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FEBRUARY

18 Thurs

Arrived [back from Gisborne] about 6 pm (5/6 for the taxi). Went to the Opera House with Lindsay Johnstone and saw "Mine Hostess" by NZ Players. Overcast day.

19 Fri

Went to Varsity today. Had a look through the newly completed Students' Union building. In the evening, Eddie and I saw "I'm all right Jack" (Peter Sellers, etc). Had coffee at the Casa Fontana.

20 Sat

Watched the cricket test at times from the BI balcony. Met Bob and Hans in the afternoon – all had tea at the B I. Went and saw "Carry on Nurse". Had coffee at the Casa Fontana again.

21 Sun

Bob and I went to Bible class and church then to Halliwell's for dinner. I showed Bob around (saw new flats). Saw a film "Shield of faith" in the evening. Went to Wood's for a farewell party to Clive Preston-Thomas (who was going to Christchurch to study engineering).

22 Mon

Enrolled today – quicker this year. Bob and I saw "Up periscope" in the afternoon and had dinner at Halliwell's again. Saw Bob and Hans off on the ferry later on.

23 Tues

Ordered books in the morning. Went for a swim at Oriental in the afternoon – quite cold. In the evening, Clive P. T. and I saw the movie "South Pacific". I felt very sick too.



24 Wed

Vomited at 2 am. Stayed in bed all day and had meals in bed.

25 Thurs

Visited the Meteorological Office in the morning. Didn't do much the rest of the day.

26 Fri

John and I went to the A & P (Agricultural and Pastoral) show at Trentham – wasn't very good. Eddie C and I saw "Life in Emergency Ward 10" in the evening then had coffee at the Café Casablanca.

27 Sat

Church picnic at Mana (beach). Quite good fun. Spent the evening playing cards back at the BI.

28 Sun

Nothing unusual today.

29 Mon

Lectures, etc. started today. Had two lectures and one practical period. Didn't do any proper swot today either.

NB: Reminder to parents – send down Chem practical notes, etc, in folder.

MARCH

1 Tues

Bought a new pair of trousers at HB's sale. Started swot in the evening.

2 Wed

Never got my bursary allowance as no cheque had been made out for me. Had a look at a lot of pullovers at HB's but couldn't decide on one. First proper lab today for Chem III course.

3 Thurs

Had Applied Chem lab all day today. Arrived back for a late dinner. Didn't do any swot though I did a bit of lab work.

4 Fri

Got paid today (£33). Spent the afternoon in the lab and while there, listened to the 3rd [?cricket] test NZ v Australia ?how - radio in lab? Yes - see Wed below]. Didn't go out in the evening.

5 Sat

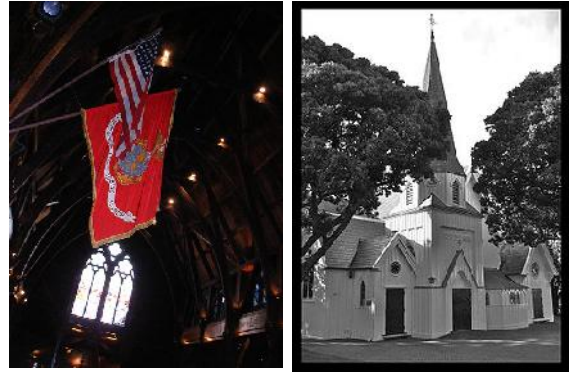
Never did any work. In the afternoon, John I and I went and had a swim at Oriental Bay. Went to Bells' for tea and stayed there and played Monopoly all evening.

6 Sun

Went to the varsity service in [??the old] St Paul's Cathedral at 3 pm and afterwards went to the Cook's for tea and church. M.P.s Nordmeyer, Holyoake and Kitts were at the service too
[Flag of the 2nd Division USMC in the old cathedral for those based in Wellington having come there from Guadalcanal. For more:

<http://www.historic.org.nz/Publications/HeritageNZMagazine/HeritageNz2007/HNZ07-HeavenEarth.aspx>

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7 Mon

Very fine day today. Nothing unusual happened.

