

PAX I GIVE YOU



*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*

John 14:27

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PAX MAKERS



*“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

Matthew 5:3-10

HARVEY W. MARTIN

In 1951 and years after, 1,200 young volunteers left their homes to rebuild the damage from WWII and provide relief in 40 countries around the world. The U.S. began a military draft in 1950 and these men could not enlist and obey Christ, but neither could they stay home serving themselves. Though Christ gives the sword to this world's governments in Romans 13:4, these men still heard Christ's words to Peter, *"Put your sword away!"* So they gave of their lives through The Mennonite Central Committee PAX service.

PAX (Latin for peace) was one of the alternative service programs available to conscientious objectors beginning April 1951 in Europe. Through their labor, housing projects began all over Germany and soon the work continued in Algeria, Bolivia, Greece, Paraguay, and other countries. Harvey W. Martin was one of these 1,200 volunteers.

Harvey was son of William and Mary Martin, farmers in Ephrata Pennsylvania, parents of 16 children, and faithful members of the Mennonite church. From early manhood and after, Harvey stretched his wings far beyond Lancaster County, first taking a job in California, then entering the PAX service in Algeria, France, Belgium, and Morocco. This book is a record of Harvey's letters to his mom, pop, and family while seeking to serve the Lord at that time. All the photos are Harvey's, except those of the West are not from his original California trip, but a later honeymoon. The PAX letters are in chapters by country, but the photos are not organized by location. The envelopes pictured show the date and location of the letter following. Harvey's penmanship is difficult to read, so in cases where you cannot decipher his writing simply enjoy his photos.

When Harvey returned from PAX he married Elta Eby in 1965 and they made their home in Ephrata. He continued to stretch his wings beyond Lancaster and became a Christian business man selling eggs to the people of New York City. Sons, Jeff and Tom, joined the family in 1966 and 1967. Tragically Tom was killed at age 16 in an auto accident and Elta died of cancer in 1991. Jeff married Ruth Myers in 1991, just before his mother's death, and they gave Harvey four grandchildren; Johanna, Jacob, Charlotte, and Abigail. Harvey persevered in weekly trips from Ephrata to New York City through good and bad for 40+ years and retired in 2009.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms...and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace,"





Harvey Martin
1116 west front
Escondido
Calif.

J. Lynch

LOS ANGELES
FEB 7
2 30 PM
1950

PAR AVION VIA AIR MAIL CORRIG

William J. Martin
James Lynch R.O. # 1

James P.A.
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Dear Everybody and the Boss !!!

Feeling in Jesus name: Well I just finished a Toole's Roll and I had cheese and ham for supper, and I feel just like I could go to bed. But I did not write for so long I'll have to send it airmail or you will think I forgot all about home sweet home.

I'm so busy I hardly get time for any letters

I am sending a few pictures along that one was taken on Christmas day I had turkey with my Boss. The man at the end with that funny smile is my Boss that old woman is his mother the other man on my right hand side is a good friend of Ed Bulmer, on the bottom of the picture you can see a arm that is Mrs. Bulmer's.

over



The other picture is the house
where they live. They still have a nice
home.

Well I do not have much news
I am still at the same job and I will very
likely come home in about 6 months or
sooner or later.

I was in church the last two weeks
and next time I would like to get a
(fellow that works at the same place that I do)
to go to. He was a Christian at one
time but he fell away.

Well tell pop to get a calf fat
in about 4 years I'll need good cooking
by then (I make my own eats but I am
not getting fat on it).

Well so long tell we meet again
from I did not make any of that, it
takes too much time. (Hata you loss)

P.S. I did not get the return good by my God
from Trojan boot Co. I want to meet again
to file my income tax card & can't
until I get it (please send it air mail)

N M





Henry Martin
1116 West Grant
Escondido
California

ESCONDIDO, CALIF.
FEB 27
9-AM
1958

PAR AVION VIA AIR MAIL CORREO AEREO

William J. Martin
Escondido RD # 1
Pa.



Harvey Martin

Dear Pop & Mom

Greeting in Jesus name, for he is able to
keep us for evermore:

I am working in algiers now with Miller S.
a missionary

all the Post boys left flatter on June 20,
for algiers about 7 of the boys were on vacation
and the rest of us came here to work because
the work is finished in flatter.

Since then I made a book case for Miller
and also a few other things. Bill & Ken and
Roger & and Gabriel were working at different
mission stations in algiers. But now Bill
and ~~Ken~~ Ken are out of work since yesterday
so today we were working a little cleaning
house for Mrs. Stoywick as she has a baby
I even got time for a little baby sitting.

They way it looks the project will not go through
so maybe I will not stay in algiers any longer

I like the way the missionaries work together
here it does not make a difference what church
some times they get together anyway and when they
can help each other well I'll have to close
as I have to study french so please write
often and may God Bless you

Sincerely, Harvey Martin



AFTER 8 DAYS RETURN TO
Harvey W MARTIN
1314 Grand ST.
ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA



William Z Martin
Ephrata RD.#1
PA.



Harvey W Martin
OCT. 8, 1957
1314 Grand ST.
Escondido
California

Dear Mom & Pop & Everbody

Greetings in the MASTER,s name ; how is everbody at home
I am fine, Leroy was here all last week and we had A find time.
He did not want to stay A week but he came last monday and he wa-
nted to go to the bull fight they only have bull fight on A sunday
so we went to mexaco on sunday but they did not have it ; they st-
arted to have one only once ever y two weeks .

So they were disappointed .

I got A letter from George Z. and I got one from Henry,s
~~It~~ It is started to turn colder at least at night; day time it
is still worm .

Oh yes thoes 40 geese Mary wrote about sure make me hungry
so nex time you eat some you can eat som for me to .

So you think I am like the jew because I mussy ha;ha;ha ;ha ha,.

So you say I cant be right; well I am half left .

George Z. might come out here to stay over the winter; I hope
he does . WELL I do,nt know what to write but I am glad everbody
liked the gifts I sent . I gas I will go out for supper I might
got some news .

Their is not much news I had , hot beaf stew, and that was good
I was boiling A little .

The only thing I do not like about typing is it take A long time

Sincerly Harvey W Martin

JOHN 3, 16.

For GOD so loved the world
that he gave his only begotten
SON that whosoever beleiveth on
him shell not perish but have
everlasting life.



Hello everybody

Henry Martin
1374 Grand St
Erecon dicio
California

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William J Martin
Esprata RD #1
PA.





fold right side up
to avoid confusion

Dear Every body

On monday morning I saw a
black bumper so fast with california
license plates. He drove up for some
milk. I wish I would have ask him
if he come from Pa maybe he was
that fellow you were talking about
mom.

I was in church on Sunday it was
(the church of christ) the people are
nice down here Mrs. Bulen grand
mother ask me if I would go to
church with her. I said I would go
along the first time. She is a nice
old woman I met her only 1 time
that time I had dinner at
Mrs. Bulen.

ours





So what is new in Pa
Love Edna still what the chicken
house ~~that~~ they should put
that in the news paper under
Strong as it seems

Edna Martin watches the
chicken house day and night

Mary I did not get that letter so
sent me another one

James why don't you write me a letter
at least write a few lines how is
your food or lemon I should call it
I'm giving my food a polish job when
I'm finish I'll set a picture of it
if I do not forget

David help James at work

Mabel help looking for your gift

Mother and Ever body I missed
help pop help that calf fat

Sincerely Harry Martin



Hello Every body
Greeting in Jesus name: I
do not have time for my typewriter
last night it was thursday well
not that is so strong but I got
a little company about 7:00
PM my boss's wife called down and
said I have company. So I went up
and the whole ~~Stoffer~~ Stoffer
family was here.

Well tell Clarence next time
his girl come out to come
along.

Well what I want to say
is this I want my motor C. but
I might be able to sell it and
it will cost me only about \$10.00
if you put it in a crate and
call up Eskata freight and
ship it COD unless you want
to pay for it (I will not care)

(over)



I ~~hear~~ hear by the grapevines
that Titus is riding it a
lot well he can help to make
a crate make it strong but
not too heavy I have to pay
by the pound 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound.

So now if you do not
want Titus to ride it use
the broom stick and make them
hurry with that crate! ~~to~~

it is 8:45 and I



P.S. Sam¹⁸ Martin's have
a little Dale first
when I looked at the
letter I thought Samuel Winger
what a laugh
Good night



(I got your letter today)

AFTER 3 DAYS RETURN TO
HARVEY W. MARTIN
1314 GRAND ST.
ESCONDIDO CALIFORNIA



WILLIAM Z. MARTIN
EPHRATA RD.# 1
PA.





Harvey W Martin
OCT. 20, 1957
1314 Grand ST.
Escondido
California

DEAR MOM & POP & EVERYBODY

Hello everybody ; how is the wather in PA. it is wet here the rainy seson started and it is raining almost every day. It will rain all winter so I will have A rainy Christmas and no snow I would like to come home for Christmas but I dont think I can .

I got A letter from Sam Martin ; he wrote he is coming out here if his wife lets him.

I am sorry to here that he dont have his girl I think he liked her purty good.. I bet he is blue.

Dont worry about the money if he has it he will give it!

I gas you wonder why I did not write sooner well I did not forget you ; I found out there was A library here in Escondido it cost only \$1.25 A year and I can read all the books that I want to.

That would be the place for Edna or Mary ; thair are some Grace Livingston Hill books there and all kinds of books. THE last to nights I read to books. So I did not bring eny books home this time so I would get time to write A letter.

But every time I sit down I dont know what to write; there is know news here . Oh yes George Zimmerman wrote that he might come out for the winter I hope he does. Then I wont be so lonesom .

So you thi nk I look like A jew Well that makes me feel good remember the jews are the apple of GOD eye like it said in the BIBLE .

Well I am tired and I gas I will have to close.

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU TILL
WE MEET AGAIN.
Sinerly

GOODBY EVERYBODY

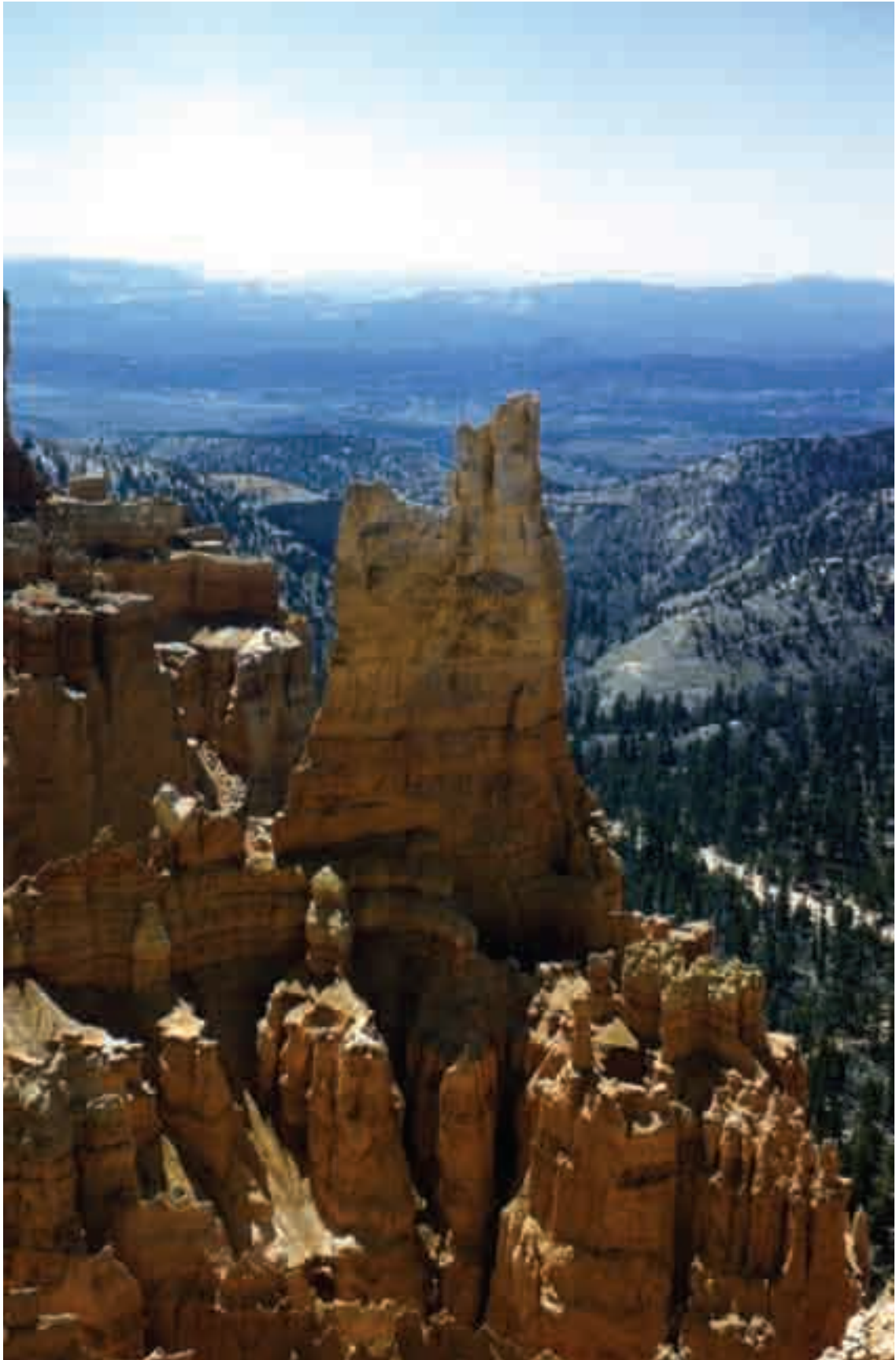
Harvey W Martin



HARVEY W. MARTIN
1314 GRAND ST.
ESCONDIDO
CALIFORNIA



WILLIAM E. MARTIN
EPHRATA RD. # 1
PA.



HARVEY W. MARTIN
1314 GRAND ST.
ESCONDIDO
CALIFORNIA

DEAR EVERYBODY

GREETING IN JESUS NAME: Hello how is you all by now. Well Edna how do you feel by now. Tell John hello for me will you . And tell little Dale hi. to if that is wis name. Dale Wanger it is a nice name.

I got a letter from Leroy and he said he missed a bear ,and got his shirt tail cut off well he should have gotten it cut off two in. above the belt. I should have told him that.

Well this Tue. and I am going to bed .

Well it is wensday 8:45 pm. and my bed time but I will try to keep my eyes open long enough to rattle off a few lines is you will bare with me.

Well first of all i am going to move i doent know when. Maybe next time i write i will give you my new address. But keep writing at my old address.

Therz is not much news it is getting wormer every day it sure does not feel like winter.

Maybe by new year i will get a rase to \$400. a month i told him i want that much and he said he will see how i make out till new year, you see i am doing all of the work in the plant now almost all. Before there were two , so i have to work harder . And i think i will get my rase.

SINGERLY HARVEYW.MARTIN

PS When you get my income tax
return from Trojan boat co.
sent it to me.

PS what do you think of my
big shot boss.



AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Harvey Martin
1314 Grand St
Escondido California



William J Martin
Escondido RO # 1
Pa.



Harry W. Martin
1314 Grand St.
Escondido California

Dear Mom & Pop.

It is Monday about 10:00 PM
I'm not sure what time it is. My
clock is not so faithful. The alarm
wakes me up any time of the ~~night~~
night. Did you get my card & letter
If Ivan sold my motor Co. sent
the money after Pop is paid in
full.

I'm taking a test so I can get
license to pasteurize milk.
Not that I like to study on the
other hand I do not like it.
But that is the only way I can
learn.

I'm too busy to get home sick
but Sunday's I hardly know what
to do with my time so I do
nothing. (over)



I missed church on Sunday I slept
till 10:00 AM before I awoke up
so I started for the beach.
~~Before~~ Ocean Side which is a town
about like Lancaster and it so
happened they had a radio there
so I followed a $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen of boys
and jumped over the seat with out
paying. The other boys got chert
down but I stayed and did not
have to pay. I had my camera
in the car so I did not go to
get it out I would have to pay to
get back in. I wish I would have
some of them picture's

I do not know what else to write
so I'll say (Good by for now)

PROV 12, 17,

He that speaketh truth sheweth
forth righteousness; but a false witness
deceiveth

sincerely, Howey Martin



Dear Mom & Pop & Embody
Fruiting in Jesus name. He lives
in every body. I did not find a
sunonite church, but I went to the
church of Christ. It is not like the
sunonite church they have TV.
and they do not go C.O.
Don't worry about me I'm still
a ~~sunonite~~ sunonite I wish I
could have taken Communion
but I am to far away and
maybe by next time I will
be at home to take Communion
I hope Pop will get better soon
Love you all carry on pretty good
arent they busy.

Will have to close
for now-

Sincerely Harvey Martin



AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Lowy Monte
1314 Grand St
Escorido California



William J. Martin
Esprato RD# 1
PA.



Dear Everybody
Greeting in the name of
Jesus Christ.
Hi how is everybody I am
fine I hope you are the same
It was raining on and off
for more than a week, the
rainy season started early this
year it often starts at about
Nov. Just think it will soon be
Christmas, I ask somebody how
Santa was his sly but he
said that Santa goes in
a airplane, I hope he comes
to me, or takes me home
for the holiday. I said two
more books. So I'll have to
go get some more tomorrow.
Don't worry mom I won't go
any place that wouldn't be
fit for a Christmas.
over.



are you starting to strip tobacco
I hope David can keep James at
work.

How is tetter in shape.
I hope he is doing better I
think he will come along ~~along~~
abright, I hope he will.

May mother why ~~don't~~ don't
you write sometime when you
get time tell me what you
want for Christmas

How is James Ford I'll bet
I can clean him up.
(that will make him laugh)

well I will have to say goodby
for now

Sincerely H M.





Henry Martin
1116 West Grant
Eureka
California

CONCORD, CALIF.
JAN 14
11:41 AM
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William J. Martin
Eureka RD 1
CA



Dear Everybody
Sorry I can't write every one
a letter I like to get one from
each of you but I can't write
one to each of you

I got your receipt now
all I need is a ~~fat~~ pig or
something to try it out ^{2 1/2} ^{2 1/2}

I like my cabin it cost
only 35.00 a month and I can
eat for 40.00 a month. If
I eat out it cost me 80.00 a
month so I am saving a little

Do not worry Mom I
still love Christ I do not go
to church like I should I work
long hrs. then sundays I sleep
a lot so do not worry about
me but you can pray for me!

Well it is about 10:00 PM
and I am tired so write soon
sorry I did not write sooner
I did not find the mail until

Toby

with Love Toby
(over)



REMEMBER ME IN YOUR
PRAYERS

AFTER 8 DAYS RETURN TO

Henry Martin
1514 Grand St
ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA



William J Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
PA



Dear Pop & Mom & everybody
Hello everybody I'm glad you liked
my gift's. No I did not spend too much
money for them. Do not talk too much
about the crowd and singing it makes
me just a little some sick. I'm going
to send a picture home. (Don't ~~laugh~~
laugh too hard.) I got a card from
Leroy last week. So about the time
you get this letter he will be here.
In the last letter you wrote that I did
not tell you what the weather is like.
So here goes

It is about 65 to 70 at night
and about 75 to 80 at day sometime
up to 90° and it does not rain till
rainy season starts. It did not rain
since I was here. rainy season is the
same as winter and it gets colder
about 40° sometime they get frost.
(Send the money as soon as Sam gives
it but do not make him give if he can't)
I'll have to close I can't keep my eyes open
sincerely Harry Davis



AFTER 8 DAYS RETURN TO

Harvey Martel
1176 West Front
Esccondido California



William J Martel
Escondido R.D. # 4
Pa.



