

East African Campaign Diary




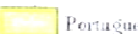
- Tanzania & Mozambique 1917 - 1919 -

- Annex 1: Postcards - (*Vertical Format*) -

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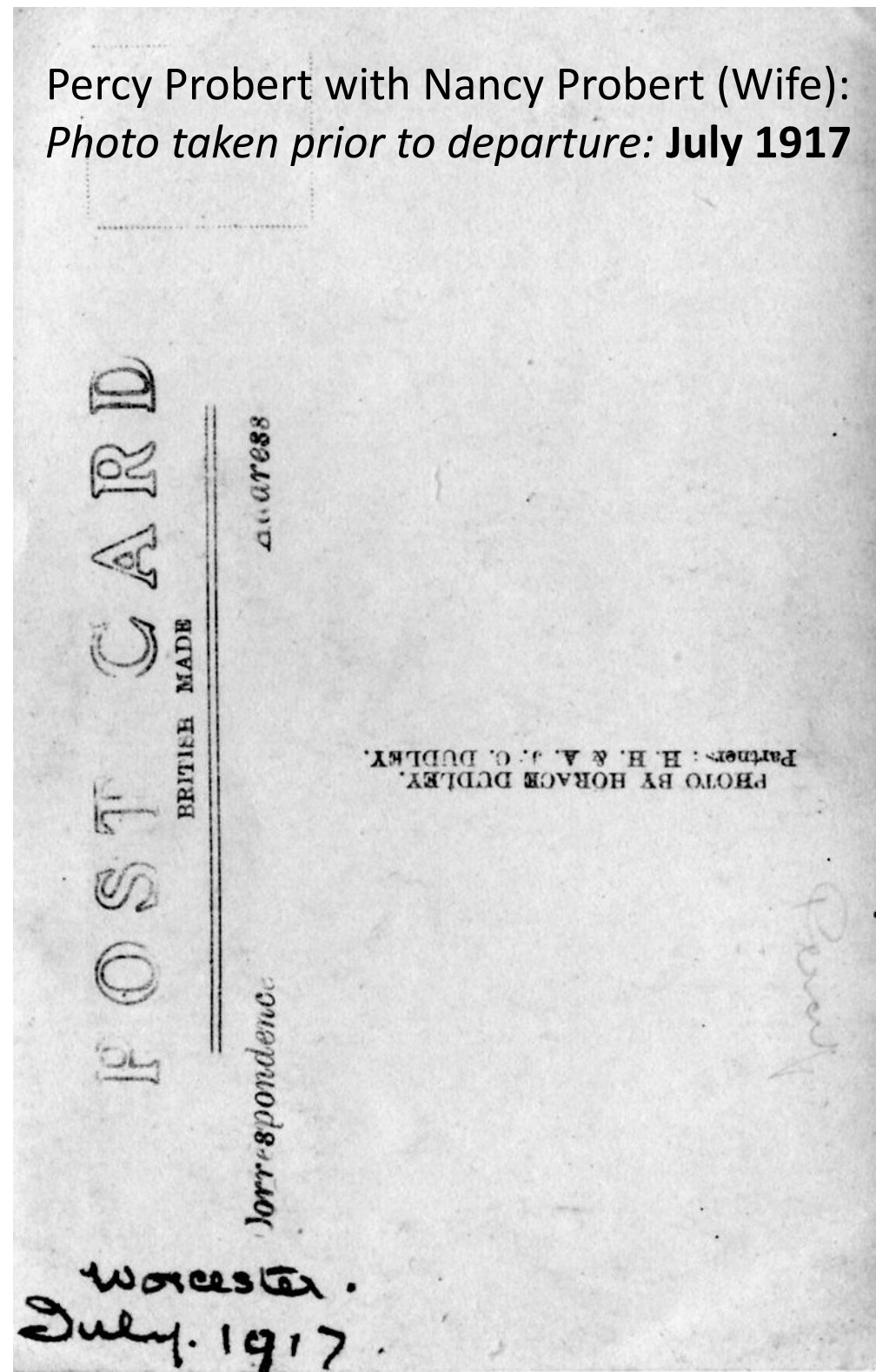
AFRICA

English Miles
100 200 300 400 500
Kilometres
200 400 600 800

| REFERENCE TO COLOURING | | | |
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|  | British |  | French |
|  | German |  | Portuguese |



Percy Probert with Nancy Probert (Wife):
Photo taken prior to departure: July 1917





Thos. Forrest

Percy Probert

1888 : 3 yrs old

CAMBRIAN STUDIO,
PONTYPRIDD.



