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Southern Australian Mission
1960 - 1962



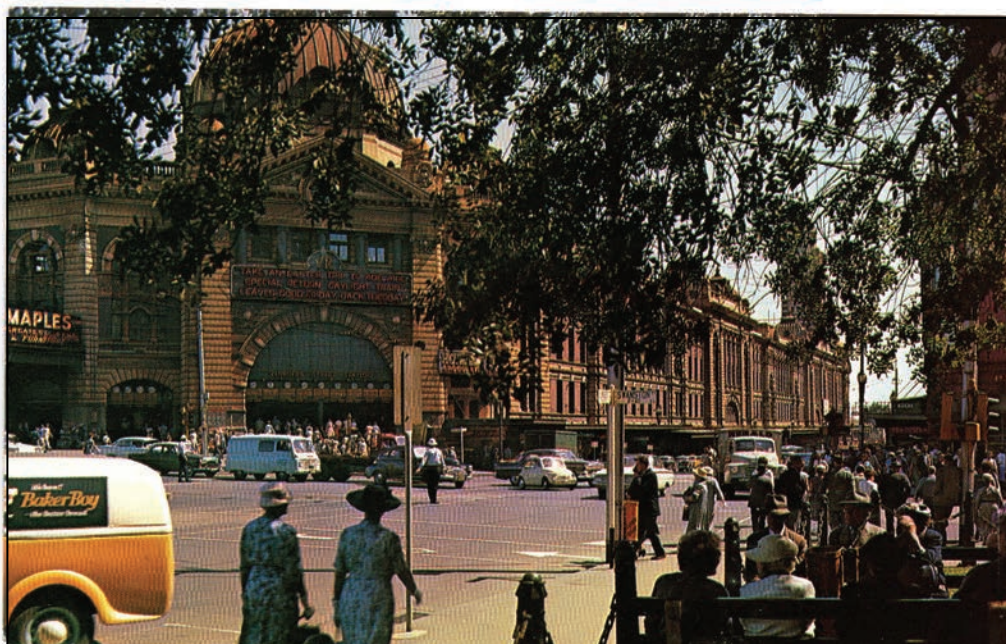
by Douglas M. Scribner

After stops in Hawaii, Fiji and Sydney.

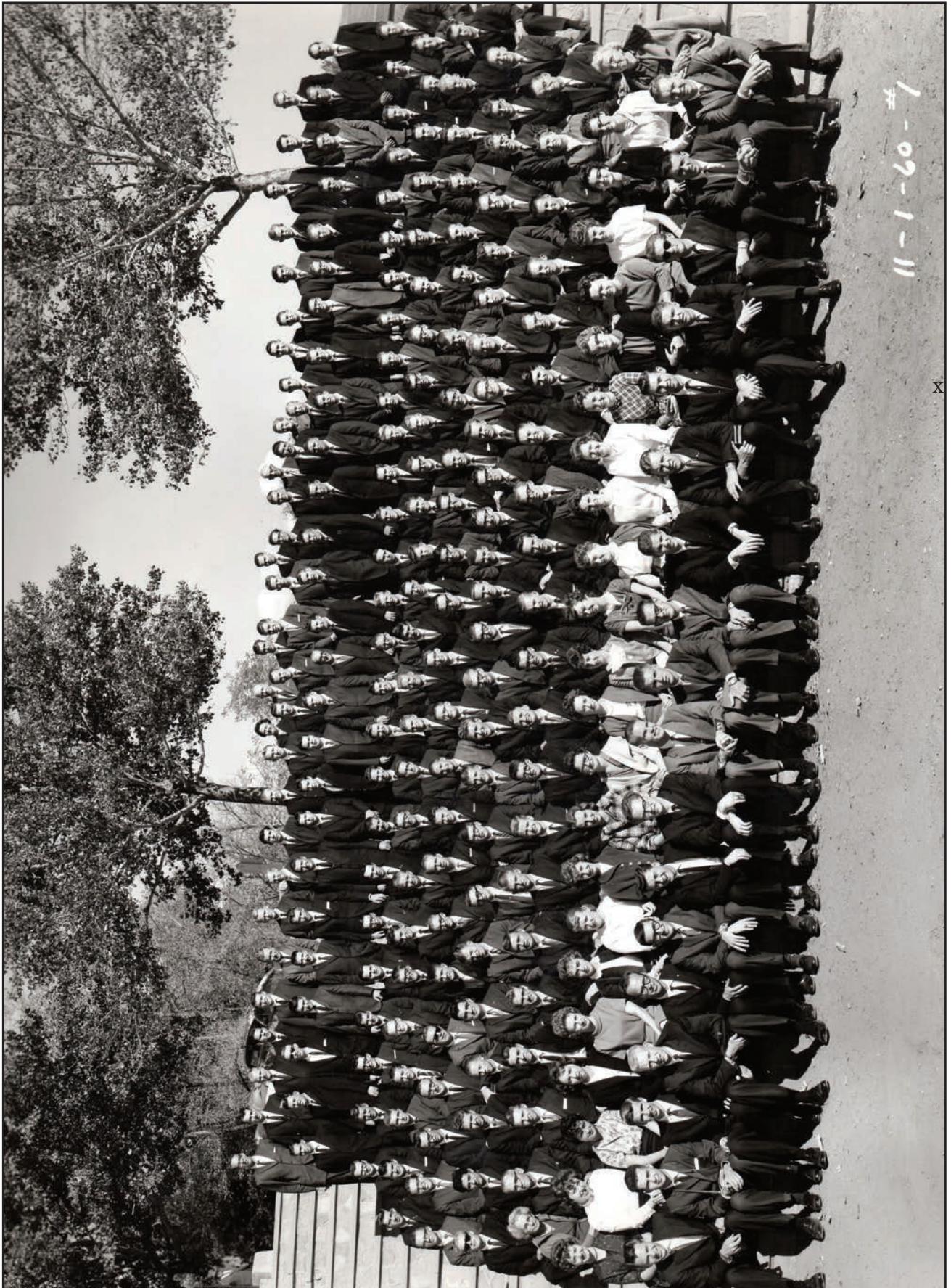
We arrived in Melbourne and met



President and Sister Simonsen (John and Velma)



Flinders Street Station - Melbourne



Mission Training Center in Salt Lake City

First Assignment - Mildura, Victoria With Elders Thueson and Winkelman



Founded by the Chaffey Family from California
who pumped water from the Murray River



To establish grape vineyards galore.



