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DEAN WITTER - Financier, Sportsman, Philanthropist



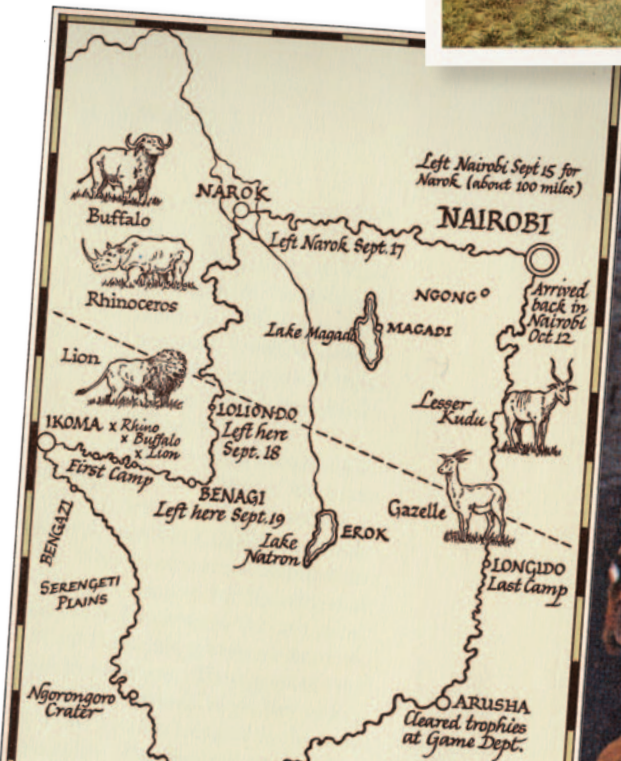
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Hearing the jungle go to sleep is thrilling. Every rustle is an anticipated tiger. Only those people who love the wilds can appreciate this. It is the same thrill that comes from sitting by a lonely stream or lying

by a campfire at night looking up through the trees at the canopy of bright stars overhead, or watching a forest moon, or going out in a duck blind before daylight in the stillness of the dark and then sitting in the blind in anticipation of the flight when dawn comes. . . . In a machan, this is all magnified by the strangeness of the scene and by the unusual forest noises that one hears—birds calling, monkeys chattering—and by all the expectancy and anticipation of waiting for a huge animal that provides interesting and, at times, dangerous game. I pity those who have never experienced these thrills.

Dean Witter wrote these words in his diary during a tiger hunting trip to India. He hunted

FROM LEFT: Map of route from *Solo Safari*; Five thousand pound rhino with 31-inch horn; Frontispiece from *Shikar*, showing Witter with tiger taken in India.



with Allwin Cooper of Nagpur in 1961 and later that same year with the Maharaja of Kotah. He bagged four tigers and a leopard while in India.

Dean Witter was born in Wisconsin in 1887. He was still a toddler when his family moved to California a short time later. Witter graduated from the University of California in 1909. Along with several family members, he founded Dean Witter & Co., in 1924. His business success enabled him to take many hunting and fishing trips during his lifetime. He made several African safaris and hunted extensively in western Canada and Alaska. An avid fly fisherman, he had a strong preference for wading the many streams of the Western United States.

Witter served in both World Wars. As a captain of infantry, he was awarded a silver star for "gallantry in action" during the Meuse-Argonne battle in 1918. He served in World War II as a colonel of ordnance and was awarded a medal for outstanding service.

Reflecting his wonder and love of the great outdoors, Witter wrote three books about his sporting adventures. They

BOOKS BY DEAN WITTER

Solo Safari (1949)

Meanderings of a Fisherman (1956)

Shikar (1961)

were all privately printed and most of the material in the books was taken from the diaries that he meticulously kept. Dean Witter became a Boone and Crockett Club member in 1949.

At the time of his death in 1969, Dean Witter & Co. had nearly 80 branches in the U.S. and Canada, and the company was the largest investment house on the West Coast. His financial success led to the establishment of the Dean Witter Foundation that continues to practice imaginative grant making in the fields of finance and conservation. It supports specific wildlife conservation projects in northern California and opportunities to improve and extend environmental education, particularly in grades K-12. Dean Witter's love of the outdoors continues today with this legacy.

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