B06 Scotland - Edinburgh, Castle, Elephant House (birth Harry Potter), Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

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I think the Edinburgh hotel is where I fell on taking a shower and ended up with a cracked rib. Luckily one of the persons on our bus was a nurse and said to keep ice on it. That did the trick! When I returned, quite a while later, Kaiser took an x-ray and yes it was cracked & had healed ok.

"The Rock" - England on one side



Scotland on the other … with bagpipes of course



In case you wondered, this is the Whitelee Moor National Nature Reserve



We had a quick stop at Jedburgh for Scottish trinkets



And a nice view of water in the distance



Check into hotel, The King James Thistle



Back on the bus for tour of Holyroothouse, another palace - no pictures




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Young Elizabeth and her guy



No pictures inside!

The Fringe is also happening in Edinburgh - we've been to Edmonton's Fringe



Looking ahea what's the silver guys in front of red police box?



Okay, how's this work?



Up to the Edinburgh Castle



And you can see where the bleachers are for the tattoo





Our Blue Badge Guide for Edinburgh



Trooping into the castle





Quite a view once I zoom in





Our Blue Badge Tour Guide (on the right)



Gee, where to go first?



Another zoomed in pic



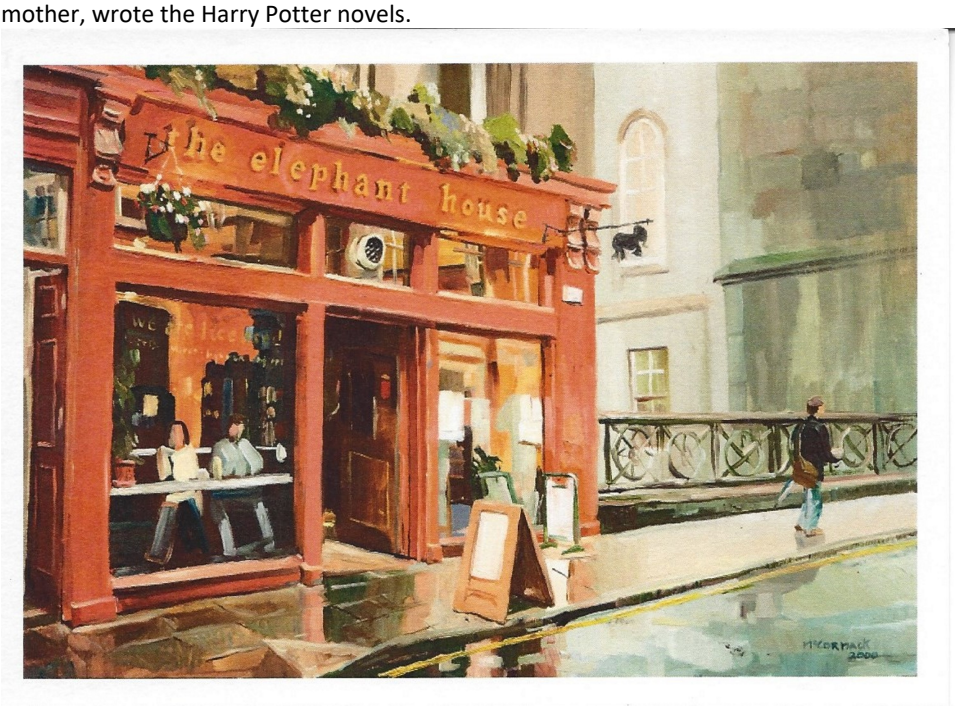
And I was able to spot the Train Station by following the tracks



Took a panorama pic - wonder how this will look in OneNote



We had time on our own to explore Edinburgh after the tour from the Bus. Our tickets for the Tattoo had assigned seating so there was no question about joining the group again later in the evening. Glen and I had dinner at a "Mediterranean place" humus and such. We found we the Queue for the Tattoo started and ate near by. Then Kris wanted to find the Elephant House, where J.K. Rowling, a poor, single mother, wrote the Harry Potter novels.



Here's JK writing (scan of the post card I purchased at the Elephant House)



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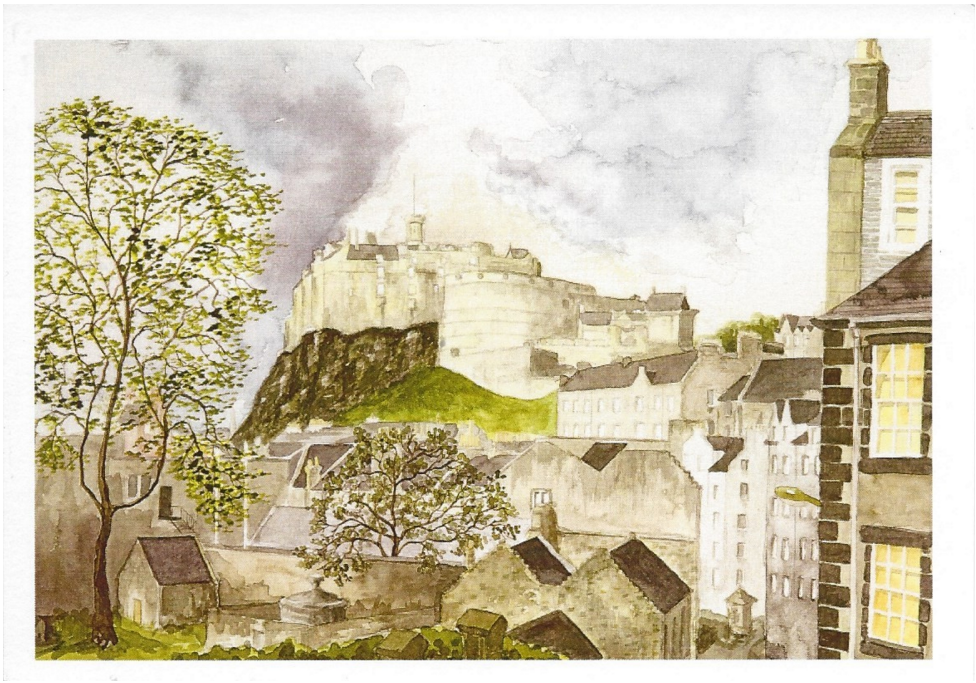
Another postcard scan

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We will go through the Edinburgh Waverley station on our Caledonian Sleeper Train from London Euston to Fort William, Scotland in a few days



Picture of a GPS screen as we are walking around town



All eyes are toward the "Tattoo Queue" (yellow sign), police in yellow slickers





The crowd ahead



The crowd behind us

I purchased a copy of this year's Tattoo at the shop and it will be sent to me … in November?

The item below is a mp4 file, movie that my Panasonic Lumia camera takes. Its only 50 seconds long and will play using Microsoft Media Player

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