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TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE.

N.S.W.

28th July 1940

Dear Dad & Mum,

The term will end 27th August we will go to Sydney 28th August in the morning. I went out with Mrs Horden not Lady Horden.

We shifted the cub camp sight to-day.

Mr Allan gave me some shots with his rifle I mean the school rifle I got 34 points in five shots the more points the better I got the 34 points with five shots out of 50 you could get 50 if you got five bulls-eyes.

The picture last night was Tarzan Escapes

Love from

Malcolm

P.S. I hope you are well.



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TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

19

I do not want any tennis balls
just yet.

& No more news for the moment
lots of love
from

Malcolm

PS I hope you have not
got the sore throat



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

21 - 7 - 1940

Dear Mum & Dad.

Thank you very much
for the new propeller.

The bike ride was 14 miles all together
and some of the hills were so steep
I got off and walked up some of them.

A conjouror is coming up to-day a
ventriloquist is coming up too.

The picture was called 'A Yank at Oxford.'

Love From

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

19.....

Mrs Fitzhardinge
Southdown
Boural

Know by telegram as soon as possible.

BOND
MADE IN NORWAY



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE.
N.S.W.

14 - 7 1940

Dear Mam & Dad.

We played St Patrick's football yesterday and the score was 9-6.

The mid-term begins on 19 to the 22.

Will you tell me if you will be coming to the school to get me or I will be going to Moss Vale with the rest of the school and you be at the Moss Vale railway station.

We had plays called The Blood Stained Putty Knife

Love from

Malcolm

P.S.

Owing to epidemics mid-term leave has been cancelled (Please see circular) If you are coming up I can go out for the day as usual.

If you are not coming over for the weekend owing to cancellation of leave please let Mrs



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

9-7-

1940

Dear Mam & Dad. I am ^{very} ^{this} sorry this
letter will not reach you on
Mams birthday, many happy
returnes of the day to Mam.
I would rather Mam come over
to Bowral ~~the stay~~ and get rooms
than staying at David Burns
but as it is so expensive to
come after here so I will stay
at Burns if you can get Mrs Burns
to have me I quite liked staying
with Burns.
Hall Best is still my best friend.

~~3 The Grove,
Queens Street,
Woollahra~~

3 The Grove,
Queens Street,
Woollahra
Sydney

That is Best address.
I do not play much tennis
because I have not much time



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

7.7.1940

Dear Mum & Dad,

We played
Anglewood yesterday and
Anglewood beat us 20-0.

There has been hardly any wind
the last few days so I have
not been able to sail my boat
lately.

My bike looks new now
I have had it painted.

Will you ring me up and
tell me what I will be doing for
midterm

The picture last night was
called Boys Town.

Love from

Malcolm

TUDOR HOUSE 21 MOOL
WES VALE



Ring
Penhall

Set 2 Cordys

heavy duty

One on 7 pole

One new

tube

EXTRA STATION

BOND

MADE IN NORWAY



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

29-6-1940

Dear Mum & Dad,

I use my water
bottle every Sunday.

The propellor on my aeroplane
broke when my plane did
a nose-dive.

We played Frensham hockey
yesterday.

I came first in form order
that was read out yesterday.

Love from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

23.6.1940

Dear Dad & Mum

Thank you for
sending my aeroplane parts,
they arrived safely.
The picture was called Lancelot &
Hardy.

There has been a lot of ice
on the ground in some places
but is very thin.

What is the weather like?

My aeroplane flew a lot better
than it was at home.

Love from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE.

N.S.W.

16-6-

1940

Dear Mum & Dad,

If you can
not send my boat now send
it as soon as possible but will
you send my aeroplane parts
now.

We played hockey against
Moss Vale Public School yesterday.
Yesterday a belt was raffled
for 2^d a ticket.

I like football quite a lot now.

love

from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

19th February 1940

Dear Mum and Dad.