8 Tues

Took my trousers in to be shortened. Made my record break in billiards of 27 today.

9 Wed

Got the parcel containing my books, etc today. First rain today for 15 days. Almost drought conditions. Had a radio on throughout our lab time today again.

10 Thurs

All day to 6:30 pm in the lab – got a lot of work done too. Has a basketball meeting at 7 pm to decide on what day to start our practices. Had to have a cold dinner when I arrived home.

11 Fri

Had a good lab spell today. No other work today as I left for Palmerston North at 7:15 pm on the Auckland express. Went to bed at Christiansen's soon after arrival. (Taxi cost 8/-.)

12 Sat

I got up about 8 am. In the afternoon, went to Wanganui for about an hour. Rang up Don Barrier but didn't manage to see him. In the evening, went with Eddie and Adella to "Scapegoat" starring Alec Guinness. Had coffee after; met Brian Jeffaires then had a talk till about 2:45 am. Got to bed about 3:15 Sunday morning.

13 Sun

Went to church at P.N. in the morning. Intended to go for a plane ride in the afternoon but couldn't so had a ride around with Morris. Back to Wellington on the railcar. Got back to the hostel at about 10:15 pm.

14 Mon

Looked like rain but held off. Nothing unusual happened today.

15 Tues

Drizzle most of the day. In the evening, Rick and I went to the Kilburnie skating rink for the evening. It was good fun too.

16 Wed

Never got my cheque today either. I am flat broke now. Swotted all evening.

17 Thurs

Got a ride from Tony Bates to varsity today. In the evening, went for a run – took exactly 11 minutes.

18 Fri

Got paid today. After cashing my cheque, I called in at the Bank of NSW and happened to see Gillian Gibson. In the evening, John I and I saw “The wreck of the Mary Deare”. It was very good.

19 Sat

Swotted on and off all day. In the evening, John and I saw “Yesterday's evening”. It was quite good. Walked round after for a long time before we got any coffee.

20 Sun

In the evening, John and I saw the Billy Graham film “Mr Texas” at church.

21 Mon

Got my free record from the World Record Club today. Went for another run – 10'32” this time.

22 Tues

Rained very heavy in the morning. Started my wt. training today. Helped to paint the Boy's Institute gym for two hours in the afternoon. Got my Chem II notes back, bound into a book.

23 Wed

Felt stiff after yesterday's wt. training. Never went for a run as it was too drizzly. Bought Grandma's birthday present today.

24 Thurs

Finished my experiment early today. Presents. etc for my birthday arrived today. Heard the final episode of the "Passage of the ??Tagmas". Went for another run tonight.

25 Fri

Rained really hard in the evening. John, Ken and I went skating all night. On the way out, some power lines had been blown over and we had to hop into a bus from the trams. There were many accountants at varsity today (including G. Evans). Made a beaker of tea during lab time at varsity.

26 Sat

MY BIRTHDAY. Had our first basketball practice (8-10 am) today. It rained on and off all day. Swotted in the afternoon. John and I went to the Town Hall and heard Alfredo Campoli [1906-1991] on the violin in the evening.



27 Sun

Nothing unusual happened today. Simon came to church with me in the evening.

28 Mon

Saw a chem film on chromatography today. Usual sort of day otherwise.

29 Tues

Did some more wt training today. Practised basketball in the B.I. gym for about an hour in the evening. Had a new lecturer (Dave Ward) for Organic Chem. Got a free coke and raspberry from Mrs Gray (?) before they left their shop.

30 Wed

Got paid today. In the evening, Simon and I went to CYM (Christian Youth Movement of our church).

31 Thurs

Finished lab early. Came home and had my first game on the newly-covered billiard table. Made a break of 26. Went to our university basketball AGM in the evening.

