

P.O. Box 1192,
Port Elizabeth.
28/5/63.

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Dear Mr & Mrs Meyer,

When I left Gough Island recently I promised your son I would drop you a line to let you know he was well and very happy in his work there and his new home. They have a lovely big new building with everything one could wish for as a home, far better than many homes in South Africa, so you need not be worrying about his welfare.

He had a very pleasant voyage to Gough, lovely quiet days at sea, and enjoyed it very much. The last glimpse I had of him on the island made me laugh, and I wish you could have seen him. He and some of the other new weather men had all shaved off all their hair, then made a vow they would not have another haircut, or a **shave**, until they were taken off the island again. He was then busy with others carrying a lot of fowls from their crates to their new hokkies built for them on the island.

I want you to know that Gough Island is a lovely place. I was very heartsore to leave it and wish I was still there. It is one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen, and for an island the loveliest. I will send you from time to time any newspaper articles I might write for the press. That will help you to gain some idea of what the island is like.

Being parents you will worry about his welfare. Believe me they are well fed and have the best food imaginable. It is all in sealed containers and will keep good for at least three years. They have two years supply with them on the island...including fresh milk. There is lots of fishing there if they want fresh fish instead of meats, etc. They each have a bedroom, and there are flush toilets, bathrooms, dining room, kitchen, library, photographic room, workshops, etc. Their work lies just outside the building in which they live, and the view from their bedroom windows is wonderful, too.

They are the first weathermen to occupy this new station so have it all fresh and bright. The old station was not so good. The time will soon pass and it won't be so long before he is home again. Believe me it is an experience which will do him a great deal of good for all his life. My son is the Captain of the RSA the ship which took him there. I went with this last trip and enjoyed it immensely. Only sorry I had to come back here again. Must stop now and write other parents, too. If I pass through George I will call on you.

Sincerely
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