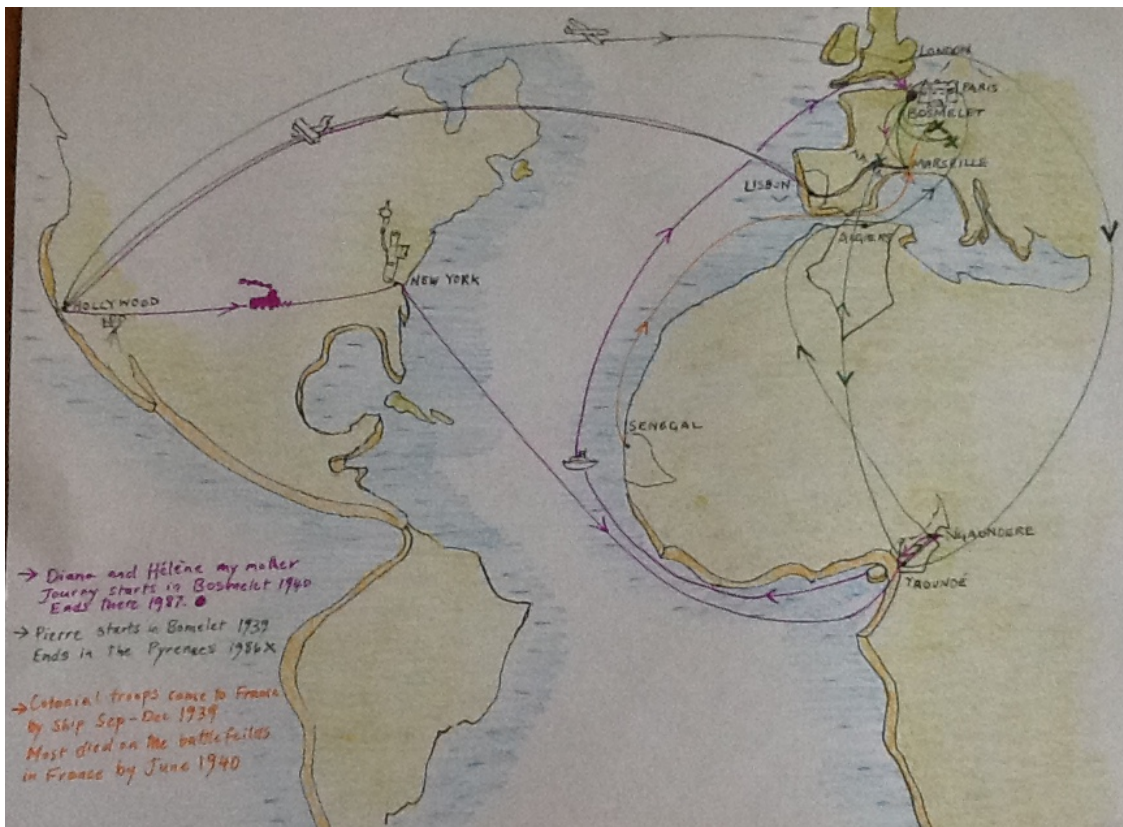


Map with time line



During the Second World War:

1939

Sept- Pierre goes into the French Army, His commission is as a First Lieutenant in charge of training "Joyeux" petty criminals.
Colonial Troops come on ships from Senegal, Africa, to fight in the Germans in France.

Dec Pierre is re-commissioned to lead Colonial Troops.

1940

Jan Hélène, my mother is born in the Château de Bosmelet.

May Diana leaves Bosmelet with her two small children, Gentien and Hélène.

June The French army surrenders to Germany.

Near all the Senegalese Troops are dead.

Pierre returns home to Bosmelet to find that the German Army are occupying the Château de Bosmelet. He find out that the Nazi's have put an order that he is to be shoot when captured because he commanded African soldiers. He leaves his mother at Château de Bosmelet and goes to find his wife and children to get them out of France.

The family reunite in Marseille. They escape traveling through the South of France to Spain eventually arriving at Lisbon, Portugal.

1941

- Feb Pierre travels back through France to visit his mother at Bosmelet. Under cover of moonlight he sees the Château de Bosmelet with large swastika banners hanging from the windows.
- May The family leaves Lisbon and arrives in Hollywood.
- Nov Pierre travels to London joined the Free French forces in London under General Charles de Gaulle, who promoted him to the rank of Captain.

1942

- June Pierre is commissioned to serve in West Africa.
Diana plans a way to reunite the family in Africa.

1943

- Jan Diana, Gentien and Hélène arrive in the Cameroun.
The family live in a mud hut in Ngaundere for six months.
- June Gentien dies.
- Aug Diana and my mother, aged 3, take a ship back to England.

1944

- Aug Pierre, Captain of the third command are sent to fight in France.
- Oct Pierre lands in France. He is in some tough battles.
- Dec Pierre has a desk job in Paris.

1945

- March Diana and Pierre meet up and go back to Bosmelet to find it boomed.

After the war:

1946

- July Robert, Diana and Pierre's youngest son is born.
- 4th Monique dies. She is Pierre's eldest daughter by his first wife.

- 1947 Pierre abandoned his family and goes to lived in the Cameroun until that country's independence.

1959 Pierre comes back to live in Paris.

- Oct My parents marry, ten months later I'm born.

1962 Diana plans to rebuilding the Château de Bosmelet.

1986 Pierre died in the retirement home in the Pyrenees, at the age of eighty.

1987 Diana died in her home at Bosmelet aged seventy-eight.