

# ALBUM

November 1977

to

January 1980

In Saudi Arabia

Photo

Compendium

BOOK A

Nov 1977-Dec 1978

by Helga von Schweinitz

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## Introduction

This is a family album of Hans von Schweinitz, Helga (wife), Bettina (daughter), and Christopher (son) von Schweinitz. The time frame is 1977 to 1980 while in living in Saudi Arabia

From November 1977 to January 1980, Hans took on a job with Northrop in Saudi Arabia. Helga and Chris went to live with Hans in Saudi Arabia. Bettina stayed in Austin Texas and attended University.

A more detailed account of what occurred during their time in Saudi Arabia is included in other books. This book only has photos and their captions, along with miscellaneous pamphlets, articles, and other paperwork that they collected.

The albums that Helga put together were based on her system. In this compendium, the photos have been sorted into subjects, sort of.

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1 Leave for Saudi Arabia



Hans at Austin Airport ready to leave for Saudi Arabia Sep 1977



Tina, Helga, Hans in driveway of 2319 Village Circle, Sep 1977



Chris, Tina, Hans in driveway of 2319 Village Circle, Sep 1977



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## 2 Al Khobar



الخبر قبل حوالي ٣٠ عاماً ، اين كانت لما هي عليه الآن من تقدم وازدهار !!  
View of AL KHOBAR city in 1944



هكذا كانت مدينة الخبر قبل ٢٨ عاماً  
View of AL KHOBAR city in 1946



Views over Al Khobar before our family arrived in Sep/Dec 1977



Traffic circle within Al Khobar



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Boulevard within Al Khobar



Possibly view of Al Khobar from plane



Chris and Helga at intersection in Al Khobar.



Typical roof top view in Central Al Khobar



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View from Building 4 over roof tops 1977



Al Khobar/ Dahrhan Airport



View from Building 140 on Khalid Street 1978



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View from Building 140 over roof tops



View from Building 140 over roof tops



View from Building 140 towards Persian Gulf



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View from Building 140 over Al Khobar

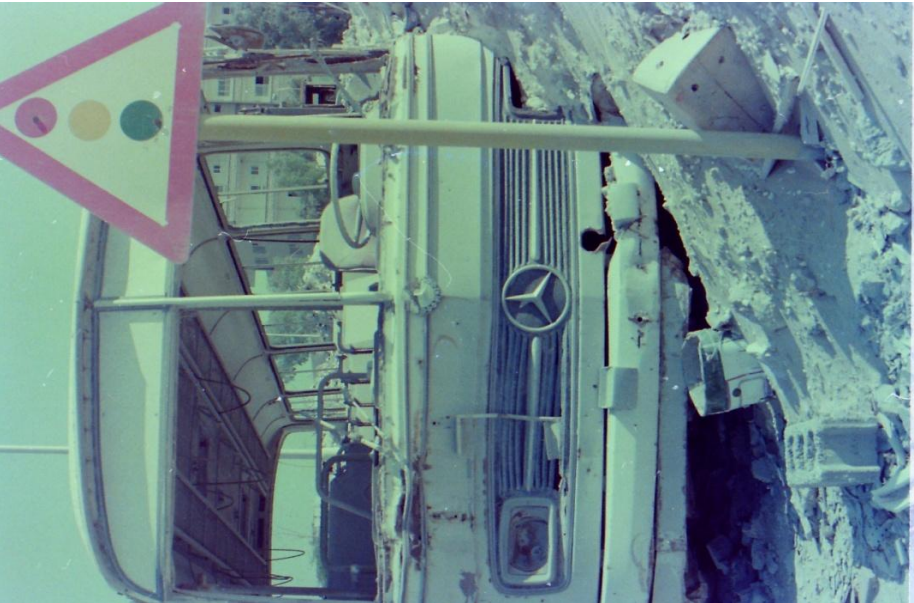


Signs that there are lots of TVs





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Abandoned vehicles everywhere. Taking another's property is stealing, punishable by cutting off left hand.



Streets in Al Khobar after rain. limited parking



Mosque in Al Khobar



Gate into Al Khobar



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Trash collecting. Taking property is stealing, so no trash collection. Could also be somebody's home constructed of scraps.



Typical building, walls are not straight, Al Khobar



3 Compound First Al Gosaibe Cantonment G-28



Front of G-28 with daily potable water cans



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Front view of G-28



Back porch of G-28, Helga, Hans, Chris early 1978



Front view of G-28



Living room and dining room of G-28, Chris



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Kitchen of G-28, Helga



Master bedroom of G-28



Chris' bedroom of G-28



Another view of Living room and dining room. Chris.