Dear Mom & Everybody

Greeting in the practice's name:

I have some good news. About 6 months ago I wrote in to the Sumnerite Board of Missions. If I could go over seas to serve my 2 years. I was not going ~~to~~ until the last part of this year so I could be at home for a few months well that is all (mixed up). I got a letter from them. They want me by 11 of March to 22nd for some kind of training and then I might be able to come home for a few days before I go over seas to Algeria. This may come as a shock to you but I just got my letter and I gave my boss 2 weeks notice (Boy was he mad) I think I will like the work I will help to build houses for people that cant by them.

over



I wish they would have told me sooner
so I could have come home a few weeks
but I think I'll be home for a
few days anyway. Tell pop to get that
calf fat, if I come home it will be
about 24 of March.

Oh yes did I tell you my fellow
worker had a birthday party for me we
had fun

So Ivan is getting married well
I wish him luck I do not have time
to buy him a gift but I'll bring one
home (a little one)

How is Paul when is he coming
home write real soon or I will not
be here. ^{to you}

I am leaving here about the 9 of
March. So may God be with you till
we meet again.

I got my income paper

and I have to pay 200.00

Sincerely Harry Ward

write soon
air mail



J. Martin
1314 Grand St
Escondido
California



William J. Martin
Escondido RD # 1
Pa.



Christmas seems
the perfect time

To greet you lovingly,
And tell you both

how much you mean—

How dear you'll always be...

To thank you both for all you do

To make each season glad...

And wish much happiness for you—

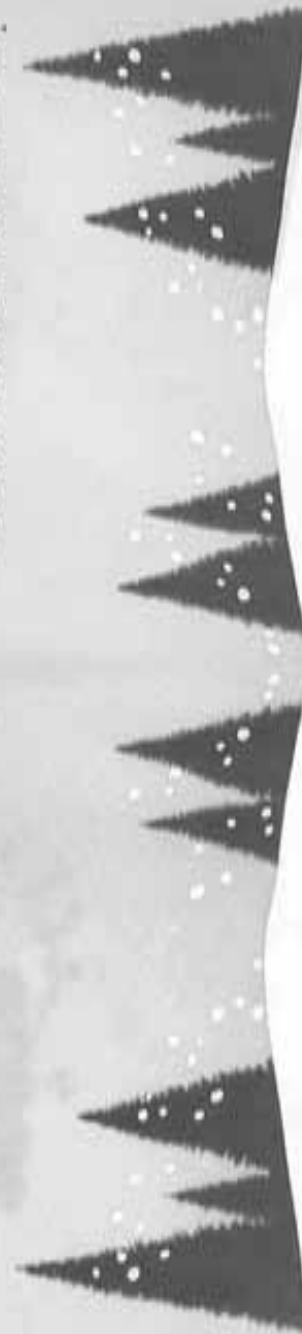
Dear Mother and dear Dad!

To Mom & Pop and all

Try to love a

Happy Christmas

Happy hints







Harvey Martin
1314 Grand St
Escondido
California

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ESCONDIDO, CALIF.
AUG 19
12 - M



William Martin
Escondido RD 1
PA





Dear Jim and Pop

Did you write I did not get one letter
so far. I hope you are getting my letters.
I like my job. I'm ~~going~~ going to
take a test so I can get license
to work in the creamery we won
an award and they took a picture
of a cow and put it in the paper
Mr. Barber was on (he is my boss)
How is everybody Tell I want
to ask Sam Martin for some money
is my motor c. Sold if it is in paper
payed in full ~~for~~ you I want
can get some money from Sam
sent it to me in a money 
order.



I can see it out here from
I told you not to send it if
I ask for it but I take that back
~~if you can't get it~~. we have
a lot of forest fires out there
was a big one ~~one~~ near San Diego
and there is two about 8-10 miles
from here I was at the one the
fire covered the whole mountain
if I stalk it right.

"Page The Bacterial counts are alot
lower in California than PA for Good
1 milk it is 75,000 PER ML

In PA I think it is 200,000 PER ML
I have to pasteurize the milk and
that has to ~~be~~ be 15,000 PER ML
well I'm running out of paper

sincerely Harry Martin



AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Norwy & Martin
1314 Grand St.
Escondido California



William & Martin
Ephrata RD# 1
PA.



Bulen Announces He'll Run For Supervisor; Howell Seeks Re-election

Campaign hats of two Escondidans were tossed in the ring Wednesday for the 1958 election contest for the position of County Supervisor of the Fifth Supervisorial district.

Ed S. Bulen, former Assemblyman from the 77th district and dairy farmer here for the past 20 years, formally announced his candidacy in a written statement. The position is now held by Dean Howell, also of Escondido, who has held the position since being elected in 1940.

Shortly after word of Bulen's announcement was received, Howell announced that he is definitely in the race to seek re-election for what would be his fifth full term of four years.

In his statement, Bulen said that if he is elected he will conduct the office on a "strictly non-partisan basis."

"I will not seek legislation to increase the Supervisors' salaries, promise to hold taxes to a minimum, and to make an honest effort to see that all property is assessed on a fair and equal base," his statement said.

Bulen said he favors a continued program of better roads, as well as farm-to-market highways, and considers the Feather River Water project a "must."

Bulen served a full term in the State Legislature, 1953-54. He is a past president of Associated Chambers of North San Diego County, past president of the County Farm Bureau, and for years has been active in Soil Conservation work.

Both Bulen and Howell, recognizing that they are residents of the same city, said they intend to conduct clean campaigns without indulging in personalities. Both recognized that they have mutual friends and acquaintances in the city and district and that they will each conduct their campaigns on high levels.

Howell first became a supervisor after winning a run-off election in November, 1939, for the unexpired term of the late Tom Hurley of Oceanside who died in mid-term. In the run-off election in November, 1939, Howell defeated William Hart, a former member of the State Park Commission who had been appointed to fill out a portion of Hurley's unexpired term.

Howell won reelection in 1942, 1946, 1950 and 1954. In 1950 he had no opposition.

The names of these two candidates, and any others who complete filing, will appear on the June 3 primary ballots. If there are more than two candidates, any one winning a majority of all votes cast would be declared elected, otherwise there would be a run-off election in November between the two highest candidates.

It's A Race



ED S. BULEN,

Former state assemblyman, who announced Wednesday candidacy for county supervisor of the Fifth Supervisorial district. The incumbent, Dean Howell, also of Escondido, announced shortly afterward he will seek reelection.





Guest of Rambler Motel

CAMBRIDGE/MICHIGAN

GLODEN'S MOTEL Rooms-

3474 Main St

San Diego 13,
California

William J Martin
Exhnatae RO # 1

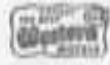
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SAN DIEGO
AUG 1
1957
CALIF.





Rambler Motel



JUNCTION U. S. HIGHWAYS 16-18
CAMERON, MISSOURI

Dear Mom, Pop, Gene, Sue,

How is Pa. is it warm or cold
out or dry. Is everybody in good
health. How is Paul closing I hope
he is alright.

I'm doing fine I'm in San Diego
California the weather is fine.

I was at beach about 3 hours and
got a sun burn I did not find
a job but it will not be hard
to find one their signs up all
over California that farms help is
wanted their are a lot of other
job open. I got an apartment
it is nice cost me \$4.00 a week
I do not know if I will stay or
not \$4.00 is a lot of money it did
not cost me as much as I thought

Wall to Wall Carpets
Tile Showers, glass shower doors

Ultra Modern
New - Brick

Steam Heat
"Beauty Rest" Mattresses



it would I still have over 300.00
in travelers check. It is 2988
miles to the border of California
It sure is different in all the
states, in Ohio it is about the same
in Indiana are all big ranches
and Illinois, Missouri Kansas it
is dry but they form a lot of wheat
and feed or grain. in Colorado
in the east end it is the same
as Ill. Minn. but as soon as you
pass Denver there is about 300
miles of mountain after you pass
the mountain there is neither
wheat land to dry or farming
but a few ranches thru Utah
and Nevada but the west part
of Nevada there are a few farms.
When I was to California they stopped
me for a check up all they wanted to
know was if I had some fruit it was
the California Dept. of Agriculture and was
don't pay insects and diseases out of
the country if you can read my rights
if I did not get it right tell me when your rights
- as ever Harvey Swanson





Harry Martin
1116 West Grant
Ercosaledo
California

ESCONDIDO CALIF.
JAN 17
1958



William Martin
Escondido RD # 1
P4



Dear Pop from everybody
Fruiting in June rains: He
who is able to keep us from
rain or shine

Hello how is everybody
is Paul getting better I hope
so did Trojan send my
top return if they did send
it to me air mail, I think
I will get some money back

Where do Edna and
John live send their address
so I can write. Does Helen
have a car by now.

Does James have
a girl?

What I'll put my
qt. in order

over,



No (1) Does Peter have a
car

No (2) Does James have a
girl, is his car still
hot

No (3) Does Mary have a boy
how old is she (not 16)
(alright may do not boy)

No (4) When is Clarence going
to get married

No (5) When is I van getting
married

No (6) is that enough

Well I'll have to
eat this is hot and
I got a lot of letters to
write
(write room)

Sincerely
Howdy Pratt



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Kewy Martin
Kloder Hotel
3494 Main St.
San Diego, CA
California
William J. Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
PA







Dear paramer

Well mom I did not for get what
you told me.

I got a job, about 30 miles south
of San Diego so I will be moving
do not write a letter till I write
and send you my new address

I'm going to work on a Dairy farm
I'm going to inspect the milk and
am getting \$200.00 a month to start
it is not very good money but I

will be in the country and on
a farm I get a room for free
on the farm. If James keeps

the crops clear I'll bet
David help's a lot over





How are the rest of the family
pop did you get your money
back now are you keeping
track of my money Don't Ivan
like his work with Eli M.
tell him Hi for me and
Clarence and James and well
all the rest

or Ever Hawey Martin



AFTER 8 DAYS RETURN TO
Larry W. Martin
1314 Grand St
ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA

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William J Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
PA



Dear Swamy J.

I did not know if I wanted
to write Martin or not & get you
are still single last time you
wrote you wanted to go to a
~~singing~~ singing after that you
know how it goes at least
it did with Edna.

Oh Hi Edna how is J.C.

I want to come to the wedding
I want to be the worst man or
the best witch ever I'm best suited
for. Did I ever say (I do)
are is he still single.

I have had more than are ~~no~~ no storm
down here so I did not find
a girl like you recommended
But I'm still looking for one.

The trouble is they are in
Pa.



James is your coa still hot
if it is stay away from it
do you have a girl that is
girl you know witch one I mean

~~The price of cash are~~
The price of coin are higher
out I could get about 1400 for
mine but I get I will keep it
well how is everybody did
school start

Hi Martha

Hi Paul

Hi David

Hi Ivan

Hi Titus

and Ever body

PS It is now

10:40
x

10:40
x

for now P.M.

Good by







Hi Everybody

I do not have much news
But the fellow that I sold
my food to smash it and
I took a few pictures of it.

Did you sent my notes?
I need it bad write me and
say if you sent it but it in
a strong crate

I got a letter from Floyd
today and I did not get
a letter from you for a long
time did you get my Christmas
card? I did not have enough
money for a crate of oranges



I might

my pen does not

I got a new pen
so I'll say good by
for now

did you get all my
cards *a)a)a



HARVEYW. MARTIN
1314 GRAND ST.
ESCONDIDO CALI.



WINDHAM MARTIN
EPHRATA RD. # 1
PA.



HARVEY W. MARTIN
1314 GRAND ST.
ESCONDIDO CALI.

DEAR EVERYBODY
ANSWER TO THE QT.

- (1) about 100
- (2) I pasteurize milk
- (3) I get 325 a month, and room
- (4) YES!!!!!! When it is done....
- (5) yes I sent his picture.
- (6) He will not fire me who would do the work
- (7) No I live a lone life.
- (8) The doctor said I am alright
- (9) About once a week.
- (10) NO
- (11) SHURE
- (12) About a doz.
- (13) Not yet!
- (14) Sure he can use them.
- (15) SAMMY ASK ME FOR THE MONEY AND WHY SHOULD
I SAY NOW I AM WORRIED. IF HE CANT GIVE
IT BACK THEN HE CANT THAT IS ALL!!!!!!!!!!
- (16) FRUITS
- (17) ABOUT NEXT AUG.
- (18) THAT IS IT HAIRY
- (19) I DO NOT KNOW???????
- (20) NOT YET!!...!!??!!??!!??

THAT WILL BE \$2.98 PLUS.50 TAX.
THANK YOU.

TO BE CONTINUED..



Questions (Who did and made you Boss)

(Please answer everyone)

Answers immediately
(air mail)

1. How many Cows on the Dairy farm? ~~two~~
two legged or 4 legged!
2. What is your job? eat sleep and work!
~~and keep my nose out of other people's business~~
3. What do you get payed? with money if
it is any of your business
4. Do you like your work? who said I work
5. Is your Boss a nice guy? no his name is -
Sauler not nice
6. Does your Boss think you are a nice guy or
does he feel like firing you? (1) How could
he. (2) if I don't quit first!
7. Did you meet any boys your age? my age
not four must!
8. Are you homesick? for the girls
9. How often does it rain in Calif. as
often as it gets wet!
10. Are there ever any storm - Hurricanes
- cyclones - tornados - snowflurries -
automobile accidents - in Calif?
Partly bad hurricanes the winter
T.T.T. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ← (Hurricane Mary!)



11. Does Calif have any pretty girls? Come and see for yourself.
12. Do you have a girl? None of your business
13. Are you tired of your job? With job
14. Can James use your winter treads? Tell him he can go off to winter and by com
15. Do you have any hopes in getting that money back from Sammy M. I not only have hope I have faith!
16. What are the main crops in Calif. Winnon!
17. Do you have any idea when you will be home? Tomorrow if it comes
18. How's your mustach? Hoing!
20. Did you get the flew? No did you!

return this sheet -> (to who)



Oho yes I had a chicken
dinner
it was good
only 70¢
all I could eat!

Tommy Mc
13th Street
Escondido
California

ESCONDIDO, CALIF.
DEC 7
11-AM
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William J Martin
Esprata RD # 1
PA.



Hello Everybody

Did Mable get my gift. did you
get my orange. and that big post
card I hope you did I want to
send you to by something to send
home I was hunting for a place
where I can make a record to
send home I saw the place one
time but I could not find it.

~~Just~~^{Just} I go I think I will find
it then I will send it home

Today a cow slipped on the
cement and I think it's leg is
strained or broken at least we
will have to sell it for meat.

Mr. Bales just got the cow and
it was a good one. But that is
the one that go bad first.

I learned to like milk and cream
so I drink about 1 quart a day and
(over)



sometimes some cream
I still weigh 110 do not
think I'm getting fat.
This would be the place for Edna
she likes cream and milk but
then she would drink too much.
Levy is coming out in about
4 weeks and will stay for a day
or two

so long Harvey Martin

John 3, 14

for God so loved the world
that he gave his only begotten
son that whosoever believeth in
him should not perish but have
everlasting life

it is 11:00 PM
MUST go to 1350



AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Harry Martz
1711 - Prarie St
Elkhart Indiana



William J Martz
Ephrata RD # 1
PA.



Dear Mom & Pops
Well I can't write to
big a letter as I'm real
busy. I hope you will
come out to see me.

I will be at PA. at
the 23rd to 24th so that is
not very much time we
are going to set sail on
the 26th from New York
from there we are going to
Holland and then over
land to Algeria but first
we are going to stay at Holland
for a month or so for
training I'll have to learn
Spanish that is what they
speak

PS Hope to see you soon

Sincerely Harry Martin



Hardy Martin
Superior Mennonite
Florence (Orleansville)
algeria



William J Martin
Ephrata RO # 1
PA,
USA

Mi.
roman

PAR AVION
AIR MAIL



Harvey Martin
sept 14, 1958

Dear parents and all

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Master: Well it looks like I'll go back to flatter the end of this week because we are almost finished working for the reformed church.

The crabs in flatter got together and bought cement blocks now they want us to build out doors toilets for them. And we also have to finish the new house for the unit so that will keep us busy for a while.

Oh yes there is a conference in Basel Switzerland in Oct, and I might go it starts Oct 3rd to the 5th if I go I'll get a chance to see Germany and some other countries in Europe.

Well it is cooling off a little at least the nights are some days are quite warm

How is everything at home by now are you finished with the tobacco by now? Are you about ready to start with the corn? or am I going to fast for you?

I hear there are a few people getting married this month, if this keeps up by the time I get home all my buddies will be married ~~you~~ I'll have to get a french girl soon. Well I'll have to close now please write soon, it is time to get to work we are building a white room in the afternoon tomorrow we lay bricks we must get to do all kinds of work.

Sincerely Harvey M.







Hawley Martin
Orleanville
(Oran) Algeria



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William J. Martin
Epsrata RD # 1
PA.
USA.

PAR AVION
AIR MAIL



Harvey W. Martin

Sept. 23 1958

Dear Every body

Greeting in Jesus Name who is our Lord and God; Well i am back at Flatters and all is well . The mail gos out only two times a week so I though i would write as soon as i can .

There is some worke here also because the arabs bought some cement blocks and some cement so we will build them out side tolets. So I think we will have work for some time.

There is a M.C.C. conference in Fozel Switzerland on the third of Oct. to the 6th. all the other boys are going and iam not sure if I am going or not.

It is hard to keep my mind on my letter because I am *lising* listening to a good record, the mennonite hour , And I had not heard and english song for a long time . In oran and in tlemcen we did not have a record player or a radio. Oh yes in tlemcen we had a record player but they did not have as meny mennonite records.

Yes what do you know I am the cook now it seems I get in everying here in pax algeria . I have to do everything from cleaning tolets to lay Cement blocks. BUT WE steah have a lot of fun.

The last few weeks everybody around here was picking graps but I think that is over now. By the way we sure eat alot of fruit do you know what a fig is . They grow them here thare sure good the aranges are not ready yet.

SO James has a new car how does he like it by now can he beat Titus ina race ask him if he does not want to tell you tell him to write me a letter i would like to know .

What is new it home how is Paul is he at home if he is not give me his address maybe I can write him a little letter that another person could read to him. Or just sent him a little present.

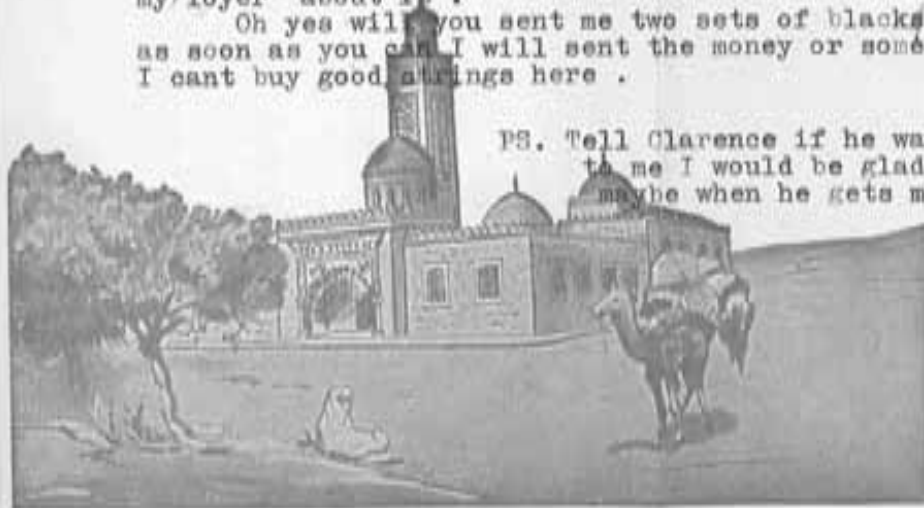
Well it is 9 30 and I have to do a little studding tonight because my french is vary poor. Somebody said that french is just about the hardest language for english people to learn and I beleive it ~~was~~.