ELDER JOHN MILLER THUESON
 South Australian Mission
 189 Kooyong Road
 Toorak, S.E. 2
 Victoria, Australia

Home Address
 381 East 4800 South
 Murray 7, Utah

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



No. 12515

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 Douglas MacKenzie Scribner
 who is in full faith and fellowship with the Church of
 Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is a duly ordained
 minister of the Gospel, and as such has authority to
 preach the principles of the Gospel, and to administer the
 ordinances thereof.
 We invite all people to give heed to his message.*



David O. McKay
Reuben Clark Jr
Henry D. Truitt
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

Nov. 2 1960 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Douglas M. Scribner
 COUNTERSIGNED BY MISSIONARY

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**38th ANNUAL
 HENLEY
 AT
 MILDURA**

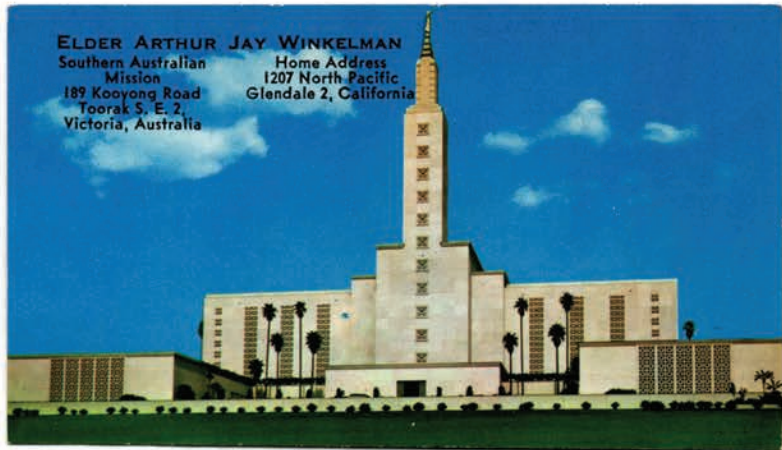
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**Easter Saturday,
 1961**

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**50th
 Anniversary
 Souvenir
 Programme**



Letters of
Testimony by
Mildura Converts.

- Donny Duchamps
- Ida & Jack Baird



2 Jenkins Place,
Mildura,
25th April.

Dear Elder Scribner,

I was so happy when your letter arrived because I thought - now I can write all the things I couldn't quite say to you at conference. It is the most wonderful, and the most unexpected event that has ever happened to me, my being baptized, and I am gratefully aware of the part you played in helping it to be fulfilled. Words seem so inadequate to express the thanks I feel to you and Elder Winkelman, but I know that if I live my life in service and love to show about me, that will be your reward.

On the 16th April I was confirmed, and

I got a lot of pleasure out of seeing
Elder Shueson at Conference, he had tears
in his eyes when I was baptized - I'm
looking forward to seeing him this weekend too.
I had hoped you'd be there also. I.B.

163 Orange, Chgo.

Urbana

3-3-61

Dear Elder Scribner -

What a thrill to receive your letter today -
you'll never know, how happy it made me feel -
I also have your first letter here, I think it helped
me get baptized - On the bottom of your letter
you put - "I bear my testimony to you that the
Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ is true, that Joseph
Smith was a prophet of God as is David O. McKay today
I know that greater happiness and joy will come into
your life through baptism into the Kingdom of God
and the Church of Jesus Christ - Of course
being the louse that I am - "I said, to Elder
Winkelman - "How does he know? - just a
sprat to catch a mackerel - he thinks I was
hooked - (nasty type aren't I?) Well some
time after that President & Sister ^{onessin} ~~Summerson~~ came
up here and we had a wonderful day with them.
We put on a lunch in the hall after Church -
and really enjoyed meeting them - Next
day I said to Elders Winkelman & Thomas, "Do
you know I could write to Elder Scribner
now and say - "Yes, I know it's true too -
like a shot out of a gun, Winkelman grabs
a baptism form and says - "Right just
sign there - Gee he was quick I really
got caught on the hop - I still had

• Evelyn
McClelland

• Evelyn
Rainbow

the like! I must admit I felt a little superior after I had changed to dry clothes, because I was as warm as toast, & they were all huddled around the fire shivering!

The following day was quite an occasion, with the President & his wife here. The greater part of the day was spent at Church, & everyone had a very enjoyable time.

I can't quite define the feelings I have since I joined the Church, but they're very pleasant. There is still so much to learn, & I'm so far behind scratch, but at least I've begun!

This evening I was brought down to earth on the subject of sitting. I was about to ask

Good-night, it's 1 A.M. God bless Long.