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Hallway of G-28



Hans, Chris, Helga at dining table G-28



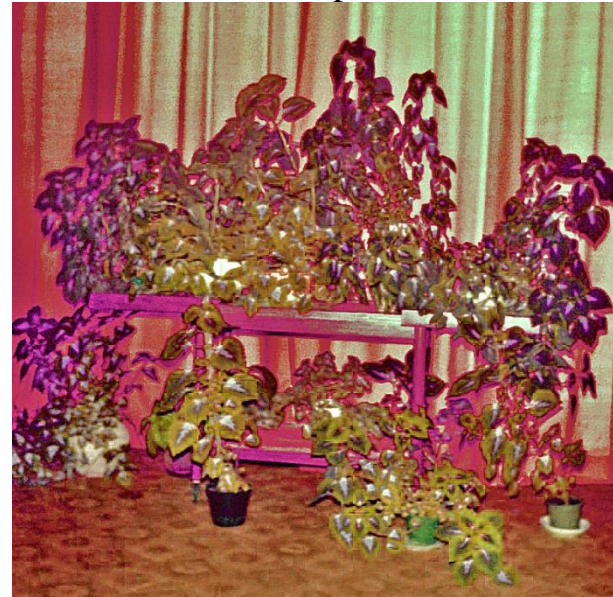
Hans enjoying sofa at G-28



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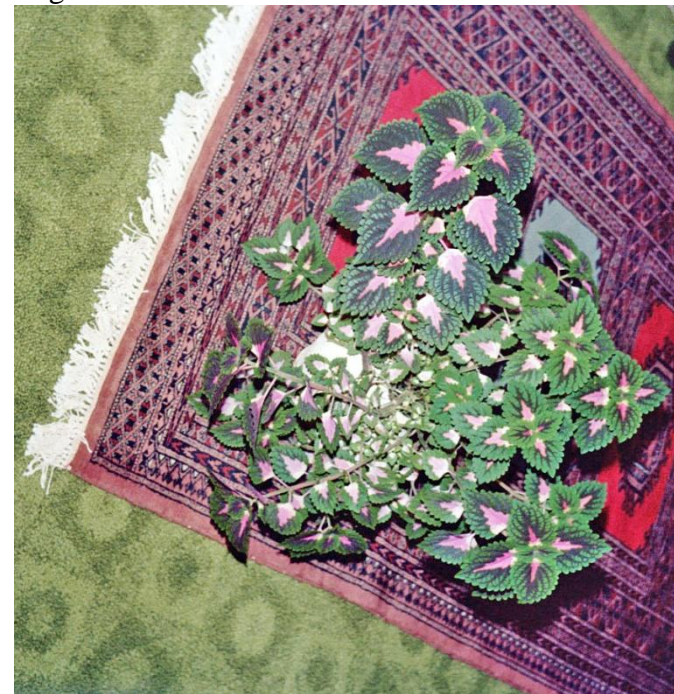
Coleus plants grown by Helga



Helga's Coleus forest



Hans at his desk, in Coleus forest.



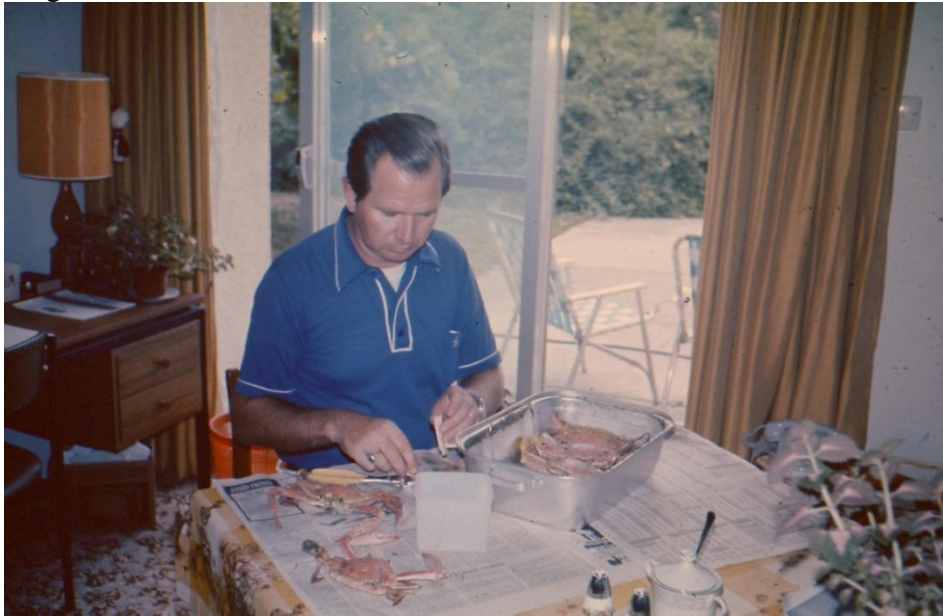
Helga's Coleus plant



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Helga's Coleus forest



Hans preparing crabs for diner



Hans preparing crabs for diner



Barbeque, Hans' favorite hobby. Mike, Mike, Chris, Hans, Will Willowbey



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Barbeque, Hans' favorite hobby. Mike Moseley's "Trainer of the Month" party Nov or Oct 1978



Barbeque, Hans' favorite hobby



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Barbeque, Hans' favorite hobby



Chris with friends. Frank Major, Steve, Chris. April 1979



Chris with friends. Frank Major, Steve, Chris. April 1979



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Mike M, Larry Lawrence, Bob Warner, Hans playing Risk



Hans and friends playing Risk board game. Betty Warner, Hans, Mike Moseley, Bobby's son



Hans and friends playing Risk



Skat card game. Victor Cubic, Hermann Rubi, Hans



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Dinner with friends



Skat card game. Victor Cubic, Hermann Rubi, Hans



Playing Monopoly with Friend. Bill Rickard, Helga, ?, Chris, Tina ?



Risk, a favorite board game, goes best with Home brewed Beer and wine



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Playing poker with friends



Playing Risk with friends, Helga, ?, ?, Bill Rickard, ?



