

DIARY: 1959

FEBRUARY

24 Tues

Arrived from Gisborne at about 6:10 pm by train. The taxi fare to the hostel was only 4/6 plus 1/- extra (?for luggage). That evening we fooled around in the gymnasium playing cricket and touch rugby. We watched the Harlem Globetrotters in the Basin [Reserve] from our balcony.

25 Wed

Beginning of the "Festival of Wellington" with a procession of 63 floats. Bought my textbooks today and got a 9/- refund (?) as they had added up the prices wrongly. Saw the movie "Indiscreet" at the Majestic cinema in the evening and afterwards watched mass dancing in the streets outside the [public] library.

26 Thurs

Reported to "48" Kelburn Parade today (teaching bursary offices). In the afternoon I walked right up Molesworth St and back. Don [room-mate from first year] and I also walked to town in the evening.

27 Fri

Enrolled in the morning. Prof Slater tried to make me change my course. Lindsay and I went and saw the movie "When we are married" by J.B. Priestley in the evening – good. Had our photos taken at tea time for the "Freedom".

28 Sat

Swotted during the day a bit. In the evening, L (?), J and I went to the Town Hall and heard the National Orchestra. We paid 3/6 and sat on the floor. After that I mucked around the Wellington sound shell for a bit.

MARCH

1 Sun

Mucked around in the afternoon and evening – never went to Church because it was too wet. Made recordings on Warwick Teague's tape recorder.

2 Mon

Returned to Varsity today. Chem II practical was difficult. In the evening, I went for a run and did my exercises, the first for a week.

3 Tues

Arrived for an Applied Mathematics lecture and then found there wasn't one for that day. Went for a run around the block in the evening – 6' 5", a record. I never did much work in the evening. I did some pencil drawings of views outside mine and Don's windows (we now had single rooms on opposite sides of the corridor. .

4 Wed

Swapped a Chemistry book in the shop as I had bought the wrong one. Watched bands and about 300 marching girls in the Basin [Reserve] during the evening. Never went for a run as I had quite a bad cold.

5 Thurs

Had our first Science French lecture today. Nothing else unusual happened except that I went for a run (6 min 15 sec) to try and get rid of my cold; it worked a bit.

6 Fri

In the evening, went and saw "The Reluctant Debutant" at the Plaza. Just before this I went and had a free cup of coffee which was being advertised over a speaker. After ??? L, J and I hung around the sound shell for a bit.

7 Sat

Never did much swot today (4 hours all told, roughly). I nearly missed breakfast – I slept in till 8:15 am. Had slight asthma all day. Watched [the cricket match between] MCC – Wellington from the balcony most of the day. MCC won by 1 innings and 211 runs.

8 Sun

Never went out as [I] had a cold and asthma. I did a pencil sketch of the Museum building during the day. In the evening I did a bit of Chem practical swot and read motor cycle books.

9 Mon

Asthma much better. Usual at Varsity today. In the evening, Don and I went into the B.I. [Boys' Institute] gym and I did some weight training. I also got my first [teaching bursary] cheque today.

10 Tues

Looked very much like rain but it never rained. Only one lecture again today. Warwick T[eague] bought a 'freedom' and we saw the photos we had taken of the B.I. Went for a run again – slow as was stiff from yesterday's wts. (6' 35")

11 Wed

Had an hour's extra Chem practical today. On my way home, I 'hitched' a ride with an SPD man for about ½ mile. Did more weights in the evening.

12 Thurs

Went a bit earlier for Chem practical this morning. Parcel of fruit arrived today; I thought it was a birthday present. Went for another run and it started to drizzle a bit (time was 6' 12"). Swotted Chem all [evening].

13 Fri

Rained slightly today. I never went out in the evening as I had a lot of Chem practical to write up. It took the whole evening.

14 Sat

Had our first basketball practice of the year today from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. I swotted the rest of the day, mainly continuing the writing up of the Chem practical.

15 Sun

I went to Bible class and church in the morning. In the afternoon, I played records most of the time. In the evening, Don and I went to the Roman Catholic church; the service lasted 1½ hours!

16 Mon

Rained slightly today. In the evening, Don, Lindsay and I went to the St James [cinema] and saw "A man who came to dinner". The movie lasted for 3 hours.

