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Calendar of 1955 Expedition

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June 29 - July 29 Gikwe

Aug. 9 - 29 Kung

March 1955

Tues 22 Storm delayed departure  
 Wed 23 Left Cambridge, N.Y. by PAA  
 Thurs 24 London, Howard Hotel  
 Fri 25 London to Paris St James. Albany  
 Sat 26 Paris Musée de l'Homme  
 Dined Emory 9.11.15 & Sir Charles Henderson  
 Sun 27 Paris to Brussels Hotel Astoria  
 Mon 28 Brussels by Sabena to Africa  
 Tues 29 Arrived Johannesburg Casella Hotel  
 Wed 30 Joburg dined with Darts  
 Thurs 31 .. Prof. Marignac. Rand Show

Windhoek

Wed 20 wrote letter visited Gami in  
 Native hospital  
 Thurs 21 Lawrence + Bill returned to  
 Windhoek from Walvis B.  
 Fri 22 Mc Intyre to dinner Dan  
 Bill worked at truck + provisioned  
 Sat 23 Rounding to dinner  
 work on truck + shopping  
 Sun 24 Letters to Mc Intyre + drinks  
 Mon 25 Shopping in Expedition  
 Tues 26 Left Windhoek for Gobabis  
 at 5 pm. arrived 11:30  
 Central Hotel Had beer  
 Wed 27 Gobabis. Work on truck  
 Shopping Brel Fleisch  
 Thurs 28 Lunch with Mr Chapman  
 + Mr. Chapman  
 Fri 29 Departed Gobabis for  
 B.P. Ramsden's farm  
 Camped at Camelbroom  
 106 miles from Gobabis  
 Employed William Cameron  
 travelled to Ramsden's farm

April 1955

and Dr Helmann

Fri 1 .. Proj Dart's office. Tea Mrs Hoeule.  
 Supper Torlauer. Helen Davidson  
 Sat 2 .. Mrs. Whyte took 2. m to Orlando  
 Serial with T.R.H. + Ewings  
 Sun 3 .. City Deep Mine Dances lunch with  
 Suttons Borzoli Darts at County club. Darts took us to Steik protein idmed  
 Mon 4 Trip. Dried Nick Knoetze + African car hire to Kruger Park  
 Elizabeth + J. Lawrence remained Joburg  
 Tues 5 Kruger Park. Pretorius Kop  
 Wed 6 Kruger Park to Barberton to Mbabane Swaziland. Swazi In.  
 Thurs 7 Mbabane, Queen's Kraal, to Hlulhluwe  
 Fri 8 Hlulhluwe One of Kuss days in Joburg Lawrence dined with  
 Justice Oliver Schreiner, friend of Fairs  
 Sat 9 Hlulhluwe to Krug ~~day~~ E + J had had enough. Abandoned  
 trip to Cape Town to return to Joburg. Face masks weighed in decision  
 Easter Sun 10 Krug to Johannesburg. Encountered accident on road. ? Native hunt  
 Mon 11 Joburg again  
 Tues 12 .. Dined with Mr. + Mrs. Glynn Thomas Vice Principal, Wits.  
 Wed 13 .. Lawrence + Bill left for Windhoek. Eliz + Dan spent day with  
 Greenbergs. Dada Bob Hope in Casanova  
 Thurs 14 .. Eliz and Dan went down mine - Maryland  
 Fri 15 .. Eliz + I saw the Egyptian in pm. Museum (Africa) in Am  
 Sat 16 .. Eliz and I went to Pretoria. Lunched with Charles Koch  
 visited his wife at home. Tea at county club with Fitz Simon  
 Sun 17 .. Lunch with Torrence Helen + Scotts  
 Mon 18 .. + Helen at Germiston County Club  
 Flew to visited Dan. Drove and supper with Fasslers  
 Tues 19 Behoboth. Made study in Leica Coln. Dan Eliz  
 Lawrence and Bill in Walvis Bay. Proj M. + J

Frank Kameller got William Cameron

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May 1955

(Maak, elder, and Bert, younger, are the two Ramsden brothers)