On Saturday
there was a Cricket match.
Before meals we have to line up in the
Gym for inspection.
In carpentry you have to saw an even
cut then you start making a stool
and then two or three other things
and then you can make anything
you like I got a even cut at my second
try. I have only one lesson at
carpentry so far
Last night we had a play acted by
some of the boys, named a new boy
at Tudor House.
I like the school
Yesterday the scouts went out and
brought home a Tortoise.

love from
Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE.

N.S.W.

27th February 1940

Dear Mum & Dad

On Saturday there were a few bush fires and some of the masters had to go out and fight it. ~~and~~ There was a cricket match on the same day.

On Sunday there were ^{four} pictures one "Czechoslovakia on Parade" two "Our Gang" three "The ship that died" four "A day on the beach"

I hope you are very well, I am very well.

I have nearly finished the stool I am making and I might be able to send it over somehow.

I do not think dad gave part of that cake you and Graham sent if so tell me I thank you for it love from
Noalcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

4th March 1940

Dear Mum and Dad

Please let me know what I have to do about Easter because I don't know what I will be doing so please let me know because Easter leave is in 15 days time.

In cricket I was put up from junior to senior oval but I don't know if I will stay.

A few days ago I played in junior colour match and I got three wickets and I made 5 runs and our side won.

We do not have places in form like the school in Toorak Rd but I am second in class.

Last night there was a competition of lecture on Ghost and the night before there we had plays.

On Friday 4, 5, 6, class went to a show in Moss Vale.

Love from
Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

11th March 1940

Dear Mum & Dad,

I thank
you very much for
the cake it is lovely.
There were pictures last
night but of course
I could not go to them.
I have had my thoughts
painted about 20 times
and a injection in
each arm but not for
colds. I am in bed with
flu or something.
That is why I am
writing in pencil this
time. I hope you are
well. I made a small glider
a few days ago. A lot
of the boys have made
gliders. I have not been
in hospital very long
yet love from
Abraham



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

18th March 1940

Dear Mam & Dad,

I think I will want ~~two~~ new tubes for my bike because I think the ones I have got have perished.

Easter leave starts on Thursday morning.

There were plays on Saturday but I could not go because I was still in hospital but I am all right now.

Easter leave ends on Tuesday.

I did not go out with the club because I was still in hospital but I am back at lessons now. I hope you are well.

I have made a small glider but I gave it to Tooth.
Love from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

31-3-40

1940

Dear Mum & Dad. I hope Dad
had a good trip back to Melbourne
and I hope Mum is better.
On Sunday the 24 I went out with
the Leaths for a picnic ~~down~~
down to Gun-rock creek had
a short swim before lunch.
On Saturday the 23 I went to
the some pictures one of them
was of the British navy and
German navy but mostly
British navy and another the
house keepers daughter and a tiny
bit of teaching a man to ski.

love from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

7.4.40

1940

Dear Mam & Dad

I thank you very much for the cakes and things. We had a match against The King's school yesterday and they beat us. I hoped you are better now. We had a little bit of rain up here the last couple of days. Have you had any rain up at the ~~the~~ Balpool and how is Ginger getting on with her ladies and how ~~is~~ is Granie because I hope he has had ~~no~~ know more of that sort of sickness he had and how is Brounie. Please will you send me over some tennis balls.

Love from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

14-4-40

1940

Dear Mum & Dad,
I thank you
very much for the tennis balls
they are very nice ones.
I made a glider but it just went
up on the Hospital roof before
I came in to write my letter.
We have had a fare bit of
rain up here the last few
days. Love from
Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

21-4-40 19.40

Dear Mum & Dad,

The picture we had last night was named Test Pilot.

In form order that was read out yesterday I came first. There ~~was a~~ were bicycle sports yesterday.

