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Neil,

I was very pleased to receive your letter a couple of weeks ago and to finally establish a good contact, so we could preserve some of the early climbing information for future bushwalkers and climbers. I hope Julie Henry is doing better, and would like you to give her my regards when you next see her. I think I met her in 1962 when I showed some slides in the Canberra Hotel in Brisbane.

I will now proceed to assemble a description of the early climbs I was involved in, also ~~some~~ of any interesting photos I took, relating to the UQBCWC group. (all dozen or so of them!); and also would like to follow that with brief descriptions of the later ones I did in the northwest U.S., Europe, and Canada, until the last one in 1983.

These included a couple with Graham Hardy and one with Pat Wragham, both of whom became academics. Geoff Goadby is I believe a dermatologist in Townsville, and I have not seen Comino since 1962. I was last in Brisbane in 1967 to visit my parents. I have not had any other contact with the old Bushwalkers since a phone call to Janet Teys (now Bierthl) when I was out in 67., and also Natasha Potanin (now Sidhu) visited when she came here last year to a seminar.

Of course I still remember the old days well and particularly the visits to Barney and the Steamers, also of course their trips to the Cuzals, Springbrook, the Glasshouses, Numinbah Valley etc! When you mentioned your climb of the south of Beerwah I thought at first that you may have been with Goadby, Comino, myself, and another person I can't recall for some reason, in 56

of 57, when the boat of us also did it!
 (Jeanette and I were living in Brisbane from about August 56 to Sep. 57, prior to returning to Canada) I know I met you earlier, but can't remember where.

You have done climbs similar to my own I see, like the Matterhorn, but I have never been to South America and seen the Towers of Paine, unfortunately. It is amazing how these Italians, British and others did those ascents, and the weather they must have encountered.

I hope you let Luke Meadows know that I will have my contribution done by and delivered to you within say two months. If he wants it earlier tell me and I will have it done sooner.

Your farm sounds really great, I have several of Henry Lawson's books and they are very interesting, though sometimes sad like "That There Dog of Mine"!

Regarding our location, we are just north of

of Victoria, at the south end of Vancouver Island, which is 20 miles west of Vancouver (at ~~its~~ south end), as you probably know. We have been on the Island since 92, prior to that were in Calgary since 78, living near Seattle before that since 65, and from 58 to 65 were in Portland (Oregon). ~~Hopping~~ around like that is typical of the Civil Engineering profession, when you do not have a government job (fortunately).

We would really like to see you both if you make a Canadian trip. I haven't been back to the Rockies since 91, and would like to do some of the wonderful walks there again, but not the climbs at our ages! The best time there is August to September. Let us know when you may plan a trip.

All the best

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PS. Would like your phone number.