spare however the bumps were just incidental and every thing is still going smoothly. The landing strip at Hong Kong is similar however the approach and take off are from the land side.

I have just reread your most welcome letter for the 10th time I would say so I will answer it before I tell you any more about the trip. I received the letter in Hong Kong on Thursday so the delivery time is not too bad. Thank you kindly for cleaning up the house I only hope that you didn't work yourself too hard on my account, although secretly it thrills me deeply to think that you do these things for me. Even when I put on a clean shirt I feel a small lump in my throat when I think of the time you spent to





make me look just right. And thank you for spending the day with my mother I know that she will enjoy your company almost as much as I do. Don't worry too much about going to the Judds on New Years Eve, I guess you know your own mind and I don't think that you have let me down. My only regret is that I was not able to share New Years Eve with you as I know that this is going to be my good year and that it should have started in your company. [Incidentally] I don't need to know about the weather to be homesick.

No I don't want the letter to Halletts posted, I was able to phone the order through to them on the Friday before I left, sorry I didn't mention it to you but I didn't think of it until I got to Darwin, I knew that you would see the letter and wonder about it, thanks for the concern. I suppose you have been to the beach if the weather has been so good, the news up [here] about Australia is fairly limited to sporting results, so I haven't got a clue about much in Adelaide at the moment.

Thank you for the remarks about Benita even though I don't like to think of her crying it makes me feel warm inside to think that I could mean that



much to her at this stage, I must confess that my own eyes were a bit moist as I climbed the stairs at the Viscount to leave you, it was nice to see you both waving, my next sight of you I hope will be to see you both waving a welcome to me when I return.

Well now that you must realise that I am missing you both fairly badly I had better get on and tell you some more of the highlights of the trip since I last wrote to you. I found Hong Kong to be a [truly] fascinating place with the shopping that was to be done, which consists mostly of bartering with the store keepers, of which there must be thousands, particularly the smaller stores that have between 3 and 10 feet frontage to the streets, these are where the best bargains are to be had. For instance I purchased a terrific gold SEIKO watch from one little place near the hotel, the starting price was 165 Hong Kong dollars so I offered 100, and after a few minutes of messing about and making to leave the shop I bought at 130 which is about \$A19.75, so I am quite pleased with the deal. I reckon the Australian price would be at least \$A50.00. I was most surprised at the cleanliness of the place in general,



the slums are being cleared and multistorey flats are being built to house the people, I have never seen anything like the multistorey buildings that are built on the sides of hills where we wouldn't even build and on the reclaimed areas which are giant projects. As our guide put it to us, the world is getting smaller and Hong Kong is getting flatter because whole hills are being levelled and dumped into the sea in these programs.

We went on a bus trip during one morning which went around Kowloon and the New Territories and at one stage we were within a few hundred yards of the border between the New Territories and Red China, with the aid of binoculars we could see a small village with a cluster of red flags flying in the centre.

In case the terms Kowloon and New Territories are confusing to you, Hong Kong is in three sections, there is the island of Hong Kong, and Kowloon which is the mainland and are owned by Britain and then there is the New Territories which continues on from Kowloon to the border of Red China, this section was leased from China for a period of 99 years free of charge, there are 31 years



to go and nobody knows what will happen when the lease expires but nobody seems to worry as there are plenty of new buildings being erected in the New Territories, bigger than those in Victoria Square. Hong Kong has been the best place to see so far.

It was about 7.30 pm when we arrived in Tokyo last night. We did a trip to the Tokyo Tower and to a few other places this morning, but so far I haven't seen any of the main shopping area although I believe they were open today even though it is Sunday, I have been told that generally things cost more here than in Hong Kong. The weather is cold but sunny at the moment, but inside the Hotel it is almost too hot with the air conditioning which is centrally controlled, so we have to partly open the window to get some-where near a correct temperature.

By the way the tours in Hong Kong were altered from that shown on the [itinerary] that you have, we did the tour that was booked for our second stay here.

The beer here is not too bad and has a lower alcohol content than that in Adelaide, so I spend

most of my time sober.

Tomorrow we go to Nikko by the express train and this means we have to be ready to leave at 7.10 AM so I hope that you will forgive me if I bring this letter to a close, I have just looked at my brand new watch and it is just after 12 midnight so that is another reason I had better close or I will never get up. I missed my breakfast this morning because I slept in so I don't want that to happen again, my [stomach] was rumbling all morning. Once again so long, look after yourself and Nita for me, the time is getting closer to my return each day, thank God.

With all my love and affection

Bill. xxxx

P.S. Please tell Nita that I am thinking of her and kiss her for me.

Can you ski on one leg yet?

