

Trip in France
Started April 10th 1930

- Arrived at Havre, after having a very calm crossing, an hour and $\frac{3}{4}$ late (6 o'clock. – 7.45). Sheila and Mavis met us, and after getting through the customs, we went and had coffee etc. at a shop. We then started off in the Wolsey to Rouen, and there we saw the government houses, and where Jean d'Arc was burnt, and a beautiful cathedral. I got some smoked glasses as my eyes ached. We then motored out and had lunch in a beautiful wood. We motored on, and arrived at Chartres at 4.30. We went and saw the cathedral which is very beautiful: we ~~had~~ bought some postcards, got some provisions, and came ~~home to~~ to the hotel where we are staying and had a high-tea.
- 11th Left Chartres in morning drove through Luisant, Thivars, Le Temple, La Boudinière, Vitrary-en-Beauce, Bonneval, Flacey Marboué; then to Châteaudun, where we saw a most beautiful Château (12-15th Cent). Met some people in a G.B Daimler. We drove through Cloyes, Fontaine, Pezou, Lisle Vendome, Villéthiou, Chateaurenalt, Monnaie, Saint-Symphorien, and arrived at Tours at about 3 o'clock. We came to the Hotel Croissant, and then went to the cathedral. We went up in the South Tower (300 steps). Then to Cathedral of St Martin.
- 12th. Left in the morning, beautiful weather. Stopped and had lunch. Saw no places. Arrived at ~~to~~ Tours, Angouleme. Went into the cathedral of San Martin saw his tomb. I got the heycoughs and had to go outside. (everyone stared and giggled!).
- 13th. Left ~~Mura~~ Angoulême, lovely weather Had lunch outside Bordeaux. After lunch we went into the town, over a bridge which is supposed to be one of the most wonderful in the World. Got some rooms, took the car to a garage; then went and saw the cathedral, an interesting old

- gate and the smelly docks. We went through Poitiers. Had a puncture.
- 14.th Left in rain, poured all day, got onto the wrong road, and went 12 Km out of our way. We passed through beautiful pine forests. The tapped the trees for resin. Drove through Bayonne, arrived at Hotel Matagarria, unpacked had tea. Went for a walk in the town. It is much changed. It is blowing hard.
- 15.th Had breakfast, went to a shop and got a line, and tackle. Came back it rained, went out on the rocks, it poured. Came in had lunch, went out it pelted, got some shelter, and then fished- It cleared. Came in, had tea, went into the town. Came back, it poured again, had dinner, it stopped. Had a bath, a tremendous flare of lightening, the lights all went out. A maid saw it and thought it was a thunderbolt.
- 16.th It was a lovely morning, out of the wind. Went for a walk up to a ruin, came back for lunch. After lunch we went shrimping, I sat down in the ~~me~~ water!!! Went into the village after tea, got som arpagatas. Planned some trips into Spain. Met the Andrews they are staying at the Earleach. ~~outf~~ It rained before dinner. We did some Common Entrance muck after dinner.
- 17.th Rained all morning, went to the Earleak, and had tea with the Andrews.
- 18.th Good Friday. Lovely weather. Went shrimping. Went and saw Major Wanklin
- 19.th Easter Saturday, horrid day, fished, no luck.
- 20.th Easter Sunday, gorgeous day, went for a long walk after lunch.
- 21.st Easter Monday. Drove to Deva, through St Sebastian, on the way back, saw the bull ring, etc. Drove along the Cornish (Road by the sea.) (On Easter Sunday evening we went and Saw The King of Kings, it was wonderfully acted, but very sad at the end). When we

- arrived back we saw thousands of Lizards on a wall. Could not catch them. Saw the thing in the ~~xxx~~ plaza. A bull with fire works on it.
- 22nd Got bathing suits, and bathed the Andrews came to tea. Lovely day.
- 23rd Girls played tennis, and then we bathed. Went to Fontarabia after lunch. We went through Irun, to Fontarabia, and back through Irun, to Hendaye. At Fontarabia we saw a cathedral, an old bull ring, and went into an old chateau. It rained most of the way back. Had a terrific storm that night.
- 24th. Quite warm rather windy bathed after lunch (very cold.) Caught a green lizard. Mavis is not feeling well. (sorethroat). Corina and Sheila went and saw the Andrews.
- 25th Very hot, bathed after lunch. It grew much colder, so had tea on the Ballcony.
- 26th My Birthday, received a penknife and 10/- from the King family, and 5/- from Corina. Paisley came to tea. Bathed
- 27th Wrote to Aunty Inez and ~~W~~ Uncle Douglas. Wretched weather.
- 28th Monday. Went for a long walk to the foot of la Rhune. Saw a beautiful green lizard. Came back by the tow-path beside the river.
- 29th. Spent all morning in looking for souvenirs. Finally Douglas and I got a fishing basket each. It rained all afternoon.
- 30th Rained all morning. Went to Irun(S) and Behobie(F) to give in some papers. Mavis stayed in Bed. ~~PW~~ Went out to the town. Packed. It is still raining.
- 1st May. Left Maïlagarria in the morning 8.45. Left San Jean de Luz at 9 O'clock Drove through Bayonne Bordeaux Angouleme to Poitiers. Slept the night at Hotel Europe.
- 2nd Left early and drove to Chenonceaux Chateau. Very beautiful. Had lunch there. Henry II gave it to his favourite Diane Poitiers after his death his wife Cathrine of Medici exchanged it with her for Claumont.