Sincerely

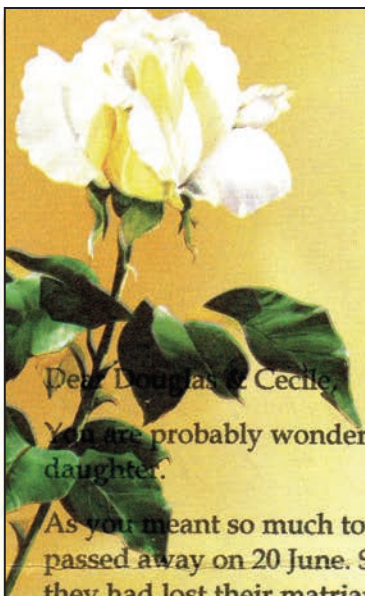
Go. Rainbow

P.S. This forgot to get posted, this did & we've had our baptisms. Kevin Rogers & Evelyn McClelland. It was cold & frosty & foggy & it even rained & I thought they'd die, but they didn't. I've taken another knock!

Always thought baptism a messy, undignified, but essential business (bit like childbirth). It's not. It's beautiful. I'm converted!!!

• Kaye
Baird
Roccisano

• Kevin
Rogers



From: Kaye Roccisano
2 Dietrich Place Chisholm ACT. 2905
Ph: (02) 62983782.
Date: Saturday, July 19, 2003
Subject: Mum's Passing

Dear Douglas & Cecile,

You are probably wondering who this letter is from. I am Kaye, Ida Baird from Mildura's daughter.

As you meant so much to Mum I thought I should drop you a line to let you know that Mum passed away on 20 June. She was 87 and would have been 88 in October. Mildura Branch said they had lost their matriarch ☺. She never really recovered well after catching pneumonia shortly after Dad died. She ended up with Bronchiectasis that made breathing and obtaining enough oxygen to keep the body going difficult. She had started to deteriorate just before Easter when we went home after her release from hospital and stayed with her rather than our eldest son. I'm glad we did as she required help to use the oxygen that she was required to use regularly.

Mum has assisted many people over the years, more recently with the knitting she did of bedsocks etc. It wasn't until after the funeral and I was going through some of the documents she had stored with the genealogy that it became clearer just how many people she assisted in addition to her role as Relief Society President over the years. There were even letters from the Young Farmers thanking her for some of the craft work she had donated for their stalls.

The funeral was conducted at the Mildura Chapel. We all participated with David giving the Eulogy. Her grandsons were pallbearers. It was thrilling to see her cousins (all around her age, drive up from Geelong to attend).

I went and dressed Mum along with the RS President (also a friend), Yvonne (sister-in law and my best friend Leonie. Always said I wouldn't do it but we all did it for Mum's first

Mildura

Vic.

Dear Elder Schibner,

27 June 1961

I'm writing this letter to inform you of how we are progressing here at Mildura.

On Saturday morning 24th of June at 7 am, Mrs McCullough and I were baptised into the Church. We were baptised in the River Murray the other side of Apex Park. She was baptised by Elder Thomas & I was baptised by Elder Winkelman.

It was really a beautiful scene at the River with the fog we had that morning, giving us a even more wonderful feeling of what it really means to be baptised.....

KEVIN ROGERS



Mildura Converts



Donny Daschamps,
son and sister.

Ev Rainbow and
Sister Brown.

Jack and Ida Baird,
and child Kaye Baird
(Roccisano)

Frankel Family

Kit Singe



From Californi



Mildura
Missionaries

Elder Thueson

Elder Scribner

Elder Winkelman





Frankels

12-12-61

From Frankels

Dear Elder Scribner,

I'll bet you had given up hope of having your letter answered, but I've made it at last. It was a real thrill to hear from you and have your photo. Do hope this finds you in very good health.

Elders Bone and Blitland returned from conference last night as told us you and Elder Shueson were having tremendous success over there. Great guns, keep it up and if Elder Shueson is still with you please extend our love and best wishes to him for us.

Baptisms are coming slowly here at the moment, but with a little extra effort we hope to get the ball rolling again.

M.S.A. is coming along nicely - John helps out here and enjoys it too - and they are hoping to have competitions with Broken Hill later on. (Basket ball etc). Transport is a problem though.

Our Relief Society raised over £30 from its stall this year. We were all such busy little bees, but such a rewarding result. Now we are turning on a Christmas party on Saturday, to be held on our back lawn. Santa Claus, sweets, icecream, presents, good fun. This is for the kids of course.

I am teaching the 8-9-10 year olds at Sunday school and quite enjoy the task too, but it will only be until April when our 4th child is expected.

John is just getting over a dose of flu and tonsillitis, but other than this we are all well and happy.

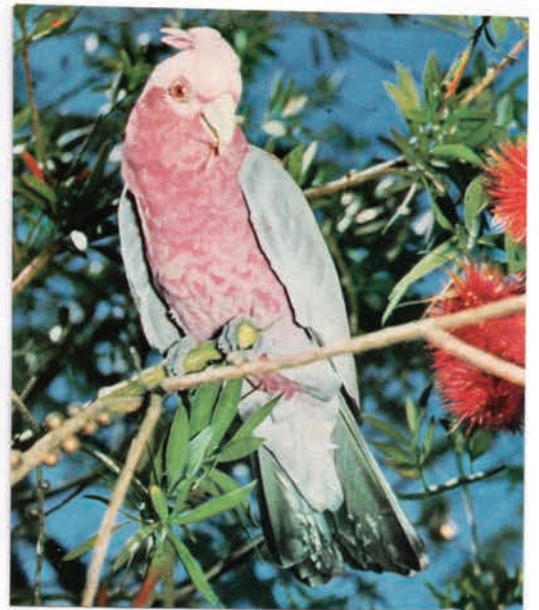
I must bring this to a close now, so cherish for now, our love and very best wishes to you not just for this Christmas but for always.

Sincerely
"The Frankel" family.