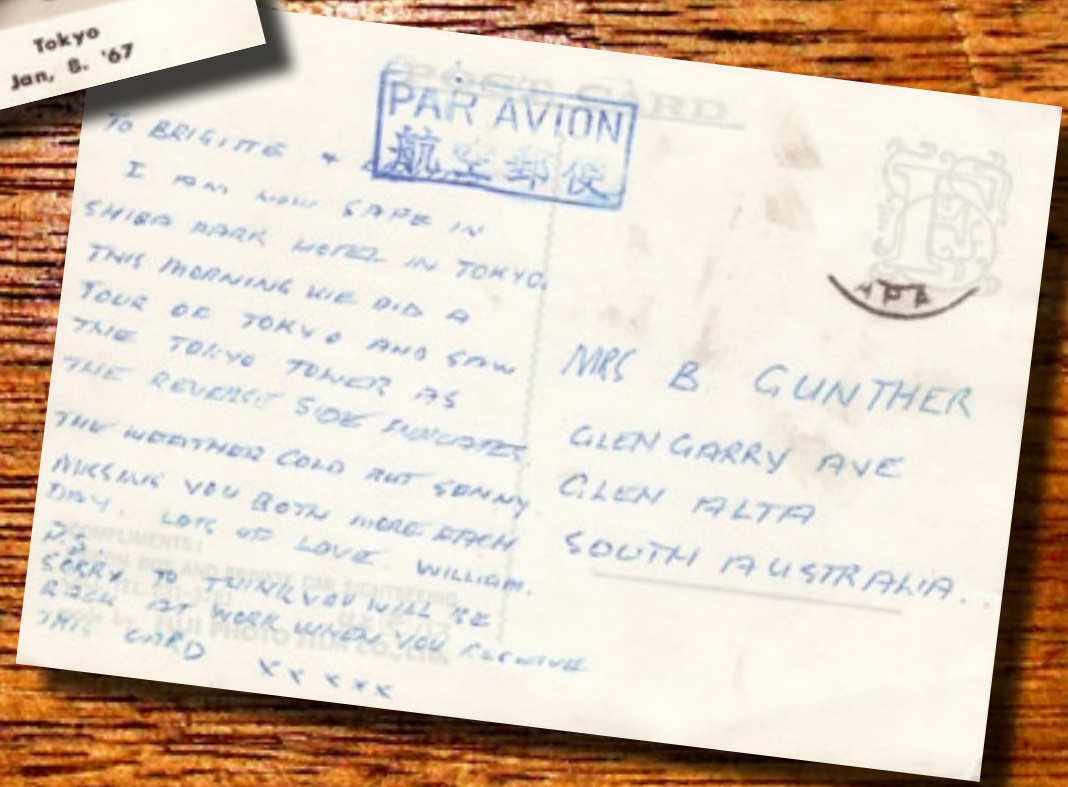




Tokyo  
Jan. 8. '67

There is much to discover in Japan, but among the most pleasant discoveries is the delicious drink called Sabé. Here it's called, "Water of life."

Tokyo  
9.1.1967



TO BRIGITTE +  
I AM NOW SAFE IN  
SHIBA BARR HOTEL IN TOKYO.  
THIS MORNING WE DID A  
TOUR OF TOKYO AND SAW  
THE TOKYO TOWER AS  
THE REVERSE SIDE INDICATES.  
THE WEATHER COLD BUT SUNNY  
MISSING YOU BOTH MORE EACH  
DAY. LOVE. WILLIAM.  
PS. SORRY TO THINK YOU WILL BE  
BACK AT WORK WHEN YOU RECEIVE  
THIS CARD X X X X X

MRS B GUNTHER  
GLEN GARRY AVE  
GLEN ALTA  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.



Mum  
9.1.1967

9.1.67.

Dear Bill,

you can imagine how delighted I was to find two Post-cards, one from Thailand the other from Hong-Kong, plus a letter waiting for me when I came home today. I thank you very much for all three, it seems like Christmas all over again. I can't remember ever missing anyone quite so much, although your cards make it a little easier to bear, they are a poor substitute. Normally three weeks would go so quickly but I know these will be more like an eternity. I'm glad you are enjoying the trip - you'll probably find Hong-Kong amongst ~~one~~ of the most fascinating places you visit, although I have not been there I have read a lot about it and its people. I hope the night life there won't lead you astray - and please be careful, there seems to be a threat of a civil uprising in China, but I don't suppose anything will come of it.

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The week-end was very quiet - Mum & Dad came home Saturday morning, they had been to Albury, where I grew up, and so there was a lot to talk about. On Sunday morning we all went to Christie's Beach until lunch time, in the afternoon we had the house full of visitors. I didn't see your mother till this evening she spent all of Sunday with relatives and had stayed with them overnight. She is feeling quite well again, thought you might like to know. Today was my first day back at work, I found it very hard to settle in, I didn't quite know where to start, there was so much work waiting for me.

Bernita is well too, thank you for thinking of her. I did manage to straighten her out a little but it won't take my parents long to change her back again. She's funny, whenever she hears a plane flying over

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or sees one on T.V., it's Daddy's. She frequently asks me where you are, - I tell her you'll be home soon, this satisfies her for a while then we start all over again. You seem to have a way with children.

Now it's time to say bye bye again until next time, and thanks for all the cards and of course the letters.

With love and kisses from  
Brigitte & Benita



**THE LAKE-SIDE HOTEL**  
 Lake Chuzenji, Nikko, Japan.

Nikko  
 10.1.1967



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日光国立公園中禪寺湖  
 TEL 0288-5-0322

POST CARD

DEAR BRIGITTE & BOVITA,  
 HAD A WONDERFUL DAY  
 AT NIKKO, VERY COOL  
 BUT STILL SUNNY.  
 (BELOW FREEZING).  
 SAW AND FELT SNOW  
 FOR FIRST TIME.  
 RODE ON CABLE CAR.  
 SAW WATER FALL BUT ONLY  
 SMALL BECAUSE HALO FROZEN.  
 WISH YOU WERE THERE.  
 WITH LOVE TO YOU BOTH.  
 BILL XXXX



MRS B GUNTHER  
 GLEN GARRY AVE  
 GLEN ALTA  
 SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

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 航空郵便



Tokyo  
11.1.1967



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Mum  
11.1.1967

11. 1. 67.

Dear Bill,

My thanks for another card received from Thailand, it's beautiful makes me wish I was there.

I wrote you a letter last night but it sounded so sad when I read it this morning that I decided against sending it. I really felt miserable yesterday, everyone seems to be under the impression that I'm only a passing phase in your life, like many others, even if I am there is no need to keep rubbing it in. It's not that I believe all I hear on the contrary, I stopped doing this a long time ago but it certainly doesn't make you feel any better. I finished up going to bed at 9 o'clock last night, firmly resolved not to let it get me down. I was going to watch T.V. with your mother but when I rang her in the afternoon she told me she had the house full of visitors so I didn't go. Next week your mother's sister is coming to stay with her for a while, so there won't be any need for me to call around, unless of course she wants me to.

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the car to the Service Station serviced on the 5<sup>th</sup>. I asked knew what had to be done so I don't know what glad to pay for the service it

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or now, with

love & kisses from

Brigitte & Nita

Today is Nita's fourth birthday. She has been singing happy birthday to herself for days now. She's having a small party this afternoon.

On Tuesday I'm taking the car to the Service Station again, it was apparently only serviced on the 5<sup>th</sup>. I asked the chap there at the time if he knew what had to be done to the car and he said he did, so I don't know what happened. I'll be only too glad to pay for the service it was not meant to have had.

