



Author, 25 years old in Fairholme Rd, West Kensington where he lived in a bed-sitter in 1966/7.



1967, Spring, Author and girlfriend Fiona Campbell, posing their noses together.

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


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PARTICULARS CONCERNING THE DRIVER



Surname 1
Other names 2
Place of birth 3
Date of birth 4
Home address 5

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1. M. Wilson
2. Royal / Royal
3. Nicosia
4. 14-9-1968
5. 51 Gwawron Road, Liscard, Chy.

International driving license - hard to believe that was once me.



France - Siafu Safari, grossly overloaded before the journey's attrition had any effect.



November 22, 1968 - Spain. Tom Pearson with his ex-army truck in Algeciras campsite after tuning Alexa for thirty shillings.



November 22, 1968. Alexa minus roof rack but clean, hopeful and determined in Spanish campsite. Last full day in Spain.



Author and Alexa in Algeciras November 23, 1968. Prior to catching the “Virgin of Spain” to Africa.



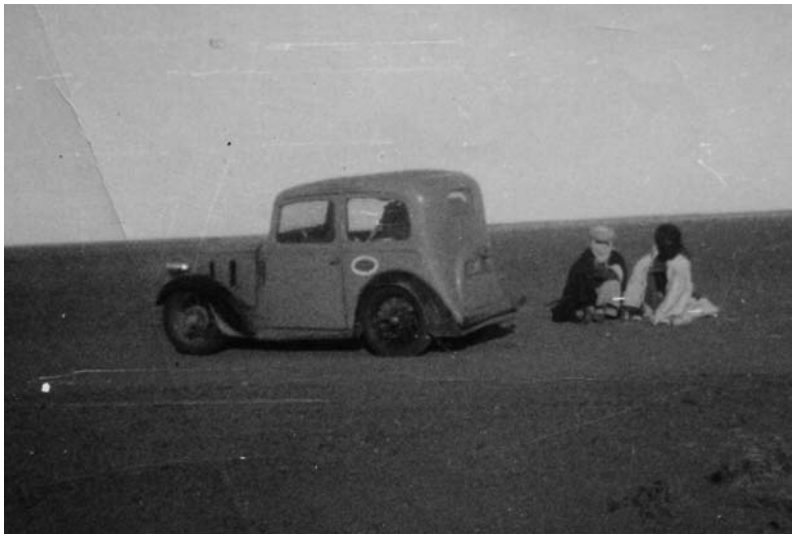
Algeria November 25, 1968. On the coast road to Algiers, Alexa in all her travelling glory, no apparent damage.



Algeria, December 5, 1968 - In the Sahara between In Salah and Tamanrasset, note headlights going cross-eyed.



December 10, 1968. Sahara, Algeria - the campsite in Tamanrasset with the “Scruffs”.



Sahara 1968, December 12. After pushing Alexa out of the sand, thus saving my life, both Arabs stole various items including my tow rope.



Niger - 5pm December 18, 1968 121 miles south of Agadez. Author pissed off thinking the journey was over because of a broken half shaft.



Nigeria - Hotel De France Kano, December 30, 1968. Hans, Jackie, Author and Arthur, before Jackie flew home to England.



In the Sahara. Paul Stott, one of the “Cowboys”. Later went down with Malaria.



Chad, January 11, 1969. Burning the broken Citroen Safari. Arthur was “unapproachable”.



Citroen Burning. Another view in No Mans Land between Chad and C.A.R.



C.A.R. Arthur Lang, Werner Strieff and Vera Haldane on the terrace of the main hotel in Bangui. The two men in the background are thought to be french mercenaries.



January 21, 1969 leaving C.A.R. in a packed ferry to cross Ubangi River into Congo and Zongo catholic mission.



C.A.R. January 1969, lined up for ferry to cross Ubangi River to Congo. Unfortunate moment for Ursula.



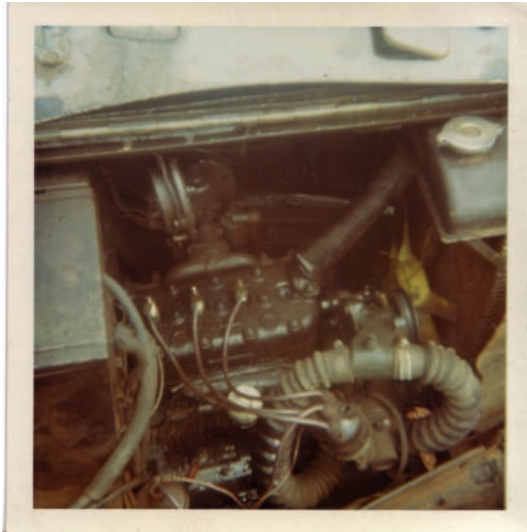
January 27, 1969. Arthur Laug on air field near Kota-Koli mission in northern Congo where he fixed earth-movers and tractors and was treated as a god.



Congo - January 27, 1969. Captain Gaston Bebronne in Kota-Koli mission, by Derek Haldane's Landrover. He threatened to kill me - after a solo bottle of whisky - if I burned Alexa.



Congo January 29, 1969. At Kota-Koli mission, including Author, Ursula, Arthur behind her, Mike half- hidden behind him. Missionaries survived Simba killers 4 years earlier.



Alexa's engine in the Congo covered in oil with modifications. Note no plug in the first cylinder.



January 31, 1969, heading for the Congo River. Meinhart Wagenshein with his 2CV after a brakeless Alexa dived into a trough.



Congo February 3, 1969, on the way to Buta. Werner and Arthur using Primus stove to solder radiator.



Alexa in Buta, Congo, empty headlights. Near the end.



Congo, February 7, 1969. Last day on the trail, 20 miles from Mungbere and down to two pistons. Tropical rain coming, aircraft circling.



Congo, February 8, 1969. Arthur with overloaded Citroen ahead of a 2-hour struggle across liquid mud to get to the photographer. Note pygmy on Arthur's left.



February 8, 1969. Last night in the Congo on border with Uganda. Barefoot, newly-washed and slim - Arthur, Author, Werner.



Fiona Campbell after we were married.