- Sun 1 Mr. Ramsden's farm between Rietfontein + Gausi
- Mon 2 " " " visited Lewis farm
- Tues 3 " " Failed to get face masks at Lewis farm
- Wed 4 " " Visited Mr. Hardbattler's farm
- Thurs 5 Left " " To Ghanzi. Arrived + camped 3 miles from Tunis
- Fri 6 Same camp + worked with Maak + me. 2 boys employed { Simon, Jules
- Sat 7 Full Moon. Same camp. Worked with a !Koi Bushman who has his Bill + Tunis + Sipi Bill + Tunis + Sipi Bill + Tunis + Sipi
- Sun 8 Same camp. Worked with Mr. Dabe, the !Koi herdsman + Wilhelmschick
- Mon 9 " " ~~Bill + Tunis + Sipi~~ Dabe and Gishag employed. Records books down
- Tues 10 Big Truck broke down. L.K. spent day with Mr. Barton + Mr. Lewis
- Wed 11 Same camp. Rain in the night of the 9th. Dried out all day
- Thurs 12 left camp. To Ghanzi by noon. To Okwa by night. at 12
- Fri 13 Settled in camp at Okwa. Arranged to work with !Koi hunters. Diga
- Sat 14 Okwa Rationing. Boys begin
- Sun 15 Okwa Tunis, Berge and Bill Donnellan left for windhoek last night
- Mon 16 Okwa. A little rain fell in night. at 7pm to drive all night
- Tues 17 Okwa. L.K. shot a Gemsbuck.
- Wed 18 Okwa. Worked with White Soap. Got new facts from Dabe.
- Thurs 19 Okwa. Elizabeth stopped smoking.
- Fri 20 Okwa. We treat L.K.'s birthday yesterday. Dance in evening. Gemsbuck + Dove Medicine dances. Visitors came to lunch. Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Flattery, Mr. Gowar.
- Sat 21 The sticks made by Djo + Jo. Slight frost at night
- Sun 22 Motion picture of Kraal + Bushmen workers at Okwa D. 3 42 M. BOAT DOCKED AT KRAAL
- Mon 23 New Moon + Newishi. Boy who made first drawings intended to St. i. Guests arrived unexpectedly for supper. to spend night. 8 See Day
- Tues 24 Okwa. Expecting the truck
- Wed 25 Okwa. We are worried about our truck not arriving.
- Thurs 26 Okwa: We left in the pm. at 3 for Takachani. Bill + Tunis did not come
- Fri 27 on the road at Takachani. On to Takacha + Barachu where we arrived at 3. We found 4 B. men + 6 women !Koi + Nakh
- Sat 28 Decided to return to Ghanzi if truck does not come tomorrow
- Sun 29 Barachu. Trucks arrived. All well
- Mon 30 left Barachu en route for La hututu. Camped Manyane Pan
- Tues 31 Rain in night. Hunting on Pan. There is a well on this pan. In route past hututu. late camp beyond Tsani. Rain

