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Postcards through the ages

Heidi Marriott

Following the lovely photos of Barry Eastwick's **Postcard Selection** included in the last edition of *Swiss Express*, I thought it would be interesting to

share some of the greetings that holidaymakers have been sending home over the years. The following are a selection from my collection of postcards.

Lauterbrunnen und Staubbach 1904

Having a great time. Just come over the Scheidegg to Grindelwald. Glorious weather but hot.

HHV

Weggis und die Alpen 1926

Dear Ivy

Just a P.C. to remind you of the glories of Switzerland. Weggis is wonderful now, but in the spring if it is like this picture it must be a dream place. We are having ideal weather. Thank you for the P.C. of Scotland.

Love to both of you. Winnie

Trummelbach Falls 16/07/1956

Must be seen to be believed. Went through mountain by lift – Noise terrific – The surrounding scenery very lovely.

Stopped at café where waitresses spoke such beautiful English.

Zurich-See 03-07-1957

Dear David

We are on this Lake Zurich, and this is what we can see, there is one house and one church on the island Ufenau, it is a large lake. It is very hot here, you and Mummy would love it, but too hot for your Dad. We can see all the mountains from the Hotel.

Bye for now from Nan & Grandad Phil

PS. Wadenswil is a school for farmers

Davos 1965

Dear All

We have now reached Zermatt (in spite of the card), having spent an hour and a half in Bern. Zermatt is a much nicer village than Davos – no motor vehicles being allowed inside it, only horse drawn carriages etc. (they are great fun). Skiing is very enjoyable but very painful, I am bruised all over but I can still hobble around alright. Will see you in a fortnight's time with all the news etc.

Pat

Whether people were writing in 1906 or today the inclusion of a comprehensive weather update is a priority, along with a full appreciation of the beautiful scenery, with occasionally an underlying wish for some 'normal' food, and some relief when the person serving it speaks English!

I occasionally purchase job lots of Swiss postcards of varying ages from eBay, or the Brockis (2nd hand stores) in Switzerland, to write and send back to friends and

Stockhornkette unknown date, sent to the Finance Team at County Hall, Truro.

Have arrived safely at journey's end, after driving through terrible storms & torrential rain, weather now wonderful – very hot. Marvellous scenery & peculiar food – we don't ask what it is, just eat it & hope for the best. Our chalet is only a few yards from the water's edge & mountains behind us.

Cheerio Myra.


Basel Marktplatz 1957

I'm writing this in PO it's a wonderful city, this is how it looked on arrival, now market closed and cleared in 1 hr, beautifully clean, lovely food but France awful. A wonderful journey over the pass, the town hall was an education in architecture, wonderful painted wall. Will send letter with more detail tomorrow.

Love A & P.



Panorama showing the route of the MOB from Montreux. Images from the collection of Heidi Marriott, except e-card.

family in the UK. As can be seen from the messages sent over the last 100 years or so, I could just write exactly the same as our predecessors and no one would be any the wiser! We are visiting the same places; using the same modes of transport; falling over skiing; sometimes wondering whether we have just eaten horse, and hopefully we still will be in another 100years, even if the postcard we will be sending will be an E-card. 

RIGHT: A panorama map posted in 1957 showing the causeway between Pffäfikon and Rapperswil.

BELOW: A lovely old painted view over the lake at Geneva.



RIGHT: A postbus as they used to be. Listed on the rear as Grindelwald-Bussalp.

BELOW: A couple of buses belonging to Auto AG Adelsboden.



RIGHT: A view of the old station at Luzern before the major fire on the morning of 5th February 1971.



ABOVE: An aerial depiction of Lake Thun that also shows the old tramway route on the northern (LH in this view) side of the lake.

RIGHT: Modern e-card - courtesy www.ecardmedia.eu.

