

U.S. FAIRY VISITS LONDON BABY

To a poor street in the East End of London comes a modern Fairy Godmother. An American Air Hostess, bearing the first instalment of a flood of gifts flown across the Atlantic. A knock at Nissen Hut No. 18, Garvary Street, Plaistow is answered by Mrs. Maud Philp, the bus conductor's wife who within minutes of the arrival of the Royal baby, herself gave birth to a child, Elizabeth. Americans decided to make it a Royal birthday for Elizabeth, too, with gifts to match.

The American Godmother, also named Elizabeth, will spend her leaves sitting in and looking after brother Alan Philp.

Baby Elizabeth comes into something like a thousand pounds' worth of gifts. Her good fortune is shared by all the Philp family. There's everything from a free nappie service to a radiogram and a £250 cot. Yet to come are a housefull of furniture and enough sweets to last 20 years. One thing about Americans - they never do things by halves.