

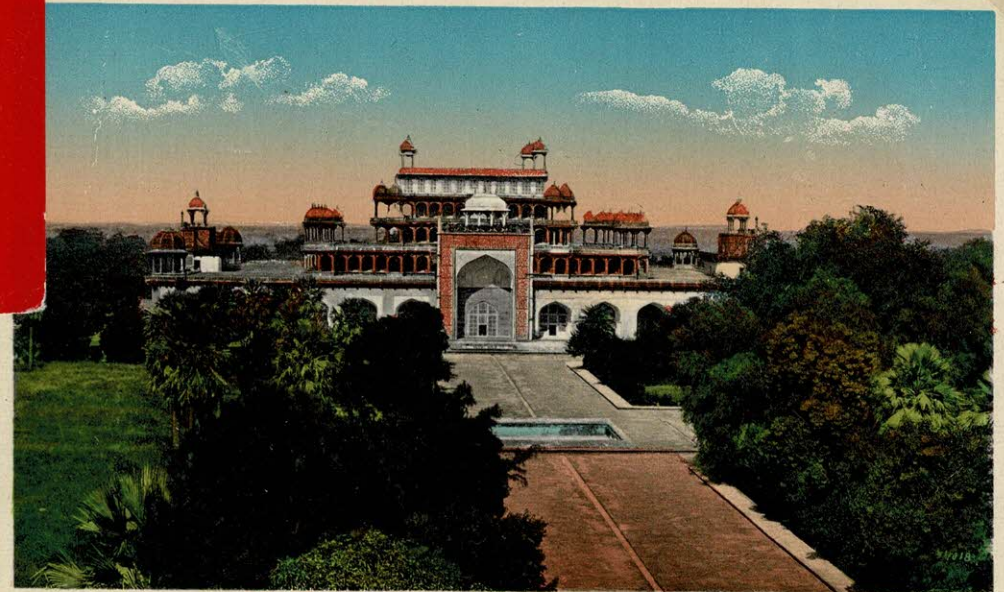
The Main Party arrived by train at **Agra** early on March 6th. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were at the **Cecil Hotel**. The tour visited the Tomb of Itnud-ud-Daula and the Fort; **Sikandra** and viewed the **Taj Mahal** at sunset.



Hotel Cecil Agra luggage label

The tomb of Akbar the Great Alias Sikandra, Agra.
Postcard by H A Mirez & Sons, Delhi.

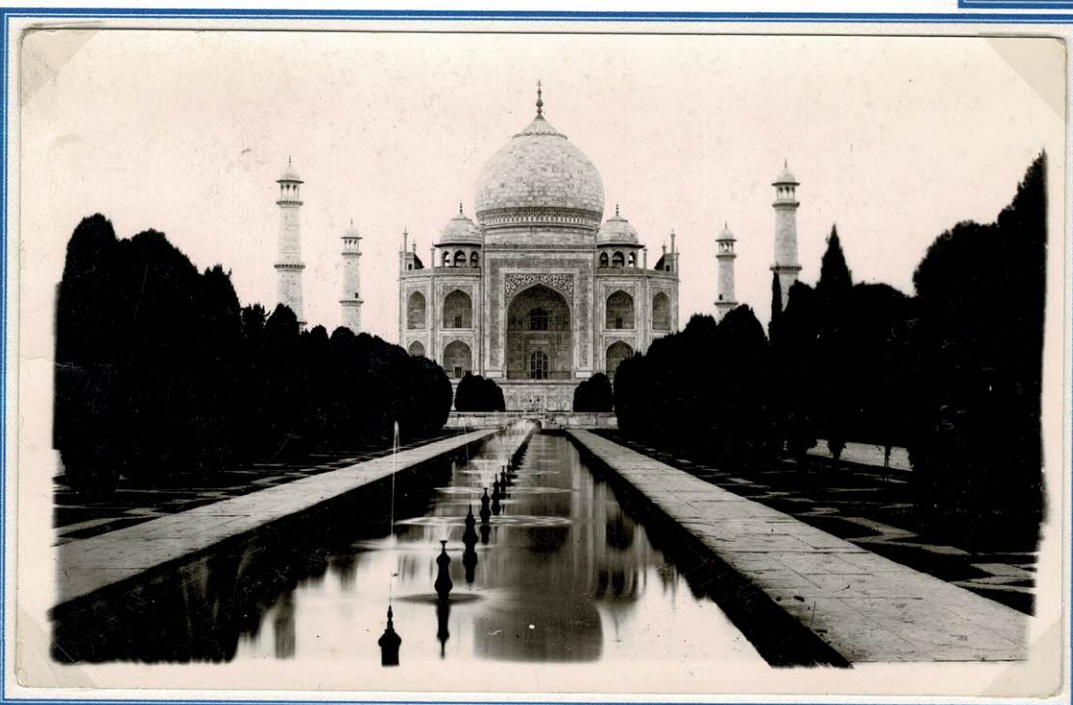
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The Tomb of Akbar the Great Alias Sikandra, Agra.
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2½ anna Taj Mahal Agra



Taj Mahal. Real photo postcard by K Lall & Co, Agra. Used Agra 1938

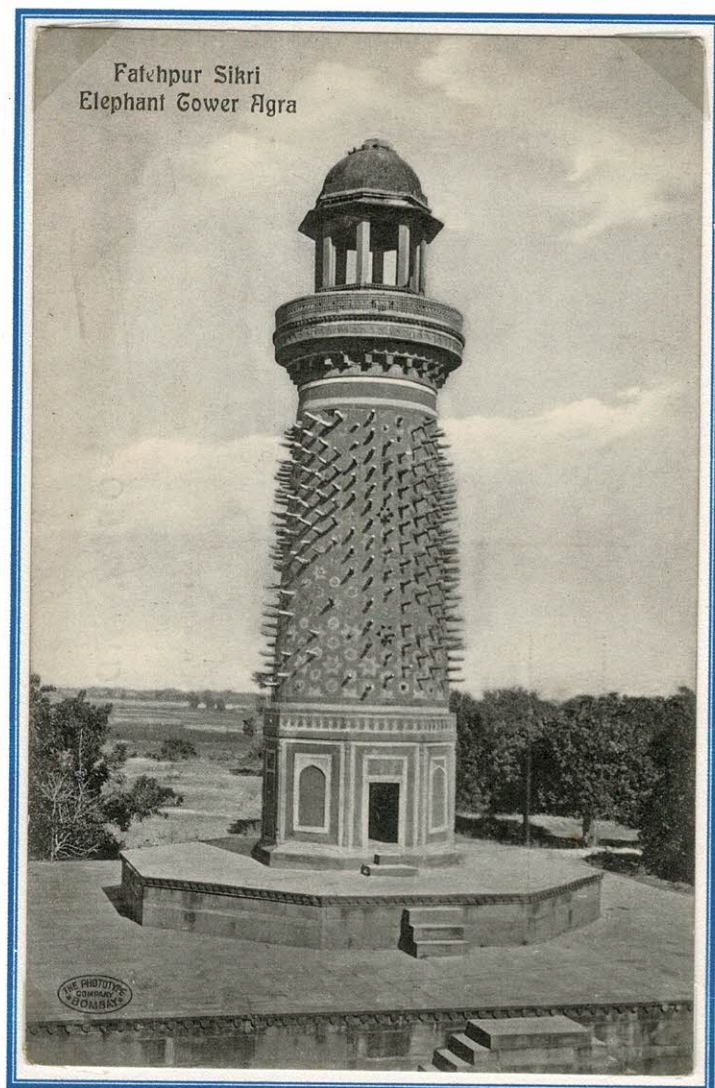
Frank Ross visited Agra on his return from Khyber Pass.

When we arrived from the train, dawn was just beginning in the East and the taj was veiled in deep shadow. We stood in silence watching the increasing light bring out the detail, then the sun came up and flooded it with light. It became almost a living thing of beauty such as no words or pen can clearly describe. The people stood in awe.

He returned later and writes:

After dinner we went back again. Darkness had shut in. We took our position on the East side of the Taj and waited for the moon to rise. Now, under the rising moon it took on a new beauty I had not discovered before. Yes, Mumtaz Mahal, your request was granted. You have the most beautiful tomb in the world.

The deserted city of **Fatehpur Sikri** is one hour by train from Agra and the **Main Party** arrived there on **March 7th** and visited the area on foot that morning before departing by train back to Bombay.

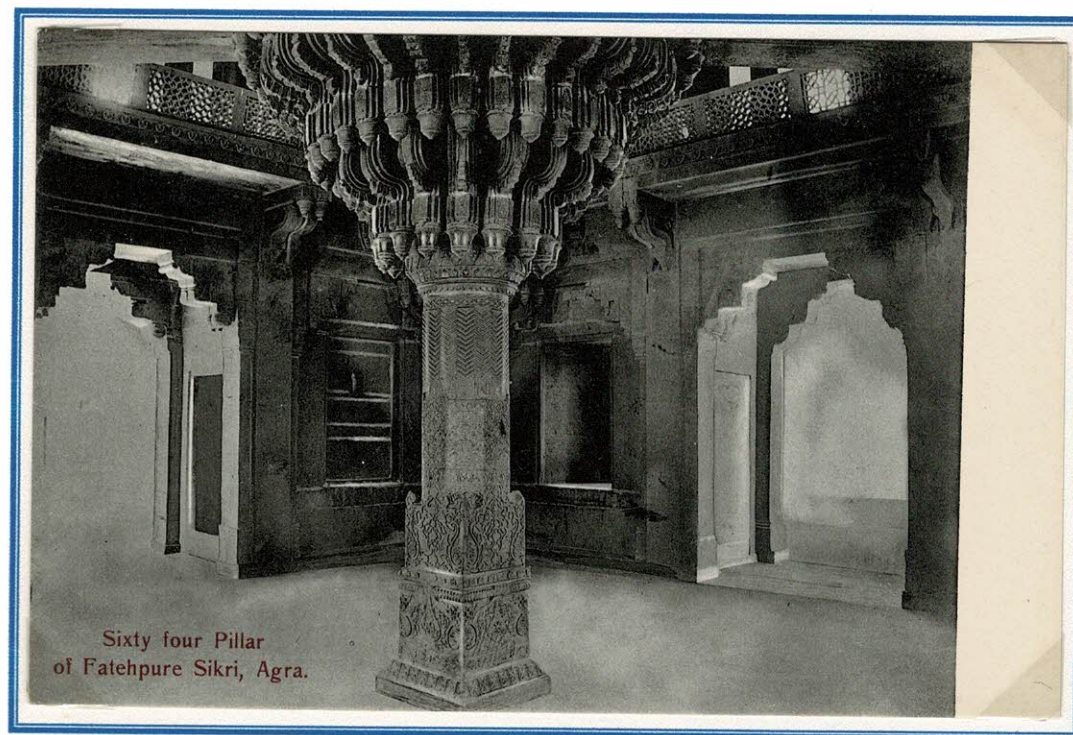


Fatehpur Sikri Elephant Tower Agra
Postcard by The Phototype Company Bombay

.The deserted city of Fatehpur Sikri was constructed by Akbar as thanksgiving for the birth of his son, Jehangir.

The generally accepted reason for its desertion was the absence of good water. The alternative is that the noise and turmoil in the city disturbed the meditations of the Saint whom Akbar credited for the birth of his son and rather than risk the wrath of the Saint by depriving him of his solitude, Akbar moved back to Agra

“**Victory Gate Fatehpur Sikri**” photograph by Franconia photographer



Sixty four Pillar of Fatehpur Sikri, Agra. Postcard by H A Mirza & Sons Delhi



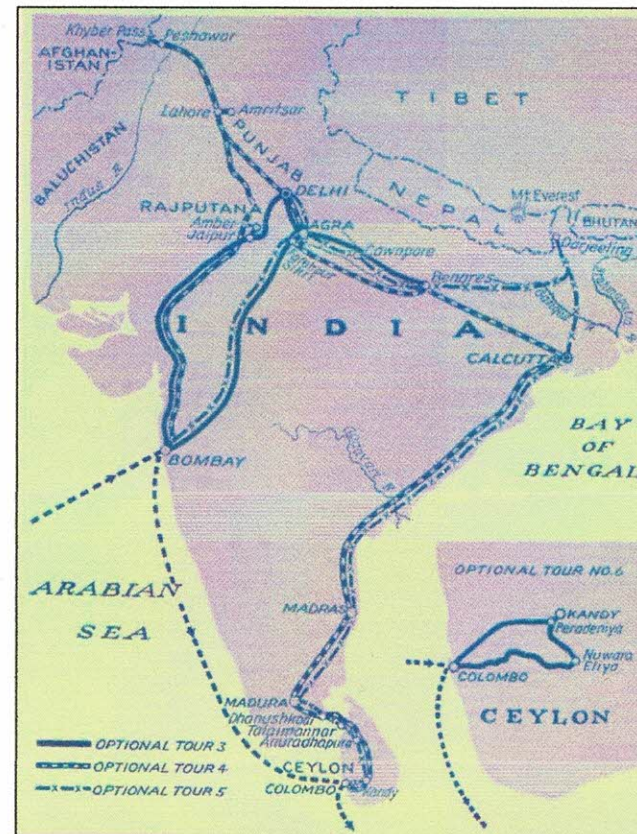
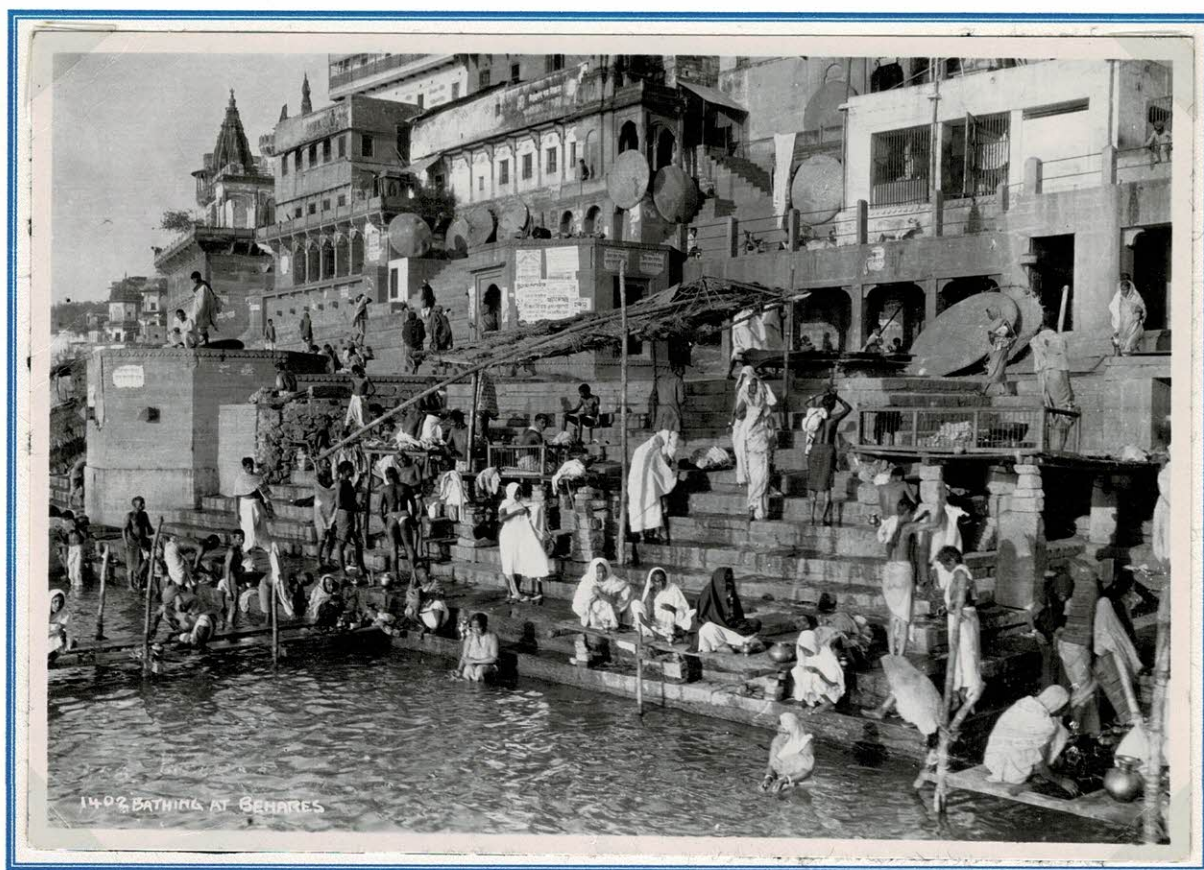
Optional Tour No.3 March 2nd-9th £95. Train: Bombay – Benares – Delhi – Jaipur – Agra – Fatehpur Sikri – Bombay

The most astonishing feature of **Benares** is undoubtedly the early morning boat trips on the Ganges to view the famous Ghats, where the locals bathe in and drink the waters of the sacred river.



Bathing in the Ganges, Benares No details

Bathing at Benares - Franconia photographer



Mr. Ross H. Skinner
No. 69

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Optional Tour No. 3 — BENARES - JAIPUR
TRAIN ALLOCATION (Broad Gauge)
From Bombay going and from Agra returning

Coach No.....1..... Comp't No.....A.....

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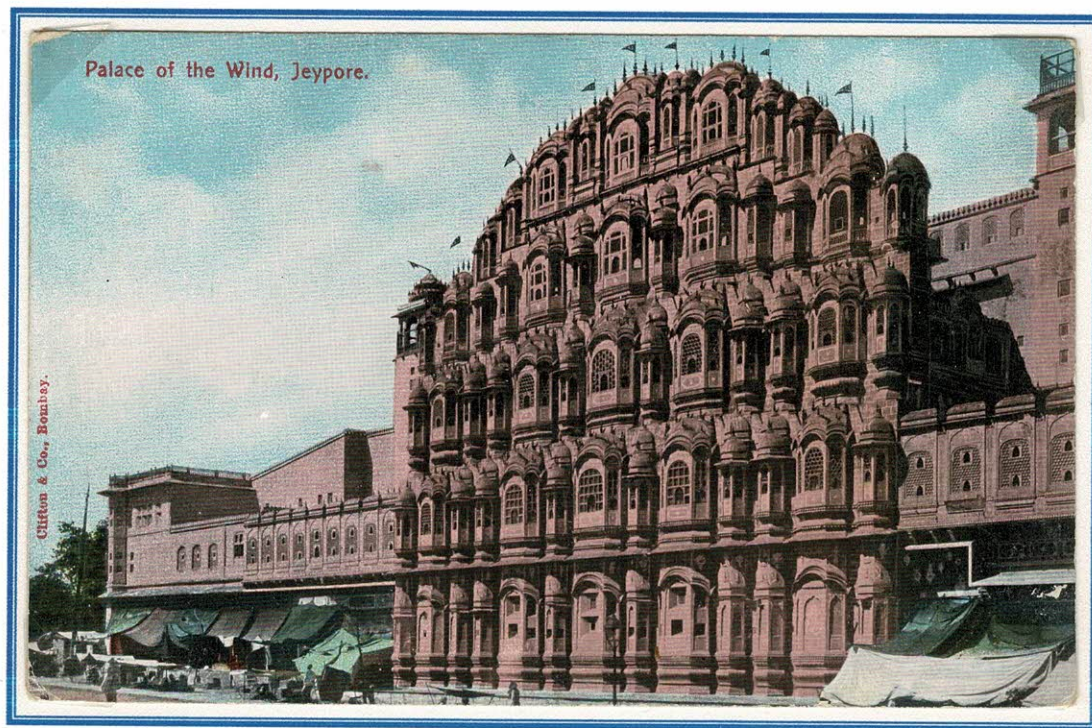
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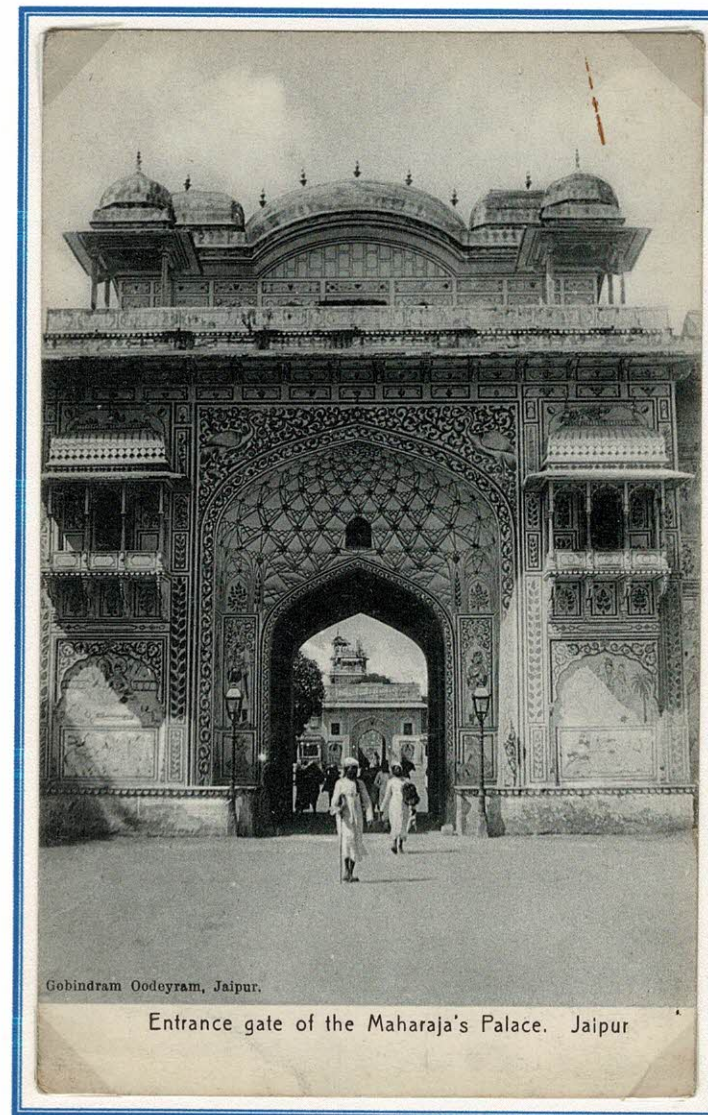
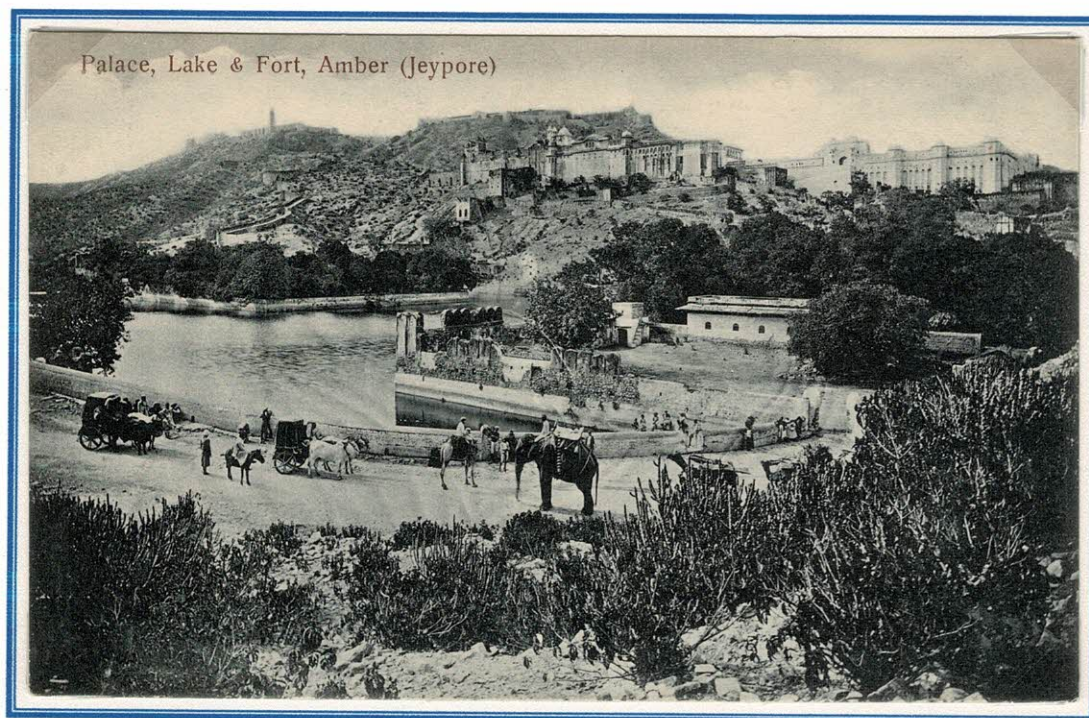
S.S. "FRANCONIA," 1939 PRINTED IN U.S.A.

Jaipur was the capital of the territory of the Maharajah of Jaipur. Many of the buildings are painted in **mauve-pink**. The **Palace**, Zoological gardens and Museum were visited on the tour as well as the ruined deserted city of **Amber**.



Palace of the Wind. Postcard for British India by Clifton & Co Co., Bombay

Palace, Lake & Fort, Amber [Jeypore]. No printing details



Entrance gate of the Maharajah's Palace. Jaipur
Postcard by Gobindram Oodeyram, Jaipur

Frank Ross and his party flew from Lahore to join the Benares party at Jaipur.

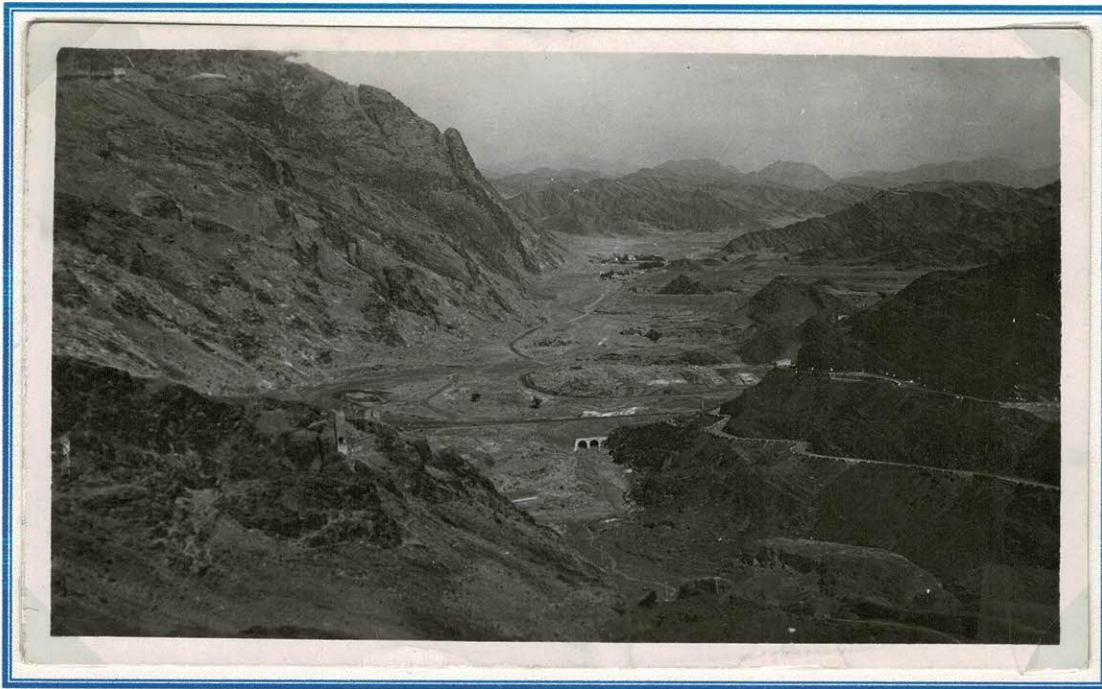
Jaipur us the capital of the state of the same name. It is one of the best laid out and built cities in Central India.

At Amber I enjoyed [?] my first elephant ride. We rode in parties of two. We both decided when we got back that one elephant ride would be quite enough for the present. From Jaipur we boarded a train for an overnight ride. Arriving at Agfa before daybreak.