In ~~this~~ coming Holidays I will have to get new tubes for my Bicycle because the ones I have got are perished.

love from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

28-4-40 1940

Dear Mum + Dad. I have finished the stool I am making in carpentry and I have nearly finished a boat I am making. Holidays begin on May th 8 and finish on June ~~the~~ th 5. Yesterday there was a carpentry picnic and I won first prize in shooting and we had a good afternoon tea of meat pie and cakes and tarts and drinks.

love from
Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

5-5-40

1940

Dear Mum

The train gets in
to Sydney at 11 o'clock so
be at the station at that time
Yesterday we played a
football match against Anglemood
and we won.

We only had half of
Judge Hardy's children yesterday
and the other half tonight.

We have finished exams
and I came to in arithmetic
and Geography I got a 100
in arithmetic and 92 in
Geography.

Love from

Malcolm

Balpool

S. FRASER & SONS
NYANG STATION

Deniliquin
N.S.W.

22-5-40

Dear Dad,
Thanks for wiring me up
Yesterday.
Yesterday we helped mustering
Middle Paddock and to-day we
mustered No 4 on our own and
put the sheep in the shed yards
and Lorraine tried to count them
but she made an awful muck of it
I rode Lorraine to-day and I rode Brownie
Yesterday.

I had a lovely birthday and a nice
cake.

Grannie hit Mary's seat to-day.
I will try to keep a piece of birth-
day cake for you know now
now x x x x x x x x x x o o o o o o o o o o
o o o o these crosses and o are kisses and
huge love from Malcolm.
P.S. Mum sends her love



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

9-6-40

19

Dear Mam & Dad,

I want you to
send my sailing boat and
the aeroplane that I am mak-
ing and I want the Dope, wire
tubing and glue,

The pictures we saw last night
was The Tale of Two Cities.

We had a boat race yesterday

We have a new master and
mistress.

I had a lovely time with
Auntie Ned and Gran.

I had a lovely fly over
the plane carried 22 passengers
instead of 21.

Love from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

24- 8

1948

Dear Dad & Mum, I do not have
to wear my plait any more
because my tooth has come down-
mean the one on my top jaw.
We played "The King's School"
football yesterday. King's School won.
We are having exams. in less
than two weeks.
I might not be able to finish
Dad's scarf because I have had
a lot to learn.
We had a play last night
called Tarzan with the Apes.
I had to paint my boat again
because the paint was coming
off. Love from
Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

19

Dear Mum & Dad,

Exams start
on Tuesday.
I wrote to Lorrie on Thursday
night.

Everyone has ^{german} measles up here
I have not got them yet.

I hope you are very well
I came second in form order
by 1 point

I hope Lorrie is getting on
well.

I give many happy returns
of the day, I am very
angry with myself for
not putting it in my last
letter.

Love from

Malcolm

P.S Term will end on Tuesday Aug 2th.
Boys going by car may go that
day after 3.15 p.m. Other Boys go to
Sydney on the train arriving at central

at 11 am Wednesday 28th



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

Sun 18 . 8 . 1940

Dear Mum & Dad.

I got comics for the first two times but I have not had them since.

I got 94 marks for English and came second by three marks.

The team played St Patricks football and we won.

It is a nasty day and we might not be going out with the cubs.

I hope Dad is better now and I hope Mum has not got anything.

Mr Swan said 2000 bullets would last about 1 year because he only uses about 50 a day.

Love from

Malcolm

P.S. I am getting better at football.



P.S. We have a new master
called Mr Christian.

TUDOR HOUSE

MOSS VALE

25-9-40

Wednesday

Dear Dad & Mam, I played in a senior colour match to-day but I did not get a bat because Dickson put my name up on the board with the names of the people playing and ~~there~~ were 11 names without mine but I fielded a bit at slips. I hope I can get 25 runs or 5 wickets would you tell me if this is right for bowling I mean getting the wickets with me or bowling, caught or bowled or stumped or if someone else is bowling and I run someone out.

I am a white now the colour ~~not~~ match
was between white and red, red ~~to~~ won.
We had 280 points of rain altogether.
I hope we get some more at the station.
How is Lorraine getting on, don't forget
to let Mr Young know if you are going
to present a cup or prize.