17 Tues

Rained on the way to Varsity today. Swotted all afternoon and in the evening went for a run (6' 13") and did exercises instead of wt training as the gym was locked. Went to bed 'early' as was feeling tired. Paid £35 in board.

18 Wed

Wet and fairly cold today. Did some wt training in the evening; some wrestlers were in the gym also.

19 Thurs

Went down town in the afternoon and saw Joe Tait. Also got a new cheque book. Went to Butterworths in Balance Street and saw some books. Saw [Don] Barrier's brother just after tea. Tried the advanced weight exercises tonight.

20 Fri

Fairly fine today. In the evening I had a good workout with the weights in the gym. Peter Hallinan and I bought a 3' paper between us. [???] The big parcel of apples arrived today; I thought it was a birthday present. [?Same as 12/03/59 above.] Played a couple of games of billiards; won by 90 and 60 points.

21 Sat

Had another basketball practice today. Had a meeting after it. Saw a Mistral sports car on my way to Newtown Stadium and also outside the Midland Hotel (it was the H.B. racing club's). Intended to go to the fl???, got no call from Lindsay so went myself – arrived at the King's [cinema] for "Sherriff of Tracyjaw[?]" but it was a full house. Walked to Parliament [House] and back.

22 Sun

In the afternoon, Barry Olsen and I went to Petone and back. We also went to Korokoro and had a scenic view. In the evening, six of us went with Barry O[lsen] to the Brooklyn Methodist – then to a Billy Graham film. On the way home thru' Central Park we did a lot of fooling around.

23 Mon

Looked like rain but never did rain. Posted letter home just in time; had to sprint to get to the van which had arrived two minutes early. More wt training in evening with Don.

24 Tues

Saw a Billy Graham film today – "The London Crusade" at the BI. Went for a run in the evening and felt very stiff about the hips from last night (time was 6' 20").

25 Wed

Went to bed 'early' tonight. Did a good workout with the weights. After that I never did much work as I fooled around.

26 Thurs

[Birthday today – parcel arrived today.] Never finished my 2nd lab experiment as I had expected to. At 1 pm after Varsity had finished I banked my cheque and bought a pair of basketball boots. Also, I had a haircut. In the evening, Don and I went to Kaori and saw a 1953 Ariel motor bike. Fare [??taxi] cost 1/- instead of 2/- as Don knew the driver – same one both ways.

27 Fri

Good Friday today. Glorious sunny weather though rather cold. We had to cook all our meals today (probably cook off for the holiday). For tea, Barry Olsen and I made some egg custard which never set till about 9 pm. I also did my first washing for the year. I never did any swot at all today.

28 Sat

Spent most of the day in bed as I felt crook. In the afternoon, I did one hour's swot and 'sleep' respectively. I took a couple of Jim Hawkey's "sweat" tablets (no good if you have high blood pressure) but never got 100% sleep during the night.

29 Sun

Quite a miserable day at times though my cold was better. In the evening we went to St Mark's church and heard Leighton Ford (one of the Billy Graham team); didn't impress me much.

30 Mon

Tried to work at Chem practical but never got very far. Had to cook the dinner and tea again – not bad either; saveloys, potatoes and beetroot for dinner, tinned fish and toast for tea. Went and heard Leighton Ford at Athletic Park in the evening.

31 Tues

All day I swotted mainly for the Chem practical examination. I never got very far with it. I did my exercises in the afternoon. Nearly had two basketball [i.e. netball] girls up to the BI for dinner and after dinner most of the B I boys were watching them (where? - in the BI gym probably).

APRIL

1 Wed

Varsity again today. Was going to do some extra lab work but changed my mind. Don bought his the 1953 Ariel motor bike in the evening. From 7:20 to 8:30 pm I had a very



good workout with the weights with the wrestling class.

2 Thurs

Finally finished writing up my 2nd experiment in Chem – 20 pages. I spent all the evening doing this and elementary Chem problems. About 9:30 pm I walked into the lounge to watch a ‘band’ playing – piano, drum, cymbals.

3 Fri

Don paid back his loan to me for his motor bike. Worked all night – never went out although Lindsay tried hard to persuade me to. Leighton Ford talked at Varsity in the afternoon and then answered questions – one girl was very persistent.

4 Sat

Had another basketball practice and was picked for the University ‘B’ team. Leighton Ford talked at the BI in the afternoon but I missed this. In the evening, went and heard L Ford with Peter H at Athletic Park.