A. & G. Taylor

Percy Probert

1891 : 6 yrs old

CARDIFF &
PONTYPRIDD

Rev Enoch Evan Probert (Father)
- 1891 -



Thos. Forrest & Sons

CAMBRIAN STUDIO
PONTYPRIDD.

Mrs Evelina Probert (Mother)
- 1891 -



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PONTYPRIDD.



Probert Family Photo (1930): Percy W. Probert in Back Row (1st Left) with Nancy Probert

30 Aug 1917.
Anchored off Freetown.

H.M.T. "ASCANIUS"

Souvenir

Programme

of

Charity

Entertainment

Under the Patronage of

Commander Geo. T. Clark, R.N.T.

and

Major H. Andrews, O.C. Troops.

ENTERTAINMENTS' COMMITTEE

President—Capt. Samson. Hon. Treasurer—Capt. Kelley,
Secretary—2nd Lt. Sweeney, assisted by 2nd Lt. Douglas,
Capt. Tyson, 2nd Lt. Osmond,



... Programme ...

1. Overture
2. Gnr. Egner, "L.A.M.B." ... Light Comedian
3. Pte. Bewley, "L.A.M.B." ... Coon Delineator
4. Lt. Allen, "L.A.M.B." ... Baritone Vocalist
5. Arthur Stone, "Ascanus" ... The Quaint One
6. Pte. Beer, "A.S.C." ... In Latest Successes
7. S. M. Medhurst, "Hussars" ... Comedian
8. Bdr. Crisp, "R.F.A." ... Silver Tenor

Selection

9. "Sparkling Revuette" (in One Act)

ENTITLED

"Shall Us? Let's!"

Book by Stone & Martin. Music by Bert Feldman. Scenery by Lamberth & Co.
Dresses by Miss Tightfit. Effects by Accident. Sole Agent: George Millett.

ACT I.

Behind the Scenes at the Hippodromy, Slushton-on-Slush.

CHARACTERS.

Gladys, (a sweet young thing) ... Miss? BEWLEY -
Harold, (a hactor) ... (ALAN MARTIN.
Johnnie, (in khaki) ... (late Martin & O'Brien.
Lightning, (the Telegraph Boy) ... Charlie Cockayne
Scratcher, (Props) ... STONE & CANE
Selinda, (the Dream Girl) ... The Comedy Couple

The whole under the personal supervision of the Authors.
Absolutely the only Revue without a Beauty Chorus on Tour.

10. Lt. Ellis, "9th Devons" ... Baritone
11. Bdr. King, "R.F.A." ... Entertainer at the Piano
12. Pte. Gore, "L.A.M.B." ... The man with the Voice

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Lt. Osmond, Sgt. Walker, & Bdr. King at the Piano

Greetings

From
EAST
AFRICA
for
XMAS
19 17



THE EASTERN & SOUTH AFRICAN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD. — ZANZIBAR.

No. 7

The following TELEGRAM Received at 8:30 Pm on 20 **DSM** 1918

From Pontypriidd via "Eastern."

REMARKS.

Rp 20.

Foreign No. 28/27 Dated 15 Time 4.40p m

TO Lco Rp 20 spr p w probert

127626 R E wireless T G H
Q British East Africa =

Boy reported missing have you any
knowledge of him

= Duncan McGregor

Pontypriidd =



Doubtful Words should be OFFICIALLY repeated. See Rule Book.

No inquiry respecting this Telegram can be attended to without the production of this Copy.



This is the Lutheran
church, where the
C. of E. & Noncons. hold their
services.

The Germans still hold
their service on
Sundays at 9 a.m.
Congregation is
practically composed
of the German
women & children
who are here.

Nov 1918 Love Perry

The interior is
beautiful. There is
also a good 2 manual organ.