Dinner with friends



Chris can drive at age 13 or 14. Driving Mazda on desert road



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Communication center at entrance to Al Gosaibi Cantonment



Communication center at entrance to Al Gosaibi Cantonment



Outer wall of Cantonment



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Entrance to Al Gosaibi Cantonment  
4 Recreation Center



At Building 4, Where the buses stop



*At Bldg 4, where the buses stop*



Building 4 rec pool Chris and Helga

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Pool at the Northrop Recreation Center



Hans at Palm Meadows pool. New water tower being built



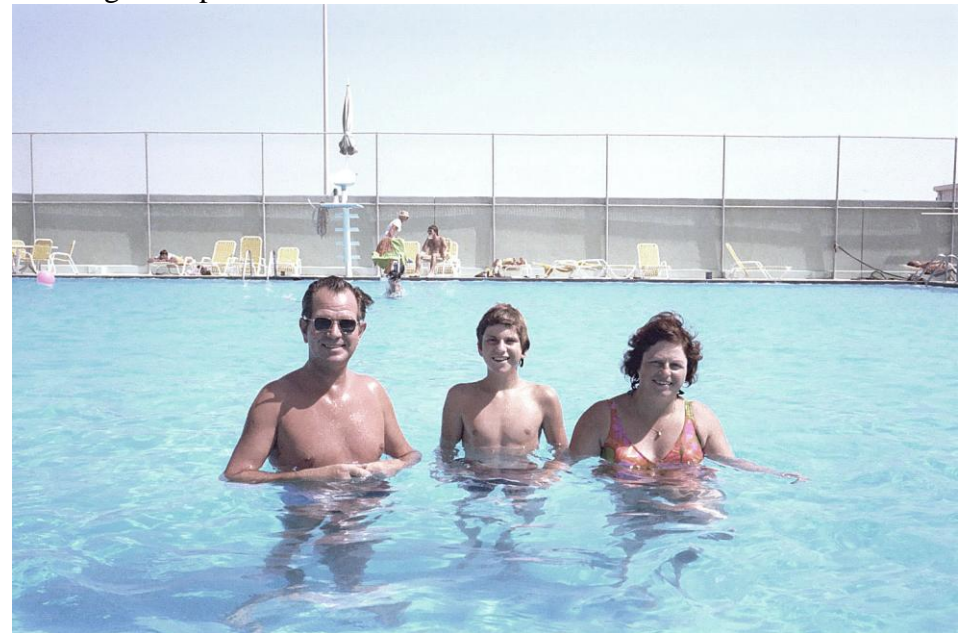
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Hans and Chris playing Back Gammon in Palm Meadows pool



Building 4 rec pool Chris



Building 4 rec pool Hans, Chris and Helga



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Building 4 rec pool Hans, Chris and Helga



Cafeteria in Building 4 in 1978



Cafeteria in Building 4 in 1978



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Cafeteria in Building 4 during Thanksgiving 1978



Party at Rec center 1978



Hans with Santa in Dec 1977 at Recreation Center



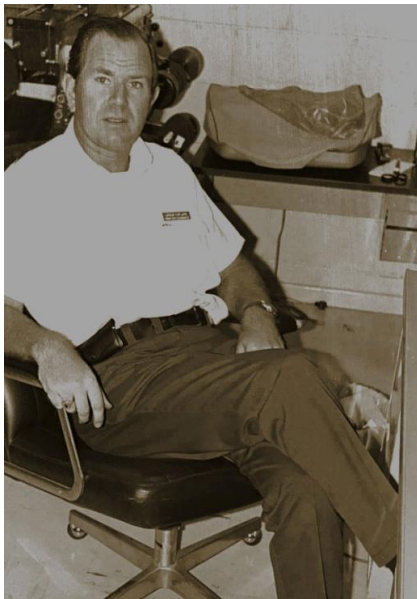
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Hans at his desk



Chris taking art class at Rec Center 1978

5 Hans at Work



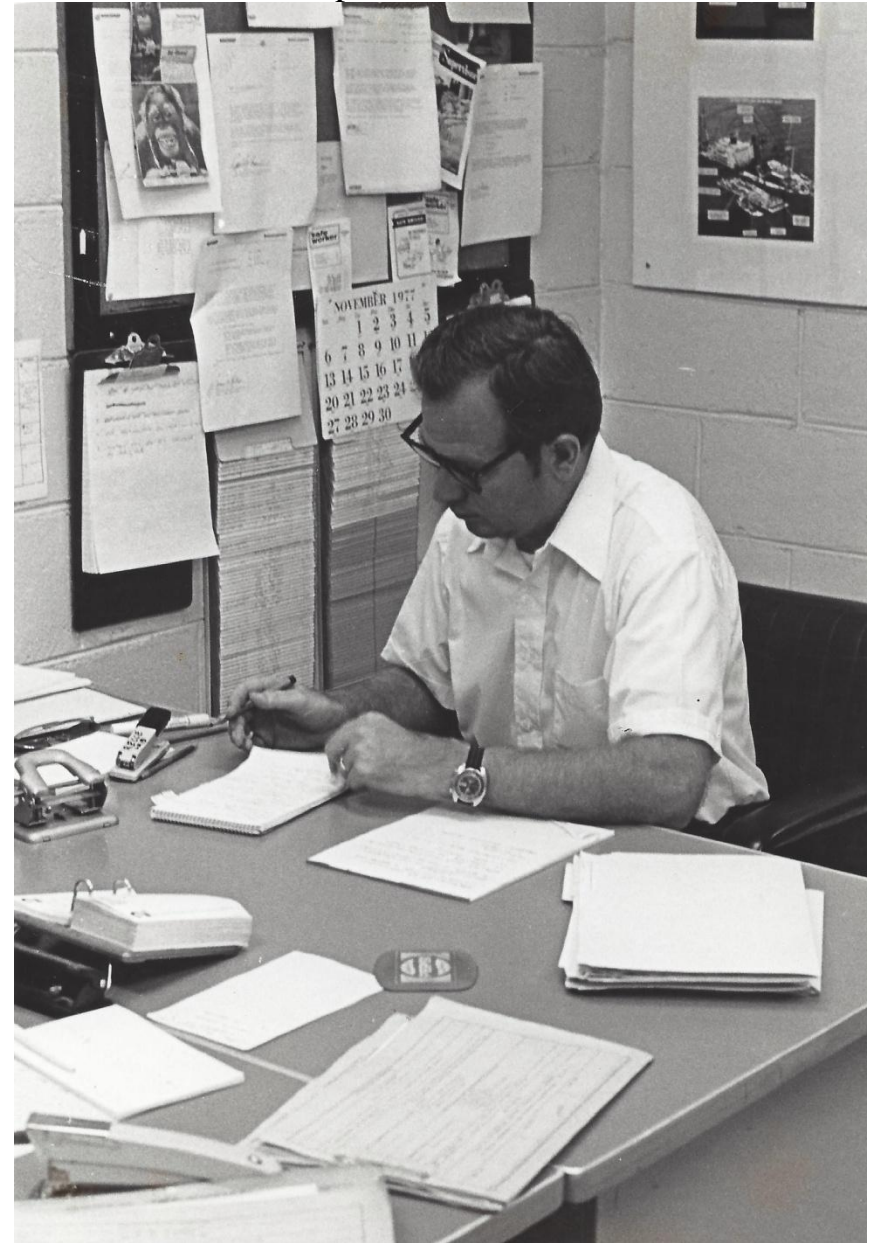
Hans greeting Saudi Prince Sultan, June 1979, official opening of Recci Lab