5 Sun

Never went to church today but at 1 pm Don, Peter and I went to Athletic Park to see Billy Graham. I thought there were about 50 000 people there. Put down a deposit on my motor bike in the evening. [I think the bike cost £90.]

6 Mon

Started a new practical – easier than the previous two. In the evening we went and heard Billy Graham again and I managed to get in an hour’s swot when I arrived home.

7 Tues

Found a brooch just as I arrived back from Varsity. Saw an accident just below the Institute – a dog was hit by a car. Ambulance and police arrived. RNZAF jets (Vampires) flew around at the same time.



8 Wed

In the afternoon it got very dark and I had to put the light on for a time while working. I found out that it was due to an eclipse of the Sun! Had a good workout with the wts. in the evening.

9 Thurs

Made myself a cup of coffee at 48 Kelburn Parade [building for student-teachers] in the afternoon. Rained quite hard in the evening.

10 Fri

It rained quite hard and especially in the afternoon. I never went out but worked all evening – did some more wt training. I saw our new cook for the first time today – I was in my pyjamas!

11 Sat

Rained very hard after tea. Discovered I would not be getting my motor bike as early as I had thought. Our first meals with the new cook were quite good.

12 Sun

It rained really hard first thing. I beat Don at billiards (100-59). I made a 'record' break (I think) of 22. Went to Bell's in the afternoon for tea. Had a ride on John's motor scooter – gutless.

13 Mon

Thought I was going to have to do my wt training in the dark as the lights fused a couple of times. Bought a new bottle of hair cream today.

14 Tues

Nothing unusual happened today.

15 Wed

Nothing unusual. Did wt training – improved squat by 10 lbs.

16 Thurs

Got my first fortnightly cheque today (£12). The terms exams timetable were posted today. Found out that I was definitely getting my (motor) bike Tuesday. Very windy today.

17 Fri

Almost finished writing up my Chem practical today. I was quite pleased about that. The parcel of fruit and cake arrived today. In the gym in the evening, I pressed 106 lbs – the first time I have exceeded a press of 100 lbs – 6 lbs better than previous best.

18 Sat

Had our usual midday basketball practice – it was a good. Walked down [to] town and back in the evening – it was rather cold too.

19 Sun

Rode Don's motor bike to church in the morning. In the evening Barry Olsen, me and some others went to Kent Terrace Presbyterian Church.

20 Mon

Played our first game of basketball, Lost to Training College 14-12. Rode to and from basketball on Don's motor bike.

21 Tues

Was supposed to get my motor bike today. Had a bit of difficulty identifying myself when withdrawing money from my bank account.

22 Wed

Was supposed to get my motor bike today but not ready! Bought my Organic Chemistry book at last (£4/10/- worth).

23 Thurs

Went down to the bike shop after varsity had finished but never got my bike as it was still in pieces. Watched Training College football for a bit while I went and banked my last week's cheque.

24 Fri

Finally got my motor bike today at last. (Keith's birthday today as well.) Discovered in the evening that the glass in the headlamp was broken. [Pic not my bike but same model.]



25 Sat

ANZAC Day. Went for an early morning ride around Kelburn on my motor bike. Went to basketball practice. Rode around Seatoun with Don – he ran out of petrol and we had to come all the way back to get some. Also called in at Harper's but no-one home. Rode up to Mt. Victoria in the evening.

26 Sun

Doubled Graham Caddie to church today – even though I should not have. Had a lot of trouble starting my bike – had to roll it down the hill. In the evening, after Chapel at BI, rode up Kelburn via Aro St. It was drizzling and I skidded once and nearly hit the curbing!

27 Mon

Took my bike to Varsity for the first time. It drizzled a bit on the way home. We won our game of basketball 10-6 against Eastern. It poured in the evening as well as being very windy all day.

28 Tues

Got my 'L' [Learner] plates and borrowed paint to paint on the front number. Found I could not get my motor bike license until 11th May at the earliest. Very cold in the late evening.

29 Wed

Got another cheque today. Also enquired about and got Graham Hillman's Chem breakage refund and sent it to him. Never did any wt training in the evening. Took my bike round to John Christiansen at the Constable St Fire station for him to have a look at.