Optional Tour No.4 March 2nd – 14th £250: Train, Airplane: Bombay – Delhi – Rawalpindi – Peshawar – Lahore – Amritsar – Jaipur – Benares – Agra – Fatehpur Sikri – Madras – Madura – Anuradhapura – Kandy – Colombo

5 members of the Franconia party including Frank Ross, the author of "Journeys East and West Bound" travelled by air from Bombay to Delhi; by air to Rawalpindi; by train to Peshawar then by automobile to **Khyber Pass**. On the return journey they joined with **Optional Tour No. 4 at Lahore and the Main Party at Agra.**

Our party consisted of two women and three men. The first thing in order was to weigh us and our luggage, with the result of finding we were over the limit.. The pilot thought he could make the airport with less gasoline, and it was decided that five gallons should be withdrawn from the tank.. We flew over Agra and got our first view of the Taj Mahal from the air. We did not land at Agra. Our objective was Delhi, 150 miles further on, where we landed in late afternoon and were transferred to the Cecil Hotel. After an early breakfast at the Cecil Hotel we were taken to the Aerodrome.. and were soon winging our way to Khyber Pass. Enroute we halted at Rawal Pindi .. and boarded a train for Peshawar. We stayed over night at Deans Hotel, a rather large, clean but primitive place.



Peshawar to England 1939

"I stayed in Peshawar for a day on my way back and motored up the Khyber Pass in the afternoon. This is a picture taken from the top of the pass looking down into Afghanistan. The houses you see are all in Afghanistan and one is not allowed to go any further than the block house where this was taken from."

After breakfast the five of us were squeezed into a ramshackle automobile. We were off for our ten mile ride to Khyber Pass over the military road. On the way we met two camel caravans, each with 20 camels heavily laden with packs of hides and other articles of trade. They had come through the Khyber Pass on their way to Peshawar.

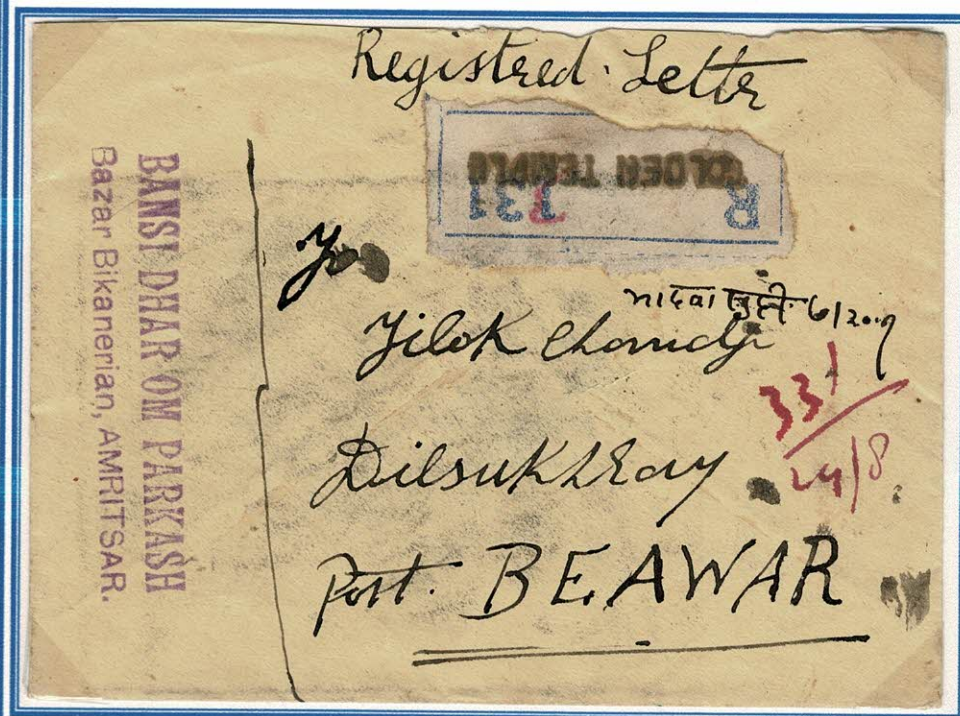
Now we come to Khyber Pass, the gateway between India and Afghanistan. On either side of the military road stands a four-sided stone with one angle to the road. On one plane is cut in bold letters, India, on another, Afghanistan, and if you want to keep the peace and your well-being intact, do not pass the line between these stones. It is safer not to and you are more likely to enjoy your dinner and sleep easier at night.

At 6:00 A.M. our train pulled out for Rawalpindi. Arriving at 10:40 we found our plane awaiting us. We climbed aboard and were off, winging our flight to Lahore. The pilot brought the plane down landing as light as a bird. Automobiles were waiting to take us to the city. We were conveyed to Faletti's Hotel for lunch. After lunch at Faletti's Hotel we were conveyed on a sightseeing tour of the city. We saw many interesting things, Shrines, Temples and Mosques, built by different rulers through the ages. It was interesting to study different styles of architecture.



"Temple of the Sikhs' Amritsar" Seasons Greetings and
New Year Card

Golden Temple Registered Letter with 4 ½ Anna postage



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issue 3 ½ Anna
Golden Temple
Amritsar

We drove out to Amritsar .. after a time we came to the famous Golden Temple. This is a magnificent square domed structure. The outside walls half way up are entirely covered with gold bas-relief. It is the seat of worship for the Seikh Religion.

Breakfast was served at 5:30 A.M., then to the airport where we found our pilot and operator tuning the engines. We took to the air at 6:30, beginning our flight to Jaipur.

Optional Tour No.4 March 2nd – 14th £250: Train, Airplane: Bombay – Delhi – Rawalpindi – Peshawar – Lahore – Amritsar – Jaipur – Benares – Agra – Fatehpur Sikri – **Madras – Madura** – Anuradhapura – Kandy – Colombo

Optional Tour No.5 March 2nd – 14th £285: Train, Automobile: Bombay - Fatehpur Sikri – Delhi – Agra – Benares – Darjeeling – **Calcutta – Madras - Madura** – Anuradhapura – Kandy – Colombo

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Victoria Memorial Calcutta, 9p



Jade Temple Calcutta 1 1/4 A



Rameswaram Temple Madras. 1A

At **Madras**, the city sightseeing tour visited a carpet factory and several of the imposing Hindu Temples.



Temples of Seringham, Madras, India. No details



THE GIANT GATEWAY TO THE TEMPLE AT MADURA

The mightiest of the gate towers leading into the great temple of Madura rises to a height of 152 feet. From its base to its summit it is adorned with an unequalled profusion of sculpture: tier after tier of carved gods and goddesses, elephants, lions, bulls, horses, monkeys, peacocks, mythological monsters and a bewildering variety of symbolical ornament. The temple to which this gateway leads is one of the architectural marvels of India. Covering an area of fifteen acres and containing two sanctuaries, one to Siva and the other to his wife Paravati, the temple is decorated inside and out with sculptured figures that defy computation.

The Optional Tour No. 4 & 5 parties travelled by train from **Madura** to Dhanushkodi where they boarded a steamer for the short crossing to Talai Mannar in **Ceylon**.

Colombo Ceylon: March 12th - 14th, 1939

At sunrise anchors were dropped half a mile off the jettie at Colombo. Everything was so green. A large P. and O. liner held position near us. It all made an entrancing picture, which I shall never forget. After an early breakfast the ship's launches took passengers to the Melbourne Jettie, where a special train was waiting to take us to Kandy, which lies high in the hills 50 miles inland.



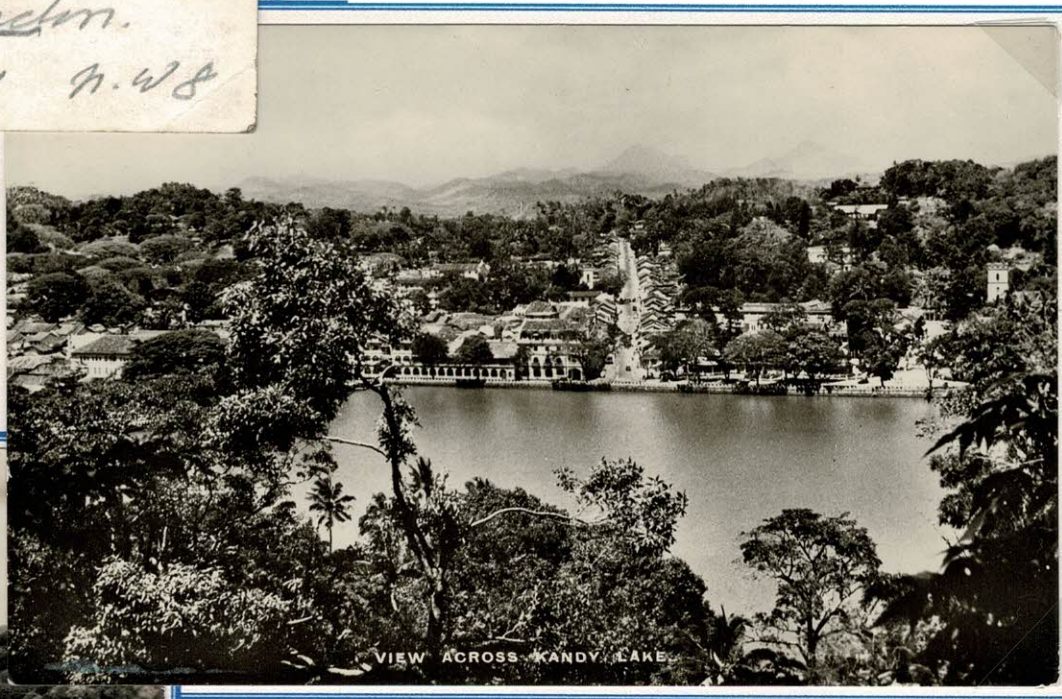
Colombo 13 MR 39. Postcard "Main Street, Fort, Colombo, Ceylon [Plate Ltd Ceylon]"

Message from our stewardess reads:

"13.3.39. Just returning to the ship after a lovely drive. People clean and always smiling. Better conditions than in Bombay. Visit to Buddhist temple. Beautiful."

Cruise Information "Europe Ordinary mail Colombo March 15th on S.S. "Ranpura" due Marseilles March 31st. mail due in London April 1st."

"View Across Kandy Lake"
[Photographer G A Koch,
Publisher Thomas, London]



"General View of Kandy, Ceylon"
[Plate Ltd Postcard, Ceylon]



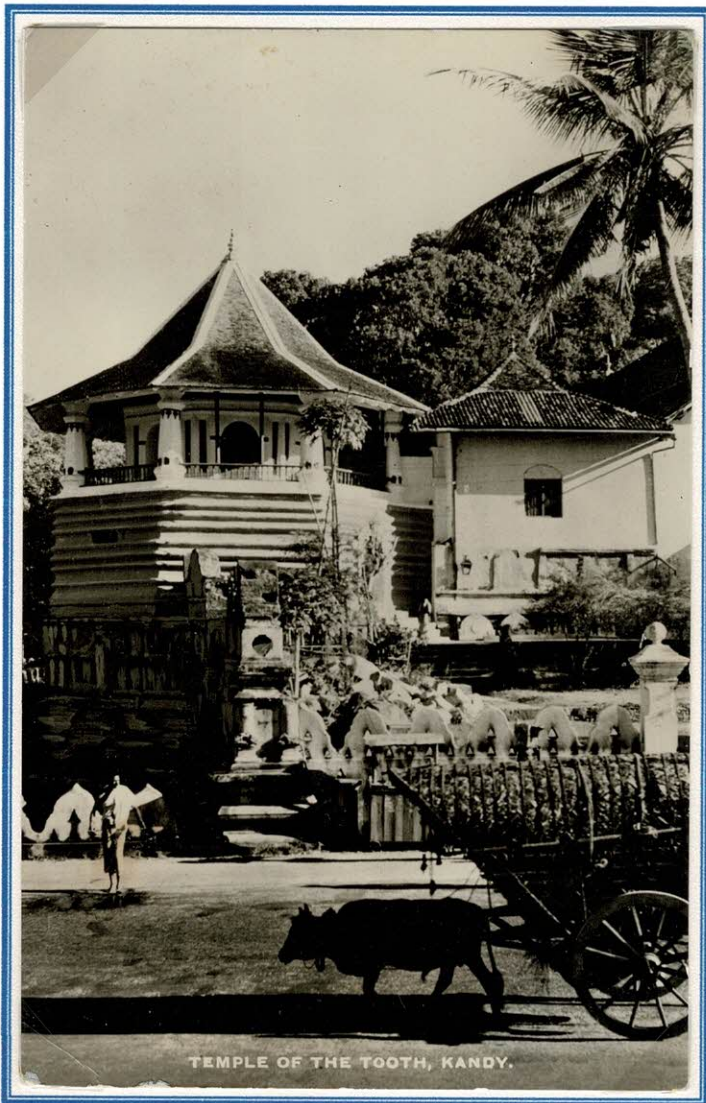
As I sat looking out the car window I thought I had never seen anything so refreshingly beautiful. As we climbed into the hills, the early morning air was very refreshing. I found Kandy very interesting. After lunch at the hotel there was a native dance put on in the grounds for the entertainment of the party. After a very pleasant visit we took automobiles for the journey back to Colombo

The Optional Tour No. 5 party travelled by train from Madura to Dhanushkodi where they boarded a steamer for the short crossing to Talai Mannar in Ceylon. **Anuradhapua**, "The Buried City of Ceylon" is over 1000 years old and was once the capital. They visited the Dagobas, **Brazen Palace** erected in 161 BC, the Rock Temple and the sacred Bo-Tree. The journey was completed by automobile to **Kandy** where they stay the night at the **Queen's Hotel** before travelling through the mountains with magnificent scenery and numerous native villages before rejoining the Franconia at Colombo.



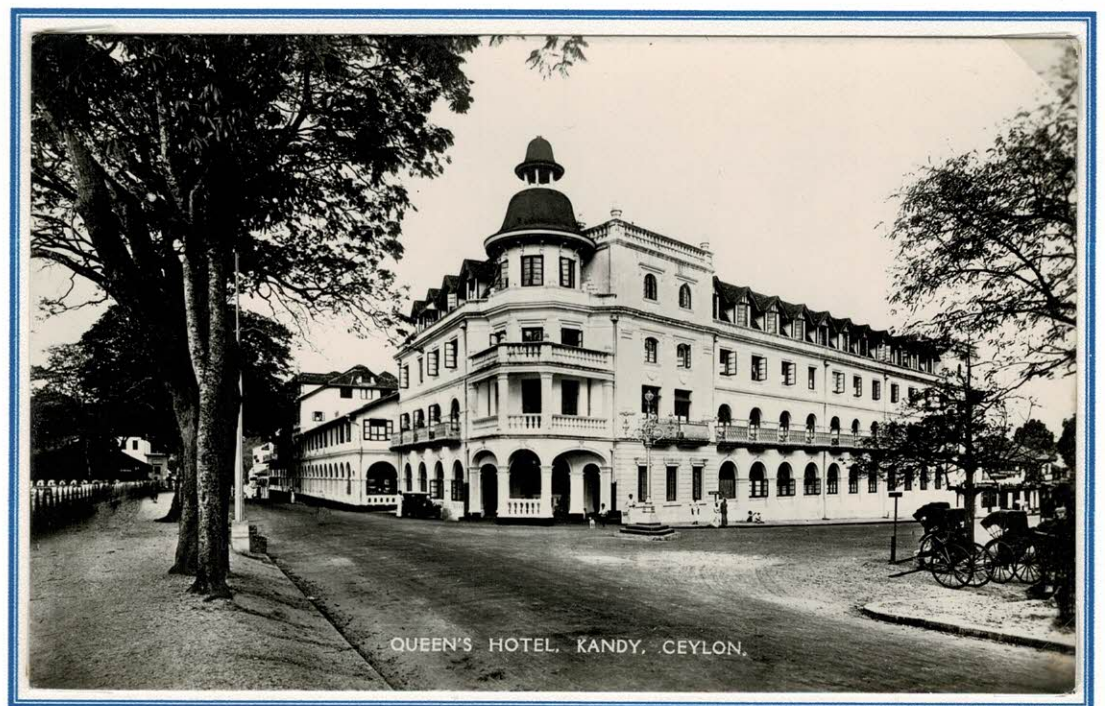
George VI 1947 issue
Anuradhapura 25 cents; Kandy 15 cent;

Temple of the Tooth, Kandy Photo by G A
Koch, published Thomas, London]



Brazen Palace, Anuradhapura Ceylon. Postcard by Plate Ltd Ceylon

Queen's Hotel, Kandy. Postcard by Plate Ltd Ceylon



The tours visited museums and temples in the Kandy area and the Elephant park at Katugastota where they watched the elephants bathe after their day's work in the forests.

We were free next morning and spent most of the time in the shops. At one o'clock we were conveyed to Mount Lavinia for luncheon.
 World Cruise Notes: After an interesting morning in the city your driver takes you out along a roadway bordered by palms on one side and the Indian Ocean on the other ... to **Mount Lavinia**. Here you find a luxurious and gorgeously located hotel and one of the famous beaches in the East. The flashing white sand and deep blue water with its background of gently swaying palms remind you of a dreamlike "Treasure Island."



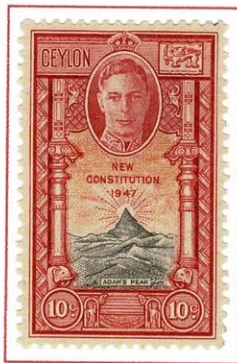
"Muslim Mosque Colombo" [Photographer G A Koch, published Thomas London]

"Rickshaws, Ceylon" [Plate Ltd Ceylon]



On the return from Kandy to Colombo, the passengers on the Optional Tour No.6 travelled on a scenic route via **Adam's Peak** and **Lavinia Beach** where a lunch stop was arranged.

Adam's Peak - 10c New Constitution issue 1947



Everybody seemed to regret leaving Colombo. Our stay there had been most pleasant. At 6.00 P.M. March 14, it was anchors aweigh and our ship moved slowly out of the harbour bound for Belawan Deli, our port of call in the Island of Sumatra.

Mount Lavinia Hotel and Seashore, Colombo, Ceylon. [Plate Ltd Ceylon]



Sumatra, Belawan Deli: March 18th, 1939

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**SHORE PROGRAMME
AT BELAWAN DELI
AND
MEDAN,
ISLAND OF SUMATRA**

Belawan Deli is the port of Medan, which lies some distance inland. A special train took us through tropical jungles into the higher lands, where tobacco, tea and rubber thrive, and also many varieties of fruit and flowers abound. Upon arrival in Medan we were taken for an automobile ride about the city, halting for lunch at the Hotel de Boer. Most of the afternoon was spent watching a programme of Batak Dances.

At 5.00 P.M. our train started back to Belawan Deli where we joined the ship. At 8.00 P.M. we departed for Penang, lying across the Straits of Malacca on the Malay Peninsula.

Market Scene Medan. Cancelled Belawan



The FRANCONIA completed her call at Belawan Deli on schedule and the inland excursion to Medan proved unusually successful. Passengers found the strange architecture of the Batak villages as well as the natives and their mode of living fascinating and entirely different from anything previously seen.

March 21, 1939

The FRANCONIA is now at Singapore after having previously called at Penang where a large group of passengers departed for the overland journey up the Malay Peninsula and across Siam to Angkor in Cambodia.

ALL WELL.

CUNARD WHITE STAR LINE
THOS. COOK & SON

Penang; March 19th 1939

The night was balmy and it was pleasant sitting on the deck under the starlit canopy. In the early morning the ship came alongside at Penang.

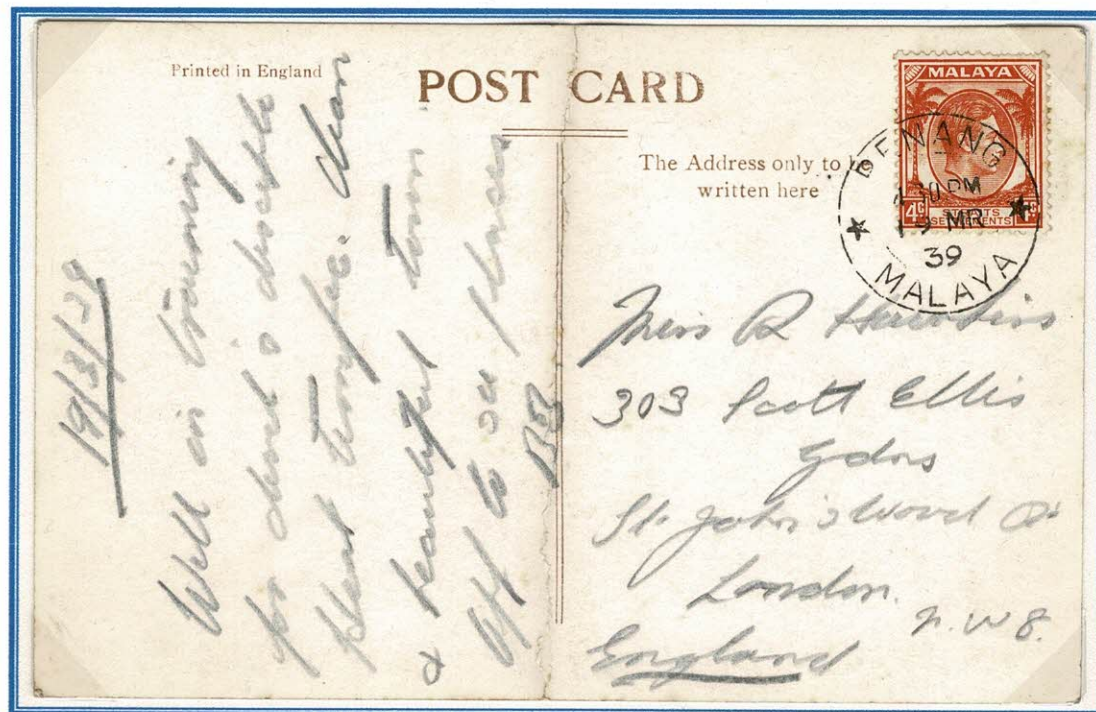
Penang 19 MR 39 on 4c - postcard rate

"General View, Ayer Itam Temple, Penang"
[Real Photograph - Printed in England]

Message from our Stewardess:

*"Well in training for devil's disciple. Heat terrific.
Clean and beautiful town. Off to see places."*

Cruise Notes: Auto drive visits Botanical and Waterfall Gardens, Snake Temple and Fort Cornwallis. Ascend Penang Hill by mountain trolley.



Snake Temple, Sungei Klauang, Penang

Photo by C. S. Foo.

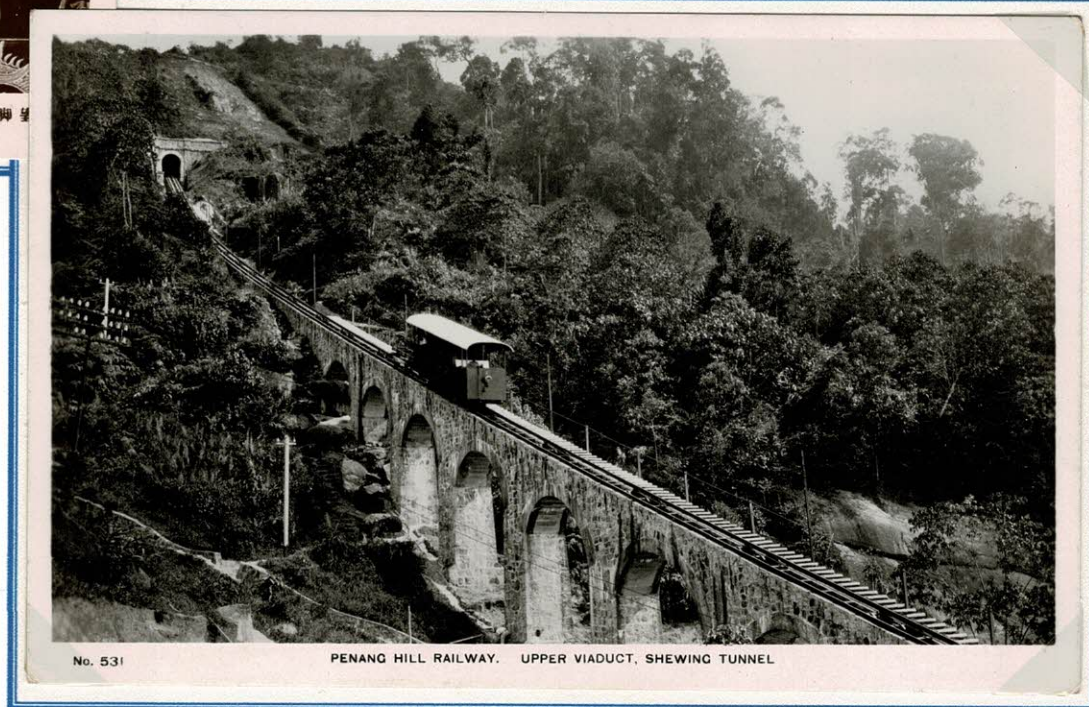
公師祖水清蘭脚

I was not favourably impressed with the Temple. It was covered with gilded, writhing Chinese Dragons, while among the flowers and bushes the ground was literally covered with green and yellow snakes which seemed to be harmless because of being constantly gorged with eggs and from inhaling the fumes from hundreds of smouldering joss-sticks, day and night. On entering the temple you will see the snakes coiled around carvings and roof timbers. They are so lazy from being over-fed that they rarely move about. We were warned it was better not to touch the snakes. This warning was not necessary for me. I always give the snake a wide berth.

Official Photo postcard Snake Temple Sunori Kluang Penang

The most delightful part of the drive was in the Penang Hills, whose main summit is 2400 feet above the sea and is reached by a funicular railway electrically operated in two sections, changing at a central station.

Penang Hill Railway, Upper Viaduct Shewing Tunnel.
Real Photograph postcard No 531, printed in England



No. 531

PENANG HILL RAILWAY. UPPER VIADUCT, SHEWING TUNNEL

Optional Tour No. 8: Penang – Hin Hua – Angkor – Bangkok. March 19th – 24th. Price \$240.00. This tour commenced at Prai across from Penang on the mainland where a special train was boarded for the journey across the Siamese border to the Indo-China border. Automobiles were used to Angkor with a pleasant stop at Hin Hua, the seaside resort. Two full days were devoted to the ruins at Angkor especially Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom. The party travelled to Bangkok by automobile and train for sightseeing before rejoining the **Franconia** at Paknam.

Optional Tour No. 9: Penang – Hin Hua – Angkor – Pnom Penh – Saigon – Phanthiet – Quinhon – Hue – Tourane. March 19th – March 28th. Price \$375.00. This tour starts as part of Optional Tour 8 but leaves from Angkor. This tour was restricted in numbers to just 10 persons. Sightseeing tours were by automobile in Pnom Penh and Saigon. The party then travelled over the Mandarin Road mostly along the coast bordering the South China Sea. They arrived at Hue March 27th at stayed at the Grand Hotel de Hue before joining the regular excursion at Hue and returned to the **Franconia** at Tourane.



