
Earth, My Friend

Mapping a 1950s Circumnavigation with Open
Source and Open Sources.

Barry Rowlingson, Lancaster University

Group Captain Peter Townsend

Born: Rangoon 1914

Died: Saint-Léger-en-Yvelines, - 1995

1930: RAF fighter pilot

1944: Equerry to King George VI

1952: Comptroller to Her Majesty
the Queen Mother



1955

Princess Margaret

Ends Long Romance With Peter Townsend



PRINCESS MARGARET



CAPT. PETER TOWNSEND

Victory for Church, Crown in Britain

London, Oct. 31 (UP) — Princess Margaret tonight announced that she had broken off her romance with Peter Townsend, the

25,000 GIVEN PAY RAISES BY WESTINGHOUSE

Editor

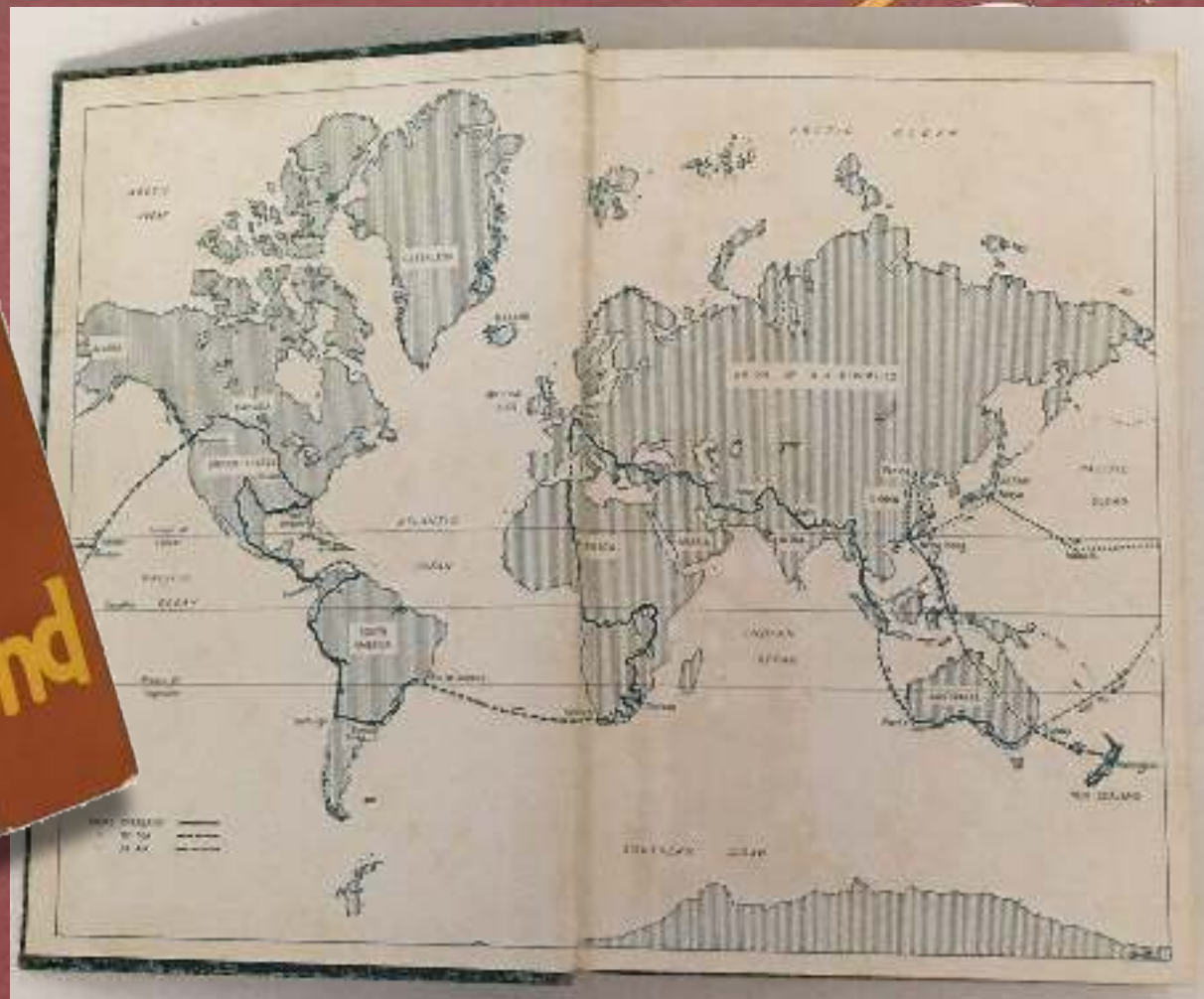
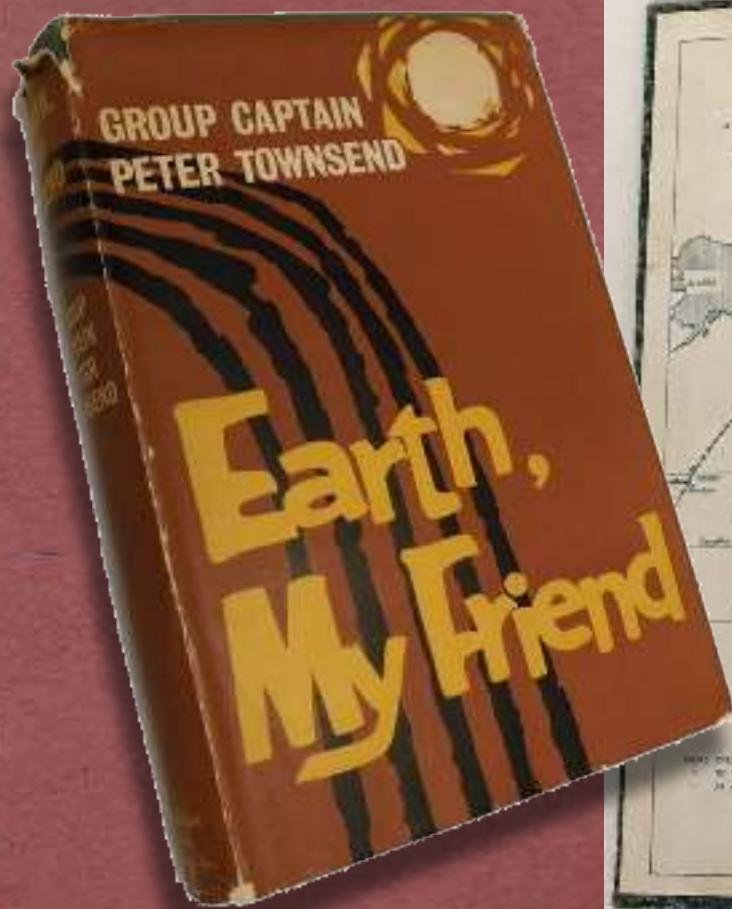
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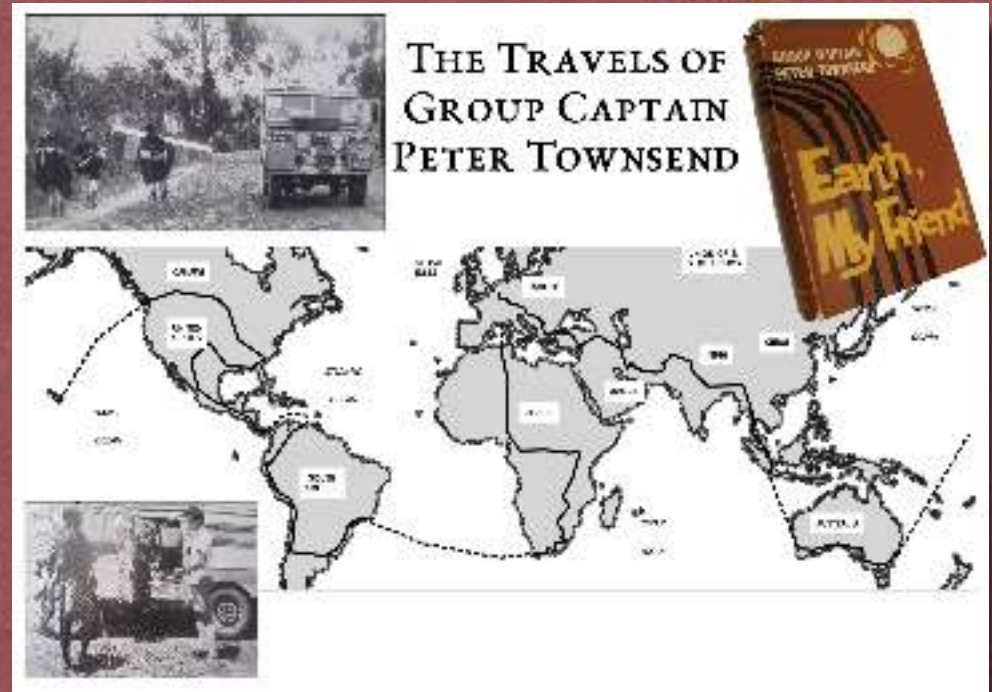




