

SF cold, left at 11:50 AM - fifteen minutes late
arrived Chicago on time 5:20 PM. Loud speaker on
plane asked for Miss Stella Patri to contact Alitalia.
Walked miles to their office or desks. They were
up set - had sent a man to meet me! Was taken
to their lounge & given scotch & soda; V.I.P. on
my ticket (boarding) Plane left at 7 P.M.
Alitalia A2667

I had a window seat with two empty seats so
that I was able to stretch out a bit later on.
Arrived in Montreal 8:30. Had time to call
Stella Besque. Marcel has been in hospital
for last two weeks but seemed better that day.

Many Red Monties directing a group of Africans
& a few whites. Most men had light weight
trousers & blouses buttoned to neck very much
like Pakistanis. Wonder where they were
from & where they were going. Expo '67

Left Montreal 9:30 more food - which I
refused. Lights out about 11:30. I had only
changed my watch in Chicago advancing it 2 hrs.

Slept from 11:30 PM to 1 A.M. (my time) & looked
out the window & there on the horizon was the
first sign of the dawn! Fantastic. Later
saw some green land - England! Then
France through clouds. Next were the Alps
pushing their snowey peaks through clouds &
fog.

Milano air port 10:50 - hot over car, sticky.
An hrs ride to Central Station. Changed money
and at 13:55^{PM} train left for Firenze, arriving
at 16:00^{PM} or thereabouts. Taxi to Pensione
Tornabuoni - Beacci. Via Tornabuoni 3. Brattagna
had no room for me. Rooms are very warm.
very little air - but a good bath room. Food
very good. Second waiter wears white cotton gloves.
The place is a maze, up, down & thru corridors.
Nice terrace on roof just ^{over} my room.

Allacciare la cintura - fasten seat belts

Diary

7/22
7/23

Arrived at Library 8 A.M. asked for Seq. Waters. Waited - suddenly saw him in the distance. Dorothy had spotted me and called to Peter. Warm greetings. Sheila Waters - two older boys. They did not expect me until the 30 of July. Had written me a letter which they handed to me.

Nothing set up yet. I am to teach mending in the large bindery which is being set up in the main room. All desks are specially designed new press, everything designed by Peter W.

Makes one envious.

There will be english menders also

Peter Waters is to leave in September Tony Cairns to have charge. Will be here two ~~days~~ years or three years

This is still an all British enterprise.

Nothing to do, wandered about.

Back to hotel to rest & cool off.

Returned to library met Desmond & Maria who will also teach with me. Or I with them.

Maria Cheshire will be Mrs Wood Sept. 1st. Records Office
Desmond Shaw - Cocherell - on his own
Chris Clarkson - on his own & teaches
Tony Cain - teaches
George Jolly - British Museum
Frank Tushingham - British Museum
William Hiscox - British Museum

Diary

7/24

Cashed money order at Am. Ex. Bought Cocaina
to show them how the Instituto de Patologia does it.
Most of day in dismantling shelves and cleaning
room where we will start the teaching. Went out
to lunch and rested in restaurant. Finished cleaning
room & back to hotel. Very hot.

Very short shower but it did not cool off.
Woke up at 1:30 AM again - so hot hard to
get back to sleep.

New table brought up - the sample for mending beautifully made - I much to elaborate. But as Shila explained it Peter thought as long as he was about it he would design a very workable piece which will last years. - I hope!

Young Am. girl brought in by Peter who has had some book binding experience & will want to learn mending. Too bad because we have not decided which method we are to use.

Should have waited until it was clear what we would do. The method.

Told Peter so - he agreed & she has not returned. Did come back after we were set up & was a good 1/2 day worker. Candie

Still building shelves + tables, cord to hang
pages that have to be sized.

Chris + Desmond don't seem to cut it off.
There is an awful lot of talking + wand-
ering off to see what other people are doing.

Party at Vis - Consul Mr. & Mrs. Miller's home
all the English there with a few Americans.
Cocktails - hors d'oeuvres, Salads, cold lamb + wine,
Chicken, cold rice + green peas. Ice cream
+ cakes, coffee, liquors. Nice group - it
was fun! Back at hotel at 1.45. It
was cooler + I slept all night.

