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PROVENCE

1955

April 2nd 1955. Wedding Day.

Up with the Sparrows at 5 a.m. (Jill -)

John at 6 a.m. at Lambeth Hospital.

Clocks wrong. Nearly late.
Universal Aunt for Nishy.

Slow breakfast with Walt + Mrs Clarke.
heavily late.

Castro Hall 8.30 a.m. Lovely sunshine.

John + Jill, Walt, Mrs Clarke, Thummy, Jacqueline + Raefe (Pre

Shelbo - R.)

Nice too - with flowers.

Only little requests.

"Brief, brisk + brotherly" (Walt's comment)

Photographs on steps.

CONFETTI →

Confetti by Williamson et al. from S.T.H.

Coffee at A. + R. Dropsy by Walt. Bought thermos.

In Safari to St Mark's Kennington.

Crosses in Kennington Park. Min. + Joanna added.

Sincere surge by the Rev. Nishy Bird.

Tea on altar steps. (John's mind off business in hand)

More photographs among crosses in park, then joined by

V. Peter + A. Peggy.

Bundle of daffodils on Jerebel.

Waldorf with Walt + Mrs Clarke, then to A. R.

Back to reception at 12.30.



Guests. Walt + Mrs Clarke.
Min, Joanna
Aunt Alice.
Mrs Mrs Shuan Robertson
Mr + Mrs Richford.
Dr + Mrs Roper
Dr + Mrs Shallow.
Dr + Mrs Bird.

Joe Ward.

John Martin.

Beryl Howie.

Gordon St-John Eves + Mrs St. John Eves.

Mummy.
Jacqueline, Raife.
Capel, A. Vi + V. Manners
A. Peggy + U. Peter.
Monica Perard.
A. Cuppre + A. Ada.
Ian + Joanna Byrne.
Betty.

Very good reception.

Beautiful horseshoe table with lovely flowers -
daffodils, tulips + asparagus fern.

Toast by U. Manners.

Speech by John.

Telegrams by Joe Ward.

Seen off by Miss, Joe, Beryl & John Roper,
Back to flat to pack. John finished shopping
Sent off Universal Trust & spent afternoon with Joanna & Moby, while Miss
went to the King & I.
Started raining in the evening, & continued throughout journey to Dover.
Set off at 6.45; arrived Dover 9.48 pm. Collected tickets there, then on to
boat. Only 1 reservation (male) so I in 1st class.
Met Pat & Berch — also married last afternoon, & off to Lenoir.
Dinner on boat. Chop & chips.
Sea calm as a mill pond. Slept fitfully.

3.4.55. Palm Sunday.

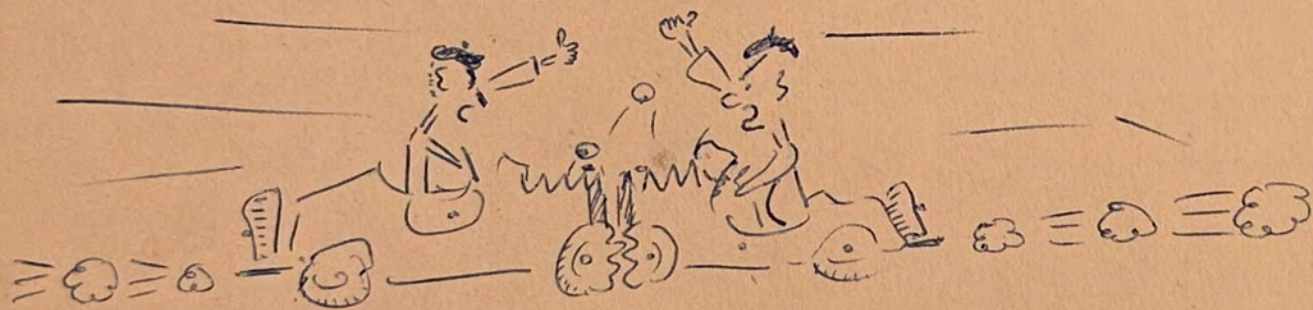
Early start delayed by leggard Austin Pricers & Fraser Nash.
Swing bridge closed. Usual route out of Dunquerque (Tourist Directions).
Small breakfast of coffee, biscuits & chocolate just as the morning broke.
Broke new ground after Amiens, & sun came out.
Beauvais - Ancient cathedral - highest in France. Not very impressive, except
for some nice tapestries & stained glass. Sunday prayer.
Children with Easter eggs; Palms. Did shopping in the town.
On through thickly wooded country for the rest of the morning.
Stopped for lunch in chalky scrubland between Amblainville & Vallangoujard.
Pussy willows, violets, coltsfoot. Hot sun, brainstone & tortoiseshell butterflies.
For lunch - Cold pork chops, radishes, Camembert, Vouvray. Sun bathed.

On to Pontoise - lovely riverside town with Sisley crews + barges. Unable to stop for photograph as we had then hit the Paris traffic, which continued unabated all along the ring road through Versailles, Fontainebleau to Nemours.

Stopped at Versailles, and walked in the gardens. (Too crowded to see inside the palace.)

Beautiful bronze figure of man sharpening a knife
Empty Neptune fountain sad. Two honeys by the bank. Avenue of little fountains. Magnificent view through the water gardens.

Crowded road with endless smashes.



Una attractive drive to Fontainebleau. Met numerous cars covered with
daffodils, as if in a May day festival.
By-passed Fontainebleau. Traffic gradually thinning out.
Finally to Nemours, which we remembered from last time.
Attractive riverside town. Stayed at Maison-Chavet.

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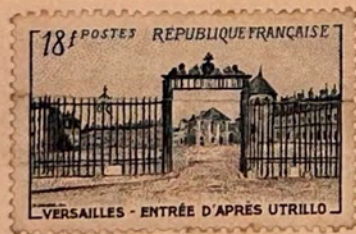
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OUVERT TOUTE L'ANNÉE

N° 17

Coloured tables and fish tanks in
garden. Vine or wistaria covered
trellis.

Excellent meal:-
hors d'oeuvre,
Coc au vin
Creamed spinach &
braised endives.
Cheese, bread, Magon



Monday April 4th '55.