November 2020 - 30 day challenge!



- Rough route map
- Add some cartography
- Splash of decoration
- Search "30 Day Map Challenge"



A Plan was hatched...



- Find all the places mentioned on the route
- Store original name, found name, arrival/departure date, page number, notes.
- Add fields for sections of the route, road/sea/air etc.
- *Start a new QGIS project!*



“It was on Sunday 21st October when I drove out of Bruxelles...”

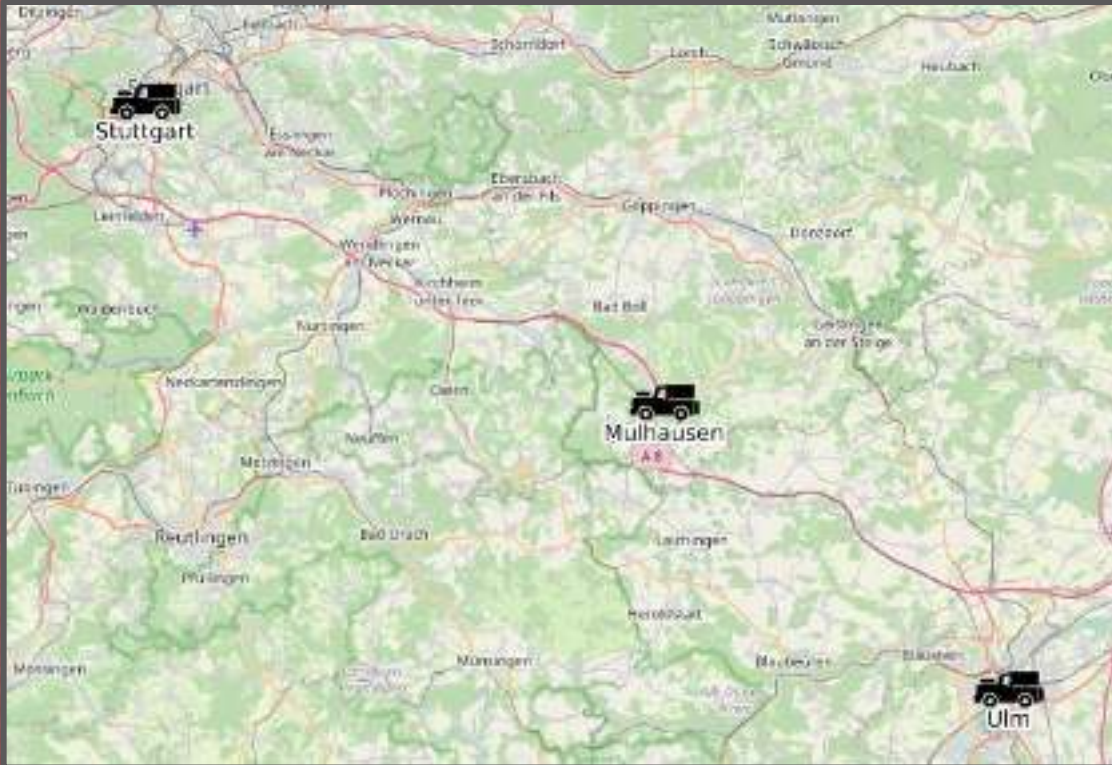
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“I joined the *autobahn* and settled down to a sedate 45mph. Mannheim, Stuttgart and Mulhausen fell behind...”



Context...



Wikipedia: "Its municipal name was changed from Mühlhausen to Mühlhausen im Täle in 1959"

Page 57 Jullundur



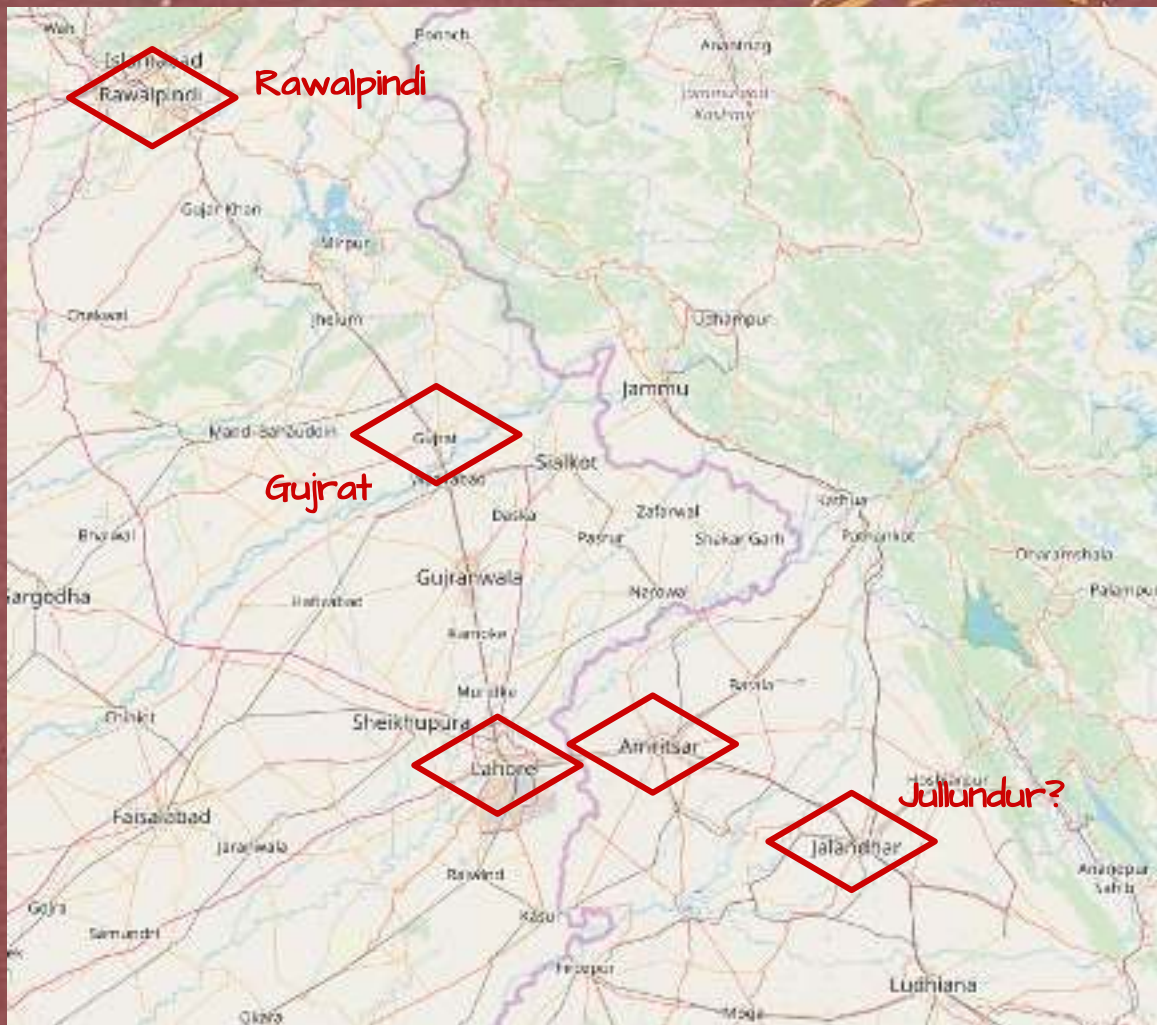
“The mountains of the Khyber lay far behind and the road ran on ... through Rawalpindi, *Jullundur* and Gujrat - the shades of Kipling and the Indian Army still hover about these garrison towns...”

