

The diary is 4 X 7 BROWN Genuine English Pigskin. The front cover is gold embossed with Fleur de Lis and entitled MY TRIP. In the right hand lower corner is my mother's name Betty Gruet. (Nee Elizabeth Denniston Scism).

My brother Paul and his older daughter Lauren were looking through the drawers of a desk (originally Nana's?) given to him when Frank left the assisted living facility. Paul intended to refinish the piece of furniture. Lauren found the diary in the back of a drawer. Paul read it and brought it to the cemetery last Monday when my brothers and I placed our mother's ashes in the grave. The trip was the one taken by my family in November 1946 to Kenya, Africa.

The following is an exact transcription of this treasure.

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ITINERARY

11-1-46 left New York City
11-20-46 arr. Capetown S.A.
11-21-46 left Capetown S.A.
11-22-46 arr. Port Eliz. S.A.
11-26-46 left Port Eliz. S.A.
11-27-46 arr. E. London S.A.
11-27-46 left E. London
11-28-46 arr. Durban
12-4-46 left Durban
12-5-46 arr. Lourenco Marques
12-6-46 left Lourenco Marques
12-11-46 arr. Mombasa
12-12-46 arr. Nairobi

Hotels Stopped At

9-30-46 Governor Clinton N.Y.C. proved to be a false start as the strike - Maritime - broke and after a week we left for Floral Park. Ten days later we returned to Devon.

10-31-46 Governor Clinton N.Y.C. over night.

EN ROUTE - GOING (at top of each page)

11-1-46 My first impression of our ship for Africa, the "Robin Sherwood" was that she seemed tremendous but after a day or so on board I realized how small she was - or how big the ocean was. We rolled a bit - gently - no one has been ill. Very congenial passengers on board good food and drinks. Plenty of time to read, sun, play games & rest. What I like most of all is being with my own family - time to devote to the children - (crossed out) who in the past have been neglected in that sense due to the complexity which is wife's duties. (end crossed out). The Capt. Is swell with the kids - likewise the passengers, steward and Eddie. Betsy is having the time of her life and C. is relaxing and feeling quite well. The days are quite warm the evenings cool. Betty's 15th birthday was celebrated with champagne & a beautiful cake also gifts from our fellow passengers.

11-11-46 Today is armistice day - also we crossed the Equator at 11 PM. Betsy and I were initiated and received a certificate from Father Neptune.

11-17-46 The Captain's cocktail party and au revoir dinner were a great success.

The last couple of days were pretty rough and I never saw 12 passengers more anxious to see Capetown. (11-20-46) The time has been advanced ----- Times.

11-22-46 New passengers have been embarked and we're due in Port Eliz. Tomorrow night.

PLACES VISITED Date - Nov. 20, 1946.

Place - Capetown, S. Africa (each page begins this way, Date and Place)

Going in to the harbor was a lovely sight. Lion's Head, the twelve Apostles and Table Mountains were pointed out to us. Table had the alleged tablecloth spread over her - a white mist. Mr. Peterson met us & drove us out to Camp's Bay & Hout's Bay on the Ocean driveway.

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The height of the mountains and the profusity (profusion) of wild flowers were the main attraction. Stopped at a tea house for lunch Constantia Nek and had steak and eggs served together for the first time also pawpaw & guava for dessert. (Dined at Del Monico's in eve.) Groot Constantia winery & visited house there build in 1755.

Next day we walked thru park, museum, art gallery Dutch reform church.

November 22, 1946 - Port Elizabeth, S.A. Docked 10:30 P.M. The Morrises took us on a "tram" up to see relatives at a hotel. Next morning Mr. & Mrs. Jansen & 2 boys met us & we went out to Humewood swimming and had both tea & luncheon at the Marina. Took a drive in the aft. Dinner and cinema afterward. Sunday - swam at Humewood & brought family back to ship for cocktails & dinner. Snake Park drive, tea at the delightful Lake Farm Hotel. Monday shopped morning took the boys to a birthday party in aft. Valdamir & Andre (7 and 6). Dinner at the Marina - carnival afterward. Charlie & Mr. McKeever went to Somerset East overnight. Bet went to a dance at the Officer's Club in a party. Tuesday morning had tea with Morris family in W-----. Jansen's and Alexanders saw us off. Bon voyage flowers.