Breakfast just outside Nemours, on small tramp overlooking the Loire.

Picked mistletoe + pussy willows for the front of Jezebel.

On to Montargis - a crowded but nice old town. Who was Titakean?

Nice drive alongside Loire to La Charité, where we stopped for lunch overlooking town and river, + cleared Jezebel.

Crossley sat in mud.

Cowslips, blackthorn violets and the first vines, Pouilly for lunch.

Nevers. bombed cathedral, Palais de Justice. Photograph of bridge.

Even nicer road after that through wooded countryside to Montiers.

Romanesque cathedral. Quiet square with children playing. Pavilion

of Marie de Beaujeu. Magnolia. Sacristy with magnificent Flemish style

triptych (15th) and 2 smaller ones. Old sacristan with La Grippe.



Le Triptyque du "Maître de Moulins"

STUDIO FOURMER
MOULIN

Gradually rising road into the foothills of the Auvergne, in to
the evening sun.

Rilly - small village on edge of hill, with peach blossom & men
hoeing in sabots.

Vichy - offered no attraction.

winding road above the Allier to Thiers, clinging to the mountainside
like a limpet. Magnificent view from terrace of sunset over the Puy

de Dôme & snow capped Auvergne mountains.

Fine camping site in a
silver birch coppice.
Steak & kidney pudding heated
over conflagration.
Hedgehog rhubarb.



La Chaise-Dieu.

Tuesday. 5th. April.

Early sunshine - comfortable night. Wash in puddle. Pussy willows. Back to Thiers. Lovely old houses. Panorama. Chateau Pivou. Vegetable market. Difficulty in getting 'pétrole' for our 'Réchaud'. View from terrace of Puy de Poivre. Abbey gateway. Church of St. Genes. (12th) → Pont-de-Dore. then beautiful drive through gorges. of R. Dore. Stopped to look at church at Olliergues. - After Amber Hat to Arlanc then sinuous rapid rise to sudden marvel of La Chaise-Dieu - punch. Couldn't see choir. - place shut. Abbey-shut. Fountain in front of church. ^{in pine forest in between.} Hounds. Sun-drenched. One of the abbots had been a pope. Sacked by the Huguenots. Plateau. Pine forests. Some chalets. Detour to Lac Malaguet - attempted bath. too cold. Never was of mind. Troop & fishes. Sunbathed. Descent via St. Paulien - romanesque church to Polignac. Old robber stronghold. Itaquibent. Spent some time there. Then over the hill to Le Puy. No camping site so back to copse of birches on hill overlooking Polignac. Fine dinner in sunset at. Hot. Meat pâté. Sauerkraut. Salami. Spaghetti. Cheese. Chicory. Tomatoes. No wine.



Pradelles, Auvergne
54.55.





Wednesday. 6th April.

Up with larks! Sun streaming into tent. Heavy dew. Mist in valleys.

Breakfast in tent. New view of Pédiguac.

Le Puy. - Walked up to Cathedral. Lace shops. Blouse & gloves.

Black virgin with health giving properties. Fever stone. Funeral. Symbols of evangelists in porch.

Old doors. Cloisters. Wrought iron 15th. door. Empty chapel with frescoes. Walk to rustic village of l'Aiguille. & little church on rock. Gradual steep ascent to west of Auvergne. Stopped for lunch overlooking Pradelles. (see over) Sunbath. Fields of crocuses. (see opp.)^{re heated} & then long-long descent down a pass alongside the Ardèche river. Mountain side on fire. Blue coated virgin & blossom ++ at Mayres. Lovely drive. Bridge, old houses, vines & rocky hill sides.



PEACOCK
ON
ROADSIDE. - GRIGNAN. 6.4.55.



MOUNTAIN
CROCUS
6.4.55.

Giants causeway of basalt at **Barnas**. More blossom & distant view of mountains.
Now in Provence. Fine approach to Aubenas on the hillside. More blossom. peach. pear.
cherry. Through bleak countryside to Viviers. - cross the Rhône. V. wide. - industrial.
steep hills on either side. barges.

Grignan. Chateau de ^{me} de Sevigné. Fountain. Nice little village with
an atmosphere of Castile. On to Valreas where we got lost.

Three roads all going to Valson. Eventually arrived there at 8.30
+ stayed at Hotel du Commerce. Very clean & moderne, avec toutes
confortes. (Except hot water.) Good dinner - potato soup, hors d'oeuvre,
steak with butter & petit pois, fruit. Cotes du Rhône.

7.4.55. Thursday.

Hot windy day in Valson. Looked round Roman town and theatre,
with deep pool behind stage. Gardens full of flowers - blue iris, stocks,
cillas, wall-flowers, Peacocks, pheasants & turkey in cages.
what large houses the Romans had, with gracious spacious courtyards
hot & cold baths, tessellated pavements, arcaded walks.
View over Provencal landscape. Yellow bird singing at top of tree
Up to Medieval town. Drinks at Le Belfroi (tomato juice & Dubonnet). Climbed
up to Chateau, where there were more wallflowers, fossils and a wonderful
view over ochre-colored fields, olive groves & vineyards.

Out in car to countryside for lunch.

Lavender, thyme, rockroses,
rosemary, bee orchids.

John did a water colour
(see over.)

Little old Romanesque Provencal
cathedral with magnificent
high altar. (Probably old Roman.)

Cloisters (11th & 12th c), with ring-dome
and 2 tortoises.

Inscription round outside of
gate.



BEE ORCHIS
4.4.55.

In afternoon drove round
by Nyons, where they
were making elaborate
preparations for Easter fair.

Through flat watermeadows
and orchards to Orange.

Roman theatre, almost complete
and awe-inspiring in its
size. Also had a pool
at the back of the stage.
Preparations being made for summer

Productions of L'Hippolyte, Thannhauser + several other plays by the Comédie Française

Gymnasium + temple beside theatre.

walked up to Colline d'Entreppe. lovely gardens full of insects. View over Orange + surrounding countryside to Dentelles, Ventoux, Les Alpilles. Down again to Arc de Triomphe. magnificent Roman archway with carved patterns actually beneath the arch impressing us most. Romanesque chrd. service going on.