Mary I will sent the questonair next time I have to speak with my *Idyer* about it .

Oh yes will you sent me two sets of blacks dimond guitar strings as soon as you can I will sent the money or something you want because I cant buy good strings here .

PS. Tell Clarence if he wants a letter to write to me I would be glad to hear from him; or maybe when he gets married he will write;

SINERELY HARVEY M.









Harry Martin
18 Rue Melba
Kuba Algeria

Dear Mom, Pop everybody

Kello how is everybody sorry I did not write sooner
in the 5th. Bill Robert and I came to a new place.
Algane is the place it is about half way between Oran,
and Ann, Orleanville.

We are working for two old mards^{ms} from England and
the other from Scotland. They are missionaries for the
arabs, and are living right with the arab, not in the
same house of course, but in the part of the villey where
the arabs are.

our work consist of putting tile on the roof and
fixing the water spout, plastering the wall and
painting. But we are just going to be here for a
week or so, so when you write, send my letter to
my Kuba address.

The arabs here are not as friendly as at some
places, but that is because we have not had a
project here and they did not get to know us yet.

This fore noon we went for a walk out in
the ~~and~~ part of town and, I was never stared at
so much in all my life. I think
just about every arab in town
knows by now that there
a few Americans in town.
My love.



(over)



Harvey Martin
15 Rue Malbert
Kuba, Algeria,



Came Nov. 14

~~David Sharp~~
William y Martin
Ephrata RD#1

PA.
USA





Howey Martin
18 Rue Dolbut
Kuba Algeria,

Dear Mom & Pop,

Greeting in Jesus name who is able to keep us
from all evil.

This last week I was working on a church in
algeria plastering, mixing cement putting floors in and so
on. However the scia of three of us boys ran out so
we had to go to flatter to get them renewed. So that is
where I am right now. It sure looks different around
here they are trimming all the trees and there are
a lot more arabs moved down from the hills in to
the village to get under the french protection.

And our new house is not yet finished so some
arab even moved in there they build little huts
on the out side for their cows and horses so we
will have to build them a house before they get out
of ours. well it is getting late so I'll close and
finish tomorrow when we get to algeria. (Good night)

well here I am again I just got finished writing
a letter to the Mission Board asking if I could go to Paris
to study french and then stay over and extra half year
I sure hope they will let me go studying french
part time is not enough to
learn so if I go to Paris I'll
study full time.

Sent all my mail to this
address My kites strings also

Sincerely
Howey





Harvey Martin
Mission Mennonite
Flatters (Orleanville)
Algeria.



no. 9

William Z Martin
Esdrata RD#1



USA

PA



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PAR AVION
AIR MAIL



Harvey Martin
July 17, 1925

Dear Everybody

Returning from Algeria again, I am sorry I did not write any sooner you see I was in Algeria for a few weeks. Working with different missions at odd jobs, because the work at flatter is about finished.

However however there is more work than we can take care of right now.

One of the fellows had taken vacation in Morocco a few months ago. And he found out about some work there that will take two fellows about 4 months.

And in Algeria there is a church that has to be built as well as a little work at different mission stations. And that will take 4 or 6 boys.

Two other boys with me were sent to Oran that is about 200 or 300 ~~km~~ miles from flatter. So we will be here for about a month or so, after that we will go to flatter. As the mission Board wants to keep that place open.

Last night was our first night here in Oran so we went for a walk in to town (we live at the end of town) well anyway we got lost and did not get lost home until 1:40 pm. We must have walked 12 miles, and asked 5 different people the way to get home - it was all in french so it was hard,



(over)
→ that is my wife
Ha



well you will want to know what it is like here in Oran, it is a city of \$ three hundred thousand about 50 thousand arabs and 50 thousand jews. the rest are french, and this is the second biggest city in algeria but has the most french. Algiers is a bigger city but has more arabs and less french.

well coming back to what I was saying we three boys are working for the french reformed church we are working on a four, painting out side and in side, finishing the wiring, and making a play-ground, and soon.

During our stay we will live in the house we are finishing, make our breakfast, eat dinner and supper in a restaurant. some times we get a chance to eat in a french home (not helpous french a little)

Now I better explain the picture on the front of this picture letter, it is the arabe believe to have there face covered at all times, but when they are at home in order to keep faithful to there husband. as soon as a girl is I think 15 years old she has to wear one. They have a lot of funny ~~of~~ beliefs after I find out more about them I'll write home and explain.

well I'll have to close now please write soon and often Tell Paul hello for me and tell William not to worry about the paper he signed for me read all the mail I get over to me:

So Long May God bless you
please say for me Sincerely (Harvey) wrote
(save all the stamps)
please (no slides for another month)





James Martin
Flatons (C. B. ...)
Algeria

15 MAR
1959
Flatons (C. B. ...)

William J Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
PA
USA

PAR AVION



Harry Martin
Aug. 22, 1908

Dear James and all

Greeting in the Master's name I got your letter today. And I feel a little guilty because I have not been writing as often as I should have.

My last letter I wrote I told you that I worked at Oram for the Reformed Church.

Well before we were finished we got a letter from a Mr. Waine from Tlemcen that is about 200 150 miles farther only 40 miles from Morocco.

Mr. Waine is an English missionary and needed some help. So we packed up and left for Tlemcen, and ever since that we have been scraping old paint off the house and putting new on again. We were also working in a chapel as they call it, a lot of people call a church a chapel over here.

This mission station has quite a history about every generation they get a few arabs converted and then they get killed and some run off to escape death. Fewer almost every arab that is converted is in danger of his life. But the missionaries are not discouraged they keep on going and tell them that if they are sure will people



(over)



We are living right with the missionaries
and every evening we have a few songs
and devotion.

and I tell you another thing, I am not
sure about it but, I am going to try to
go to Paris for 6 months to study french
and then come back here again and stay
a half year over my two years to make up
for that because I could do much more good
here if I would be able to speak french

There are 12 Sat boys in Algeria altogether
three here in Tlemcen 2 in Morocco 2 in Flatter
and the rest in Algeria alger building a
church for the Methodist church. The fellows
in Morocco are building small houses and
in Flatter they are doing a little of every
thing.

The weather here in Tlemcen is a little cooler
now than it was about 70° But it is ~~not~~ cooler
here than other places because we are about 1500 ft up
on a mountain

Your wet must have done real good. we do not
get near as good crops here because it is too dry. They
also grow some grapes here and fruit. The summer
is hot and dry and the winter is cooler and
wet. I'll look around for a book on Algeria and send
it home but hard telling when I'll find one. So I'll
have to close now

PS May if you cant write a letter on Sunday write one when you get this one

PS I wrote to California to find out what PS place write now
this is paid is all about.

PS. Now I got a letter from my twin Xadka

he even told me to look on the calendar and that makes me look
feel all the more





Harry Martin
Pottersville (Pa)
Algeria

Pottersville
Pa
1918

William J Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
Pa
USA

PAR AVION



Harvey Martin
Platten (Arleanville)
algeria

Dear Mom & pop & all
Greeting in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
and master.

I should start my letter with a great big sorry
because I did not write sooner. But seeing that will
not help matters any I'll just sit down and try
to fill this page.

first of all at the present time I am the only boy
in algeria (of the Box boys) the others went to Europe
for the M. C. C. conference. I had a chance to go to
but I'm hoping to be able to go to Paris to study
French by spring. so I'll save my money.

Before the boys left we had a little meeting and
I ask if I could be able to go if I made good for the
time I spend studying at the end of my term. That
would mean I'd have to stay over here about 2 1/2 years

anyway I would rather stay here 2 1/2 years and learn
French than 2 years and not know much French. Besides
if I know French I'll be able to speak to the people
and get to know more about them and also do more
good here.



last week and a half I had more
or less a vacation. I did not have
much work over the last week
and I went with Mr. J. Miller
Staybrook to Tlemcen that place
I worked at about a week ago. we
had a wonderful time and all
of us got the cold while we were
there.



Clarence is the place where I got a ride on a
army truck I think I had told you about it.

Ken Metcalde and I were walking around town and
I snapped a picture of three soldiers so we almost got in
trouble because Ken did not have his papers so they
took us some on there truck with his other soldiers
with machine guns. Well after we showed our papers
they let us go.

and now I am working for another missionary
English to so I'll not forget my english maybe I
will my book.

By the way did you get that letter asking for
black limon guitar strings if you did not please get
two or three sets as soon as you can, and I'll send
the money or some thing what ever you want, even
some robes if you want some. did you know that
if and prob boy wants to get married he has to buy
the girl the price is 10,000 franks that is about
\$211.00 so if Clarence think his girl cost too much
they are cheap over here oh yes I think James is about
ready for a girl to so just tell him about the
girls over here with his car he could get a discount.
I got your letter that was real good typing
but like always it was not long enough oh yes
the one you sent before that had me going around
rings for a week.

tonight I am invited to another missionary for
supper Mr. Stoyrook is coming for me in about 45
min. so I'll have to close I hope to hear from
you soon

P.S. if you know Dan. Martin
address please send it
along.

Sincerely, Harry Martin







Lawrence Hartman
Sept. 4, 1958

Dear Lawrence and all

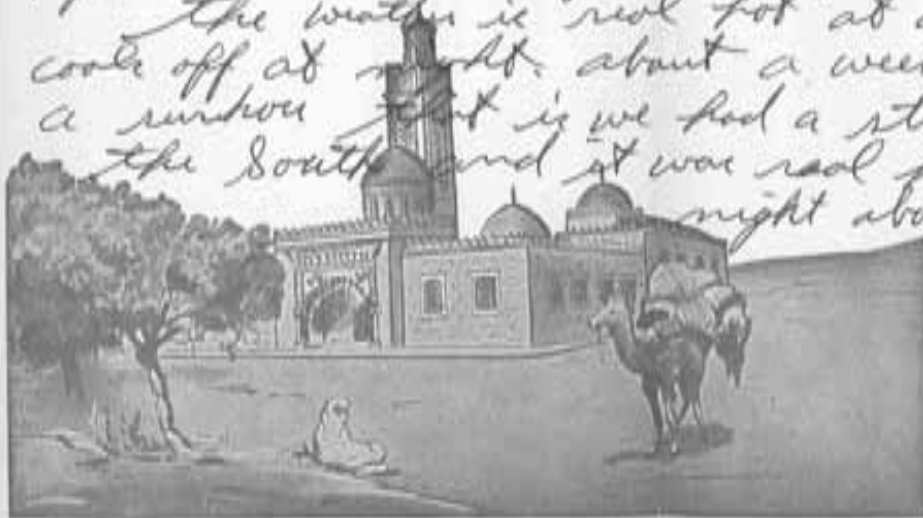
Greeting in Jesus name, I got your letter yesterday and I did not know any thing about the plane accident next time you write put in if the were young people and what they were coming over here for or better yet send a news paper clipping

I also am sorry to here about Egra Ibrahim I know him as I was at his place for supper on evening.

Well I do not know what I did not pay about Algeria so if you sent a lot of questions I'll know better

Or if you wait a little I am going to make a tape and send it home as well as my picture as soon as I get back to Flatterre and I hope that will be in a week or so as I am tired of running all over the country althou I got to meet a lot of missionaries

The weather is real hot at day time but cool off at night. about a week ago we had a rainbow that is we had a strong wind from the south and it was real hot day and night about 120 day and 80 at night and this kind of hot is real hot



(over)



I got a letter from Martin food and he reminds me of my 23th birthday just think how old I'll be before I come home but it is no one thinking about that.

well I just ran out of words so I'll just try to fill up with nothing oh yes we get a lot of fruit over here and I sure eat plenty to

Mary just keep on writing ~~to~~ how do you like it at the hospital by now are you promoted to dish washer by now what is your boy friend name when are you getting married and so on.

I think James better hurry or Mary will beat him

how does Titus like his car by now is it still in on piece or did he wrap it around a pole

well I close now hope you can understand my writing

PS don't forget information on the plain accident

Sincerely Harvey M.



was assigned to the following assignment
 during winter 1945
 The first project was to take down the road with
 that from Pop...
 during in June July...
 after today as I was coming back from Algeria I got
 in the capital of Algiers...
 Miller Stoyak...
 Miller Stoyak...
 though we could...
 the weekend off...
 it is only 77 miles...
 in way we had a big time...
 77...
 something...
 would you want to know what...
 County...
 painted...
 point of...
 with...
 and...
 a little...
 foundation...
 a few of the boys...
 on the farm...
 as...
 Best...



well who ever told you that it is dangerous over
here does not know what they are talking about
The papers will make it worse than it is at
least it is in flatter. They have a very Banker
Do. busy town and every body has a net
to get off the street we have to do off by
Bill. And showed from Orleansville to flatter
all have to stay off after 5:30 but we found some
with this evening coming from from algeria they
did not say any thing they know our code so they
never stop us
I do not know if the other project will go
through or not since all this trouble. if it does
not we will go to mission station all around
algeria or even in Europe to help with paint and
oil well I'll try to write about 1/4 a week
So that way you can see after on the latest news
well I'll like to over see it first
though it would be longer so far from home
but now I can't understand why more people do
not do it. I sure learned a lot since I came and
I hope to learn a lot more and more important
I get to know a lot of people over here. So
if I ever come back I'll have friends
well I have to close now my best
with you and please keep praying for me
I am also praying for you

Sincerely Harry Smith





Harry Martin
Mission Sennouche
Flatter (Orlemville)
Algeria

ALGER
1956

No 7 William J Martin
Epswata RD # 1
PA.
USA.

VIA
AIR
MAIL



Dear Mom & Pop & Every-body

Greetings from Algeria and in Christ's name. How is everything & here the strawberries are ripe well if you have time you can can some and sent them over here. I could eat some ~~right~~ now even if it is 11:00 o'clock.

Oh yes mom can you send a recipe over of good thing to make. as I will have to be the ~~cook~~ to cook in a week or so, we do not have any cream but milk so that kind of thing we can not make

Oh yes if somebody wants a good amount of money from Algeria just send some money over they sure have nice things to hang on the wall

May be William wants something for his new house. Well the new project did not come thru so far right now we are working on our new house for the unit after that we might work in different mission stations around Algeria

Today we had a day off as we had to go to town to buy some rats. I stayed at home so I did the cooking.

Well I hope the mail goes thru so I get more letters this is the 5th letter I wrote today. I was not getting enough letters so now I am going to write more will have to close now

May God be with you all
Sincerely,
Harvey Smith



Dear ~~Everybody~~ Martha

Praying in Jesus name for he is able to
keep us for ever more:

Well Martha So you liked the school trip.
I can still remember the time I went. I used to
look forward to the trip all year, I was at the
Franklin institute, and the Liberty Bell independence
Hall, city Hall Betsy Ross, but not at Mint where
they make money. How did you like the zoo
in Jersey. I would like to see the biggest zoo
in the world you know where that is, it is
here in Africa. But ~~very~~ way down on the
southern tip. I hope to see it before I go home.

Will you ask if I have a girl friend Sarah
(a nice little arab)

Still James to take care of his 5-5 Ford
so it will not run away from him

By the way David are you still single
if you are there a lot of little arabs. over here
can you keep James at work David if he
does not know you can give him a going over.

write them
big letters often
Kenny

Dear Mary

Since when does Monday come after Sun.
I think you should go back to school so they
can teach you that Sun. comes before Monday
(get that straight)



Oh yes Mary if you see John Dumas Sister
again tell her to tell John to write. I
heard he got hooked (poor fellow)

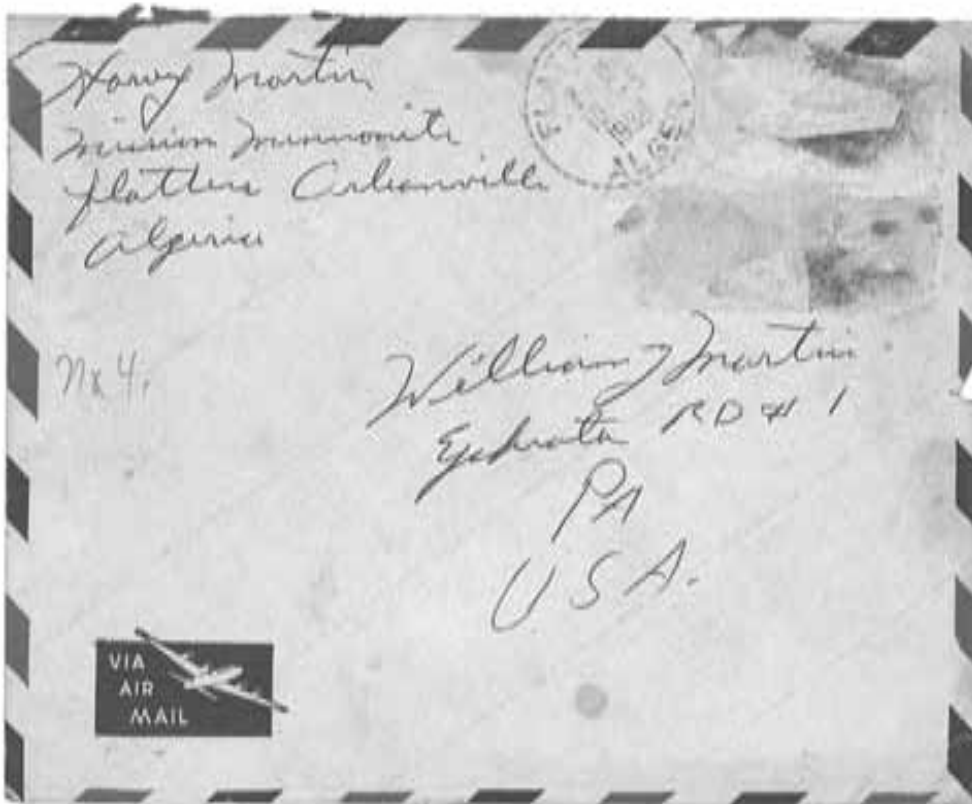
And next time you go to see Paul tell
him I said hello

Also tell Henry I'll have about 175 slides
as soon as they come back from the factory
it should be in about 2 weeks. And also as
I take more pictures I'll send them home. I
hope to have over a 1000 by the time I come
home. It is not the only place with pretty
rocks we have them too.

So ~~Bill~~ Bill sold his house will next
time you see him tell him to write or
else. I do not care if you write with my
typewriter. Just so you take care of it and
write often you sure write like a business man

Harvey Martin





Harry Martin
Mission Inn
Flatlers Carlsville
Algeria

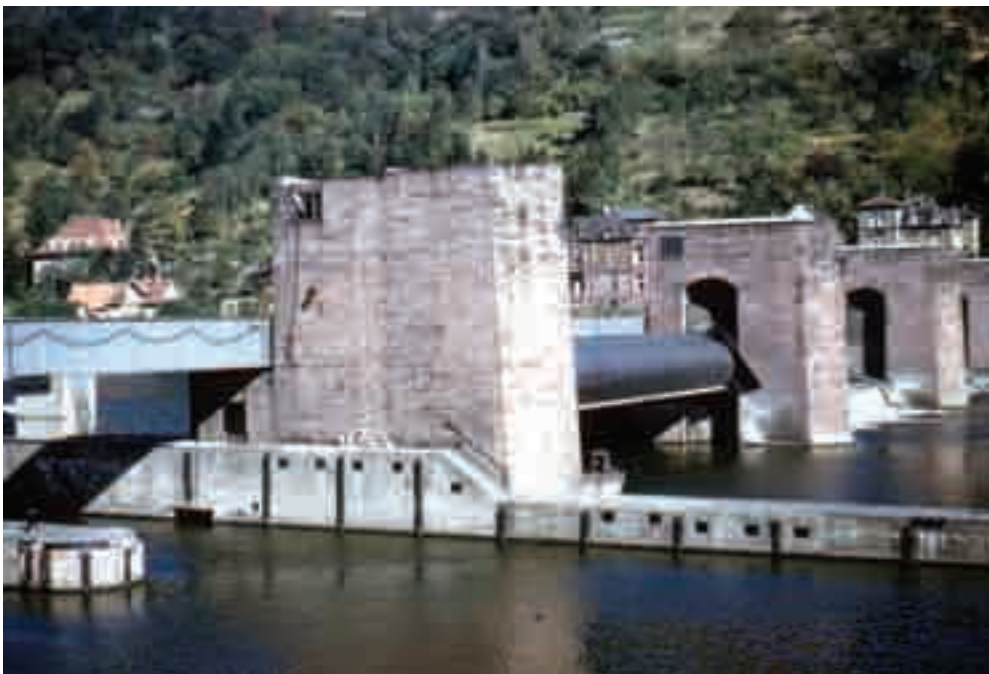


No. 4

William J. Martin
Egbrook RD # 1
PA
U.S.A.