APRIL

1 Fri

Had my first haircut today. Bought a pair of varsity Rugby socks. Another new house master arrived in the evening. I never went out in the evening but had a run with Barry Jeromsom instead.

2 Sat

Basketball practice again this morning. Swotted on and off during the day and in the evening never went out.

3 Sun

After church, Simon and I went to an after-church fellowship at Dudley's place. Read the second lesson in church today.

4 Mon

Went and ordered a book at Whitcombe and Tombs today. In the evening, saw a film in the B.I. - Norman Wisdom comedy "One good turn".

5 Tues

Filled in a form for my tax rebate form today. Nothing much else happened.

6 Wed

Did two chem experiments today. Went for another run in the evening. Got my Easter camp study book today.

7 Thurs

Finished my Applied Chem experiment fairly early today. Finished work a bit earlier in the evening.

8 Fri

Got book by Glen Clarke today. Got a letter from Bob Patty today. Was beaten by one point in billiards in the evening. Went to bed early.

9 Sat

Basketball practice again. In the evening, went for a bus trip from Petone church and eventually ended up at Naenae [church]. Stayed that night at Cook's place.

10 Sun

Went to the Petone church and borrowed 'half' of Caddie's clothes as well.

11 Mon

Nothing unusual happened today. Very dull day though with no wind.

12 Tues

A damp day today. Coached the B.I. basketball team for about 1½ hours today. Made my hood for my "Ku Klux Klan" outfit for Easter (church) camp.

13 Wed

Wet miserable day. Never did much work in the evening. Made my Ku Klux Klan outfit instead.

[Easter Camp at Wanganui.]

19 Tues

All day off. Never did very much work at all. In the evening, Lindsay Johnstone and I went and saw the movie "Carry on Teacher". It was quite good tho' not as good as "Carry on nurse".

20 Wed

Felt quite crook all day. Never went for a run in the evening.

21 Thurs [Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II]

Got my first Applied Chem textbook today. Mum, Dad and Bruce arrived in Wellington and I showed them around in the evening for about three hours.

22 Fri

Never got very much work done today. In the evening, went to the 'Regent' cinema with Mrs Hunter (?) and saw "Upstairs and Downstairs".

23 Sat

After basketball practice, showed Mum, Dad and Bruce the new Science block. Drove round the bays and called in at Harper's in the afternoon. Went to Anderson's 25th wedding party at Porirua in the evening.

24 Sun

Took Mum ?? out to Cook's and around Lower Hutt and Korokoro in the afternoon.

25 Mon [ANZAC day]

Did quite a lot of work today. In the evening, Rhys got into a fight at the hostel.

26 Tues

First day again [at varsity after Easter]. Got the letter from Australia about the 2/- music album.

27 Wed

Reserved my seat for the train trip back after the term break holidays. Finally got my back pay today. Went for more wind sprints in the evening.

28 Thurs

After a usual day, went to bed but was woken up at 12:30 am by fire sirens. About five were in the street below. They had come to the wrong place or else it was a false alarm.

29 Fri

Went to bed earlier tonight as I was feeling tired. Last Chem III lab for this term today.

30 Sat

Rather wet day. Swotted most of the day. Just before midnight, I had to take Gary Marshall out to Moa St on a motor cycle to give Willes's (?) car a push in order to start it.

MAY

1 Sun

Had a youth tea at church in the evening. Quite cold today.

2 Mon

Had out Applied Chem exam in the afternoon. Quite good.

3 Tues

Chem III exam in the morning. Applied Chem results out (I got 75%). Did some more wt training. Wet at times today.

4 Wed

Last exam today. Got a new cheque book today. Got my first World Record [Club recording] today.

5 Thurs

Very heavy fog over Wellington in the morning – first proper fog I have noticed here in Wellington. Didn't start lab until the afternoon. Had a lecture at 8:30 am. John Irwin and I saw “Serious charge” in the evening. Very good.