Communication—Correspondance

Address—Addressee

POST CARD

CARTE POSTALE



Florence



Women carrying water.
Disused petrol tins
are now used extensively
by all natives who can
hold of them.

I believe they look
upon as a luxury.

BEA.

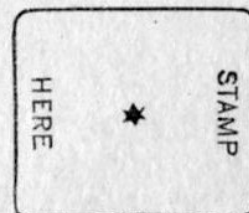
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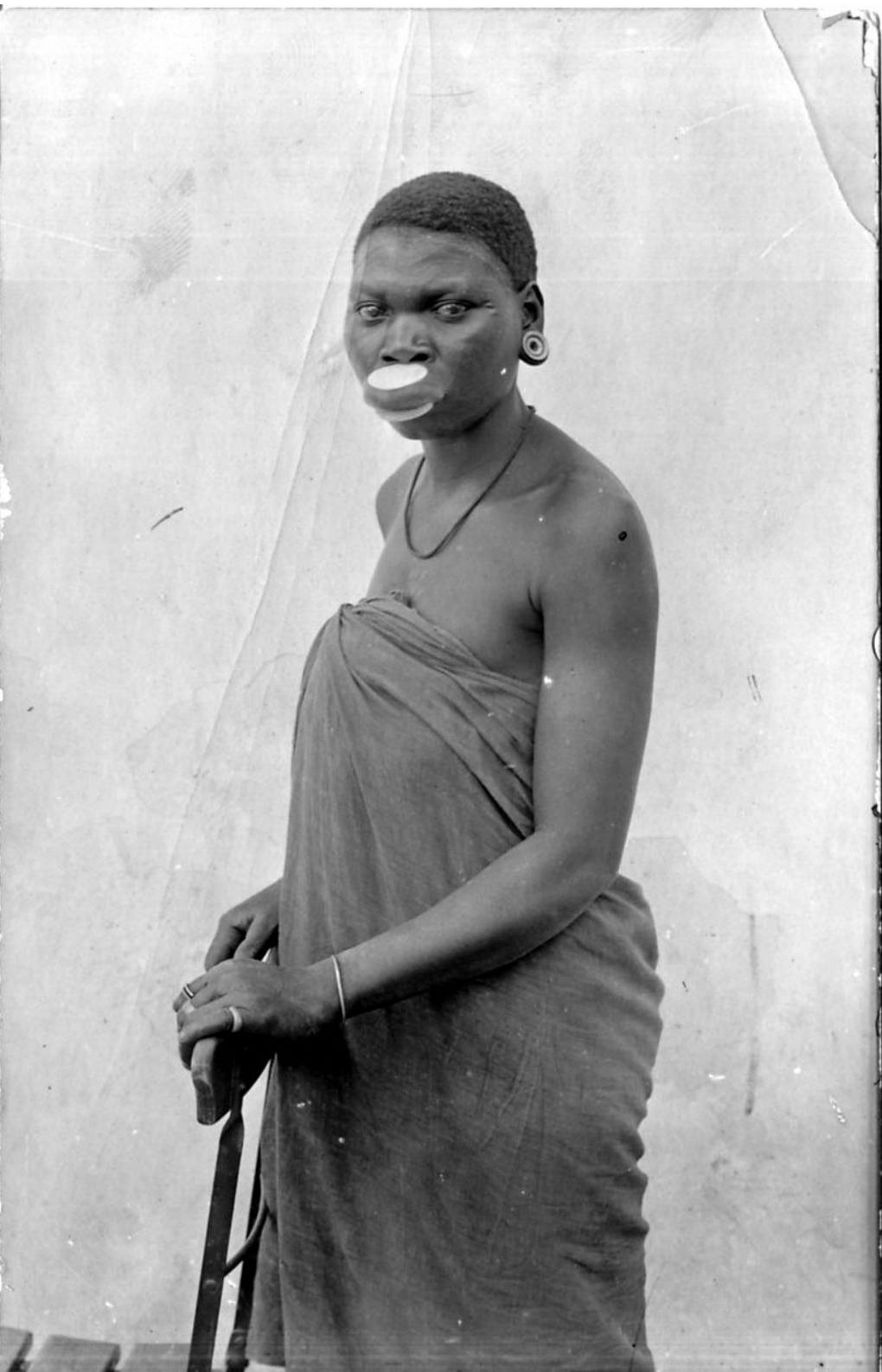
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This Space for communication The Address to be written here

POST CARD

Love
Rena.





