



**WORLD-TRAVELER** — Pfc. John D. Schwamborn takes a brief respite during his 10-day visit to Nairobi, Kenya, when he was with the Wally Byam Caravan three years ago. The next stop on his nine-month itinerary was a visit to Ethiopia.

# Dixan Was Advance Scout For South Africa Expedition

Dixans will be able to observe a modern-day expedition through non-existent roads in Ethiopia and other African countries during a film showing of a travel expedition of the Wally Byam Caravan at three service clubs next week. Providing commentary on the hour-and-a-half film will be Pfc. John D. Schwamborn, a clerk with the Airborne Selection Team, who served as an advance scout for the 1959 trip to Capetown, South Africa.

The film is scheduled Wednesday night at the Evergreen Club, Thursday night at the Flamingo Club, both at 7:30, and Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Pioneer Club.

It describes the travels of 102 American and Canadian doctors, farmers and retired businessmen, who were "bit by the travel bug" and set out for Capetown, South Africa, with 41 trailers.

The audience will be able to follow the nine-month tour, seeing native dances and villages, travel through the modern cities of South Africa and observe the ruins of ancient Egypt.

Pfc. Schwamborn, assigned to Hq. Co., USATCI, was a cousin of the late Wally Byam, the originator of the expeditions, whose main aim was to establish a better understanding between the American people and their foreign neighbors.

The world-traveled Dixan, who has taken five trips with the expedition, embarked on his first excursion in November 1951, when at the age of 12, he went on the caravan expedition to Mexico and Central America. The trip, which lasted four months, went as far as Nicaragua.

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His second trip came in 1955, when he joined the entourage for a tour covering the provinces in Eastern Canada, including Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Another four-month trip followed in June 1956—this time to Western Europe for visits to Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Spain, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands.

During many of the trips, he met with government officials and made arrangements for camp sites, tours and checked the conditions of the roads the campers would use.

In between his many travels, the 24-year-old native of Bakersfield, Calif., managed to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in science and history from the University of Oregon in June 1962.