“Lahore was my destination...”

“...at Amritsar I left Pakistan”

Where?

**Connaught Rangers
Regimental History:**
“In June 1920, some of
the regiment’s men
mutinied in the Indian
city of Jullundur (now
Jalandhar)”



New Names for Old

Peking Beijing

Fort Jameson Chipata

Canton Guangzhou

Luluabourg Kananga

Léopoldville Kinshasa

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chipata>

Chipata - Wikipedia

Fort Jameson was the capital of the British p
1911. Government [edit] The mayor of the city
[edit] With a population of about 455,783 in
largest district of the country.

☰ Kinshasa

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Kinshasa (/kɪnˈʃɑːsə/; French: [kinʃasa]; Lingala: *Kinsásá*), formerly **Léopoldville**, is the [capital](#) and [largest city](#) of the [Democratic Republic of the Congo](#). Once a site of fishing and trading villages situated along the [Congo River](#), Kinshasa is now one of the world's fastest growing [megacities](#).



El Goléa

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	Name	Country	Feature class	Latitu
1 P	El Menia Al-Mania,ELG,Ehl'-Golea,El Golea,El Goléa,El Menia,El Meniaa,ElMeniaa,Goleja,Golêja,gu laï a,Эль-Гол...	Algeria , El Menia El Ménia District	seat of a first-order administrative division population 40,195	N 30°
2 S	El Golea Airport DAUE,ELG,El Golea,El Golea Airport	Algeria , El Menia	airport elevation 398m	N 30°
3 R	Daïra d'El Golea Arrondissement d'El Golea,Arrondissement d'El Goléa,Daira d'El Golea,Daira d'El Golea	Algeria , Ghardaïa Daïra d'El Golea	second-order administrative division	N 30°
4 T	Ragoubet el Golea Ragoubet el Golea,Ragoublet El Golea,Raqubat al Qulay`ah,Raqūbat al Qulay`ah,Ras Alouglea,Ras Alugle...	Tunisia , Bizerte Governorate Sedjnane > Amaden	point	N 37°
5	Commune d'El Golea	Algeria , Ghardaïa	third-order administrative	N 30°

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El Goléa

GeoNames

El Meniaa - to view map click on map icon in bottom toolbar. (we need to reduce the cost for the map views)

Feature Hierarchy History Tags **Alternate names**

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it	Italian	Al-Mania							+ ✎ ✕
unlc	UN/LOCODE	DZELG							+ ✎ ✕
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		El Golea							+ ✎ ✕
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en	English	El Menia							+ ✎ ✕
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El Menia (Arabic: المنية) is an oasis town and commune, and capital of El Ménia District, in Ghardaïa Province, Algeria. The former name is **El Goléa** (Arabic: القليعة); together in Arabic, the two names mean *Impregnable Castle*.^[2] According to the 2008 census it has a population of 40,195,^[1] up from 28,848 in 1998,^[3] with an annual growth rate of 3.4%.^[1] The area is inhabited by the [Zenete Berbers](#). El Menia oasis grows many agricultural products. The grave of the French priest [Charles de Foucauld](#) is located in the town.

Open/Proprietary Map Layers

"Higesawa"

“Over the hill from Kaida is a hamlet called Higesawa. You can walk there, through a wood of silver birch saplings...”




Google Maps: Higesougo?



OSM: 鬚沢川?

OSM is in local language!

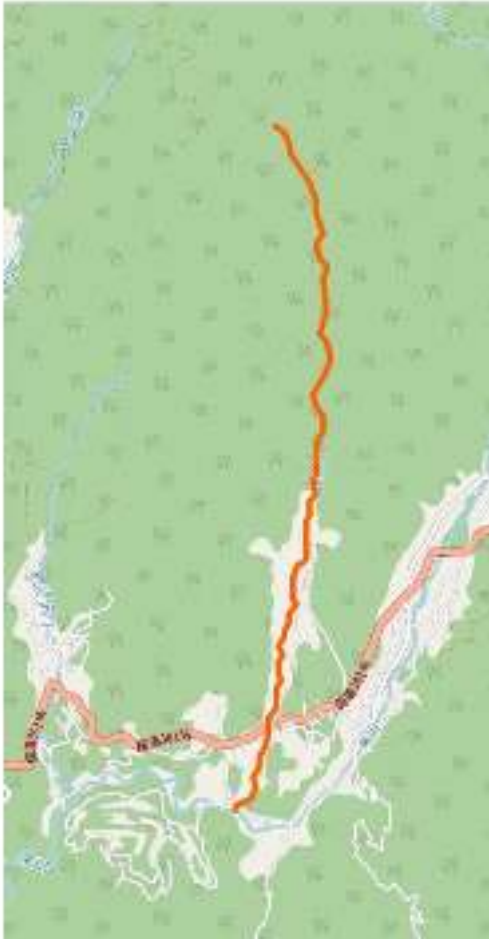
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Version #2
道路の追加・編集

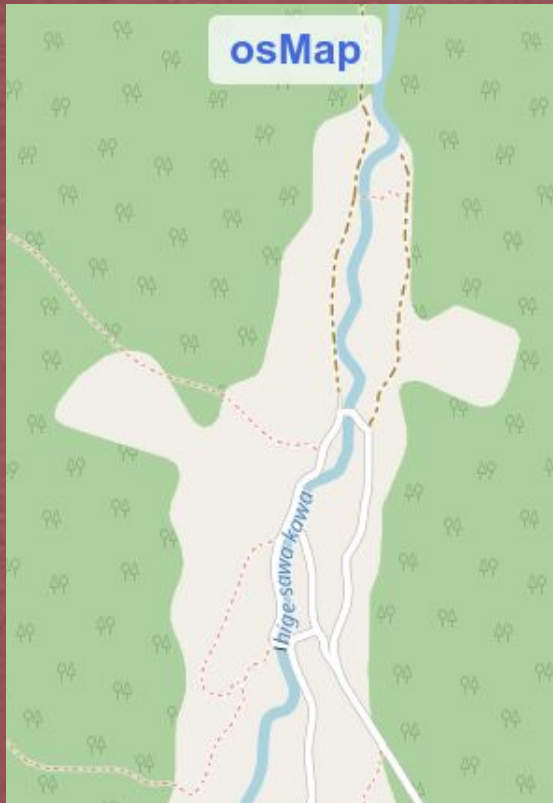
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waterway	river



osMap.uk: Higesawa kawa!



Bing, ESRI...



QGIS Quick Map Services plugin!



Perry-Castañeda Library (PCL) Map Collection



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University of Texas Libraries



The Perry-Castañeda Library (PCL) Map Collection website is archived as of 2021 and no longer being updated. Links to external sites may no longer work as expected. Please visit the [Texas GeoData portal](#) and [Collections portal](#) for map files and the [UTL Map Collections LibGuide](#) for additional information.