November 27, 1946 - East London. Wednesday - Aquarium & tea at Esplanade. Swimming in afternoon and the kids played at a beach play ground. Sailed at 4:30 P.M.

November 28, 1946 - Durban, S.A. We were enjoying a delicious Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings when we docked at Durban. Mr. Goble of Barlows drove us to the Edward Hotel on the beach where we stopped. We put our shoes out at night to be polished. The maid serves you tea in bed mornings. Your morning & evening paper is slipped under your door. Good service. Friday Mr. Peterson arrived from Joburg. Children and I spent day on beach. Custom of tea at 11 & 4 very refreshing. Kids ate in their own dining room and all meals were very good. Saturday, Mr. P. took us to Indian market which was an interesting sight. We

went to Pat Marshall's for cocktails and dinner - met her sister & Aunt Paddy. Talked to Owen (Philips?) on tel. Sun. started out with Mr. P. to visit valley of a thousand hills & Drummond Hotel. Car broke down. Had tea at Aunt Paddy's at 4. Her Zulu houseboys sang and danced for us. Saw wild monkeys on the road. Attended Popular Concert of Durban Municipal band which was quite good. Mon. Kids swam as every day but went in a wading pool and rode in a little boat. Had ricksha ride in aft. Which was thrilling. These Zulu boys serve an apprenticeship for a few years (maintaining clean police record) before allowed to carry white passengers and don full costume and head gear of feathers, horns, etc.

Had Pat, her Uncle Errol and Mr. P. for dinner. Afterward met Owen's sister & had a liqueur in the lounge.

Tues. Ivan Dreyer arrived on Ann McKin. Capt. And Purser joined us for lunch. Pat sent us a beautiful bon voyage bouquet & saw us off with Errol, Paddy & family. First letter from home arrived.

December 5, 1946 - Lourenco Marques - Arrived at noon but it was too hot to go ashore.

Around 4 PM Mr. Azevdo took us swimming and for a drive - beautiful hotels and large amount of building going on architecture modern, brick, tile, cement. In all these ports the flamboyant acia trees are simply lovely. Here they are particularly noticeable - in full bloom brilliant orange-red. For dinner we had prawns (large shrimp) salad & excellent beer. At another place Scala ice cream, coffee and anisette. The pavements are tessellated (laid by natives in a black & white design.) And very different to see. Friday morning Miss Miller, Betty Ann & I went shopping. First we had to get some escudos (5 to a shilling). We browsed around, had a parfait and finally returned to ship for lunch. Sailed at 4 P.M. Dec. 6th

Most of us were rather miserable for 2 days then the rolling stopped. On the eve. Of the

8th we saw much of the furniture I have seen, the chair seats had thin rawhide strips laticed across the frames. Real old chairs and beds were pegged together.

In L.M. shops close between 12 & 2 - it is quite hot there. A total eclipse of the moon. On the 9th a beautiful full moon & a balmy warm night. Have been studying Swahili - with little success.

December 11, 1946 - Mombasa. Terrifically hot - thru customs quickly with Mr. Beck's assistance. Booked a room at the Manor house for the day. Ivan arrived on the Ann McKin. Miss Miller & Mr. & Mrs Sherbourne were at the Manor. After lunch kids napped while we went with Mr. Beck to be bonded for Kenya. Boarded train for Nairobi at 4:00. Our compartment had two long seats which made up into 4 berths. The kids occupied the upper ones. Saw many natives at each station - selling and bartering was done by passengers and natives, passengers alighting for a stroll. Tiny natives were naked and had distended bellies and some only 3 years old were smoking cig. Butts. Very early next morning we saw buck giraffe.