Please don't let anything I write upset you, it's only because I miss you so much that I find it hard to keep my chin up at times.

Bye for now, with  
Love & kisses from  
Brigitte & Nita

Room 1001 of New Fujiya Hotel

Atami

Japan

12-1-67.

Dear Benita,

I know that when you receive this letter that your birthday will be well passed, however I want you to know that I am thinking of you even if I couldn't be with you to share that happy day. Before I go any further let me say that I hope that you had a very happy birthday and that you got lots of nice presents.

Your Mummy told me this morning that you had a birth birthday party with a few friends, I suppose that you had lots of ice-cream, lollies and cakes and of course Coca-Cola, that's about the only way to have a party isn't it.

Just to prove that I didn't forget about your birthday I bought a little Japanese doll in full costume and she dances on the top of a music box to a very pretty tune, gee I hope that you like her.

I hope that you are being a good girl for your Mummy while I am away, you see I need you to look after her for me until I get home again, which isn't





C/- New Fujiya Hotel  
Atami  
Japan  
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look after her for me until I get home again, which isn't so very far away now. Well my little darling I had better close now, once again a very happy birthday and God bless.

Lots of love from Daddy. xxxx

P.S. Please give Mummy a big kiss for me and tell her that I miss you both very much.



Atami  
12.1.1967





Mum  
12.1.1967

12-1-67.

Dear Bill,

You took me completely by surprise this morning, when the operator said, Japan calling. I couldn't believe my ears - by the time I replaced the receiver I was trembling all over and only then did I think of the many things I would like to have said. I rang Mrs Gordon as soon as I was calm enough to do so, and gave her your message. We talked for quite some time, she seems very nice and has invited us to dinner on your return.

As I mentioned in the cable, I posted three letters to Tokyo, allowing four days for delivery as suggested. I could perhaps understand the last one missing you but not all three. I hope they are forwarded onto you - here I am writing almost every night and you still don't receive any mail. I'm terribly sorry, I hope you weren't too disappointed. I studied your departures and arrivals very carefully, apart from following your tour day by day. I'm certain the fault doesn't lie with me. Your cards have been arriving

two days, and I have answered that have missed you.

You have no idea how happy you are to be back in the world again. I dread to think of you if you were ever to leave for

anything else to write about, so I will write another day. Look after yourself, and don't put on a little extra weight,

or two from Nita,  
Brigitte

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I'm so glad you rang, you have no idea how happy your call has made me, I'm on top of the world again. I dread to think what would happen to me if you were ever to leave for longer than three weeks.

Now there is really nothing else to write about, so I will love you and leave you for another day. Look after yourself, and don't worry about putting on a little extra weight, you could use it.

All my love and a kiss or two from Nita,  
Brigitte

Nagoya Miyako Hotel

Nagoya

Japan

13-1-67.

12 Noon

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We saw a couple of shrines (which is [?] to leave me a bit cold incidently) then drove up a very windy road which has to be seen to be believed, (I have some good shots to show you) this road took us to the Lakeside Hotel where we had lunch. On the way up we went for a ride on a cable car which was fabulous. While we were up high it started to snow and was it very cold. That was the first time I have seen snow actually falling and I was quite impressed. We also saw a waterfall, we rode an elevator to the bottom and once again the view was quite breathtaking as the snow was still falling. Well you can probably imagine what a wonderful day it was and I know that you would have loved it too. So I kept imagining that you were there which made my loneliness for you not quite so bad.

On Tuesday we saw the SONY factory where



some of Japans best T.V. and radio sets are made, we were shown right over the place and actually saw a TV being assembled on a long assembly line. We also saw the CANNON camera Co works and it was fascinating to see the work involved in the manufacture of a camera. The tour was finished with a trip around the SUNTORY brewery, once again this proved quite interesting.

Wednesday was a free day so I had a look at some of the shops in the main part of Tokio, most of the places were the same as we have in Australia and the prices were about the same, so I didn't buy too much there — Hong Kong is the place to do ones shopping as they have no duty to pay there. During the afternoon John and I went for a ride out to the Tokyo Airport on the Mono-rail which cuts the time from the city proper to the Air-port by half assuming we had gone by taxi, and it was quite interesting as the Mono-rail goes over the top of houses and [?] and is quite good for sightseeing.

The arrival of Thursday was marked by one of the most wonderfull events of the trip, speaking to you again after what is starting to feel like months

was exciting beyond description. I was starting to get a bit panicky when I had not received any letters from you but am now feeling a lot better after our five minute conversation. There are a million things that I want to say to you and the time goes so fast when it is limited. I hope you got just a big kick out of it as I did.

Well it was pretty excited and happy boy that boarded the Bullet Train for ATAMI, the trip took 55 minutes and at times we were travelling at 130 mphr and the ride was so smooth it hardly seems credible. Atami is a lovely little seaside Riviera town that has a population of 40,000 and 1,000,000 tourists during the year, so the whole place lives on tourism, every shop sells souvenirs and every thing is alive and bustling.

We didn't have an organized tour there so we hired a taxi to take us around for about ½ an hour which was quite good and we saw many fine views of the harbour from the roads that run up into the mountains at the side, I suppose the mountains are about ¼mile from the sea and the town is build in between and is starting to creep up the slopes in many places.



So this morning we boarded the bullet train and after 1½ hours we arrived in Nagoya, so far all I have seen is the hotel as we have only just booked in, we are having a bus trip this afternoon so I will probably be able to tell you more of the place in my next letter.

Well that tells you pretty well how things have been going during the week, but I can't tell you just how much I miss you, I haven't enough paper for everything and I doubt that words on paper can really tell the true feelings of a lonely person, who is missing the ~~person~~ woman that he loves, even more than he thought he would. When I return I shall have to show you by my actions.

How is Benita, please give her my love, and tell her that I am thinking of her almost as much as I am thinking of you.

It is now 1pm and I have to have some lunch before the bus leaves here at 1.45 so I had better close now.