Luggage label Grand Hotel d'Angkor

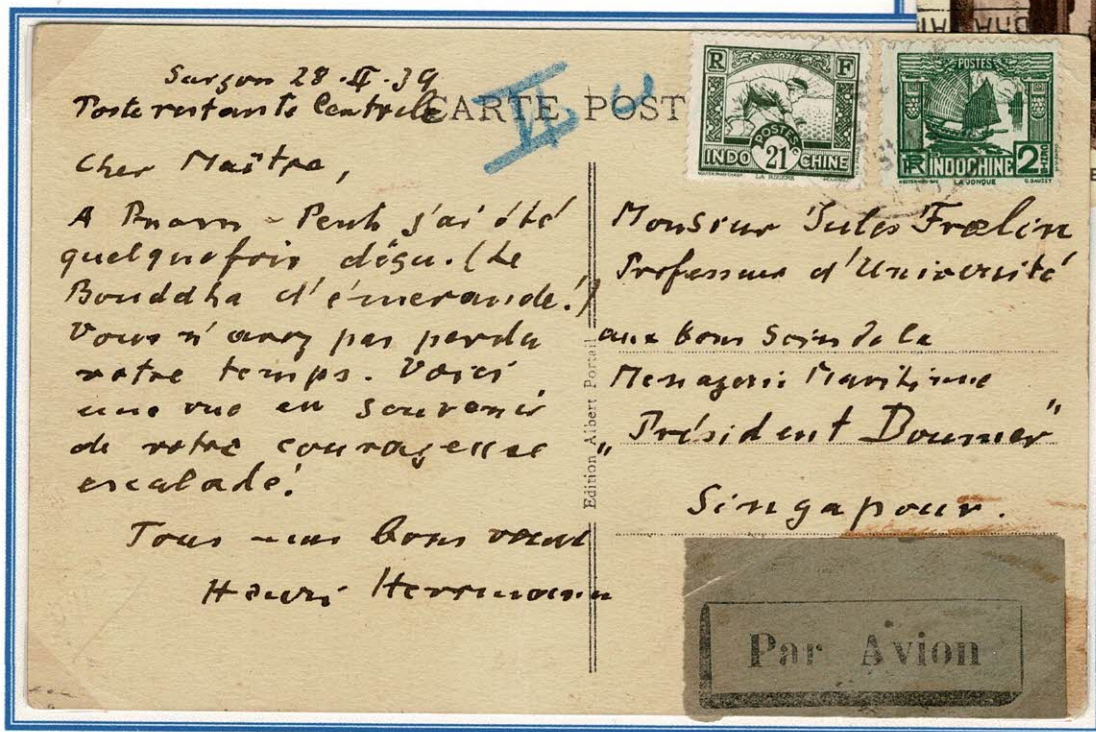
The information leaflet sent to friends and family from Cunard White Star Thos Cook & Son from Singapore March 21st has "Penang where a large group of passengers departed for the overland journey up the Malay peninsula and across Siam to Angkor in Cambodia."



ES D'ANGKOR — Le Bayon - Entrée orientale des galeries intérieures de la 2^e enceinte

Ruines D'Angkor postcard No. 113 mailed from Saigon 1935 with 9c postage to Buenos Aires. [Postcard exchange]

Angkor Wat postcard No. 555 sent 1939 airmail Saigon to Singapore 2 Fr 21c



Singapore March 21st 1939

Barbara mailed this World Cruise Airmail envelope containing a 12 page letter from Singapore on arrival to her friend Batty in Maine USA.

Cancelled Singapore 10.30AM 21 MAR 1939.
Endorsed "Air mail to Southampton" with 37c postage



We came tearing up to take our
a man! Soon we heard distant
The band came by. All dressed
costumes, playing the "Stars and
"As Waynflete goes Marching Along"
it! We threw our rice and ha
Especially when Percy Hall walked
and costumed as King Neptune.
Caps" came up and very rough
out to the swimming pools. All the passengers
were occupying the above decks, and peering down at
us. There looked as though there were a million
people all around. The crew had mostly climbed



Our cruise down through the Straits was very pleasant. As the sun came up we entered the harbor of Singapore, where flags of every nation of the world may be seen. At 8:00 A.M. we tied up at Singapore, the "Cross Roads of the World," where West meets East even though it has been said "Never the Twain Shall Meet." The cruise party was divided into two groups to avoid congestion on the drive. One group left the ship at 8:00, the other at 9:00

Johnston's Pier, Singapore. Real Photograph postcard.
No printing details

We travelled over fine roads, the Esplanade and the Beach Road, on which Raffles Hotel is situated, where we enjoyed a sumptuous luncheon. The Raffles is one of the world's famous hotels. It was named in honour of Sir Stamford Raffles, who founded this British Colony. Raffles Hotel has entertained all races and classes of people. It is one of the outstanding cosmopolitan hotels of the world



RAFFLES HOTEL S'PORE



SARKIES BROS., PROPRIETORS.

THE BALL ROOM SET FOR CRUISE DINNER, RAFFLES HOTEL, SINGAPORE.

The Ball Room set for Cruise Dinner, Raffles Hotel, Singapore

The afternoon drive included many places of interest [including] Public Buildings and curio shops where many curious articles could be seen and purchased, finally ending at the ship's side. At 6:00 PM we cast off and made our way through a maze of ships and crafts from outrigger canoes, Chinese Sampan and Junks, warships, ocean liners and tramps of many flags.

RAFFLES  HOTEL

MENU

R. M. S. FRANCONIA.
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LUNCHEON

1. Chilled Sunkissed Fruit Juice.
2. Consomme Riche or Jellied Cheese Straws.

3. Fillet Ikan Merah Meuniere

4. Welsh Rarebit

5. Lamb Cutlets Reforme.

6. Roast Selected Sirloin Chilled Beef.
Yorkshire Pudding, Hot or Cold Horseradish Sauce

Cameron Highland Vegetables.

7. Boiled. 8. Mashed. 9. Croquette Potatoes.
10. Creamed Spinach. 11. Baked Beans.
12. Steamed Rice

Curries:- 13. Chicken with Long Beans.
Sambals.

14. Cold Collation
Salads.

15. Gula Malacca.

16. Coupe Singapore.

17. Assorted Cheese.

18. Fruit in Season. 19. Brazilian Coffee.
21. 3. 1939.

Siam, Bangkok; March 24th 1939

Cruise Notes: Tender ride up Menam river, electric train to Bangkok. Full day's sightseeing to Grand palace, Temple of the Emerald Buddha, Royal Institute, Throne Hall and Wat Arun.. Exhibition of Siamese classical dancing. Luncheon and tea at **Trocadero Hotel**.

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MAIN PARTY PROGRAMME
BANGKOK

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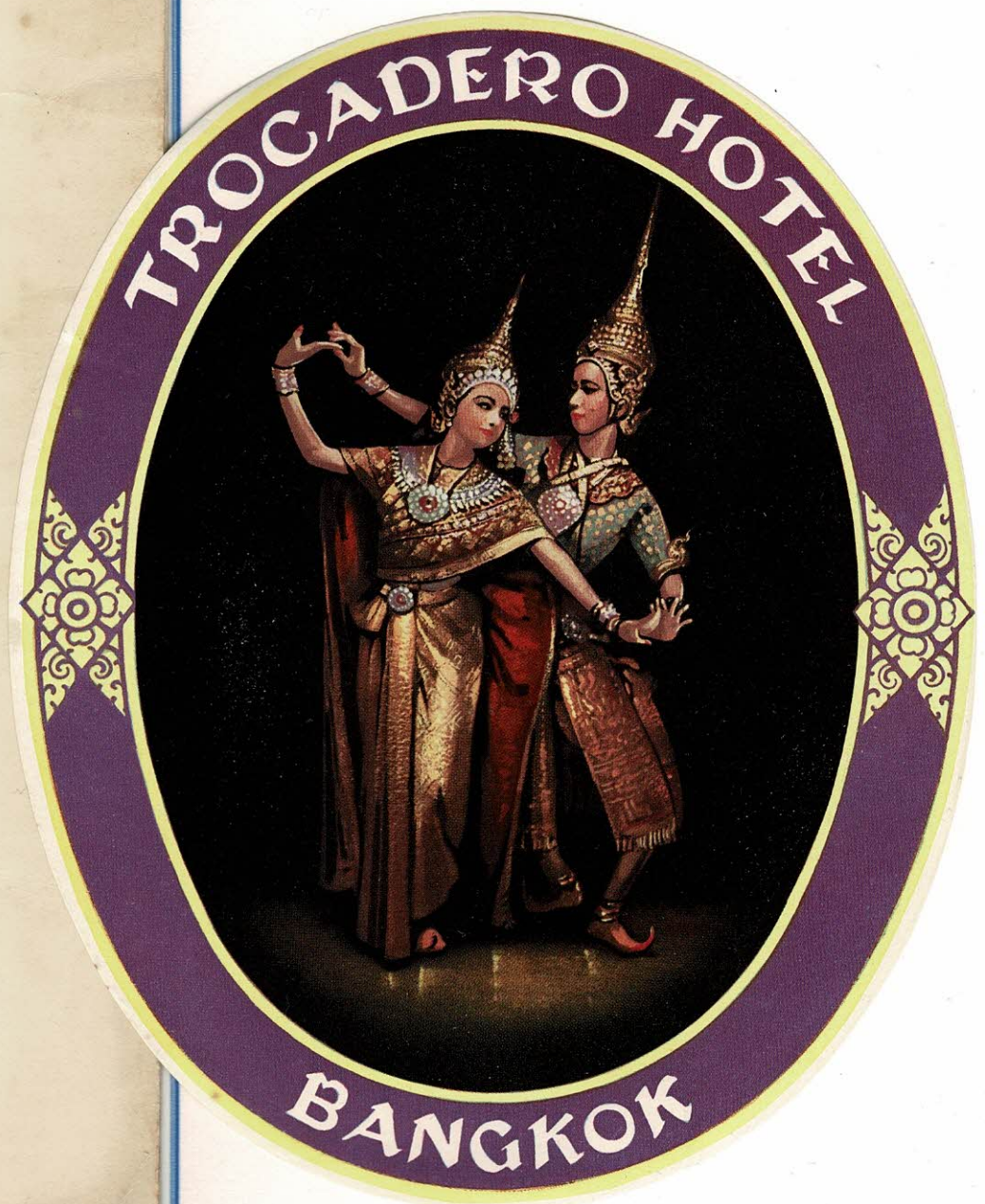
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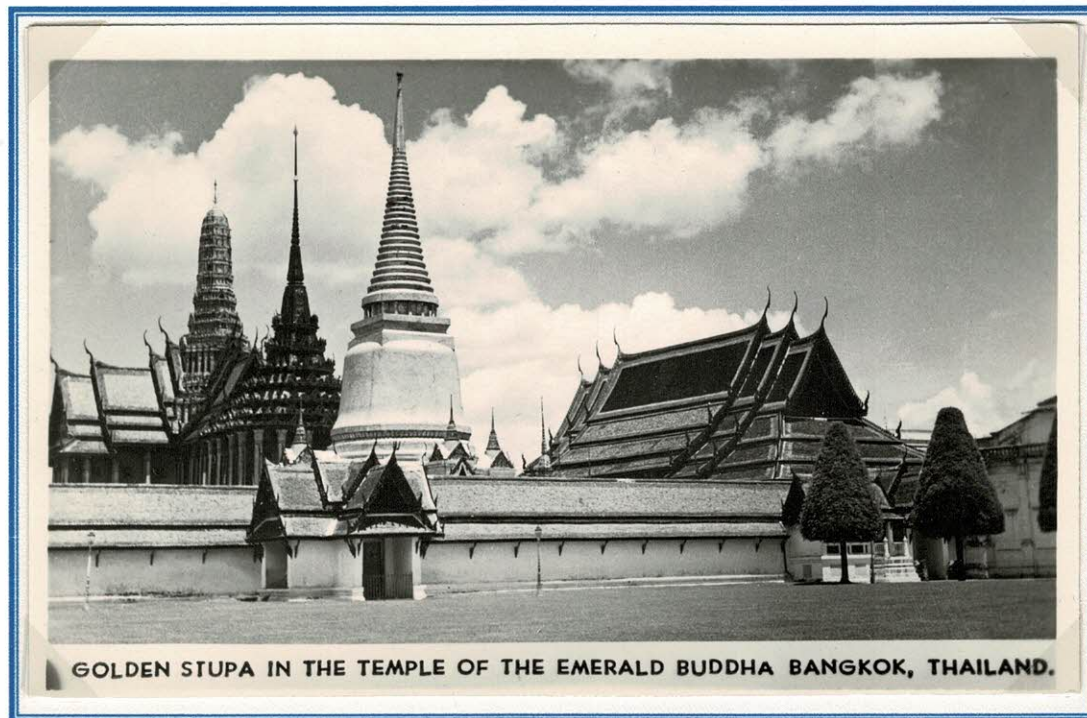
After 2 days of pleasant sailing we entered the Gulf of Siam and proceeded to Paknam, the port of Bangkok, arriving at anchorage in early morning. Owing to shallow water we dropped anchor a long way from shore. It required more than two hours for the tenders to cover the distance from ship to shore. From Paknam landing stage, we were taken by a fast electric train for a 45 minute ride to Bangkok. When the train arrived at Bangkok, the party was taken in motor cars for a tour of the city, visiting several temples and the Grand Palace which is really a walled own in itself.



In the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, stands an enormous Buddha with a crown in which is set, so I was told, the largest Emerald in the world. The visit to the White Elephant was somewhat disappointing. It looked like the white elephant had been caught out in the rain and most of the whitewash had come off. Now we go to the Polo Club grounds to see a performance of Classical dancing and Takraw Ball Game.



The Giant, Emerald Temple



GOLDEN STUPA IN THE TEMPLE OF THE EMERALD BUDDHA BANGKOK, THAILAND.

Real Photograph postcard of **Barbara Hammons** and her father taken at Bangkok outside the **Temple of Emerald Buddha.**

Photo sent by wire and postcard produced by **Marine Photo Service,** Colchester, England

Barbara sent this with the letter mailed from **Batavia [Tandjong] 8.4.39** with comment

*Taken at a temple in Bangkok
Rather horrible of me
n'est pas*



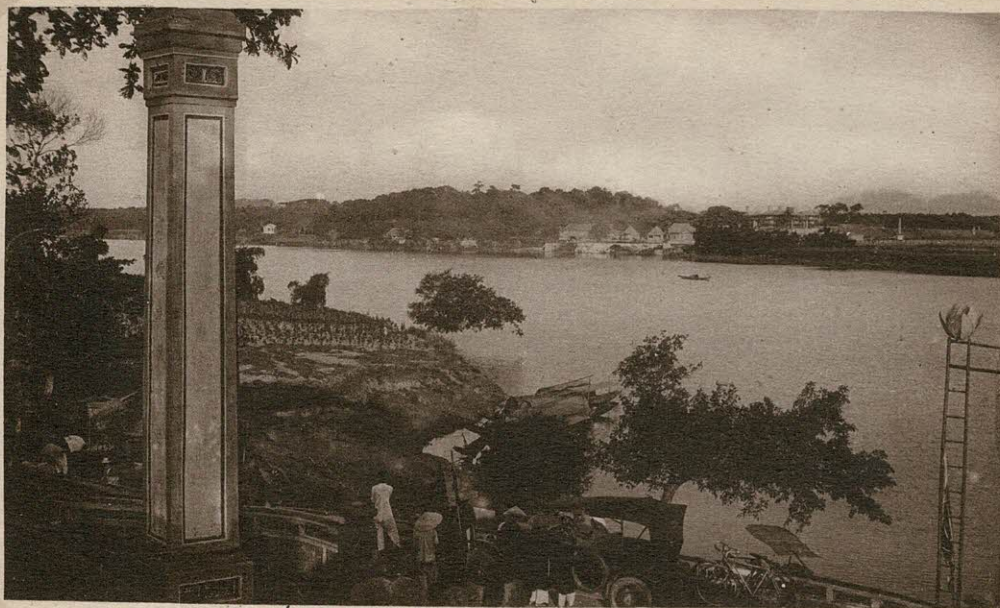
Now back to the Wireless Station and take the train back to Paknam where the tender is waiting to take us for the two hour ride to the ship. At 9:00 PM the clanging of the anchor chains is heard and the ship sets her course South East out of the Gulf of Siam to the South China Sea.

Annam [French Indo-China]: Tourane, Hue; March 28th, 1939

Now the course turns North East and we cruise along the coast of Cochin China and Annam, French Indo China, arriving in the early morning of the fourth day at anchorage off Touraine. The ship's launches took the party to the landing jettie where a special train awaits to take us for a three hour picturesque ride, along the coast and over beautiful hill country, passing through many tunnels and up over a mountain by the pass called "gateway to heaven" to Hue, the Imperial Capital of Annam, French Indo China.



45 ANNAM — Tombeau Empereur Gia-Long - (Mare)



73 HUÉ — Fleuve de Parfum à la hauteur de la Pagode Confucius

Most of our travel about Hue was in rickshaws. The rickshaw boys were a good natured lot. They covered the ground quite rapidly, laughing and chatting among themselves as they trotted along. After lunch at Hotel Morin, and a visit to the shops, we returned to the station and boarded the train for Touraine arriving at 5:45 PM.

"A" GROUP.

(Tourane-Hue Excursion 28th March 1939).

- 5.00 a.m. Arrive Tourane Bay.
- 5.30 a.m. Leave "Franconia" by launches.
- 6.00 a.m. Arrive Tourane Jetty.
- 6.15 a.m. Leave Jetty by special train.
- 9.15 a.m. Arrive Hue Station.
- 9.30 a.m. Leave Station by rickshaw proceeding to the bridge over the River of Perfumes via the European or modern part of the city. Thence to the Khai Dinh Museum and the Imperial Palace.
- 11.30 a.m. Re-cross the river for lunch at Hotel Morin.
- 12.45 p.m. Leave by rickshaw for visit to the native town where shopping may be done if desired.
- 2.30 p.m. Return by rickshaw to Station.
- 3.00 p.m. Leave Hué by Special Train.
- 5.45 p.m. Arrive Tourane jetty.
- 6.00 p.m. Leave by launches.
- 6.30 p.m. Back on board the "FRANCONIA".

"B" GROUP.

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- 9.15 a.m. Arrive Hue Station.
- 9.45 a.m. Leave Station by rickshaw to visit Imperial Palace and the Museum of Khai Dinh via European town and bridge over the River of Perfumes.
- 11.00 a.m. Make detour to native city where shopping may be done if desired.
- 1.15 p.m. Re-cross the river for lunch at Hotel Morin.
- 2.30 p.m. Return by rickshaw to Station.
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- 5.45 p.m. Arrive Tourane jetty.
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- 6.30 p.m. Back on board the "FRANCONIA".

Hong Kong China: March 30th - 31st, 1939

After two days and three nights out from Tourane the ship entered the Victoria Harbor, Hongkong. Owing to dense fog, it was necessary to anchor. We had arrived in the early morning but the fog did not clear until 3:00 PM. The ship then proceeded and tied up at the dock in Kowloon. I spent the afternoon and evening among the shops in Kowloon.

The **Shore Arrangements Hong Kong** provide in the passenger's Log Book showed that the party was divided into 4 groups with 2 having free time Thursday 30th and 2 groups free on Friday 31st. Excursions were morning or afternoon around the Island and to the Peak or through the New Territory.

the "Peak", 1800 feet above.

are held out in bewildering displays at breath-takingly low prices.

March 31, 1939

For the first time since leaving New York in early January, the FRANCONIA fell slightly behind schedule and owing to a heavy fog arrived several hours late at Hong Kong.

However, the Cruise Director cables, "Operated all excursions today in spectacular peekaboo fog conditions making most fascinating picture of Hong Kong have ever seen. Sailed on time for Manila. ALL WELL."

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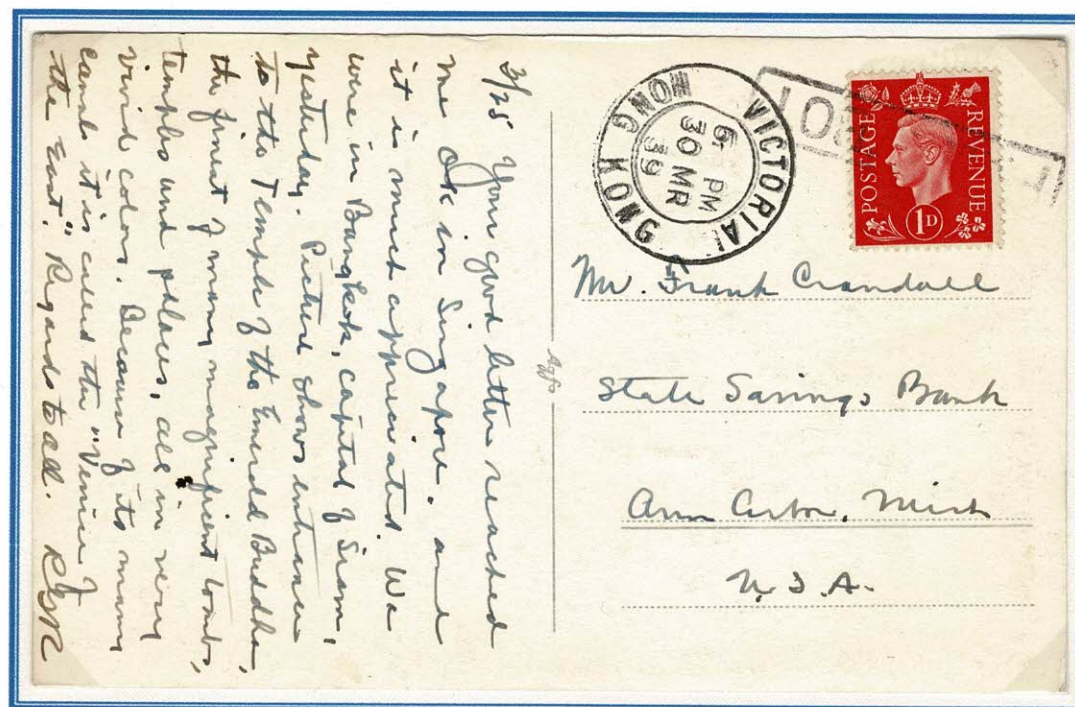
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Postcard from our Stewardess mailed from Kowloon 5-PM 31 MAR 39 just before departure.

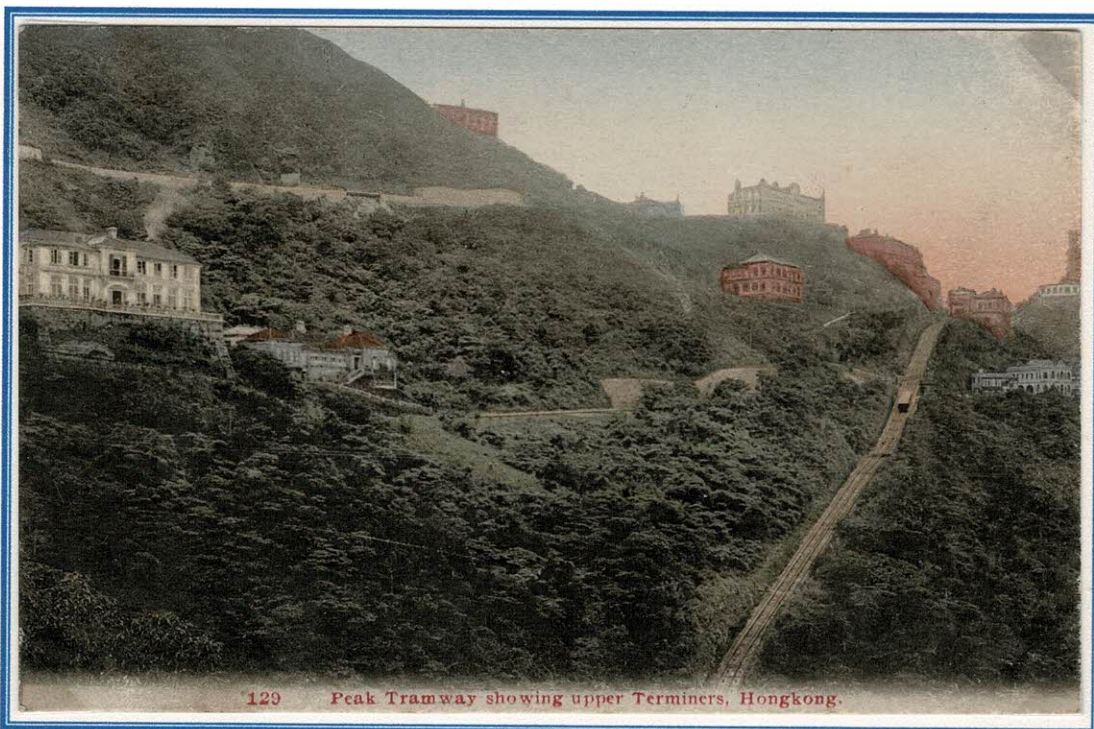
"Here's an example of the ingenuity of John Chinaman, should interest you. Wish you could see the harbour here - Hong Kong - it's alive. Most interesting port yet."

Cruise passenger postcard mailed Victoria Hong Kong 6
PM 30 MR 39 with boxed PAQUEBOT To USA with 1d



3/25 Your good letter reached me OK in Singapore. and it is much appreciated. We were in Bangkok, capital of Siam, yesterday. Picture shows entrance to the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the first of many magnificent tombs, temples and palaces, all in very vivid colors. Because of its many canals it is called the "Venice of the East". Regards to all. Elyn

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129 Peak Tramway showing upper Terminus, Hongkong.

Peak Tramway postcard published K M & Co, Hongkong
A Silhouette Hongkong - Cruise photographer Photo

In the afternoon I went with others in motor cars for a drive to the "Peak." The roads were very steep with many hairpin turns. The views of the sea and harbor down through the gorges were magnificent. Finally we reached a point where the cars could climb no further ... I had my first ride in a Sedan chair



982 A SILHOUETTE HONGKONG

With a sudden turn in the road we have an entrancing panorama of Repulse Bay lying between two head lands, which shely it from stormy winds. The bathing here is fine and safe and the Lido affords every comfort and convenience to the visitor.

Dutch Treat - An invitation was issued to passengers by the **Captain** and others, to participate in "A Voyage of Discovery" on **Thursday March 30th** at 2.30 in the afternoon [probably happened a bit later due to the fog]! On the Franconia launch "**Bulldog**" to **Repulse Bay**. Why written like this is unkown!

*You book and meet the rest!
Bring your own beer!
Remember this is a Dutch Treat,
Sandwiches will be provided,*

*Also Ice .. cups,
Provide your own bathing costume!
But bring a Cunard Towel!
The voyage will take you to Repulse Bay*

TAERT HCTUD A

You are as-ked, You Big Fish,

to attend at the  **BOARD** gangway

On Thersday. March 30th NINETEEN
THIRTY NINE

at 2-30 in the Afturnoon,

Wearing anything you well-damn like, to make

"A Voyage of yrevocsiD"

on the good launch "BULLDOG."

CAPTAIN F. C. HARTLEY

ENGINEER BOB LESLIE

NAVIGATOR DICK AUSTIN

PURSER BILL DUNDER DALE

HOSTESS E. BOYER

CRUISE DIRECTOR S. JONES



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and

Back to the ship where you are expected to change into respectable garb and keep with the party to visit the lower 'aunts of 'ong Kong and eat Birds' nest soup and snails. We will bring you home sometime.

Philippine Islands: Manila: April 2nd - 3rd 1939

The Philippine Constabulary Band rendered our National Anthem and other lovely music, greeting the Franconia Word Cruise as the ship docked at Pier 7.

Barbara in her letter on Franconia letter paper dated Thursday April 6 and Mailed from Batavia, was far more expressive and appreciative of the welcome!

Thursday April 6

World Cruise

Cunard White Star
"Franconia"

Darling,

We have just left Manila and I feel that I must tell you about it. In the first place, it was very exciting to see the american flag flying over a territory because it was the first port that we had been to under the american rule. We arrived at Manila, Philippine Islands, in the early afternoon and as we drew near the dock, the Philippine constabulary band burst forth to greet us. The band was extremely good and they had one of those chimney things like they have in football bands. They played the most amazing things such as "Oh Wisconsin," The "Washington Post march," "Tiger rag," "The Lambeth Walk," and "The Music goes round and round!" Quite a variety! Honestly, Betts, you'll never be able to imagine the thrill that chases up and down ones spine when one is on a huge white, lovely, boat, drawing close to a dock where a band is playing and throngs of people are waving and screaming. It just makes you sad and happy all at the same time.

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Cruise Office Notes for Manila "The drive will start from Pier 7 at 1.00 PM. Visits are made to the Tabacalera Cigar factory and **Bilibid Prison** for Retreat, Retreat ends at 5.00 PM after which the autos return to Pier 7 or Manila Hotel."

Log of the World Cruise

R.M.S. "FRANCONIA"
AROUND THE WORLD CRUISE 1939

MANILA

COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd.