Ask a Map Question

PCL Maps

Africa

Americas

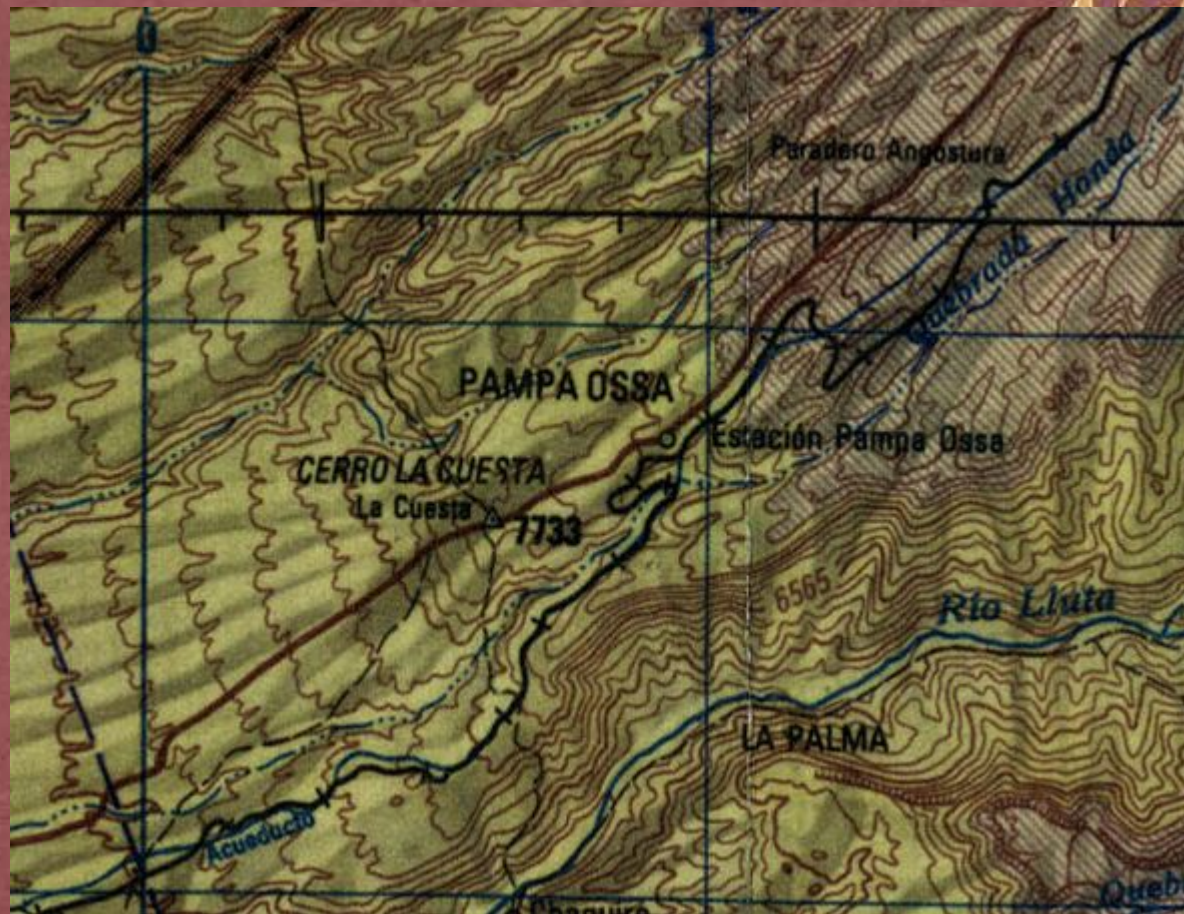
Asia

Australia/Pacific

Russia/Republics

Europe

Detail



Archive Sources



“I slept that night in the car, in a camping site on the banks of the Rocky River. There was one other occupant - in fact he may have been the owner - an excessively inquisitive squirrel...

...he stole some of my supper, then shinned up a tree and swore at me.”

Internet Archive: archive.org



INTERNET ARCHIVE

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Alberta highway maps, official.1960

David Rumsey Map Collection



David Rumsey Map Collection
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Shell British Columbia - Alberta.

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1936

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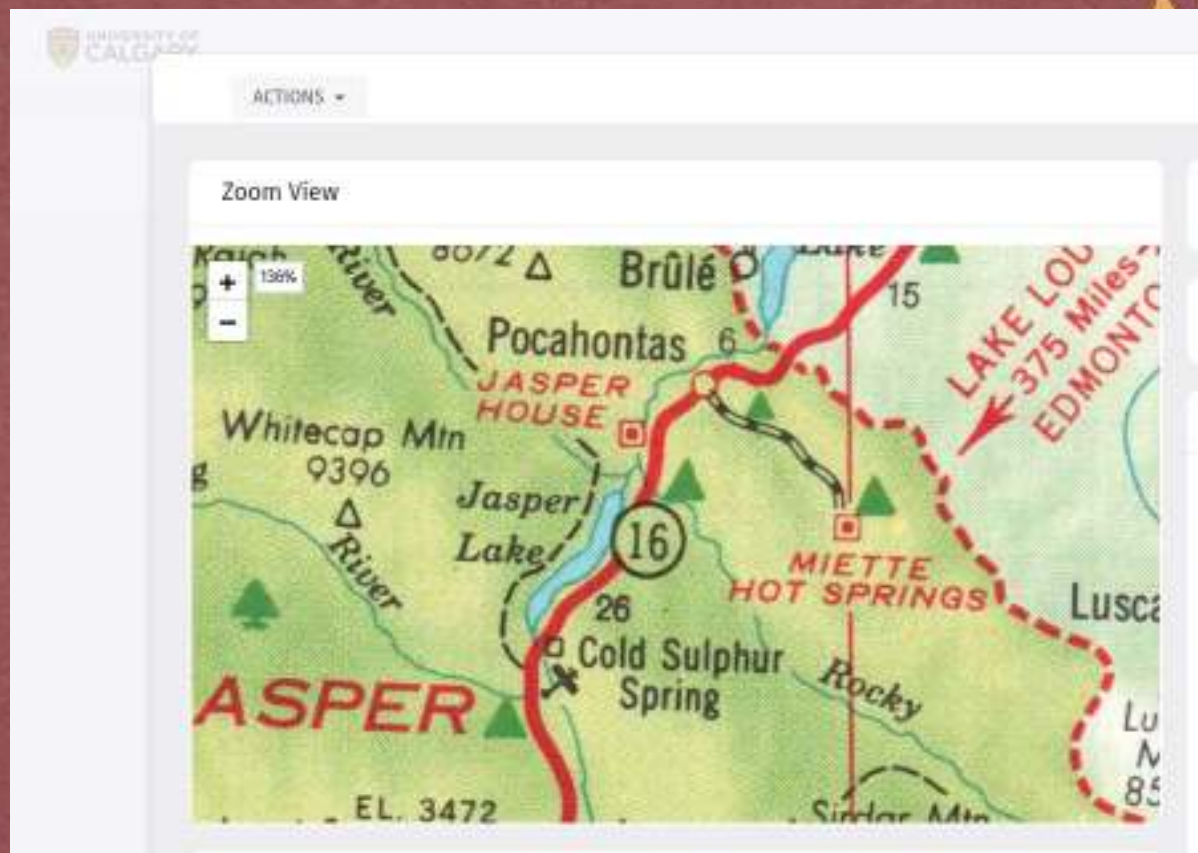
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San Jose

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Map showing the Red Pass and Jasper National Park area, including locations like Pocahontas, Jasper, Lucerne, and Red Pass. The map is titled "Shell British Columbia - Alberta." and includes a "MEDIA INFORMATION" sidebar with details such as "Collection Name: David Rumsey Historical Map Collection", "Author: Shell Oil Company", "Date: 1936", "Short Title: Shell British Columbia - Alberta.", "Publisher: Shell Oil Company", "Publisher Location: Chicago", "Publisher Location: San Jose", and "Type:".