Back to Varso - a different way, through Pastrean. Empty house at top of village, near chrd, with terraces + view over Provence. We shall retire here. Small chapel where villagers were worshipping Easter bread.

Dinner. potato soup, egg + tomato in oil, cold ham + pork, petits pois, Camembert, bottle of Cotes du Rhone.

8.4.55. Good Friday.

John painted in square all the morning. Jill saw museum, and Roman town of Varso again, then shopped + packed car. Bad watercolour of Roman bridge.

Drove up to Ventoux - about $\frac{1}{2}$ way up. Pine forests. Not so windy as its name suggests. New types of flowers - fields of wild narcissi in valleys just below it, tulips, alyssum, apple blossom, caterpillars in silk cocoons. Lined in view of Plateau of Vaucluse. On up the mountain to the edge of the tree-line - watercolour by John. Turned round before we reached the snowline + came down - the same way. Boat race.



PROVENCAL LANDSCAPE
NEAR VAISON.
1.4.55

Round to Carpentras.

Prayer for Good Friday in Cathedral. Old Gateway. Bishop's balcony in cathedral. 17th archway built in 16 walls. Two swan fountains.

little Niche chairs. Roman Arc de Triomphe in Palais de Justice.

out to Beaumes-de-Venise, from there to Chapelle of N.D. d'Aubonne - Unusual Italian Romanesque tower. lovely sunset.

Anxiety about camping site. Found one in Dentelles near les Florets.

Turning water in village pump at Gigondas. Very rocky road.

Dinner. Soup. Irish stew Algerian wine. Camembert.



Morning Glory.



Vaison - La - Romaine . 8.4.55.



Apple Blossom.





Bushes

JILL

Vaiso -
7.4.55

9th April. Saturday.

Glorious morning. Evidence of Poltergeist or yeti. John lying in stream.

Disappearance of tins.

Lazy morning looking at Sablet & Seguret. Across Provençal countryside through Contheson to Chateau, Neuf-du-Pape. (willows & vines coming out.) View across to Arignon.

Walked up to Chateau. Very windy. Poltergeist & fossils.

Bought bottle of Chateau Neuf du Pape.

Bridge down over Rhone so back for lunch in woods. Liver & bacon pate.

Hot ++.

And so to Arignon. Parked car for Graissage Complet.

Saw outside of Palais du Pape. →

Cathedral, with magnificent dome.

Beautiful portal (Roman influence).

Walked up through gardens. lovely view

over river, pont St. Bénézet, Villeneuve. Les Arignon

+ surrounding countryside.

Eglise St Pierre. with beautiful old wooden doors & painted panels in choir.

Eglise St. Didier. Retable of La Portement de la Croix (N.D. du Spasme).

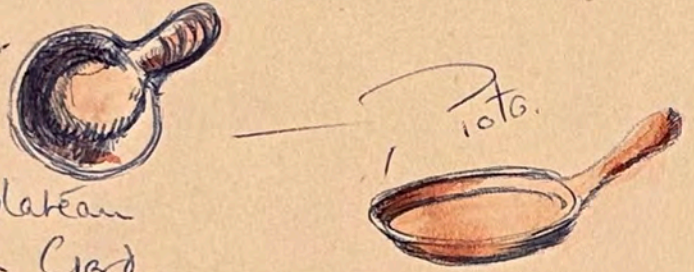
Walked down Rue du Tertre, with water wheels

& service in chapelle des Penitents 9^h 15.

Collected Jerebel & over to Villeneuve via the Port d'Avignon,
 Villeneuve-les-Avignon. Cathedral with naughty acolyte being chastised by
 benifical-looking priest. Unusual
 circular choir stalls.
 In sacristy - Ivory madonna & 2-faced madonna.

Looked at Chartreuse du Val de Bénédiction
 noticing several beautiful old houses with
 courtyards on the way.

Pottery plates.
 Pork chops.



Over high plateau
 to Rochefort du Gard,
 & camped in jungle.
 (Reserve de Chasse?)





Painting by John in evening. Pork chops & petits pois for dinner. Glow worm.

Sunday. Easter. John's Birthday. 10th. April.

No Easter egg. No birthday present. No money.

lovely sunny morning. Mistral still. ++. Cyns.

Breakfast finished painting. of Rochefort.



Pont-du-Grand Blossom. Clear river.

Wild tulips & Star of Bethlehem. Curious construction, unequal arches.

10 miles long originally, dropping as little as 2 ft. / kilo.

Large crowds at P. d. G. so off to Uzès.

Beautiful Chateau with columns on roadside.

Olive. Plane. & Cypress. Trees. Blossom ++

Uzès we liked greatly.

Cathedral tower like a small Pisa tower. Romanesque

Fine organ screen & light interior. Balcony in iron.

Easter Sunday prayer. all round cathedral.

Terrace with lovely view over countryside.

Chestnut trees in blossom. English in Swiss Car.

Swallowtail butterfly.





Cycle race. Deep red peach blossom. Ducal palace. Clock towers. Old houses.
Church S. Etienne with round facade. Drive alongside Canal. Usual fatal detour
hunch in pine wood. Humming bird hawk moth. Tortoise shell.
Snake on road. at least 3 feet long. ? grass snake.
Nines. — crowded. Bulking. Teapot & sugar bowl.
in yellow with brown lines.



Haison Carnee.

Found jug. Nearly lost jug. Handle stuck on. (Jill threw it on floor).

Jardin de la Fontaines. - Temple of Diana. Tour. Magne. Much mistral.

Troop talking in loud voices. - hiding. Blossom. Crotto at source of river. Fine boulevards. Av. Jean Jaurès.

On road to Montpellier. Lost way. - Ciques Monts. lovely little walled village Easter Sunday crowds. Hotels full so could not stay.

Meal in hotel. Not v. good. Vin du pays.

Soup. (veg.)

Fried. ? Whitebait. (Frites de Mer.)

