



18. 1955: A 33 page typed journal titled "Seeing Europe in One Gulp" which is the story of a group of young Americans touring Europe. The first three pages have come loose, the manuscript is stapled together and some the edges of the pages are bent and worn. Some of the group make a 'men-only' visit to the red light district of Amsterdam. They also visit the diamonds factories in Amsterdam, view works of art throughout Europe and meet a European Count who is an acquaintance of one of the girls. Extract: "Words cannot describe the beauty of Switzerland...at Undermatt we saw where an avalanche had

destroyed everything in 1951 and had buried many people, the little community was rebuilding over the rocks shale and dirt from mountain slide...there was snow all over the place and the young people played with a big St Bernard dog and through snowballs at the bus driver...Saw Elizabeth Browning's home and saw dungeons miles and miles of horrid things underground, small stone rooms no light or air could reach them, political prisoners were strangled to death and the bodies mysteriously disposed of...We spent fourth of July in Florence and everyone thought of our home land where WE were not FOREIGNERS that night at dinner someone started the Star Spangled Banner and in a second everyone was up and we all sang. Even our tour leader sang every word and he was German. One of our group a girl from NY who always acted on impulse suddenly had a bright idea and dashed from the room... returning in a few seconds with all of the paper bags that she could arrange from the corner fruit vendor...we blew them up and popped them...some of the diners were very amused.'