Other Collections

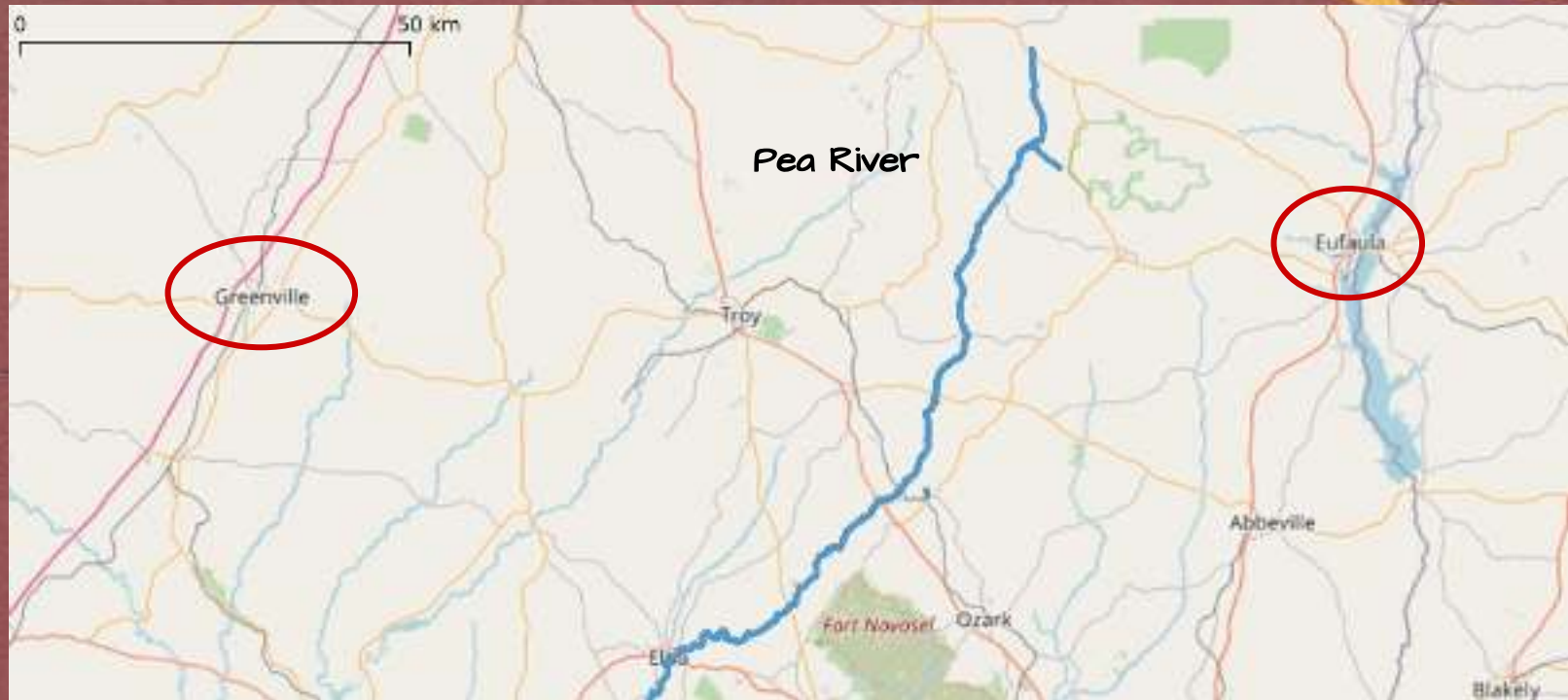


Historical Research



“I crossed a turbid stream, the Pea river, and came to a place where in 1837 the last Indian battle in Alabama took place. Here General Wellborn and his men attacked and routed 300 Indians...”

Between Eufaula and Greenville...



Little bit of searching...



<https://www.exploresouthernhistory.com/hobdys.html>

BATTLE OF HOBODY'S BRIDGE

Pike and Barbour Counties, Alabama

Desperate Fight on the Pea River

In the eyes of the U.S. Government, the [Creek War of 1836](#) had been over for months when one of its largest battles was fought on the Pea River at Hobdy's Bridge, Alabama.

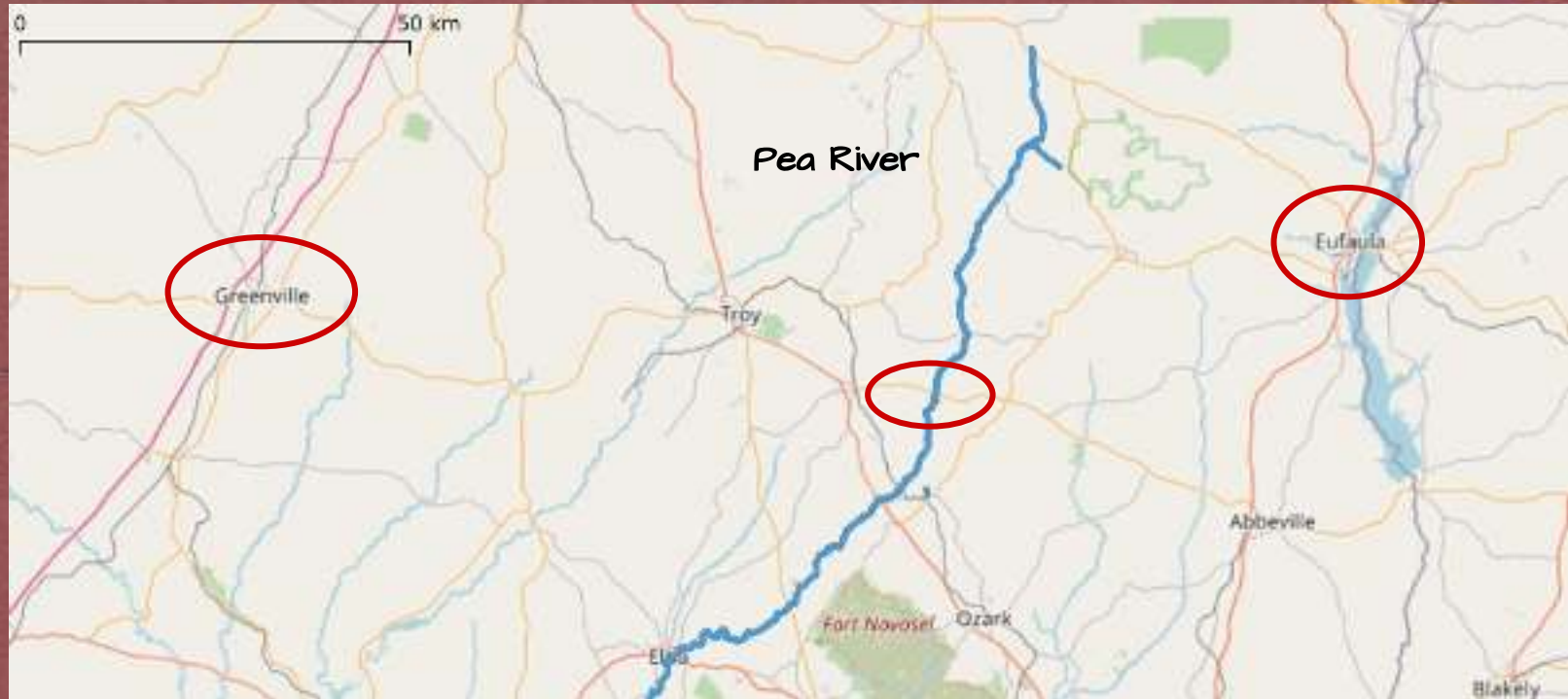
Named for an early settler, Hobdy's Bridge spanned the river between Pike County and Barbour County about seven miles west of the town of Louisville, Alabama. Then, as now, the bridge was surrounded by vast floodplain swamps.