[Term holiday break in Gisborne]

22 Sun

Flew back from Gisborne and landed at Paraparaumu [airport] at 6:15 pm in utter blackness. A rough trip down [from Gisborne]; safety belts on most of the way. Arrived back here at 7:50 pm.

23 Mon

A wet cold day. Got our Chem III(b) paper marks today (58%). Given our Organic chem lockers allocated. John I and I went and saw “Follow a star” (Norman Wisdom) in the evening. Was very funny. Also saw Princess Margaret's wedding film at the same time.

24 Tues

Quite fine but cold today. Got our Organic chem marks back today. Had a good workout at weight training today. After tea, an insurance agent talked to us about endowment policies; a good idea too, I think.

25 Wed

In the evening, John I and I went and saw “Sink the Bismark” (Kenneth More) at the Plaza. It was very good.

26 Thurs

Nothing unusual today.

27 Fri

Listened to a lecture by Dave Andrews about the work he is doing for his doctorate. Peter and I saw “Sea of sand” in the evening. It was quite good. [*The film is set in [North Africa](#) during [World War II](#) and tells the story of a patrol of the [Long Range Desert Group](#) (LRDG) that drove long distances behind enemy lines to fight against [Rommel's Afrika Korps](#).]*

28 Sat

Basketball practice from 1 - 3 pm. Played table tennis at church after this. Met Bob at the railway station at 6 pm. Had dinner with him and after seeing him and Clive off on the ferry [to Lyttleton], I went to Doug and Alison's gift social evening.

29 Sun

Fine day but very cold at times. Second time this year I have been at the hostel when there was a chapel service.

30 Mon

Quite fine until I came home, when it started raining. I played my first game of basketball this season. We beat Europa 16-12 and I got 6 points.

31 Thurs

In the afternoon, Rhys and I worked [?painting] for about three hours around the swimming pool. In the evening, went to a Chem Society meeting. After that, saw the result of a 'prang' near the Science block.

JUNE

1 Wed

Paid my exam fees today. Intended going for a run tonight but never got around to it.

2 Thurs

Came back from lab a bit earlier. Saw a couple of Chem films today. Went for my first run this term tonight.

3 Fri

Saw rest of yesterday's films on polarography during the lecture today; nearly all [of us] went to sleep. Stayed home in the evening and did about one hour's work.

4 Sat

No basketball practice. In the evening, John and I saw "Jack the Ripper" at the St. James. It was wet when we came out and had to walk home in the rain.

5 Sun

Nothing unusual today. Rained a bot in the morning.

6 Mon

Dinner at [cousin] Joy's at 103 Kelburn Parade at lunch time. I stayed there until about 10 pm. Joy going to have a baby in December. It poured with rain all day.

7 Tues

Poured during the day. In the evening, we had a good pillow fight lasting about ½ hours.

8 Wed

Got paid again today. Rained all day. I played basketball for B.I. tonight. We won 15-9. I got 5 points. Were duty team and I never got home till about 11:45 pm.

9 Thurs

Got my second World [Record Club] record today. Quite fine today.

10 Fri

Stayed home in the evening. Went to bed a bit earlier than usual.

11 Sat

Basketball practice cut short because of Nelson team's practice. Did nothing today. In the evening, went to Lindsay Johnstone's place and played 500 all the evening.

12 Sun

Spent the afternoon at Bell's place. Rained in the evening. Went to Ken's place after church and after the campaign meeting.

13 Mon

Played our game of basketball at 6 pm. Still had only four players. We beat Tech OS 16-15; I got 11 of our points.

14 Tues

In the evening, had an argument with two Jehovah's Witnesses after which Matron put on supper for us.

15 Wed

A fine day. Nothing unusual happened.

16 Thurs

Quite a cold night. Played poker for about ½ hour [no money involved]. Heard about the last three minutes of the Boston Symphony's orchestral programme.