Returning from Algeria today is Friday I arrived
in Algeria on ~~Wed~~ Wednesday. Now you will
know where to write to. Half the time I
did not know where I was going to get to
the next day.

The first day we had a holiday because
we get 2 days of a week so we took the
off instead of Saturday. It sure is different
here from the states. The women walk
around with veils and some men
walk around with a dress on that is
~~not~~ closed between the legs.

Today I was working on our new
home. The place where we are now is
not so good as soon as I get all my
pictures back I'll send them home so
you can see what it is like in Egypt
and North Africa.

Well I'll have to close now
I want to do a little studying before I
go back to work. We get 1 1/2 hr off for dinner
and some time I do. We work 8 hr a day
so when it is hot we take more off for dinner
and work later.

Love even

Sincerely Harry Martz



Harvey Martin
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1. Rue Ind. Des Loges Roump
Algeria

William J Martin
No 9 Ephrata RD #1
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USA. **PAR AVION**
AIR MAIL





Harvey Martin
Aug 9, 1958

Dear Pinner and all

Kello how is everybody by now. you probably found out in my last letter that three of us Pax boy's are working in Oran for the Reformed church, we are fixing up a place where the young people can come to enjoy them self and for a little vacation,

However this week we got a letter from a monsieur Hane he is a missionary or something in Tlemcen that is about half way from here to Morocco.

We will stay there for about a month or so after that we will come to Oran for a few more weeks before we go back to flatter.

The last few weeks we were laying bricks levelly growing ground painting and so on. We have to go walk to town every night to get supper and that is about 1 1/2 miles. we make our own dinner and supper (so it can't be the kind of mella you make)

Yesterday two boys passed thru here and stayed a few days they were headed for Morocco and just came from flatter they said it is real hot there, but here it is nice. well I'll have to

close now will write a longer letter next time



Please write to me
Harvey

Sincerely Harvey M.





Harvey Martin
Mission Memorial
Lottery (Circular)
Algeria

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William J. Martin
Ephrata PA 17021
PA.
USA.

PAR AVION
AIR MAIL

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Dear Mom + Pop + all

Greeting in Jesus name. Today is the 18th of May and I send my first English sermon today for a long time, one of the boys has a tape recorder and the home town church sent a sermon on tape. You probably heard of all the fuss here in Algiers how the french army took over the city. There is quite a fuss but out here where I am it is quiet and peace full. So do not worry about me.

Well it looks like our new project will not get thru. I told you they are trying to get one thru for 40 houses. Well somebody gaffed up and lost the papers now they have to start all over again.

This old project had only 32 houses and we have all of them painted over and half of them the 2nd coat. So by next wed. we will be finished after that we will build a new house for the unit

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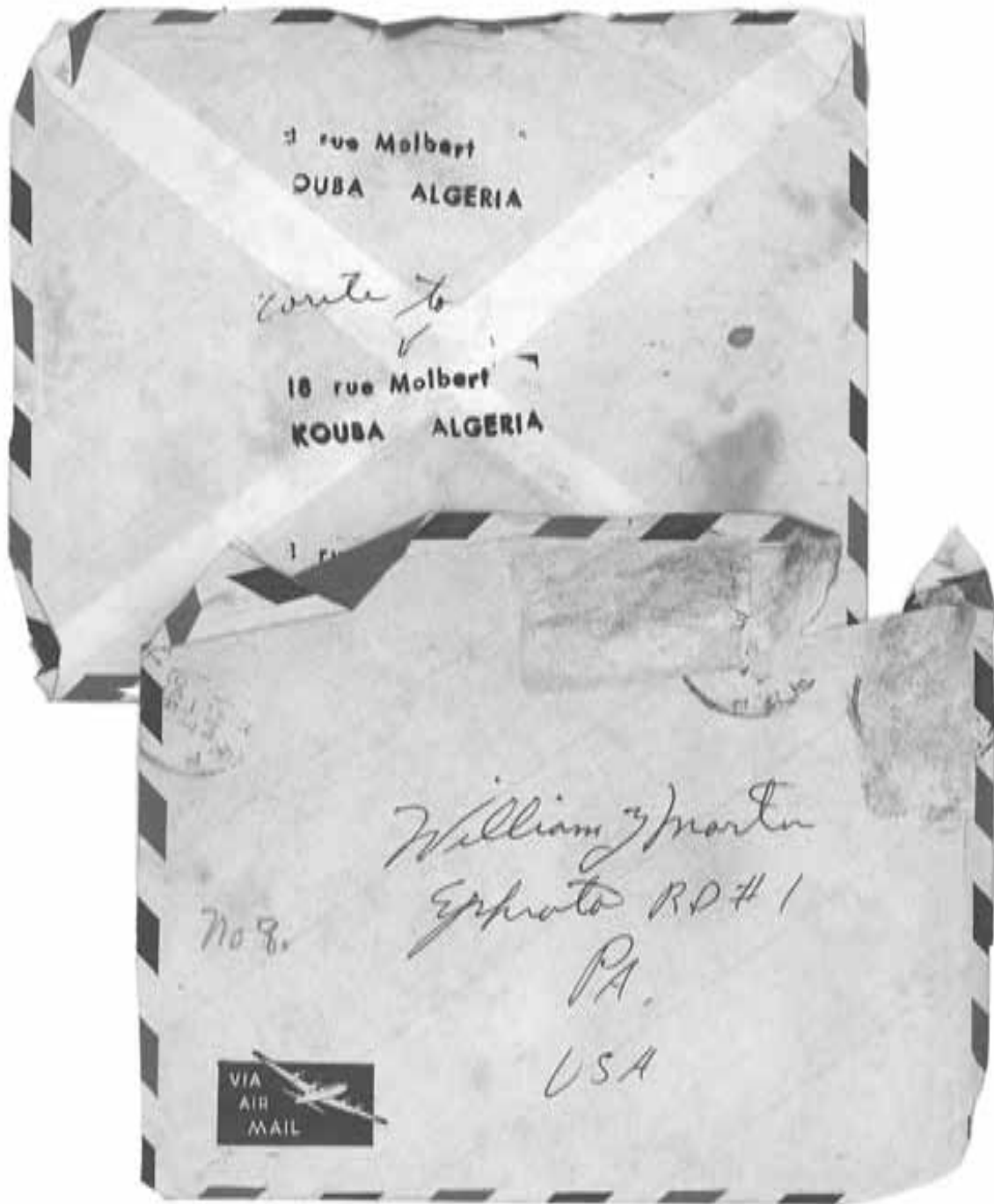
The arabs a friendly some days all we do is work a little then they invite us in for some tea or coffee. The tea sure is good, but that coffee so strong and sweet that it is not good.

Maybe in a month or so I'll rent a lot of slides some so if Edna or Anna or William or somebody wants to get a small slide projector. and then can take care of the slides.

The place where I live is a big house about 40 ft by 75 ft with 3 rooms & little ^{ones} for the kitchen and dining room and one big one for our bed room. There are 10 fellow here and 2 more are coming, if the project goes through. I can talk a little french (un peu trin peu) we also have a German book here and I do a little studding in that too. So that plus my guitar and working keeps me busy. So please write often and long and ask all the ques you want

Sincerely Harry Martin





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KOUBA ALGERIA

No 8.

William J. Martin
Ephrata RD# 1
PA.
USA

VIA
AIR
MAIL



Harvey W. Martin
Sept. 30 1958

Dear Mom and Pop and Everybody

Greeting in Jesus Name, Well how is everybody by now around home. I just arrived here in Algiers yesterday and all the boys left for Europe at one thirty this afternoon so I will be all by my self for a while. I will be staying at Millers place I think you know who he is, he is the pax boss here in Algeria and lives here in Algiers.

Anne Huldemen is ~~back~~ back to she used to be a missionary at flatters but the french made her get out because they said that she helped the F.L.N. but she does not think that she ever did.

The way that the french made her get out was they said that she doesnt have a right kind of licence to be a nurse. that was about a year ago so she went to France to get the right kind of schooling and now she is back and the french still will not let her in to flatters. So she is going to study arabic for a year so we will see what will turn up than.

Oh yes did I tell you about Lester Griferd he is an american missionary and has been working here for some time, about six weeks ago he was missing and his car was found along the road burnd up. And now a few days ago he turned up. All he will say is that the F.L.N. treated him good. I think he was missing for thirty seven days.

He also said that if we are ever stoped by the F.L.N. that we should just tell them that we are american missionaries and they will let us go.

Well it is getting a little late so I think I will finish tomorrow so good night

Well here I am again and I do not have any thing new to write. Mr. Mrs. Miller went to town to do some shopping and it is diner time but I do not know who is going to make dinner. This afternoon Miller is going to take me to the american consular because he wants a first hand report on flatters. He wants to know if it is dangerous at flatters or not. They have a airplane that they can use at all times if at anytime it will be dangerous.

I cant send my slides home because I am always going from place and never have time to sit down to mark them. but maybe after the boys get back from Europe I will get back to flatters then Ill get time I hope.

Oh yes Mary I did not get your letter so you can write another one. And send me another paper of questions because I lost the last one.

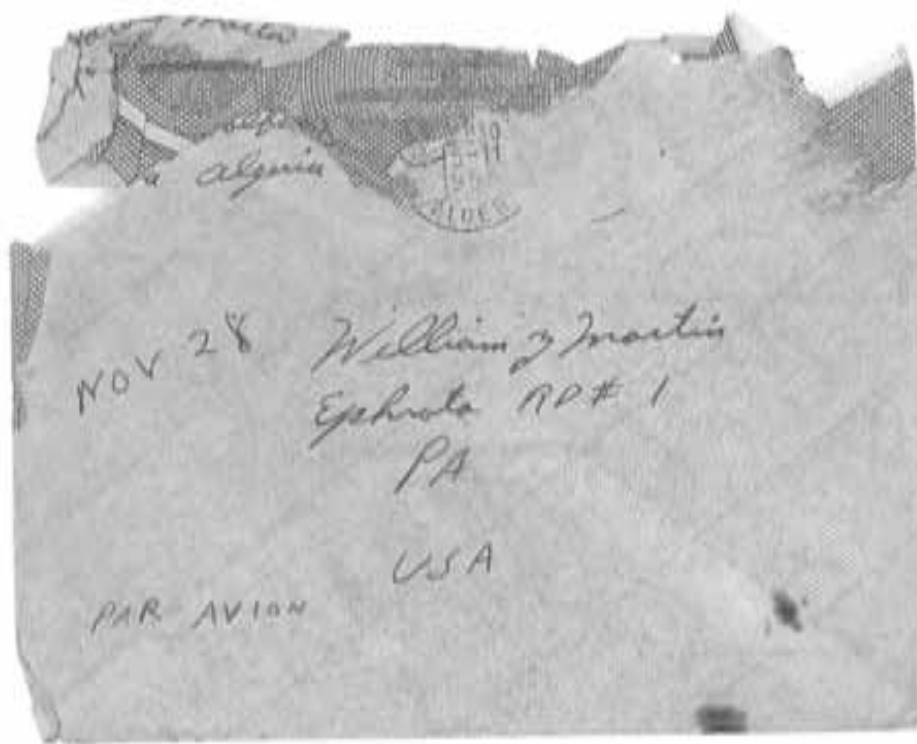
1/26/58/ Well I will have to close now as I ran out of words so I will be looking for a letter soon.

Sincerely Harvey Martin



*Please dont send my mail
to this address on the
letter.*







Howey wrote
15 Rue Mollet
Kuba Algeria

Dear Mom, pop

Hello how is everybody at home I got the guitar string and Mary's letter. But I am sorry to say I do not thing I could buy a arab boy for Mary.

Besides the arab beat their wives and do not like them very good (Even in The Koran, - that is there bible it said a wife is only to be gotten for a man own gain and after he does not want her to make her go out. So I do not think I will ever be a arab or marry and arab

I have been working at algeria for some time and by wednesday or thursday I find out if or if not I go to Paris to study. Miller is going to fly up here tomorrow and find out if we can go or not.

Well I'll better answer all the questions Mary sent but I'll put them on here.

(1) Do the arab have vicinls, yes at the most of the buseness - belongs to the French, in cities some drive cars and trucks, but in the country there are very few that own vicinls. (2) Describe the cars) most of the cars that the arab have are old and the arab are still very poor.

(over)





(3) How are the people dressed? Well the french are dressed almost like americans but the arabs are dressed different. The men wear what I would call a dress with the center ~~seam~~ seam closed and then a very cool cloak with a hood over their head if it is cold and the woman covers the whole head all but a little hole for the ^{eye} eye. So I really never seen a pretty girl they are all covered up.

(4) do they have big ~~city~~ cities yes there are about 2 big modern cities and a lot of little ones in the north but in the east it is most dry hot desert and only little villages.

(5) no big farms mostly little ones a lot of fruit trees.

(6) the main crops are wheat and grapes oranges olives plus a few fruits you never heard of.

(7) the weather is hot and dry in summer and in winter it is cold and rainy a little windy winter.

(8) are the people friendly? some are and some are not.

(9) How many fox boys live with you? Right now 4 boys 5 with me one is from Pa. and Ill. Ohio.

(10) yet my work is interesting

(11) some times I am glad to be alive

(12) what do you want for Christmas? A nice big card

(13) my work is building a church for the french church here in Algeria later I hope to work with the arabs building houses.

This is what arabic looks like to you on note like 333 222 15 15 15

I got your letter today that you ~~not~~ like that ^{at} I moley it. Curiosity wonder how
10 and 17 Thank you for the guitar strings
I'll see if I can send the money home.

May God bless you till we meet again Jimmy Howey Jr.



Harvey Martin
Mission Mennonite
Flatter (Orleansville)
Algeria



William J. Martin
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USA





CHRIST AND ALGERIA

More than three years ago the Elkhart Mission Board started a Fax program in Algeria. Perhaps you would be interested in learning why. Of course, the most important reason was the peoples need for Christ, but there is also a great physical need there.

Algeria is a vast sun-scoured country in North Africa. It has a population of 9,500,000 people, most of whom live in the northern part, since the southern part is covered by the Sahara Desert. At present it is controlled by France, but there is an internal struggle going on, in which the Arabs hope to obtain their independence. The struggle, coupled with the fact that followers of Islam are very hard to convert, makes Algeria a very challenging field for the Christian.

As you can see in the picture, they do not have very nice houses, however not all Arab houses are as bad as this one. Some are sturdier, being made of home-made bricks. They make these bricks by putting mud and straw into molds, and setting them into the sun to dry. After this, they use the bricks for building in the same way that we would use cement blocks. They of course use mud for their mortar.

Note the mud oven for baking bread in the foreground. They bake bread in the following way. From the fields manure is gathered to be used for fuel. After the manure has burned to ashes in the oven, they put the dough into a mud vessel, and then put the vessel into the oven. All holes are plugged in order to keep the heat in long enough to bake the bread. The houses in this picture are located only a few feet from the thirty-three cement houses built by the Fax boys in Algeria. There is a need for many many more such houses to be built in Algeria. Note the children in the picture. These are just three of the many thousands of poor, undernourished children who at the moment seem to have no hope of a brighter future. The reason that there are so many homeless people is because they come from up in the hills and mountains. They are afraid of being killed by the rebels, and have moved down into the villages for protection. They do not have the means or the money to erect better houses.

Farmers in Algeria as a rule do not have the modern equipment to work with as do the farmers in America. In the second picture we see three Arabs winnowing beans. They cast the beans into the air, and the wind separates the chuff from them. Before the winnowing, they drive their livestock round and round over the beans to crush the pods.

In Algeria one sees a little of the old and a little of the now. It is quite an experience to be able to see the method our forefathers used in their farming, and then look a few feet to the side and see a big American tractor going down the field. In the third picture as we see the man sowing the seed, we are reminded of the parable in the Bible of the sower and the seed. Then as we see the horse-drawn reaper we are led to think of Jesus's saying that the fields are white and ready for the harvest. This makes us meditate of the great need for sowers and reapers in Algeria.

In the work with the Arabs, there have been many difficulties to face and overcome, but in spite of all this the Fax boys have been able to become close friends with the Arabs in the Flatters area and also in some other towns and villages. The Arabs sincerely appreciate the fact that we are interested in them and willing to work for them. The reason



this makes such an impression on them, is because in the past the western World (this includes the Christians) hasn't taken much of an interest in them. Since we have been able to get close to them by the working witness, we feel that the time is now ripe to begin the speaking witness. We feel that we now need fellows who are not only willing to work with their hands, but also to put in time studying the language that they may be able to witness by mouth of the saving power of Christ. In the past because of the language barrier, the fellows have spent their spare time with one another, but if they were able to communicate with the people, this spare time could be spent in going out and establishing closer contacts with the people (both French and Arabs). Naturally to be able to communicate with these people and to communicate well, it is necessary for a good bit of studying. By our own experience we can say that it is very difficult to study as you should when you are doing it on your own. There are so many things that you cannot clearly understand. Also you don't hear it enough when you are in the unit. We feel that to get a good grasp of the tongue, one should spend a period of time in school. In the past the period of service has been two years, but we feel that a change in policy would be in order, because of the great need of the speaking witness in Algeria. Would it be too much to ask of a conscientious, Christian young man to serve his two years and perhaps offer to give an extra one in exchange for the opportunity to study French for perhaps six months? At this point the question may come up, is two and a half years service worth six months study? Our feeling is that if a man feels the call of Christ to witness by word, he should respond to the call with the faith that Christ will give him fruit, otherwise he would not have called him. Of course this would be an added financial burden on the Mission Board, which can only be solved by YOU the CHURCH. If the young man is willing to give added plus service, will you the people of the Church be willing to help him financially to accomplish this? Elkhart, as you probably know is short on funds, but this does not change the fact that there is a great need both physically and spiritually not only in Algeria but in many countries. Elkhart is only the office which distributes the money which is sent in by the people of the Church for the missions. It can only operate on the money which you the people give. If there are not enough funds available, how can new mission projects be started or even the old ones kept going? The charge has been given, "Go into all the world and preach"

Harvey Martin & William Babcock
December 25, 1958



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Well here I am again and it is the first of the year
I did not get the letter off on time, so I opened it
and I'll add another page.

Yesterday we had a party for the young people
of the church, and a few of the young people
had a play we had a wonderful time after the
play we had supper at about 9:30 and then
played games ~~until~~ until two minutes till
twelve. Then (Bob witness) the pastor asked every
body to ~~go~~ pray as the new year comes in.

after that we all had a cup of coffee and
cookies. and I did not get to bed until almost
3:00 AM. But do not worry I am not sleepy now
I just got up and it is almost 12:00 because
today we have a vacation.