A large party of Creek Indians - men, women and children - had fled into these swamps after the concentration camps where they were waiting to be sent west on the [Trail of Tears](#) were attacked by white militia units. These attacks, several in number, took place in February of 1837. An estimated 14,526 Creeks were already on the long journey to what is now Oklahoma by then, forced from their homes despite the fact that most of them had sided with the United States during the fighting in 1836.



The Battle of Hobdy's Bridge took place on the upper reaches of the Pea River in Alabama and was the last major battle of the Creek War of 1836-1837. The site is on the border of today's Barbour and Pike Counties.

Between Eufaula and Greenville...



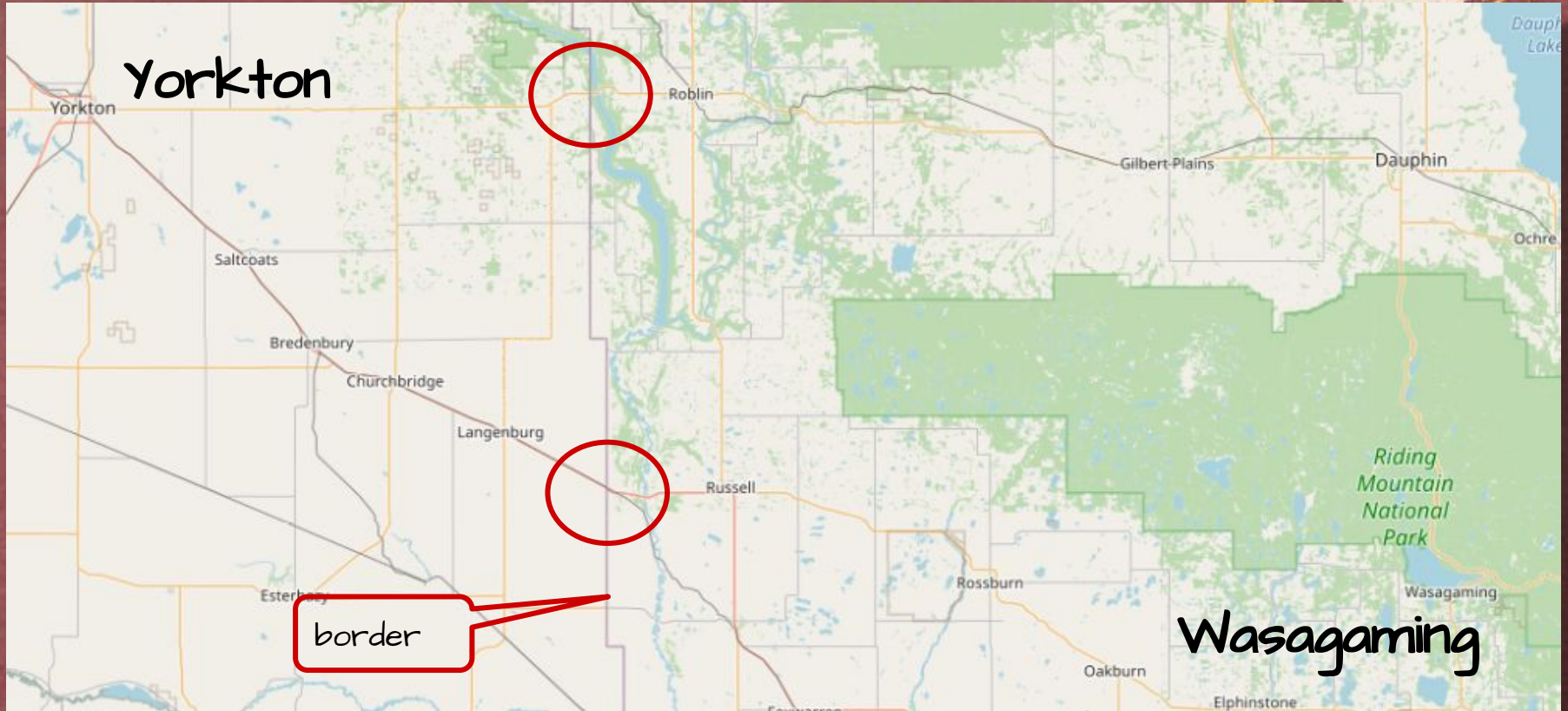
Jim Coutts' Cabin



“I crossed into Manitoba and stopped at a little petrol station. Opposite, a log cabin stood in a shady grove. The proprietor, Jim Coutts, invited me to spend the night there.”

“I cooked a meal and settled down for the night under a mosquito attack...”

Which way?



Northern or Southern Route?



Roads



Maps of the 1950s



1950



1951



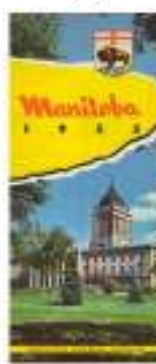
1952



1953



1954



1955



1956



1957

Ask a friend...



- Hey Patrick, have you got access to the Canadian census from the 1950s? I'm looking for Jim (James) Coutts, Manitoba...

Meet the Coutts



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Olivine Coutts

Roblin, Manitoba

June 15, 2020

girls. She was employed in a clinic, an aide to the Red Cross rural nurse when she met Dad, Jim Coutts. They were married quietly in Nov 1941 and together they made their way through the rest of the war years before settling in Riding Mountain, MB. After a brief stop in Amaranth, MB, Mum and Dad moved to Valley View, 8 miles west of Roblin. They had purchased a country store, service station and 3 log cabins. When



Meet the Coutts



Photo added by [Robert Mitchell](#)

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James Mark “Jim” Coutts

BIRTH	21 Jun 1915 East Bay, Dauphin Census Division, Manitoba, Canada
DEATH	26 Aug 1993 (aged 78) Winnipeg, Greater Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
BURIAL	Roblin District Cemetery Roblin, Roblin, Russell, Rossburn Census Division, Manitoba, Canada
MEMORIAL ID	170661069 · View Source

History



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SHELL RIVER MUNICIPALITY
CENTURY ONE
1884-1984



MEMORIES OF ROBLIN
AND RURAL DISTRICTS

W. G. G. G.



Valley View Cabins, in 1959.

History

Valley View Store

by Mr. and Mrs. George Ricker

The first highway through the Assiniboine valley was built in 1929–1930. Horses and mules supplied all the power that was needed to pull the various machines that were used. They had big tents in which they kept the horses and mules overnight.

When the highway, which linked Manitoba and Saskatchewan, was finished, the Department of Highways sponsored a big picnic in the valley. About 10,000 people attended. They barbecued several buffalo in big pits. During the exciting afternoon of events, a tragedy also occurred. A Mountie shot a woman who was at the picnic. She later died in Dauphin Hospital. She was from California, U.S.A.

Progress Map...



<https://b-rowlingson.gitlab.io/earth-my-friend/>

- Shell script builds leaflet map from geopackage
- Push to gitlab pages

Earth My Friend Progress Map

I'm re-reading Earth My Friend by Group Captain Peter Tostmann and geocoding all the place names I can. This map shows how far I've got.