With all my love and care

Bill    xxxx

*1/14 in Golden Orient*

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THANKS FOR CALL WONDERFUL TO HEAR YOUR VOICE SENT

3 LETTERS TOKYO LOVE AND KISSES

BRIGITTE

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INTERHO KYO



Kyoto  
14.1.1967





Mum  
14.1.1967

14.1.67.

Dear Bill,

It is Saturday afternoon, I have finished my work and Benita is now fast asleep, so will take this opportunity to answer your very welcome letter and three cards, all of which I received this morning. The cards incidentally are from Hong Kong, Nikko and Tokyo - I have quite a collection now, whenever I look through them I too get the urge to travel, other countries have always fascinated me although I can't complain I have seen more than the average person. You're looking well in the picture (taken under the Tokyo Tower) and even with your eyes shut, you are the nicest of all - do we both agree on that? By the way, I have always known your eyes are brown. Do all the people in the photo belong to your group, I was led to believe there were only four, I think Wally Watson told me this.

Before I go on I must tell you, after reading your letter I feel thoroughly ashamed of myself, as much as I hate to admit it I must confess I have had my doubts about you. Please forgive me, it isn't my nature to be distrusting, I hate

as the saying goes - once bitten, true in my case. I hope you can see I will learn to trust again. I've been close to a nightmare for years, I've been alone for so long that I don't know, whatever the reason, I lie awake for hours at night, sometimes it's morning before I wake up. I don't think I've had one proper night's sleep since. Always really after all what I've been through is now nearly over, the next time I have a very busy week away you will be sorry to leave me, there is so very much to see and do, so I always found. I would like to thank you for the showing for Nita, I think I'm more than I ever expected. I'll see you again before you leave.

— Brigitte & Nita.

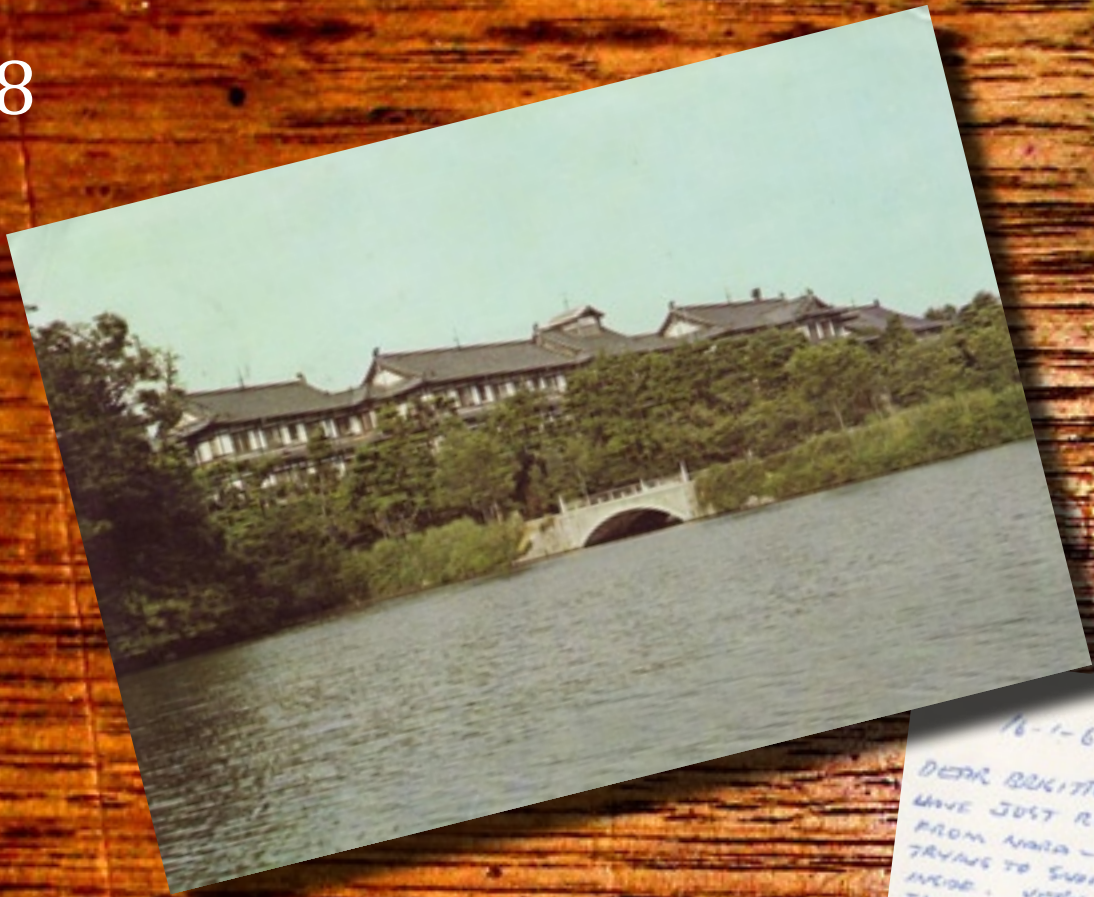


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 appreciate having you all the more, whatever the reason  
 may be I know I've got it bad. I lie awake for hours at  
 night thinking of you, sometimes in morning before I  
 finally fall asleep, and I don't think I've had one proper  
 meal since you left. It's ridiculous really after all what  
 are three weeks. However, it is now nearly over, the rest  
 of the time should go quickly as I have a very busy week  
 ahead of me. I suppose in a way you will be sorry to leave  
 Japan, which is understandable, there is so very much to see  
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 Last but by no means least, I would like to thank you  
 again for all the concern you are showing for Nita, I think  
 it wonderful of you and is certainly more than I ever expected.  
 Now I must close but will write again before you leave.  
 Can't wait to see you Darling.

All our love - Brigitte & Nita.

Sorry to say have not  
 been showing again but there are still two Sundays  
 to go.