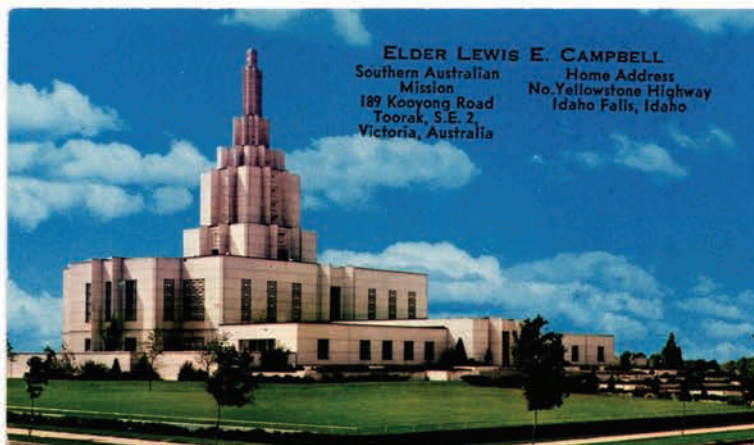
Goodbye to Victoria ~ For now!



- Rolling Hills
- Kangaroos
- Galahs



TWO MONTHS in ADELAIDE, S.A.



In the Brighton Branch
for just a short time,
with Elder Hales (1 month)
and Elder Campbell (1 month)



Three baptisms:

- Sidney Thomas Woye
- Elizabeth Dawn Hombsch
- Robert Kenneth Dillon

and

A missionary farewell

Farewell Testimonial

in honour of

**SISTER
JUDITH - ANNE
COLLINS**

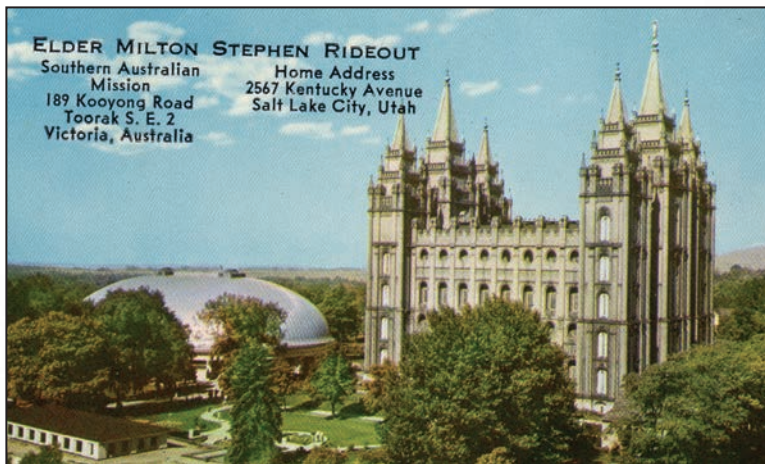
Farewell to South Australia ~



Koala Bears
and
Kookaburras



Fremantle, West Australia



Elder Rideout



Elder Christensen



Converts: Melva Bond and Constance Miller

A New Mission President ^{UM}



President and Sister
Bruce R. McConkie
Arrived in Melbourne
in July 1961.



Elder Scribner
overlooking
the Swan River
from King's Park



View of the Indian Ocean
from Fremantle - the
Port City of Perth.

Elder Nielsen and the Gummery Family



Fremantle Converts

Melva Bond

Constance Miller

Bancroft Family

Gummery Family



Greville and Joyce Gummery

Children:

Julie, Alan,

Bill, Lindy

and Debbie.

Baptized 13 May 1962

by

Elders Nielsen & Smith



Letter from Grev and Joyce Gummery.

G. Gummery,
4 Bromley Rd
Melton Park

1-10-62

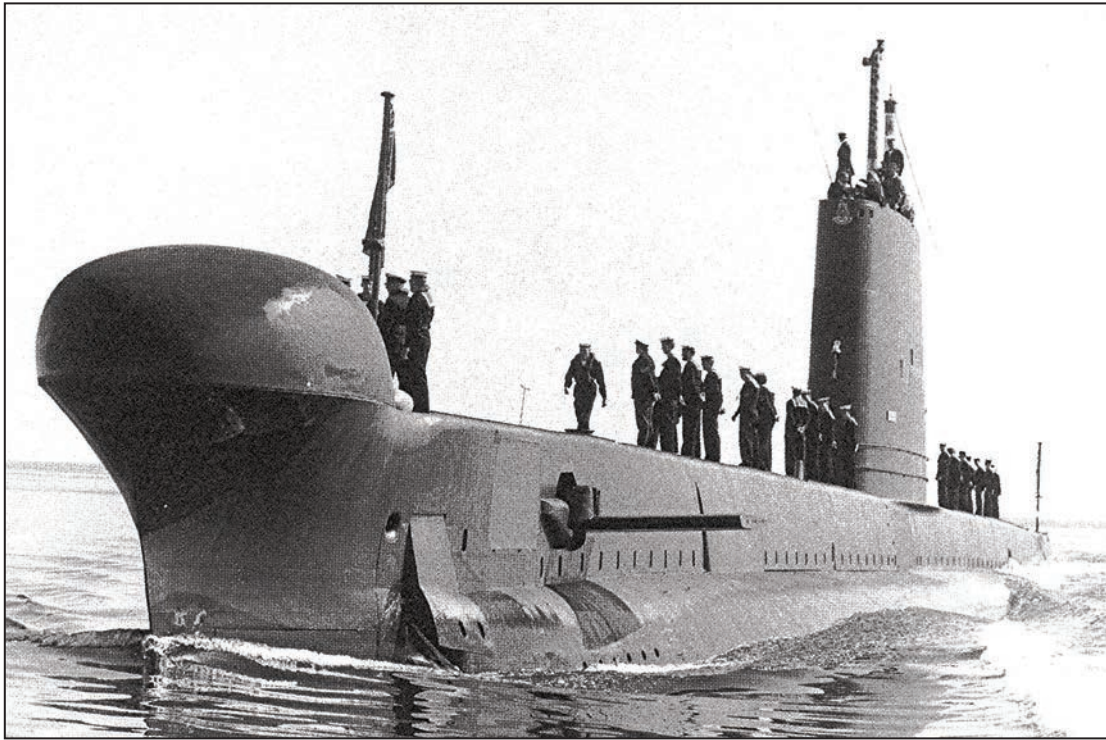
Dear Douglas

We were very pleased indeed to have received your letter. I also very pleased to hear that you are enjoying the latter part of your mission. I know that your mission has been a great milestone in your life's journey.