Finished! 514 Points in QGIS



locations — Features Total: 514, Filtered: 514, Selected: 0

	page	book_name	found_name	arrival_day	depart_day	overnight	notes
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179	NULL	Wairakei	NULL	NULL	NULL	false	NULL
180	NULL	Taupo	NULL	NULL	NULL	true	3 days rest
181	NULL	Wellington	NULL	NULL	NULL	false	sydney four days later
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Show All Features



Make Tracks! Lines from Points



section

sequence

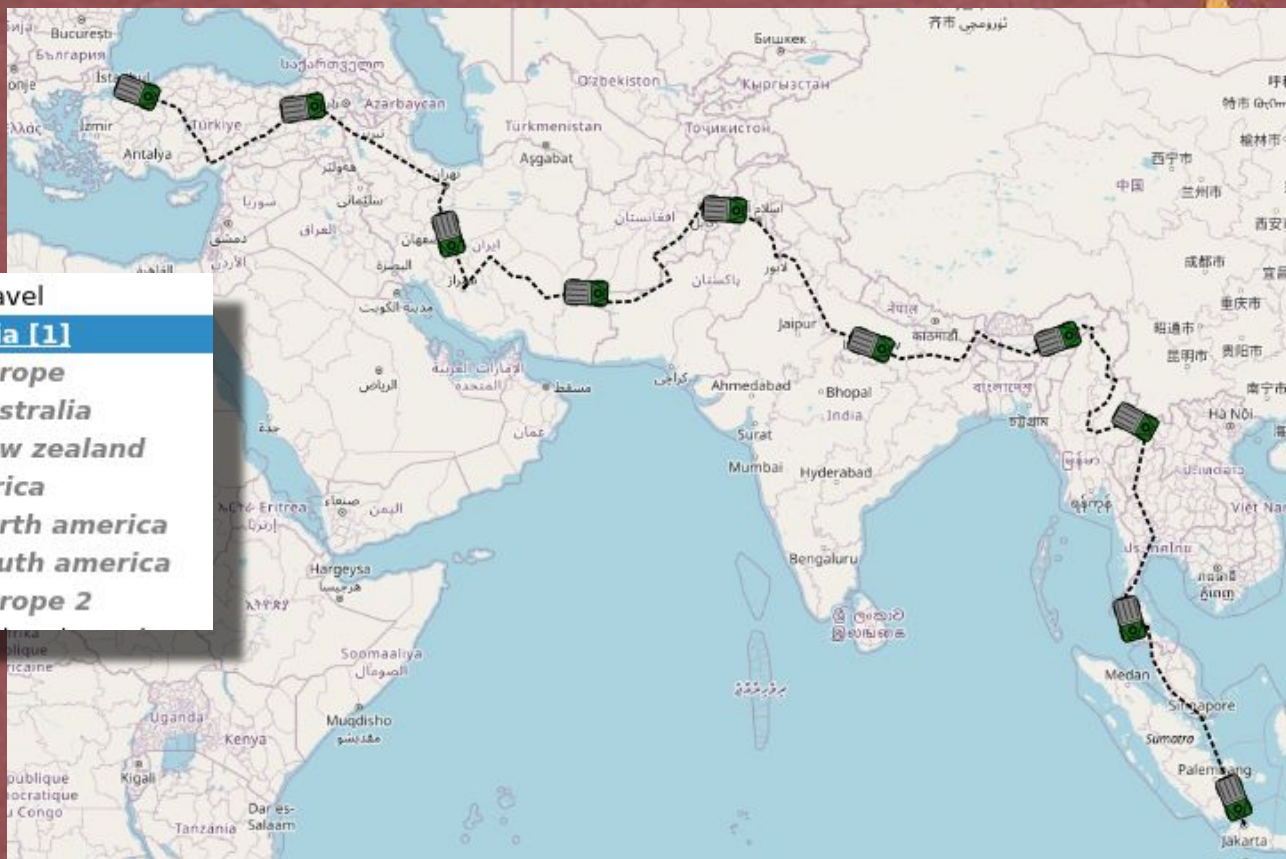
- Identify overland sections
- Add sequence column for order
- Create Virtual Layer using SQL

LR_overland	seq
asia	1240
asia	1250
asia	1260
asia	1270
asia	1280
australia	1290
australia	1300
australia	1310

Query

```
1 select makeline(geometry) as geom from
2   (select * from locations
3     where LR_overland = 'asia' order by seq
4   )
```

Asia Overland



- ✓ LR Travel
- ✓ asia [1]
- europe
- australia
- new zealand
- africa
- north america
- south america
- europe 2

The Icon



Single Symbol

- Line
 - Marker Line
 - Marker
 - SVG Marker
 - Simple Line

Symbol layer type: Marker Line

Marker placement:

- With interval: 32.400000
- On first vertex
- On last vertex
- On inner vertices
- On central point
- On central point of segments
- On every curve point
- Place on every part extremity

Offset along line: 0.000000

- Rotate marker to follow line direction

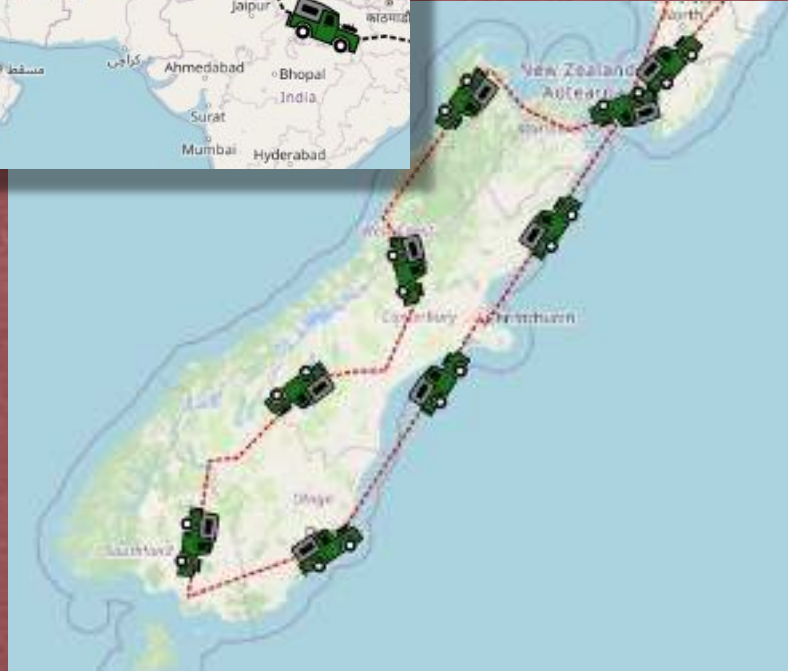
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Line offset: 0.000000

Millimeters

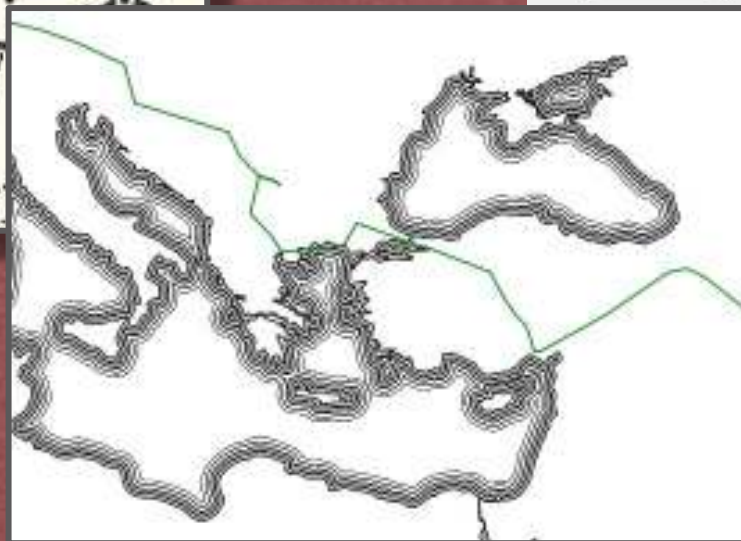
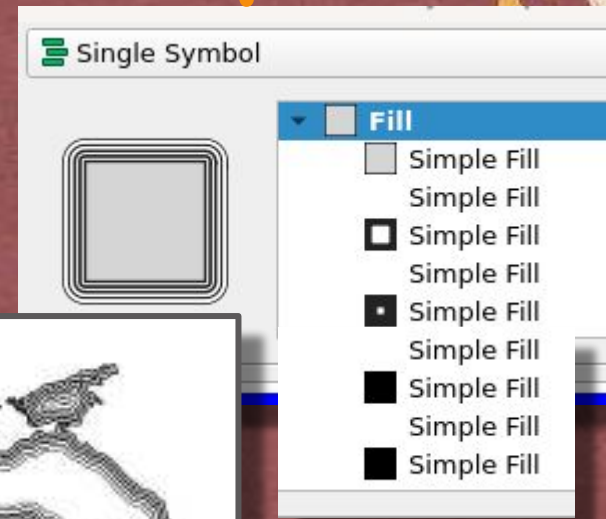
A map showing a route through Southeast Asia and South China. The route is marked with a dashed black line and three green trash bin icons. The icons are placed at intervals along the route. The map includes labels for various cities and regions, such as Medan, Vietnam, and parts of China and India.

