

Roskilde (Ros-kild-ee), Denmark

July 15 - 39 Saturday

Warm & Sunny.

Dearest MOTH, Pat. Kelly, W.F., M.P., & Baby Rob. -

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Helsingør (Elsinore) Denmark

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Marvelous hotel here - 2 story, cream stone house, with terrace overlooking the sea. Girl's dorm has balcony right on beach front. Going to take swim & sun bath a little later. A beautiful bright sunny day - can see Sweden across the sparkling blue water - going over there this afternoon - about 1/2 hour by ferry. Then by cycle to Oslo, Norway - about 5 day by bike from Helsingborg, Sweden where we land.

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NORWAY - King Håkon VII - Queen Maud
Crown Prince Olaf - Crown Princess Marta

Here told us.

After supper we biked to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre in the Town Centre where we saw (with 5 other hostlers) a performance of 8: "Coriolanus". Wanted to see "Much Ado About Nothing" or one we knew - but this one was very good - & well done. Enjoyed it immensely - good balcony seats just 1/3 (one shilling 3 pence) (30d).

All had to walk our bikes home as no lamps remain & unlawful to bike without. At YH wardens were up in kitchen with hot chocolate for a treat for all theatre-goers. Nice? They are fine people & we certainly enjoyed the surprise. Had to go to bed with candles.

At beginning & end of theatre, movie, or dance, they play "God Save the King" & everyone stands in most respectful & rigid silence. ^{most} ^{effective}

About 20 Danish girls here.

Visited Shakespeare's birth place & were away.

Agreed to meet Bill & Drew - 2 Irishmen - at Oxford. We wanted to go a different way than they did.

Cycled 50 mi. Three Cotswolds (Mt. district) three old "Stow-on-the-Wold" and along lovely moors. An air-station there with the hangars covered with grass to resemble mounds & the other bldg. covered with camouflage (?) paint.

Oxford is quite a large & active city. Grand YH. Had real hot baths in a tub. Warden is swell. Good meals. Our room called "Pilkington" don't know why. Met Bill, Drew & walked with them. Several Americans here

You can pick out Americans & Canadians at table 'cause we all use one hand to eat - while all others hold knife in it & fork in left always.

Visited beautiful old Christchurch Cathedral & College. College is the oldest & largest at Oxford & has only 300 students enrolled

Aboard steamer "Esbjerg" (E-j-see-air) for Denmark.

Spent AM with the Irishmen & then were away

got lorry ride into London.

Went to Hyde Park to hear soapbox orators.

Next 2 days went sightseeing - Nat'l Gallery, British Museum, Croydon Aerodrome, bus rides thru Regent St. etc. - some shopping.

Left London & arrived Colchester about 2:30. Had tea & cakes - to a movie to rest till hostel opened. Cute little hostel on river across from beautiful Castle Park & 1128 Castle.

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Gee, every time I start a letter I wonder if you've been getting all the ones I write (8). Did the one from the boat ever arrive? I sent an envelope full of snapshots on Wednesday — also an envelope with 1 map of Iceland & 1 map of Scotland & England. (Don't they look well-used?) Have a nice little one ^(map) of Denmark which I shall try to persuade thea you should have when we are finished with it! At the rate our money is lasting (or going) I think we shall just come out even at the end of November! Shall try to wrangle December out of the office & spend it at home, partly. At least intend to take in St. Ig. on the way to Wash.!

