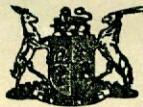


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UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.  
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

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DEPARTEMENT VAN Vervoer.—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT.

Division of Civil Aviation,  
Sanlam Buildings,  
P R E T O R I A.

Mr. H.P. Rand,  
Flat 7,  
Monsmeg,  
Hillbrow,  
JOHANNESBURG.

12 DEC 1951

Sir,

Through the courtesy of the South African Broadcasting Corporation, a special programme of recorded messages is being arranged on Monday, 31st December, 1951, at 7.15 pm. on the Afrikaans Programme, to enable the men on Marion Island to send and receive New Year Greetings to and from friends and relatives in the Union.

R.W.

Mr. ~~H.P.~~ Rand on the Island has nominated you to broadcast a message to him and in this connection it would be appreciated if you would arrange to be present at the Johannesburg Studios of the S.A.B.C. on the 27th December, 1951, between the hours of 2 pm. and 4 pm. when a recording of your message will be made. Messages may be broadcast in English or Afrikaans.

*80 words  
1/4 of a minuit*

Additionally you are invited to listen in to Springbok Radio at 10.45 pm. on Christmas Eve, when a special programme of Records and Christmas Greetings from the men on the Island will be Broadcast.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*F. J. Lee.*  
F. J. Lee.  
SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT.

Marion Island. 3.11.51. 203 words.

Am finding Marion fascinating but acclimatisation slow, and am first finding my feet by short excursions to chips cove and other nearby features. Sorting of stores abd station gear heavy work owing to small staff but this now nearly ~~a~~ complete and am gradually making myself comfortable. Weather peculiar with unpredictable changes from sunshine through rain to hail and snow when cold front occurs. Terrain difficult owing to bog but not impassable or very dangerous. Am wearing gum boots and rubber suit in case of rain but thick jersey and cap suitable for average days. Many birds present on island and include two species of sooty albertros, burrowing petrels various penguins and others. Elephant seals ~~and~~ huge and grunt like pigs. Breeding season now in process. High mountains on island snow covered but offer a challenge to us here at the station. Am well and healthy and eating greedily as food is plentiful especially now that fresh produce available. Stacks of tinned food in store. Received your letter, Send regards to Mac and Pat as well. Shall endeavour to contact Deksley on Sunday at 6 p.m. if opportunity available.

Robert.

Dept. of Transport,  
Division of Civil Aviation,  
Aeradio Branch.  
Cape Town.

Returned from lone trip round island lasting five days during which island recorded strongest gale while I experienced wind rain and snow. Fortunately found old sealer's hut at Cape Davis so escaped worst weather; Discovered fur seals thought to be extinct. Am now recuperating but preparing for further coastline reconnaissance as came home yesterday in thick fog missing station by only a ~~xx~~ mile. Island gigantic or so it seems owing to difficulty of progressing across partially eroded lava flows. Warn you not to send more than hundred words weekly.

Robert.

Marion Island. 100 words. 10.11.51.

17.11.51. Am fit and ~~walk~~<sup>x</sup> eating well. Last week had five days of fog and rain but made three day trip ast Boot rock to fnd ~~xxxxx~~<sup>R</sup> another sealers hut and now am well acquainted with aves so that field trips can be planned properly. Nevertheless cannot yet accustom myself to cold and wet and bog on flat ground but no doubt will in time. Monday proceed to Cape Davis to collect fur seal specimens. Cache food for future trips round island. Regards to all and hope sweep~~s~~take win for Mums birthday.

Robert.

Marion Island 40 74

Rand Monsmeg Hillbrow Johannesburg

Am gradually accustoming myself to vagaries of Marion weather and had relatively fine trip on five day trip to cache food in sealers hut other side of cape davis stop in spite of gruelling fifteen hour hike through bog and over mountain spent pleasant day filming seals and repairing hut after which six hour march brought us back to station for lunch stop have to go slowly on gumboots as station badly equipped and terrain devastating on feet stop otherwise fit but have no doubt lost weight stop regards to Gwynn and Una

Robert



Marion Island. 29.12.51.

Island experiencing fine weather with most of snow now hanging on high mountain only. Trip round Island in pleasant conditions and discovered another sealers cave with three flintlock rifles and other paraphanalia. Unfortunately only three hours away from one sealers hut so not too important as refuge. Am contemplating routine trips to various bays. Give Una's address and accept wishes from

Robert.

2.1.52.

Pat, how about sending Una's address as she sent me encouraging Xmas card. Am awaiting your reactions to the broadcast but dont let this run to more than 100 words. Am well and about to leave for Good Hope bay to cache food and blankets for future trips. Shall also dig for birds and investigate terrain. Intend tackling mountains soon to seek ~~pakkx~~ for path across Island but first want to accustom myself to footslogging over hard snow and lava. Was near high peaks searching for sheep. Regards from Robert.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT.—DEPARTEMENT VAN Vervoer.  
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<p>Began on Monday nearly caught up but rain had soaked me completely so that I was on way back to Camp when it hit island stop out again on Wednesday to move round coast to Kildalkey counting sea elephants and watching birds King penguins are laying and incubate single egg holding this tucked on feet expect to make another trip to sealers hut at cape Davis to study fur seals and collect specimens but fatigue of carrying back great obstacle stop took news and regret  silly restriction on letter writing hope all are well</p>							
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will care of 900 durban next Sat  
than 18 April Stop hope about some  
new car and his such a birthday date  
General fixed up stop planning two  
trips round island for will then  
clean up for embarkation