Nara  
16.1.1967

16-1-67 4pm

Post Card  
AIR MAIL

DEAR BEKITE + BEVITA.  
HAVE JUST RETURNED TO HOTEL  
FROM NARA - 20 MILES AWAY.  
TRYING TO SWIM OUTSIDE - AM STAYING  
INDOOR. VERY HARD TO RECEIVE  
TWO LETTERS. DONT LISTEN TO  
OTHER PEOPLE. START BELIEVING  
ME. I LOVE YOU.  
KYOTO IS A FIRMLY LARGE CITY  
WITH A POPULATION AT 2 MILLION.  
PLENTHY OF SHOPS FOR CONVENIENCE.  
WENT TO MALLS YESTERDAY  
DIDNT HAVE A GET-EVERYTHING  
WRITTEN IN JAPANESE - COULDN'T  
UNDERSTAND A THING. SAW AN  
SUCROPTANS AT ALL. WILL SOON BE  
HOME NOW, MISSING YOU BOTH  
LIKE CRAZY - 3 WEEKS TOO LONG.  
LOTS OF LOVE AND KISSES  
FROM BILL.

NARA, JAPAN, 16.1.67

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Cl International Hotel  
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17-1-67

3-45 PM

Dear Brigitte + Benito,

Well my two darlings how are you today, I am quite well if a little overweight. As you can see it is quite early in the morning and I have not yet had breakfast but I am writing to you back at this hour so that I can get this letter in the post so that you will receive it before I return, which is all that far away now, thank heaven.

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C/- International Hotel  
Kyoto  
17 - 1 - 67  
8-45 am

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you, OK.

Since my last letter from Nagoya (which wasn't very interesting) although we had a look at a china factory and a few more shrines we have travelled to Kyoto by the Bullet train. The day we arrived at the hotel was quite amusing as there was a red carpet laid out and the whole staff was lined up in the lobby waving flags, but we soon found out that they were not for us but apparently we had arrived just ahead of the new President elect of Brazil. Unfortunately I didn't get a photo of this scene.

On Sunday John and I got into a taxi and went to the races which were held about 15 miles away, we got into the Course alright but upon buying a racing form found that the whole thing was written in Japanese as was every sign post in the place, so after a couple of races we gave up without laying a bet and then tried to get back to Kyoto, which wasn't that easy, we couldn't get a cab as they were all from OSAKA and wouldn't or couldn't go to Kyoto, so we eventually caught a train and after making a hurried change of trains at one place (only after looking out the window and seeing a sign saying "train to Kyoto" we finally found our



way back to the Hotel.

Yesterday we went to Nona, about 20 miles away where we once more saw several shrines & temples but we did have the opportunity to feed some tame deer, which was quite unusual, I bet Benita would have loved that.

Today we are going to Osaka for the day as it is a free day and there is not a lot to see in Kyoto so we are going to try our luck on the trains again so I hope we get back — we haven't a guide.

There is a big Trade display on at Osaka which from the booklet we have picked up covers about 5 floors so this should be fairly interesting.

The time is now 9-45 and John is stamping his feet so it looks as though I had better close this letter to you and get going.

Don't worry about China, the papers here probably don't play it up as much as they do at home.

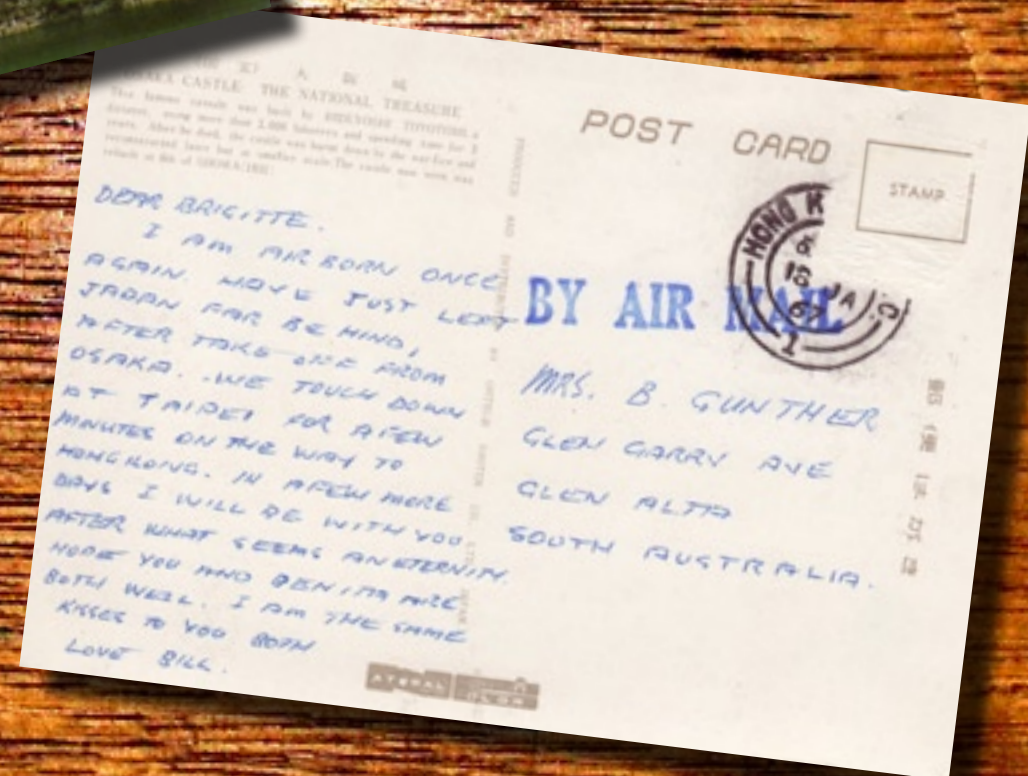
Sorry to rush away from you like this but time is against me and I am writing as fast as I can. Remember that I love you both and am missing you terribly and can't wait to be with you again.

Give me love to Benita and my regards to your parents.

Lots of Love & Kisses & Hugs  
from Bill    xxxx



Hong Kong  
18.1.1967







Hong Kong  
18.1.1967





Mum  
18.1.1967

18.1.67.

Dear Bill,

How are you? This will be my last letter, or should I say note as there is little to write about.