30 Thurs

Came home for two hours after Science French. When returning again for Chem lecture, the bike wouldn't start at all. Geoff Richards happened to pass and took me to Varsity. Graham Thompson has a 'haircut' in the evening.

MAY

1 Fri

Paid back my loan from Peter Hallinan. Walked to Varsity as I couldn't get my motor bike started. In the evening, bought a feeler gauge and some petrol which I had to carry back to the B I. The bike started so I rode to Island Bay and back.

2 Sat

After basketball practice, I rode round Oriental Bay with Graham Mac??der. Had less trouble starting it.

3 Sun

In the afternoon, I went for a ride around Kaori and Churchill Drive to Johnsonville via the main road. Never went out in the evening but swotted a bit for my Organic Chem exam.

4 Mon

Walked to Varsity for our exams today as it was raining. Had Organic Chem and Applied Maths – reasonable to bad. John Irwin's sister was killed today. Lost out basketball 11-9 to Eastern.

5 Tues

Chem 'B' and Maths 'A' – both pretty rotten. My motor bike conked out just down the road and I had to park it there and walk to Varsity. With 10 minutes to go before the exam, I hitched a ride on another motor bike.

6 Wed

Had our last exam today – it wasn't bad either. Spent four hours on my bike stripping, cleaning and fitting a new light front.

7 Thurs

Rained very hard today. In the morning, went and saw a bit of the Wellington Winter Show. Saw a film "Iron and Steel Industry in Japan" at Varsity in the afternoon. In the evening, went to the show. Very interesting; saw films and got free coffee, milk and one ice cream.

8 Fri

[NB: Got three gallons of petrol (4/2 gal), 1 pint oil (1/9) at 40 666 miles.] Actually had one lecture today – got our Applied Maths results (40%). Got my bike started and went to Porirua and back.

[Term break]

23 Sat

Arrived back on my motor bike – it took me 9 hours actual travelling time. [Lost my rear number plate which fell off between Palmerston North (I think) and Wellington.] Went with John Irwin to see the final day of the Winter Show – watch mannequins and I 'appeared' on TV.

24 Sun

Just mucked about most of today. In the evening, Barry Olsen and five others went to Kent Terrace Presbyterian Church.

25 Mon

After Varsity which seemed normal again, we had our game of basketball against Kilburnie. We lost 18-6. We were on [score keeping] duty for the rest of the night too. The railways brought my luggage round – sometime after tea. [I had to send my luggage by rail as I could not carry it on my bike.]

26 Tues

In the morning, started to fix up the motor bike. Got a new L-plate to replace the one I lost. Continued 'building' [my bike shed] in the afternoon. Started exercises again in the evening.

27 Wed

Got two cheques (~£25) today. I finally put my new number plate on. Continued building the bike shed. Nearly bowled Mr (?) Frazer over outside the B I in the evening.

28 Thurs

Drove to Varsity today. In the afternoon I made an appointment to go for my Learner Driver's license. In the evening, I went for a run round the block (6' 40"). Paid £19 in board today.

29 Fri

Ordered another Chem book - from Butterworths this time. In the evening, Lindsay, John and I went and saw "The Ten Commandments" at 5/7 each. It was excellent. I forgot to get a late key but we got in all right.

30 Sat

Practised basketball with the 'A' team at 8 am as there was no practice at 12:30 pm. Mucked around for rest of morning. Ian Archer visited the B I on his way to Christchurch. Did a bit of swot in the evening.

31 Sun

In the afternoon I went for a ride down Happy Valley Road to Ohiro Bay. Then to Buckley Road ??? ?oughton Road. In the evening went to St Mark's church.

JUNE

1 Mon

Intended to do a lot of swot today. In the evening Don and I went to the Regent [cinema] and saw "The perfect furlough". Very cold today – sat by the lounge heater most of the day.

2 Tues

Nearly hit by a truck today. Got 50% in my 2nd Maths paper (~3rd in the class). Went to bed quite early as was feeling tired and had a slight cold. Went for a run round the block tonight.

3 Wed

Had a look at Whitcombe and Tomb's sale but never bought anything. In the afternoon, I had to go to the Police station to make a statement about the number plate I lost. Went for a ride

thru' Newtown and Lyall Bay just before this. Intended to do some wt training but the room was locked.

4 Thurs

Rained today so I walked to Varsity. Played five games of table tennis in the evening against Don – beat him this time.