Dane 2 the morning

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June

- Wed 1 En route to Mole pole. Camp 9 miles west of Kang. Rain
- Thurs 2 " " " " beyond Kang
- Fri 3 " " " " passed Mt. the Storm H. the - Rain at 5
- Sat 4 Camped 9 miles west of Mole pole
- Sun 5 visited Mole pole Tea with Knobles. Moved to better camp  
D.C. Away Grant
- Mon 6 Laurence Elizabeth Profeni Margard Bill to Johannesburg  
by G.M.C. to meet John.
- Tues 7 Mole pole D.B. + J. Lunch with Knobles Tea with D.C. Mrs  
Carlross Grant John Arrived Johannesburg
- Wed 8 Mole pole camp. Wnk. Knobles to supper in camp
- Thurs 9 Mole pole. Ceremony of Queen's Birthday AM. Wnk PM. Sheppoo
- Fri 10 " listening to return of John L.K. Bill - No Stop - by M.  
They came about 6 pm. All week. with mail. but not Proj M.
- Sat 11 L. + John lunched with Mr. + Mrs. P. Carlross Grant Mole pole
- Sun 12 We packed at camp  
left Mole pole 11 AM. Camped beyond Kudu Malapane  
Tunis shot 2 lions Rain Animals had shot 2 lions in pm
- Mon 13 Rain Broke camp at 4 pm. Rain. Camped passed Kungway  
Discussed water Theunis shot 2 springbuck
- Tues 14 Went through Kungway. Took picture at small village Camp near  
Kuisi Pan. John Theunis Eli + 10ishay lead in Jeep. Dabo told story
- Wed 15 Travelled in golden light, sweet air. Took near drive shaft at  
Red Dodge at 4:45 pm. Replaced it in 20 mins.
- Thurs 16 Theunis shot 2 gems buck.
- Fri 17 left camp early. We left at 8:30 Got Star information at 5:30 AM  
Pictures of Ku Kama Travelled 28 miles. Sky all overcast
- Sat 18 Reached Kusi Pan at 10:30 AM. Found water. No human spoor  
left at 1. 26 miles from Chakuda Pan. acc. to map Camped 17 miles  
from Kusi
- Sun 19 Reached Chakuda at 10:30 am. 11:30 | 10ishay  
brought Bahalati group. At Xatgarn Theunis had 2 lions and  
Camp at Chakuda. Found a gems buck left it at dark  
It was totally eaten by jackals during the night. Sound sink  
Chakuda Photographed village. Philip has head ache  
New Moon. Wedding anniversary. L.K. + Theunis had discussion  
Left Chakuda at 1 pm. In Kar. L.K. + Theunis bought Karosses  
Camped 18 miles from Chakuda
- Mon 20 arrived at a camp to be called camp of the 2 lions cubs about 10 am.  
Fire set by 10ishay caused us to work hours in fire break
- Tues 21 Left above camp at 10:50 AM Passed large burned area. at 3 pm.  
Camped at /nan /niu Pan about 5:30 Had travelled 16 miles.
- Wed 22 Bill got lost. Photographed abandoned rain 5 Karosses. Spell pan  
/Gau /zi
- Thurs 23 Theunis Eli + John left in G.M.C. 8:30. We left about 1 PM.  
found + photographed place where Bushmen had been staying  
from which they ran when we came. 2 Bushmen appeared  
Theunis etc. returned 9 miles. Onkwane + John decided to stay.
- Fri 24 John + Bob Theunis / 10ishay Wilhelm Dabo went to B. West  
John + L.K. stayed with Onkwane
- Sat 25 G.M.C. Dan John + J. Theunis / 10ishay Dabo Wilhelm Dabo went to B. West  
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Camp

- Fri 1 16. Kue weft Saw 4 Genshruck 2 slen bush 1 bushier 2 volica  
2 Fuchals Warm night. Ring around moon Clouds in AM
- Sat 2 16. Kue weft. Took Bushman Bush & camp. slight & cloudy.
- Sun 3 wrote Nana, Tom Kishi Chambelin M.H. <sup>1:30 PM</sup> Angelin-G. Meides. Mago  
Mary Mr. Offord Aunt's 1 Gau / No to 1 E h x a o Pan
- Mon 4 Full moon. Moved from 1 Gau / No to <sup>camp</sup> Tampau with 10 Bushmen.  
is the 16. Kue Troup for 1 Gau / No Pan. (1 ai ha! o is the Pan here.)  
<sub>See above for pref. sp.</sub>
- Tues 5 Party left for Chanzi. in 2 G.M. 1 KM. Caspar Kuger Simon  
Theunis 16. stay. Took genes. of Oukwanis in AM. Recorder
- Wed 6 & Oukwanis singing general songs in p.m.  
Sound Sync at weft all day. 2 big veed fire to south.
- Thurs 7 8:30 am Temp 48 3:15 pm 70 11 am 60 Night was 40  
Sound Sync + bars game / Gureba and Oukwanis singing  
Wilhelm has been put to bed for lumbege in leg + neck, feet.
- Fri 8 Sequences in movie (not sound) of boys practicing shooting.  
Wind I got a few kin terms filmed skin stretching Tolreus  
chies
- Sat 9 Wind in AM. John filmed children in weft + Guine root  
Wind went down in pm. except for gusts + usual dust /  
wind. New veed fire appears to south. smoke black.
- Sun 10 John films skin <sup>Day of rest, reading work on notes</sup>  
Laurens Caspar 16. stay Simon returns. + 1 Bushman from Tami pan
- Mon 11 John filmed snare. I worked on notes. Mamba in tarpaper afternoon  
Dan found a hole in the stitta of his Exacts. He is depressed.  
Preparation meat daily. Not in large pieces & last 2 days.
- Tues 12 I worked on genealogies John filmed. Karoo game in evening. Cocoa  
2 veed fires quite near.
- Wed 13 <sup>Kinslip</sup>  
John & I got snare
- Thurs 14 AM. Religion + Story. P.M. Constitution of Band
- Fri 15 A.M. reading of Oukwanis singing. not very good.  
P.M. Possession in preparation for bl. + bl. Bill hunted in PM.  
Snare given up.
- Sat 16 Tossing child John Elii. Bob Wilhelm 19. stay. I Gai on trip -  
Possession. Bl + wh. by Dan. Bill hunted in A.M. veed fire near
- Sun 17 John + party arrived about 5. Nada spirit bush -  
Brought I Gai's son Bill worked on concepts of analogy
- Mon 18 worked. Bob + I on identifying medicine root in pm.