I do not know what I will do this after noon
but I might get the slides ready to mail.

You probably think that you are never going to
get them, But I am always too busy as I
still work 40 hrs. a week and study French.

My French is coming along a little better
now. But I have to think real hard when
I speak it.

well that is all the news I have now I
will put this in my envelope and send it
off in the next mail and I hope to
hear from you soon.

Oh yes I almost forgot to tell you I sent a letter
to Joe Martella asking if the church could the mission
because the mission board is in the ~~red~~ red.

I hope they can help because help is needed ~~very~~ very
bad.

PS you have the address right PS write again

PS I got my letter now yesterday PS that is all



LE FOYER FRATERNEL
249, Av. de la Division Leclerc
CHATENAY-BUTTE-ROUGE
(SEINE)

William Z Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
PA.
USA.

PAR-AVION

May 21



Harvey W. Martin
May 10, 1959

Dear Fellow brother

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff
they comfort me.

Words like this is a great comfort to us, as we seek to serve
our Lord, they bring to our minds again, His wonderful love for
us in sending his son to save us from our sins.

This is the first of the monthly letters I wish to write to
better inform you of the work that is going on over here in the
Mission fields. Now ever this is the first time I have ever tried
anything like this, so I invite you to write letters asking about
anything you don't know about the Mission program or the Pax -
program.

As most of you know that I came to Paris France about six
months ago to study French, so as to make better use of my Pax
service. At the time the Mission in Paris needed help very bad
so we killed two birds with one stone and worked part time at the
Church and the rest of the time we went to school.

The Church is a big three floor job, with an apartment on
the second floor, where the Sisters live who are the Missionarys
for this side of Paris. The Church is on the first floor, and the
third floor is where all the Pax boys sleep, as it is fixed up
for sleeping rooms.

When I first came the inside had not been touched as far as
painting goes, and the out sided side-walks, cement walls,
the ground leveled for flower-beds, a play ground for the club,
plus a hundred and one other things that had to be finished in
short order.

However with an army of two, three and some times five men
the work is coming to a close, leaving only odd jobs here and
there to finish up.

Starting June the first I plan to study for a month, planing
directly after that to go back to Algeria to finish my term. What
I will be doing I don't know yet. The Boys were chased out of
Flatters project because of some political reason, and now it is
hard to know where the Lord leads, where should we do, what should
we do??

Your prayers are needed that the work of God will be carried
on to all the world. For prayers are what keep the work going and
with out them we can do nothing.

YOUR FELLOW BROTHER IN CHRIST

Harvey Martin



Harvey W. Martin
May 10, 1959

Dear Pop, Howard and all the others

In this letter I inclosed also a copy of the monthly news letter that I wish to start. Do you have any ideas as how I can make it interesting enough so that people will read it and not fall asleep, or do you think that I am past help, I know that my typing is terrible as well as my spelling but I am planing to give what I have to the Lord.

Well we have the place all to our self this week as the Witter family went for a little business trip. So ~~the~~ guess what we are going to do, we are going to make a lot of ice-cream and have a great time. But it will last only for this week as they are coming back the end of the week.

So Paul might come home, I sure am glad to hear that and I also hope that he will stay well. Some times we must wonder why this must be, maybe it is to bring us closer to Christ.

Did you get my letter asking about the typewriter did William buy it or did he take it to M.C.C. and have them send it over with a par fellow?

I was out on the Klopfenstein farm again and helping to put a new roof on the barn, and I took a few pictures that I will keep untill I have enough to send home.

Ray Hafmen was here the last few days. He is the head of the tax in Europe a very nice fellow. And he was saying how more tax men are needed in Germany and in Greece to help the people on there part.

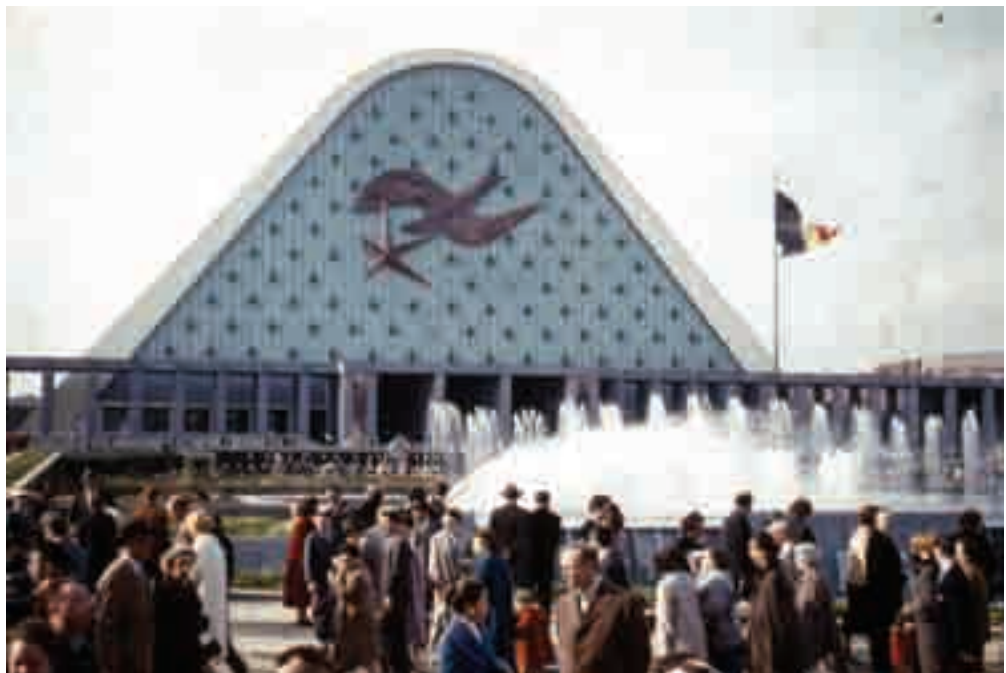
Well I will close now and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely

Harvey Martin







Harvey Martin
249 Cr. de la Division
Chatenay Malabry.
Seine, France

Dear Folks

Greeting in the name of our master, who is ever near us in the time of trouble.

You might be surprised to hear from me at this time of the night (it is 11:30) but I just came back from Bible study and I did not feel like sleeping so I thought I should write a letter, and now I don't know what to say anymore except that next week I hope to start back to Algeria if I get my return visa in time, you see I'll have to get a return visa from the Police here in Paris in order to get back in to the country.

Some more news is I went to the store yesterday and got a few french books that I hope to read. You know I feel now that all effort I put in studying was worth it, because I can read almost any book and talk a lot to but I still have to learn to talk with less accent and learn a lot more words but that will come in the next year as I work in Algeria.

Last week we received by mail a slide set that is of all the Pop work being done in Europ and Africa and it is rare a good bunch of pictures.

By the way how old is Paul I forgot and when people ask me I just take a guess often they ask how old the oldest is and the youngest and I take a guess, could you fill me in or maybe all that information fithalaya to.

Well so long until

the next letter

Harvey Martin







Dec 24 1958

Dear Sam, my everybody

Merry Christmas and a happy new year. But by the time you get this the merry Christmas will be to late.

Last night Bill and I were invited to a home for supper. The lady is a Switzerland born and Polish and French raised so I do not know what to call her sweetly friend or Helen.

She is a very good Christian. She works behind the church in a little building where she has charge for retarded children.

Any way we had a quite great time even if we could not understand everything as they speak French of course. We each got a Christmas present and French shirts. And we are both going to wear them to church this morning. The church starts at 10:30 and lasts until noon and all we have to do to go is go down one flight of stairs.

Oh I was just out in the kitchen and we are going to have a turkey for dinner. with with the attendants of course.

And what are you going to eat same as always a goose (if I spelled it right) and chicken or most of the boys away from home. that you cant have both. I can just eat a good goose dinner dinner I am not sure how to spell dinner any more because French it spelled almost the same there three meals are Petit déjeuner, déjeuner, dîner, so you see it is almost the same

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I am sorry I must write on this side you see if I write
on the other sheet of paper I will have to pay more postage
and I do not have to rush it. Oh yes my James I'll
try to send some thing home soon.

Oh yes we had a Christmas turkey and a lot of
other goodies we had a great time
and what do you think we did this after noon
Bill and I sat down and wrote an article which
we want to put in the Gospel Herald, or Algeria.
we wanted to do it for some time but never
got started or never had time (I'll put a
copy of it in this letter because I do not
know if they will print it or not. But
this will not be any picture because the only one
we had like that went to the Gospel Herald.

How ever I think by Sunday I will get time
to send the slides home. But I better send
them to Sam Perry as he can get a slide projector
my French study is coming along a little
better now since I go to school and I still
do not know how long I will stay here.

Oh yes my cousins will get mad at
me I still did not get time to write to
them I even did not send some of them
a Christmas card.

Well I have to do better in the future and
in the mean time put in a good word for me
So so long and a happy New Year!

As God was good to us
this year may he lead
us in the coming year

Sincerely Howey Norton



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William Z Martin
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June 25

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Howey Martin
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Seins, France

Dear Folks

Hello how are you by now, I hope that letter will find you all well. I think this weekend I'll try to send the rest of the pictures (slides) with a tape, but I'll send it to Ivan as he has a recorder so by 2 weeks from now you should get them and by that time I'll be in Algeria as I'm planning to leave this month, the end of this month. I received the two boxes of slides you sent and will forward them to Pop head office in Germany.

Say some of the big shops in the Post programmes are making a big set of slides of all the Post work in Europe and north Africa, it will be composed of about 75 slides with some literature explaining the Pictures, they can sell the whole set for 25% discount which would come to \$13.50 for the entire set. I think somebody should buy one to show it around to our young people so if there is anyone interested in serving two years in Post he can see what it is all about.

I'll bet you can't guess where I'm writing this letter! I'm at the school library and got bored tired of studying so I thought I would write a letter back home. I should write oftener but I'm not in the mood to write every day so that makes it hard to write. But you can probably tell when I was in the mood to write and when I was not by reading my letters. I know I can write some dull letters better than interesting ones. Haha

(over)



I got a letter from Lloyd Burkholder and he said his mind is ~~most~~ made up he is going in to Port in about three months, some place in Europe Germany or Greece. I was sure glad to hear that and am sure he will enjoy all of his three years.

He said that when you were over there to show the pictures they made a tape and send it off but I did not get it yet so I'll be looking forward for it in the near future. Ray says does it cause too much trouble if I send a type explaining the pictures or do you think it will be all right? Well I'll close for now and finish later.

Here I am again and it is Monday we sure had a big weekend the whole church went on a weekend trip in to the country for a picnic. we played all kinds of games. the weather was fine also. So I did not get time to make the tape but I'll do it some time this week.

Well I'll close now as I want to send it off today

Sincerely
Harvey Martin



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Pa.

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April 27



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Harvey Martin
April 10, 1959

Dear Pop + Mom + all

Hello I just heard your people on the tape that is all but Mom, I heard ~~from~~ Pop's ~~voice~~ talk in the back ground. You had real good records on and I really liked that. Well so Mary or Martha did not want to make the beds and Mable made them, I must say it sounded like home. By the way David how do not sound like a little boy any more (but do not let it go to your head Kaka. So James had a fear accidents well maybe he drives to slow!!!!!!

I sure liked the tape, I'll get another one ready with pictures and you will get it in a week or so.

May it look like you are doing all right with the future a lot of people seem them (keep up the good work) Did you take the recorder to school to explain the pictures?

Oh yes Pop + Mom thanks for being so understanding about my plans after Pop I do wish to always stay around Christians if not mennonites, as I can't always stay around mennonites they are not every place.

Next week I'll be leaving for a farm 100 miles from here to work for a week or so send my mail to the same place as before.

I hope this tape will not get you in trouble with the church, even the power of God is able to bring understanding between us all.

Mom don't you do sewing for arabs, I wonder would you be interested to sew for arabs to make clothes for them in your sewing Bee. I could send over a pair of arabs clothes to look of off. well I'll have to close I wish you all God's richest blessing

Your son
Sincerely Harvey Martin



Rowey Martin
244^e ave. de la Division
Leclerc Chatouy Malobry
(Seine)
France

William J. Martin
Eschota R.D. # 1
PA.
USA.

PAR-AVIAN
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Harvey Martin
March 21, 1959

Dear Parents

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ;
Hello how is everybody by now and what are you all
doing. Today is Sunday and it is 20 after nine about
time for church.

The last letter you asked how much I want for
the typewriter well I gave about \$69. but it is used now
and I do not know how much I could get for it, so
you can try to find out how much it is worth and
sell it buy it, you know, tell Bill he knows better how
much it is worth than I do.

Now - Papa I have a question I would like to ask and I
hope you will not mind it to much.

after Dad I would like to continue going to school over
here in Europe for a few years before I come home for
a long time, I might come home for a visit, But
since I come over here I see the need for Christian workers
with an education, and that is one thing I do not have
so if it is alright with you I'll start planning to go
to school for a few years over here.

You may wonder why I can't come home and go
to a Christian college, well after I would be through
college I would be 27 or 28 and at that age it is
hard to pick up a language so if I would go a few
years over here and then come home to go a few years
or so in the states I think I would be prepared a lot
better for some kind of Christian service.

I would like to get about 10 people to give \$5. a month
at and interest rate ~~the~~ until I come back to the states
to study I could ~~work~~ work it off in a year or so.

You might also wonder who I will marry, well I do not
think you will have to worry about me wanting any girl
But I trust the Lord to lead me in all the things
I do.

I will need your prayers and please let me know
what you think of this.

May God be with us all
and help us find the way
he wants us to go

Sincerely
Harvey Martin





William Martin
14 av. de la Pitié
Bellevue Châtigny Malabry
Seine France



Dec. 16

William J Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
PA.
USA

PAR AVION



Howey Martin
Dec. 8, 1958

Dear Mom & Pop & all

Greeting in Jesus name: Hello every body how
is every thing. I am now in Paris as you probably got my
card. Sorry I did not write sooner, but I though for a few
days I am going down with the grips.

A few week ago Mr. Stayrook came to Europ on some
business so he also arranged for Bill Babcock and me
to go to school in Paris. But we do not know how long
we will stay here we hope to stay six month at least
and then we will probably extend our Pop term 6 month
also but that is alright with me. I hope this will
be alright with you at home.

The school, L'Alliance Francaise, is a good school I go
two hr. a day and have to study evenings I also have
to work 40 hr. a week untill we are cleared by the
Mission Board at home as well as the draft Board.

The work we will be doing here is help to finish
the church that is just built there are a lot of
odd jobs to do here. and we live above the church
with Bob Stedder. I think you know Bob. Dad he
has a fish stand in green Dragon. Bob
looks just like him.



(over)



It is a little colder here than at Algiers and
real damp too. We also have a lot of rain here.

Oh yes I got two letters yesterday one was
the one Mary wrote a month ago the other one
about three weeks ago. But it does not take them
all that long. Now if you send my mail to
Paris I could get them in a few days.

tomorrow I will mail this letter it will be
the 9th

well I do not know what to say: oh yes on
sunday we had a German girl and a French boy
for dinner the German girl could speak German
English and French

well I let have to close. Oh yes what Earl
Bentin lost his own

My God be with you all

Sincerely
Samuel Hawley Travis





Harvey Martin
249^{ème} av. de la division
Leclerc. Châtigny Malabry
Seine France

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PAR AVION VIA AIR MAIL CORREO AEREO

Felt:

William J. Martin
Ephrata RO # 1
PA.
USA,



Harvey Martin
Feb. 14, 1958

Dear froms. pop and all

I found a break in my work so I think I will sit down and write a letter or so. There are no money I did not answer yet.

I am still going to school here at alliance and slowly I am learning how to speak French, But it is very hard to because I have to think in French also. But even so there word order is different than ours is as the German we speak at home.

Oh yes I am now starting to work with a club for boys at the age of 5 to 10 and there are only 4 or 5 boys now but we want to get a lot more because that is a good way to get people to come to church here. But we do not have near enough things to work with or enough money to buy what we need so it will go real slow. But I think that is a real way to keep the children out of the street and to teach them some thing about the bible.

You know what I might do, there are so many people that I would like to write to and cant because I have not got time that I think I will write a letter once a month and make a lot of copies of it then rent it to one of the preachers to put it on the table in church so anybody that is interested in the work over here can read about it in that letter, do you think that would be doing wrong? I got a letter from you the other day and my aunt thanks a lot! and I am sorry I did not send my card for your mom, so I'll say ~~with~~ happy birthday now, how old are you now say 23 years old my mom I'll get my hair well I'll worry about that later.

Sincerely Harvey Martin



PS did you get my tape and the picture
if you did are you going to send
me to me? If you do remember
to speak a lot of Pa. Dutch and if
you cant fill it up get some
friends in to help. I have to
hear how you all sound now.

say may you ask me one time if
you could give the stamps to some
one well. you can if you want to
and by the way do you have a boy?
that was a silly question I'll say
it this way, when are you getting married
chancee sorry I wrote about your marriage
I did not look on the letter right but I wish
you a very happy wife I mean life
(my what a good man your wife has) by the way
write me a letter. may be I'll
answer it!!!

Everybody

as I said I am helping with a sports
club now boy about the age of 5 to 10
and if anybody know what I can do to
keep them interested tell me we are doing
some wood work, but it is necessary to give
them some thing else to do any thing
you can think of tell me, well I'll
have to close now so I'll see you
later

Sincerely
George Swartz







Harvey Martin

Dear Every body

Greeting from Paris I'm still alive and busy
a sea on Sunday I got a tape ready to send
home and 4 topics of picture but I did not
send them off yet, I will have to send them
slow mail so you will get them between now
and two weeks. I hope you can borrow a
taperecorder and if you can send a tape
to me maybe you can put every body on it
ask William about it he knows a lot about
tape recorders he used to have one. and
if you do not want to buy that tape you
can use that one.

Well ~~Van~~ still going to school and
we got our hrs. cut a little we now work
only 30 hrs. a week so that helps a lot in
our studies

It is still cold but the snow is all
melted by now.

What is the weather like at home, what
is every body doing is Clarence married
now when is he living how is Yvonne
baby by now and so on.

I'll have to write a few letters today so
I'll just write on one side but do not
do as I do you can write on both sides

well I have to close for now hope to hear
from you soon

and may God be with us all
and help us in all we do
to his glory

Sincerely Harvey Martin



Rowley Martin
249 av de la Division
Leclerc Chatou Maloche
Seine France



William J Martin
Eckrata RD# 1

PA



USA

PAR-AVION

May 8



Harvey W Martin
April , 30, 1959

Dear P. p and Mom

Hello everybody I am back from the farm and in Paris again but by the time you get this letter I will be back on the farm again. And I think I will stay there for another week or so before I study french again.

I received a letter from Aaron Weaver asking about my plans and saying they might be able to help me prepare myself for further service. So I wrote him a long letter telling him about my plans.

He also had in his letter that they are collecting for Alta Weavers support . And this was news to me as I did not know that enough people would be interested to support her. I hope the time will come when that can be done through the church.

Maybe you do not know all my plans yet so I will try to explain them as best as I can.

After my pax term is finished I wish to go to Germany to learn the language and also study the culture as well as some other things like music and history . I will be planing to stay there for about six month and then I want to go to Spain for the same amount of time with the same purpose in mind. After that maybe a few month in the France again.

After that I will come back to the states to go to collage for a few years before I will really feel fit to go out to the mission fields.

That looks like a lot of studying and a lot of time but I think I will be able to do a lot more after I have all that schooling behind me.