The Gladwell brothers and Rupert Stone met us & Ivan went out to the Gascon's temporarily and we to the Annesleys 10 miles out of Nairobi. This is a far better deal than a hotel - there are kids here to play with ours and a nana to watch them all. Went to see Blythe Spirit Sat. night & to the Torr's Hotel for a drink. Sun. the Annesleys & all the children went for a drive up thru Ngong Hills (from here they look like four peaks almost even with one another) saw giraffe, baboon. Bush greener than usual. Earth clay red in appearance. Mountains high vast and sparsely populated by trees. Giraffe seen about low trees where they eat off all the new buds. Stopped at the White Horse Inn for a drink. Tea at A.L. Glawell's Monday shopped and Bet & I had lunch at Hotel Avenue with Miss Miller & the Sherbournes. Mr. Switzer, a Uganda Govt. Official is stopping here & the Bates. Annesley's both go to business. Keep 2 houseboys,

a cook and toto and a shamba boy. Also, an Ayah for their 2 children.

April 2, 1947 - En route for Mombasa. Started out at 7:30 in a downpour. The Browns led the way in their car. First 20 miles of road really good for these roads. Met J.H.Hunter who is a mighty hunter, having shot 1080 rhino. (Under govt. control last year). Has shot more Rhino & Elephant than any man alive. Covers 30 mi. a day on "Nigger Trot" on Safari. Same day: - noon Mac's Inn (Half Way). (I remember it as Mtito Andei) Little cottages surround Inn. We were quite comfortable there for overnight. Met Simba Mbili or A.H. Khau (Patahs) who runs an Asian Hotel. He is 72 years old and looks like 60. Splendid looking Indian. He once shot 2 Lion with one bullet. (Hence his name). Shot a black maned lion 1904 who entered a railway car & ate a European.

Macs have 2 pet "Cheetahs". Left 7:30 morning of the 3rd in a worse downpour than preceding day. The rains are with us. After the veldt on the first part of the trip, found mountains & trees interesting on the decent. The roads were like rivers a great deal of the way. Thunderstorms accompanied us all the way. However, there were dry patches of road where we had to keep well behind the Browns - or eat dirt - that red clay variety. Were disappointed not to see Rhino. Saw giraffe, baboon, buck, ostrich. Saw ant hills along the road 7 & 8 ft. high - with all sorts of castles & turrets - amazing. When down quite low, cocanut and palm trees appeared. Reached Mombasa for lunch. Nyali Beach is just like the pictures of Hawaii. A heavenly spot on the Indian ocean where the water is blue, calm and tepid - the sand white - the beach fringed with swaying palms. But, no girls with grass skirts!

Found out Robin Sherwood docked according to schedule, but before we could get over to her, Met Capt Shoulder having lunch on Friday at jour Hotel. There was a grand reunion on board that afternoon. Had some rye & gingerale which was yummy. The kids drank coca-colas

and came away with Hershey bars & Wrigleys Spearmint. It was a swell aft. (Spent that morning in the Mombasa Club pool with the Todds and Brian). Had dinner at the Mombasa Club, with the Todds on the veranda & it was really delightful. The crawfish (like our lobster) was "scrumptious". The moon was full & shone on the water, lighting up the palms so that they looked like silver wands dipping up and down in shimmering splendor.

Sat. morn. Had breakfast on board the Todds came over for tea and a swim. Tried to make some old fashions (without proper ingredients)?? Attended a nice dance at night on the veranda which is circular. It was a beautiful setting but much too hot for dancing.

Sun. had a turkey dinner on board and brought the Capt. Back for a swim. It is very much like bathing in L.I. Sound except the water is warmer. Understand the coast is quite different at Melindi where the waves are 20 ft. high; that is about ----miles from here. Took the Capt. Back to his ship after dinner - she sails at dawn tomorrow. Returned Brian to the Mombasa Club, where we had a drink. Easter, was spent in a very different way than heretofore No church, dolling up or parading on fifth Ave. The dinner on board Robin Sherwood was perfectly swell and reminded us of the nice Thanksgiving dinner we had with all the trimmings as we docked at Durban. Charlie, the steward, colored some Easter eggs for the youngsters which added greatly to the occasion and produced a very festive appearance.