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Reconnaissance group under Hans' management 1977



Lots of paperwork (not Hans)



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Hans traveling in Lear Jet



Hans at his desk



Lab with paper cutter

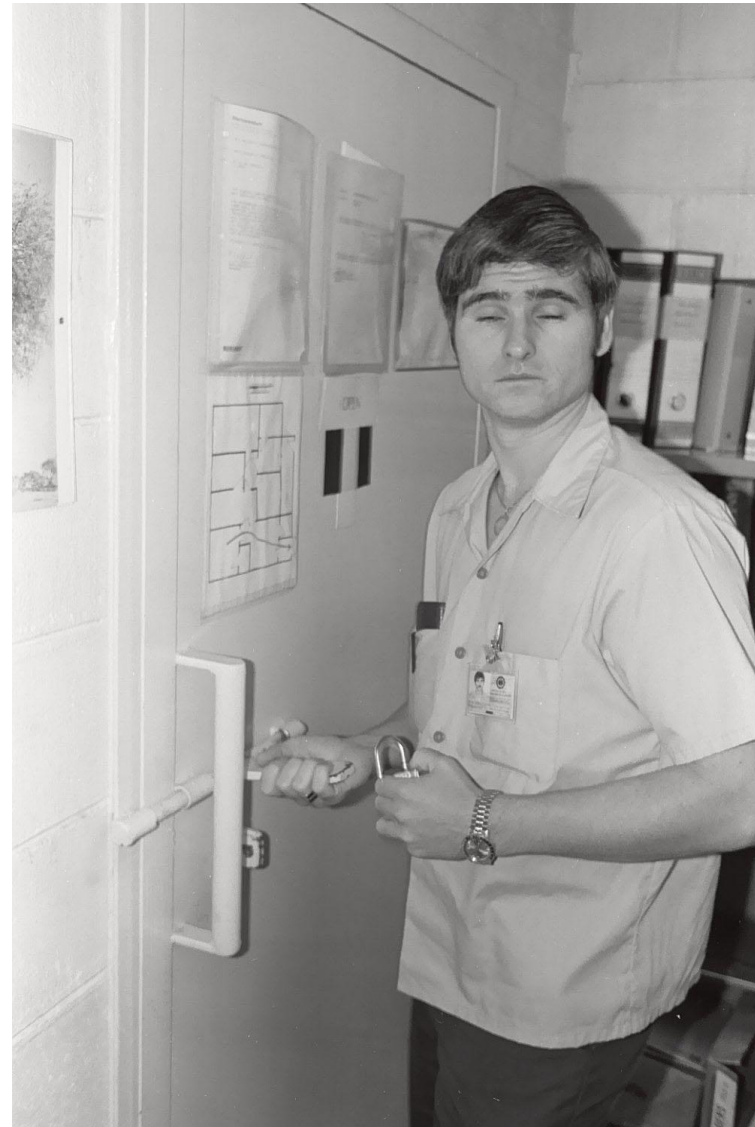
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Lab with chemical baths



Team members from various nationalities



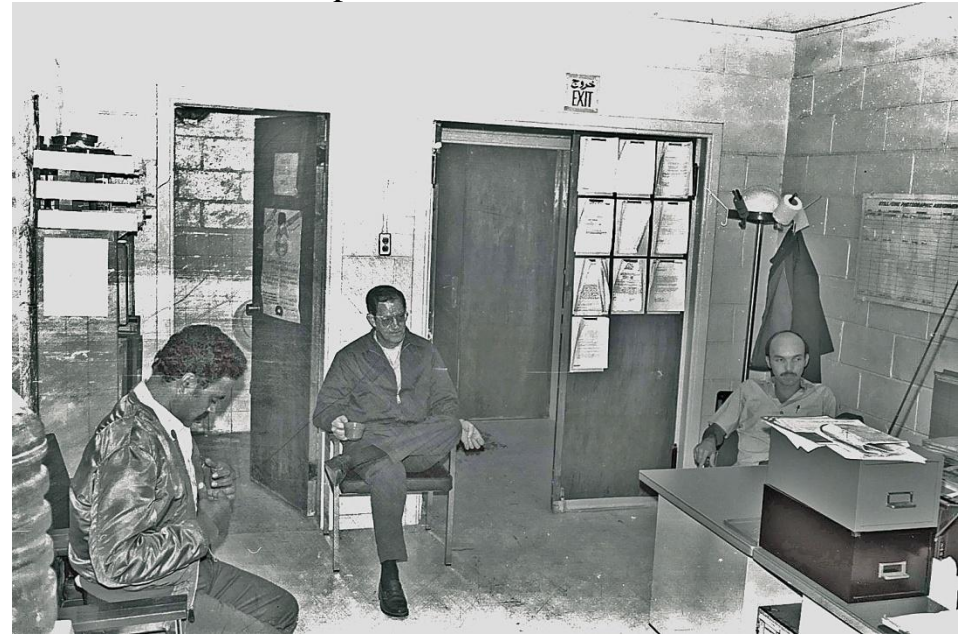
Coming out of red light development room