5 Fri

After tea, went for a ride round town. Later played seven games [of] table tennis – won them all. Swotted till 11:15 tonight.

6 Sat

Did a bit of swot in the morning before basketball practice. In the evening, Peter, John L (?) and I went to the Regent and saw "Onionhead". Not bad though not a very good comedy.

7 Sun

In the afternoon, went to Bells and managed to come 2nd last in a game of Monopoly even after becoming bankrupt.

8 Mon

As usual, lost game of basketball 21-13 against Technical (School) Old Students.

9 Tues

Went for my license today and got it – answered many questions. Had an extra basketball practice in the YMCA gym at noon.

10 Wed

Nothing unusual today. Got a cheque and cashed half of it. Bought envelopes from Whitcombe's sale as I thought it was the last day.

11 Thurs

Came home from Varsity a different way today. After Varsity, I saw a big fire at Oriental Bay so I went around and had a look – by then it was mostly out.

12 Fri

Swotted a bit in the evening – otherwise nothing unusual.

13 Sat

Usual basketball practice after which I listened to the North-South [rugby] match (NI 30 – SI 14). In the evening, John, Lionel and I went to the movie “The Captain’s Table”. Just got tickets before they were out. Also sold out for “Inn of the sixth Happiness”.

14 Sun

For dinner and afternoon went to the Halliwell’s for the first time this year in their new house on the Terrace not far from the university. Looked like rain all weekend but it never rained.

15 Mon

We won our game of basketball this evening 15-10 against Tech O. S. I played my best game this season.

16 Tue

Did Graeme Thompson’s registration for him [?for what]. In the afternoon I started weight lifting again.

17 Wed

Saw Brian Johnstone [from Gisborne] while on my way to Varsity today. Posted that “Weekly News” to Uncle Stanley; 15/- by airmail so I sent it surface for 3d.

18 Thurs

Did some more weight training in the afternoon. The students from Varsity and Training College held a ‘protest march’ today about the exclusion of Maoris from All Black teams.

19 Fri

In the evening, saw a film at the B I – “The Great Sioux Uprising”. In the morning, I paid for the Chemistry book in advance.

20 Sat

Stripped down my carburettor of the motor bike in the morning and cleaned it with ‘Brasso’ [metal cleaner and polish]. Went to bed about 10:30 – feeling quite tired during the week.

21 Sun

Very windy today. Went for a short ride in the afternoon. Never went out in the evening as I was feeling tired and had a bit of homework to do. Le Mans race today – Aston Martin’s first and second.



22 Mon

Shortest day of the year. I walked to Varsity as was raining hard in the morning. No proper [Chem] lab today. Won our basketball in the evening 9-4 against Cougars.

23 Tues

Saw a radar cop outside the B I for about 15 minutes – he didn't have much work to do. In the evening about 10:15 our lights fused.

24 Wed

Bought a lab coat today £1.15.9. Parliament opened today as I found out while in town so I went and watched it for a bit.

25 Thurs

Were supposed to set up apparatus for next week's conversazione but never did much. Did more wt training.

26 Fri

In the evening, John and I went and saw "The horse's mouth" at the Embassy. Bought fish and chips afterwards.

27 Sat

After basketball practice, listened to football (Lions 15 – All Blacks 10). Swotted for a while in the evening.

28 Sun

In the afternoon, went to Mrs Hogan's (?) place for tea and bot. What a tea!

29 Mon

Had my first haircut for the term today. No Chem lecture as Dr Matheson was sick. Won our game of basketball 15-8 against Training College.

30 Tues

Official opening the Science building today. In the evening, Barry O, John and I went to see "Jackboot mutiny" at the Paramount – quite good.

JULY

1 Wed

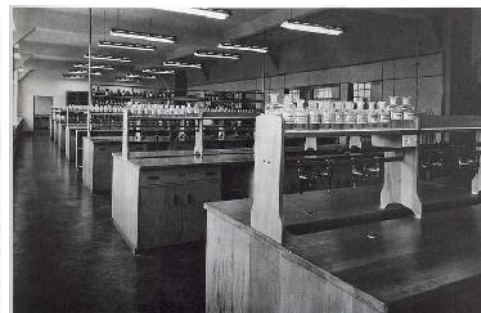
Spent the afternoon and evening in the lab showing people how everything worked. Had tea up there – two pies and plenty of sliced bread.