THE world today is different than it was , and it is necessary to get as big an education as possible because all the people or most all the people out side the church are well educated so that means that if a man wants to lead him to the Lord he must be able to know what to answer him.

Well the way it looks I will not be able to come home for about two or three years. But I will not forget you and if God wills I will see you some time again.

Old William Sell the typewriter if he did not I would like to keep it. I wonder if somebody could take it to Akron N.C.C. and ask if they could send it over with one of the fellows that are coming over. That way it will not cost anything.

Well I will have to close now *HW/1/*

Sincerely Harvey Martin



LE FOYER FRATERNEL
249, Av. de la Division Leclerc
CHATENAY-BUTTE-ROUGE
(SEINE)

SEINE

William J Martin
Ephrata RD #1
PA.
USA.

June 12

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R-AVION



Harvey Martin
249 ave. de la Division
Sector Chateau Malakoff
Seins, France

Dear Pop & Mom & all

Greeting in the name of Christ our Lord and Master.
I hope this letter finds you all well & happy. This month
I'm doing nothing but studying and it is a little tiring
but I'm finally catching on to the spelling of the french
words and the names, that is much harder than English.

After this month I'd be going back to Algeria to start or
help start on the new relocation center if the they will
go through, we are still not sure if the french will allow
it or not.

I wrote Bill a letter, telling him how he could take
a task trip in Europ for a month free, I hope he is
interested because that would sure be an educational you
could do it to, visit the Holy lands and visit Europ for
nothing but I think you will want to stay home on the
farm.

well I started writing this letter this morning and
now it is 11:00 and I better finish it. But I don't
know what to say. Oh yes I met a missionary that
is going to the Congo, today ~~at~~ and we had a nice
talk about all the different churches, you know that
the church he comes from does not believe in
war either, he is a Norwegian so we had to speak
French.

Today the weather was a little cooler than the day
before and it rained a little to. well I'll close now
hoping to hear from you soon

Sincerely Harvey Martin





Harvey Martin
avenue de la Division Leterre
Chateau Malabry
Seine, France

GRATENLY BUTTE SEINE
15 JUL 1953

July 17
William J. Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
PA.
USA.

PAR AVION
VIA AIR MAIL



Harvey Martin
249 Avenue de la Division
Chatenay Malabry.
Seine France

Dear Folks

Well I just got finished writing a letter a few days ago, and I tore it up because, I was planning to go to Algeria, and had some trouble with the "visa" so that changed all my plans due to the fact that I'll have to wait 3 weeks, for the visa to be ready.

At the same time there will be a camp in Obair Belgium, at David Shup's place, the same place that I was for the first 6 weeks when I came over here.

Today is the 14th of July which means for the French, the same as the 4th means for us. Last night I was seen saw some fire-works which were the same as the fire-works in the States.

I also got a letter from Martha yesterday. So you went climbing and got flueter. Well I know what you mean because I went one time to and my legs legs were covered with blisters, it sure didn't feel nice. You can tell Mary the arabe boys are too Dear - Dear - !??!! Tell James to take it easy on the motor scooter, maybe he does not need his car now, if not, he can send it to me. Yes Mary I like you to, so send me a big newey letter, "that makes sense"!!!

Well today I do not have to work, and I don't know what to do so I'll do nothing, that is pretty good thinking, "not so!" I'll put this letter in the mail box today and tomorrow I'll leave for Belgium so you can write to 1 place communal (Obair) Belgium well so long untill next time

Sincerely Harvey Martin



Henry Martin
249 rue de la division
Sicere Chatigny - Malakoff
(Seine)
France



William Martin
Ephrata RFD 1
PA

USA,

PAR-AVION

Mar. 12



Young Martin
March 6, 1959

Dear Pop and Mom -

Greeting in the name of Christ, who is with us forever. Well I got your letter to day. It looks like every body is getting married at home. But what else can one expect because time goes on and every body is getting bigger.

How is the tape coming along by now I can hardly wait untill it is finished. So I cant talk my P.A. such ~~and~~ might well maybe you will have to teach me over the tape.

Mom you wrote in the first letter that you cant rent a tape because it would make to much trouble. Well if it will make trouble do not rent it because I do not want to make any trouble for any body.

I have a little more news & I am going to a conference to Austria next week, it will be a peace conference and all Pop boys as well as missionaries will be there so ~~with~~ well have a wonderful time.

I will have to rent a map over some time so you can see where I am going. After I come back from the conference I hope to rent more pictures and and other type home.

We are going by car there are a few other Pop boys here in Paris and ~~not~~ ^{we} will all drive. There I will be able to make a lot of pictures.

Well I am still studying and working eating and sleeping and that is about all.

Tomorrow is Saturday and Bill and I are going to town with a French boy, to see the Zoo and a few other things.

Today we were slipping a ditto for the tele. wire and it rained a little. This evening we had a little bible study with the two missionary family like every Friday I also heard a preacher ~~and~~ over the radio could understand a lot well so long untill next time

May God Bless and Keep You Sincerely Young Martin
Keep praying.







William J Martin
June 3, 1959

Dear Folks
Hello how are you by now, I guess you though again that I forgot all about writing letters. Well the truth is I almost did.

At this moment I am sitting in the library at Alliance Francaise and I got tired of studying so I thought I should sit down and write a letter.

Yes I understand the writing (long) guys, if I have it write right, that is a German list, did you ever hear of well that's all I can't even think of the name any more...

By the 15 of this month I will be heading back to Algeria, I read a letter yesterday that Miller (our director) sent to Bob saying he could use me by the 15th. so we will be going back.

untill the 15th I will be studying full time, I hope, then my studying is finished for some time.

The new refugee center that they want to start in Algeria is showing some progress. in a month or so we hope to have it started, if God will.

By the way ^{don't} you still go to a sewing Bee and for what ~~reasons~~ do you sew for. If the center gets started we will have to have a lot of clothe, to supply all the Arabes that need some food enough. as well as bed sheets.

well I do not know what else to write, the weather is fine here night's are cold days are warm. The work at the Paris Church is almost finished. Norman Nolan sent some patterns for the club here at Paris, wood working patterns, and that was a big help to work with the kids well I close now may God bless you and keep you

Sincerely
Harry Martin



Harvey Martin
249. ave. de la division
Leclerc Chatenay - Joubert
(Seine)
France

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ST. ROMAIN

William J. Martin
Eshrota RD # 1
PA.
USA.

Feb. 25

PAR-AVION



Harvey Martin
Feb. 22, 1919

Dear Mom, Papa, Aunt, Sis.

Greeting in the name of Christ, who is Lord of all and in all who love him.

Well did you get my tape? And how do I sound by now? ~~That is the fact~~ tape I talked in to you and I hope the next one will be better. And if you send me to me try to get the whole family on and talk about every thing and you can also sing a few songs or every thing you like.

How is the weather at home and what is every body doing the weather is wonderful here but I do not know how long it will stay that way because this is Paris and it may change.

In March I may spend two weeks with a french man memoriter teacher. or a year that would help my french as well as get to know the french better.

This after noon I was helping to clean the church for tomorrow and now I am writing a lot of letters.

I still am going to school every day and, study a lot of french. and work and eat and sleep and play and that about takes up my time.

Now I started with club work but it is hard to find the right kind of work because we are low in all the things we need to start wood craft and some thing like that to bring the boys in to the club. We would like to get a lot of boys in to the club. because in so doing more old people come in contact with the memoriter here and start to come to church.

Well I better close to because I have to study french a little. so I wish you a happy Sunday

Oh yes did I tell you that there is a good bible school here in Paris and may be I will go there after P of service for a year or so. before I come home. Well I'll have to close now. Please pray that God will save his way in my life.

May God bless you all

~~Love~~ Happy birthday

How old are you now
don't tell me !! Sincerely Harvey Martin



PS, there is a friend ^{girl} boy that wrote a american
girl to write to so I gave her Martha address
Martha you have a good chance to get
acquainted with a friend girl now may be
you have her letter already

I think a boy was going to write first
so may be you got his letter.

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Howey Martin
1 Place communale
Obain, Belgique

William J. Martin
Ephrata R11 #1
PA.
USA.

Aug 7

PAR AVION
VIA AIR MAIL



Dear Pop & Mom

Greeting in the name of Christ; well I'm still at Belgium, and the way it looks I may stay here a while because the new project is being held up in Algeria. So I may just stay here the rest of my service helping with the children's home and do repairing around the place, or if I don't want that I can go to Morocco and help there to build little huts for orphans. or I can go to Algeria to work at different mission stations, but I don't think I'd like that because I would be moving around to much and I'm getting tired of that. So I will probably stay here in Belgium.

The last few days the work was pretty hard around here as it was raining out side we had to amuse the kids in side, and over 60 children in one house is a catastrophe as all of them seem to like to cry out as loud as they can. we are hoping it will change now this morning the weather cleared up a little and by tomorrow I hope we can go out side to play. well I'll have to leave the letter for now as midnight is almost ready.

Well here I'm again and it is Sunday, and it is raining so we will have a bad day again, trying to amuse the kids indoors. Today I will also try to finish the tape you send, I didn't get time so far as I am busy from morning untill night. Say about the typewriter could you get Leroy Burkholder to bring it over when he comes in Sept. well I'll have to close I hope to hear from you soon

Sincerely Norway Martin



Harvey Mante
1/2 rue communale
Offham
Belgique

William Mante
Ephrata RD#1
Oct. 3 PA.
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PAR AVION



Dear folks
Well it looks like I will be leaving
Belgium for Morocco, I'll leave here
on Sunday for a conference in Switzerland
and after that I travel a little through
Spain France Germany and then the
work starts at Morocco. I have two whole
weeks to travel.

Before leaving I'll wrap up the
slides and send them home. also,
the slides Mary wanted will be coming
to "those on Europ. Post service"
also ~~two~~ one spoon and one fork that
a friend "Mr. Mrs. Temmerman" gave to give
to you. and by the way I am going to
visit them tonight they are very nice people
well I'll finish later.

Here I am again and almost ready to leave
on vacation "with me last" this morning
I am going to Brussels with David Hunt and
from there I'll leave for Germany and then
to Switzerland after that France then
Spain then Gibraltar then Morocco and
I have two weeks to get there so I'll drop
a card now and then as I pass through
the different countries will stop for now

Sincerely Harry Martin



Dear Every-body
Fruiting of love in Jesus name: Well I
saw ~~right~~ of envelopes it cost about .01 each
means I can send more letters
Well on thursday I was at the fair (17
the fair started about 10:00 AM they had
in the morning. And I ~~was~~ seen the way
he was in a ~~caddy~~ caddy if you know what
that means.

The USSR had a lot more exhibit
than the USA. But when the USA opened up
there were a lot more people there than at USSR
I got lost from the others and they went
home with out me. My thought I had gone home
with David another Pax fellow, so then I was
I could not speak french and I almost forgot
what the name of the town was that I lived in.

Well I found a fellow that could speak
a little of ~~French~~ Holland and German and
English so I could get along with him good.
But by the time I found a train station
it was 1:41^{AM} and no train was going to
leave until 5:14^{AM}.

All the ~~hotel~~ rooms were taken up
in town because of the fair so I sleep
at the train station. (and what a ~~step~~ sleep)

Well I met with two of the Pax boys
that I am going to work with. And one of
them has a printer. So I will not be the
only one.



I think I'll start up here but I forgot all I wanted to say. I have a few pictures that I can send them. And in a few months I'll send some slides. The girls could even take slides to school. That would be a good lesson. ~~to~~ I hope you will forgive me for not writing often because I am very busy I have to study French and work (and sometimes go to the fair) ~~to~~ but I might stay ~~longer~~ longer than I wanted the 27th they do not have much work in Algeria right now.

So do not be afraid to write soon tell the girls to send post in a short. So I will not forget to come home in a few years. This is my friend Henry Benny Henry

↳ From numerous 0 in int par la poste Cant de Oregon in you letter Tell me what that means

can all the things

PAR AVION
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William J Martin

Ephrata RD # 1

PA.

U.S.A.

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AFZENDER (Nom et adresse):

Henry Martin

1, Place Communale

CHAÏN (Brabant)

TEL. 53.13.15



if any body wants to collect
stamps, tell me I'll mail
some home

Harvey Martin
The Mennonite center
1 Place Communale
CHAIX Belgium

PAR AVION VIA AIR MAIL CORREO AEREO

William J Martin
Egghata RD # 1
PA
USA



Dear Joe & Tom & everybody
Greetings in Jesus name! Hello how
is everybody well I'm a farewells by now
I sure liked my trip we eat
at 9:00 x 1:15 and 7:30 and 1 hr.
after every meal we get tea and cookies.
We arrived at Southampton England
at 10:00 this morning April 2,
~~tomorrow~~ tomorrow we will arrive
at Holland. This afternoon we will
arrive at France

I will try to mail this letter at
France if I get it written in time
Fabian was no sick for a day
or so it was rough the first few
days but after that the sun was shining
and it is getting warmer every day
we are in the English Channel
right now and if you can't
make out my writing well I'm on
a ship
write soon!

Sincerely Harry Smith

over



Hello This is April the 4th I couldn't get stays in France and the ship was 3 hrs. late in Holland. So we had to hurry to get to OHAIV Belgium before it gets to late. because it took us 1 1/2 hrs to get thro customs. They did not open my baggage.

Today I was helping to fix up around the place, it used to be a children's home and they got it tore up a little.

They are going to fix it around now as a center for church groups. Where they can have meetings.

Tomorrow we are going to (Voldoir France) there is a big meeting for the French mennonites and a few other churches. we will stay for 3 or 4 days and I hope to get in to Germany, because I can speak it a little some of the fellows that are here was there for a year and I tried my PA duck on him it is almost the same.

I found the place where the world food is going to be I am going to take some portion of it.

I will be here in Europe for 2 more week so if you need air mail I'll get it in time. Tell Edna from me all my Bros. and Sis. I will not get time to write for a long time so they can read this letter and answer it to me.
May God bless all of you
Sincerely Harry Wente



Dear Every body
Feeling of love in your name I got
yesterday and I did not have time to write
now.

Today the weather is nice about 70
it may change that is the way the weather
around here. rainy sunny x x x

The farmers grow mostly wheat, barley, &
the wheat is about 2 or 3 inches high. They had
real nice farms here in Belgium but in the
the farms are run down and shabby.

Well I did not get some sick so far
I do not think I will. I am starting to learn
a little french. Today I went to the store
all alone for some paint and I could speak
enough to get along.

On Thursday we are going to have
some kind of meeting here. (all in French)

And on Friday we are going to New York
for the weekend. After that we are going
to live in France for a week or so to get
our Visa or our papers all fixed up for
algeria. But you can still write to this
address I'll get the letters any way.

Today I was studying french for 4 hrs
and it sure made me tired. I was also
painting the bath room and washing
the floor.



Just they will make a son wife
out of me.
One of the fellows that was
at Elkhart Indiana. He going to
pass thru Brumle on the 1 of
May. And I hope to see him. He
is going to Kenomy for 2 years

On Monday we had a day off
to look around the city of Brumle
it was in a nice city. As far as
nice buildings it beats the USA
because it has real old buildings
I seen a church that was over
8 hundred years old.

Will yepers give the rappers
Bill so I'll have to close.
Write soon and tell Fran
& Edna to write to.

Sincerely, Henry Martin

PAR AVION
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William J Martin
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Henry Martin
1 Plus Command
OHAIA
Belgium







BRUSSEL, Grote Markt
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Cher Harry,
J'espère que tu auras
passé le mieux et
que maintenant, tu es
revenu chez toi aux U.S.A.
J'ai à Ohio, tout
va bien, mais le temps
est très mauvais.
J'espère que tu as un
bon souvenir de la
Belgique. En attendant
de tes bonnes nouvelles,
je t'envoie mes bonnes amitiés.
EDMOND SORIN.

U.S.A.
Mr William J. Hartig
c/o Mr Harry Hartig.

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Harvey Martin
1 Place Commercial OHAU
Belgium

Dear Pop & Mom

Greeting in the name of "Jesus Christ"; and I'm hoping
this letter will find you all well.

Well this is the second week of camp and I enjoy it very
much, there are about 65 children, and only 7 people
to keep them straight so they keep us very busy.

Maybe you don't know too much about the camp; the aim of
the camp is to reach people to bring them in to the
church of course as well as try to plant a seed in the
children of the word of God. And we have it at the same

place that I stayed the month in Europ, with David Decker.
My job is to help get the kids to bed, get them out
of bed, help serve at the tables, plus play games; so
I have a real easy month ahead of me. Oh yes by the
way there are also some pretty girls here too, only 12 and
14 years old so there to young for me.

Mom you said, that you want to buy this slide set
so I'll send it home, but first I would like to take it
to Algeria to show to some people there if you don't
mind. Well will also show them here at camp.

I got the tab type but did not get time to play
all yet so I can't send one home yet, but I hope to
do so shortly.

I hardly get time to write any letters, I hope people will
not get mad at me for not answering real soon. Well I'll
have to close now, and help the kids play games, write
soon and may God Bless you all.

Harvey Martin





Rowey Martin
1 place communale
OHAIV
Belgique

William Z Martin
Epskrate RD. # 1
PA.
U.S.A.

PAR AVION
VIA AIR MAIL



Harvey W. Martin
1 Place Communale
Ochain, Belgium

Dear Folks

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, who is the same today as He always was, and as He always will be.

Hello! I thought it would be time for a letter, seeing I had not wrote for a long time. I guess you also wonder what I'm doing that keeps me so occupied that I cant find time to write to my own folks. I'll try to make up for it in this letter, as it will be bigger than anyone I ever wrote before.

On July the 15 I came to Belgium to assist with the Camp at Ochain. This is the same place worked my first month in Europe before going to Paris to apply for a visa de voyage for Algeria. And this Camp I helped with was a Camp for children from the ages of seven to sixteen. There were over sixty of them all kinds shapes and sizes, some having a (~~mauvais~~ mauvais esprit) and some had a (Un bon esprit). Meaning some were bad and some were good. However it was wonderful the way the kids got along together considering where and how many different places they came from. There were quite a few kids that never really knew the Bible was all about before they heard it here. So our work was well worth our effort.

The children were divided into two or three groups for their studying in the morning, and into eight rooms for the games in the afternoon. There were three big chefs for the studies in the morning and six other chefs to supervise the games in the afternoon. As for me I was a replacement chef, when they had their day off I had to fill in the empty spot. The work I had to do was get them out of bed in the morning, make sure they wash themselves, brush their teeth, make their beds, clean their rooms, with all the complications involved such as dividing the groups for different work so as to get the sleeping done in the least time possible, plus a hundred and one other things.

Today is the 20th and the Schenks left on a little vacation and took the typewriter along so I'll have to finish with my good old pen. Oh yes I will be taking a vacation in a few weeks to I'm not sure where I'll go I will probably like like as that is much cheaper than train and maybe more fun. I can take three weeks if I want to.

For the next week or so I will be here by my self with only one other fellow, we will not have to much work to do, but also expect to take a few weeks off to go visit some of our friends not too far from here. Well I'll have to close the type is not started yet but I'll hope to get started soon so untill next time May God keep you all and Bless you

Sincerely Harvey Martin







Dear Folke

well I should take the fifth ammendment or just use that old slogan "better late than never". I have really been enjoying myself the last two month. you see after the children's camp Kenneth "another Boy Boy" and I were getting invitations left and right to dinner or supper and we found out, how really nice people are in Belgium. There is one family that is really nice "Mr. & Mrs. Tenner" they are always inviting me over for the evening and we have a great time. The first year of my service in Pers was not to much fun; but now I feel I'm really doing some good, in fact we got one fellow to go to church that was not there before, he is a very nice fellow, and very interested in going to the USA but that is difficult, as a sponsor is needed, to help him, almost all the foreigners that come to the states have to have a sponsor to make sure that not every poor fellow comes and lives off the Government.