I shall always see in the church of Jesus Christ, your humility & humbleness. I hope that one day I maybe able at some stage to reach that point of sanctiness, one never knows. We shall always miss you Douglas, and we were glad that we too could say goodbye before you left. I have now been made Branch clerk (historical) something I have never done in my life. I'm know clerk, can hardly write, but never mind I'll manage only with God's help. I had my first meeting the other night. I got lost amongst the discussion quite often.

The children often talk about you. Elders. All have another stump ready for you, when next you

The Submarine in Fremantle Harbor



An American submarine of this vintage docked in Fremantle Harbor carrying equipment I helped design when at H.P.; ~~we~~ we went to see it! They invited us on-board and it was the very product we sold to the Navy. President McConkie phoned us later. 😊

Creation of the Melville Branch

With the strength of the members from Fremantle:

- Bancroft
- Weedon
- Gummery & Others &

Elder Danny Davis as
Supervising Elder



Myuna Flat 26
Corkhill St.
N. Fremantle
West Australia
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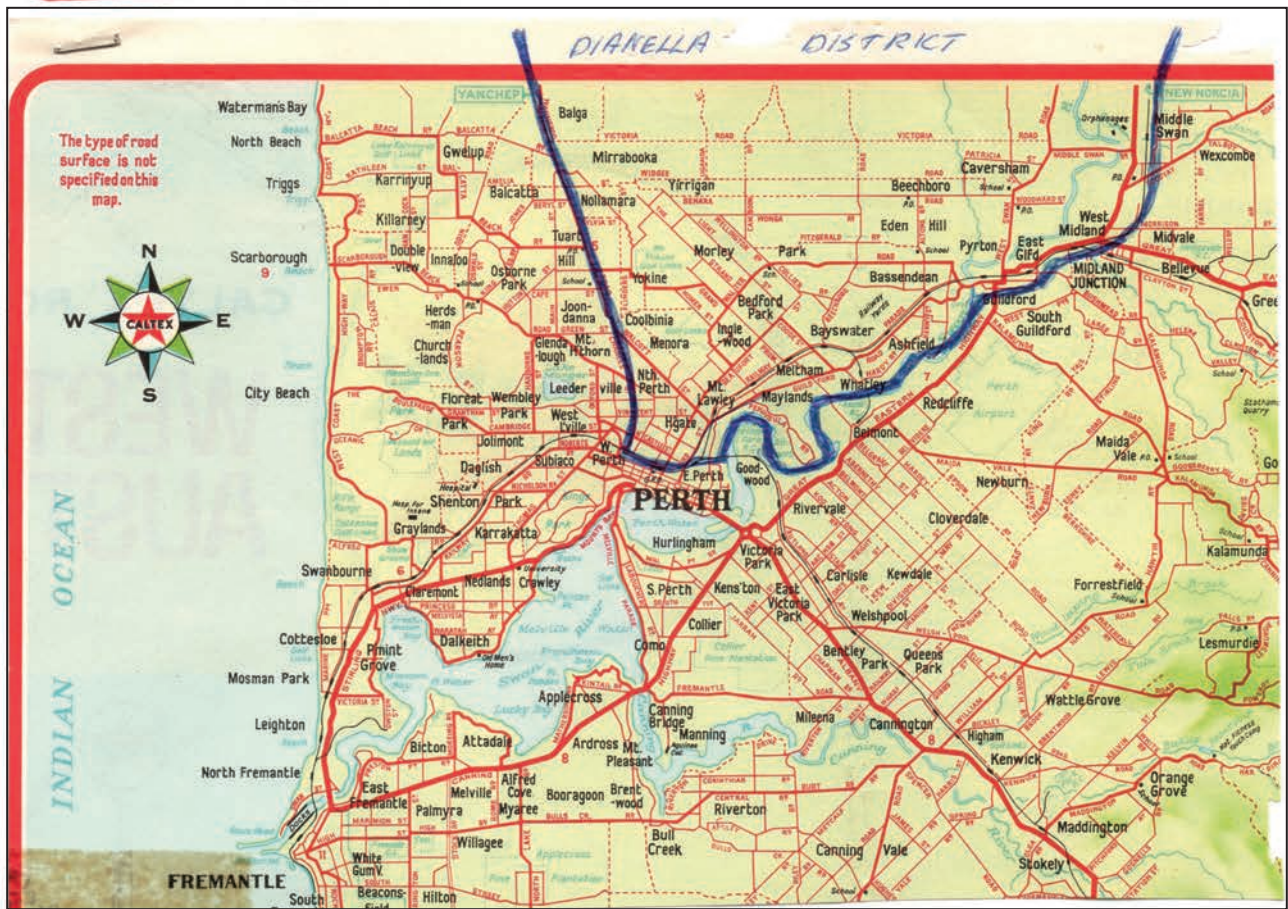
Dear Elder Scribner,

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter, with the picture of yourself enclosed. Both Bro. Weedon & I, do treasure this picture, for we have a great love for you, and will always respect and remember you for the help & friendship which you gave us.

