

4th September 1979

Mr Paul Dalrymple  
Washington  
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Dear Paul

Thanks for your letter of 21st August, together with the photographs.. On receipt of the package I wondered what it was, and still pondered, with greater curiosity, after removing the first few polar photographs from a Christchurch stamped envelope. It was not until removing a letter last of all I realised and understood the full story.

Many thanks indeed for the photos -- they certainly brought back pleasant memories. We all look, including yourself I should imagine, so much younger, even with our scruffy attire. Ed and Peter more especially, have considerably filled out in the face since those days. Will take what copies I need of the photos, and will also show them to Ed, returning them to you in due course. Ed is due down in a fortnight's time for a Sherpa Bazaar. June Mulgrew and he arrive in Dunedin Tuesday 18th September and will be staying with Shirley and myself until the following Sunday. We have imported artifacts and craftwork from Nepal, and will be selling them in a Kathmandu Bazaar atmosphere on Saturday 22nd September here in Dunedin. The proceeds go to Hillary's Sherpa Aid Programme, administered by the Himalayan Trust, of which I am a member. I am sure Ed will be pleased to see the photos which will no doubt bring back also other reminiscent memories of those days.

It is interesting to hear that Bob Thomson will be lecturing you on 2nd October. He is very knowledgeable about what is going on in the Ross Sea Sector of Antarctic, and the evening will prove an interesting one, I am sure. It is good that you have now opened a communication channel to some many old Antarctic folk here in New Zealand, and I hope that the exchange of information will be beneficial to all enthusiasts. Right now I don't think New Zealand would mind if the U S State Department took us over as we have problems I am sure we would gladly hand on to someone else. Alas, however, this would not really solve anything, so I guess we shall have to do what our forefathers did in the past, and solve our problems ourselves.

Sorry to hear that you are not going to make Canberra for the IUGG Meetings at the end of the year. There is, however, always a next time, and we shall certainly be pleased to welcome you any time you are New Zealand way. Hearing your friends like Ken Moulton and Walt Seelig coming South for the new Antarctic season makes me get itchy feet again, although I must say I would find it a little more difficult getting in and out of cold tents these days than I did in the mid fifties. My next trip to Antarctic I am hoping will be as a guest of Air New Zealand, giving a commentary to one of the round Tourist Air Trips they do from New Zealand. Ed and Peter have had one, where they take off in a DC10, and spend nine hours or so flying non-stop to McMurdo and return, circling places of interest like Cape Hallett, McMurdo Sound, Erebus, etc, on the way. Somewhat a little different from the old days. Will look forward to receiving a copy of your publication, for which I offer my thanks in advance.

Kind regards to yourself and Ruth Siple who I shall look forward to meeting with pleasure at some stage in the future.

Yours sincerely

*Murray Ellis*

*P.S. Your Sept issue of the Antarctica Society has just been received for which many thanks. I look forward to reading it in my leisure time.*