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Team member



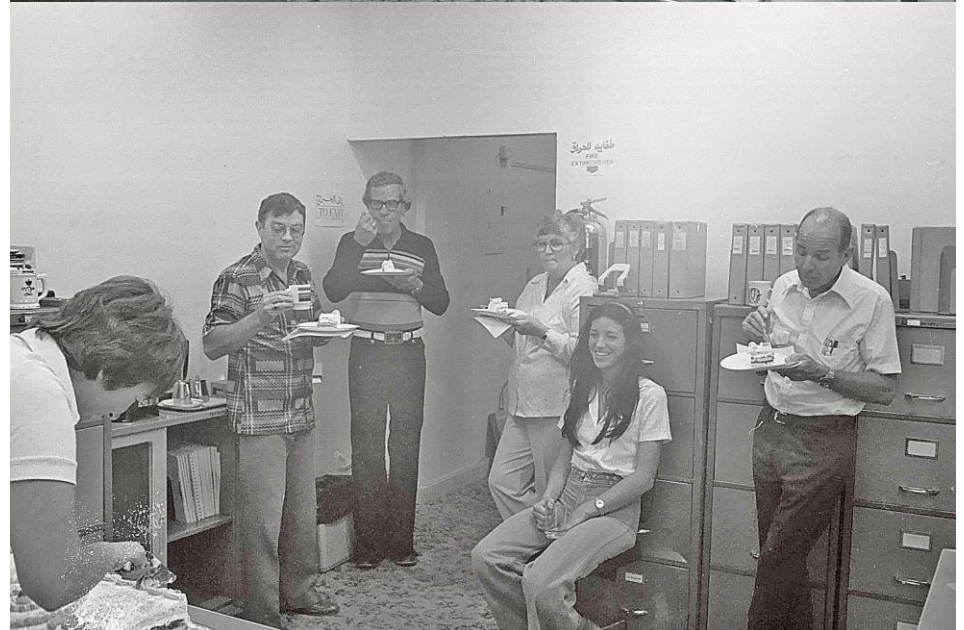
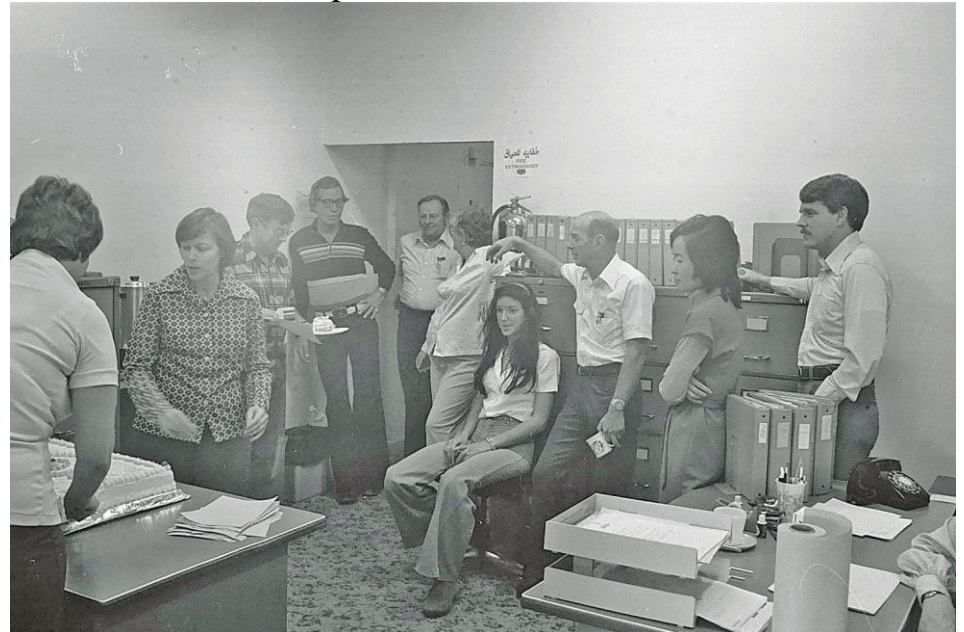
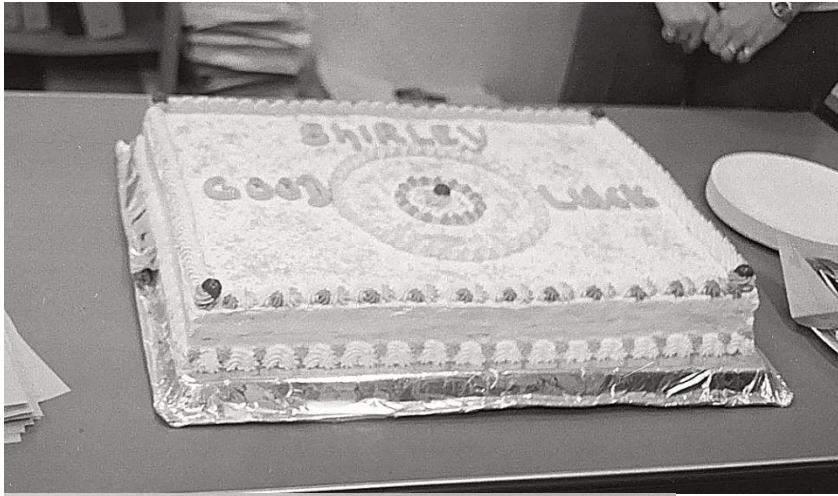
Team members from various nationalities