2 Thurs

Spent all today at home. Did some wt training today.

3 Fri

Spent all the afternoon and evening at the lab demonstrating to the public for the opening of the new Science block.



4 Sat

Only had a short basketball practice probably because many were away for Study week (a one-week break without classes). Listened to the radio and heard that Otago beat the Lions 26-8. Swotted a bit in the evening.

5 Sun

In the afternoon went for a walk through the museum – first time this year. Went to Elizabeth St church with Barry O and Graham [sic ?Graeme] in the evening.

6 Mon

Start of Study week. Saw a Viscount fly over in the morning. Lost our game of basketball 15-8 against Eastern B.



7 - 9 Tues - Thurs

Swotted all day.

10 Fri

Worked most of the day. Tried to run in the evening but couldn't.

11 Sat

In the evening, I rode out to Naenae for a district youth social. Was quite good.

12 Sun

Prepared my speech on “Maori religion” in the afternoon. In the evening, went with Don to St Peter’s church.

13 Mon

Lost our game basketball in the evening to Eastern A by 23-7. I got 2 points.

15 Wed

Cleaned my motor bike today and bought some polish – 5/6. Don said he was going to sell his bike.

16 Thurs

Wasn’t allowed to park my bike in the usual place at university as a sign had appeared saying “For staff cars only”.

18 Sat

After basketball practice I listened to the first test – NZ 18, Lions 17. Went and saw “Room at the top” at St James [cinema] in the evening.

19 Sun

Stayed home and finished my talk on Maori religion in the afternoon. Don and I invented a new game – “Linoleum Soccer”. We played it in G[raeme] Caddie’s room.

20 Mon

Won our game of basketball in the evening 10-4 against College Old Boys (2 points only for me).

21 Tues

Nothing unusual today.

22 Wed

In the evening went out to Strathmore for a CYF evening – I had to give a talk on Maori religion.

23 Thurs

Had our Organic Chemistry practical exam today – bad too. Really cold in the evening – first cold night for a few weeks.

24 Fri

Had our Organic Chem lockers checked off today. I broke a broken thermometer (cost me 8/11)!

25 Sat

At basketball practice we beat the University A team about 22-20. In the evening at the BI, we could smell smoke and discovered some paper smouldering in a rubbish bin.

26 Sun

Went to Wesley Methodist church in evening.

27 Mon

Started Inorganic [Chemistry] lab today. Quite wet and cold today. Lost our basketball [game] to C.O.B 'A' 30 to 8. I got 4 points – one field goal, 2 from 5 fouls.

28 Tues

Swotted until about midnight tonight.

29 Wed

Midnight again. Nothing unusual happened except that it really poured on my way to Varsity and I got quite wet.

30 Thurs

Did more wt training today.

31 Fri

Felt quite 'had it' in the evening so stopped work at about 10:30 [pm].

AUGUST

1 Sat

Turned up for basketball practice – only three of us arrived. Still had a practice though. Listened to the Rugby – Wellington v Lions (21-6 to Lions).

2 Sun

[Shall I bring home my good corduroys or not?] [Ask about a diary similar to this for Graham Caddie.] Don took on his bike out to Mirimar and on my way back called in at Rongotai (?what). Barry, John Irwin and I went to Kent Terrace Pres[byterian church].

3 Mon

Rained hard in the afternoon and evening. Lost our basketball 22-8 to Kilburnie. (I missed ALL my 6 foul throws.) We were also on [scoring] duty.

4 Tues

Never went to the one lecture that was held today. Swotted all day instead.

5 Wed

Two exams today. Chem not as bad as I thought it would be.

6 Thurs

Only one exam today. Never did as much work as I intended to in the afternoon or evening.

7 Fri

Last two exams today. It really poured in the morning and somehow or other I got about two tins-full of water in my petrol. John, Lindsay, Graham, Maunder (?) and I went to see "Sound and the Fury" in the evening – had coffee at the "Carousel" coffee shop.

8 Sat

Tried all day to get my bike to go and as a result missed [basketball] practice. In the evening went to see the movie "I was Monty's double". It was really good.

9 Sun

Got my bike going properly. Spent the day at Cook's in Petone – gave Eddie a ride on my motor bike.