I can't think of any more news now so
Love from Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

19

Bear Dad & Mum, The drill competition
on Friday was a draw.
The cricket match on Saturday was
between the school the sides were Possibles
and Probables I do not know which side
won.
We had 280 pts of rain.
The sports day has been changed to
23rd Nov.
I had a good trip over in the plane,
the air hostess played cards & crossed
with me.
Uncle Mac gave me his Mexican
bridle when I was in Sydney.
We had two new kids in our dorm
this term, the whole dorm is of tuckshop
love from
Malcolm



Don't Forget the Sweets

TUDOR HOUSE

MOSS VALE

1 - 10.40

Dear Dad & Mum,
Will you ~~have~~ ^{send} send me
some ~~sweets~~ sweets and only have the adress
and ~~some~~ a stamp on the box or whatever you send
them in because if you have (Myer sweet shop for
instance) Miss Perce will ~~put~~ put them in the
tuckshop and I don't want a them in the tuckshop.
Please excuse the crossouts.

I am making a sigarret box in carpentry.
I can't think of any news now I just
wanted the sweets, it is awful without
sweets.

Love from
Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

19

Dear Mum & Dad,
I played in a cricket match
yesterday I got four wickets I bowled 2 and
you was caught and the stumped.
Thank you very much for the sweets they
are very nice.

We played Mr Crawford cricket they
won I don't know the score.

On Thursday a man came to take photos
of the school.

I am sorry the letter is short but I can't
think of anything else.

Love from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

13.10.1940

Dear Mum & Dad,

We could not have any tuckshop because we were making a noise in the morning but I am able to have it now.

We played Bawral High School cricket the score was 214 to Tudor House and 38 to the High School.

The possible and probable match was 44 to possible and 44 to probables I was a possible and got 11 runs and 2 wickets.

I wrote to Lorry but I addressed it to Gleason House.

I hope you are a very well.

The weather is getting really hot now.

Have you had any more rain a. Balgool?

Love from
Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

17. 10. 1940

Dear Dad & Mum,

Mrs Burns has asked me to stay with them for the mid-term, I am going to stay with them for the mid-term.

I am getting a photo of the school it cost 3/6. I look quite nice in it. I can't think of any news now because I am in a hurry to get down to cricket.

I just wrote now because Mr Young told me to and also to tell you what I was doing for mid-term.

Love from Malcolm

P.S. Thank you for the other lot of sweets you sent me.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

20.10.1940

Dear Dad & Mum,

There is a Red cross
Concert at Tudor House on 16th November
8 p.m. if you want to come to it
please tell me straight away.

I have ordered 1 group photograph and
it will cost 3/6.

The score was 163 runs to Tudor House
6 wickets and 15 to Anglewood

I am staying with Mrs Burns for the
mid-term

Have we had any more rain a Nyang
yet?

I am playing with Binnie in the heats
for the tennis tournament.

Love from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

19

Dear Mum & Dad,
People going to Sydney
by train arrive in Sydney next Friday
at 5.45 P.M. and return by the 11.25 a.m.
train on Monday. I don't know whether
David Burns is going to Sydney by
train or not.

Red Cross Concert 16th Nov.

Sports day 23rd Nov.

Term Ends 9th Dec.

Please, could you send me a new tennis
racket now if you can and count it as
a Christmas present.

Have we had any more rain for the station
yet.

I hope you are very well?

The scout cabin was opened yesterday
by Mr Medley.

Love from

Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE
MOSS VALE

30-10-40

Dear Dad & Mum,
I nearly had my mid-term
stopped but I was fined 2/6 instead.

I am going by car with David Burns. I haven't had any shooting yet but I am having some next Saturday were at school. Mr Green takes shooting now.

I made a white enamel cigaret box, you just have to pull out a slide with a slot in it and a cigaret comes out.

I am making a stool only it is more like a table,
it is for putting sigarets on or biscuits or some-
thing like that.

I hope you are well? and I hope we get some
rain soon at Nyang?