Monday, we spent quietly - recuperating after the weekend. The moon was heavenly again. Monsoons.

Tues. morn. Swam before breakfast and the water was really cool and delightful. There is a coral reef a short way out which protects this beach from sharks. At low tide it is a pretty sight to watch the waves break along the reef - it looks like a white streak. Had lunch at the Mombasa Club and put the Todds on the train for Nairobi.

Wed. morn. C. and Jack Brown went out sailing.

Sat. morn. Left for Mac's Inn with a picnic lunch. Arrived about 2:30 P.M. At seven the following morning went on Safar with Mr. Hartley in a huge truck. Saw much game on our 75 mil trip which took 6 hours. There was a pack of wild dog. They had a queer bark high pitched and gong-like in sound. They were unafraid of us - and are know to be a bad lot. Took pictures. Buck, Zebra & Oryx are truly wild and afraid and would flee at the smallest noise. Occasionally we would just see a cloud of dust which they had kicked up, no doubt. The Rhino were nasty looking beasts. Didn't see them close up but did get a look at them thru a telescope. In the distance they looked like huge red ant hills. There were 4 Hippo in a crystal-clear stream but they just wouldn't emerge. There were elephant tracks leading to the pool - but no elephant. The highlight of he day was when we came upon some Lion sunning themselves. The male nudged a sleeping lioness. She stretched & strolled off slowly - none ran away but just eyed us. Mr. Hartley had stopped the engine; we were perhaps --- yards away and he took care not to get between male and female.

We had tea & sandwiches by the pool which was quite delightful and returned to Mac's for lunch. This trip was made over tracks which Mr. Hartley had made with his lorry - not a road. We were quite shaken up but it was worth while.

May 21, 1947 - Nairobi:- Had a rather singular thing happen to me today while Miss Miller and I were riding in town by bus to cinema. A native woman who was sitting in front of us suddenly turned around and started to shake her finger at me and upraid me and then struck me under my right eye. Was too shocked to move. A native man tried to quiet her but she still kept on & as I rose hit me again. By that time I was pretty angry and pushed her telling Gina to keep an eye on her while got help (since we were at the terminal). The one white man present looked neither

right nor left and beat it when the bus stopped. Luckily, a young Sargent came to the rescue. He got an Askari to watch her and called the Kenya police. In the meantime, an inspector, at my request, interpreted what she was bothered about. She claimed I told her to get out of the 1st class and ride 2nd where she belonged. Knowing practically no Swahili, this accusation was absurd., I neither spoke to her or about her. She smelled of liquor and since she came from the Nubian Village, it was thought she was full of Nubian gin. We left her at the jail and I was taken to the European hospital where my already swelling black eye was bathed and I was given a Dr. certificate of examination. Upon ret. To jail she was quite docile - her boy friend was present. Guess I was a bit un-nerved so didn't press charges. With C. away didn't feel I wanted to become involved in court, newspapers, etc. She had not been pronounced drunk by a Dr. They had her on charges of causing a public disturbance. Feel there is more behind it than on the surface. Possibly it would have happened to whoever had been sitting in my place. The buses are all wrong. I've heard Europeans openly and audibly upraid natives - all of which might incite them to bad behavior under the influence of drink. It all turned out that this woman was notoriously bad and wanted on several previous charges. So, I was unwittingly responsible for her capture and that of a taxi-cab driver as well, who was wanted for smuggling.

July 4th 1947 - Touchett (Amer. Consul) Betty, Chas. And I attended a lovely sundowner, where the Governor, Mayor, etc. were present. A few of us were invited to remain for a buffet supper and the showing of a film "Fighting Lady". Wore my pink feather hat & long gloves which took some nerve since I've seen neither worn here. But last night 2 other ladies kekpt me company. It was great fun. In N.Y. the chapeaux would have been recognized from the 5 & 10 - here it was a sensation!

