

14 Aug. 1956  
G.P.O., Hobart  
Tasmania

Dear Schuyler:

Just a note of birthday greeting.

I hope the dark clouds have now rolled away or at least evaporated sufficiently for the silver lining to begin showing through. Difficulties and problems can't last forever and I wish you sunshine and clear sailing for the new year. May this one be more rewarding in place of mind than the old.

A few days ago I finally got all my gear in operating shape. On the basis of the very limited evidence presently available it appears to be a success. However things have taken so long that I'm now about 2 1/2 months behind the intended schedule; thus I will be here for several more months until this whole setup can be given a fair trial.

The weather has continued bad. Last night I folded up about midnight in a blizzard and finally got back to town about 4 am. ~~Rempton~~ Rempton is ~~in fact~~ about 30 miles north of Hobart at an elevation of 1800 feet. I apparently ~~stopped~~ stopped at the side of the road about a mile from my installation. The former has been ~~one~~ one of his

tractors upon which I have installed an electric starting system and lights plus a big box for carrying my stuff. The tractor is kept under a big Norfolk pine tree. I then drive the tractor down into the bottom of the valley and park it outside my shed, a cord runs from shed and plugs into a receptacle on tractor which has an oversize battery. This provides light at night, a good kerosene heater provides warmth, a small kerosene stove may be used to cook hot soup or heat soldering irons, etc. Altogether the setup is about as good as I can organize without spending a huge amount of time and money.  
Let me know what you are doing!

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