Birthday or going away celebration for Shirley



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Taking break outside of Rec lab



Support from US Army



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View over desert from plane



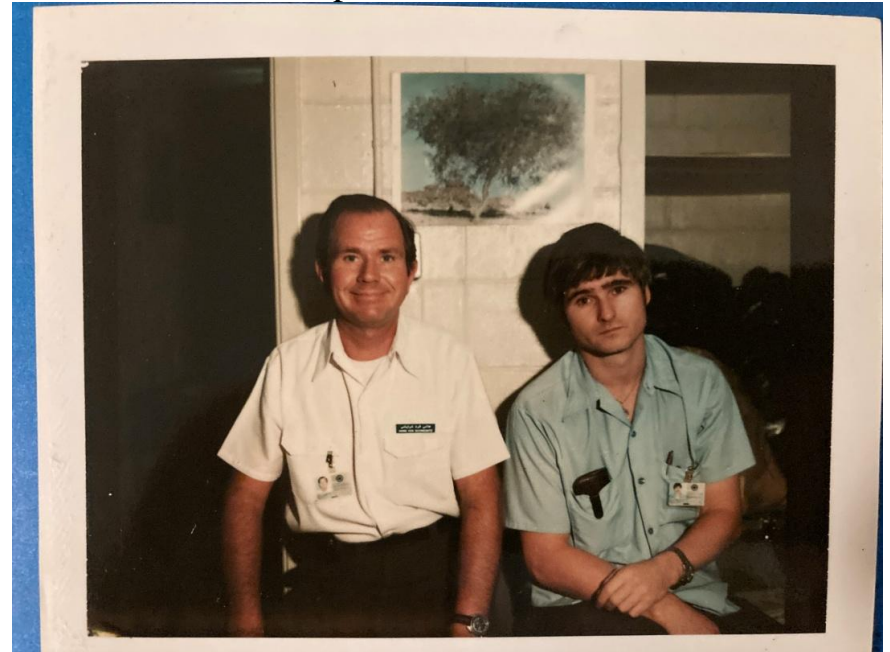
Closer view of desert from plane



Galaxy C5 support from US Airforce



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6 Qatif Oasis Jan 1978



Flower at Qatif Oasis gardens



Helga and Chris at Qatif Oasis gardens



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Helga and Hans at Qatif Oasis gardens



Flower at Qatif Oasis gardens



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Date palm tree in Qatif Oasis gardens

7 Fishing Dow Feb 1978





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Chris on fishing trip



Chris caught a fish



Chris in Persian Gulf with Al Khobar shores in background





8 Bahrain Trip April 1978



Captain of the dhow



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Hans and Helga on Dhow



Helga on Dhow



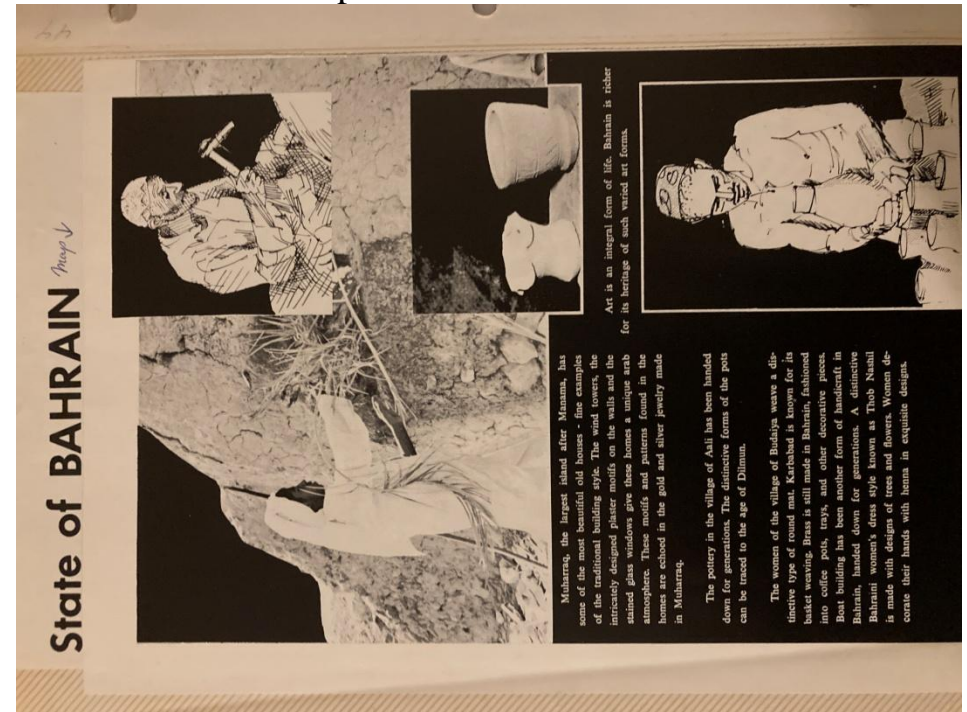
Another Captain of the Dhow



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The Gulf Hotel, view from Behind





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Pollinating a date palm. Post card



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Pollinating the Date Trees, for real.