ENTERING MANILA BAY

The ship is due to enter Manila Bay about 9.00 A.M., passing the fortified Island of Corregidor which guards the entrance to the Bay. About 10.00 A.M. on the right may be seen the Naval Station, Cavite. It was just off the shore of Cavite that Admiral Dewey met Admiral Montojo on May 1st, 1898.

DOCKING AT PIER 7

Arrival at Pier 7 is scheduled for 11.00 A.M. where the famous Philippine Constabulary Band will render a musical greeting to the Franconia World Cruise.

MANILA DRIVE

After an early lunch aboard the ship the autos will be ready to start at 1.00 P.M. for a drive of Manila and out to Fort McKinley, Guadalupe Ruins and San Pedro Makati. The drive will be routed through the principal shopping streets of Manila in the commercial section of the city also through the district devoted to manufacturing, where a stop will be made to visit the Tabacalera, afterwards through the residential districts driving by the Presidential Palace, Malacanang, in Calle Gral Salano and over to Bilibid Prison one of the model penal institutions of the world. A stop will be made allowing sufficient time to visit the Sales Room and later view Evening Retreat inside the Prison Walls. Bilibid Prison is built in the form of a wheel, with sections spreading out as spokes from the central hub. There is a high platform on the hub from which point visitors can see the prisoners in every section although the prisoners cannot see their fellow prisoners in the next section, yet all these prisoners in every section do a drill with musical accompaniment in perfect time. It is an unusually interesting sight to a visitor standing on the high platform. When Retreat is finished the autos return to Pier 7 or to the Manila Hotel nearby. The autos may be used up to 6.00 P.M.

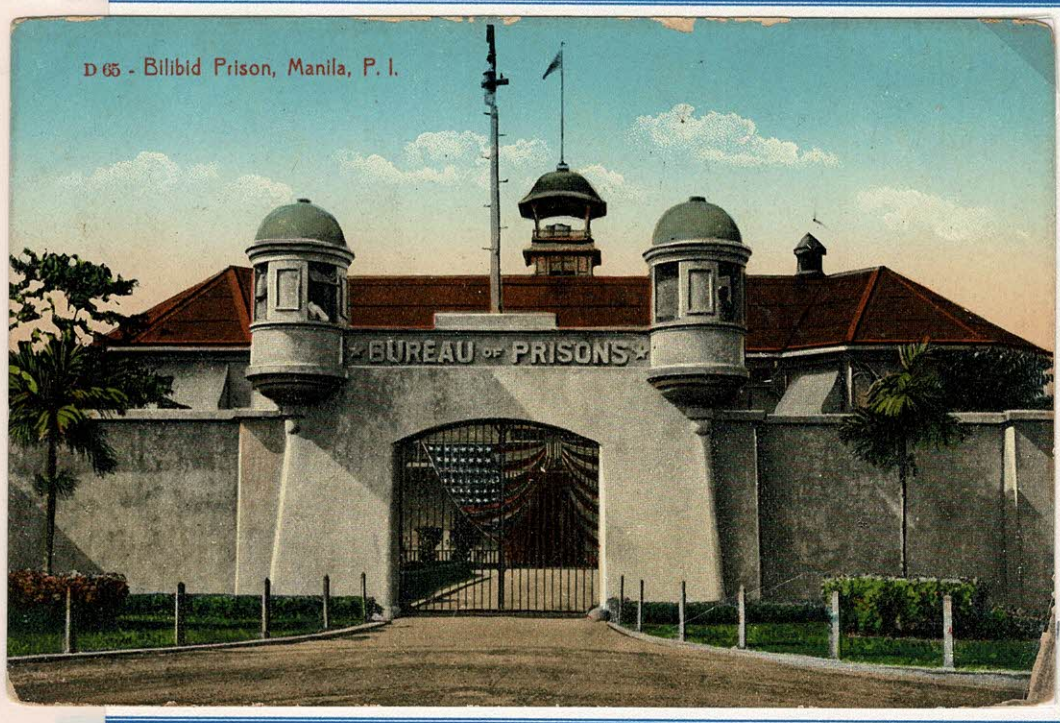
BEAUTY PARADE, BAND CONCERT ON THE LUNETTA

The Philippine Constabulary Band will give a Sunday Evening Concert on the Luneta in front of the Manila Hotel from 6 until 7 o'clock.

It is the Manila custom for the pretty Senoritas to walk around the Luneta during the concert hour while the younger men stand in groups on the lawn to see the Beauty Parade of Manila go by at sunset. The elite of Manila gather at the Luneta from 6 to 7 o'clock an interesting and charming custom, inherited from Spanish times.

P.T.O.

Our tour included a visit to the ruins of an interesting old church of the early centuries and St Augustine, an old sentinel of the past, dating from 1572, then only structure in the Philippines that has withstood the earthquakes



Bilibid Prison, Manila. Postcard by Denniston's, Manila, P.I. with postage detailed as 2 ctvos for US and islands; 4 ctvo foreign.

Bilibid Prison is described in Cruise notes as "**one of the model penal institutions of the world.**"

Both our eyewitness accounts mention **Balabuntal Hats**

*I bought myself a "**Balabuntal**" hat of fine double weave. This hat is a favorite among the best class of Filipina gentlemen. It is made in a little town of Baliuag about 30 miles north of Manila. It is a home industry, where the entire family .. can be seen skilfully and patiently weaving by hand the thread like strands of delicate pliable straw.*

*We finally ended up at a huge hat shop where I bought 4 Hats of **Balibuntal**.. one large picture hat and the other a small spring hat. Then I bough two white ones ... More fun*

Sunday, April 2, 1939

Tonight's Program especially arranged for the
entertainment of the Members of the
Round-the-World Cruise

M. S. FRANCONIA—1939
Beginning at eight-thirty o'clock

All participants are students of the University
of the Philippines
Featuring Native Folk Dances

POLKABAL

Paz Angeles
Rosal Mendoza
Carmencita de Veyra
Sofia Agcoili
Milagros de Veyra
Dolores Brillo

Tagalog Dance

Dominador Go
Hector Chuidian
R. Reyes
E. Tolentino
R. Eleazar
G. Angeles

PANDANGO SA ILAW

Patria Panajon

Tagalog Dance

Lucio Sandoval

MAGLALATIK

L. Sandoval
R. Eleazar
H. Chuidian
R. Bahia
C. Palacio

Tagalog Dance

R. Reyes
E. Tolentino
B. Capili
Dominador Go
G. Angeles

TINIKLING

L. Sandoval
C. Capili

Visayan Dance

F. del E. Santo
B. Capili

(With choral obligato)

20 dancers
1 pianist

THIS PROGRAM IS SPONSORED
BY THE PHILIPPINE TOURIST BUREAU

The Manila Hotel was giving a dinner and dance. Complimentary tickets were given to the cruise party. As I did not desire to attend, I handed my ticket to a fine young man of the engineer's staff who was very friendly with one of the young ladies of the cruise party.

*The Manila Hotel was huge and the dance floor was enormous and très smooth! The music was grand and the dining room open to the breezes [only there weren't any!]. daddy and I went together and ate with Mr and Mrs Bentley. I danced with daddy once during dinner and then they had **native dancers** to entertain us. After dinner I joined a table of younger people and danced.*



April 4, 1939

The FRANCONIA arrived at and sailed from Manila on schedule, the Cruise Director wiring, "Everyone enthusiastic about Manila and the perfect dinner dance at the Manila Hotel."

Passengers will now cross the Equator for the third time on their way south to Batavia in Java, the next port of call.

Java - Batavia: April 7th - 8th: Semarang: April 9th, 1939

At sunrise, land is sighted. At 7:00 A.M. we come alongside at Tanjong Priok, the port of Batavia. A beautiful highway leads from the port to Batavia where we visited a number of interesting places.. Arriving at Hotel des Indes we were served luncheon, and what a luncheon it was. They called it Rijstfel. After luncheon we rested awhile then our drivers took us around among native shops. As shadows lengthened we returned to the ship.



Barbara's letter mailed Tondjong Priok 8.3.39 endorsed "Air Mail to London Thence per S.S. Queen Mary"

Handwritten text in Dutch, likely the content of the letter or a log entry, written in cursive script.

Java Cruise Office Notes - Log of the World Cruise

Both Groups of the Main Party will have lunch or rijsttafel at the Hotel des Indes about 1.00 P.M. on the conclusion of the sight-seeing programme in Batavia. The autos start from the ship at 8.30 A.M. Autos may be used for shopping from 3.00 to 5.00 P.M. A visit is suggested to Pasar Baroe (native shopping centre). European shops are usually closed from 1.00 to 4.30 P.M., then open to 7.30 P.M. The excursion cars are five seaters.

RIJSTTAFEL

Passengers on the Overland Java also Groups I and II, are invited to register on Wednesday at the Cruise Office for rijsttafel if the national Dutch midday meal is desired instead of the usual lunch. It is necessary to telegraph Hotel des Indes early on Thursday the total number who are to have rijsttafel on Friday. Those not registering on Wednesday for rijsttafel will automatically go on the list for the usual lunch on Friday at Hotel des Indes.

BATAVIA MAIL CONNECTIONS

AIR MAIL

TO EUROPE—Mail leaves Saturday, April 8th. Due London Thursday, April 13th.
TO U.S.A.—Air mail to London thence per S.S. "Queen Mary" Due New York April 20th. Pacific Coast April 21st.

ORDINARY MAIL

TO EUROPE—Mail departs Batavia April 12th. Due England May 3rd.
TO U.S.A.—As above thence per S.S. "Queen Mary" from Cherbourg May 3rd. Due New York May 8th. Pacific Coast May 12th.

P.T.O.

Batavia Hotel des Indes



BATAVIA. Hotel des Indes (Eetzaal).

At 8:30 A.M. we started our auto trip to Buitenzorg. This circuit covered a distance of some 80 miles. Leaving the low lands we began climbing into the hills. The flora changed as we climbed to higher levels. ... rice paddies, reclaimed jungle with wild orchids and many other exquisitely lovely tropical blooms.. tobacco fields, spices, tapioca, mango, tea and the celebrated Java Coffee..

We returned to Batavia and on to Tanjong, joining the ship at 1:30. At 2:30 we cast off and sailed for Semerang.



D. SIREGAR & Co.
Native Arts and Crafts from throughout the Malay Archipelago.

70 Slatbrugstraat (Pasar Baroe) Batavia D.C.

The only Native shop in town who sells real articles (no imitations)

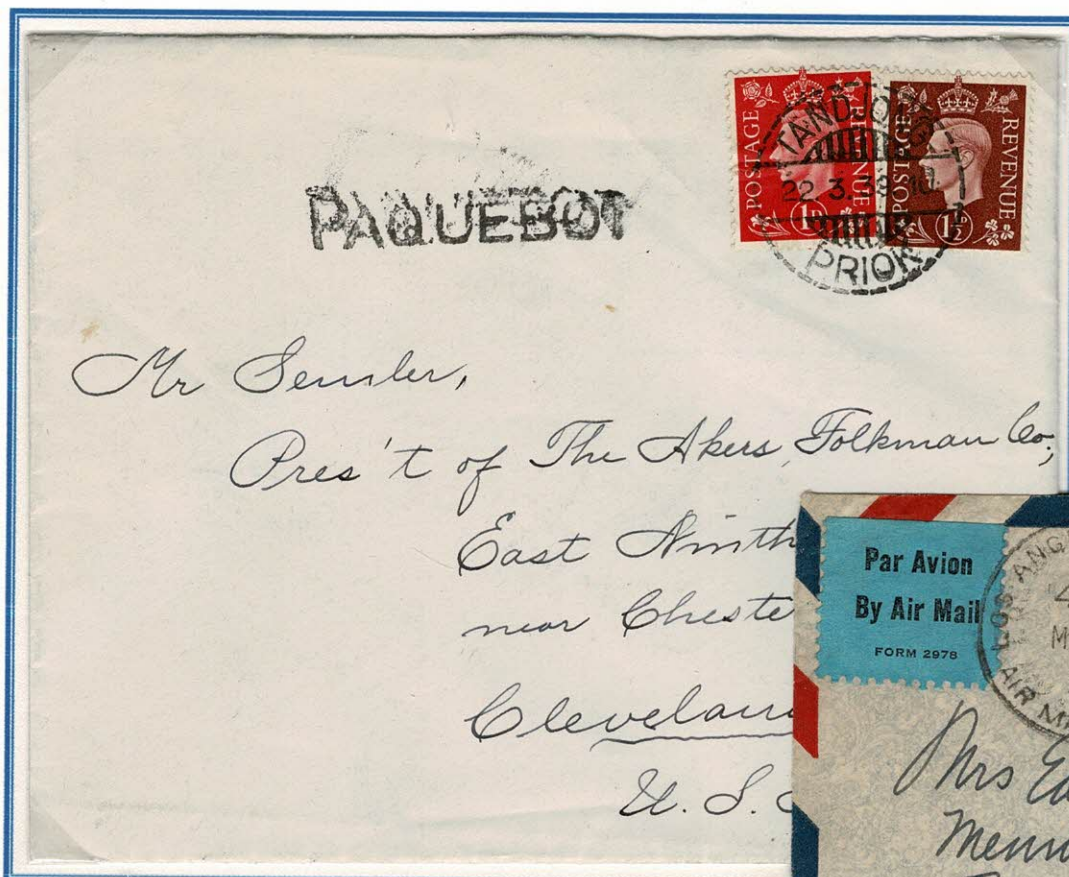
Native Arts, Batik Crafts, Curiosities, etc. etc.

Visiting our store means visiting the whole Archipelago.

Picture by Tio Hong, Weltevreden (Batavia)

Postcard by Ultgave Tio
TekHong, Weltevreden
[Batavia]

Buitenzorg



1939 Cruise ship mail
PAQUEBOT
Tandjong Priok cancellation
2½d postage

Airmail Envelope addressed to Mrs Edward R Young Member
Franconia Cruise at Batavia. 37 cents postage cancelled Los Angeles
Air Mail Field MAR 16 1939



"Despatched by
SS Isle de France"

Despatched by
SS Isle de France

I came on deck just in time to see the sun rising out of the Java Sea. The ship came to anchor seven miles out from Semarang iwing to shallow water. A tender came out and took our party to the landing where autos were waiting to take us for a drive about the city. Our stay was short. I don't recall anything of much interest. The tender left the dock in time to get us back to the ship at 1:30. Now we are off to Bali, that romantic and most fascinating Island of the East Indies.

Shore Programme at Samarang Island of Java

TIME TABLE OF SHORE ARRANGEMENTS.

The "Franconia" is due to arrive in Samarang Roadstead at 6. a.m. on April 9th and will sail for Bali at 2. p.m. the same day.

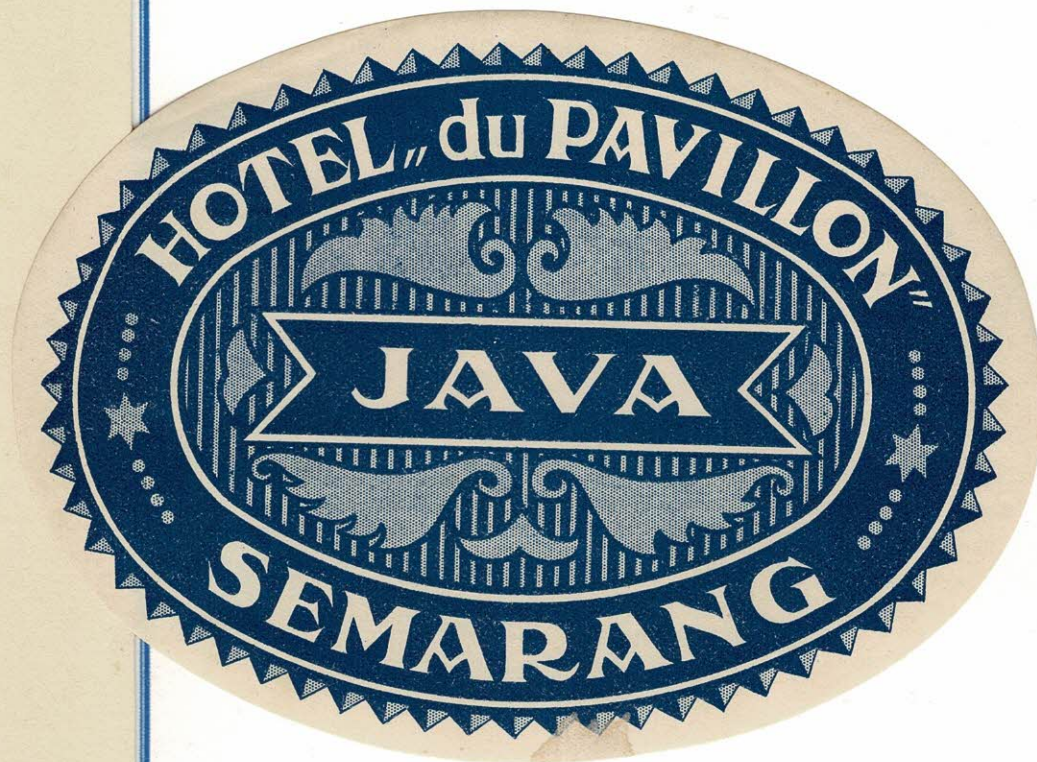
GROUP 1. GROUP 2.

8.30 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	Leave ship by launches
8.45 a.m.	9.15 a.m.	Arrive at landing place.
8.55 a.m.	9.25 a.m.	Leave by motor car for drive in Samarang, to Tjandi (residential quarter) and through the country inland.

A stop will be made during the drive for refreshments which should be paid for on the spot.

At the conclusion of the drive, cars will return to the landing place, and passengers will be conveyed by launch to the "Franconia" for luncheon.

12.30 p.m.	1.00 p.m.	The return launches will leave the
2.00 p.m.	2.00 p.m.	The "Franconia" will sail for Bali.



Tjandi Baroe Semerang. Real Photo - no details



Bali Padang Bay: April 11th - 12th, 1939

At 6:00 A.M. we arrive at Pandang Bay. Half an hour later the ship's launches leave for the shore, where motor cars take us for a most fascinating drive.

TIME TABLE OF SHORE ARRANGEMENTS.

April 11th & 12th 1939.

From PADANG BAY via Kloengkoeng to Kintamani and then to DEN PASAR and return direct to PADANG BAY.

GROUP 1

April 11th

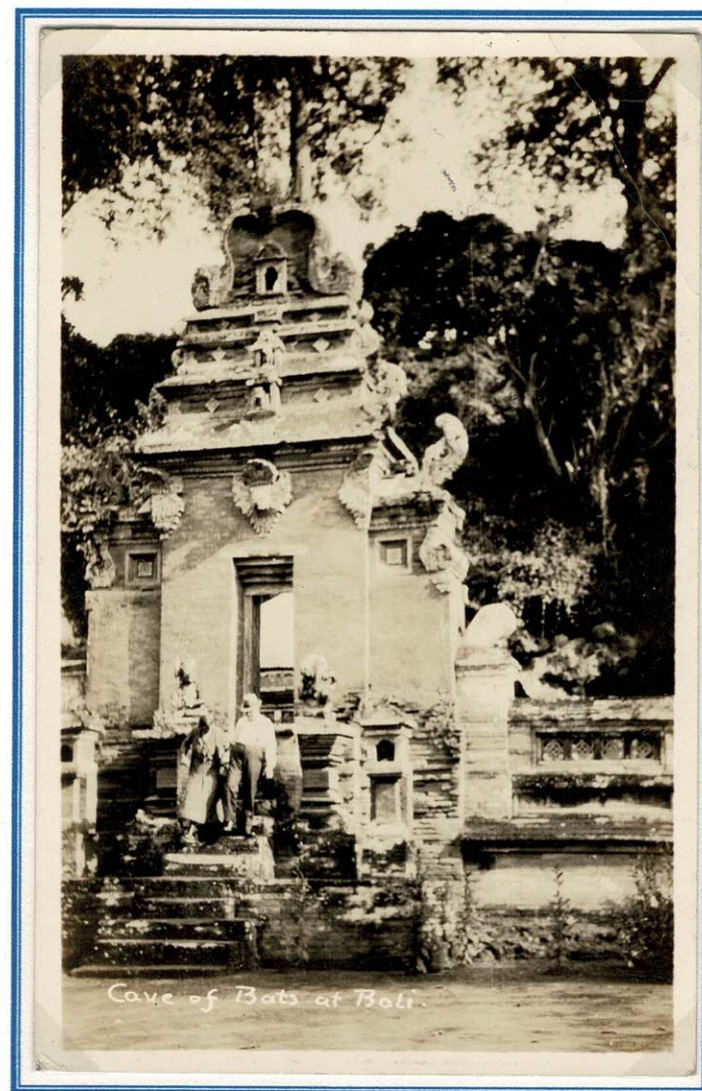
- 6.00 a.m. Arrival of the "Franconia" at PADANG BAY.
- 6.30 a.m. Transfer to shore by ship's boats.
- 7.00 a.m. Leave by auto for the drive via Kloengkoeng and Bangli to Penelokan from which point a wonderful panorama may be obtained over the lake and Mount Batur, an active volcano. Continue along the old crater wall to Kintamani (4885 feet above sea level) where a short stop is made.
- 9.30 a.m. After a brief rest at the K.P.M. bungalow return to Den Pasar via Gianjar.
- 11.15 a.m. Arrive Den Pasar.
- 11.30 a.m. Lunch at the Bali Hotel. After luncheon, witness Balinese Musical and Dance performance at Pura Satrya. Then visit the Bali Museum, a very fine specimen of Balinese architecture where an exhibition is held of native arts and crafts.
- 3.00 p.m. Leave Den Pasar for return via Kloengkoeng to Padang Bay visiting the "Goa Lawa" (Bats' Cave at Kosamba) en route.
- 5.30 p.m. Arrive Padang Bay. Transfer to "Franconia" by ship's boats.



Cave of Bats at Bali
Real photograph
No details

Mailed at **Tandjong Priok** to Brooklyn

"This has provided a very interesting excursion - rice fields very beautiful & the villages & lots of temples very picturesque."



En route back to Pandang bay we visited "Goa Lawa" [Bats Cave of Kosomba]. Here is a natural cave, behind a heavy wall, through which is an arched entrance.

There must have been millions of bats hanging by their toes. This wasn't a place to hang about. The stench was nauseating.

We returned to Pandang bay where the launches took us back to the ship. I had thoroughly enjoyed the day

Timor, Kupang: April 14th

Here we are ready to be taken to the landing in ship's launches.

Vehicles of the crudest kind had been commandeered to take us for a ride. Only a few dilapidated vehicles were available. These were reserved for elderly and feeble people.

Ramshackle trucks took the rest of us. If any springs belonged to these trucks they must have been left behind.

It was a rough climb from Kupang with beautiful flowers and grand scenery all around us, through jungle where dragons live, and up on to the heights where we witnessed a native war dance.

From the heights I was thrilled by the view out across the Arafura Sea towards New Guinea to the East with Australia lying over the horizon to the South East



NATIVE TYPES, TIMOR



TIMOR

TO millions of Americans the port of Kupang, on the island of Timor, will have one outstanding connotation . . . the arrival of the open boat from the mutinous *Bounty*—the boat in which Captain Bligh had led his "Men Against the Sea" for hundreds of starving, racking miles.

Kupang, this time, is smiling and fair, as the *FRANCONIA* steams into the Bay . . . yet there is a resemblance to the movie version of the island. And it is wild enough to remind visitors that "dragons" live in the jungles, those great Kokomo lizards whose pictures everyone has seen.

All of Timor's 250-mile length is high and mountainous . . . the land rises just about as steeply from the water as is possible. And the boats at the dock are almost as strange as in the time of Captain Bligh . . . outrigger craft, trading luggers and perhaps a tramp steamer to bring us back to the 20th century.

Kupang itself is trim and hospitable . . . it's Dutch, the port and main town of the western or Dutch half of the island. The eastern half belongs to Portugal. And from the heights of Timor, from practically any point, are ecstatic views across the Arafura Sea toward New Guinea and Australia.

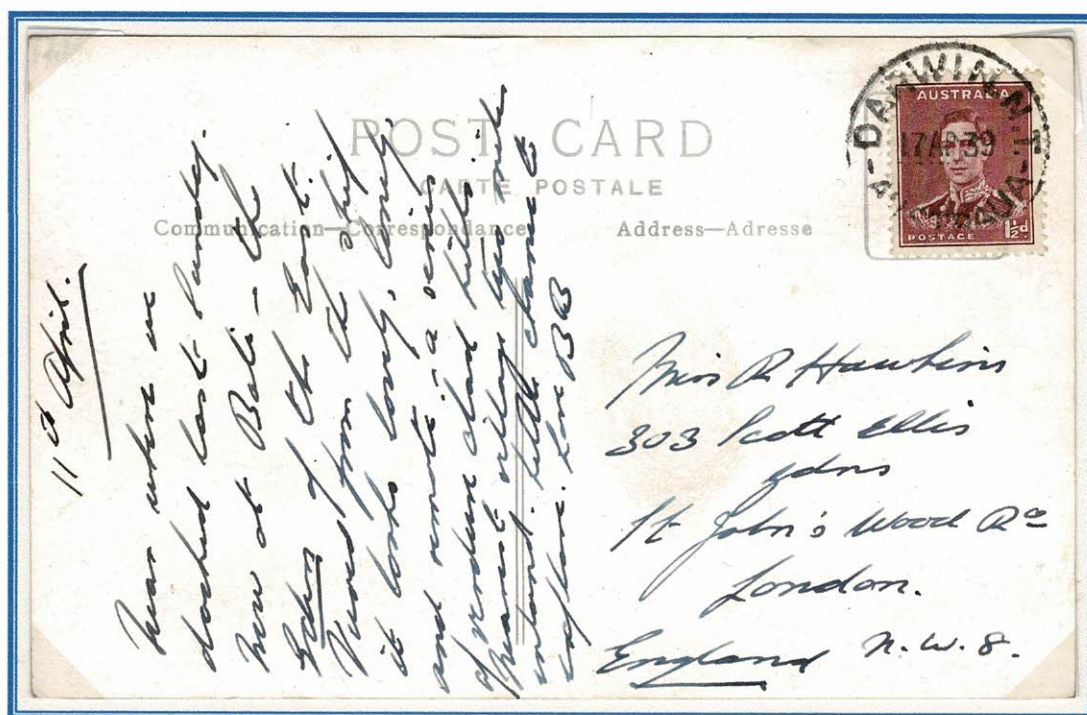
April 14, 1939

The *FRANCONIA'S* passengers are now getting acquainted with the more primitive places in the itinerary and the Cruise Director reports the completion of an interesting and successful visit at the Island of Timor.

Port Darwin in Northern Australia will be the next port to which the *FRANCONIA* will proceed.

CUNARD WHITE STAR LINE
THOS. COOK & SON

Northern Australia, Port Darwin: April 16th - 17th, 1939



Real Photo postcard "Glodok Batavia" with stamp cancellation of Dawrin N.T 17 AP 39 from our stewardess written 11th April.

"Near where we docked last Sunday. Now at Bali - the Eden of the East. Viewed from the ship it looks lovely, lonely and remote - a series of verdure clad hills. Nearest village two mile inland. Little chance to explore."

At sunrise we passed Bathurst Island and soon dropped anchor off Port Darwin .. well off shore and went by ship launches to the pier. The Government and Civil Citizens of Port Darwin received the Cruise party with their own private cars to take us around to see the places of interest. We returned to the ship for luncheon, then landed again and drove out about seven miles to a sort of arena where a native show was put on for our pleasure by native Bushmen. After the performance we attended a reception at the residence of the Administrator followed by a dinner hosted by the Captain, .. The ship steamed out of Port Darwin at 9:30 A.M.

Port Darwin

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

HERE the Franconia presents a truly rare feat of exploration. Not a palm-fringed port of unearthly beauty, this Port Darwin. Rather, it presents the very essence of earthliness, the very melodrama of evolution.