17 Fri

Felt crook all day. Had a slight attack of asthma. Went to bed a bit earlier.

18 Sat

Really poured in the afternoon and I had no coat after basketball. Turned up for table tennis but there wasn't any. Should have gone to Mr Body's and Yvonne's party but forgot. John, Warwick Teague and I saw a double-feature ("A man in the road" and "The Behemoth") at the Tudor cinema.

19 Sun

Saw a Billy Graham film "Oiltown USA" at church this evening. Had a bathing initiation (?) in the evening.

20 Mon

Won our basketball match in the evening beating ?? by 27-6 (I got 9 points).

21 Tues

Rained very hard on the way to varsity then cleared. Heard some news about the [old] William Pettie bridge [in Gisborne] in the 9 pm news.

22 Wed

Got paid today. Rained all day again. In the evening, went to a C.Y.F. meeting all night; found out I had to preside on 10th July.

23 Thurs

Nothing extra happened – just the same old routine again. Got your parcel though.

24 Fri

Had a look at Whitcombe and Tombs sale but never bought anything.

25 Sat

Played table tennis in the afternoon. Went to Shirley Edwards place for a Chem III party. Arrived home at 1:30 pm [??am]. Heard a little bit of the test.

26 Sun

Had to read in church this morning. A fine day again.



27 Mon

Lost our game of basketball 12-2 to ANZ bank (I got just 1 point).

28 Tues

Fine day again. Usual workout with the wts, etc. Went to bed a bit earlier than usual.

29 Wed

At 6 pm a big argument in the lounge about the quality of our meals though I wasn't there – with the result that we had coffee at 9 pm.

30 Thurs

Went out to the Dominion lab all day for our Applied Chem practical. Had a good day. Never did much work in the evening.

JULY

1 Fri

Had my first haircut this term today. In the evening, went to the church hall to prepare for tomorrow's concert. It lasted all the evening.

2 Sat

Had basketball [?practice] in the morning today. Had the church concert/social in the evening.

3 Sun

Had dinner and tea at Ken Nelson's place today.

4 Mon

First day in 'Study week'. Very windy and rainy today. Drew our university game of basketball against COB; I scored only 2 points.

5 Tues

Played basketball for BI in the evening; we won 14-0. (I only got 4 points.) It really rained hard later in the evening.

6 Wed

Quite cold in the evening. Swotted most of the day.

7 Thurs

Fine day today. Nothing exciting happened today.

8 Fri

Very cold today. In the evening, went and saw a double feature at the Tudor: "Roar of the crowd" and Peter Sellers in "Orders are orders". Disappointed with the second but the first was good.

9 Sat

Worked in the morning to get money to buy bibles for a training college in Indonesia. After basketball practice, had a practice for tomorrow's service: never went to the youth social at Naenae because of tomorrow's service.

10 Sun

Presided today [at church] for the first time. Had dinner at Murray Willis's place. In the afternoon, had our CYM reconsecration service at Petone. Had tea at Hogans to celebrate Mich Levesque's engagement.

11 Mon

Back again at varsity. Lost out game of basketball 19-17 against Eastern; I got 4 points.

12 Tues

Very cold though fine.

13 Wed

Actually stayed until 6:30 pm in our practical class; first time this year so late.

14 Thurs

Got my study week cheque as I was broke. Got my motor-bike license renewed for another year. Saw Mabel Howard [MP] go into a shop when at the Manners St PO. Tonight supposed to be the end of the world!

15 Fri

Usual sort of day. Fine also.

16 Sat

Poured later in the afternoon. In the evening, John Irwin and I went and saw “Conspiracy of Hearts” at the Regent. It was excellent I thought. Had a cup of coffee afterwards which was cold!

17 Sun

Saw a film in the evening at church “Of books and sloths”; a Moody film. Good.