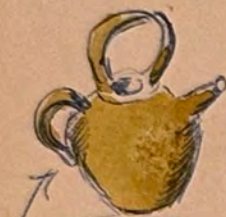
Roast chicken. Fried potatoes.

Cheese & fruit.

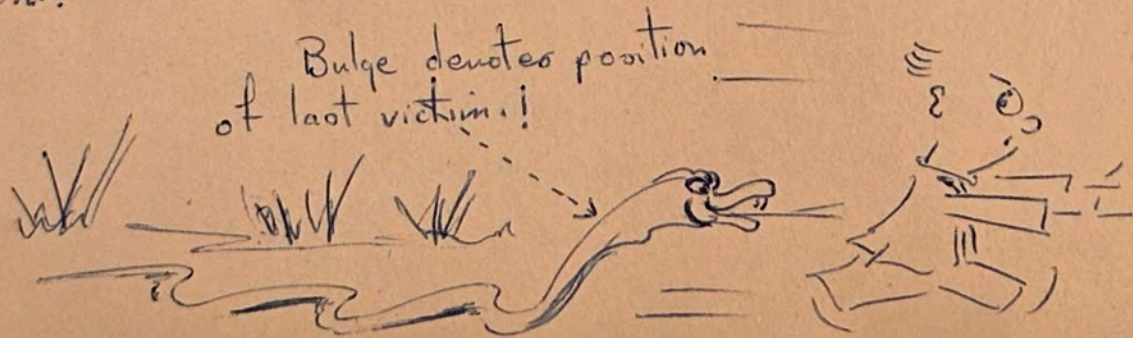
Exhausting drive in night via. St. Gilles (hotels full). Bellegarde - lost way.

Arles. - hotels full. - drink. - Night in car on rubbish dump quarry by Abbaye de

Montmajour.



This handle is stuck on.





LES ALPILLES
approaching LES BAUX
12.4.55.

Monday. 11th April. Result of post prandial Comtueau.

Tuesday.

Result of
Tills post prandial
Comtueau.

Lovely morning. Still ritual. Arles. Bullring Roman Arena. - Cornida
that afternoon. Till said NO! I WILL NOT. SEE A BULL KILLED.

Beaucoup des touristes.

Roman Theatres. Full of Germans.

Very impressive stone carvings behind stage. Wistonia.

Cathedral of St. Trophime. Tapestries. Sarcophagi + fine paintings

Nice to see churches without Lent Purple. 2 sarcophagi serving as altars.

+ one as a baptismal font. Cloisters. - varied + magnificent capitals.

N + E sides. (12th S + W. (14th). Difference in vaults + capitals. Upstairs walkway
roof.

Les Alypeamps. Fine old church in ruins at end. Eglise St. Honorat with
sarcophagi. Till liked. - tombs + urns. Immensely thick. Romanesque pillars.

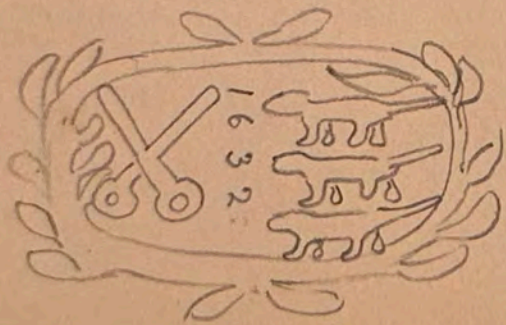
Back to St. Trophime to wait
for sun to light up doors.

(12th door.

Christ in majesty surrounded
by scenes from old testament.

Symbols of evangelists + saints.

Damned in chains + demon. (see next page)



(14th tomb.



hunch new. Fontvieille in chaff heap. Moulin de Daudet - overrun by tourists.

Fontvieille - cars + tourists - bull fight.

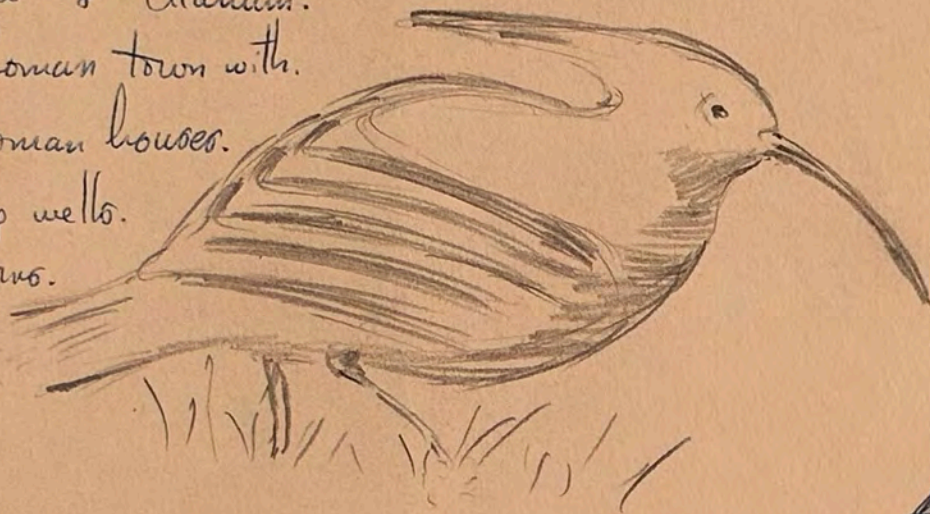
Les Baux - overrun. didn't stop.

Les Antiques + Clannum.

Magnificent Roman town with
with Etruscan houses.

Baths + deep wells.

Corinthian pillars.



Hoopoe near Cabriès
13.4.55

Visit to Abbaye St. Paul de
Mausdeum. Van Gogh's cell. Cloister
Mad artist looking like Van. G.
'This is my son' pointing to a cat
& one in stone. Said he had
sculptured the stone figure Aleod.
& that he was called THORET.



Arc de triomphe + Mausoleum.

St. Remy. Tarascon - still badly bomb damaged.

↑
drink.

Beaucaire. - Spent night at Hotel Napoleon.

Huge dog. Excellent meal. Place was ? Bothy.