ABORIGINES, PORT DARWIN

Before reaching Port Darwin comes Bathurst Island . . . a fitting introduction. For it is here that Father Gsell maintains his accidentally founded mission for aboriginal girls—outwitting or outbidding the men of the pearling fleets who strive to buy the girls and keep or sell them into slavery. Some of these black LUBRAS will be seen later . . . they represent perhaps the most primitive form of mankind.

Port Darwin appears in the curve of a wide bay — barren, upon a low bluff. Abandoned packing plants testify to its former

importance, begun in war time, as a shipping point for the cattle bred on the vast ranges of North Australia. The T-shaped pier, jutting far out, testifies to the tremendous tides of this Strait — 25-foot tides, like those of the Bay of Fundy.

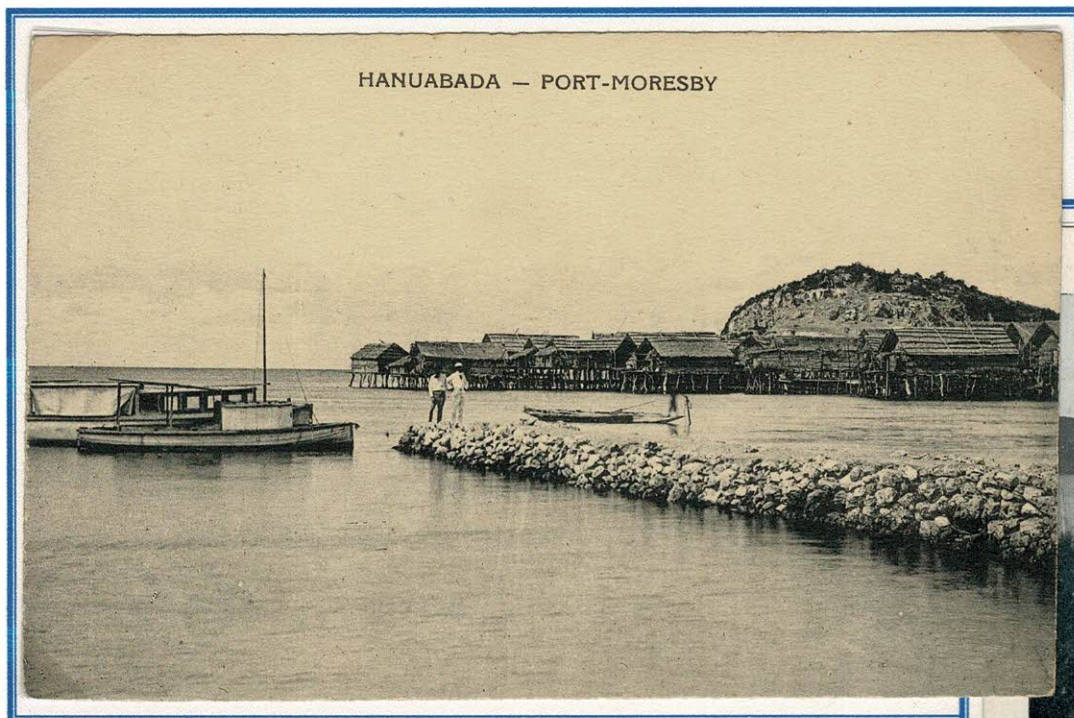
Port Darwin is one of the centers of the pearling industry and visitors at times have an opportunity to bargain with the fishers as they unload their precious catch.

April 17, 1939. The call at Port Darwin has now been completed, the **Cruise Director** cabling that passengers greatly enjoyed this primitive port which offered so much that was unusual and bizarre.

The FRANCONIA will now continue on an easterly course, passing between Northern Australia and New Guinea on her way to Noumea her next port of call in New Caledonia.

New Caledonia Noumea: April 24th, 1939

The promotional brochure for the Cruise includes: **New Guinea** Apr.24 Port Moresby [Papua] Morning and afternoon on shore including visit to the Papuan village of **Hanabanda**. Rhythmic native dance. **New Hebrides** Apr 24, Fila [Sandwich Island] Colorful dance by the islanders. Enroute from Fila to Noumea, pass close to Tanna Island for a view of active volcano. These visits did not occur as Noumea in New Caledonia was the next Port after Darwin as in **Abstract of Log**.



HANUABADA — PORT-MOESBY

Hanubada Port Moresby Postcard from Sacred Heart Missionary series

Port Vila New Hebrides - Marist Brothers Missionary postcard series



Missions des Pères Maristes en Océanie.

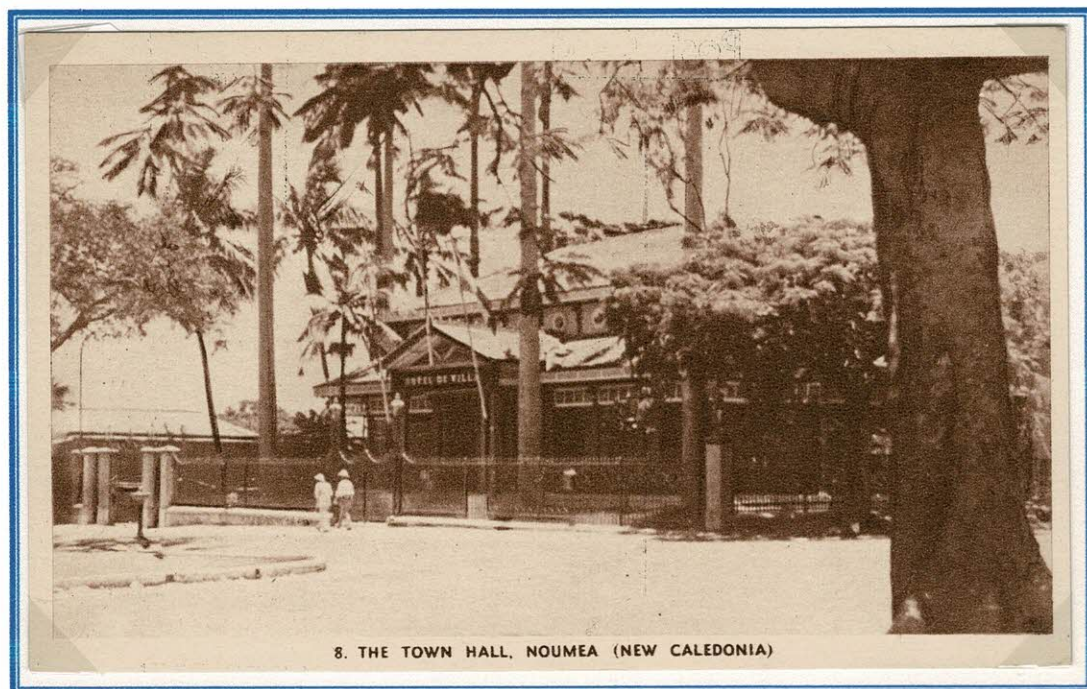
Rade de Port-Vila, l'Eglise et l'Ecole.
Nouvelles-Hébrides.

R.M.S. FRANCONIA

ABSTRACT OF LOG.—Continued. Page 6

1939	Runs	Latitude	Longitude	Weather Report
April 14		Kupang to Port Darwin		At 5.21 p.m. S.T. left Kupang
" 15	264	11.32 S	127.25 E	Moderate breeze, slight sea, fine and clear
" 16	212	To Port Darwin		At 6.45 a.m. S.T. arrived Port Darwin
	476			Passage—1 day, 11 hours, 54 minutes Average Speed 13.26 knots
" 17		Port Darwin to Noumea		At 9.48 a.m. S.T. left Port Darwin
" 17	33	12.05 S	130.59 E	Moderate breeze, slight sea, fine and clear
" 18	354	10.40 S	136.12 E	Strong breeze, rough sea, squally weather
" 19	360	10.30 S	142.18 E	Light breeze, smooth sea, overcast and clear
" 20	361	10.28 S	147.31 E	Moderate breeze, moderate sea, fine and cloudy
" 21	361	13.52 S	152.35 E	Moderate breeze, slight sea, fine and cloudy
" 22	358	17.10 S	157.45 E	Moderate breeze, moderate sea, squally weather
" 23	359	20.34 S	162.55 E	Fresh breeze, moderate sea, fine and clear
" 24	223	To Noumea		At 4.42 a.m. S.T. Arrived Noumea
	2409			Passage—6 days, 17 hours, 24 minutes Average Speed 14.92 knots
" 25		Noumea to Suva		At 9.00 a.m. S.T. left Noumea
" 25	46	22.03 S	167.47 E	Moderate breeze, slight sea, fine and clear
" 26	375	19.14 S	172.57 E	Fresh breeze, moderate sea, fine and clear
" 27	331	To Suva		At 9.39 a.m. S.T. arrived Suva
	752			Passage—1 day, 23 hours, 39 minutes Average Speed 15.78 knots
" 28		Suva to Nukualofa		At 3.57 a.m. S.T. left Suva
" 28	126	19.29 S	179.53 W	Fresh breeze, slight sea, fine and clear
" 29	306	To Nukualofa		At 7.46 a.m. S.T. arrived Nukualofa
	432			Passage—1 day, 3 hours, 24 minutes Detention 5 minutes Average Speed 15.77 knots
" 29		Nukualofa to Pago Pago		At 6.00 p.m. S.T. left Nukualofa
" 29	253	17.57 S	172.27 W	Moderate breeze, moderate sea, fine and cloudy
" 30	247	To Pago Pago		At 5.53 a.m. S.T. arrived Pago Pago
	500			Passage—1 day, 11 hours, 13 minutes Average Speed 14.20 knots
" 30		Pago Pago to Apia		At 5.18 p.m. S.T. left Pago Pago
May 1	86	To Apia		At 5.27 a.m. S.T. arrived Apia
				Passage—12 hours, 9 minutes Average Speed 7.08 knots

At 6:00 A.M. the eight day out from Port Darwin, the Franconia arrived at anchorage off Noumea, New Caledonia. The harbor was beautiful and peaceful in the early morning sunshine. This has been one of our longest laps at sea .. and it was nice to place our feet on Terraferma once again. Vehicle are waiting to take us for a ride about this fascinating island of about 3 hours over 60 miles. After lunch aboard ship, we have the afternoon free to visit around Noumea .. I purchased among other things, several bottles of Channels No. 5 Cologne for gifts....



8. THE TOWN HALL, NOUMEA (NEW CALEDONIA)

The Town Hall, Noumea [New Caledonia] no details

At 9:00 P.M. a **Grand Ball** was given at the **Town Hall** for the **Cruise party**, which was attended by the **Governor of the Colony** and also by a number of the **leading residents**. At 10:30 **Pilan Pilan** [a native show] was put on the **Town hall gardens**, which rounded out the day

Log of the World Cruise. Noumea - New Caledonia
Monday April 24th



Volcano Tasur at Tanna - 70c [1959]

Everybody stayed up to see the active volcano on the Island of Tanna. The volcano has been in active eruption for several years. The ship slacked speed at the nearest point, about five miles away. The molten lava flowing down the side towards the sea illuminated the heavens, a spectacular sight. The volcano stands within a mile or so of the beach. Faint odors of the gasses could be detected.

**VOLCANO IN ERUPTION
STARTLING NIGHT SCENE AT SEA**

The Franconia, leaving Noumea at 6.00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 25th. is due to pass the flaming volcano of Tanna about midnight. The ship will not be far distant and a brief pause is to be made in order **weather permitting** to enjoy this **sight at night when the glow from the molten lava lights up the whole landscape.**

The Island of Tanna is 32 miles long and 15 miles across. It is the most fertile and attractive island in the New Hebrides Group, a political condominium administered jointly by Great Britain and France. Tanna volcano is the most accessible in the world and is only three miles from Port Resolution and one mile from Sulphur Bay. In an eruption 50 years ago the south-eastern end of the Island was lifted so that Port Resolution became no longer accessible to deep water ships. It also lifted 60 feet into the air an isolated pinnacle with a flat top known as "Cook's Pyramid" which was originally at water level. Captain Cook used it for taking observations when he was charting this group on his second voyage.

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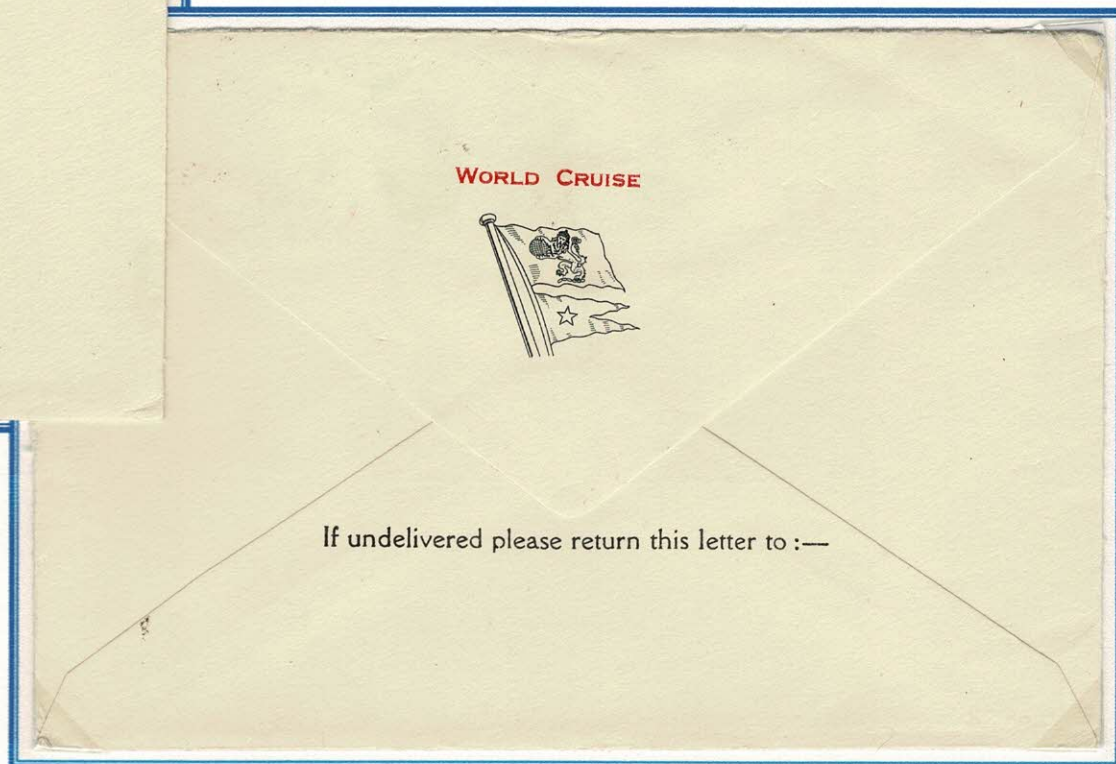
Postcards or letters posted at Noumea usually will take several weeks for delivery in the U.S.A., Europe or South America.

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2 World Cruise envelopes sent as Souvenirs from Noumea New Caledonia 24 4 39 with 2Fr 25c postage to Los Angeles.

No arrival date - Cruise note in Log of World Cruise "Postcards or letters posted at Noumea usually will take several weeks for delivery in the USA, Europe or South America"

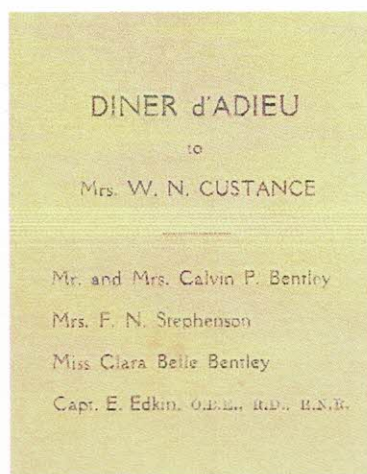


Airmail services from Noumea were introduced as part of FAM 19 to Canton Island and Auckland in July 1940 - closing December 7, 1941 after the attack on Pearl Harbour.

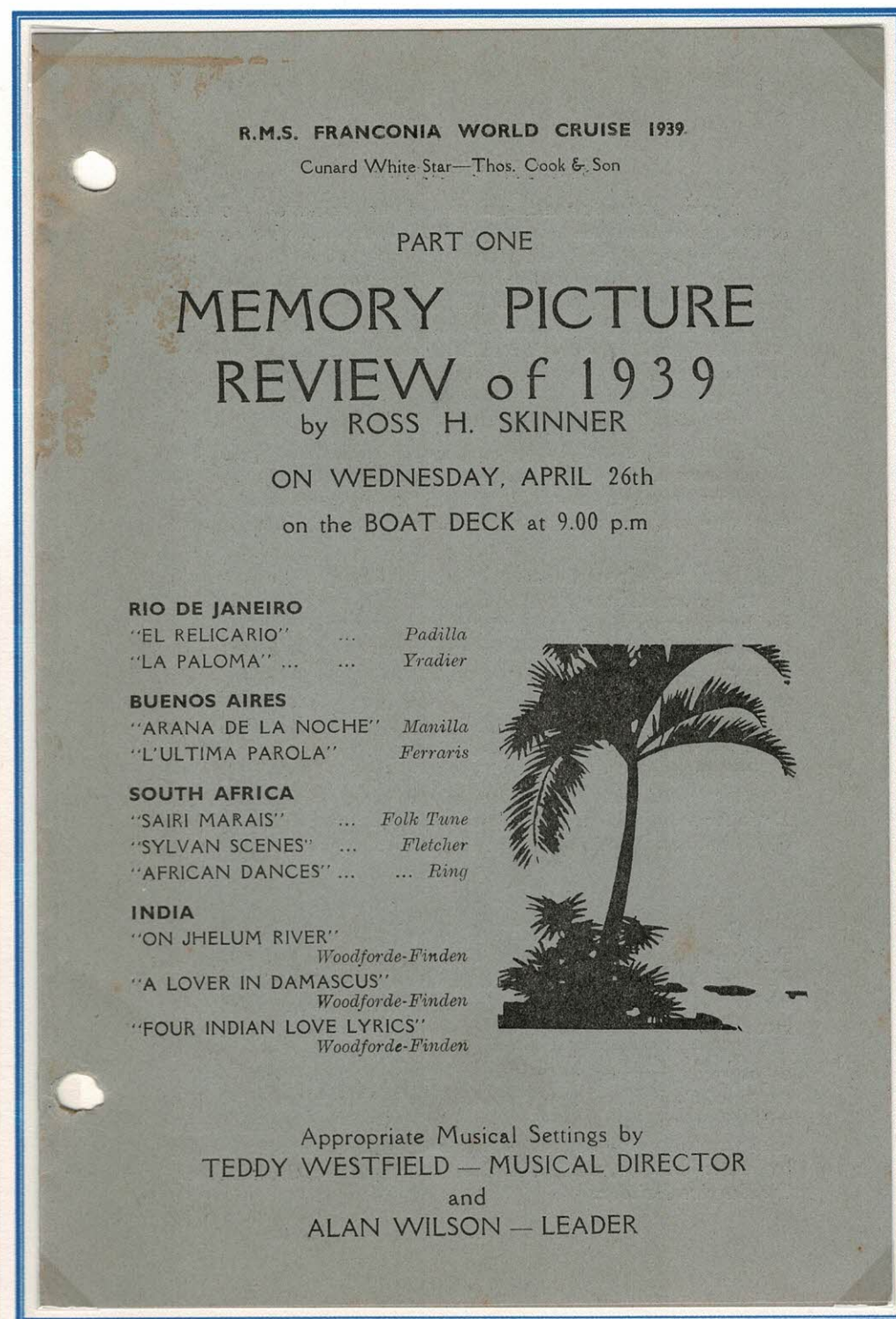
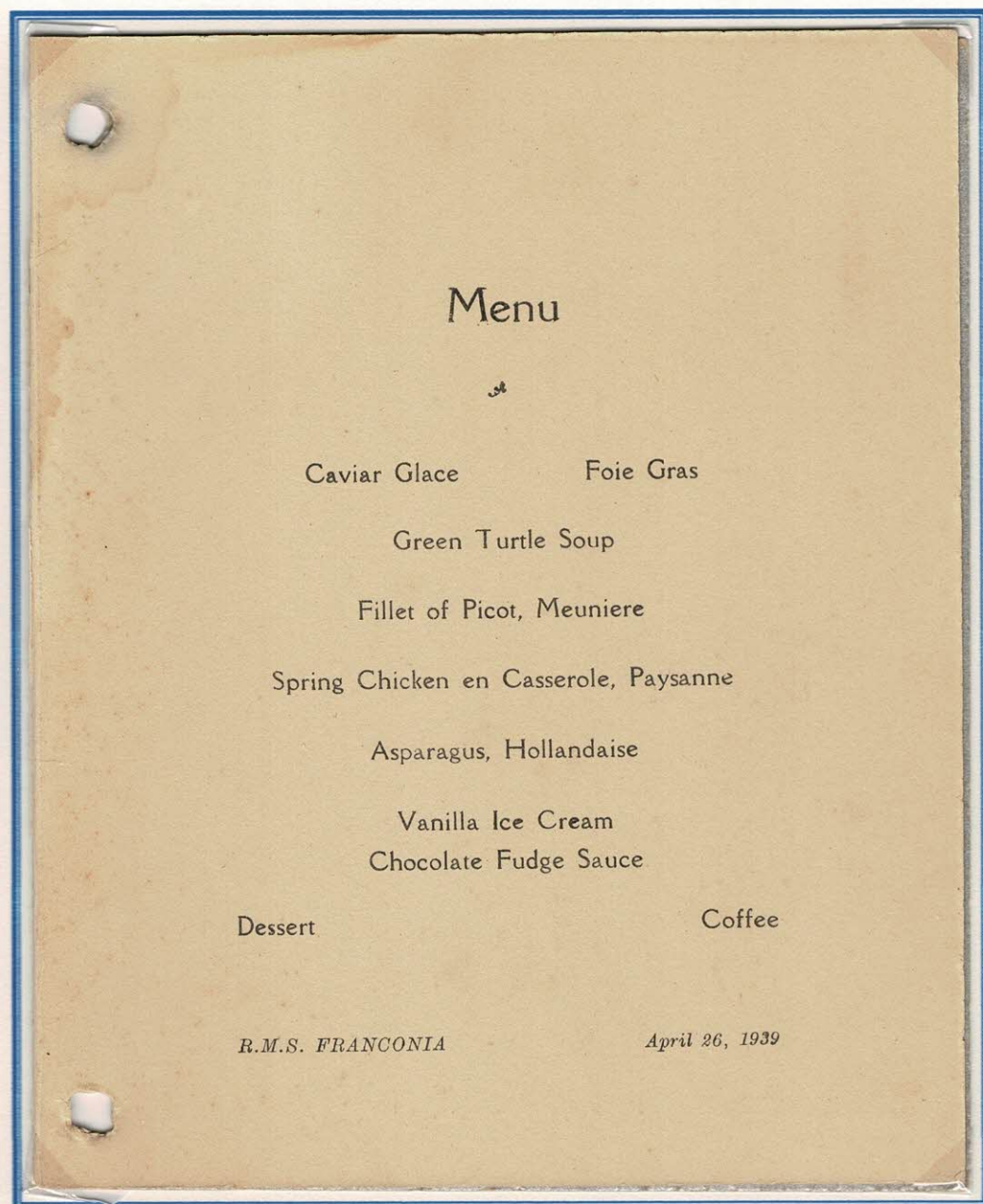
An short-lived airmail service **Noumea-Suva** was inaugurated 13 November 1941 connecting to the Clipper mail routes. Closed in December 1941. FDC 13 NOV 41 Noumea-Suva



Fiji Bound: April 26th, 1939



Farewell Dinner for Mrs Custance April 26th, 1939
Cover A mural by John Skeaping, Promenade deck RMS Queen Mary

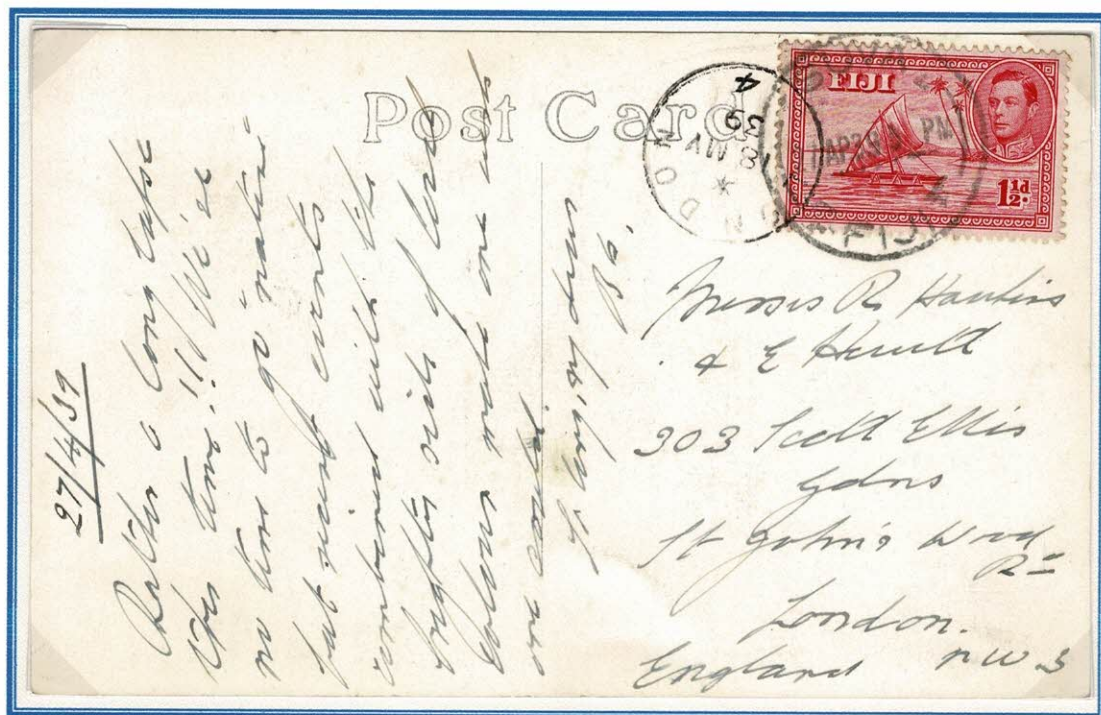


The **Programme of Events** number 12 for the week April 19th to 27th [on the previous page] gives an excellent idea of events on board the Franconia.

The Memory Picture Review of 1939 - Part One April 26th .
Covered South America; South Africa and India presented by Cruise Director Ross Skinner with appropriate musical settings by the Franconia band

Fiji Islands Suva: April 27th, 1939

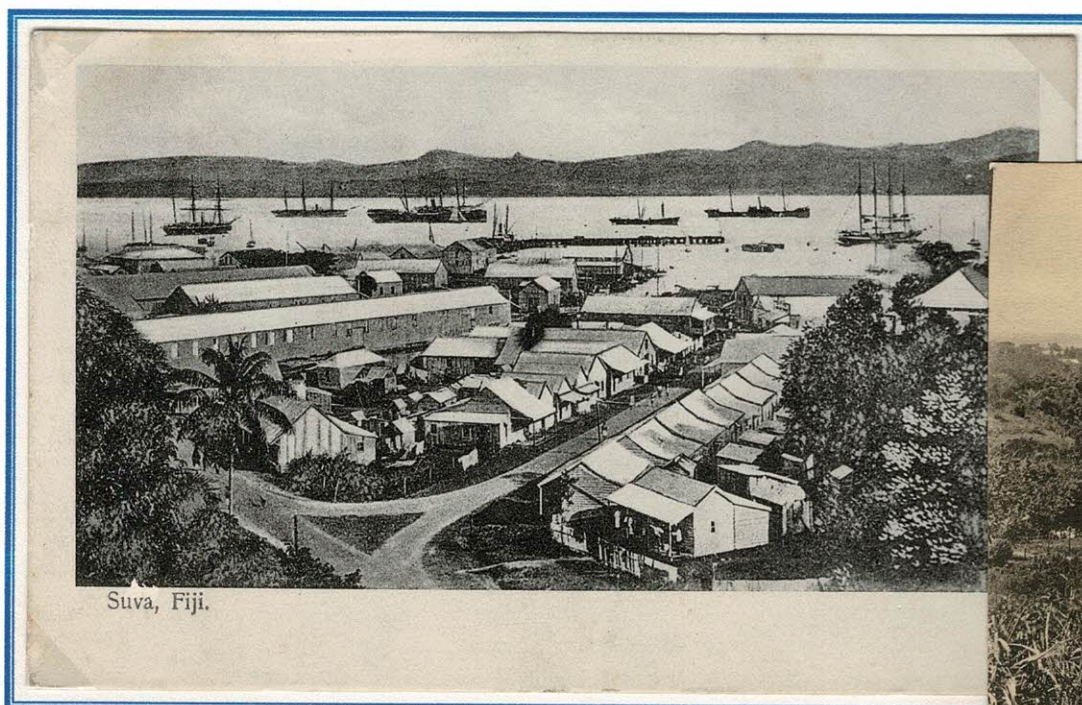
Two more delightful days and nights at sea and the Fiji islands are sighted. At 9:00 A.M. the Franconia with slackened speed, passes through the coral reef and docks at King's Wharf, Suva. The Native Defense Band was there to greet us with music on our arrival. Autos were waiting to take us for a drive. Luncheon was served at the Grand Pacific Hotel.