18 Mon

Last Organic Chem practical today. Lost our game of basketball 28-19 to Segip (?). First time this season I failed to score. We were duty team for the first half of the evening.

19 Tues

More wt training today. Had another boxing lesson with Simon this evening.

20 Wed

Rained hard at times today. Had our Organic Chem prac [?exam] in the afternoon; didn't do so good. Saw the film “Battle Hymn” in the BI band room in the evening.

21 Thurs

Hardly did any work in Applied Chem lab today. Got our Organic Chem lockers checked off. Had a boxing spar with Simon for about ½ an hour in the gym in the evening.

22 Fri

Never had a lab spell in the afternoon. Rained most of the day. Had a sort of workout in the gym until some of the boys had a 'boxing match'.

23 Sat

Turned up for basketball practice but there was a YMCA tournament on instead. Had a church concert in the evening.

24 Sun

Heard the last 5 minutes of the second test at about 3 am [?between All Blacks and the Springboks in South Africa]. Nothing unusual the rest of the day. Simon came to church with me in the evening.

25 Mon

Bought my railcar tickets today. Had our first Physical Chem practical today. No basketball in the evening – changed to



Wednesday.

26 Tues

Very very cold and windy today.

27 Wed

Not as bad as yesterday, today. In the evening, the electricity over a large area of Wellington went out for about $\frac{3}{4}$ hour. After that, won our game of basketball against Europa 18-13 (4 points only for me).

28 Thurs

Nice fine day again. Nothing unusual today.

29 Fri

Stayed at home all evening. A nice fine day again.

30 Sat

Wet in the morning; fine in the afternoon. Stayed home and swotted all night.

31 Sun

Sunny day today. In the afternoon, T.T., J. I and I went up to the Art Gallery to see the Kelleher art competition.

AUGUST

1 Mon

Had no game of basketball again as we won by default against C.O.B. A fine day even though it was wet at the start.

2 Tues

Last day before the exams. Didn't go to bed as early as I had intended to.

3 Wed

First exam today. Wasn't that bad either. Didn't do over-much swot the rest of the day. Went to bed a bit earlier.

4 Thurs

Couldn't swot much during the day. Had our Applied Chen exam today (I did some silly things in the exam too.)

5 Fri

Last exam (a stinker too). Did my washing in the rest of the morning. Went for a bike ride out to Rongotai [airport] and saw one of the new [Lockheed] Electras. Saw Peter Sellers “Two-way stretch” at the regent in the evening.

6 Sat

Had an extra sleep after breakfast. No basketball practice at the stadium so had it in the Kent Terrace Presbyterian hall instead. Saw “Suddenly lost summer” in the evening; never thought much of it.

7 Sun

Had a special prayer meeting at 6 am this morning. Took a couple of Australian nurses out around Wellington in the afternoon with Ken Nelson: had tea at his place. Went to the Trentham church in the evening and saw a film.

8 Mon

Got our Chem III(a) and Applied Chem results back today. Lost our game of basketball in the evening (24-18) to Taxes. I got 7 [points]. We were duty team again too.

9 Tues

Never did much work today; just mucked around.

10 Wed

Nice fine day. Left lab about 4 pm. Spent all the evening writing up my chem lab book.

11 Thurs

Got our Physical Chem marks today. Went and had a look at James Smith's record sale – never bought anything though. Wrote up lab work in the evening.

12 Fri

Last day of term. Got my return seat number. Went and saw “Two way street” again, this time with Eddie. Bought “My Fair Lady” record [from World record Club].

13 Sat

Mucked around in the morning. Did some wt training in the afternoon. Went to Eddie's 21st party at Petone in the evening – jolly good fun too.

[Term holidays]

SEPTEMBER

4 Sun

Arrived back from Gisborne at about 10:10 pm. It was raining too. Had to wait about $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ hour for a taxi (4/6). No blankets on my bed as had all been taken for use at a B.I. camp.