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- Tues 19 Bill, Cass, Bob, Simon, Theun's brushes  
left for Ghana, to get Claud McIntyre - 10 AM
- Wed 20 New moon. Filmed dance. Sound sync. VISITORS  
New group of Bushmen arrives - 5 men 6 women 6 children
- Thurs 21 Oukwano songs recorded a.m. Sound sync of film in pm.  
Title of film to be Bitter Melons
- Fri 22 Bill, Bob, Cass, Simon returns. Claud McIntyre could not come  
Recorded songs in pm. Story for Oukwano a.m. Took dirt arrow.
- Sat 23 Dan, Bill, I took bl. & wh. of Oukwano playing bow  
John took gathering of melons.
- Sun 24 Freezing so wind. Worked Am. Bathed & rested pm.  
L.K.M. Neilniehl took Green Dodge & started to Windhoek  
to get film under way to be picked up in Grootfontein.
- Mon 25 Bill is sick with dysentery. John filmed AM sequences  
L.K. told us later. Battery punctured - worked loose. Dodge has  
to be towed to Windhoek.
- Tues 26 Finished B.W. Cold wind pm South east  
Bill better. John filmed pm. sequences
- Wed 27 Sound Sync. Oukwano am.  
Oukwano pm. Sound Sync. Cloudy in pm.
- Thurs 28 Am. Oukwano - head nauship. John sound sync.  
Vos. walking, shot a gems buck. P.M. gifts & packing
- Fri 29 left 1 Ai ha ho Pan. Travelled <sup>en route</sup> to Ghana 9 AM  
Camped 42 miles from Ai ha ho. Clouds over camp. Story  
visited at camp by hunters 2 brothers Swartz  
Mr. Molman Mr. Goosens. They were looking for story  
Mr. Swartz's 7 lost horses. Sprung trap holes - repairs
- Sat 30 left camp 9 after clouds cleared. repairs broken spring  
red Dodge in way. Met Mr. Midgley's car & 2 boys  
from the <sup>E + J</sup> ~~camp~~ <sup>visited</sup> Mr. Midgley's camp  
L.K. reached Ghana 21 camped a few miles from Craik's - 11 PM
- Sun 31 Arrived Ghana 21. <sup>at</sup> ~~camp~~ <sup>visited</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~quest house~~ <sup>quest house</sup>  
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Midgley. Other in Mr. Martin's place at quest house.
- August 1 Ghana 21. John went to Bushman pit.  
Midgley's to supper Philip's knee swollen
- Tues 2 Ghana 21 - ready to start to Tsau. Waiting for Bob Story  
who was on a trip with Mr. Martin - Police office at Ghana
- Wed 3 left Ghana 21 en route to Tsau. Then Kai Kai  
about 9:30. Sent Meale's Meal to Dalu's wife  
Mailed letters. Required letter from Grootfontein via L's trip to Windhoek

Friday 25 - Aug 1 was holiday and the end of the  
hunting season. Everyone took to the wood. Aug 1 was the  
Bank Holiday. The high Commissioner declared Fri 25 a school holiday  
the English