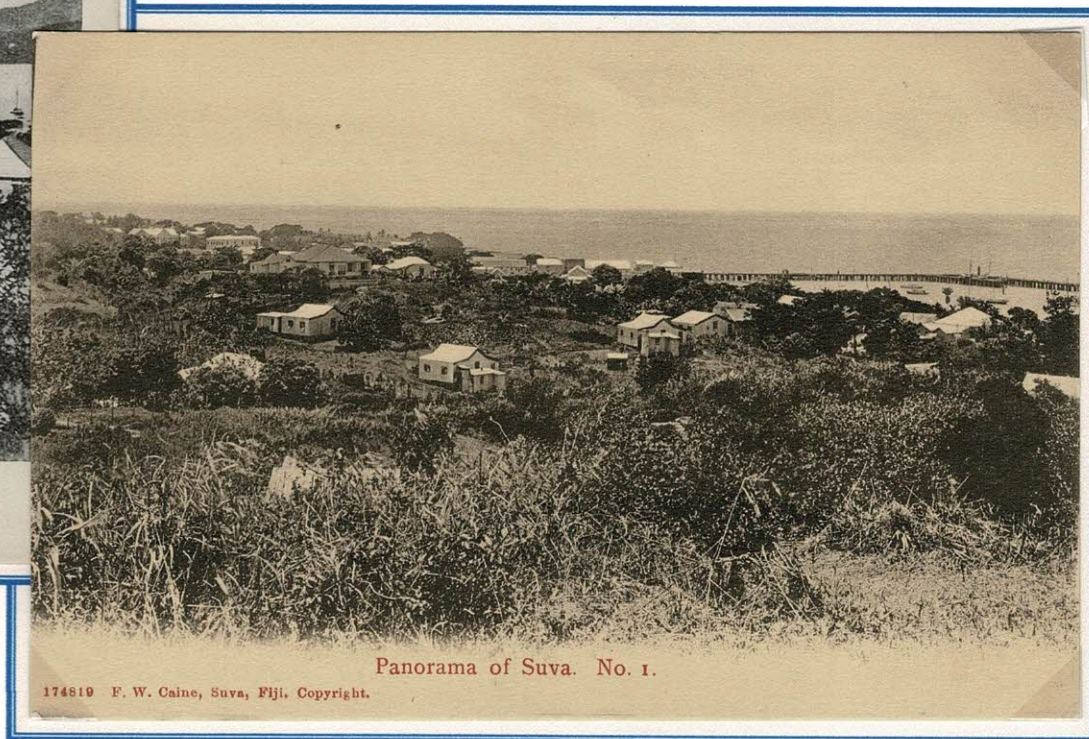
Postcard from our stewardess to London: *"27/4/39 Rather a long lapse this time!! We've no time to go 'native' but recent events combined with the bright riot of local colour makes one wish one could. So long my dears BB"*



A Native Village Scene - postcard - no details
Fiji 1½d stamp cancelled SUVA 27 AP 39, received London 18 MY 39. Cruise notes "mail from Suva to England per S S *Niagara* leaving April 28th, due Sydney May 6th, thence airmail to London due May 14th."



Suva Fiji. Postcard published by Gus Arnold Suva Fiji sent to New Zealand with a comment 'waiting for *Marama*' [one of the passenger mail ships]



Panorama of Suva. No. 1.

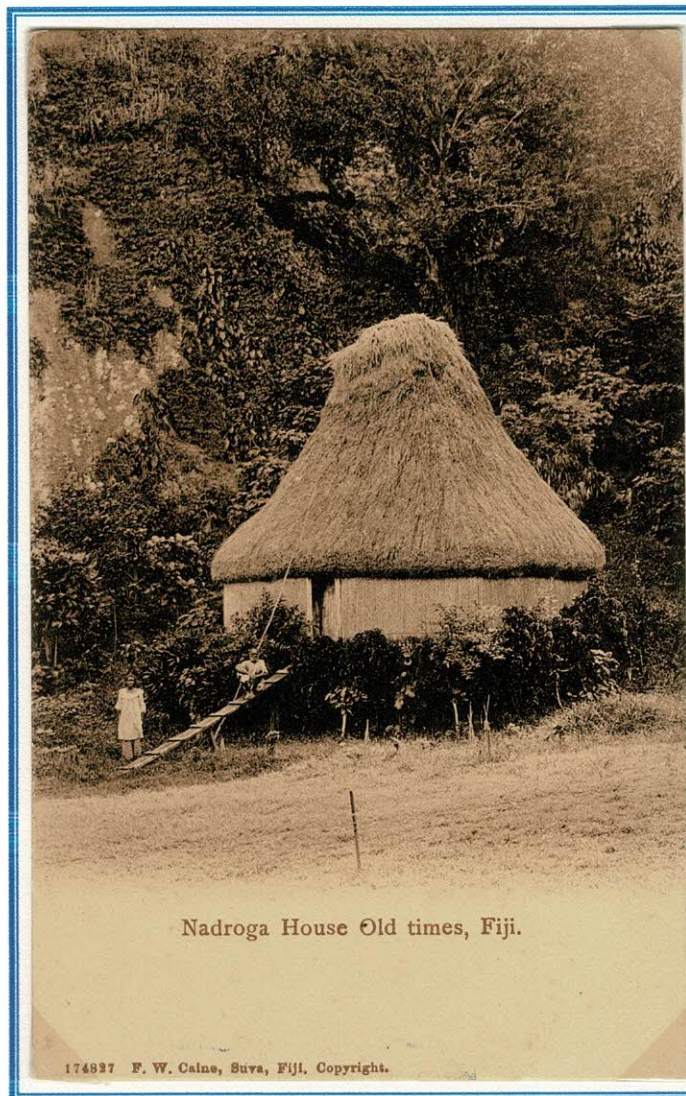
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FIJI-ISLANDS



Street Scene Suva [no details]



Nadroga House Old times, Fiji.

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Nadroga House Old Times, Fiji. F W Caine, Suva



55 STREET SCENE, SUVA.



76.2 Grand Pacific Hotel Suva-Fiji

Luncheon was served at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Across from the hotel, in the Parade ground for Albert Park, a program of Mekes [native dances] was arranged for our pleasure. Next on the program are the Fire Walkers then back to the Grand Pacific Hotel where cars are waiting to take us to the ship. The stillness of the night was broken by blasts from the ship's deep throated sirens, a warning that in half an hour we must say goodbye to Suva. At 2.45 A.M. the Franconia cast off

Grand Pacific Hotel Suva-Fiji [no postcard details]

Fijian Fire Walkers Preparing the Oven [no details]



Fijian Fire Walkers Preparing the Oven.

FIREWALKERS

A troupe of expert Firewalkers have been brought from Bequ (Benga), an island 25 miles away. They call their performance jumping into the ovens. It is prepared by placing big stones in a fire pit. A hot fire is kept burning for hours until the stones become glowing hot. At this point the burning logs are removed, and the hot stones pushed around in a circle. At a signal the firewalkers burst out of nipa shack nearby, and leap into the fire pit with a loud whoop. They quickly step around from one stone to another and then leap out of the pit. Green grass and leaves are then thrown in the hot stones, causing a great smudge. The performers again jump into the smouldering fire pit and dance around. Scientific men who have carefully followed this firewalking ceremony, can offer no explanation of the feat. The Firewalking begins when the Mekes are ended. The pit is nearby in Albert Park.

TRANSFER BACK TO THE SHIP

At the conclusion of the Firewalking performance, autos will be ready in front of the Grand Pacific Hotel to transfer the members of the party back to the King's Wharf one mile away.

P.T.O

thmic symbolic tribal dances . . . based on a tradi-
lost in the smoky shadows of time.

April 28, 1939

The FRANCONIA has completed her call at Suva, the Cruise Director cabling that passengers were thrilled over the exhibitions of native firewalking.

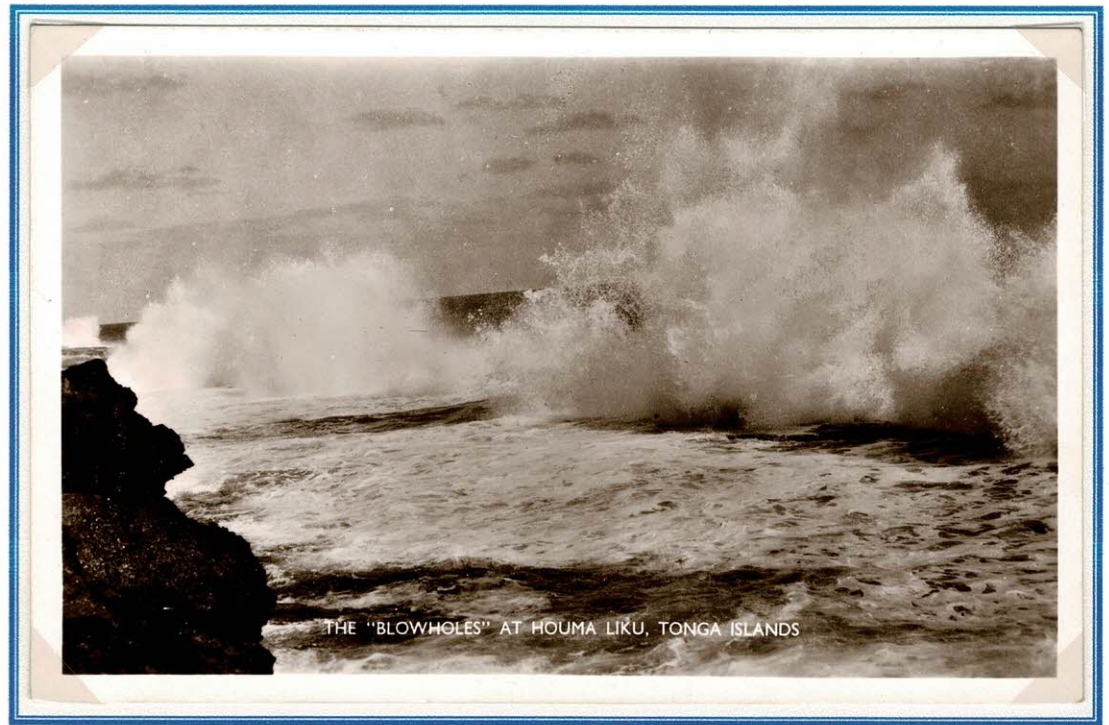
Before sailing, the natives were shown the picture "Snow White", much to their amazement and the entertainment of the passengers.

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Tonga Nukualofa: April 30th 1939

After a day and a night at sea we came to anchorage off Nukualofa, the capital of the Friendly Island group at 8:00 A.M. A native band was rendering very good music for our entertainment in the Palace grounds. We had an interesting drive about the island. Loaded into automobiles and trucks we covered sixty miles over very good roads. At Mua are the terraced tombs of ancient kings. Further on .. we saw the "Blow Holes" where pounding surf has worn tunnels under the rocks and rushes in with such force that escaping through holes it flies 50 feet in the air.

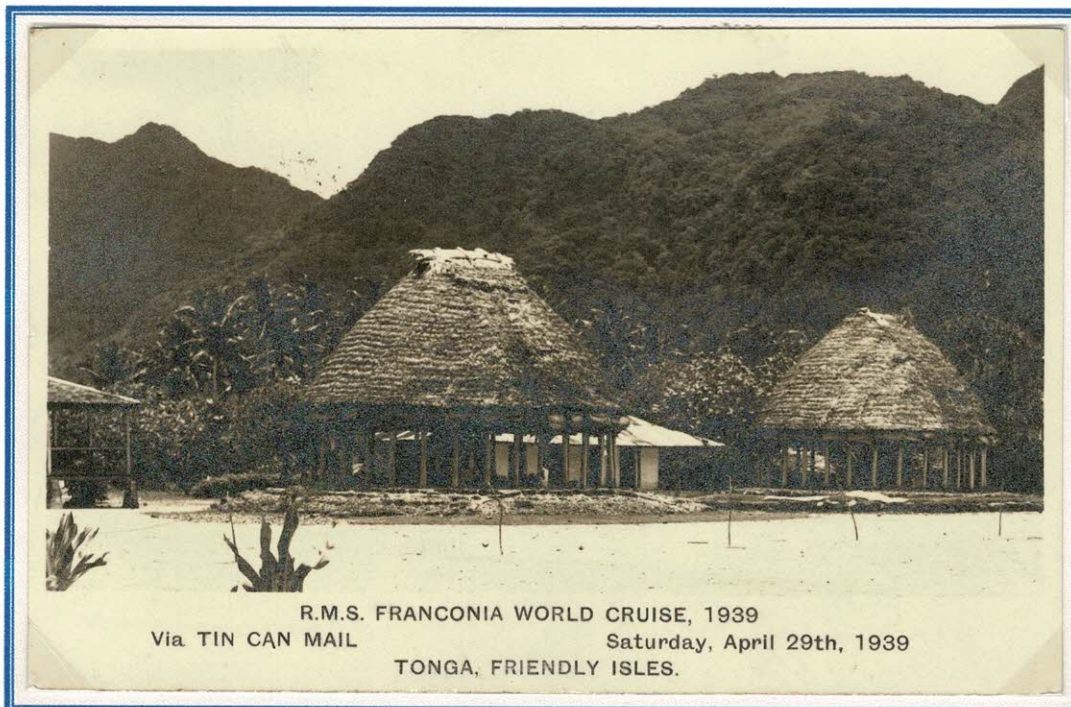
The "Blowholes" at Houma Uku, Tonga Islands.
Real photograph postcard, printed in Great Britain



THE "BLOWHOLES" AT HOUMA LIKU, TONGA ISLANDS

Log of the World Cruise - Suva: includes:

TIN CAN MAIL. On arrival at the next port, **Nukualofa**, there will be an opportunity to mail letters and postcards that will bear the unique postmark "Tin Can Mail." Inward mail is thrown over the side of the ship in a sealed tin can, which is taken ashore by the natives. Letters and postcards intended for posting at Tin Can Island should bear **Tongan stamps [letters 2½d and postcards 1d]** and mailed at the **Post Office in Nukualofa**. A charge of 3d per letter or postcard is made for this service. These letters or postcards then will bear the unique postmark "Tin Can Mail"



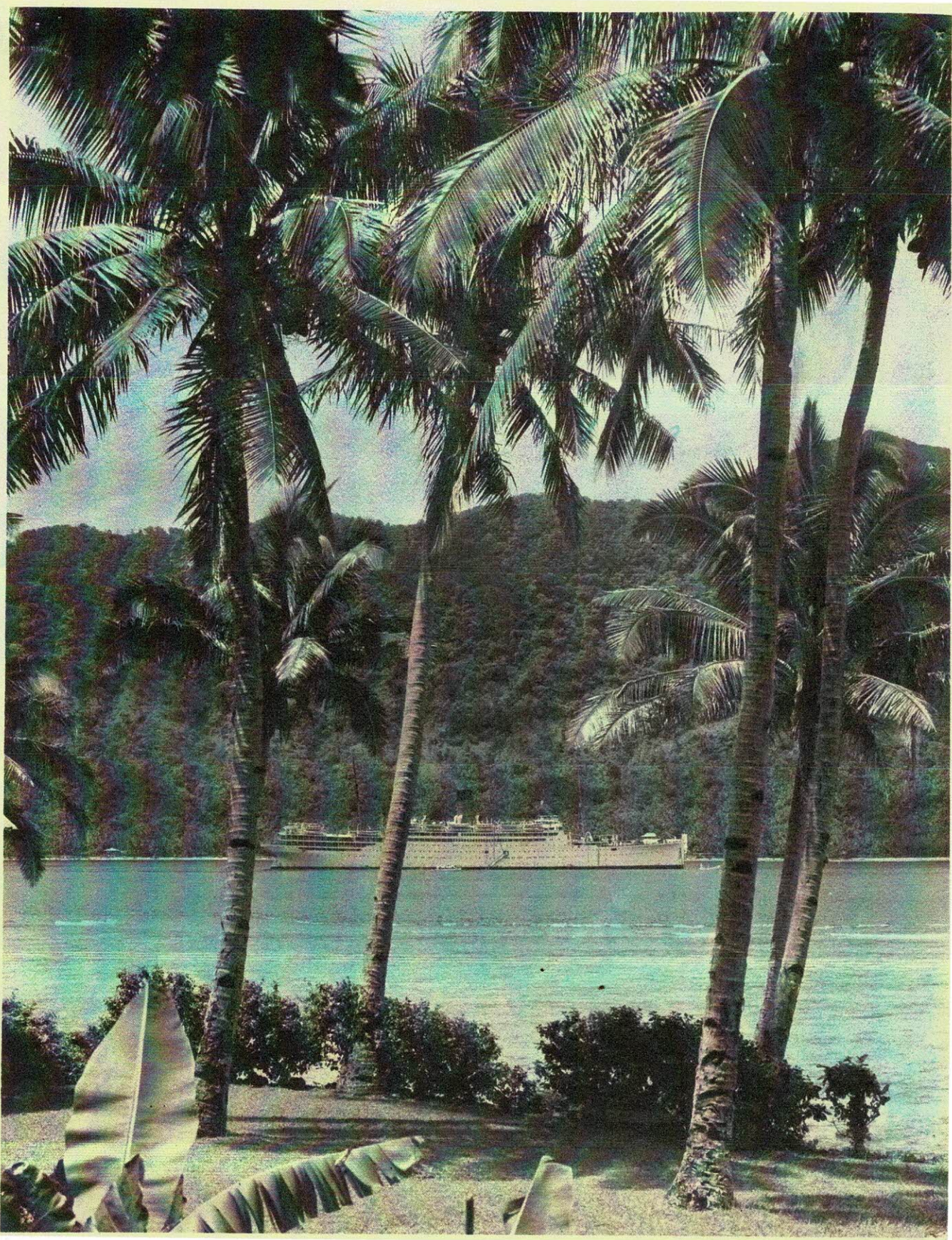
R.M.S. FRANCONIA WORLD CRUISE, 1939
Via TIN CAN MAIL Saturday, April 29th, 1939
TONGA, FRIENDLY ISLES.

Specially prepared Photo postcard for the Cruise April 29th 1939.
Marine Photo Service, Colchester, England



Nuafoou Tonga 13 JE 39 Tin Can Mail

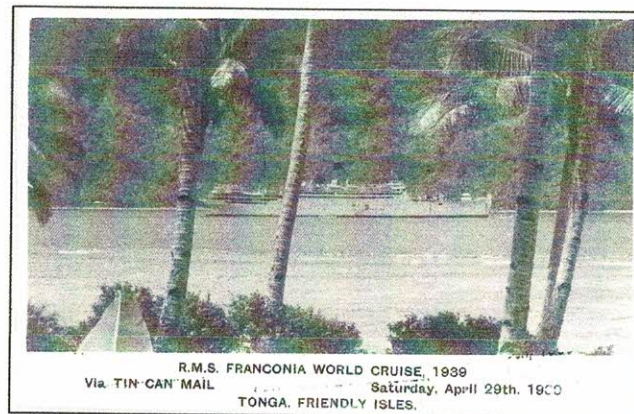
"Nukualofa April 29th 39 These are typical sand sea houses. No sweeping floors just sweep into the street"



Tin Can Mail Postcards

To date I have data on 4 postcards prepared for the Tin Can mail service. Each has a different view - all black & white. One is in a [USA] Tin Can Mail exhibit; one in New Zealand [a Tongan collectors' material], one on eBay [I was under-bidder] and the one shown on previous sheet.

Each has Niuafouou cancel 13 JE 39 and Tin Can Mail cachets. It is likely that the mail was held at Nukualofa until a suitable vessel was available to deliver the mail to Tin Can Island.



The postcard image above is taken from the photograph shown here - reduced - in the exhibitor's possession - it is 35 x 28cm in size. The photograph shows the Franconia in a channel possibly at Nukualofa

Nukualofa

CALLED Tonga by the natives
 though named the Friendly Islands
 by Europeans . . . the inhabitants
 of Nukualofa are ruled, under a British
 protectorate, by Queen Salote (Charles
 and her consort Prince Tugi. In language
 and customs the Tongans are like
 Samoans . . . perhaps the fairest,
 intelligent and most gracious of all the
 island races.

Nukualofa is an attractive settlement
 almost in our own sense of the word
 Wesleyan churches where tribal choral
 own rich and strange music, and a tradition
 on hereditary lines . . . dignified
 responding always to the mysterious
 reaching Tonga drums.

Even the Tonga dances, the laka-laka
 in these islands . . . elaborate rituals of



1939 Tin Can Mail



The FRANCONIA completed her call at the Tongan Islands on schedule.

This is the first time the FRANCONIA has called at Nukualofa, the Cruise Director
 cabling,

"MOST NATURAL SOUTH SEA PORT THUS FAR WITH BEAUTIFUL APPROACH
 TEN MILE TERRACE OF SHOOTING WATERS FORCED THROUGH BLOWHOLES
 IN REEF ALONE WORTH VISIT - WEATHER COOL - DRIVE ENJOYABLE."

May 1 1939
 Cruise Director cable
 and brochure to Cruise
 Party friends and
 family

CUNARD WHITE STAR LINE
 THOS. COOK & SON

Meridian Day: April 29th, 1939

At sundown we crossed the 180th meridian and the calendar is set back a day giving us two Saturdays together. The second is called Meridian Day.

As we crossed the date Line, "Father Time," with his long flowing white beard, and his court accompanied by King Neptune and his court came over the rail and were received by Captain Edkin and his court. It was a bazaar event, with multi-colored lights casting all sorts of fantastic shadows on the ship's decorations. It was the occasion of awarding prizes and Neptune assisted by Father Time, with appropriate ceremony handed the prizes to the winning contestants.

No matter what you think or say!
We must go back—just this one day.

UNEM . . .

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R.M.S. Franconia, MERIDIAN DAY, Saturday April 29th, 1939

FRANCONIA SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC CLUB

PRESENTS

THE FRANCONIA FOLLIES

Starlight Theatre

Boat Deck

MERIDIAN DAY

9-30 p.m., April 29th, 1939

by kind permission of
CAPTAIN E. EDKIN, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.

American Samoa Pago Pago: April 30th, 1939

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R.M.S. "FRANCONIA"
AROUND THE WORLD CRUISE 1939

PAGO PAGO ISLAND OF TUTUILA

AMERICAN SAMOA—SUNDAY, APRIL 30th.

The Franconia will be at anchorage from 6.00 A.M. until 5.00 P.M.

SUNDAY VISIT

The visit ashore in the morning and the afternoon at Pago Pago is to be a fittingly respectful and quiet one with no feature of it intended to be in conflict with proper Sunday observances in this religious village community of Central Polynesia, where Christian Missionary workers have accomplished such noteworthy results among the natives.

MORNING VISIT ASHORE

8.30 A.M.—The ship's motor boats will begin landing passengers from the Franconia to the Customs wharf from which point there will be a transfer service to the native village of Nuuli six miles distance out along the seashore. There will be an opportunity for a stroll around the village to see typical Samoan oval houses and home life of the natives. Return to the Customs wharf where the ship's motor boats will be waiting to transfer the party back to the ship.

12.30 P.M.—Lunch aboard the ship.

AFTERNOON VISIT ASHORE

2.00 P.M.—Transfer by ship's motor boats from the Franconia to the Customs wharf which adjoins the U.S. Naval Parade Grounds. A concert of Sunday music will be given by the Native Guard Band in the Central Band Stand.

3.30 to 4.30 P.M.—Passengers return when they like to the ship from the Customs wharf.

SAMOA AND THE NATIVES

The natives read and write and are Christians of different denominations. They are a high type of the Polynesian race and are on the increase due to the laws prohibiting foreigners from buying their land. All the land on the Islands is privately owned by them. There are public schools with more than 2,000 students, also several private schools. The Eastern portion of the Samoan Group, comprising all the Islands of the archipelago east of 171° West Longitude

P.T.O

I am in the harbor of Pago Pago encircled by high hills. The ship is now lying in what was once the crater of a mighty volcano. At 8:30 A.M. we were landed on the Customs Wharf by the ship's launches. We were now standing on U.S.A. ground for the first time since our departure from New York, four months previous.

Cars were waiting to take us for a ride to the native village of Nuuli .. where a concert was given by the U.S. Navy Guard Band and the natives gave a dancing performance. The natives were very kind and seemed anxious to do everything for our pleasure.

After a time we returned to the dock and had lunch aboard ship. Being Sunday, the shops were closed, but a great many things of native handiwork were on display in an open pavilion near the wharf.



Franconia at Pago Pago
Real photograph postcard - Cruise photographer

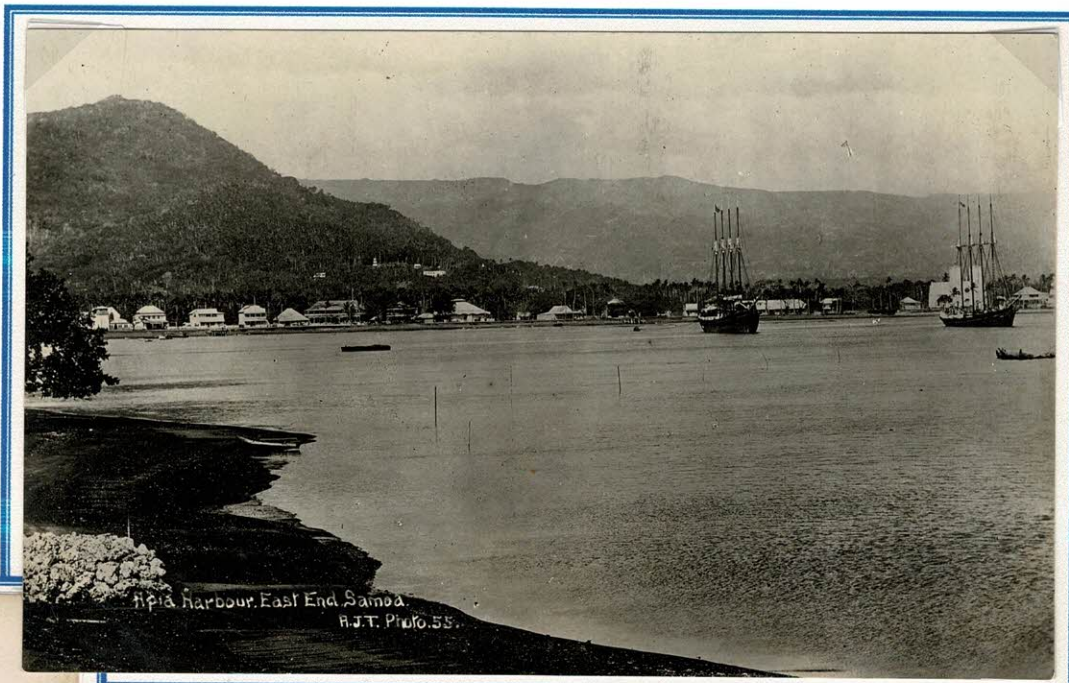
At 5:00 P.M. amid rumbling of the winches which was re-echoes from the hills surrounding the harbor, it was "Anchors Aweigh" and the Franconia steamed slowly out through the gateway of this beautiful harbor into the Pacific on her overnight voyage to Apia, British Samoa.