What do you think of this for
a beauty? I expect I have
seen hundreds if not
thousands like this since I landed
at DSM.

It is a piece of wood in
both the lip & the
ear.

Getting good news
today. Am writing
Love
Reruy

DSM

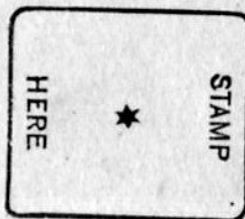
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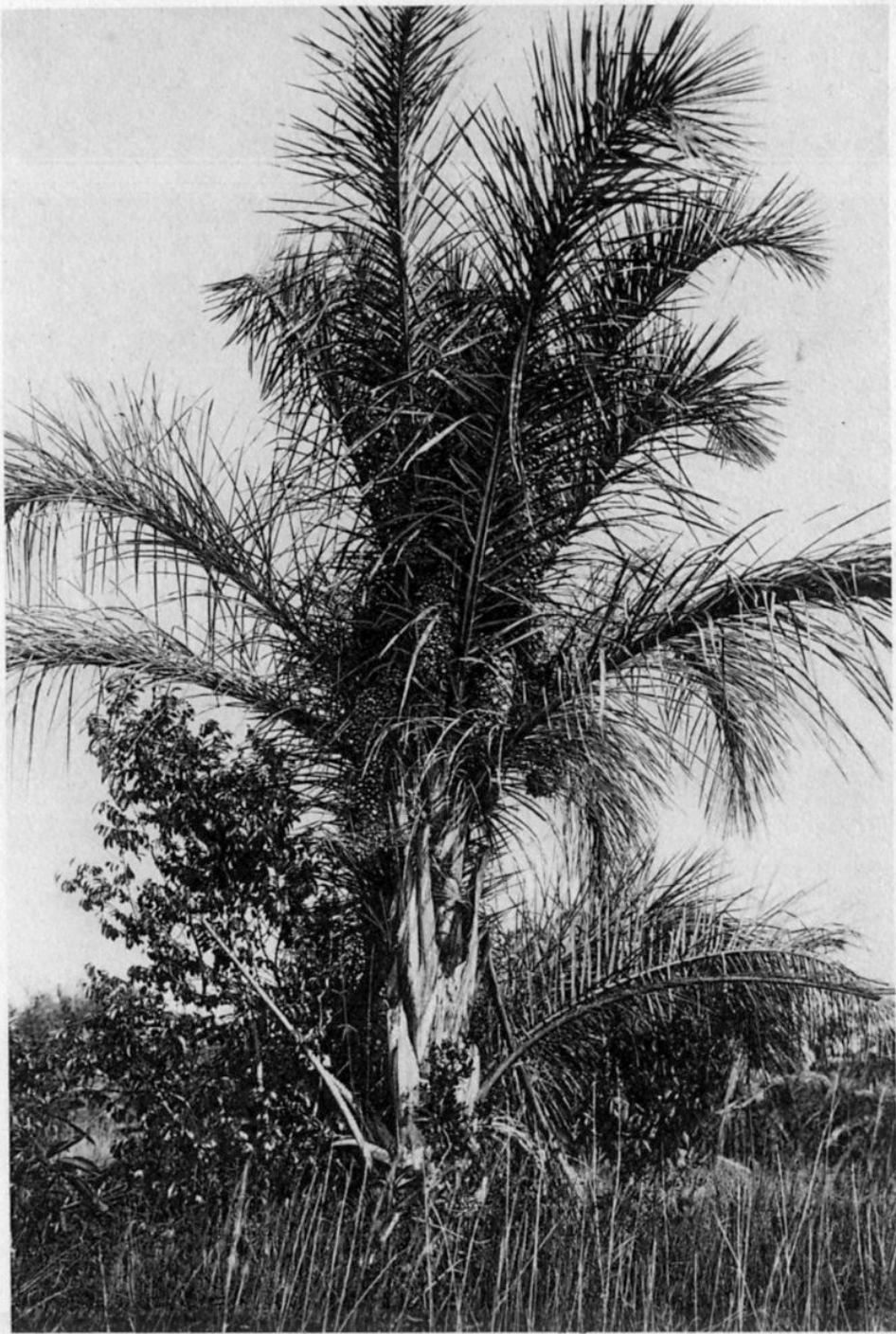
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POST CARD

No 46.