16th July - Nakuru:- Spent a couple of days at the Rift Valley Sports Club with Chas. -

who was on business. The Devlins, G & R Mgr. & wife, were very hospitable.

Aug. 22, 1947 - Nairobi - Laurence Tibbet gave a recital here tonight & received a warm response. He is a superb. Artist - like the opera areas best. His pianist was excellent and played a few numbers. The tour of Africa is over & they return to the U.S.A. tomorrow.

September - Nyeri & Nanyuki - Gina Miller & I enjoyed a 4 day trip by train. Stopped at the White Rhino, Nyeri, at 6000 ft. Got a wonderful view of Mt. Kenya. Took an auto trip to Nanyuki and saw some game. Also, took our pictures standing on the equator. I had a winter woolen suit on and a top coat along which felt very comfortable morning and night. There was snow on Kenya.

Sunday, Oct. 5, 1947 - Nairobi - We were invited to the Amer. Consul's house this morning for a drink. The occasion was a reception for Tyrone Power, movie actor, who has been piloting his own plane & touring Africa. He is travelling accompanied by 6 men, co-pilots, publicity, etc. He is just as slim and good looking as on the screen, only taller. He is very natural and regular. Betsy was thrilled & had her picture taken with him. He also promised her a signed picture of himself. He seemed to be equally popular with the men.

Christmas 1947 - Had some friends in for egg-nogs & I think the English like the custom. The children had a lovely day and beautiful gifts. Gina came for a few days & celebrated until New Years with us. N.Y. Eve the Bonds and friends came for drinks and toasties & then we all went to Chez Gaby for dinner. The rest went on to dance at Muthaiga but since little Paul was nearly due, we came home & saw the N.Y. in with Betsy & Gina. Had another egg-nog party N.Y. Day.

Drums & Quake - I often awaken in the middle of the night & hear the steady, eerie beat of drums in the distance. One morning very early, I was awakened by a rocking sensation and

bolted upright in bed to find pictures swaying tables & chairs vibrating slightly - it was a little tremor nothing serious.

Safari Ants - We were taking a walk one day and stopped to look at some horses grazing. In less than a minute my feet were suddenly being stung and there were a number of large ants crawling over them. Had to remove my shoes & pick off each ant.

Naivasha - Whitney - Terry Philip, made possible a very lovely week-end for me by taking care of my youngsters. I took Paul & the Ayah along with us to spend the weekend.

July 11, 1947 - Paul's Christening - All Saints Cathedral

Due to Paul's illness & Charlie's continual safari work, the christening was put off until now. There were 52 guests and after the ceremony, we returned to our house where a "punch" and cold buffet were served. A few guests who remained danced and we served drinks and sandwiches & ended up at the Yeltons where we enjoyed waffles & coffee.

August 1948 - Shanzu Beach, Mombasa - Charlie Pat, Al & I drove down to the coast & enjoyed 2 weeks of sun and bathing. Had a one room cottage with porch to ourselves. C. & I went into Mombasa a couple of times to the Club, Bill Bumforts for dinner & Nyali to dance. Also, took a trip one day with the kids to Gedi to see the ruins & Melindi to see the Tukeys. It is a very beautiful spot. Lunched & swam. The surf was quite rough.

Mrs. Canaan - Artist - A charming woman from the South of America who travels with her husband, accountant for Caltex. She did some splendid busts of various native men and women representing many tribes while here. She displayed them at a sundowner which they held at the New Stanley before leaving.

October 30, 1948, Halloween Party - The American Club held their Halloween party here. All the girls catered and the liquor flowed freely. We danced and played games. There were over

40 guests present. We wore "old Clothes". We were honored by a few distinguished American guests. Mr. Moose, American Consulate Inspector, Dr. Cora Hockstein and a Miss Carter, also two delegates from the Rinderpest conference, which was in session in Nairobi.