Well I still have 10 days here; then I'll go on vacation for two weeks, after that I'll go to Harrow to finish out my term. I am not sure yet how I'll take my vacation I wrote Fran asking him if he thinks he could get a few people interested in borrowing me two hundred dollars, so I could buy a motor bicycle and have enough left over to run it. I think on the long run I could save money and also get ~~my~~ more enjoyment out of my service in Pers, but he didn't answer yet. (Maybe you could get him on the stick)

Today I was with the dentist, it was not fine the Belgian dentists are like the American dentists are but much more expensive \$30. for a ~~visit~~ ^{visit} well I'll close for now, Norway Martin



Do you know how to use the same word 5 times one right after the other in the same phrase.

If John like George had had, "had had," had had had had the better response from the teacher.

but I know also another one; where you use the same word 10 times

(weekly joke newspaper) copywrite X'm.





Harve Martin
Aynou, Morocco



William Z. Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
Pennsylvania
U.S.A.

Feb 26, 1960







السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)

Dear Mom & Pop,

Greeting from Morocco in the name of our beloved master. How are you all at home? And how is the weather over there? Here it was raining for the last few days and as cold as ice. A little higher up the mountain there is 3 ft. of snow and people are skiing and skating: sure doesn't sound like Morocco. I left my heavy coat in Paris, France thinking that Morocco would be warm; now I could use it.

The next letter you can send to Khemisset again because I'll be going there next week and will stay for a week or so. After that I might have to go to Oujda and help the Algerian refugees start poultry in their new farm.

Today I got a box of candy from Clarence; and it was laying in the post office a few days so the mice got in and ate a few pieces. But there is still a lot left and it is good.

How does everybody like the new school? Mother said she does not like it. Are the old school teachers working there too?

Say thanks for the pictures! How everybody changes; when I've been away only a few years.

Well I'll close praying God's hand over you.

Howey Martin



Harry Martin
Sunset Farm
Khemisset
Morocco

November
30, 1959



Mr. Mrs. William Martin
Egberta RD # 1
PA.
USA.





Nov. 20 1957

Dear folks

Tell how are you all? I got Mary's letter; what is she complaining about ^{my} mistake for? I hoped she would think I look handsome, I even though thought I will grow a beard! Ha ha! But not wife I live at Freimers (they are the missionaries) because they are too civilized.

Last Sunday ~~and~~ Saturday we were at Rabat the capital of Morocco we saw some old ruins of a mosque (which is an arab church) that was never completed from the year 1200. We also met a missionary by the name of John Bascus; he is working with the jews.

This week we are painting the church inside with a rubber base paint, in fact we finished today. I don't know what we will do tomorrow but there is always work.

Say Pop how much money do I owe you; and do you want it before I come home or can you wait untill I get a job? I would like to know because we are planning a little trip after our service and I wanted to study a little french so that way I will not be home untill 1961 or 62 but then I want to get a job to work myself through school and could pay back.

I sure wrote a lot of Christmas cards it must be about 50 I never have time to write big letters so I thought I should write more cards.

Say I didn't know that Clare's wife was sick! But am sure glad that she recovered and is well.

Now you know I said I want to work for the church, but now I wish I would not have said that. because well it would be so long away, because of all the school I have to go to and I guess I'm pretty unsettled yet, so I think I better work my own way through school.



and maybe it would be best if I would go to school
some place not too far way from home, where I could come
home over the week-ends.

I'll have to write to Leon Weaver too, he said he would
help me to go through school.

I will write to Samuel Martin asking if he could start
paying soon so I can go on this trip before I come home.
if he can't maybe I'll have to come home soon right
after my service.

In a few weeks I will go to Ogala, which is about
100 miles from here to work a few days planting
wheat with a John Deere tractor.

Well that is all the news I have so I'll close.
my letters must be pretty dull, nothing new
happens around here,

Henry Martin



HARVEY MARTIN
KHEMISSET
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WILLIAM Z. MARTIN
EPHRATA RD # 1
EPHRATA, PENNSYLVANIA
U.S.A.



April 12 1960



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BY AIR MAIL





السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)

April 9, 1960

Dear Folke,

I still have two more days of vacation, then I'll go to Oujda on the farm and I hope I can stay there until my service is finished.

Yesterday I went to the french reformed church and they had a planned pick-nick and invited me to go along. It was at the beach so we had a great time swimming. It is still a little early for swimming so the water was cold even if the sun was shining all day. There were some of the people fishing also.

I am still taking some abanic lessons one lesson every two days. But on the farm I can take five lessons every day so I'll soon be able to talk to the arabs.

I don't live at the hotel for youth anymore because there was always too much noise, so I got a hotel room that costs ~~me~~ 50¢ a night that is a good price is it not? The hotel for youth cost 25¢ a night. My room is 10 ft. by 12 ft. with one table, one chair, a bed and a wardrobe with a little room in-between to walk.

I just went out and got breakfast and then I went to the library and bought a good arabic dictionary, cost about \$3.75; now I have all I need except a lot of time to study.

Well I'll close now wishing you God's richest blessing and hoping to hear from you soon; send the next letter to Khemisset. I'll soon write giving my new address.

Sincerely
Howey Martin





Harvey Martin
Sunset farm
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Harve W Martin
Sunset farm
Khemisset Morocco

Dear folks

This is the third week I have been in Morocco, and I think I'll like it. Last Friday and Saturday we were working on a fence; to keep the arab's cows and sheep out of our pasture; and this week we started building a stone wall around our well that was build by my men and arabs.

On Sunday afternoon I was for the first time in a Barber goat skin tent. In Morocco there are two races of people the arabs and the Berbers. During the time of Christ or maybe before that Algeria and Morocco was populated with many small tribes of Berbers that were never united, then they were to weep when 500 years after Christ, Mohammed started his conquest; so ever since that the arabs were king of the land that until the French came in. But Morocco is free so there will be no fighting unless the berbers have an uprising but that is unlikely.

Coming back to the tent we went to for tea. it was a big goat skin tent about 20 feet by 10 feet with the front open the one side was the sleeping room and the kitchen. They had a very practical little stove to heat tea with; it was a little mud bowl that was filled with charcoal; then all they did was set the teapot on and blow on the fire to heat the tea.

The other side was covered with rugs and out around the little table in the center were smaller roulded up rugs to sit on or you could just sit Indian style. The rooms were divided by rugs in the center hung up or piled up to the top of the tent.

I cant explain it very well but ~~if~~ when I come home I'll be able to explain it better. I think the ~~part~~ must be such as most live in poor tents. Berber



The arabs don't live in tents they live in mud bricks huts or they use stones and mud for cement and then straw for a roof. The floor is almost always the bare ground.

Maybe I should explain about the place I sleep and live. Sunset farm is "a meeting place" for the Missionaries under Gospel Missionary union, all it is used for is for missionary conferences, and camps or retreats for poor undernourished arab or Berber children. There are two families living on the farm and three Pox boys. There is a school a church and a few other little buildings, as well as two houses. We that is to say, Pox boys live in one such building but we eat with one of the families and they wash our clothes.

I am not sure if I will stay here all the time or not I may have a chance to go to another place where a school is going to be built.

Do you know Floyd Burkholder's address in Europ? could you ask Clayton B. for it? Did he take my typewriter along?

Say I just remembered that this is hunting time, how many rabbits did the boys miss or hit I can just see them go thru fields from morning to night and coming home with an empty bag, just like good old times. Say Mary why didn't you write for so long I kind of like your crazy letters they make my head spin.

Well I'll have to close May God be with you all and guide you. please pray for me.

Sincerely Harvey Martin



P.S. If you know of anybody interested in helping
missions you will be doing a great service to God
if you give them the address of the family I am
living with (Pit Frioren) they live very scantily
at this time because they don't get extra money
to feed us boys and they live on money that
people send not on money a mission board sends.

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Howey Martin
Khemisset
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Mr. William J. Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
Pennsylvania
USA.

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السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)



April 6, 1960

Dear folks,

Greeting in the masters Holy name. I still didn't get any mail from you because all my mail goes to Khemisset; but I wrote a letter to Khemisset asking them to forward it to the youth Hostel where I can get it.

I still have a weeks vacation ahead of me. You might wonder what I do with my time, well I do nothing but eat good sleep long and study a little arabic plus what ever else I can do; at the youth Hostel there are always a lot of foreigners and we have a great time playing ping pong.

I am taking arabic lessons every two days, they are very expensive, two dollars a lesson. But that gives me a good slant I know the alphabet now so I can study on my own and learn to read and write; at the present I can only write about 20 words in arabic. Do you know that the arabic language is written from right to left and the book I spent in the book which for them is the front.

Guess I'll be going to the algerian refugee farm near oujda instead of to ayadin after my vacation I am not sure what kind of work I'll be doing. I don't think I'll be too busy so I'll study real hard at my arabic and try to speak it very well by the time I leave.

Well guess I'll close for now I sign my name in arabic so you can see how it looks

sincerely Rowey Martin

رؤيا كازطرين







May 23, 1960

Dear Folks:

Greeting from Morocco . Yesterday I just wrote a letter but after I finished it ,it didn't look vary interesting so I'll throw it away and write another one.

Ever since we came on the farm we have been fixing the combind and the tractor for harvest, and getting the chicken house ready for the chicks, and trying to think of other projects that would be a help to the reguees after they get back to Algeria . You probably wonder exactly what I work or even what I do in the evening to pass the time away; Well I'll give you a run down on one day activities: in the morning we get up about 8 o'clock than there is one of us who has to do the dooking which is usuly a few eggs and some bread and tea after that we go out into the gardin and try to help the arabs hoe the weeds untell diner, after diner we take a long two or three hour brake, during which time I usuly teach my english class I started this english class because there was not enough to keep me busy all the time you see they send me here to take care of the poltry project and that work has not started yet so I have to find other work to keep me busy.

Last week we went to Khemisset and pecked up Gabriel Ebersole and two other new fellows and than went to Rabat, (which is the capital of Morocco) for one of our one every two month conference with our Director. the group that works at Agadir was there too. Gabriel Ebersole had just come back from the Palestine tour so he showed us the slides he took and had a big story to tell too, that sure got me interested to take the same trip, but I'am not sure yet if I will or not. After our meeting we went to Casablanca to the Moroccan fair , it was a lot like the farm show at Harrisburg but the equipment has not quite so new.

The next day I went back to Casablanca again to buy some eggs for the farm and than we took off for Oujda so that is where we are now , and have been working for the last week or so.

The wheat is not quite ready yet; it will probably be ready in a week or two. The combind is all set to go and the tractor.

It looks like I'll be out of PAX in an other month and half, I thought I would have to serve at least untill the last of Sept. but because of the work slowing up and a few other fellows coming , I asked to be released the end of June; so after that I will start my language study. For the present time I'am not sure just when I'll come home.

Thas after noon we went to Berkane (where we always get our mail) to do our weekly shopping and I got a few pictures in the mail that I took at the fair At Casablanca of me in an Arab costume, it sure looks good; I'll send it home after we all see it.

Thas afternoon I will have to take my English class again, I teach all the kids from the ages of three to twenty in one class , so there sure is a lot of noise, it reminds me of what I always thought the school in the States were a hundred years ago, every body in class wants to talk at the same time.

Well I'll close now as I'am coming to the end of the page, and my had is swimming from trying to fond the keys.

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HARVEY MARTIN

Harvey Martin







السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)



March 22, 1960

Dear father,

How is everything at home? it is a long time since I heard from you, but I still can't give you my address because we live at the french air-base and are sleeping in the airplane hangar with the americans who come to assist to help save people in this earthquake, and they are moving tomorrow so we will have to sleep there. there is a french pastor coming this afternoon to help us get a house, so I'll write another letter soon. you probably hear a lot about this earthquake and wonder what I'm doing! about all I did so far was drive the reporter of the world-council of churches around so he could take pictures, that in some money could be raised to start some program to aid them. the earthquake must have been terrible, because big seven story houses crumbled up and one no higher than about 10 ft, some places 1/2 of a house went flat while the other half stayed standing having only a few cracks in the wall, at one place a big apartment house had one side that crumbled only at one top corner and a man was pinned in the rubble, only from his middle down but they could not save him because to take away some rubble would bring more of the house down and fall on the other people who wish to help him. he was alive and crying for help 16 hrs before he died. he is still up there and turning all black.



Guess I'll close, if any body wonders why I can't
write - I am too busy

if you must contact me because of
something? Mr. C.C. in Akron will know how
to get a hold of me, just tell them I work in
Innocence under sirens.

Sincerely
Honeyman











السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)

April 18, 1960

Dear folks:

My vacation is finished now and I have to start my work. I came back to Khemisset for the week-end because we are going to take a picnic this afternoon at the lake. Tomorrow we will go to Rabat to paint the director new house, he wants to move as soon as possible; after the house is finished we will go to ayda on the farm.

May our church sure gave a nice bunch of money for this farm, now we can buy a combine and wagon to take the wheat. The refugees sure needed that help because without our help they could not have any wheat and not enough to eat.

Who has my typewriter now? I would like to sell it because I can't type french with it anyway, over here I can buy one that is good for any language so I would like to sell it. Do you think I can get \$40.00 for it? If so please sell it as soon as possible and send me a personal check through the mail. If you can't let me know as soon as possible.

How is the weather at home? It is wonderful here, I went swimming twice already but the weather is a little cold except farther south at Agadir; when I was there it was warm enough to swim.

Well guess I'll close now, will be waiting for an answer. You can still write to Khemisset. Wishing you God's richest blessing.

Howey Martin





Henry Martin
c/o son of the Embassy
el Herida, Agrou
Moroc

William J. Martin
Eschata RD # 1
Eschata PA.
USA.

Jan. 22







السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)

January 15, 1960

Dear Palps.

I finally left cyclo, where I was working on a farm. But on the way back the Volkswagen car broke a over head valve, and it fell into the piston chamber and broke the piston, then as it fell in to the crankcase it broke all four pistons and damaged the head, the crankcase and everything. so now we have to buy an other motor. We then took a bus to Khemisset, Inmet town to get our cloth because we will start working at a home for children at Agrou. That is where I am now "at Agrou, the home for children is a little further up the mountain and we can't get there because the gutter is flooded in front of this home. so we'll stay here until tonight. Last night we came from Khemisset, had to cross a big mountain and there must have been 1 foot of snow. a truck had to pull us over the top. Guess you never though Morocco would have snow. This is a funny country about 100 miles from here it is real hot and here real cold. In the summer a fellow could go swimming and shining the same day. When I left Europe I left my leather coat thinking it will be too hot here, but I could sure use it. Boy did you get your Christmas present already. I got the one you send me, thanks for it. I can't wear it now but by summer, I hope to be able to. I heard William was at Florida for vacations. I'd bet it was warm there. We are at about the same latitude as Jacksonville Florida but for some reason it is colder here.



That is about all the news I have now
except, within the last day I had to change
about three pairs of pants because of the weather.

The Lord is our strength and our shield
Sincerely Harry Martin

my new address is on the envelope.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]



HARVEY MARTIN
AU BERGE DE LA JEUNESSE
PLACE ADMIRAL PHILIBERT
CASA BLANCA
MAROC

William J. Martin
Ephrata R.O. #1

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USA.



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السلام عليكم من الهنري
 (Greetings from Morocco)

Dear folks,

I don't know if you got my letter or not, when I was at Agadir because the Moroccan Government had stopped all correspondence for some political reason. When the earthquake happened we were at Khemisset so we all went to Agadir to help. What we saw was terrible. Big houses of 7 and 8 stories were not higher than 15 to 20 feet. There were thousands killed. Hundreds to hundreds hardly a family could say I didn't lose anyone. We could not do much work so about all we did was help another organization feed the children and distribute tents in little villages around Agadir and also I drove the reporter of World Council of Churches around to get pictures.

The World Council of Churches send tonnes of supplies which we will give in little villages but for the moment I am in Casablanca on vacation. I am taking a rest and studying a little Arabic. Tomorrow I'll go to the beach; if it is nice out side. I don't have much to do at all so I'll try to write a big long letter in the future.

so you are going to buy a combind for the farm at Saida or are ~~you~~ it the church only







Harvey Martin
L'Hotel de l'industrie
94 Ave. Mohammed V
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السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)

Harvey Martin
April 27, 1960

Dear Folks,

Kills everybody! How are you all by now and what are you doing?

at last I have a stable address, here on the farm at Auzola. We bought a combind with your money already; it's a case and in very good shape, it was used to combind about 300 acres it's about 2 years old and we payed \$580.00; so that was real good.

The wheat we helped to plant is better than alot of the neighbors wheat because we had a special kind that didn't need as much water and it was real dry this winter.

We also have money to buy sheep or some kind of cattle for them: Tomorrow we are going to talk to the big boss to try and arrange all these things.

We are also trying to get prefabricated houses from the American air bases for this farm that the boss wants to use for school houses. anyway we are only starting and there is a lot of work to do I'll be studying arabic also.

The mediterrania sea is only a few miles from here so we can do some swimming and fishing because we will have a lot of time to loaf.

So what are you all doing at home? How is the farm doing? Do you know we will soon be getting mennonite beef for this farm and the men sure need it they get a very little piece of meat twice a week; so they will be feed a little better soon. We are going to ~~start~~ cook our own meals, but, will not to buy all our food or we grow some on the farm.

We will go to a church about 30 miles from here on sundays, a reformed church. Well I'll close may God bless you and keep you. Please let me know about my typewriter as soon as possible!

Sincerely
Harvey Martin







السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)

Dec 4, 1959

Dear folks,
Greeting, from Morocco in the name of our Lord and
master Jesus Christ, who is always the same in rain
and shine.

The last week we had very bad weather, cold and
wind, rain, we had so much rain that the floor in
our sleeping-room was almost covered because the drain
was full of dirt. Luckily we found it in time or we
might have had to swim to bed!

Today, the sun came out so we started to make
fence around the farm because the crobs keep coming!!!
and our tools keep disappearing.

This evening we had a good chicken-supper because Pete
drove over a chicken, so he roasted it over a fire we
had to burn old branches, it sure was good.

I didn't go to cycle this week after all because the tractor
had not arrived by Monday at the farm in cycle. So I'll
go the beginning of next week.

Did I tell you about this farm? It's a farm for Algerian
refugees and is about 200 ac. There are now 50 crobs there
and they have no tractor, so our mission is buying one for
them and I have to help one week until they know how
to do it them self.

You know I found a motorcycle "that is in good shape" that
I could buy for \$1,00.00 I think I could sell it later for
the same or a little less so it would not cost me too much
to have a little transportation. I am so sick and tired of
never going anyplace Sundays or evenings, life gets so
dull with out any place to go.

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I'll write Sam and ask if he could start paying back so I can buy it. I sure hope he can.

I am sending a Christmas present home with a bunch of pictures and a few other things one of them I want to make a little money on (not that one but others like it) that's the blanket I wonder, Mary if you could get enough people interested to buy some for the score so I could send a roll home. The rolls are about two yards wide and I could sell them for \$8.00 every two yards, that would give me a little profit on each two yards. Thus give me a little spending money.

I know you will go wild over it it is the prettiest one I ever saw. There is also a tea pot and a lot of spoon souvenirs for your mom. The blanket I guess is for all the others. The spoons from Belgium were given by the Timmerman family I told you about. They said to give it to my mom.

Say what did you have for Thanksgiving? We had a turkey but I sure like the geese better, even so we had a great time the turkey lasted 4 ~~meals~~ meals. I'd bet your geese didn't last that long.