Raphia-Palme mit Früchten. Deutsch-Ost-Afrika.

I have seen lots of these
about but do not know
the name other than
that of "palm".
Today "Bonfire" is
rather too ^{hot} for such here.
Weather still very hot.
It seems to agree with
me all right. Am
still working at G.H.G.
W/T station.

Love to all
Percy.

Dar-es-salaam

5 Nov '17



What do you think
of this gentleman?
He is here at DSM.
Almost human

DSM

13-1-19

Love
Pera

POST CARD

This Space for communication

The Address to be written here

HERE



STAMP



*Papaya,
männlich und weiblich.*

Deutsch-Ost-Afrika.

I am unable to get
any cards of D.-S.-M.
They have been sold
out for months past.
These cards will give you
some idea of the country
here. These are paw-paw
trees. The fruit which
you can see is delightful.
I have picked several.

Darassalaam

5 Nov '7.

Edmund
with love
from Bury

Postkarte. — Deutsch-Ost-Afrika.

Auf Wache.



African
Soldier

B. E. A.
Enhed Force
22 Nov 1917

Perry

There are hundreds of these
here just alongside our
camp. Watched them
practising bayonet charging
yesterday. The shrieks now
they make whilst charging
makes them veritable demons.
I am unable to get word of
Indian troops. Love Perry

Am numbering letters
from now. This is No 1.

No 1



Kolonialtruppe.
(Deutsch-Ostafrika.)

H. K. & Co. M. Serie 505.
Marke „Palette“

Portion of native quarters DSM.



B. E. A. Esaped. Forces
R. E. W/T.

Dar-es-salaam
14-11-17.

Herzlichen Glückwunsch! Love
Percy.

Postkarte

Miss F. Probert

Deserue Day

Pontypridd

S. Wales

after making a tour of
the merchants here I have
come across these, the
only views obtainable of
DSM. They are excellent.
You have a good idea of
the Native portion here.

Cocoa Nut Palm.



R E W/T.

Dar-es-Salaam

20-11-17

Frohe Ostern!

Percy.

An extra card for writing. Your
newsy letters are most welcome.
This is taken from the extreme
edge of our camp. Note the sea
down below & the peninsulas which
is rather misty here. Each branch
of the palm is about 18 feet
long. I pass this identical tree
each time going to & coming from
a bath. And incidentally
plenty of pretty lizards
scuttling about going
the trunk of the trees
they look beautiful.

Postkarte

To

Florence

with love

from Percy



Native Children Playing



R E W/T.

Dar-es-Salaam

20-11-17

Frohe Ostern!

Percy

How would you like to play with such nice little children as these? They shew such nice little teeth & roll their big moon eyes as you pass them or stop to look at them. Some of them are shy & will put their

chubby little hands to their faces: other again will laugh so prettily. They very squarrel over things here the same as at home, children the same all the world over. I watched some little Indian children yesterday, dressed in bright blue silk coat, scarlet silk trousers (girls too) stinselled caps.

To Durna
with love from
Percy.

Postkarte

Typical Native Woman,



R E W/T

Dar-es-Salaam

20-11-17

Frohe Ostern!

Peray

See plenty like this about. at the market on Saturday last, I saw a number of Indian women with their brightly coloured dresses, fitting the top of the head like a cap then hanging all round down to the ground, with a little network affair to see & breathe through. You ought to see the houses? of these various peoples. The Indians live in sheds made of wood & galvanised zinc. The Bulus & Kaffir in mud & reed houses. The Indian merchants have small but luxurious places all open to the road so you can see them at meals etc.
Love to all Peray

Postkarte

Nature-made Boat



R E. W/T

Dar-es-Salaam

20-11-17

Perry

Frohe Ostern!

This is the kind of boat the natives make of fish from. The long blades on either side, prevent the boat from capsizing, at the same time allowing for plenty of movement in the otherwise, "loopy" boat. I watched them using these when I was on the peninsula recently.