5 Mon

Raining today for the first day back. Was supposed to have played basketball at 6 pm (vs Eastern) – as I found out when reading the paper at 6 pm! Did a small amount of swot in the evening.

6 Tues

Resumed wt training again. Went to bed quite early in the evening.

7 Wed

Got paid today. Got Bruce's World Record too. Ken paid back £5-10-0 of his debt today.

8 Thurs

Nothing unusual happened today.

9 Fri

Very windy today. Stayed home and swotted in the evening. Got our lab books back which were handed in during the holidays.

10 Sat

Swotted all day. In the evening, I got a horrible pain in one of my teeth where I had had a filling. It only lasted about 5 minutes.

11 Sun

Beautiful day today. Some RNZAF Harvards flew over in the afternoon. I also started my 'speech' for next Sunday.

12 Mon

Came home from lab early and did my work here.

13 Tues

Fairly cold in the evening. Didn't do as much work as usual.

14 Wed

Wet all day. In the evening, I went to Finter's place for a CYF record evening.

15 Thurs

Miserable again today.

16 Fri

Never went out in the evening. Stayed home and wrote up my Physical Chem lab [report] *all* the evening.

17 Sat

Heard that the Wellington Rugby team failed in their bid against Auckland for the Ranfurly Shield. Didn't do much work in the evening.

18 Sun

Preached at Tawa in the morning. Had dinner at Halliwells in the afternoon. We later drove up to the top of Mt Tinakori.

19 Mon

In the evening, went to the gym for about an hour.

20 Tues

Very cold today.

21 Wed

Rained most of the day. Finished practical early tonight.

22 Thurs

Our Applied Chemistry class travelled to Grasslands (research centre) near Palmerston North and spent the day there. We came back via the Wairarapa; our car got up to 100 mph. On our return, we had supper at Shirley's place. I finally got home at 10 pm and so got no work done.

24 Fri

Did some training in the gym in the evening.

25 Sat

Fine day today. Worked most of the day. Didn't get much work done in the evening. At 3:15 am I was awoken by a woman screaming somewhere up the road.

26 Sun

Read in the morning. In the afternoon, John Rhodes and I had a look over HMS Cavendish. Very warm sunny day today.

27 Mon

Quite a hot day today. Didn't do much practical work but came home and wrote up my lab book. Had a spar in the evening. Worked fairly late.

28 Tues

Worked fairly late tonight. Went to bed about midnight. A very hot day.

29 Wed

In the evening, helped pack shoes for CORSO [Council for the Organisation of Relief Services Overseas] until 9 pm. Worked until about midnight. Got my World Record [Club record] today.

29 Thurs

Just mucked around in the Applied Chem lab today. Spent about two hours of solid swot based on just 6 lines of notes!

30 Fri

Went to the 11 am movies at the Regent cinema and saw "Blitz on Britain". It was very good. Felt quite tired in the evening.

OCTOBER

1 Sat

Went to Richard Jones's party in the evening and did not arrived back until about 4 am on Sunday morning.

2 Sun

World communion [Sunday] at our church in the morning. In the afternoon, there was a youth gathering at the Wellington South Salvation Army. Had St Thomas' minister at our service in the evening.

3 Mon

Beginning of the last week at varsity for the year. Felt very tired in the evening.

4 Tues

Fine day today. Got my receipt for my Scientific American magazine today. Felt very tired in the evening.

5 Wed

Our Applied Chem class visited DSIR labs in Thorndon in the morning. It rained all the afternoon and I never had a coat. Got our exam timetable today.

6 Thurs

Had a field trip in Applied Chem to the Institute of Nuclear Science and to DPL all day.

7 Fri

Last lecture day of the year. Felt crook (a cold) in the evening so just wrote up my lab [report] and went to bed. Roger gave me a ring from Trentham today.