I am sorry that I did not send you a line before you left Sydney, but I did not know when you were leaving. You wrote to us on Oct. 1st & we did not receive your letter until Oct. 31st, because the address was wrong. (it was our address 5 yrs. ago) I suppose you got address from mission headquarters, I can't understand why that address is still on books, because we have notified of change. Anyway your letter was returned to P. Davis

Testimonial
Letter from
Sister Weedon
C#

Missionary Work in Dianella, W.A.



With a companion like Elder Stevens and a Dianella Branch President like Herbert



Dawson, the work moved forward!

Elder Hardman was also a key missionary.

Dianella converts included →

- Evan Leewangh, Jennifer Bradstreet and Gloria Gerson
- Shirley Mort who wrote her testimony. ↘

50 Hooyong Rd
Riverside.
22. 8. 62.

Dear Elder Scribner,

This is just a short note to say thanks to you for all you have done for myself & my family, also to the many West Australians you have helped show the light, and the right and true path to follow. The Lords Path.

I can remember the first day you came here and gave me my first lesson, I was determined I would not answer the question and you were just as determined to make me.

I can see what a trial I must have been to you, when I think at what despair I must have given Elder Stevens it really makes me shudder, I sure was working with Satan then, but my testimony has grown quite rapidly, more so in this last month while I been for this report on my condition. I only remarked to Elder Lawrence yesterday that Satan is doing his

A Call To Serve As Regional Elders - W.A.
February 1962



Elders Scribner and Russon
(a few years later)



P-day - All the missionaries in Western Australia

President & Sister Mc Conkie in West Australia

March 18 Share The Gospel Meeting and Baptism



Following President McConkie's powerful talk on Baptism and his individual challenge to each non-member present, eleven people entered the waters of baptism that day !!

Testimony of
Julie Ann Colten
Baptized that day
of President McConkie's
Visit to Perth.



"Elder, I wish I could express to you in some way the gratitude I feel to both Elder Nielsen and yourself for bringing the gospel to me. When I remember how stubborn and what a difficult person I was to teach I shudder. Sometimes I wonder what I did to deserve the strength of the testimony I now have. I wish I had the words to express to you the knowledge I have that the Church is true and what it means in my life. but I don't think I really need to because I know you understand what I'm trying to say.

I pray that you will always find the peace and happiness in life that you deserve. May the Lord guide and direct you in your life always.

Sincerely your friend,
Julie.

The Youth/Young Adult Missionary Work
 With the help of John Grincerì & Tony Wagener,
 Missionaries began activities to attract youth.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
 invites
 to a
Youth Chat and Fun Night
 GUEST ARTISTS FROM TV AND STAGE
 at 285 Heidelberg Road, Northcote
 on Friday, 12th October, 1962, at 7 p.m.
 WHOLESOME ENTERTAINMENT ☆ LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
 "A NIGHT FOR YOUTH"

Testimony of Tony
 Wagener, Graphical
 Artist for the Youth
 Missionary Committee.

are carried your mark bidding
 association I have with the
 are in authority over us, but
 with my own age group, that I have received these past
 three years. 41K55! THREE YEARS well

FLAT 3. 95 SHIPLEY ROAD
 WOOLSTONECRAFT. N.S.W.
 15-MAY. 1964.

Dear Doug & Cecile,
 Remember me Tony you
 remember . . . the four eyes kid from Scarborough Branch
 Western Australia. Mother, then Doug is the luckiest.
 What a fine fun! Just a note to say HOWDY! and to say
 how thrilled I was to hear of your engagement.
 Boy! it's marvellous I met Sister James [SNR.] at
 Building conference last March and sorta overheard her
 bubbling about her daughter's engagement to a boy she
 met in the mission field

BEACH-B·Q CITY BEACH



18 JAN

6:00 PM

SEE YOUR YMC MEMBER FOR DETAILS & TICKETS.

Conversion of Barbara Hanson ↪

Baptized in Perth and later called to Glenroy, Victoria as a missionary, she wrote to us in May, 1962.



May 62

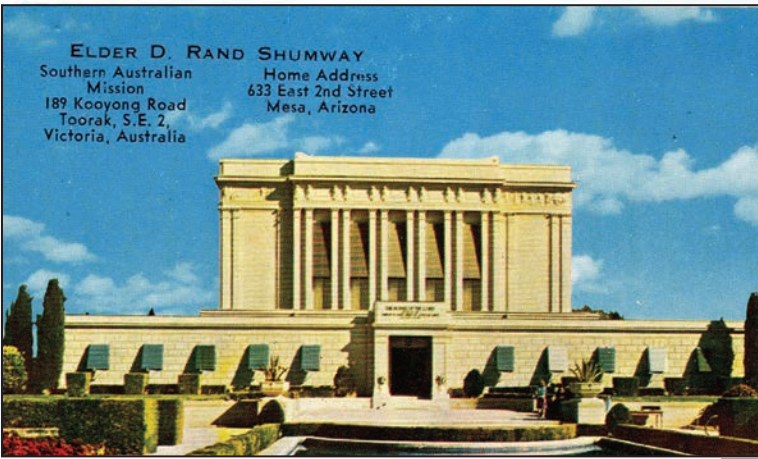
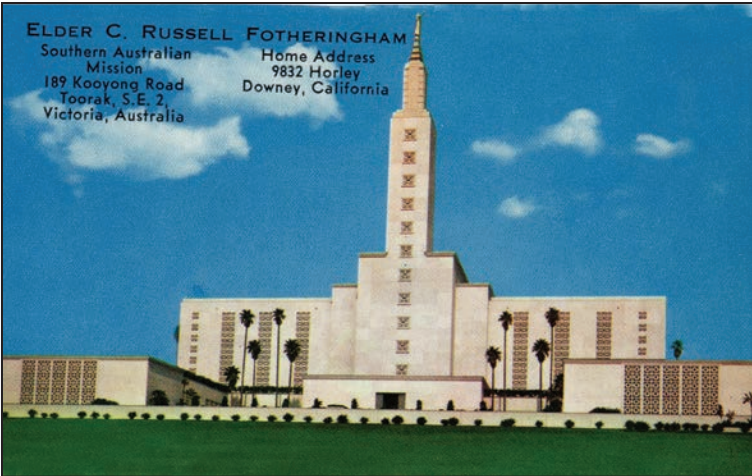
77 Chapman Ave.,
Glenroy.
Victoria.