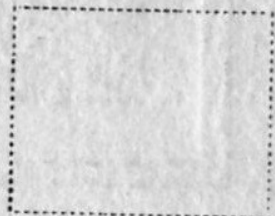
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To

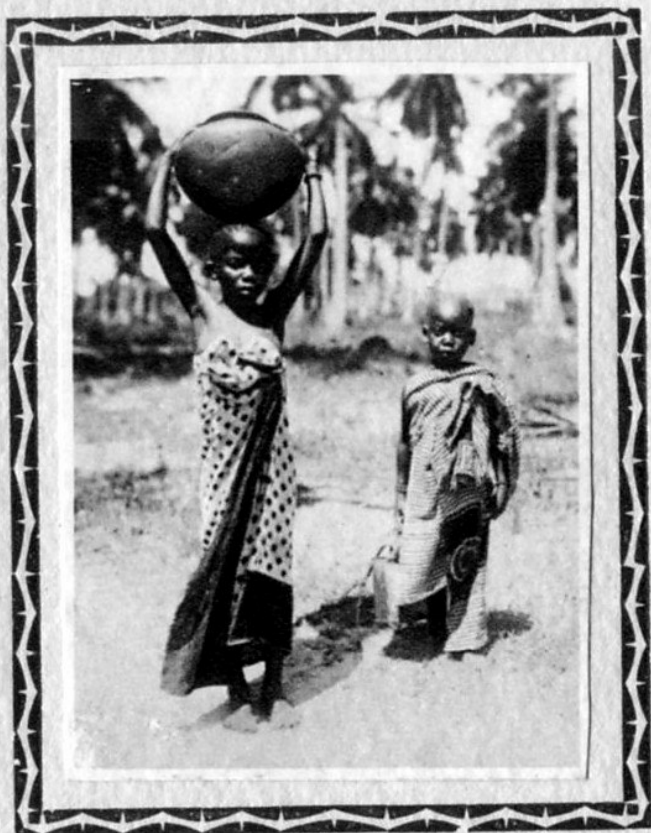
Elvis

with love from

Perry



Native children.



R E. W/T.

Dar-es-Salaam

20-11-17

Frohe Ostern!

Love

Barry

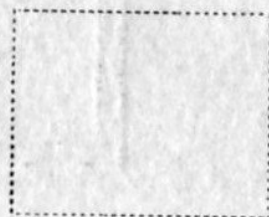
I see hundreds of these every day, especially when I go to the market & down the native thoroughfares.

From the time they are quite young they carry & balance their parcels on

their heads. Have seen a little girl balancing a pitcher of water on her head, walking along with both hands swinging freely, with perfect ease.

Postkarte

To



Florence

with love

from Barry



It was a similar scene
to this, where I saw the
yellow birds with orange
coloured heads, whilst on
trek through the forest.

B.F.A.

Exped. Forces.

10-11-18 Frohe Ostern!

Love

Peray.

Postet at

Post amelia

P. E. A.

Postkarte

Miss T. Probst

Damen Jag

Postkarte



One type of country I
motored through between
Ngongomuti + Lindi.

These miniature ^{palm}s are
very pretty.

R.F.A.

Exped Forces.

10-4-18.

Frohe Ostern!

Love

Perry.

Postkarte

Mr. Roberts

Deamen Day

Pontifical

Posted at

Post Amelia.

P. E. A.

Typical country at D-S-M.



B. E. A. Exped. Forces.
R. E. W/T.

Dar-es-Salaam
14-11-17.

Frohe Ostern!

Love
Perry

Postkarte

Miss Edwina Probert

Darwen Deg

Pontfraid

S. Wales

Am not quite sure where
this is. There is so much
scenery here like this.
You can see the bright effect
of the sun here.

Native huts adjoining our camp



B. E. A. Exped. Forces.
R. E. W/T.

Dare-es-salaam

14-11-17.

Frohe Pfingsten!

Love

Peray.

Postkarte

Miss Probert

Darmen Deq

Pontypridd

S. Wales

I believe but am not sure,
that the printing the other
side is a sort of Kmas
greeting. That is what I
understood the shop keeper
to say.



