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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 right 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.



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

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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

EXTRA STR
BOND
MADE IN NORW



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

21 - 7 - 1940

Dear Mum & Dad:

Thank you very much
for the new propellar.

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
Bowral

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-

1960

Dear Mam + Dad. I am ^{very} ⁱⁿ sorry this letter will not reach you on Mams birthday, many happy returns 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,
Wollakra~~

3 The Grove,
Queens Street,
Wollakra
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 STATION
MILLS VALE



Ring
Penhall

Get 2 Cordless
heavy duty
One on spare

One new
tube

EXTRA STATION

BOND

MADE IN NORWAY

The mixture has improved
the quality of the
work done.



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.

23.6.1960

Dear Dad & Mum

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

Malcolm



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 did 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 an 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. Here 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
Abalcolm



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 cubs 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 Toath.

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 Sleaths 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 Mum & 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 ~~at~~ Balpool and how is Gringer 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 19.20

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 ~~the~~ 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 19.40

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 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 Mam

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 Anglewood
and we won.

We only had half of
Judge Hardys 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

Mabelme

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 to raise 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 new
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 roses 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 making 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 Ered 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

1940

Dear Dad & Mum, I do not have
to wear my plait any more
because my tooth has come down-
I 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 Lovie 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 Lovie 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

Term will end on Tuesday Aug 2nd.
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 P.S



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.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

19

Dear 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 records & 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 + Hes Werts

TUDOR HOUSE

MOSS VALE

1 - 10 - 40

Dear Dad & Mum, will you ~~have~~ ^{send} send me some ~~sweets~~ sweets and only have the address 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 ~~be~~ 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 cant think of any news now I just wanted the sweets, it is orful without sweets.

Love from
E. Muldrew



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 adressed it to Gycaston House.

I hope you are a very well.

The weather is getting vearly hot now.

Have you had any more rain a. Balgrad?

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

6-11-40

Dear Dad & Mum,
I thank you very much for the
w racket and balls it is a very nice w 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
burn boats on. I went into the edge of the river
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} ~~two~~ 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 bin 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 stopped 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

Malcolm



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 rang me up.
Love from Malcolm



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 cant 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.