Dear Elders,

Yes its sure beaut being a full time missionary especially being called Sister Hanson from anyone. I thought the Mission home was just grand. I met quite a number of Sisters & Elders while I was there which was about two to three hrs. Just like one big very happy united family.

My first evening as a full time missionary consisted of giving the first discussion to a family who the sister met when they were surveying last week. M^r. M^{rs}. Barker gave us the answers as if they were reading them from our book. They are a catholic, the wife & children I mean but the husband is church of England. They will be baptised on the 25th of May if everything will grow as strong as its growing now.

W.A. Mormon Basketball Team *cm*



Elders Smith, Furness, Fotheringham, Shumway and Russon with Aussie Players.

A conversion through team effort.

*George Mortley and family -
Baptized June 1962.*





FAMILY CREATE RECORD

GEORGE and Emily Mortley probably have created a record for WA basketball.

Recently, both were chosen in their respective State basketball teams.

George will play in the Australian championships at the new Perry Lakes basketball stadium, and Emily is to represent her State in Adelaide at the international carnival for women.

They will be representing their State for the first time, though George has been in the State squad for the past four or five years.

The 31-year-old YMCA guard had been almost certain of selection in the team during those years, but either for family or business reasons he has had to withdraw.

Emily played women's rules basketball until she married.

After their marriage she was an original member of the first women's team formed in this State to play international

*The Mortley
Family Conversion*

My letter home.

June 24, 1962

Dear Australian
at Sunday week (June
of these 19, Elder
year old fellow
1 year old man on
just about Steve's
is a dance instructor
and acted in several
is an apprentice

electrician). He and his Mother were in the Jehovah Witness church and were terrifically disappointed with it. They were friends of a member family who (under this new program of every member a missionary) invited them into their home to hear a tape recording and see some slides. We took Dave to see one of our Mormon Yankee Basketball games (we have entered a team of Elders in the local "A" grade league) and started to teach he and his Mother. Ten days later they were baptized, and they are really going to be strong members. George Mortley, the other man we baptized yesterday was especially golden. We met him five weeks ago at the airport. Jack Harrison, one of the local boys, was leaving on a labor mission to South Australia. We were there to see him off and noticed a young couple with four small boys there also. Afterwards we found out that the woman was Jack's sister, an inactive member of the Church and her husband. At the time I was impressed what an enthusiastic young couple they were. So we followed up on them and had some members invite the Mortleys into their home for another one of these "Home-Nights" with the tape recorder. (We sing some songs, play some games and then play a tape recording of part of the life of the prophet Joseph Smith). The Mortleys were quite impressed so we began teaching them. As that next week went on, we found out that he happened to be the star basketball player of the strongest opposing team in our league. Well, that was ok, it made for good fellowship. He had his ups and downs but he finally made it. He is a marvellous fellow and it was just like teaching a non-member family because she didn't

Testimonies from Perth, W.A. Converts →

199 Douglas Ave,
 Perth, W.A.
 23rd September, 1962.

wonderful, happy and peaceful
 a Mormon. Sometimes I
 ready to burst with joy.

Dear Elder Scribner,
 I thank you sincerely for the
 letter you wrote to me concerning my Mother
 and your meeting with her. You can't realize
 how much that letter helped me in my own
 new faith and also putting my mind at ease.

Thursday. Just after I received your letter
 I was beginning to think that I didn't have
 the courage to be baptised but I prayed to
 the Lord about it and now have made my
 decision, which I know you will be extremely
 happy about.

I am to be baptised on this coming
 Sunday, 30th September. I know that I would
 have I don't have the words to express how

From Pat
 Pederson

Scribner,
 seems to be near
 help those who need
 light.
 God always bless
 you from all horns,
 out you I may
 interest the Baptismal
 my + knowledge of

the true Gospel of Jesus Christ
 would never have been mine,
 for this alone I am truly
 grateful
 Sincerely
 Sister Ruth Dunning
 (Perth Branch)
 West Australia

From Ruth
 Dunning

39 Birdwood Parade,
NEDLANDS.

26th September, 1962.

Dear Elder Scribner,

What a great thrill your letter brought to me! I couldn't remember your promising me a letter, so it was most unexpected and welcome.

You asked me how I am and I'll answer it in two words - REALLY LIVING - and in more ways than one. My District MIA position keeps me more than busy and with the YMC thrown in too my time is very limited. Since joining the Church last May I have only been to one movie, that has been my sole activity outside the Church. Not a bad effort for a beginner eh!

I find little or no time where I can just sit down and read the Scriptures. This I know is a great pity although my love of the Gospel and the truths it contain are still very dear to me. There is one consolation to this, for which I am most grateful. Once a week and sometimes twice the Elders in our district, Elders Owens and Jones (ex Bunbury) bring Investigators to my place and give their discussions to them. From these discussions many things have been made clearer to me and helped me to understand more fully the things which my teaching Elders told me. These evenings I really love and I am most thankful that it is my Heavenly Father's wish that these meetings can be held in my home. Send my kindest regards to Elder Neilson and Elder Hardman and hope they are both well and happy. Many thanks once again for your lovely letter and if it be possible would love to know how things are going over your side of the world. Have a wonderful trip home and may you be taken with God's speed and safety. Also every best wish for the job you are going home to.