Side View



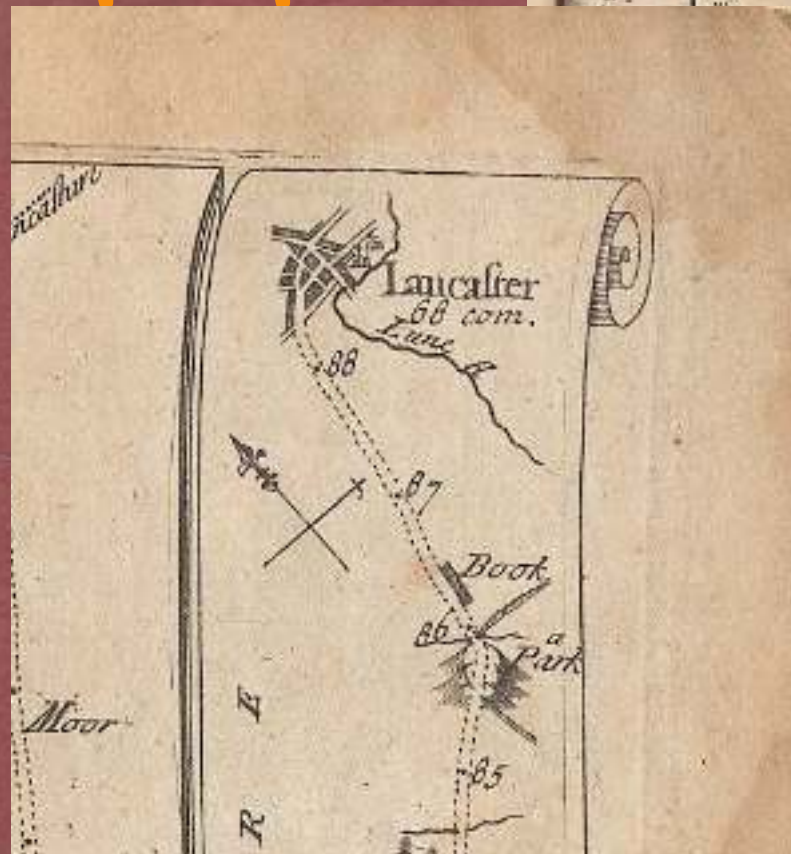
Still working on rotating correctly...

QGIS Feature: Outline Cartography



- Set of increasingly wider black/white outlines
- Use buffer layers
- Geometry Generator

Strip Map



Strip Map

QGIS Map
Composition

THE TRAVELS OF GROUP CAPTAIN PETER TOWNSEND, 1956-1958

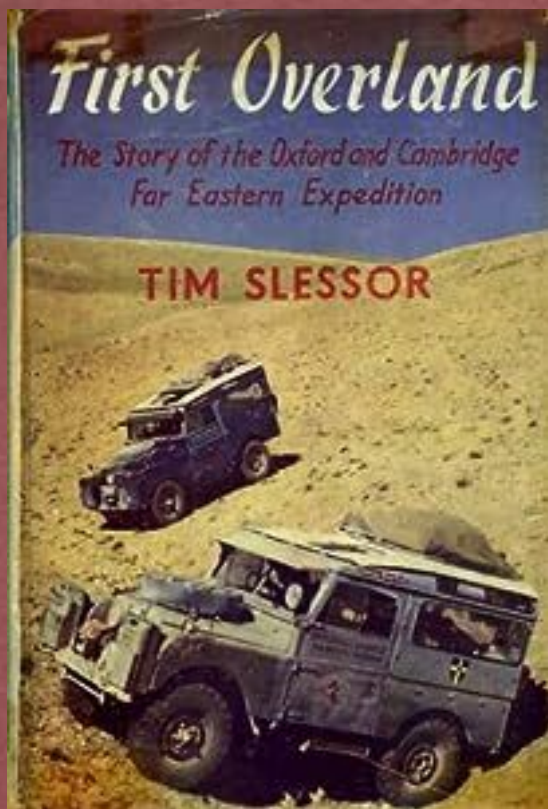


Next?

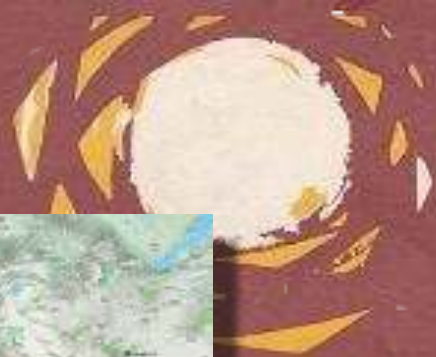
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- Full 12-page calendar?
- Poster
- 12-part BBC4 Series



First/Last Overland (1955-2019)

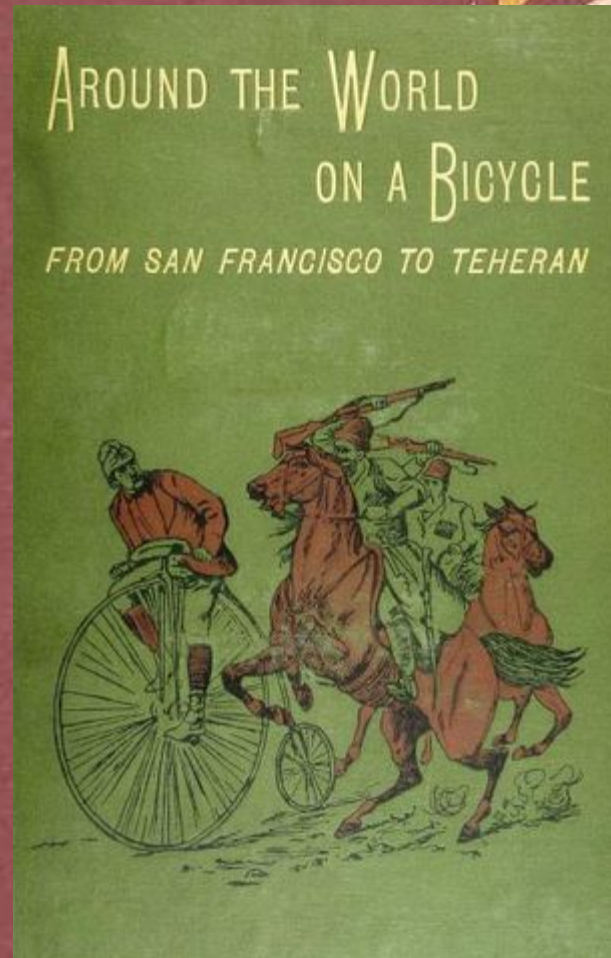


First/Last Overland



Thomas Stevens, 1896...

- Volume 1 of 3
- 600 pages...



Thanks!



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1983 Series
III SWB!