January 1, 1949 - Eg Nog - Nairobi - Some 50 odd guests spent the morning with us. We consumed 2 ½ gallons welcoming the New Year in. I hope they enjoyed it as much as we.

March 15, 1949 - Kenya - Uganda Safari by car with Charlie - Nakuru - Stags Head Inn overnight. G & R Mgr. & wife (Develins) took us to Rift Valley Club for a dinner party. Bob Lovett, John Deere man, was also on the party. Molo - Highland's Hotel for lunch and then ea at Barker Farm. Maji Masuri - Visoi Saw Mills (Kathleen and Bill Murton) for 2 nights. Londiani - Smith's Farm morning and lunch at Londiani Hotel. Reached 10,000 ft. en rout to Eldoret in the Timbaora district. Terrific grass fires raging everywhere. Bad roads are the rule in Kenya. Due to dry weather for so many months, it was a poor time to go up country. Just was very unpleasant. We encountered many "dust devils". Eldoret - New Lincoln Hotel 2 days. Had dinner at G & R Mgr. Home, Rex Barber. Kitale - Kitale Hotel - had dinner with Mrs. Cowen at the club. Lovett ret. Nairobi. Mt. Elgon at 8000 ft. 2/3 way up Mt. Spent 2 days at Suam Saw Mills with Norman & Molly Tweedie. Tororo - Tororo Hotel lunch. Jinja - Ibis Hotel on Lake Victoria Uganda. Roads vastly improved. Rippon Falls empty into White Nile. When dark watched Hippo grazing on golf course. Had tea at Lugazi Sugar Estates, outside Jinja. Kampala - Imperial Hotel overnight. After dinner drove out to Silver Springs, a very attractive out door night club. Jinja - Ibis Hotel lunch Border Inn - tea. Kisumu - Kisumu Hotel for night. Awfully got. Naivasha - Kongoni Farm with Pauline & Jeffery Whitney overnight. Nairobi - and home weekend.

April 9, 1949 - Gina Miller's wedding Reception at our home. Gina looked stunning in

turquoise blue with a dusty pink feather hat and Terry, her matron of honor, lovely in gray chiffon with mauve flower hat. Charlie gave the bride away and Jim Steele was Leslie Clark's best man. The bishop of Mombasa married them at the Cathedral 3 P.M. About 120 guests attended wedding & reception here afterwards. Champagne & toasties were enjoyed by all. The pair left for Brackenhurst for the night, thence to Molo for their honeymoon. They're a swell couple & we're very happy for them.

May 21, 1949 - Trip home Nairobi to New York.

Chas, Betsy, Paul & I left on aft. Train for Mombasa, where Terry Philip has been keeping Pat & Al for the past week at Nyali Beach Hotel awaiting our sailing date. Had a swim & lunch then the Todds took C. to catch Sun. train back to Nairobi. Embarked on the S.S. Robin Locksley Mon. morn. Todds took us to Mombasa club for lunch, Nyali to swim & for tea & then I went to dinner with them. Sailed at 6 A.M. Tues. arriving at Zanzibar 4 P.M. Sailed at 10:30 P.M. & arrived at Dar Es Salaam 2 S.M. Wed. It is their cool season. Vice Consul (Bill & Peg) Bushwaller came on board & we made a date for swimming Thursday. Had lunch at their flat, and in the eve. B. and I went to the cinema with them. Swam at the beach Fri. morning. They came on board with their little girl for drinks & dinner. Sat. morn. Peggy took my boys swimming and I went shopping. (It is amazing how the Indian sis on the floor of his shoe shop & holds the shoe he is working on with his feet so that both hands are free to work on the shoe. His big toes are twice the size of the average man's). We left Dar at 4 P.M. arriving at Mozambique dawn Monday. Pat & I were real sea sick Left Mozambique at 5 P.M. Sick again, and Betsy joined us. O.M. again Wed. morning but it was a rugged few days! Arrived in Lourenco Marques & docked Thurs. aft. Went out to dinner and dancing three nights and hit all night clubs with the First Mate. The Girassol, a circular 5 story building. Was by far the nicest