Bahrain. The Turkish Fort



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Turkish Fort with soldier who guards it, view to the Persian gulf



School girls on an outing to the Turkish Fort April 1978



School girls on an outing to the Turkish Fort April 1978



School girls on an outing to the Turkish Fort April 1978



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Dillman Excavation, Bahrain 1978. Where the archeologists live at the site of the excavation



Dillman Excavation, Bahrain 1978. Helga



Women begging in far left corner

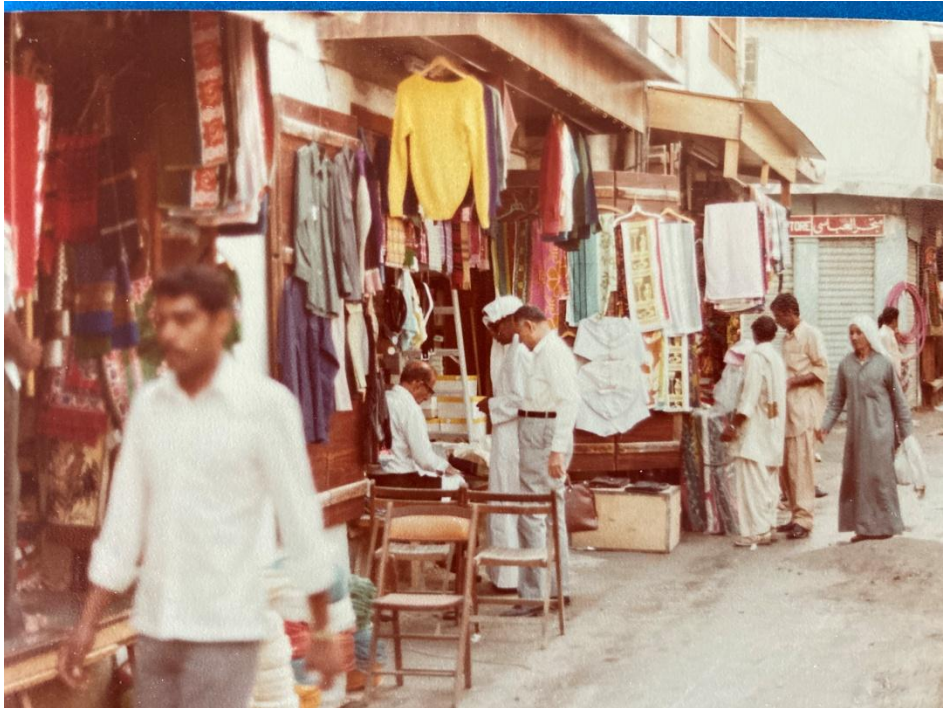


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Shops opening early morning, Bahrain, April 1978



Where we spent the night



Helga and Hans in town, Bahrain, with local



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Early morning in town, Bahrain



Early morning in town, Bahrain



Early morning in town, Bahrain



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Bahrain, Metal worker or Metal Smith



A'Ali Lime Kiln, Bahrain



Return trip from Bahrain to Al Khobar on dhow



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Hans with guys from Reconnaissance Lab on Dow from Bahrain to Al Khobar



Return trip from Bahrain to Al Khobar with Saudi Flag on back - no more alcohol.





Captain on a Dow



Return Trip from Bahrain. When the Captain hoisted the Saudi flag all booze had to disappear one way or another.





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Typical passenger dow from Bahrain to Dharan or Al Khobar



Some Dows ferried cars from Bahrain to Al Khobar



## 9 Caves Al Hasas March 1978



Cave entrance



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Area leading to the entrances



Trip to caves organized by Rec Center with School buses.  
Chris and Helga



Most of the caves have lost their roofs



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Helga, Chris, Hans at Entrance to cave area



Cave people selling snacks and drinks at entrance to cave



Hans on top "roof" of cave complex



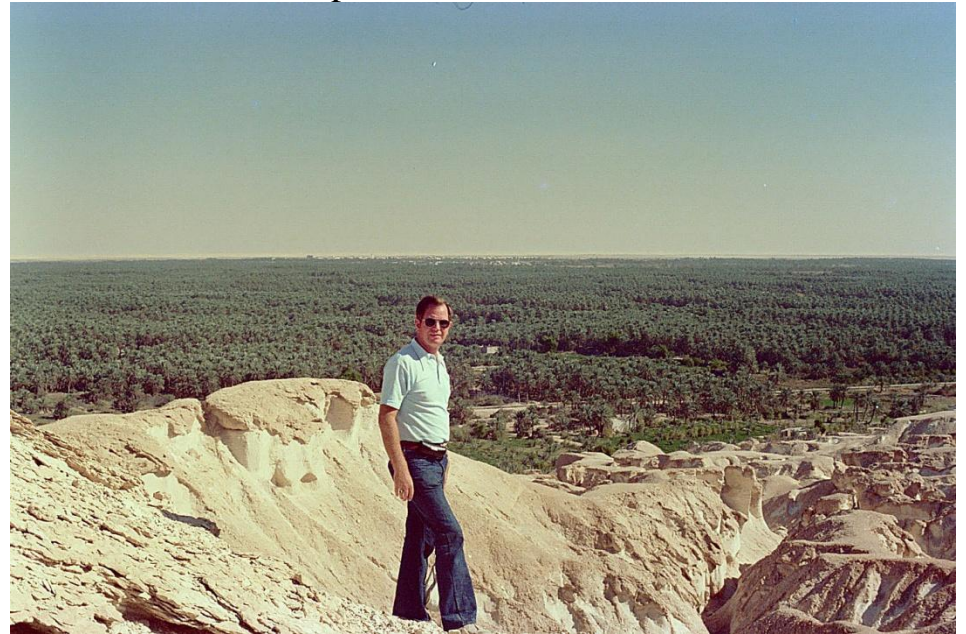


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Cave people selling snacks and drinks at entrance to cave



Formation caused by wind erosion



Hans on top of caves, behind is an oasis forest



Hans way down there in cave area



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Chris and Helga in cave area



Hans and Helga in cave area



more photos in cave area



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10 Mustafa Visit 1978



Mustafa and family at Al Khobar, G-28 house



Mustafa and family at Al Khobar, G-28 house



Mustafa and family at Al Khobar, G-28 house



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Mustafa and family seated at table with Helga at G-28 house



Later Hans visited Mustafa and family in Bahrain.