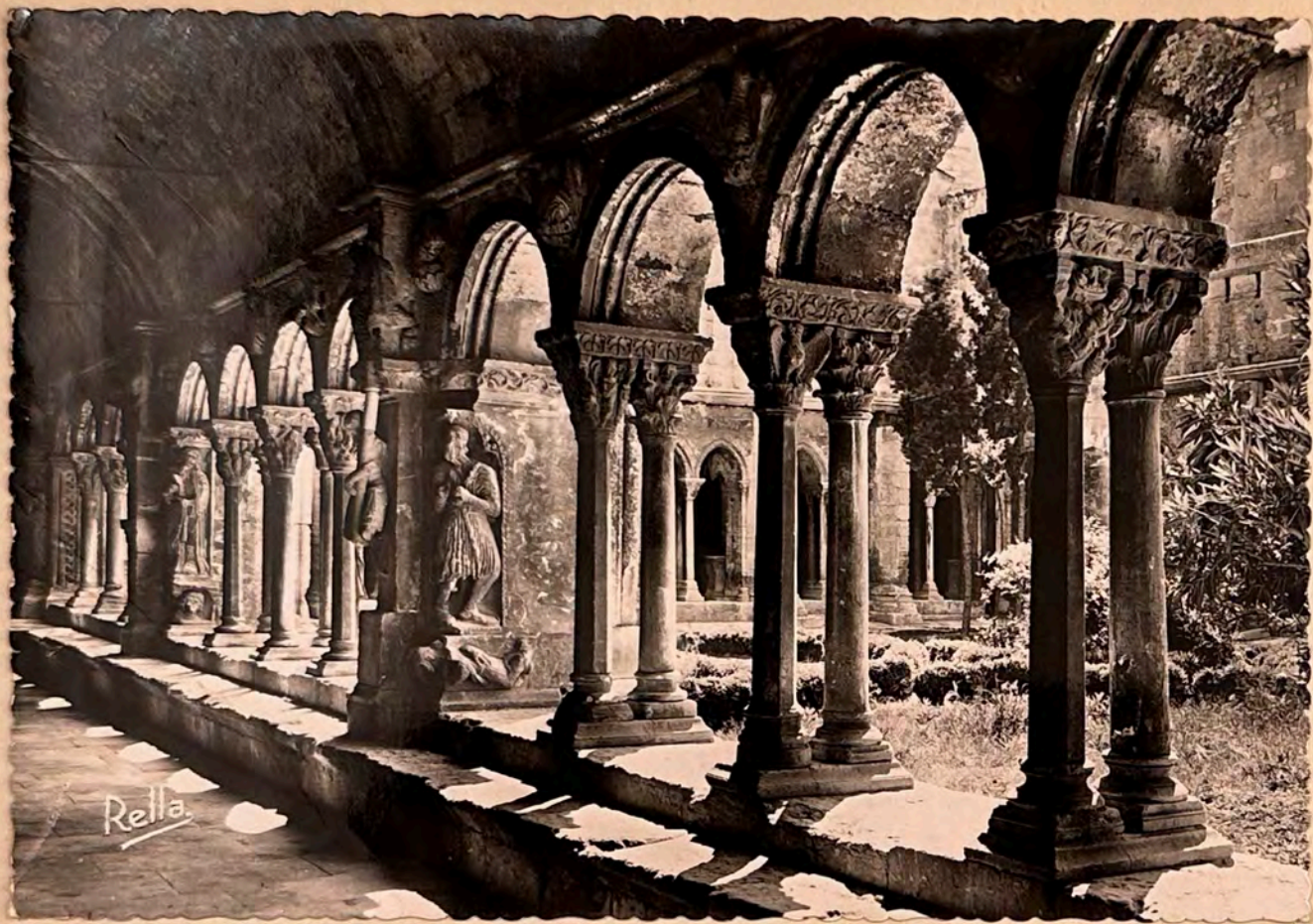
Vin Rosé.

Veg. Soup.

Solid Hors D'oeuvres, Cheese + Andouille in Pastry.

Petit Pois + Braised Celery.

Roast chicken + Lettuce. Cheese + Fruit. 490 fr.



Tuesday. 12th. April.

Fine morning but huge
Mistral. Closed to shut
shutters.

Rapid tour of Beaucaille.

Shopping.

Breakfast in la Montagne
then to S. Michel de Frigolet

- Abbey

White-frosted monk.

Magnificent painted interior
of 19th church built
round small church with.