Well I am about out of news so I'll close with a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Your Christian son

Narvey Martin

Thanks for your letter
Martha it sure was funny
did I ever laugh ~~at~~ ~~it~~.



Harvey Martin
Sunset farm
Khemisset
Morocco



M. Dr. William J. Martin
Ephrata RD # 1
PA.
USA



Dear Folks,

Tomorrow morning I am leaving on a ship from Carablanca, I should be in New York the 28 or 29 of Sept. I think this is the slowest day I ever spent in my life, now that I'm coming home time goes slow; it's been a long time since I saw you last two and one half years even longer since I was home for any amount of time.

Tomorrow I'll find out when the boat arrives then I'll seal this letter not before so you can come and get me at New York, I think Henry or William said they want to, if you don't want to drive that far.

I'm trying to think what kind of work I'm going to look for because I'll sure have to find some right away to make a living. Well I'll close for now until I can put the date of my arrival on then I send this special delivery.

P.S. I will arrive the 20 but am not sure what port. I call you when I get there or send a telegram so you can pick me up.

Henry Martin







Harvey Martin
L'Hotel de l'Industrie
44 rue Mustafa Moussini
Casa Blanca, Maroc

Dear folks,

I am sorry I didn't write sooner, or oftener
but now I can write some good news anyway;
I am coming home as soon as I get the money
you sent; where do you think it is?

Why don't you send some other money to
the "Banque du Maroc" in Casablanca than we
can trace the other money that got lost, when
I come home. Send at least \$100.00, just have
your Banque transfer the money to the
"Banque du Maroc" in Casablanca in my name
giving my address they will then turn the
money over to me. If you can send more
than \$100.00 so I can buy some souvenirs and
don't worry, I'll pay it back as soon as I get
a job.

I am going to send this letter express because
I want to be home in two weeks if possible,
so don't delay send the money right away.

Say I wonder if I can still speak Dutch
or if you will have to teach me again.

With much love and good wishes
and hope to be home in two weeks.

Harvey Martin



Harvey W. Martin
Sunset Farm
Khemisset Morocco

William J. Martin
Ephrata PA # 1

PA. USA.

Oct. 26



PAR AVION
VIA AIR MAIL







that is about 300 miles from here and I was walking around town for a whole day without a coat and it rained so now I have to face the consequences of my thoughtlessness.

Well I am not in a war-torn country, but with the arabs anyway no I'll be safe, from everything except "being taken for my money." which the arabs are good at. Like when I was coming to Phoenix stopping at a station. There are many arabs all ready to help, then afterwards ask for a lot of money, a fellow will have to watch himself at all times.

Oh yes I just found out of another danger, here in Morocco there are some Gypsies which are a little like a goat, but poisonous, but if I walk around with shoes there should be no danger.

Well I'll hang up now as I am tired, I'll finish tomorrow; Sunday.

Well on Sunday afternoon, I slept until 8:00 this morning and then unpacked some of my cloths; later at 10:00 our church service started. After dinner we went to a big "arab feast" about a mile from here. There must have been 5000 to 8000 arabs at this festival; There were about 100 horses and the arabs on the horses would lead load an old muscullater and charge towards the crowd and fire their guns at the same time, then ride back to give room for the next bunch. This was going on all day today. I took a few pictures, but I do not know if they turned out, because of all the dust.

The weather is nice and warm in Morocco during the day but at night it is cool however I have plenty of covers so I'll keep warm.









السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)

January 1, 1960

Dear folks:

This is the first day of the year, so I'll write a short letter, explaining where I am.

Because my help was not needed at Sunnat farm, a new place will be found for me, in the new program that is being started. At the moment I am on a refugee farm near the border of Algeria where the mission is supplying the equipment to farm with. It is a farm of 700 ac. and there are about 60 refugees here but in time will be built up to 300 men. It is a very promising place and I am trying to get on it for the rest of my service. They are very kind to us and treat us like kings by bringing our meals to us cleaning our rooms, they even give us arabic lessons. There are only a few that can speak french so I still can't talk much to them.

Yesterday we were playing foot-ball with them, and what surprised me is that all liked to play even the old men, and the wonderful group spirit which you can't find in many arabic groups.

If I can finish my term here; and, you can pay me back, I'll forget about the motorcycle and, try to help them build more houses, because the more houses they can build the more ~~more~~ refugees can have a nice quiet home where they can learn how to live, by learning a trade, and learning how to farm.

Well, guess I'll close as I am at the end of the page.

The next letter you write you can still address to Sunnat farm; or, I'll be going back in a week or so to get my things, and I still don't know where my new home is.

Sincerely, Howey Martin





HARVEY MARTIN
EGYPT MUSEUM
GIZA, EGYPT

9-JULI
1960
GIZA

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VOS TERRES.

FLUGPOST
BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

WILLIAM Z. MARTIN
EPHRATA ROUTE 1
PENNSYLVANIA
U.S.A.

June 13 1960



June 7, 1960

Dear folks,

What do you think of my new appearance? But don't worry I cut it off already, I was so far away from civilization for awhile that I left my head grow and so when I went to the fair at Carablanca and got my picture taken with an arabe costume on, looks pretty good, doesn't it?

How are the crops at home? Here the wheat is not ready yet it was ~~too~~ raining pretty much the last week or so, so the wheat is too water damp. We are all working in the garden about 1/2 day and the rest of the time play with the kids and study arabic.

Last week it started to rain, so we decided to take a vacation to a Spanish city 80 miles from here called Melilla: but we almost didn't get there because we didn't have our passport: I never carry my passport along because I'm afraid of losing it, and we didn't know there was a Spanish border between here and Melilla so we had to get a special paper at a small town before the frontier in order to get through.

When we come back we had a visitor at the farm, from Havana he was from the executive committee and came to look over the project we had a fine time with him and on Sunday went to a french reformed church in Ojha. The pastor is a very fine fellow so we all went out together and had dinner. in the evening he left so we stayed in the city that night and the next morning went back to the farm.

They are thinking of starting some work-camps here in the future to rebuild Agadir so maybe I'll get in on that if they start before too long.

Well I'll close with God's blessing and a prayer.

please write sometime

Sincerely
Honey Dantine







Harvey Martin
L'Hotel Chaperon rouge
40 Rue de la Merne
July 20, 1960

Dear Folks,

It is fifteen ^{days} now since I left "PAR" service and even more since I wrote you a letter. I was hunting for a job and didn't have a stable address so I kept putting it off, however, I now have a job as translator in the radio station so I got myself a place to eat and sleep: I'll be at the above address, I suppose, for sometime to come.

I enjoy my work a lot, it is very interesting, I translate news casts ~~to~~ the most part of which is political: so if I'm not careful I'll become a politician.

All the voluntary service group got together this last weekend, the number now being 13 in all: Americans, Swiss, Germans quite an international group. We had a great time playing games and we even went to the beach, but, Monday they all left for their work, and, I also had to work much as I enjoyed myself.

I'll start studying Arabic next week if I can find a teacher. I'll have plenty of time because I work only 6 hrs. a day however it's 6 days a week Sunday being my only day free.

Guess I'll close now, Hope to hear from you soon.

Harvey Martin



FARM REFUGEE WORKERS Along with the farm boss who is at the head of the table these men eat their dinner--bean soup, which is usually served three times a day. Most of these people have families in Algeria. It is difficult for them to think of anything but war and build up hate.



Morocco

230,000 refugees

Five Paxmen are with the EIRENE team: William Babcock, Pekin, Ill.; Gabriel Ebersole, Middletown, Pa.; Beryl Forrester, Woodcock, N. Y.; George Hofer, Bridgewater, S. D.; and ~~Mary~~ ^{Mary} Martin, Ephrata, Pa. The following review by Martin is a summary of several month's activity.

EIRENE HELPS REFUGEES FROM ALGERIA

We are 70 kms north of Oujda, about three kms from the Mediterranean Sea and seven kms from the Algeria-Morocco border. We are trying to start different projects to train the refugees so they will be able to support themselves when they get back to Algeria. The farm consists of 700 to 800 acres of which 140 is in wheat, soon to be harvested.

On the farm are about 80 refugees of which 16 are boys from 3 to 20 years old. Our main project for the moment is to help by giving technical assistance. Other projects are poultry raising which we have already started by building a chicken house, a carpenter shop which will serve as a source of income, an apprentice shop for the boys as well as a sports program to give the men moral support until the wheat is ready for harvest.

Oujda Refugee Farm belongs to an Algerian who came to Morocco before the Algerian conflict was a major world problem. During that time he accumulated a few big farms and now is helping his countrymen by giving these farms to the Crescent Rouge Algeriane (like the Red Cross). Mr. C. L. Graber, at his visit to EIRENE in 1959, got in touch with the Crescent president and arranged to have EIRENE give technical assistance on the farm near Berkane.

After buying a tractor and a wheat drill we went to the farm to help them sow wheat. We were received like kings; farm boss Sidi Cadar cleared out his office and moved in equipment--beds, bags, blankets, cook-stove and all. There was no electricity on the farm so

they gave us the best lamp which Sidi Cadar himself used. He must have also given strict orders to his men to treat us with respect; when we left our house refugees would snap to attention and salute.

After the wheat was in the ground we left the farm to take on responsibilities in other projects. John Glick (Brethren Service Commission) and Don Oesch, Kalispell, Mont., (who terminated Pax in April) went back to Ain-Leuh where they worked with a German pacifist, Emmanuel Munz, at the Darin Orphanage, while William Babcock, Pekin, Ill., and I went to Azrou to help the Wenholz Orphanage for a few weeks.

At this time the wheels of EIRENE started to move with purpose, the executive committee came down from Europe with our new director, Daryl Brandt. We went to Khemisset to help repair Daryl's house and to meet new personnel and get acquainted with each other.

During this time there was an earthquake at the south Moroccan city of Agadir. Help was needed and Daryl took part of the EIRENE team with picks and shovels to see what help could be given the stricken city. Thousands of refugees were fleeing the city, the Royal Moroccan Army had everything very well under control, they were rescuing hundreds of victims and had camps organized where the refugees could sleep and be fed and clothed. In one of these camps, where a Swedish organization had set up an emergency kitchen, we pitched in and assisted in feeding over 2000 children a day. As the emergency passed we looked for a long





Decision Means Risk

The climax came one morning when Miss Smith answered the door bell to find one of the local authorities there again. Not knowing what to do or say she politely asked him in for a cup of coffee. She began suspecting that she had been caught moving her property to West Berlin. The official drew a paper from his pocket and asked her to sign it. Miss Smith was forced to take the assignment or accept the consequences. That same evening she and her mother chose to become refugees.

Miss Smith, her children and her mother have been in our refugee home since June, 1959. They have been recognized as political refugees and have expressed their desire to become residents of West Berlin rather than West Germany. Their wish has been granted and they are hopefully looking to the future for a new and better life. Miss Smith's mother continued her work at the post office while Miss Smith takes care of her children. They are expecting to move into their own apartment soon.

Suspicion Prevades

Refugees from East Germany, however, cannot afford to risk themselves bringing across belongings as did Miss Smith. Refugees from the East Zone usually come with only the clothes they are wearing and perhaps a small suitcase with a few personal articles. If the

authorities in the East Zone are suspicious of someone trying or planning to flee his passport is promptly confiscated.

To illustrate how carefully the residents of East Germany are watched I will relate an incident that was told to me by a refugee lady about her uncle who lives in East Germany.

Mr. Green, after all his children were gone and married, decided to sell a clothes closet which he no longer used and was occupying precious space in his small apartment. Suspicious neighbors reported this to the police. The police immediately demanded Mr. Green's passport. (Without his passport Mr. Green cannot travel to East Berlin for business or pleasure.) He still lives in East Germany, observed by his fellow citizens as a "caught in the act" case.

Since I have been in Berlin I have met and learned to know some 135 refugees. Many have shared with me how and why they came to West Berlin. In detail each story differs from the other but in principle they are very nearly the same. There are those who leave the East for no political reason whatever, but these cases are few. Such cases usually come from a broken marriage or love affair. For others escaping the East does not mean ending their responsibility toward the people they have left. They have fled in great sincerity and their concern continues.



Hong Kong

1,000,000 refugees

One of MCC's projects in Hong Kong is feeding 400 school children. We cook the rice in our central kitchen at the Kwong Wah Hospital from where it is transported to two schools for a noon feeding. From our kettles one bowl of steaming rice topped with delicious beef or pork is dished out for each child. Picking up the empty kettles to be returned to the kitchen, we leave the school room to the sound of clattering spoons as the children dig into their meal. Paxman John Epp is responsible for transporting the rice to the schools in the Volkswagen van given MCC by the US Consulate. Until his May termination Lloyd Miller had also helped in the feeding program.

SWELLING POPULATION REACHES FOR HELP

By John Epp

The Hong Kong population growth causes increasing problems. A natural increase of about 75,000 persons per year presents a problem by itself. Added to this number are several thousand Chinese refugees who cross the border into Hong Kong illegally each month.

These figures may not mean much to us till we realize the smallness of the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong. Out of 391 square miles which make up the colony only 12 square miles are used for residential purposes and 50 square miles are cultivated. This makes a total of only 62 square miles which are immediately usable.

A brief review of the growth of the immigration population of Hong Kong will help us understand the immensity of the problem as it exists today. In 1931 there were 500,000 people who obtained their livelihood from the arable land and from the fishing grounds in the waters around Hong Kong. At the outbreak of the Japanese war the population had increased to 1,600,000. In 1945 when after the close of the war the British reoccupied the colony, the population was reduced to 600,000 due to the expulsion enforced by

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range project. The World Council of Churches worked closely with EIRENE. WCC sent Kurtis Naylor to Agadir to help get things arranged and to see what the need was.

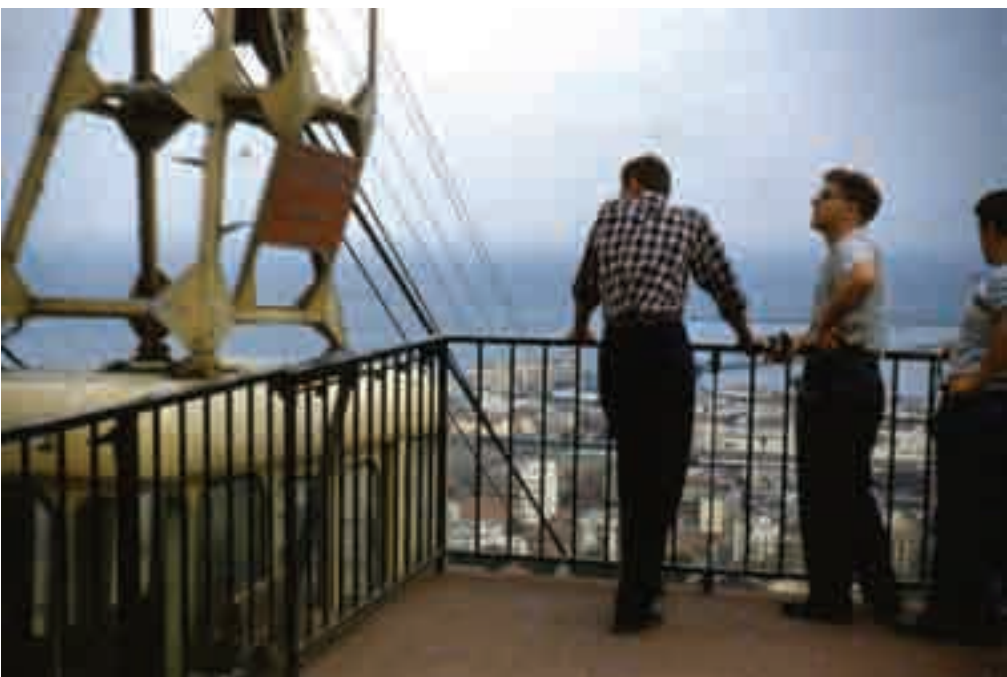
We found the project we were looking for in a few mountain villages north of Agadir. Because of their distance from the martyred city the people here were not receiving sufficient relief. We had received a sizeable amount of supplies from WCC which enabled us to meet this need immediately; we commenced by distributing tents to the mountain people through a school teacher who knew French and made it possible to organize our relief work.

At this time I was sent back to the refugee farm with John Glick and Immanuel Munz to harvest the wheat we sowed earlier in the year at Oujda with the equipment supplied by the Old Order Mennonite Churches of Lancaster County, Pa.

It is difficult for us to converse with the refugees; however, even with this difficulty we get many visitors in the evenings and they love to talk about their experiences being guerilla-fighters in the Algerian mountains.

One of them looking across the almost barren hills of the Algerian mountains continued, "I have a wife and children over there. I don't know if they are alive or not. I didn't hear from them or see them for two and a half years. How do I know if they get enough to eat?"

In most of these faces we see the picture of hatred and despair, of broken family and lost loved ones. How can we comfort them, how can we explain to them it is not Christians who are trying to bring about their downfall, as is their common belief?





Howey Martin
Khemisef
Morocco

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William Z Martin
Elyria RD # 1
Pennsylvania
March 17 USA







السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)

March 9, 1960

Dear folks,

Sorry I did not write sooner. I am not at Agrou any more, because a new doctor came to Morocco, so all the boys had to go to Khemisset, where he moved, to help fix his house as well as get to know him and meet the new workers he brought along. After working there a few days we heard about the earthquake at Agadir (you probably read about in the papers) we packed up and drove to Agadir to help get the people out of the rubble. This is the first time I have ever seen anything as bad as this: big apartment houses of 10 stories fell to pieces leaving a big pile of rubble where the modern buildings had been and thousands died probably before they woke up. I took a lot of pictures so I'll send them home in maybe a month or more, then you will know what I am talking about. Today is the 7th day since it happened and they still found two live people: one old man was found in a cave and a boy was also found alive.

I think the French will bomb the town and destroy it then it will be completely rebuilt and in the meantime the people who are saved will live in tents and maybe I'll help feed them as the world council of churches is sending food and clothing.

Well I'll close for now and write a longer letter when we get a place to live: we just live in a car because houses are scarce.

Sincerely
Howey Martin









السلام عليكم من المغرب
(Greetings from Morocco)

Dec. 28 1919

Dear folks:

I thought I should write you a long Christmas letter just before Christmas: no longer. The weather here is terrible cold and wet it was that way ever since I arrived in Oct.

We have some snow in Morocco too, but not much, only about 8 in. in the mountains. Some other fellows that were working a mountain town, had to put chains on their car to come and meet us. Some people do skiing in the hills also.

Today I send a parcel off by slow mail, so you will not get it for Christmas, as it usually takes three weeks. The parcel contains a rug, a coffee pot a few spoons and a bunch of pictures and slides.

The last two days, Peter were at tangier to bring one of their girls home from school, so we were at the farm all by our selves. we had to do all our cooking, so guess what we had.... We made fried potatoes almost every meal with onions the first few times they were good but after that they lost their flavor. We get all the oranges we can eat, we have a lot of orange trees ~~with~~ near the farm.

Guess I will soon be leaving the farm, to work at a home for children. However I am planning to stay here until after Christmas, then I'll go to a frontier town "Oujda" to help put the wheat crop in. I'll be there for only a week or two then I'll go ~~to~~ to this home where I'll stay to end my service.

I am sending to Paris for a correspondence courses in French and arabic so I'll be pretty busy in the future as all my spare time will be taken up studying these new courses.

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HARVEY'S FAMILY



*"For though we walk in the flesh,
we don't wage war according to the flesh;
for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh,
but mighty before God to the throwing down of strongholds"*

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

PAX WITH GOD

I John Chapter 1:1-2:6

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, ‘I know him,’ but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

II Timothy 1:7-9

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.”

Romans 5:1-3

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

PAX I LEAVE WITH YOU



*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

John 14:17