Mustafa and family seated at table with Helga at G-28 house

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Judo friends, Chris on right



Judo Friends



Ambulance station at Northrop's clinic. Could not set a leg break. Had to be evacuated to Wiesbaden West Germany



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Chris in Wiesbaden with right leg in tractions



Still sleepy from surgery.



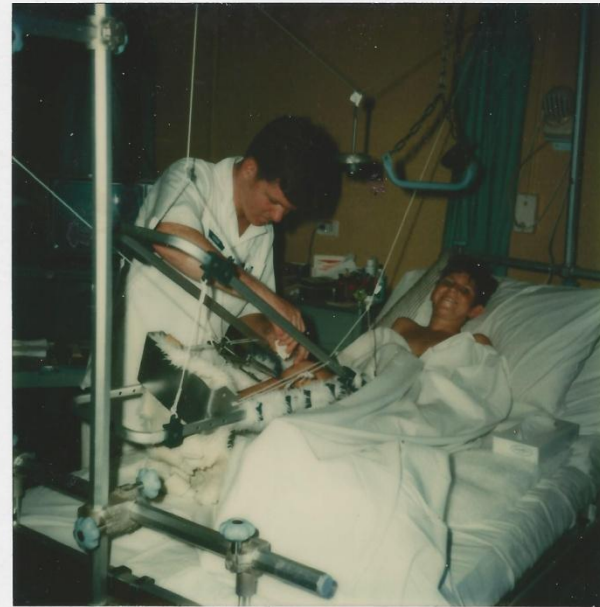
Leg in traction



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Chris with Monkey, gift from Helga



Dear Tina,  
How would you like a  
toy like this?

Chris sent this to sister, Tina, in the USA



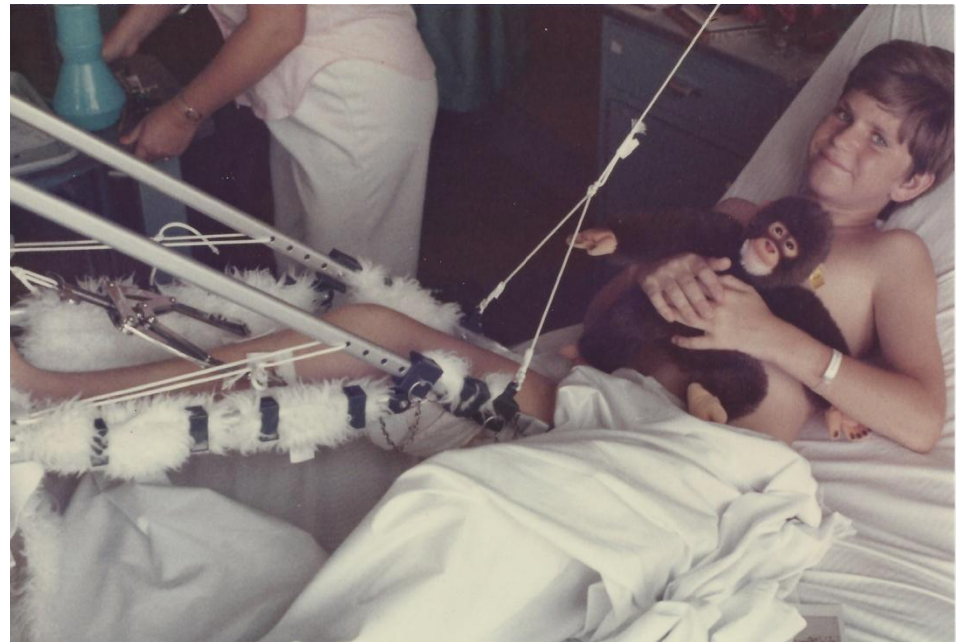
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Chris with other patients in ward. rest were adults.



Chris and his monkey





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Hans, Chris, monkey, Helga

13 Chris & Helga & Hans & Tina, Wiesbaden May/Jun 1978, with Chris on Crutches



Hans, Helga, Chris on Alpine mountain top



Helga and Chris



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Helga, Chris, Tina on glacier in Alps



Helga, Tina, Chris in Salzburg Austria



Chris and Tina on glacier overlook in Alps



Tina, Chris, Helga in Salzburg Austria



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Tina, Chris, Helga in Salzburg Austria



Hans, Chris, Tina on glacier in Alps



Chris, Tina, Helga at Hitler's Teahouse in Alps



Helga, Chris, and Tina at Hitler's Teahouse in Alps



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Helga, Chris, Tina at Salzburg salt mine entrance



Helga and Chris on mountain top in Alps



Helga, Chris, Tina in Salzburg Austria



Helga, Chris, Tina at Hitler's teahouse in alps



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VW Beetle bought just for stay in Germany. Chris and Tina



Hans, Chris, and Tina on Glacier in Alps



Hans, Chris, and Tina on Glacier in Alps



Tina, Chris, and Helga on top of Edelweisspitze Alps



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Tina in Al Khobar at intersection to Riyadh



Chris, Tina, Helga at Michi and Uchi's house in Mainz

14 Tina & Hans Saudi Arabia Jun 1978



Tina in Camel market





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Tina in Persian Gulf checking out abandon VW. Gulf so salty, this car will be gone in one year



Tina walking in desert



Hans and Tina along Persian Gulf beach



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Tina on Half Moon beach. Only western dress beach.





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Tina floating in Persian Gulf



Hans floating in Persian Gulf. So salty, easy to float



Hans and Tina on ruins along beach in Ugar



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15 Tina in USA, Accident Oct 1978



Parent fourplex in Austin Texas. Where Tina lived while in college.



Tina was driving the yellow Ford Torino. Lady her dog.



Torino after the 60 mph accident on Ben White and First Street intersection. T-boned a left hand turner.

Rest of story is contained in Compendium B