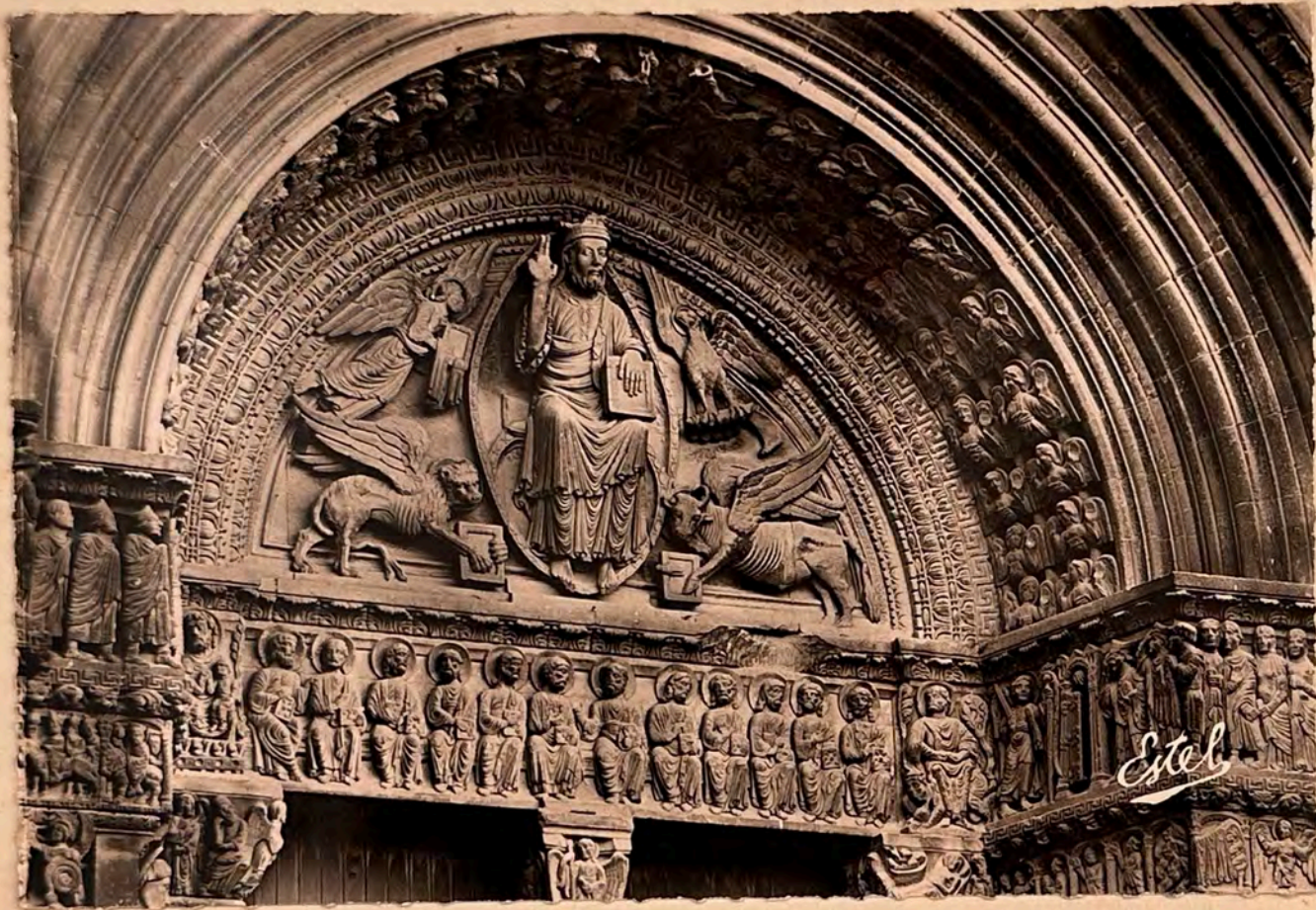
Healing Virgin - blue background
well lit.

Cloisters - men only. Capital of ram being bitten on ear by serpent. Pene Cranchen's elixir.
Smaller secondary church. Walked in grounds. Thous & Monk. Walk down to car. Across
country to Les Baux. Painted on way. Wind breaks of bamboos & cypresses.



View near Lourdes. 13.4.55.

Drive into Alpilles. Baurite quarries. magnificent scenery. Les Baux. Full of souvenirs & tourists. Quick do. Little church with numerous candles S. Christophe. Sheep cart. Old altar & font carved out of solid rock. 'Believers - pray. Unbelievers - pay respects'. hunch in olive grove overlooking Les Baux. Drive back thro' alpilles



to Eygalieues.
 Festival, Aulesiennes. Gardiens.
 Follie dancing
 Gardiens — arm band fights.
 + "Jou des Fleurs."
 Fife & drum music.
 Cavillon. — Spanish influence
 interior & fine little cloister
 in Cathedral.
 Crossed the Divance.
 L'isle sur-la-Sorgue.
 More rococo baroque wood
 carving. Gift angels on
 wall. Water wheels in
 streets as river Sorgue
 splits up through town.

Fontaine de Vaucluse. — Petrarch's Laura. — remembered Cousteau's opeleological diving &
 shuddered. Up towards Gordes. — Camp site in les Cedres. ready made camp site at Calarienes.
 Car in cedars. Lights fused. Ignition failed. Sac John. Good meal cooked in ready made oven



View of Roussillon. 13.4.55.

Camped in car. Meal. - Vin rosé. Steak pudding. Petit Pois. Cheese. Peanut butter. Coffee.

13th. April. Wednesday.



Whirlless sunny morning. Big ants. Problem of car. Unloaded all then pushed down hill to garage in village. Mechanic fixed our proques as far as Cavailon. Hoopoe on road. ** Drew it very tame.

Cavailon - Bank. Electrical engineers. Car fixed by 12 noon. 1,000. Fr.

Speeded out to Coudes. Drew sketch on way. Lunch in olive grove on hill before Coudes. Ascent to Coudes. - Over the hill to Abbaye de Senanque. Mother church of Cistercian order. Shown round by guide smelling of lavender. Dry stone building. Very simple architecture. Only 2 chimneys & 2 fireplaces. Arcades in cloister. Roof walk above cloister. Dormitory. Chapter House. 2 Chapels.

Up the hill to Couder. - drove slowly past church & chateau Fine view over plain
 Roussillon. - Painting of distant view. (see back 2 pages). Village all ochre
 coloured from quannies. Blossom. Quannies - Purple. crimson. - light red.
 yellow ochre - white - yellow ochre - burnt sienna.
 Picked up stones & put in stream to see colours.

Fill →



To Apt. - Cathedral. - shopping.

← Evening drive into foothills of Dauphine Alps.

Snow covered mountains.

Long shadows in evening sun.

Fourcalquier - lovely little town on hill. with old
 fort dominating it.

Drove up Durance valley to Peyrus.

Dinner in quarry of side road off main road.

Down to Vieille Cure & biere in cafe. Jus d'orange.

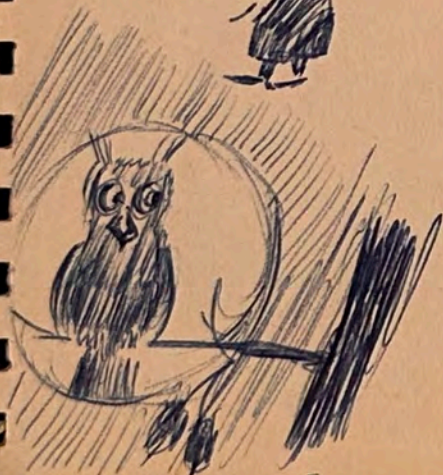
Rendition over a game of cards.

Back to quarry to sleep in Terzebel. Owl. Stars. Frogs.

Roax Roax
 # Shades of
 Aristophanes.