place (top floor) good atmosphere, food and the Portugese music very enjoyable. The floor show at the Cassino was a scream. Outside of the male singer, who had a lovely voice, the rest was corny. It's been quite cold here and probably will continue to be so 'till we're a few days out of Capetown. We're skipping Durban & Port Eliz. Which is disappointing. The streets are broad & boarded by trees, etc. A clean looking little town and rather attractively laid out. The new Polana Hotel is quite nice and has a swimming bath. Ordinarily, swimming is dangerous here because of shark infested waters. We're pulling out at 10 P.M. Sunday.

Arrived Capetown 8 P.M. Wednesday. Dick Mitchell and 2 friends of his met us. Also, the Brookes with lovely flowers, chocolates and tangerines welcomed us and drove us out to their home for an hour or so. It was very chilly. Returned to ship by 10:30 - sailed shortly afterward.

June 13th - First few days rugged with terrific rolling. Yesterday she eased off. Cape rollers and the Chrome cargo is blamed for the rolling and the fact that we haven't the Mozambique or Durban cargo. We're running into warmer weather.

June 17th - Today marks one half trip from Capetown to N.Y. Last eve. We crossed equator celebrated by a cocktail party with Capt. Ossward as our host. Paul made his first crossing.

June 23rd - Had a bit of rolling weather again for a couple of days caused by the trade winds. Last few days calm one more.

June 26th - We're due to drop anchor about midnight. I can hardly wait to see that skyline! We've been making an average of better than 15 knots per hr. all the way and doing between 350 and 390 miles per da. Whole trip 36 days. Darn long! Henry Ruhl called me by telephone & it was so nice to hear his voice. I called Ina for her birthday & she is meeting us in

the morning.

Capt. Cocktail & dinner party very nice, but I am glad trip is over.

October 18, 1949 - Left America La Guardia 10 P.M.

Smoothe trip to Gander, Newfoundland on a Constellation 4 hrs. 50 min. One hr. stop over then Prestwick, Scotland in 6 hrs. 40 min. 1 1/2 hr. stop over, immigration, breakfast. Finally 1 hr. 24 min. to Heathrow Eng. Bus to Victoria Station, London. Met & taken to Nevern Sq. Hotel. Lunch at Savoy with A.H.Smith & Jepsum. Next day car sent to take us sightseeing. Changing of the Guard, Tower of London & bomb ruins among most interesting sights.

ARTICLES TO BE BOUGHT - I recognize some of the people she will be shopping for.

Article - 3 refills Eversharp Ball Point Pen

For Whom - Bill Houssin \$1.50

I'm listing the remainder in condensed format:- Arrow or Manhattan White shirts 15 neck 32 sleeve for Chas. Can't read next entry since she has crossed it out. Nightie & bath mat for Terry & family. Nylons - 10 size, cards & bath mat for Gina & Leslie. (Throughout this entire book she refers to Georgina Miller, called Gina, as Gini. 4 Revelon Lipsticks color tortoise shell 4.88 for Kathleen Murton, Maji Mazuri. Mademoiselle Magazine for Esme. Pinking shears & string for stringing beads, linen candles etc., crepe paper for me. 2 pink Warner bra size 36C cup #1050 \$5.00 for Kath. Murton (ordered). 2 Maiden Form (Interlude) 34 \$1.75 for Ira.. Eileen - bath mat & cover. 6 bow ties striped or checked - not loud - for Mr. Patley. Bought 3 at \$1.50 ea. 2 Revelon lipstick and polish - dark Nylons size 9 - sheer strapless bra - Esme. Diapers for Caterpillar Dealer, Phil Brooks, Capetown. Articles - remember, Dixon, Sinclair, Todd, Bond.