Only five more days to go, looks as though I might survive after all - it seems like such a long long time since I last saw you. I will have to ring the aerodrome and find out the exact time of your arrival on Monday - you are still coming on the 23rd? I think your mother will probably want to come with me to meet the plane, that is if your aunt has left by then, I can't take them both, or one of us will have to walk home and I have a feeling it won't be me. I haven't been to your place this week but have rung your mother at regular intervals to see if she needs anything. The ants, incidentally are almost all gone, I'll spray once more before you return and then it should be quite safe for you to walk through the gate. I was going to polish the kitchen floor and lay out the cupboards and so many other things during your absence but I don't feel right about it with your mother and aunt there. I'll do it when they leave.

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and kisses from  
Brigitte + Nita

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know that we have sold Wally  
29,700.

I took the car to the Service Station at 7:30 A.M. yesterday morning (it was an effort) so that is ready for you too - all it needs now is a good cleaning, I will do that on the week-end.

Now I must close, am making myself a dress and want to get it finished. Hope you have a good and safe flight home, I will be thinking of you as always. It will be so wonderful to have you back again.

Much love and kisses from,  
Brigitte + Nita

The second letter you mentioned when you rang has not yet arrived, it must have taken a round-about route.

It may interest you or John to know that we have sold Wally Batsons house to-day at full price \$ 29,700.



# PARK HOTEL

LIMITED  
HONG KONG

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS "PARKHOTEL" TELEPHONE 661371  
CHATHAM ROAD, KOWLOON, HONG KONG

20-1-67

Dear Brizette Benita,

I expect that by the time you receive this short note I will be home with you and will have told you most of the highlights of the trip, so I am really only wanting to you now to let you know that I am looking forward to seeing you back once again. As it is now Friday morning there are only three days to go, so I am hoping that they will go quickly for all of us. Although I have

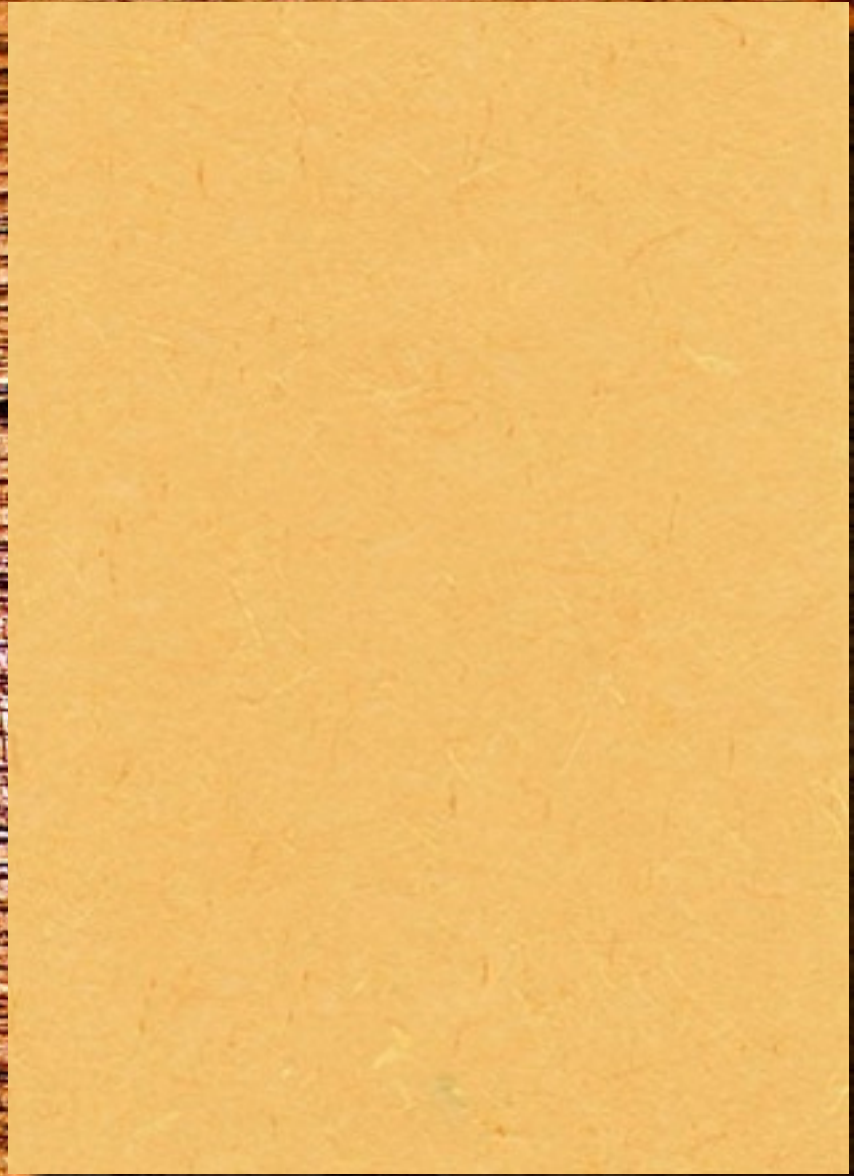
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Very dearly yours.