No wine. No salt.
 Veal cutlets. Petit Pois.
 Cheese, Radish. Onions.





Luro. - Dauphine. 14.4.35 - by Mrs. C.

14th April. Thursday.

Quartz crystals - collected specimen.

Quartz crystals - collected specimen.
Awdie in quarry. Breakfast in Terzebel. On to Sion. Badly

damaged Provençal town - uninspiring dunnie with railway alongside & industrial. Mountain scenery just before Geneva - bright sunshine not much wind. Walked round Geneva & shopped. Road rose gradually.

After Asprey -> Buech. - alpine scenery with chalets & snow covered mountains

No encauses. Not so good until Les. where stopped by roadside - painted & had lunch. Cowslips, newt, kingcups, trout stream, violets. Road gradually rose

← to Col de la Croix Haute then sudden drop to finest alpine scenery of any holiday - Drac valley, continued in Elysian scenery for many kilos.

One downsloped mountain - see overleaf. Snowed mountains - villages like Schwarzwald villages. Fertile valley.

→ Grenoble. Industrial town fine boulevards & parks & rivers - in alpine setting but too busy. Hasty retreat. 11p & over - Grande Chartreuse - missed monastery. - now in foothills only. After Voreppe detour to hotel dunnies

& camp site but countryside too populated & full of villages. Eventually we encountered
main road & now desperate as cold & getting dark - to hotel at Les Abnets
(Club de Sans Club.) Hotel D'Étape. Expensive but good

Dinner.

Soup. Noodle Chicken.

Omelette fine herbes.

Veal with stuffed tomatoes & lettuce.

Cheese.

Coffee & Green Cuvée Chartreuse.

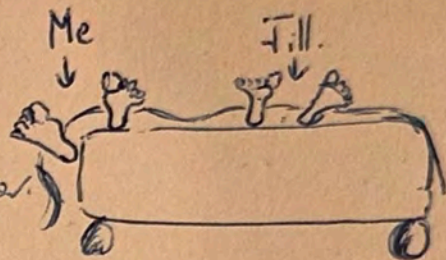
Excellent and Unida Pays.

r. so to bed. Toukers.



15th. April. Friday.

Slept badly. Hot coughing Jill who had $\frac{2}{3}$ bed →
Fine morning. On road by 8.30 am. Petit Dejeuner
on roadside east track.



Uninteresting drive - very crowded countryside - through Bourg.
Stopped at Epise-de-Bruon. Architectural Gem of Flamboyant Renaissance
Fine roof boxes - beautiful carved choir stalls, misericords + tombs
of Philibert + Marguerite of Austria + Marguerite of Bourbon.

Fireplace in side chapel.

Church made a racket at by changing entry fee.

Fine cloisters - 2 lots. Church no longer used.

On to Tournus. - on river Saône. Monastery church
& monasterial remains. Antechapel with thick Romanesque
pillars & painted vault. - narthex,
Wooden virgin & Romanesque capitals.

Little cloisters - only one side remaining as such. - rest used
as almshouses. Well in middle. Protective looking like a tithe barn.

Creuze. - look up.

Further awful road through Chalons - Saône. - industrial.

To Côte D'Or - Burgundy country - Vineyards

Puligny - Montrachet - detour to village. Went to small cave for wine tasting

& bought a bottle of '53 Bâtard
Montrachet. Fr. 400. Nice prop.
viticulteurs. Quite takers on 2
glasses of wine.

hundreds in sight of village on
cant track.

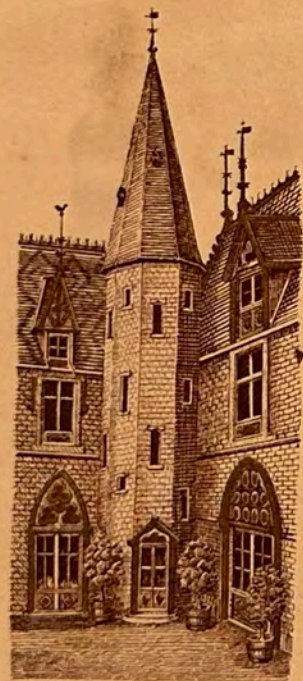
Neuroault -

Volnay.

Chateau Pommard.

Voisne. Savigny.

Alex Cotton



JOURFROY, BEAUNE

Grand Vin DE Bourgogne

Bâtard-Montrachet

APPELLATION CONTROLÉE

R. CARILLON-VIROT

Propriétaire-Viticulteur à Puligny-Montrachet (Côte-d'Or)

Chateau St. Denis. Beaune - nice little town.

Huits - St. Georges.

Clos. Vougeot.

Creevy. Chambertin.

All nice villages mainly on w. side of main road on small range of hills as in the champagne country.

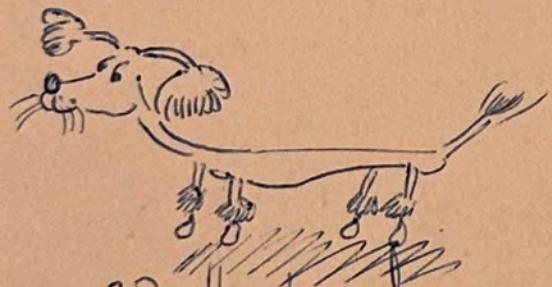
Dijon - industrial. Road much more interesting & beautiful. Woods hills. rivers - chateaux - few houses - sparsely populated countryside. Liked.

Val. Suzon. - Source de Senie. - felt sorry for the water.

UN REPAS SANS VIN
EST UN JOUR. SANS
SOLEIL.



LE BON VIN. M'ENDORT.
L'AMOUR ME REVEILLE.



? Poodlehound.

Funny dogs we have seen.



Spaniel.

Beautiful evening drive with long shadows. Wide views. attractive villages
Chatoaux. Water meadows & river Seine. Fields mature with Mayflowers
& many cowslips. To Troyes. - busy town. - bought evening meal.

Dinner in wood of poplars.

Fried Spam. Petit Pois.

Tomatoe soup.