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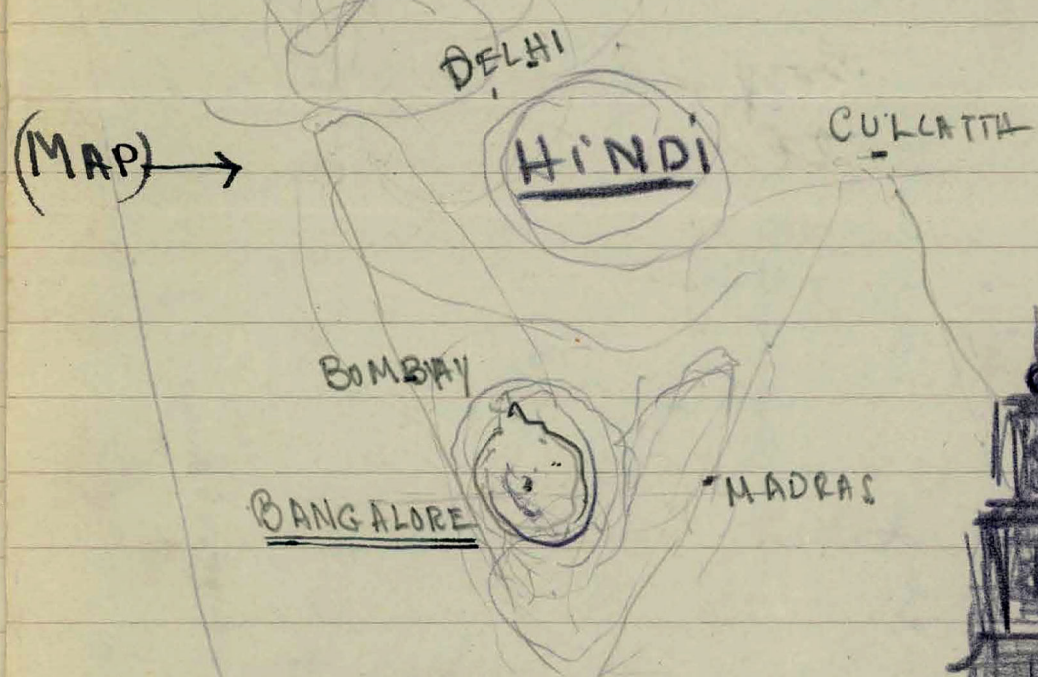
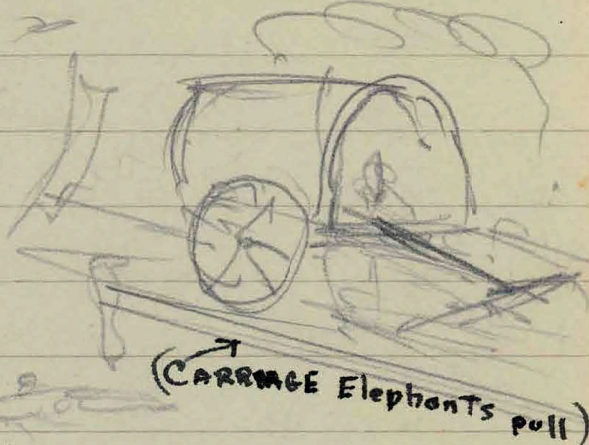
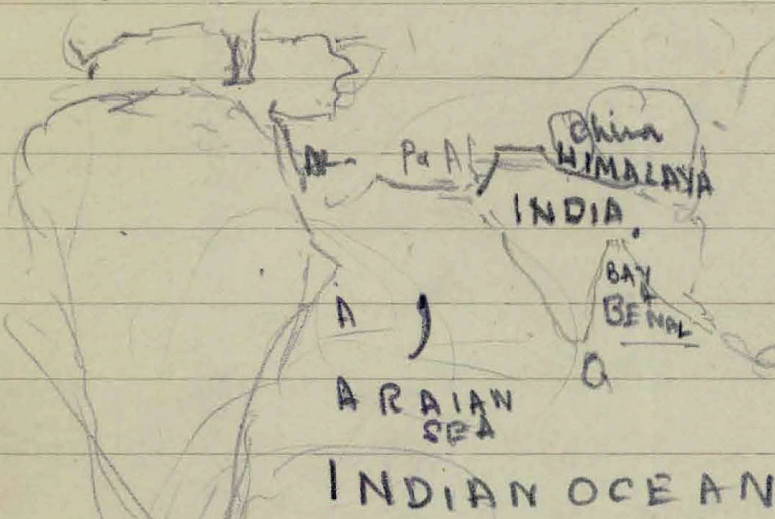
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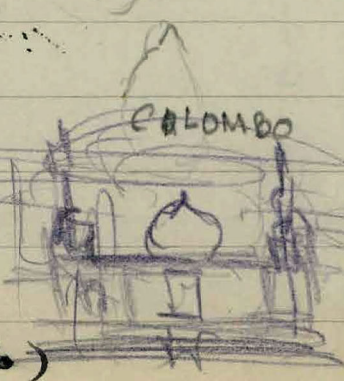
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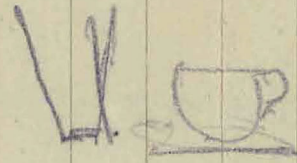
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 (languages in India)



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Breakfast



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Lunch

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Rice, curry, Sam Milk.

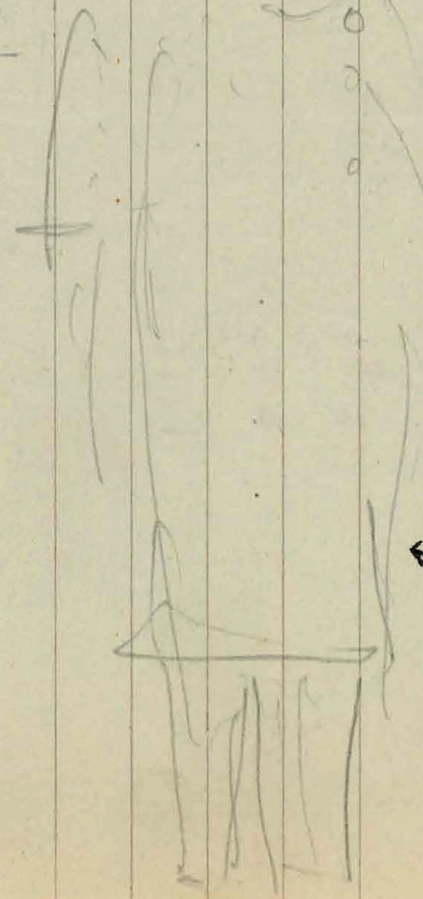
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Helsingborg, Sweden, today. We expect
to leave Stockholm, Sweden, about August
first for Estonia, Latvia, & Lithuania &
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to Stockholm, then ^{T. Am. Ex. Co.} Berlin,
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for both of us! And ~~the~~ supper & breakfast was
a shilling or 1/3 (30¢) & here it is about 50 ¢ ea. (10¢) for 'em!

See you in Sweden! Home, Helen M. White!!

(See bottom page 10) - Copenhagen beautiful & lively city. The dinner of bread & butter
rice home of marvelous people. Enjoyed it a lot. 4th. Jimmy Rose
4 female beg. market A (down. for min) B (man), Upholster (Cinnam
& WC (in big letters) (white blue water Museum & took motorist
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