10 Mon

Had a 6 o'clock game today. We had to default to C. O. B. 'A' [probably as some in our team didn't come or were late] but our side won in a scratch game. Was tired in the evening so went to bed early.

11 Tues

Put some oil in my chain case and gearbox today. In the evening, Ron B, Graham C, John and I went and saw [the musical] "Salad Days". It was very good.

12 Wed

Helped all afternoon in the B I gymnasium preparing for the boxing tournament in the evening. In the evening, John, Barry and I went



to a protest meeting in the Town Hall after a march from Parliament [about Maoris not allowed in All Black teams].

13 Thurs

Got our Organic Chem marks (72%) and Applied Maths (56%). In the afternoon, went to Rongotai and arrived just in time to see a Viscount taking off. In the evening, John and I saw "A boy from the streets". (Sat in the 3/8 seats tho' we only paid 2/9.) It was an excellent film too.

14 Fri

Got our (?) other Maths result giving me an overall average of 37%. (??) Went to bed early after having a look at the 'crowd' sleeping outside Athletic Park so they could be sure of getting in the next day for the Rugby test between the All Blacks and the British Lions.

[Winter term break of 3 weeks. Serious motor bike accident on way to Gisborne.]

SEPTEMBER

5 Sat

Set off about 7:15 am to return to Wellington. At 10 am, about 10 miles south of Hastings, my primary chain broke and I had to hitch-hike to Hastings to get another link. Then the engine shock absorber came loose. I left there at 1:30 pm and arrived in Wellington at 6:15 pm. Went and saw the movie "Maracaibo" at the Embassy cinema in the evening.

6 Sun

Stayed in the hostel most of the day although Don and I went to the zoo in the afternoon for a couple of hours.

7 Mon

On my way home, my bike blew out the exhaust pipe a couple of times. [Spark timing problems!]

8 Tues

Bike wouldn't start in the morning so in the afternoon it started and I took it into a shop. Never got much work done in the evening. Started wt training again. A lift at Varsity broke down with 30 people in it.

9 Wed

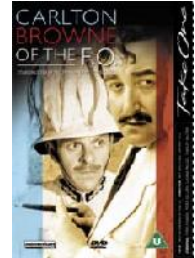
Nothing much happened today. Never felt much like swotting.

10 Thurs

Got my motor bike back from the shop with the timing fixed - cost £1-10-0. No Science French lecture today.

12 Sat

Got up at 5:30 am and swotted most of the day. In the evening, Eddie Christiansen and I went and saw "Carlton Brown of the F. O." at the Regent and then went to the 'Mexicalli' coffee shop.



13 Sun

Walked to church this morning. Had a 'sleep' for a couple of hours in the afternoon. Stayed home in the evening.

14 Mon

It rained today – first time in 31 days. Science French accrediting results never came out today. Walked to Varsity. Went to bed early as was feeling crook.

15 Tues

Overcast all day. Went to bed early. Went to C Smiths and had a look at the model "Canberra" ship.



16 Wed

Rained a bit today. In the evening, we removed the locks from every door in the wing. Got up early in the morning and swotted.

17 Thurs

Very windy today. Nothing happened today.

18 Fri

Windier still today. Never got up early to swot as was very tired.

19 Sat

Listened to the 4th test (Lions 9 – NZ 6) on the radio in the afternoon. Was extremely brassed of [=annoyed] as I couldn't do any of my homework so went to bed a bit earlier. Rained all day.

20 Sun

In the afternoon, Barry, John, and I went and had a look at the Art Gallery and Museum. In the evening, John, Jim Campbell and I went to Wesley Church – saw some slides afterwards too.

21 Mon

Very fine today. Was accredited today in Science French.

22 Tues

In the afternoon went for a 3-4 mile run around the streets.

23 Wed

Rained slightly today.

25 Fri

Twice in the morning went out with Dick (??Jack) in his car to Rongotai [airport] – second time saw the Canadian ‘Argus’ [a converted Bristol Britannia].



26 Sat

In the evening, Jim C, John and I went and saw “Tiger Bay” – it was excellent too.

27 Sun

Went to Wesley church again in the evening – a special service for H Temple White.

28 Mon

Miserable day today. Rained all day.

29 Tues

Stayed home and swotted all day. Went for another run today. It took just as long as last week too.

30 Wed

Very windy today. Got our examination timetable through the post today.