Next Amboise. saw the door ~~gate~~ where Charles X hit his head and died, running out from playing Jean de Paume, (tennis) Got a magnificent view of La Loire. ~~Got~~ Entrance to Chateau from town up a spiral passage in a tower. Got salt-spoons for Aunt Inez and Uncle Douglas, and Mum. Next Chaumont, which orig. belonged to ~~xxx~~ Diane of Potiers but was swapped for Chenonceaux by Catherine of Medici. [*Insert:*] We also saw the stables, and the oven which for the medalleons, day tablets with people's heads embossed on them. [*end insert*] Next Blois which was rather a washout. as th Revolutionists took the furniture. It was built in 5 different periods. Then to Orleans, where we stayed at Hotel St Catherine.

- 3rd Left Orleans, saw Jeanne de' Arc's house. Drove to Versailles, had lunch in the park. Went on and saw the Trianons, where we saw Queen Victoria's rooms where she stayed. Louis XIV stayed while the Palace was being built. Then we saw the Petit Trianons and the Hameau (Farm) where Marie Antoinette used to go and pretend she was a shepherdess when she was tired of being queen. We saw the ~~Grand Palais~~ Palais where there was the theatre, where the 1st Council sat, and on the stage where 400 girls danced. All the present stages are copied from it. Saw the picture galleries. Saw the trap door where the Queen escaped through the secret passage from the revolutionists. Left Versailles and went to Bellevue. Had tea.
- 4th. Cleaned the car, big lizard escaped. Went to the Observetory, saw all over Paris. Saw lizards but could not catch them Came back had lunch, ~~had~~ then went into the woods got bluebells. At 4.30, went to the Congi's, had tea. Came back and packed.
- 5.th Started early for Boulogne. Went through St Denis, Chantilly, and saw the ~~be~~ place where the Battle of the Somme was fought, Clermont St Just, Amiens, Abbeville saw the cathedral very beautiful. Then to Boulogne.
- 6th Got the car alongside early. At 11.45, left, in the Maid of Orleans. Arrived at Folkestone at 1.10. Had refreshments. Car arrived at 3

- instead of at 2 o'clock Drove to Bournemouth. Arrived there at about 10.30. Went to Riviera Hotel.
- 7th After breakfast packed at Redmoor. Left at 10.30 arrived in London at 2.25. Went to the Scotch House, got long trousers, etc. Went to the Scout Shop got Rook sacks. Had tea with Miss Riddle came back had dinner.
- 8th Saw Douglas off at Euston. Sheila ~~off~~ brought me by Underground to Waterloo, got my trunk, left in 10.50 train for Haslemere. Arrived back at school. [*Amesbury Prep., Surrey*]
Played Cargo Boats and cruisers in Scouting.
- Friday 9th Did Gym, did preparatory lesson for boxing competition. Wrote up for grass snake.
- 10th Found a nest. Did Scouting in the evening. It rained. Had a letter from Mum.
- 11th Rev. Ireland took Chapel Went for a bike ride on Guy's bike. It rained
- 12th Wrote up for white mice to Harrods. Played Cricket. Played my bat in.
- 13th Did Gym and carpentry Played cricket.
- 14th Wednesday, lovely day, caught 4 lizards.
- 15th Did distance judging in Scouting. Received my waistcoat from the Scotch House.
- 16th Friday Did gym. Boxed in the boxing competition. Beat both Godwins, and Hargreaves Mi. Booth beat me in the finals. Caught a lizard
- 17th White mice arrived in a 5/6^d cage. Did Scouting
- 18th Rev. Ireland took chapel Went for a walk.
- 19th Played cricket. Very warm.

20th Did gym, sunny day. Did carpentry.

21st Played cricket, very warm. usual.

22nd Did usual routine. As it was raining we did tests and then crossing frontier

23rd Usual routine, did gym, grass snake arrived.

24th Empire Day. Changed into Scout Kit

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	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Average</u>
Latin.	40	5	23
French	36	19.	27
Maths.	53	13	33
English.	42		42
Hist. Geog.	30.		30
	General average 30%		