Diary

7/27

A little cooler. 9:15 arrived at library. Still in an up roar but slowly taking shape. Desmond demonstrated mending with a warm iron & using ~~special~~ ^{tear}coated tissue. He has offered to make a tool for me & send it to San Francisco. Dorothy C. will show me how to coat the tissue.

Peter had a bottle of special wine that Sig. Crocetti had given him & we all had a taste. Sheila, the boys, Dorothy, Sig & Sig C.

Kept on mending the book but I'm sure we will find a quicker way with this tissue & heat.

Big Red sun setting - hot to - morrow.

Hope we can agree on the method tomorrow so that we can really start on Monday.

Church bells ringing & some one's radio is playing at Rang age. Think it might be New Year's eve.

Diary

7/28

0 1 2 3 4 5
Lab. P.M. Dorothy

Coating lens tissue with Texicoat VSC 555
from Scott Rader & Co. Ltd., Wollaston,
Wellingborough, Northants, England.

Dec 2nd 1st side 2 Parts Texicoat 1 part water. = $\frac{2}{3}$? should $\frac{1}{2}$
2 " " 5 " "
Paint with soft brush 3 in. wide on plate
glass larger than sheet of tissue.
First in 8 shape then length wise then cross
wise so that the Texicoat is evenly applied.
Try for no streaks.

Pick up paper at diagonal corners 
bring hands to-gether until they
are 6 or 8 inches apart tip one
corner of paper until it touches glass on
Texicoat then slowly lower the tissue
on to glass. Should it have air bubbles
with pampon of clean cotton pat gently.
Do not go over edge as you will get
Texicoat on top side of tissue. This
is to be avoided! When all is smooth
wipe off excess Texicoat off edge taking
care not to build up a thick edge
at paper's edge. This will make it
hard to remove paper when dry.

Turn glass - support on frame, &
do same as above. With six pcs. of
glass you will have 12 sheets.

Dorothy is working on different strengths
of Texicoat. also before removing from
glass applying a thin coat of Tylose.

Warning be sure glass is clean. Wash off with
spirits then wipe dry with chamois.
* chamois dry

Right side 1/2 Taylor M H ²⁰⁰ (200th. jar) water 1 tylo
Tylos - ~~Methyl cellulose~~ Methylcellulose

Finally all began to mend. Peter showing us his way. Then we all tried our hand at this method. Some doubts as to whether it is faster than what is done downstairs by The Library's bookbinder.

Maria starts right in & gets into some bad spots! But I guess it's the best way to learn.

Desmond not in too great an accord with any thing but his way.

Worked from 8:30 to 6:30 - tired!

Pain on left side of head over back of ear,? Couldn't sleep - read until almost 1 A.M.

Have been offered a small but cooler room. will move to-morrow morning. Killed my second mosquito!

Diary

7/29

Sunday
moved to room #35. Smaller but larger
window in both Room + bath room so that
there is a cross current of air. Also can have
window open as there is nothing facing but
a wall. I like it better. Still very warm.
Went to Piesale walked to Cemetery then back
to center had lunch and then wandered
about to the Museum then took trolley back
to San Marco + walked to hotel.

Diary

7/30

Cut tyrodin all morning with pinning shears
1.80 paper cutting boards for pressing
10 " " glass.

Cut silicon release paper
100 ft size of pressing boards.

Left at 5:15 to go to Am. Express to make
reservations for Siena for Aug 12. Couldn't
buy ticket - not until the day before.
A clerk will try to make Reservation
Peter showed me a letter from Paul Banko
see next page.

Possibilities for Kim & Lois - will write to Peter.

Signora ^{Beacci} sent invitation to come to her villa
for cocktails next evening. She will pick us
up at 5:30 & bring us back.

Letter from Tito - still not convinced he's
all right in spite of his saying he's better

Bill from Hotel - thought it would be
paid by P.R.I.A.

Diary
7/31