

Correspondance capitaine

Dear Captain

Could you please radio this message to the Sunday Times at London c/o the Lloyds. (the news paper Sunday Times will pay for the cable)

To the Sunday Times: dear ROBERT RIDDELL

I hope you will receive these few lines which I send you by a catapult (the message is into a small film container which Bob Salmon gave me a stock for that purpose; I just put the message in the small container with a piece of lead inside to give weat (poids) and send it direct without a string. If it falls in the water, well... too bad.

The few first day run were fairly good. Here are my days run from noon to noon

23 august	150	MILES
24 “	178	
25	167	
26	176	
27	100	(the wind droped)
28	122	
29	166	
30	105	
31	111	

1er September 102 (this is written on the 1st September)

Now Joshua is not very far from the Canaries Islands. Everything is ok on board. I prepare this message in advance, because on the 1st September the ship Selma Dan passed very close to Joshua, asking me if I needed something. This was very kind

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no, no, no. No message was ready in the little container, and I missed a good chance to send you news, because he passed so close!..

I do not have much to say: everything is OK as I just said. I hope FOUGERON and BILL KING are also OK and that NIGEL and VICTRESS are ready.

I am sorry I can not send you good photographs because I tore a good roll (colour) when widing the film back. I hope all this will reach you. Please send a few lines to my wife every times a ship reports me. Well, what else to say? I am happy at sea, life is simple, I eat when I want, I sleep when I want, and I can seat on my back side for hours contemplating the horizon, or just doing nothing, which I like very much! The wind has droped considerably since a few days, but it does not matter: as you know this voyage is not a race. But I would like a little bit more wind... I hope there will not be too much during the second part of the voyage.

Regards BERNARD