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August

- Thurs 4 Lake Ngami filled with water. Left/Gishag at Schitwe about noon. We camped on the west side of Tsam 3.4 miles out.
- Fri 5 started about 9. Found gnomes which K'obrad taken with van Zyl expedition in 1950 & with Jo Bress in 1952. It has been travelled so it is like 2 patches. John shaved his beard.
- Sat 6 Reached Kai Kai about noon. Reach / Gam about 4. Found that many of our Bushmen had gone to work on farms. Camped at same place we camped in Aug 1952. Gam / Mupka / Gishag / Gui / Kusag with in
- Sun 7 / Gam in A.M. John got honey sequence with Gam. Left / Gam at 3pm. Camped at 6. very cold.
- Mon 8 Reached / Nama Pan at noon. <sup>no</sup> / Tona. No other Bushmen John + Eliz
- Tues 9 John returned at noon with / Tona + Gao Med. + their families. Di'ai has a new baby ~~child~~.
- Wed 10 Bill + Cass and Wilhelm with white green Dodge to Windhoek to get film. Plan for EAST Oramboland + Angola abandoned because too much water. We shall stay at / Nama Pan. + go out Eiseb
- Thurs 11 Kinship SYSTEM correct and finished. John + Elizabeth fetching Gao Medicine's people Arrived at 4. Office tent set up.
- Fri 12 John went hunting. I worked in avoidance with / Nama. Hunting with Gam p.m.
- Sat 13 John went to Gantsche. Dan + E took B.W of children. observed I worked AM on Food Avoidances P.M. I took sick
- Sun 14 I was sick. Herero's came with goats + Dan photo's - observed children
- Mon 15 " " " Bill + Cas returns I was recovering + Dan worked on children
- Tues 16 John + Bill to / Qui henta. P.M. I got up + Dan + children P.M. I got up.
- Wed 17 Returned with / Qui. / Qui's foot fell off in evening. Dan photoed hunting equipment 17. 18.
- Thurs 18 Laurence Bill + Dan + Dabe started to Windhoek to hospital with / Qui / Naoka + / Khoa his da. Carisite arrived. Goat given Wilhelm
- Fri 19 Dance. All night. I went to bed at 5. I feel very well. Jim + Gao left. 3 women left for / Gam. John Bob + Eliz to Gantsche gave gas pipe. Nail - 2 broo a Hair wire rack. 2 hands + brace
- Sat 20 Dinner. Nail - All matches. / Gao Gam etc arrived 7 P.M. Bob took Mangard's 100 wds. I cleaned medicine boxes Goat bought from Wilhelm who sent 105 to a Herero for / Gam who returned it in form of a goat. Dance
- Sun 21 Departure. Carisite 2 companion Bushmen women - 8 other Bushmen women + children to / Gam. Given / Torres + Nail. P.M. I treated Xuma for scabies. / Ollone arrived.

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NEW MOON

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August

- Mon 22 Ghed bird Talos - a.m. 12.  
Boys amuse - om. I spent hour & more at hop for 1950 singing -  
& Lisa with me. late at night.
- Tues 23 John to go the Passes. G! Ga departed  
Bob & Ma Gao  
Nai'shi
- Wed 24 I am sick again. Temp 100 at 8 a.m. Worked on hunting with Gao in tent
- Thurs 25 ~~Toma to go on small boat~~ Temp 99.8  
Sound Sync of 16 so Music & Ma telling story
- Fri 26 Feel a little better. John helped make lists
- Sat 27 Prepared presents
- Sun 28 gave presents
- Mon 29 leave! Nama. Slept beyond (gan
- Tues 30 Saw eland & wild beasts Camp, bees and the fire
- Wed 31 Bleek Camp. Philip's prayer. Simon's songs.  
John Marshall God bless heads.

September 1 Spent night at omalara at hotel of Mr. Van der Westhuizen  
Van der Westhuizen

- Fri 2 Wind hoek at noon. Qui has already been operated on
- Sat 3 John & Elizabeth and Bob Storey left at 10:30 p.m.
- Sun 4 Worked in room at Gross. Drinks with McInnes. They & Linnis  
with us.
- Mon 5 To Dobera Mission with McInnes to see Qui

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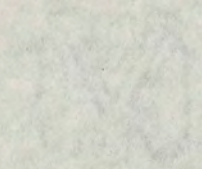
- Tues 6 Bill Donnellan left 7:30 AM. Unleashed at workhouse.  
Dined with Dr. Mrs. Marais Mr Viljoen (Viluné)  
to administrative of S.W.
- Wed 7
- Thurs 8
- Fri 9
- Sat 10
- Sun 11
- Mon 12
- Tues 13 Dan Bliz left
- Wed 14
- Thurs 15 Car left
- Fri 16
- Sat 17
- Sun 18
- Mon 19
- Tues 20 we left.
- Wed 21
- Thurs 22
- Fri 23

Steinkansen  
Summerdown 40 miles E of Stellenbosch  
we last left  
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of water commission  
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