How is Lorry's head I hope it is a lot better now?

Love from

x x x x x x Malcolm

X X 7 7+X 7 X 7 7

TUDOR HOUSE

MOSS VALE

6-11-40

Dear Dad & Mum,

I thank you very much for the racket and balls it is a very nice racket it has a cover and a press and is just the right weight.

I had a nice time with Burns, on the last day of mid-term which was Monday, we went back to school on Monday night, we were sailing the tops of tins for boats, and I had to get a boat which had stuck in some reeds and when I came out of the river and I slipped in the mud and my pants were very dirty. I have been asked to the Burns for this Saturday.

I have been in ^{two} ~~to~~ heats for boxing I won the first against Faithful but in the second Carl beat me.

I was fined the 2/6 for making a noise in the morning.

I hope you and are well? How is Lorrie getting on, is her head is it better?

There were two other people in the fine too, Hall Best & Gunning. I am glad we have a lot of crops at the station.
Love from Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

10.11.40

19

Dear Dad & Mum,

Mr Mansfield gave the school a lecture on Architecture and showed us some pictures of buildings. I was going to play in the 2nd eleven but the cricket match was stoped because of bad weather the match was against O. L. S. H.

There was to be a boxing Tournament last night but someone got concussion in a heat so it was cancelled.

The Red cross concert Nov 16th.
Sports day Nov 23rd.

Last term I sent my watch to be mended in Sydney it was the catch on the strap the bill is going on this terms bill.

Love from

Abraham



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

17-11-1940

Dear Dad & Mum,

The school got in between £36-8-6 and £41-3-6 for the Red Cross last night. We got the money from the Red Cross Concert.

The Term ends on 9th December Sports Day 23rd November.

Have you sent over a cup or some other prize for the winning Sports yet?

I think it would be better if you kept your cricket bag in Melbourne for a bit.

We have started our exams we have had English and Geography exams.

Love from Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

24.11.1940

Dear Dad & Mum, It was very nice
of you to phone me last night.
Burns asked me out only my leave
was stopped for mucking up in
the dorm and I have been shifted
from B dorm into A dorm.
I hope Dad and Mum are very
well.
Have you had any more rain
at the station yet?
I am glad you have good crops.
No more news because you
waking me up.
Love from
Abraham



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

1. 12. 1940

Dear Dad & Mum,

In the drill competition against Knox Grammar School we were equal the first try but we beat them at the second try. I was going to play in the second ~~try~~ on Saturday but it was raining all day so the match was stopped. Please tell me what I'll be doing to get to Sydney? And what will Mum be doing about the lunch? if you tell me I can tell Mr Young? There was a carpenters' picnic yesterday. I am sending a coffee table over to you. On Sports I entered as many things as I could but I did not win anything. I can't think of any more news now so love from Malcolm.

Programme of Events.

Michaelmas Term 1940.

- October 5th. 1st. XI. versus Mr. Crawford's XI. (here)
12th. 1st. XI. versus Bowral High School. (here)
19th. 1st. XI. versus Anglewood School. (here)
26th. 1st. XI. versus St. Patrick's College. (Goulburn)
November 1st. 1st. XI. versus The Kings School. (T.K.S.)
1st. and 2nd. The Kings School Scholarship Examination.
1st., 2nd., 3rd. Exeat Week End.
9th. 1st. XI. versus Our Lady's School. (here)
16th. 1st. XI. versus Frensham School. (Frensham)
15th. and 16th. Geelong Grammar School Scholarship Examination.
23rd. Sports Day 2pm.
27th. Sydney Grammar School Scholarship Examination.
30th. Drill Competition at Knox Grammar School.
December 7th. Cricket Match against Lord Wakehurst's XI.
9th. Prize Day 11am. End of Term.
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Parents are asked to note that the date of Sports Day has been changed to November 23rd.

The Headmaster would be glad to have official notice of any boys leaving the school at the end of the year for reasons other than the fact that they have reached leaving age.