Bill. xxxx

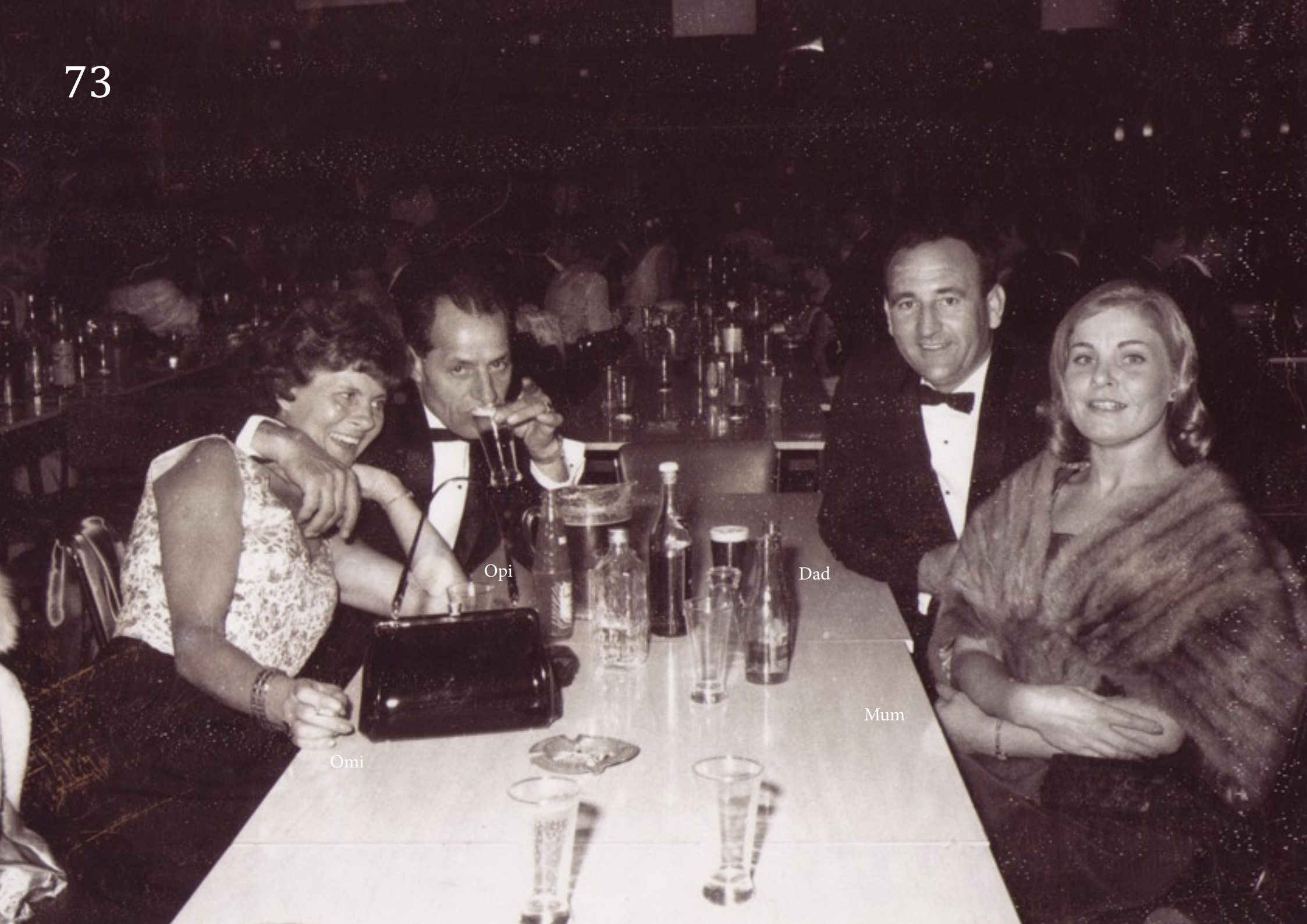




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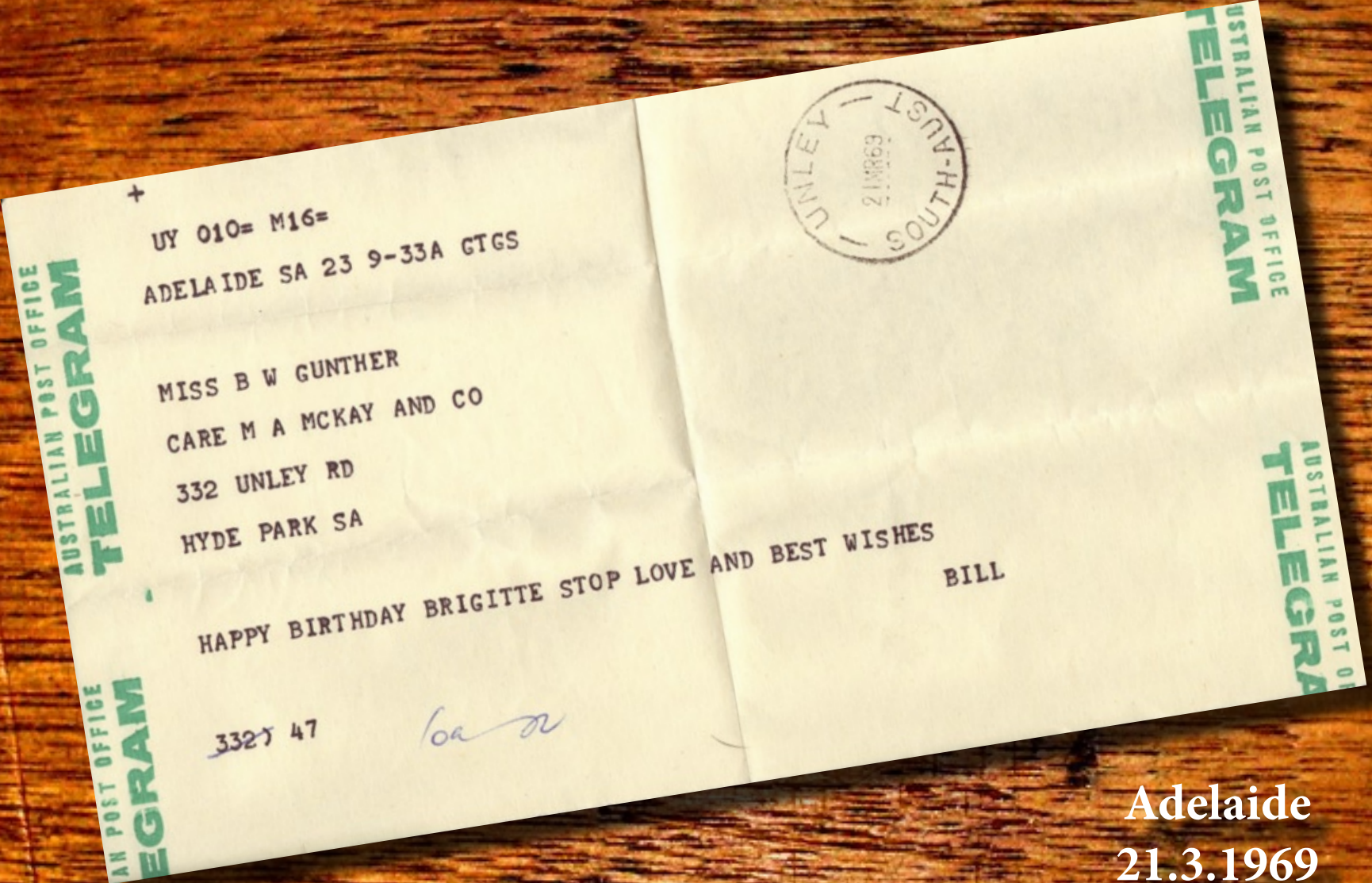
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THANKYOU LOVE