Western Samoa Apia: May 1st, 1939

At dawn we arrived off British Samoa. At sunrise, six beautifully decorated native boats, each with twenty paddlers, came out and escorted the Franconia to the Anchorage. After a 6:00 A.M. breakfast, the ship's launches conveyed the party to Apia, the Capital City. You will remember that Robert Louis Stevenson spent his last days here. We visited his home at Valima and climbed "The Road of the Loving Heart" to the mountain top - his last resting place.

After witnessing native dances in the open, we returned to the landing.

In the early afternoon the ship steamed out of the harbor of Apia and set her course N.N.E. heading directly for Honolulu. Then no land was sighted for seven days.



Apia Harbour. East End Samoa R.J.T. Photo - Samoa Post Card

Log of the World Cruise



Log of the World Cruise with contemporary stamps of Western Samoa:
6d value has Valima - home of Robert Louis Stevenson
1/- value shows Stevenson's tomb



Native Dance, Samoa. H.T. Photo Samoa - Samoa Post Card

Mr and Mrs R L
Stevenson's Grave,
Samoa

A F T Photo
Postcard



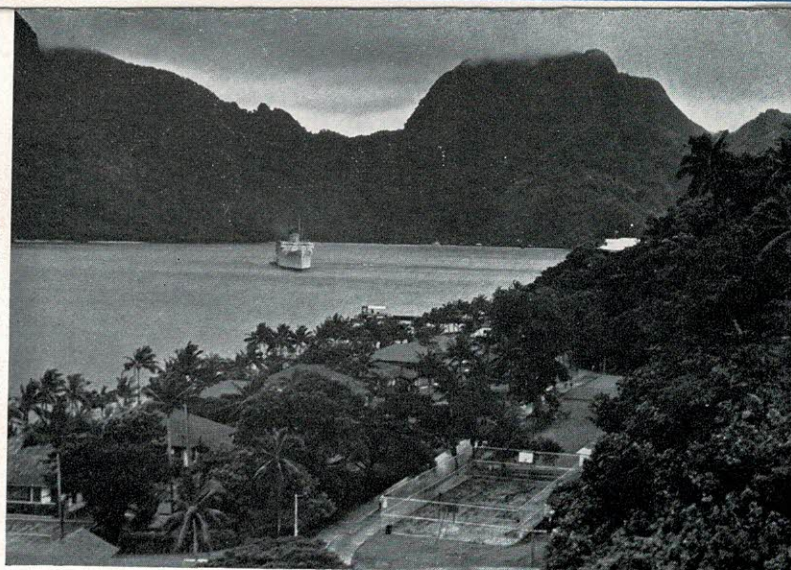
Franconia in the
Harbour Pago Pago

S a m o a

FIRST of two Samoan ports is American . . . Pago Pago . . . farthest outpost of our colonizing. A visit is made, first, to the Samoan village of Nuul'i to see a performance of the native dancing and then to hear a concert by nothing less than the U. S. Navy Guard Band!

Next day the Franconia gets to Western Samoa where decorated native boats escort the ship into the harbor of Apia. To this port Robert Louis Stevenson brought his dying body and his great soul . . . and from his home at Vailima passengers will perhaps climb "The Road of the Loving Heart" to the mountain top where he lies buried.

The native villages are visited also, where a special performance of the *sivas*, or actiondances, will be witnessed.



THE HARBOUR, PAGO PAGO

May 2, 1939

The FRANCONIA has now completed her calls at both Pago Pago and Apia, in connection with which the Cruise Director has cabled as follows:-

(PAGO PAGO) "PASSENGERS PLEASD WITH DAY IN BEAUTIFUL PAGO PAGO ALL WELL."

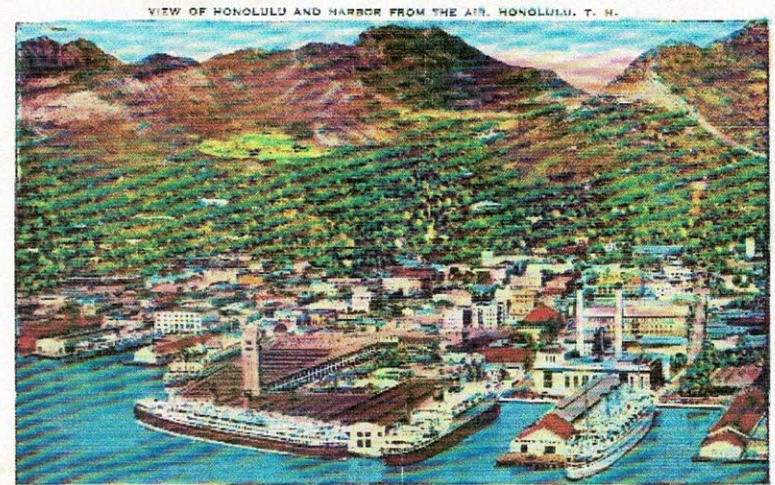
(APIA) — "DAY WEATHER NATIVE BOY CHOIR IN BEAUTIFUL SAMOAN SURROUNDINGS MADE FITTING CLIMAX SPECTACULAR WEEK SOUTH SEA ISLANDS".

The FRANCONIA is now proceeding to Honolulu and will cross the Equator for the fourth and last time on this outstanding around the world itinerary.

Hawaii: Honolulu May 7 - 8th; Hilo May 9th, 1939

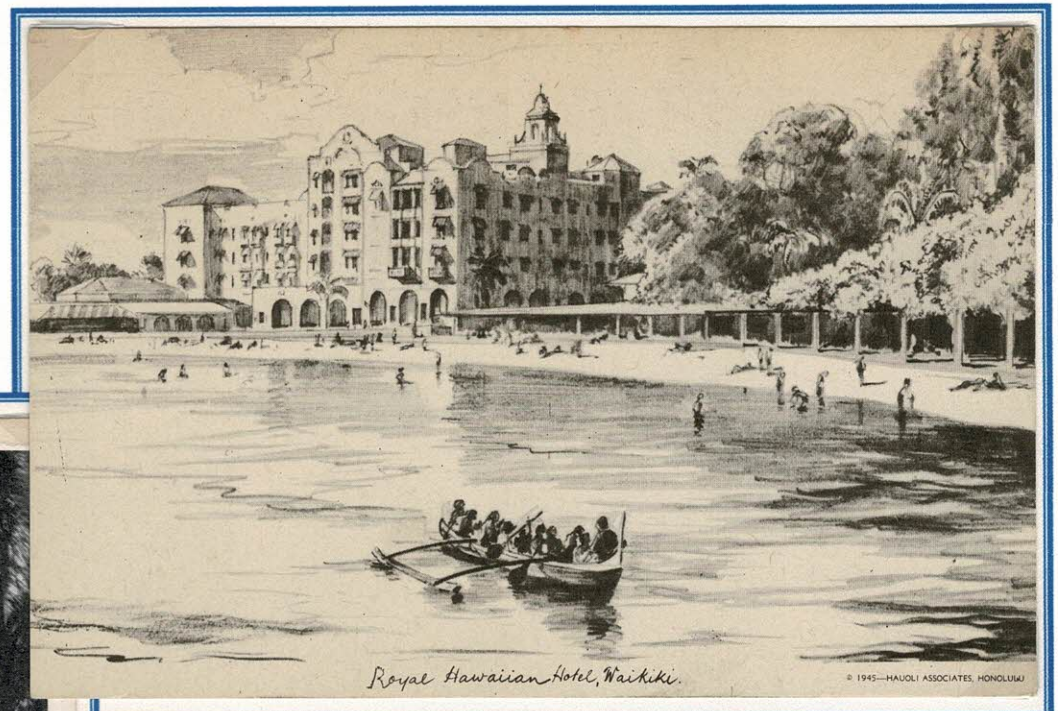


Our Stewardess writes: "8/5/39. Arrived here at 4pm yesterday. Met by local band accompanied by some fine native singers. H. is a well-built modern city. Very few of the real natives left but the present cosmopolitan crowd seems to shake down well together, Glorious county island. To Hilo tomorrow."



Postcard published for Island Curio Co. Honolulu

The dinner at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel was a pleasant affair. The menu was excellent. The decorations and the whole surroundings could not be excelled. Every one was dressed, as befitted the occasion. Our ladies were looking their very best. We were proud to show them off before the residents and other sojourners. After dinner a performance was put on for our pleasure in front of the terrace among the Cocoa Palms. Lovely Hawaiian music, some dancing and pantomime. As the wee small hours approached the party started back to the ship.



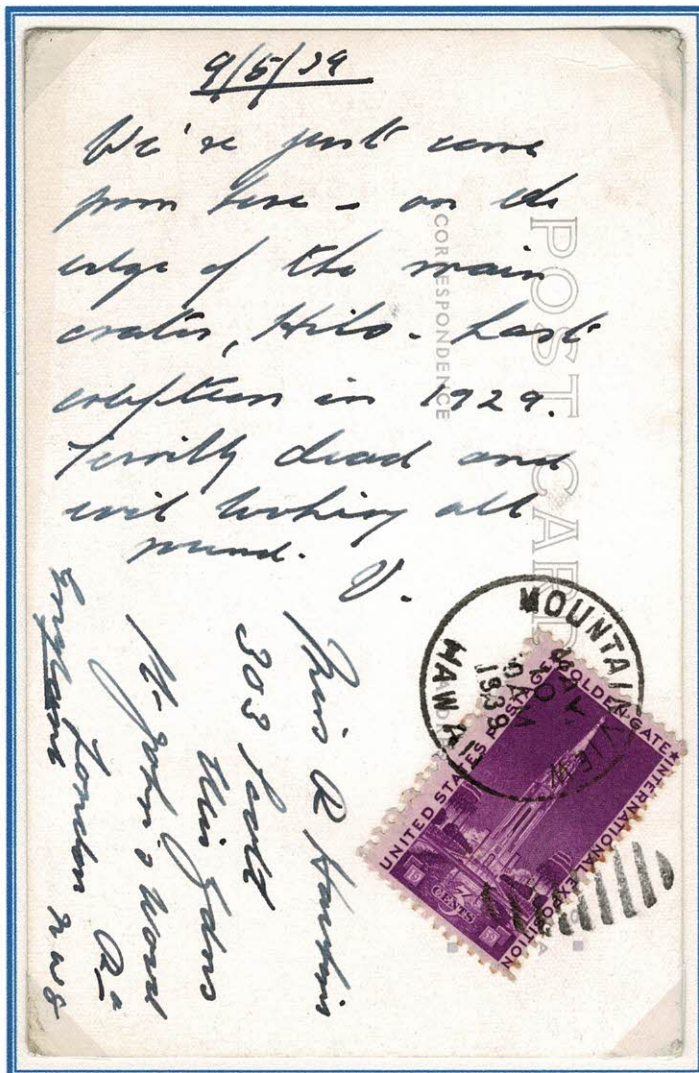
Royal Hawaiian Hotel Waikiki.
Postcard 1945 Hauoli Associates Honolulu.



Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii
Postcard H-120 K.H. Ltd

The tour itinerary for Hawaii "Special dinner and dance at Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Auto drive to Pali and Waikiki Beach"

A drive up to the very top and along the crest of Mount Tanalus with excellent view of the ocean with foaming breakers pounding the rocks. The drive included the Pali, that awful precipice where one can stand at the brink and look down a perpendicular wall a thousand feet. The view from this point is one of the grandest in the world. Now on through Moanalua Gardens, Manoa valley and many interesting places including the Royal Palace and Grounds. At 2.30 a concert was given at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in the cocoonut grove bordering on Waikiki Beach.



Our Stewardess writes: "9/5/39 We've just come from here - on the edge of the main crater, Hilo. Last eruption in 1929. Terribly dead and evil looking all round."

Postcard Halemauman - mailed Mountain View MAY 10 1939



The Franconia docked at Hilo at 7:00 A.M. May 9th and received a most friendly welcome. ... took seats in autos for a drive .. finally arriving at the top of Kilauea looking down into its awful crater. We proceeded across Kau Desert to an observatory .. now to Volcano House where lunch was served. Back to Hilo and the ship arriving at 4:30 PM.

Postcard "Dining Room Volcano House, Hawaii."

Now we experience five rather languorous days on our way to San Francisco. I had first intended to remain on the ship around through the Panama Canal to New York, but decided to land in San Francisco. This would permit spending sixteen days in California and en route across to New York in time to meet the ship there.



California Bound May 10th-15th, 1939

The programme is the second of two **Picture Review** evenings put on by Ross Skinner. These included both slide projections and movies prepared by the Franconia's resident photographer. These evenings were screened on the Boat Deck


R.M.S. FRANCONIA WORLD CRUISE 1939
Cunard White Star—Thos. Cook & Son

PART TWO

MEMORY PICTURE REVIEW of 1939

by
ROSS H. SKINNER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th, on the BOAT DECK at 9.00 p.m.



Appropriate Musical Settings
by
TEDDY WESTFIELD
(Musical Director)
and
ALAN WILSON
(Leader)

CEYLON	"L'Arlesienne Suite"	<i>Bizet</i>
ANGKOR	"Eastern Romance"	<i>Haines</i>
BANGKOK	"Caucasian Sketches"	<i>Ivanov</i>
HONG KONG	"Chinese Temple Garden"	<i>Ketelby</i>
JAVA BALI	"Casa Noisette Suite"	<i>Tscharikowsky</i>
SOUTH SEA ISLANDS	"Petite Suite"	<i>Coleridge-Taylor</i>
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS	"Song of the Island"	
	"Aloha"	

"WELCOME HOME " PARTY Menu for March 14th, 1939

Menu

Hors d'Œuvre, Caviar Glace

Turtle Claire aux Xeres

Dover Sole, Meuniere

Chicken, Maryland, Southern Style

Cauliflower, Hollandaise

Chateau Potatoes

Fresh Fruit Salad

Crepes Suzette

Dessert

Demi Tasse

R.M.S. FRANCONIA

March 14, 1939



Part of Menu front cover [Queen Mary]

R.M.S. "FRANCONIA" WORLD CRUISE 1939

Capt. E. Edkin, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.

FAREWELL CONCERT

IN THE

Main Lounge

ON

SUNDAY, MAY 14th, at 9-00 P.M.

SOLO PIANOFORTE ... HORACE ALWYNE

THE FRANCONIA CONCERT ENSEMBLE

Leader Conductor--Alan Wilson

First Violin ... Richard Cantouris

Pianoforte ... William Delany

Violin 'Cello ... David Gibson

Contra-Bass ... George Berry

Trumpet ... Adam Flockhart

Percussion ... Ralph Bacon

Musical Director--Teddy Westfield

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

Overture ... William Tell ... Rossini

Pianoforte Solo Prelude in B Minor, Op. 32 Rachmaninoff

.Serenade ... Borodin

Prelude in A minor ... Debussy

HORACE ALWYNE

Operatic Selection Madame Butterfly ... Puccini

Pianoforte Solo Prelude in A flat ... Cesar Cui

Passepied ... Delibes

Sonetto del Petrarco ... Liszt

HORACE ALWYNE

Selection ... Mikado ... Sullivan

Horace Alwyne [1896-1969]
was a concert pianist, conductor
and composer. He was Head of
Music Department Bryn Maw
College, Rosemont,
Pennsylvania, USA.

Entertainments on Cunard White Star Ships

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The proceeds resulting from the various entertainments held from time to time on Cunard White Star steamers are distributed to various seamen's institutions and other organisations working in the interests of those who "go down to the sea in ships."

The institutions which benefit are:

BRITISH
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AMERICAN
American Seaman's Friend Society.
Seamen's Church Institute.
Y.M.C.A. Mariners' Branch.
Y.M.C.A. Mariners' Branch Boys' Dept.
Society for the Relief of Destitute Children of Seamen.
Mariners' Family Asylum.
Ten H Ships' Boys' Club.
New York Port Society.
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Boston Seamen's Friend Society.
British Apprentice Club, New York.
British Apprentice Club, Boston.

CANADIAN
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Montreal Catholic Sailors' Club.

Other British Charities are helped from time to time and include the following:

Royal National Lifeboat Institution.
The Royal Merchant Navy School, London.
(Formerly The Royal Merchant Seamen's Orphanage.)
Seamen's Orphanage, Southampton.
Sailors' Home, Southampton.
Mission to Seamen.
Seaman's Friend Society, Liverpool.
Seaman's Convalescent Hospital, Limsfield.
Seamen's "Dreadnought" Hospital, Greenwich.
Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution.
Royal South Seas Hospital.
British Sailors' Society.
Shalesbury Homes and "Aethusa" Training Ship.

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Programme

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CUNARD WHITE STAR LIMITED.



Ship R.M.S. "FRANCONIA",

May 13th 19 39

at sea,

Voyage 178.

"AROUND THE WORLD CRUISE"

The undermentioned figures give some idea of the amount of laundering completed by the ship's Laundry Staff during the period of the above Cruise:-


629,624 pieces of
Ship's Linen.....Includes Table-linen, serviettes,
waiters' hand-clothes, pantry
and kitchen linen, bed-linen,
face towels, bath towels etc.,

36,938 pieces of
Passenger Private
Linen.....Includes all private work passed
to Laundry by passengers per
Bedroom Steward & Stewardess.

43,627 pieces of
Crew Washing.....Includes white tropical uniforms,
cap covers, Kitchen staff
apparel, also quantity of staff
private laundry.
Stewardesses uniforms etc.,

S T A F F:-

1 Manageress
1 LadyvClerk
1 Seamstress
20 Laundresses
1 Washouseman
1 Hydroman
1 Worker/Messenger.


Chief Steward.

May 1939. Statistics on commodities utilized on World Cruise

Document signed by Chief Steward T Rigby.

R.M.S. "FRANCONIA" "AROUND THE WORLD CRUISE" 1939. May 1939.

The undermentioned statistics are quoted for your information, these representing some of the commodities and quantities utilized on the above World Cruise:-

Quantity	Item	Quantity	Item
58,161 lbs	Poultry	3,800 lbs	Green Beans
64,719 lbs	Beef	1,900 lbs	Spinach
9,389 lbs	Mutton	20,500 lbs	Cabbage
22,370 lbs	Lamb	2,500 lbs	Broccoli
5,109 lbs	Veal	420 Doz	Cauliflowers
9,775 lbs	Pork	10,800 lbs	Celery
21,339 lbs	Meats, Asst.	1,050 lbs	Cucumbers
51,163 lbs	Fresh Fish	1,760 lbs	Egg Plant
17,772 lbs	Bacon	1,660 Doz	Lettuce
8,131 lbs	Ham	11,440 lbs	Tomatoes
190,194 No.	Eggs	15,200 lbs	Carrots
(Includes 20,160 to be supplied at San Francisco, California.)		600 lbs	Mushrooms
13,248 lbs	Butter	19,400 lbs	Onions
5,648 lbs	Margerine/Lard	5,212 lbs	Fresh Green Peas
145,893 lbs	Potatoes	1,464 lbs	Green & Red Peppers
56,704 lbs	Flour	1,120 lbs	Squash
2,800 lbs	Tea	12,900 lbs	Turnips
3,600 lbs	Coffee	5000 lbs	Bird's Eye Frozen Vegetables, Asst.
23,500 lbs	Sugar	580 lbs	Caviar
3,250 Gls.	Juices, Various	384 Jars	Pate d'Foie Gras
360 Bxs	Apples	4,200 Jars	Preserves
180 Bchs	Bananas	6,500 Qts	Ice Cream, Asst.
3,000 lbs	Grapes	(x) 5,310 Gls	Fresh Milk
260 Bxs	Grapefruit	(x) 3,065 Qts	Fresh Cream
185 Bxs	Lemons	<u>Canned Juices:</u>	
5,800 No.	Melons, Asst.	Tomato, Clam, Sauerkraut, Prune, Pineapple, Grapefruit.	
600 Bxs	Oranges	<u>Canned Fruits:</u>	
420 Bxs	Pears	Peaches, Apriots, Pears, Pineapple, Plums, Blackberries, Blueberries, Raspberries, Loganberries, Grapefruit, Apple Puree, Cranberries.	
2,550 No.	Pineapples	<u>Canned Fish:</u>	
6,200 No.	(Mangoes, Papaya, Avocada Pears,	Sardines, Tuna Fish, Bismark Herrings, Salmon, Anchovies, Brislings etc.,	
<u>Canned Vegetables:</u>			
Asparagus, Corn on Cob, Succotash, Peas, Beans, Celery, Spinach.			

AFTER DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK, Fresh Milk is also purchase at:

RIO DE JANEIRO - 400 Gallons. CAPETOWN - 400 Galls. DURBAN-800 Galls.
 HONG KONG - 400 Galls. MANILA - 600 Galls. BATAVIA-250 Galls.
 HONOLULU - 300 Galls. SAN FRANCISCO - 900 Galls.

The lower part of the paper is folded - it includes:

"The above figures do not include any of the many and various fresh native fruits procured during the Cruise at different ports where the quality and standard of such is satisfactory to the Chief Steward.

No quantities of the numerous canned fruits carried in store are quoted in this summary.

The "Franconia" was stored with 1000 Gallons of Fresh Milk and 700 Quarts of Fresh Cream prior to sailing from New York in January.

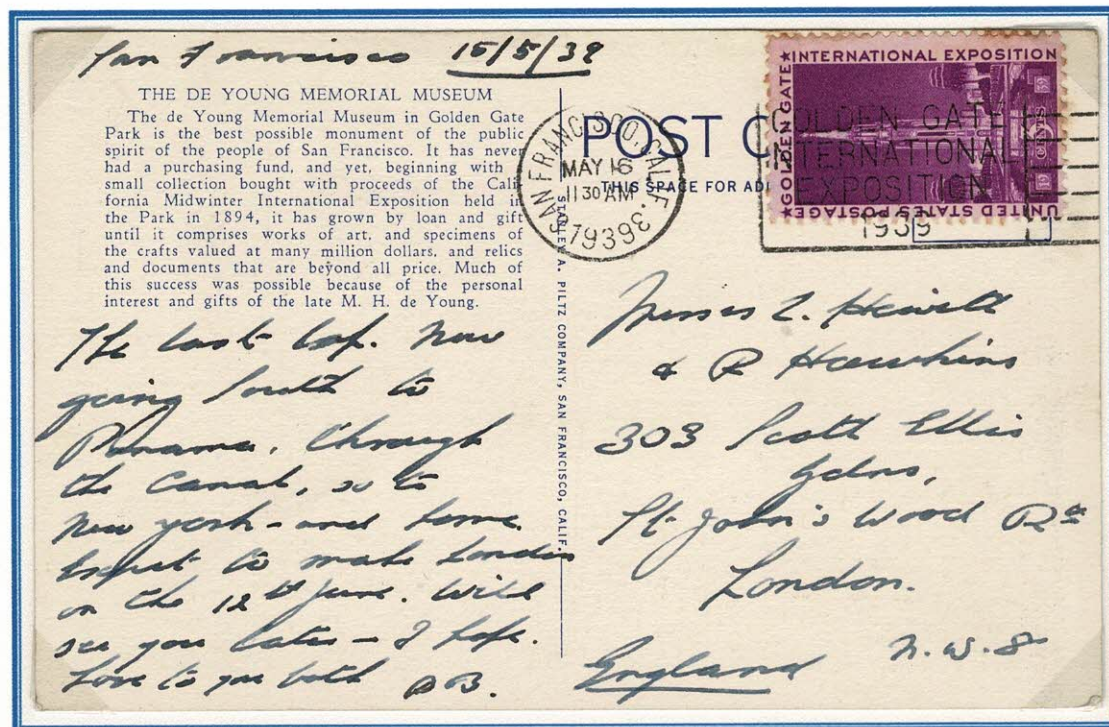
During the progress of the "Around the World Cruise" no opportunity is overlooked for purchasing any fresh commodities that might be available, such as fresh vegetables, fruits, fish, milk, cream etc., providing as heretofore stated, that such are of the very best quality.

NOTE: These items include quantities of Milk/Cream to be supplied at San Francisco, upon arrival."

California: San Francisco May 15th - 16th, 1939

The Itinerary: "Auto drive to Twin Peaks, Golden Gate Park, Cliff House, Presidio etc and across the Golden Gate Bridge. Luncheon at Hotel Mark Hopkins. Visit Golden Gate International Exposition."

The Booklet: "To steam through the Golden Gate is unquestionably a superbly appropriate celebration of your return to the homeland ... at any time .. but especially in 1939. For almost in the middle of that noble harbor, linked with both sides of the bay by the world's largest bridge, is a man-made island ... the largest island ever to be artificially constructed ... where the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition will be held - and where May 15th, the day of your arrival, will be officially designated Franconia Day!"



Our Stewardess writes: "San Francisco 15/5/39 the last lap. Now heading south to Panama, through the canal, so to New York - and home. Expect to make London on the 12th June. Will see you later - I hope."



Memorial Museum, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, Calif.
Posted San Francisco Sou. Calif. 3 MAY 16 1939

Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island, San Francisco [Official postcard used 1939]



Bridging San Francisco's Golden Gate, California. Scenic View card
Co. Mission St San Francisco. Used 1939



"SHIP - FRANCONIA"
"Received Examiner Reference Library MAY 16 1939"

Shows R.M.S. Franconia with flags flying tied up at Pier 32, San Francisco



Panama Bound May 17th - 24th, 1939

R.M.S. "FRANCONIA" WORLD CRUISE 1939
Cunard White Star—Thos. Cook & Son

MEMORY PICTURE

BY

ROSS H. SKINNER

SATURDAY, MAY 20th, at 9-00 P.M. on BOAT DECK

SOUTH AMERICA

Rio de Janeiro "Flor Gitana" *Ferraris*
Buenos Aires "Por Un Fuego Sonando" *Delany*

SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town "Sarais Marais" *Trad*
Bulawayo "Daar Lie Die Jing" *Trad*
Victoria Falls "Valse des Fleurs" *Tschai-kowsky*

INDIA

Bombay (Scenes) }
Fatehpur Sikri } "Lover in Damascus" *Woodforde-Finden*
Benares }
Delhi }
Jaipur } "Chanson Hindou" *Rimsky-Korsakov*
Darjeeling }
Agra "Indian Love Lyrics" *Woodforde-Finden*

CEYLON

Kandy-Nuwara-Eliya "Orientale" *Haines*

CAMBODIA

Angkor "Allegro Maestoso" *Gounod*

SIAM

Bangkok "Scenes Pittoresques" *Massenet*

CHINA

Hong Kong "Cortege Chinoise" *Tellier*

DUTCH EAST INDIES

Java and Bali "Ballet Egyptienne" *Luigini*

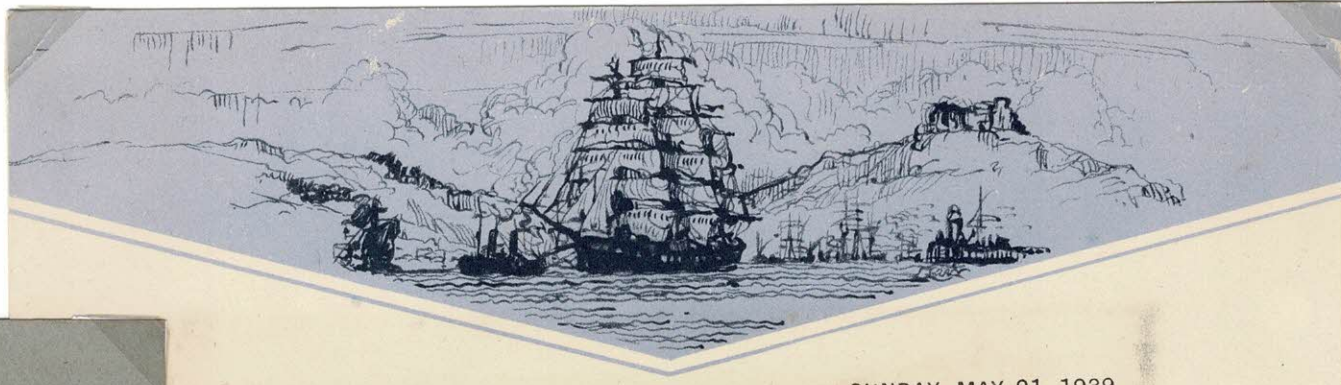
SOUTH SEA ISLANDS

"Sweet Hawaiian Moonlight" *Klickman*

HAWAII

Honolulu "Song of the Islands" *King*
"Aloha"

Appropriate Musical Settings by Teddy Westfield and Alan Wilson (Leader)



R.M.S. FRANCONIA

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1939

GOOD MORNING

Breakfast

Juices—Grape Fruit, Orange, Pineapple, Prune, Tomato, Sauerkraut, Clam

FRESH FRUITS

Fresh Strawberries and Blackberries with Cream
Bananas Oranges Cherries Apples
Pineapple Watermelon Pears Grape Fruit Cantaloupe
Baked Apples California Figs in Syrup Apple Puree
Compote of Raspberries Compote of Prunes Stewed Plums

CEREALS

Quaker Oats Oatmeal Porridge Rolled Oats Cream of Wheat
"Bonny Boy" Toasted Oats Triscuits Kellogs All Bran Shredded Wheat
Corn Flakes Post Toasties Puffed Rice Force
Krumbles Bran Flakes Grape Nuts

ONION SOUP AU GRATIN (to order)

FISH

Fried Butterfish Fillet of Sole, Meuniere
Kipperd Herrings Boiled Salt Mackerel
Codfish Cutlets, Anchovy Sauce

EGGS AND OMELETTES

Eggs—Boiled, Fried, Turned, Poached and Scrambled
Shirred Eggs, Bercy
Omelettes to order:—Plain, Fermiere, Piemontaise, Chive, Mushroom

ENTREES

Minced Lamb, Green Peppers Country Sausage Cake
Baked Beans on Toast

GRILLS

Pale and Smoked Wiltshire, Irish and Danish Bacon
American Smoked Ham Cumberland Ham American Breakfast Bacon
Sausage—Cambridge Tomato Deerfoot Halstead
Lamb Chop Devilled Beef Bones

POTATOES

Boiled Jacket Snow Saute French Fried

COLD MEATS ASSORTED

SALADS

Watercress Cucumber Radishes Pickled Beetroot

CAKES

Griddle or Buckwheat Cakes—Maple or Golden Syrup Waffles (to order)

BREAD, Etc.

