



Sept. 29, 1940.
12:00 Noon

LAT. 2°-49'-06"-S.
LONG. 171°-42'-47"-W.

Mr. Amon G. Carter
c/o Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

Presenting the Carter Cane By Eidsvaag;

The body of this cane is a section of the backbone of the largest shark yet taken from Canton waters. The catch by Carter August, 1940. The head was carved out of a dead-eye found in remnants of wreckage from the ship Canton which met disaster nearby in 1854. The butt of the cane is a piece of bronze from the ill-fated vessel.

The Captain and his crew of thirty found temporary haven on this coral reef now known as Canton Island. The thirty-one men took off in open boats and after forty-nine days of a laborious rowing and much suffering from thirst, hunger and heat, all safely reached Guam. Only Captain Blye and his accompanying Bounty cast-offs have survived a longer trip in similar craft.

So, Mr. Carter, this is an unusual cane and should be for you a coveted souvenir from this sun-blessed, zepher-carressed tropical isle. Hope it reaches you and if it does would appreciate it if you would let me know.

Kind regards,

P. S. E. Eidsvaag
Canton Island
South Pacific Ocean

Peter Eidsvaag
Canton Island

Mr. Carter:

Due Postal regulations it is necessary to send the cane separately therefore it will reach you by Express service