8 Sat

Never got much work done today. Roger was supposed to have called [i.e. visited] but he never did. Managed to get top of the table-tennis ladder today.

9 Sun

Had a long sleep in the afternoon. Saw a Shell film "Energies (?) unseen" after church in the evening. For [BI] chapel, had about 5 girls in a skiffle group here.

10 Mon

First day of swot. Took my lab book up to Physical Chem on Terry's motor bike. Another initiation ceremony in the evening.

11 Tues

Got appointed job of assistant house master today.

12 Wed

Started my duties as a house master today.

13 Thurs

Just more swot today. Got really brassed off [annoyed] at it in the evening.

14 Fri

Rained really hard today. Had a haircut today.

15 Sat

Roger called around at lunch time; had lunch at the BI. Then we went to Joy's place (in a new flat) in the afternoon.

16 Sun

Slept most of the afternoon. Saw a film "Missionary to Walkers Garage" at church in the evening.

17 Mon

Initiation ceremony for me in the evening. Seemed to take a long time to get me into the bath; even then I only got my feet wet. Biscuits arrived today.

18 Tues

Technical College [visible from my window] girls wore their ordinary clothes to school today. Felt very tired in the evening so I went to bed early.

19 Wed

A Comet II flew over today. Went up to varsity again today on Terry's motor bike.



20 Thurs

Simon left Wellington today for Hamilton for a couple of months at least.

21 Fri

Nothing unusual happened today. Ken McDonald had an accident on his bicycle, knocking over a pedestrian.

22 Sat

A very warm day today. The man Ken collided with died today.

23 Sun

Another warm day. Sunbathed and played tennis in the afternoon.

24 Mon

Swotted for tomorrow's exams. Labour day weekend was completely fine – first time since I have been here.

25 Tues

Fine day again. Played tennis in the morning for relaxation. Had our Applied Chem exam in the afternoon; was not so hot either (the exam that is).

26 Wed

Worked all day for my first Chem III exam tomorrow.

27 Thurs

Not a bad Inorganic chem exam today. Went skating [?ice or roller] in the evening.

28 Fri

Got another World Record [Club] recording today - Beethoven's 5th symphony. Didn't get over-much work done today.

29 Sat

Rained at times today. Had a tea-party for Matron in the evening who was to leave. Gave her a travelling rug and a coffee percolator (last year's 'leaving' present when we decided to stay for another year).

30 Sun

Rained most of today. Slept in the afternoon.

31 Mon

Had a water fight after tea – ended up with a 'visit' by two cops.

NOVEMBER

1 Tues

Matron's last day here today. Had another bathing session in the evening. (?)

2 Wed

Third examination today – Organic Chem and not too bad. Went with Rod Furkert to the movie “The angry silence” in the evening. It was an excellent film. Had coffee at Oriental Bay afterwards.

3 Thurs

Did some work in the evening. Didn't start swot until about 2:30 pm and then never got much done the rest of the day.

4 Fri

Bought some fireworks for tomorrow [Guy Fawkes day]. Tried to swot all day but it was hard.

5 Sat

Had a CYM bonfire at Eastbourne in the evening. Quite good fun.

6 Sun

[Reminder: Get my Applied Chem notes from Brian Corcoran tomorrow] Usual sort of day today. Had the new vicar from St Mark's church for [BI] chapel tonight.

7 Mon

In the evening, we had a visit by the Board who were looking over the hostel.

8 Tues

Just swotted most of the day again. Got my application form for the World Light Record Club [part of the World Record Club].

9 Wed

More swot. Terry left today. Listened to the free "Pal Joey – New Moon" record. [Free, because the record club offered a free disc on joining.]

10 Thurs

Had dinner with Pop at the "St George" [hotel] in the evening.

11 Fri

Last exam today – a stinker too. Went to see "The story of Ruth" with Pop in the evening. Got my free E.P. [extended play recording] from the WRC today.

[Summer holidays in Gisborne]