BRIGITTE

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# Certificate of Marriage

I, George Robert O'Neill,  
having authority under the *Marriage Act 1961* to solemnize marriages, hereby certify that I have this day at  
Malvern Methodist Church, Malvern, S.A.

duly solemnized marriage in accordance with the provisions of that Act and according to

the rites of the Methodist Church

between William James Miller

and Brita Wilma Marie Gunther

in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

DATED this twenty-sixth day of July, 1969.

G. R. O'Neill  
Signature of Celebrant

Signatures of Parties  
to the Marriage

Signatures of  
Witnesses

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BRIDEGROOM

[Signature]  
WITNESS

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BRIDE

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WITNESS

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Andrew  
7.1.1970

BABY'S SURNAME ..... MILLER ..... SEX ..... Male .....

MOTHER'S CHRISTIAN NAME ..... BRITA. ....

HONORARY DOCTOR ..... Dr NICHOLLS. ....

RELIGION .....

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To my dear Brigitte;

Just a short note to let you know that all is well here although I miss you all very much, the old place here is quiet these days and is starting to give me the creeps.

You should not get upset if I happen to want you to stay in hospital as I am only concerned for you and the baby and want to be ~~to~~ sure that all is ok before you come home.

Not much more to say except thanks for your son and to remind you that I love you, Bonita and baby Andrew very much and that I will be a very happy man when I have you all home with me again,

your loving husband



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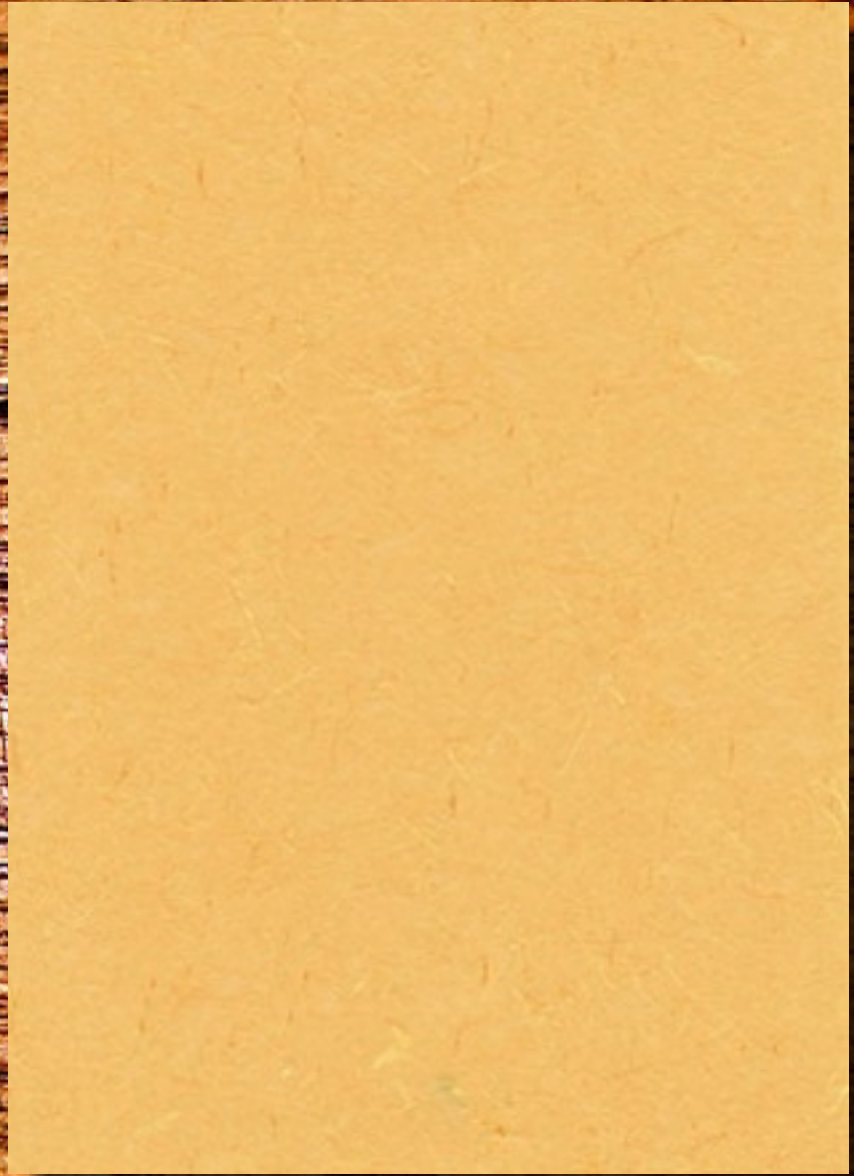
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your loving husband

Bill   xxxxx



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4.2.1972

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**COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**  
(Incorporated)  
LAFFER'S ROAD  
BLACKWOOD  
South Australia

BABY MILLER

SEX male BIRTH WEIGHT 6 lbs 14 ozs

DATE 4.2.72 TIME 9.50 a.m.

DOCTOR Hodgson / Wilson

DISCHARGED ON 4.2.72 6 lbs 10 1/2 oz

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All love is tinged with the anthropophagic urge. All lovers want to smother, extirpate and cleanse the vexing, irritating alterity that separates them from the beloved ...

(Zygmunt Bauman,  
*Liquid Love*,  
2003/2006, p. 17)