OCTOBER

1 Thurs

Got a note from Mrs Anderson [friend of my mother]. Don left the BI for his flat today.

2 Fri

Rang up Mrs Anderson – it was about Dorothy's 21st party. Saw Mrs Hoggard at the Cable car.

3 Sat

Thunderstorm in the morning but rest of the day was hot and fine. Wellington beat Taranaki 22-6 at Rugby.

4 Sun

In the afternoon, Graham Caddie and I rode out to Makara and back. On the way back, Graham fell off his bike. In the evening, saw a film at St James. Wasn't very good.

5 Mon

Started our Chem practical exam today – continues for a week!

6 Tues

All day at home and had a look at an aeronautical display in the museum. Played cricket in the B I nets in the evening.

7 Wed

Continued my practical exam in the afternoon instead of coming back to the hostel.

8 Thurs

Finished my practical exam today.

9 Fri

Final day of lectures. Nothing unusual happened except that some of us played cards for about an hour after getting our Chem lockers checked off.

10 Sat

Swotted all day – a hot day too.

11 Sun'

Went to Halliwell's for the afternoon. Went for a drive with them over to Rongotai and Seatoun Heights, etc.

12 Mon

Swotted all day.

13 Tues

Fine day today. Had another look at the air display at the museum. Saw the film “Dunkirk” again, at the B I in the evening.

14 Wed

Rained a bit – was also fairly cold today.

15 Thurs

Very cold today. Received an order form for a mouth organ after sending my letter in on Tuesday.

16 Fri

Rained hard today.

17 Sat

Could hardly work at all today. Went to Dorothy Anderson’s 21st at Linden in the evening. It was a cold, wet night too.

18 Sun

Had a sleep in the afternoon. Went to a youth tea later on [at church]. Quite fine today.

19 Mon

Pretty wet and dull today. A number of jets, Harvards and Devons [pictured] were flying over about lunch time.



20 Tues

Fine in the afternoon. Cleaned my motor bike. Ran into Mr Body [church minister] in the afternoon. Swotted till 12:30 am in the evening.

21 Wed

Spent a couple of hours on the roof waiting for the ‘Vulcan’. We saw the Bristol Britannia but not the Vulcan.

22 Thurs

Saw a Comet IV in the morning and a Vulcan in the afternoon. Got Graham



Caddie's Warrant of Fitness for him at lunch time. Fine and very windy today.

23 Fri

Had a haircut. Got my Warrant of Fitness after fixing up a loose muffler. Rained in the evening.

24 Sat

Didn't do much swot in the morning. Rained all day. Pageant was postponed. Went and saw the static display in the afternoon.

25 Sun

Went to the air pageant in the afternoon for the official opening of the new airport. It was good too especially when the Vulcan nearly crashed and then flew on to make a crash landing at Ohakea.

26 Mon

Swotted most of the day but not much during the evening. Overcast today.

27 Tues

Had our Applied Maths 'A' paper today – a 'stinker' too. Put my side stand back on the motor bike.

28 Wed

Swotted hard all day. My harmonica arrived today. I finally finished fixing my motor bike.

29 Thurs

Swotted all day. Put an advertisement in the newspaper for my motor bike today (3/- it cost). Went to bed a bit earlier because of the exams tomorrow.

30 Fri

Had our 'Chem 'A' paper today – pretty crook too. Went to bed early as was too tired to swot.

31 Sat

Very fine today. Had one guy come and see about my motor bike. Swotted all day.

NOVEMBER

1 Sun

Did a bit of swot in the afternoon.

2 Mon

Had our second Applied Maths paper. Quite good too. Couldn't do much swot for the rest of the day and evening.

3 Tues

Swotted most of the day. Had a small cold.

4 Wed

Had quite a bit of fun in the evening and they couldn't get into my room to 'duck' me. We fused the light as well.

5 Thurs

In the evening, Guy Fawkes night. We were on the roof throwing water over everybody [??on the street below] except that the wind was a bit strong. We got told off. I eventually played a game of 500 and then did a little bit of revision.

6 Fri

Chem 'B' exam today. Not bad either. Felt crook. Had a rest in the afternoon then went to bed early.

7 Sat

Swotted most of the day. Still felt a bit crook.

[No more diary entries for the year. Must have sold the motor bike.]