Vin ordinaire white

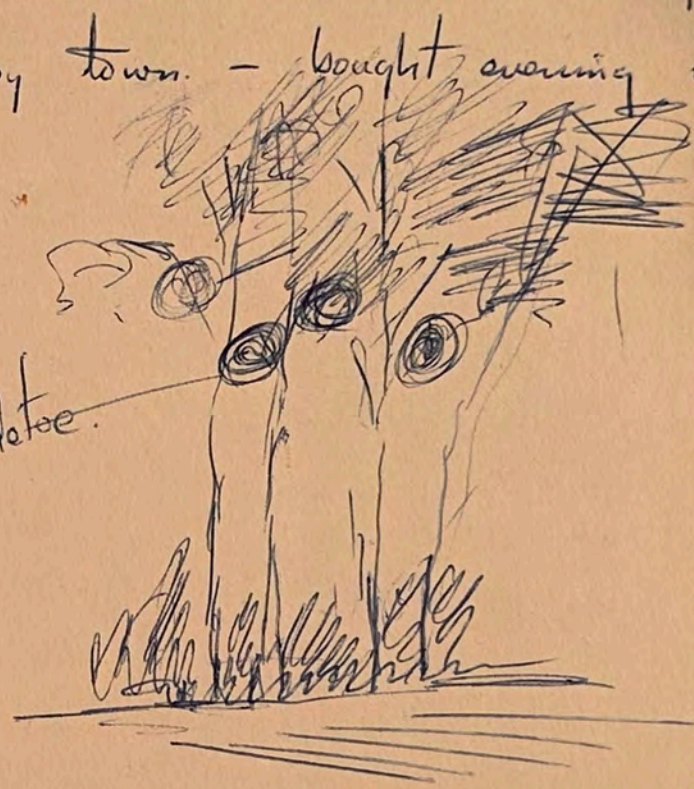
Then in desperation without lights or
petrol to primitive hotel in.

Méry-sur-Seine.

Trois-de-Frutes & Courtuon



Not really closets d'eau.



16th. April. Saturday.

Beautiful cold morning. Early start delayed by hazards of l'eau chaude, & old car blocking the passage. Dusty. Pleasant drive through water-meadows of R. Seine, with pollard willows, Lombardy poplars.

Breakfast in cove (very good croissants.)

Drive during morning not very interesting, but setting of Chateau.

Thierry was impressive. (Germans took town & then couldn't get out because of surrounding hills.)

Soissons. Beautiful large Gothic cathedral. very light, with lovely (15, & 16th stained glass.

Lively market full of delectable cheeses & meats. Black ram pulling lavender cart.

Quite attractive countryside afterwards to Arras. Stopped for lunch on hillside. Salami & blood sausage.

Saw many interesting birds during course of day: partridges, pheasants, grey peregrine falcons, shrike, owl, blackcap.

In afternoon long & uneventful drive across the vast fields of France occasional showers - very cold - strong East wind. Went up hill to Cassell, but not very remarkable. J. Painted picture opposite. →



Flemish Farms near Hazebrouck. + Cassel.
16.4.55.

Arrived in Dunkerque about 6.30. Considerable part of town rebuilt
in very good style. Signs of habitation in it at last.

Looked for cinema, & found a flea pit. Drove car onto docks
& left it there & walked back to town (because of lights not
working).

Had very good dinner in a new restaurant near the church.

Noodle soup (alphabet.)

Meat pâté with dressed tomatoes.

Chicken picanée in delicious sauce.

Pork cutlet & petit pois.

St. Emilion Bordeaux red wine (Château bottle).

Café noir.

And so to cinema, to sit on balcony among lascivious seamen

& pansy boys.

Saw innumerable series of cartoons & news
items until 10 pm, with two intervals during which house emptied.

Then James Stewart in a Yukon Gold rush cowboy film, very well
dubbed. Tears for pansy boy at moment critique.

Back over docks - saw two B.P. oiler tankers (one built & one being
built) Chambord & Chemenceaux. Lightship, corvette, fishing smacks.

Arrived late at docks. Terrel co-habiting in hotel with train
9 large bus (Sheffield University F.C. - playing at Scarborough.)
Wrong date booking so no beer for John, but got a pro-kind
Frenchman. 2 beers for John before retiring.
Rough crossing.

17th April. Sunday.

A fine cold morning with a watery sunrise.
Docked at 5.30 am. off boat by 6.30. Woke little man up to
get petrol. Didn't elude o-way to Folkestone. Pursued
by Chelsea type & thwarted-looking girl in white Triumph sports
car.

More bird song & more signs of spring than in Northern France -
Pussy willows, Daffodils, primroses. Occasional fruit tree in blossom.
Lambs.

Breakfast in wippice.

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| London. | 915 | 4 G. | 18/2. | Supershell. |
| Dover | 998 | 3 ³ / ₄ G. | 15/. | Esso extra. |
| News (Cam) | 1232 | 5 litres | 340 Fr. | + Cam upper cylinder lubricant. |
| | 1235 | 10 litres | 648 Fr. | (Shell Essence) |
| News. | 1331 | 10 litres. | 684 Fr. | Esso Extra. |
| Thiers | 1429 | 20 litres | 1308 Fr. | Shell Essence. |
| Aubenas | 1580 | 10 litres | 682 Fr. | Shell with 10A. |
| St Cecile | 1675 | 10 litres | 642 Fr. | Shell Essence. |
| Avignon | 1795 | 10 litres | 670 Fr. | Supershell. |
| Serrigny | | | 600 Fr. | |
| St Gilles. | 18.- | 10 litres. | 664 Fr. | Esso extra. |
| Ordon | 1998 | 10 litres | 700 Fr. | Supershell. |
| N ^r Perruis | 2114 | 15 litres | 1015 Fr. | Supershell. |
| Bourg. | 2309 | 10 litres | 690 Fr. | Supershell. |
| Dijon | 2403 | 10+litre | 700 Fr. | Supershell. |
| N ^r Seranne | 2530 | 1 pint. | — | — |
| Seranne | 2536 | 15 litres | 1026 Fr. | Supershell. |
| Bethune | 2687 | 5 litres | 342 Fr. | Supershell. |