Vienna Sultana Hovis Corn Pulled Rye Cottage Loaves
Rolls—White Crescent Graham Parkerhouse Coffee Energen
Scones—Soda, Currant, Sultana Muffins Scotch Oatcakes
Bisc o'Rye, Melba Toast, Vita Weat, Wheatworth Crackers, Yeast Tablets

Preserves Guava Jelly Honey Marmalade
Hawaiian Preserves : Pine Pickle Poha Jelly

BEVERAGES

Tea—Green, China, Ceylon, Indian and Blended
Coffee Sanka Coffee Kaffee Hag Coffee Cocoa Instant Postum
Cadbury's Cup Chocolate Ovaltine
Horlick's Malted Milk Plain or Chocolate Flavoured

Passengers on Special Diet are especially Invited to make known their requirements to the Head Waiter

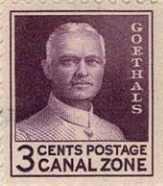


Panama Canal: Balboa - Cristabal May 25th 1939

After 3246 miles Balboa, the start of the 44 mile Panama Canal is reached. The itinerary has: "Auto drive to Balboa, Ancon [Canal Zone], Old Panama ruins and on return, the Churches of Santa Domingo and San Jose. Pass thru Canal during afternoon, luncheon served on deck."

Log of the World Cruise

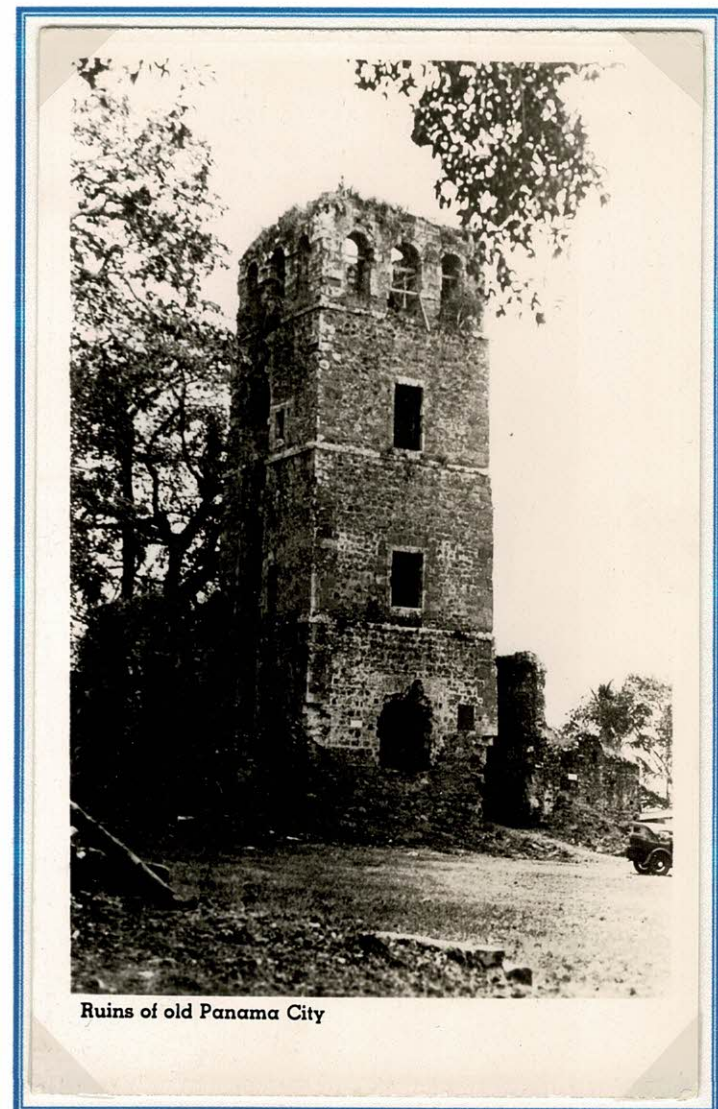
CANAL-ZONE



Ruins of Old Panama City. Real photograph, printed in USA for Cunard White Star - Largest and fastest Ocean Liners in the World



World Cruise Ship passing through **Panama Canal** - used 1930



Ruins of old Panama City

New York: May 31st 1939

The Franconia arrived at **New York - Pier 54 - on May 31st** in the forenoon. The remaining passengers were issued a **Mileage Record** to include in their **Log Book** as a record of their travels on their **World Cruise**

R.M.S. FRANCONIA WORLD CRUISE 1939

MILEAGE RECORD

INCLUDED and OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS,
WATERS and ISLANDS VISITED

PORT TO PORT	MILEAGE	DATE	
New York	...	January 5th	
Port of Spain (Trinidad)	1,992	January 10th	
Rio de Janeiro	3,136	January 19th—20th	
Buenos Aires	1,142	January 24th—25th	
Montevideo	125	January 26th	
Cape Town	3,649	February 5th—9th	
Port Elizabeth	422	February 11th	
Durban	396	February 13th—16th	
Zanzibar	1,607	February 21st	
Mombasa	132	February 22nd	
Port Victoria (Seychelles)	969	February 25th	
Bombay	1,752	March 2nd—9th	
Colombo	889	March 12th—14th	
Belawan Deli	1,240	March 18th	
Penang	145	March 19th—20th	
Singapore	393	March 21st	
Paknam (Bangkok)	811	March 24th	
Tourane (for Hue)	1,134	March 28th	
Hong Kong	519	March 30th—31st	
Manila	630	April 2nd—3rd	
Batavia	1,562	April 7th—8th	
Samarang	236	April 9th	
Telok Padang (Bali)	423	April 11th—12th	
Kupang	503	April 14th	
Port Darwin	475	April 16th—17th	
Noumea	2,433	April 24th—25th	
Suva	775	April 27th—28th	
Nukualofa	436	April 29th	
Pago Pago	490	April 30th	
Apia	88	May 1st	
Honolulu	2,262	May 7th—8th	
Hilo	195	May 9th	
San Francisco	2,018	May 15th—16th	
Balboa	3,246	May 25th	
Cristobal	44	(no stop) May 25th	
New York	1,972	May 31st	
Total	38,181		
	DAYS	HRS.	MINS.
	146	7	55
Gained on Pacific	1	0	0
Thursday, January 5th, at 00.5 to			
Wednesday, May 31st, at 8.00 A.M.	147	7	55

4-page report:

Port to Port Mileage: 38,181 miles
January 5th 5am to May 31st 8am: 147 days 7 hours 55 minutes

Optional Tours [motor, rail, air] approximately 22,010 miles

Number of Automobiles used 2,353

Land excursions approximate mileage:

By Motor 1,748
By Rail 2,160
By Aerial cable car 5
By Rickshaw 6
By Sedan Chair 3

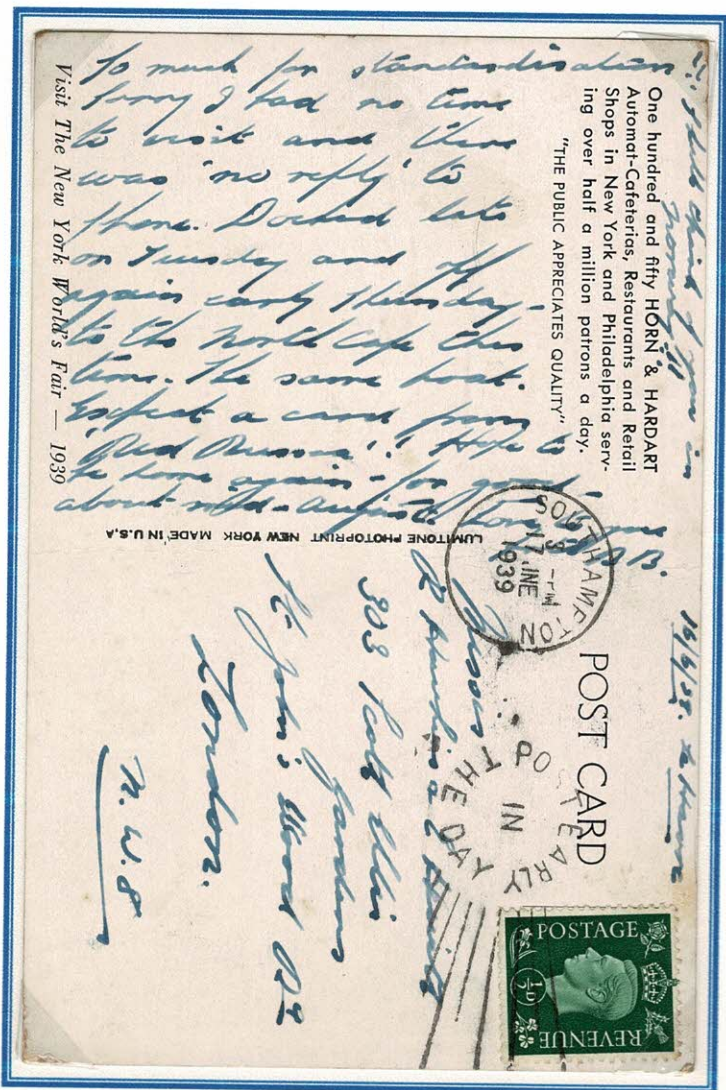
Waters traversed [listed]: 37
Countries and States visited: 17
Islands visited: 21



Shoemsmith Postcard Cunard White Star "Franconia" A 2753

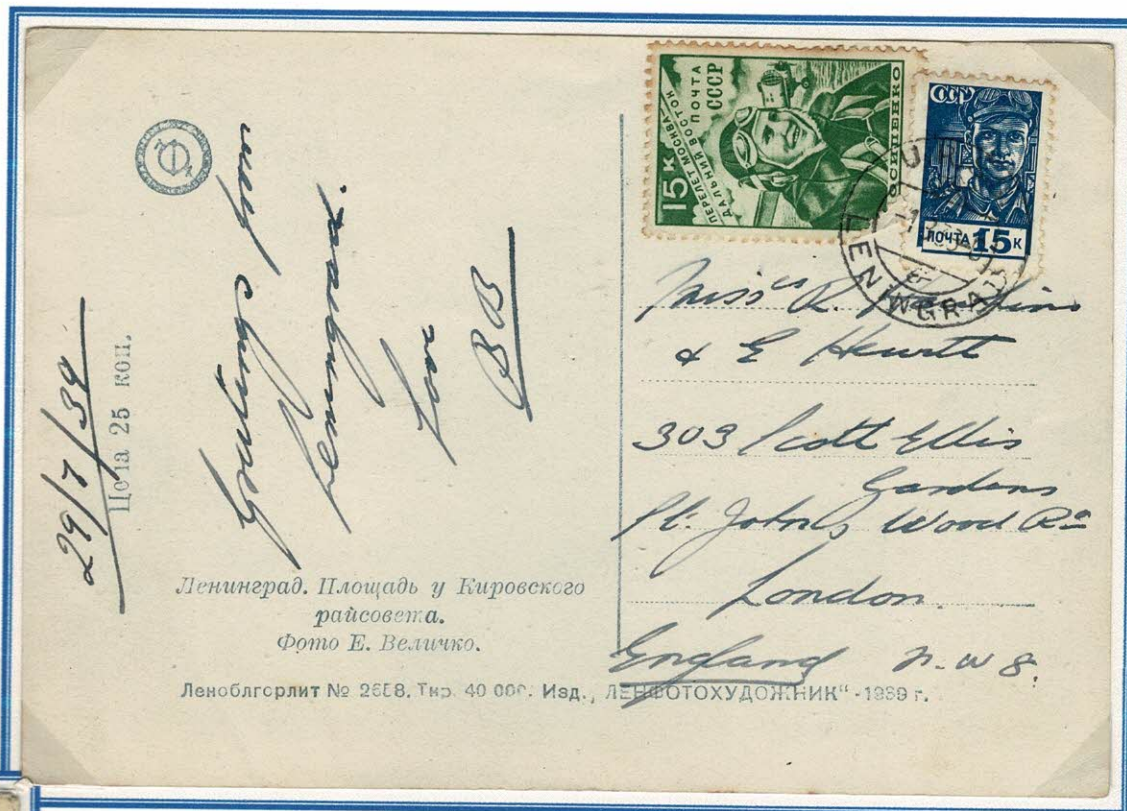
Mailed from New York June 1, 1939 to Colorado

Post World Cruise - Franconia - July - September 1939



Our Stewardess writes: "Sorry I had no time to visit and there was 'no reply' to phone. Docked late on Tuesday and off again early Thursday to the **North Cape** this time. The same boat. Expect a card from 'Red Russia!' Hope to be home again for good about mid-August."

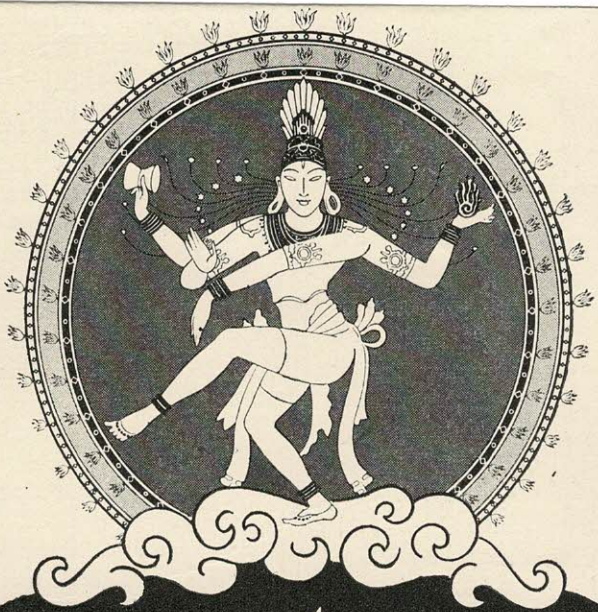
Miss Meinardi, our stewardess, sent postcards to her friends on this cruise from:
 Reykjavik 9/7/39; Trondheim 17/7/39; Stockholm 26/7/39; Leningrad 1/8/39;
 Copenhagen 5/8/39.



The Baltic Cruise left Southampton 7th August and arrived back at New York 15th August 1939.

Miss Hawkins, our stewardess's correspondent, mailed this letter, addressed to "Franconia New York Docks" London 4 AUG 1939 endorsed "North Atlantic Air Service First British Flight Aug 5/39 "Caribou" with 1/3d postage paid. Received New York Aug 6 and Cunard White Star Mail Depot Aug 7 where "Left Company return to PTO" applied and "Unclaimed on Board Franconia" hand stamp. Received back Liverpool 13 8 1939

Miss Meinardi probably left the Franconia at Southampton.



1940

FRANCONIA

AROUND THE WORLD CRUISE

She who has visited every worthwhile port... now gives you the best of Both Hemispheres, in the only 1940 Around the World Cruise. Offering rare opportunities for shore travel: India, Victoria Falls, Angkor... the Franconia even adds Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand to the 1939 itinerary that her passengers acclaimed as unsurpassable!

It is a world serene and wonderful, in a dual sense... better to live in, as well as glorious to see. The Franconia was built for world cruising. Her dinners belong on society pages, and in a gourmet's records. Her stewards could... if the hundred-year fame of Cunard White Star were not enough... give references from social leaders of three continents.

Yet 148 days of all this, including shore excursions... cost but \$1900 up, from New York Jan. 5. Ask your local agent for illustrated booklet. Or CUNARD WHITE STAR, 25 Broadway, 638 Fifth Ave.; or THOS. COOK & SON, 587 Fifth Ave., 221 Broadway, New York.

**From New York
January 5:**

TRINIDAD
RIO DE JANEIRO
TRISTAN DA CUNHA
SOUTH & EAST AFRICA
MAHE · INDIA
CEYLON · MALAYA
SIAM · ANNAM
HONG KONG · MANILA
JAVA · BALI
ALOR · AMBOINA
NEW GUINEA
AUSTRALIA · TASMANIA
NEW ZEALAND
FIJI · HAWAII
CALIFORNIA · PANAMA

**148 Days,
\$1900 up with
Shore Excursions**



CUNARD WHITE STAR · THOS. COOK & SON

"FRANCONIA" Round the World Cruise - 1940

The Cruise, departing New York
**January 5th, 1940 returning May
31st 1940**, had been promoted in the
**Cunard White Star Sailing List
No.2. 1939 issued in March 1939.**

The **full itinerary** was listed in the
No.3 list of June 1939 and also in
the sailing and Rates and general
Information booklet No. 4 issued
7th June 1939.

**Cunard
White
Star**

Sailing List

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CUNARD WHITE STAR LIMITED

"FRANCONIA" ROUND THE WORLD CRUISE—1940 ITINERARY

PORT	Miles	ARRIVE	SAIL
SOUTHAMPTON	—	—	Sat. Dec. 23 Noon
NEW YORK	3,000	Mon. Jan. 1 —	Fri. Jan. 5 0-05 am
PORT OF SPAIN	1,932	Wed. Jan. 10 6-00 am	Wed. Jan. 10 2-00 pm
RIO DE JANEIRO	3,136	Fri. Jan. 19 7-00 am	Sat. Jan. 20 Midn't
TRISTAN DA CUNHA	1,804	Fri. Jan. 26 am	Fri. Jan. 26 am
CAPETOWN	1,508	Tues. Jan. 30 11-00 am	Sat. Feb. 3 5-00 pm
PORT ELIZABETH	422	Mon. Feb. 5 6-00 am	Mon. Feb. 5 5-00 pm
EAST LONDON	135	Tues. Feb. 6 6-00 am	Tues. Feb. 6 4-00 pm
DURBAN	261	Wed. Feb. 7 11-30 am	Sat. Feb. 10 5-00 pm
ZANZIBAR	1,607	Thur. Feb. 15 6-00 am	Thur. Feb. 15 9-30 pm
MOMBASA	132	Fri. Feb. 16 6-00 am	Fri. Feb. 16 5-00 pm
PORT VICTORIA	969	Mon. Feb. 19 8-30 am	Mon. Feb. 19 2-00 pm
BOMBAY	1,752	Sat. Feb. 24 8-00 am	Sat. Mar. 2 6-00 pm
COCHIN	585	Mon. Mar. 4 9-00 am	Mon. Mar. 4 5-00 pm
COLOMBO	307	Tues. Mar. 5 1-30 pm	Thur. Mar. 7 6-00 pm
PENANG	1,276	Mon. Mar. 11 8-00 am	Tues. Mar. 12 5-00 am
SINGAPORE	393	Wed. Mar. 13 8-00 am	Wed. Mar. 13 5-00 pm
PAKNAM	811	Sat. Mar. 16 2-00 am	Sat. Mar. 16 9-00 pm
TOURANE	1,134	Wed. Mar. 20 5-00 am	Wed. Mar. 20 7-00 pm
HONG KONG	519	Fri. Mar. 22 7-00 am	Sat. Mar. 23 5-00 pm
MANILA	630	Mon. Mar. 25 11-00 am	Tues. Mar. 26 2-00 am
BATAVIA	1,562	Sat. Mar. 30 8-00 am	Sun. Mar. 31 2-30 am
SEMARANG	236	Mon. Apr. 1 6-00 am	Mon. Apr. 1 2-00 pm
BULELENG	355	Wed. Apr. 3 6-00 am	Wed. Apr. 3 9-00 am
PADANG BAY (Bali)	70	Wed. Apr. 3 2-00 pm	Thur. Apr. 4 5-00 pm
KALABAHAI	559	Sat. Apr. 6 7-00 am	Sat. Apr. 6 Noon
AMBOINA	380	Sun. Apr. 7 1-00 pm	Sun. Apr. 7 5-30 pm
PORT MORESBY	1,300	Thur. Apr. 11 6-30 am	Thur. Apr. 11 7-00 pm
SYDNEY	1,680	Tues. Apr. 16 6-00 am	Wed. Apr. 17 5-00 pm
HOBART	635	Fri. Apr. 19 11-00 am	Fri. Apr. 19 6-00 pm
GEORGE SOUND	887	Mon. Apr. 22 6-00 am	—
MILFORD SOUND	—	—	Mon. Apr. 22 6-00 pm
WELLINGTON	462	Wed. Apr. 24 6-00 am	Wed. Apr. 24 5-30 pm
AUCKLAND	559	Fri. Apr. 26 8-00 am	Sun. Apr. 28 7-00 pm
SUVA	1,140	Thur. May 2 6-00 am	Thur. May 2 6-00 pm
HONOLULU	2,783	Thur. May 9 7-00 am	Fri. May 10 9-00 am
SAN PEDRO	2,228	Thur. May 16 2-00 pm	Fri. May 17 6-00 am
BALBOA	2,910	Sat. May 25 6-00 am	Sat. May 25 Noon
CRISTOBAL	44	Sat. May 25 8-00 pm	No stop.
NEW YORK	1,972	Fri. May 31 8-00 am	Fri. May 31 —
LIVERPOOL	3,000	Mon. June 10 —	—
	45,075		

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RATES FROM 410 gns. (Including Standard Shore Excursions).

1940 FRANCONIA Around the World Cruise advertisement in
The New Yorker of 15 August 1939

Germany invaded Poland **September 1st, 1939**. Britain and France declared war on September 3rd. The Franconia was docked at New York and in anticipation of the declaration of war was painted battleship grey and the decks were sand-bagged before setting off to England across the Atlantic with 140 passengers.



**International News Photo
New York
Dated 9-1-39 [Sept 1st]**

British Ship Dons War Dress
The British steamer Franconia, docked at New York, gets a coat of Battleship-grey over its original color of white before sailing either tonight, Sept. 1st, or tomorrow. The darker color will make it more difficult for the enemy to spot the ship in the event Britain goes to war at the side of Poland, against Germany.

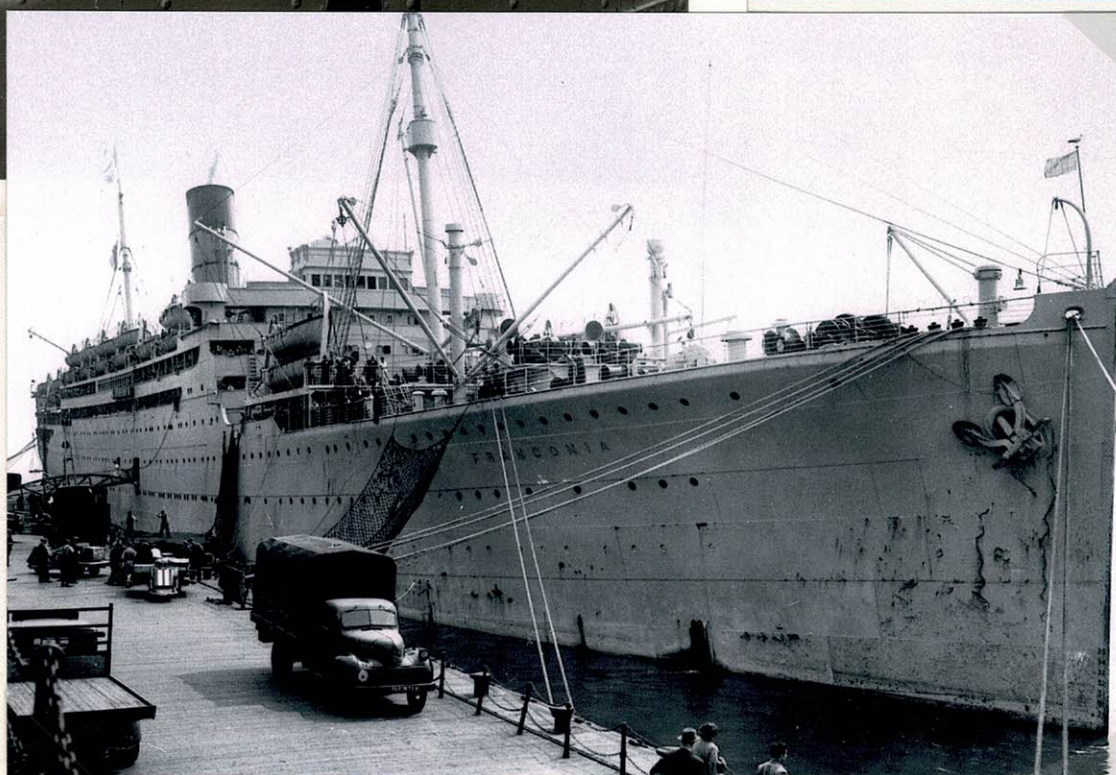
Photograph Franconia at Pier 54 New York being readied for departure.

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International News Photo - New York City - Dated 9-2-39 [September 2nd, 1939]

"The Cunard White Star liner Franconia sailing from New York for England, Sept. 2, after a camouflaging paint job by her crew, in preparation for eventualities during Atlantic crossing. Sailing was delayed 25 hours for the camouflaging."



The Franconia was requisitioned and refitted as a troopship in Liverpool initially serving in the Mediterranean. She had a collision off Malta with a French troop ship but was repaired in time to take part in the **Norwegian campaign**. She conveyed British troops in the occupation of **Iceland** and participated in the **evacuation from Dunkirk**, of the second British Expeditionary Force. Later she took troops to **India** and took part in landings at **Madagascar, North Africa, Italy** and the **Azores**. In 1945 The Franconia served as **Winston Churchill's headquarters** at the post-war conference at **Yalta** with Roosevelt and Stalin. At the end of the war in Europe she made several Atlantic trips with US troops and refugees. After VJ day she was employed repatriating British troops and freed POWs from India. Returned to Cunard in June 1948, she was refitted and plied the Liverpool to Canada routes. Retired in 1956.

War ended Franconia's World Cruises which started in 1923. The 1939 Cruise was the last of these Epic Journeys