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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](http://www.ecardmedia.eu).