Sincerely, *Laurie Pederson.*

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37 Cowland St
Subiaco

Laurie
Pederson

Dear Elder Scribner

Just a few lines in answer to your most welcomed letter I received some weeks back, and thanks so much for the photo. I was sorry I did not see you before you left, but that's the life of a missionary here today gone tomorrow, but Elder Scribner I rejoyed your friendship very much. I have some

Sister
Morrison

Arrival of a new Regional Elder



Elder Ollerton



District President Cummings,
Elders Ollerton & Scribner,
Counselor President Lester,
Mission President McConkie.



District Sister
Margaret Watt

Young Adults serving on Youth Missions



Perry Alcorn

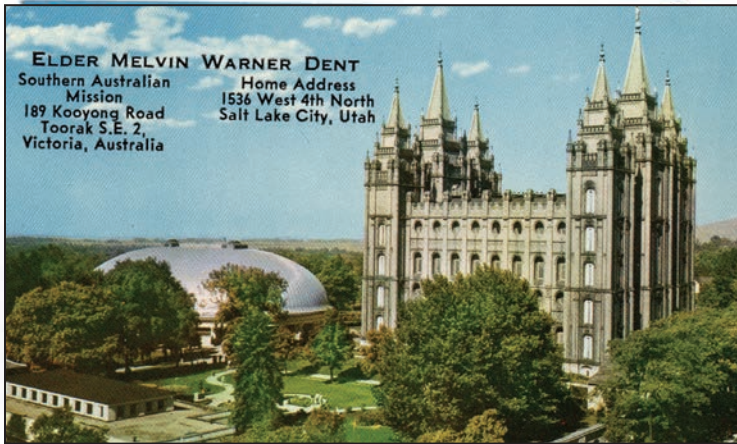


Sonia Smith



Dorothy Chamberlain

Final Months as Regional Elders in Victoria



The last night of my mission was the Best of All, with the baptism of Keith and Margaret Fellowes, at 11:00 pm at the Fairfield Chapel faunt.

Donny Young wrote about in 2005 while we were on a Mission in New Zealand.

Oh, I just remembered something! Do you remember when you were on your Mission meeting, and trying to teach the law of tithing to Keith and Margaret Fellowes? They lived somewhere in Melbourne. Well she remembers you very well. I think she was rather rude to you, and asked you to leave when the 10% was mentioned. I was in the changeroom at the Temple the day after I received your letter and I mentioned that you and Cecile were serving at the New Zealand Visitor's Centre. Margaret said, "I remember him." And then she told me of the experience, concluding with "I bet he never thought I'd ever join the Church", and she and her husband have served two missions and are regular Temple workers. So maybe you didn't get a baptism that time but you certainly planted the seed which has literally sprung up and come to fruition.

Donny Young

My companion and I actually did attend their baptism before going home the next day!

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints



Southern Australian Mission

DOUGLAS MacKENZIE SCRIBNER

This certifies that you are honorably released from your appointment as a missionary in this Mission. No greater service can be rendered than to labor faithfully for the salvation of the souls of men. The gratitude of those who have been the beneficiaries of your voluntary generous labors will ever be a source of satisfaction and inspiration to you.

May the joy that comes from the conscientious performance of the duties of this high calling ever abide with you and inspire you with a constant devotion to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bruce K. McConkie

Mission President

October 25, 19 62

*A Release
and a
Trip Home
through
New Zealand*

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Missionaries in Perth after I went Home



Elder and Sister James



Sister Ann Milburn



Sister Cecile James, who said to me, "When I get home - why don't you and your wife and I all go out to dinner together."

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

Performed by Douglas Mackenzie Scribner

Blessings
Baptisms
Confirmations

Date of Ordination	NAME	Nature of Ordinance*	PLACE OF ORDINANCE		Date of Ordination
			Word or Branch	Stake or Mission	
4/9/61	Kathleen May Singe	BAPTISM	ADELAIDE BRANCH	South Australian	
4/9/61	Donnelga Paschamp	BAPTISM	ADELAIDE	"	
5/7/61	Sidney Thomas Wayne	Confirmation	BRIGHTON	"	
6/18/61	Elizabeth Dawn Hombsch	"	"	"	
6/18/61	Robert Kenneth Dillon	"	"	"	
7/1/61	MELVA GLENNYS BOND	"	So. PERTH	"	
7/15/61	Constance Gladys Miller	"	"	"	
12/21/61	EVAN VICTOR LEEWANGH	BAPTISM	DIANELLA	"	
12/23/61	JENNIFER BEATRICE BRADSTREET	"	"	"	
12/23/61	GLORIA GESON	"	SCARBOROUGH	"	
2/15/62	DIANE ELIZABETH BRADSTREET	Confirmation	DIANELLA	"	
3/18/62	JULIE ANN COLLEN	"	DIANELLA	"	
3/24/62	Lorraine Pasha	"	PERTH	"	
5/13/62	Ashley Cape Thomas	"	"	"	
5/13/62	LAURIE EILEEN ANDERSON	BAPTISM	"	"	
5/13/62	Greville Howard Gummery	Confirmation	"	"	
6/17/62	DAVID DARYLL McDonald	BAPTISM	"	"	
6/19/62	DEBRA LORNA Rose McDonald	"	"	"	
6/23/62	GEORGE Edward Mortley	Confirmation	DIANELLA	"	
7/14/62	YVONNE GERTRUDE BLISH	BAPTISM	PERTH	"	
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