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TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

14th. February, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

I have been asked to ask you to get me a good set of instruments for Geometry. A clear celluloid protractor and set square and a brass compass, and pencils. Also a Pocket Oxford Dictionary I need.

Mr. Fleming is our Housemaster now and Mr. Baynes (a new master) has taken over junior house.

Yesterday I played in a pick-up match in which I made eleven - run out. I kept wicket because our regular wicket keeper is ~~way~~ sick. We lost by 13 runs.

Last night we had a picture called "The Oklahoma Kid" with James Cagney.

Matron is recovering after an operation and should be back in 6 or 8 weeks.

I am very sorry I did not send you a wire as soon as I arrived, I was very busy. I hope you got the one I did send.

Mr. Green was up for the first week-end. We are doing a lot of our own housework now, so you are not the only one in the family working.

Lots of Love from Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

21 February, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

Last Wednesday I played in a pick-up match and made 25 run out. Mr. Fleming said it was one of the best innings he had seen me play. Yesterday I played in the first eleven against Bowral High. I made 28 run out. Tudor House won by about 12 runs, 156 to 144. We all thought we were going to lose a one time because our 2 best bowlers were off form. But we put 2 slow bowlers on. One of our slow bowlers was making them bounce pretty high and they (Bowral) did not like them at all. Their tailenders were no good & wickets fell pretty quickly in the end.

The scouts are going to build a dam in the creek to swim in.

Last night Paul Roberson & Leslie Banks were very good in Sanders of the river.

The drill comp. last Friday was won by the ~~BT~~ Whites then Reds then Blues.

Thank you very much for the nice geometrical instruments they are just right. Don't bother to much about the dictionary.

A few nights ago we had senior house



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singing. I sang a duet with Bruce Archer.
People who did not put on a good show
were kicked out and were brought back later.
Lots of love from Malcolm.

P.S. Tell me how you get on in cricket Dad.
I'm going to scouts to day.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

28th February, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

Three boys have just been put into Common Room. Mr. Meyer had just announced it a few minutes ago. They were, Tooh Henty, Ranken, Tooth. I am so glad Tooh got in, he has worked for it so hard.

Yesterday we played Mr. Biggie's 17 they won 147 to 115 they had 9 wickets down and we had 6 down it was a timed match. I went in first wicket down and stayed in all the time. It was 10 when I went in and 115 when I went out. I made 29 39 not out.

Last Friday the tennis team played S.C.E.G.S. we won by 20 games. We had tea outside and went on after tea.

I think I can sell my old racket for about 15/- or 10/-.

We had a very long picture last night called, "Dive Bomber" in Technicolour.

The Reds came first equal with the Whites in the last drill competition.

We are going to go out to the scout camp to-day. Last week we started to dam the creek



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N.S.W.

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to make a swimming pool.
lots of love from
Malcolm.

P. S. Give my love to Lorrie.
Thank you very much for the dictionary
it will last years.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE.

N.S.W.

7th March, 1942

Dear Dad & Mum,

I am awfully sorry I have not told you I got the socks, they are ~~pretty~~ plenty big enough. Bad Men of Missouri was not a very good picture last night.

Whites and Blues had a great colour match last Wednesday. White 6 for 205 and Blues 195 I was not playing because I'm a Red.

Yesterday morning I went fencing. We put heavy gauge barb wire right around the scout camp. It was quite new wire that we had taken off another fence.

As common room I read the lesson in the morning (in order of superiority), say grace for a week at meals, take the whole house once every 9 days and inspect boys before meals. We have to do this as well as keep general order. We have a few smaller things to do each day to.

Yesterday the second XI got licked by S.L.E.G.S. 164 to 76. Our boys were very young they were all 16, 15, 17 years old.

Lots of love from Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

14TH March, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

Yesterday the 1st. XI played Bowral High School. I was tried out as an opener I only made twelve but I stayed in for a good while. Mr. Fleming said I did very well. No one batted well, we only made 84 in the first innings. They made 27 in their first innings. When I went out there were only ~~was~~ 2 people any good left and they did worse than me.

The totals were:

B.H.S. 27 and 4 for 84

T.H.S. 84 and 26.

Mr. Perry who has been overseas for 2½ years came back a few weeks ago from N. Africa.

There was a small fire near M.V. but was put out before any damage was done.

Yesterday morning we finished the fence and hung a gate round the scout camp.

The Reds won the drill competition again by 4 or 5 points.

There was going to be a tennis match last Friday but the tennis teacher is sick so we put the match off for a week. Last Tuesday

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LUDLOW HOUSE SCHOOL



we played the staff. The staff won but they played
as if we were about twenty.

I came sixth in the last form order. There
are 3 people in the form who were in it
last year. They were too young to leave that's
why they are staying they are also a clever set I suppose
they shall keep the first 3 places for themselves.
I came 3rd out of last years mob.

Lots of love and kisses

from Malcolm

P. S. I am using my old bat not yours.
Yours is too big for me.

Street is captain of school.

Please tell me if it rains at home.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

21st March, 1943

Dear Dad & Mum,

Yesterday we played The Kings School
1st. x1. The prep. x1 I mean. We batted
first and I opened again. I made 73 caught.
I did one great off-drive. I got a 4 off it.
It brought our score to 202. We made 236
for 5, I made highest score, double the other
high scores. They made 42 for 3, it was
a draw because we declared.

I got Sand Harker I will probably give it
to the school. I'm reading it at the moment.
I'm sorry I can't answer your letters
I'm not sure where I put them.

Last Friday we played S.C.E.C.A.S. tennis
we one by 15 games. My first serve is much
more accurate so is my second.

Last night we had "Stage to China" with
George O'Brien wasn't much good.

We are going to the scout camp to-day.

Sorry this is such a lousy letter.

Lots of love and kisses

from Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

28TH March, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

It is funny isn't it that the week I make 73 you write in your letter, that it will be good when I make my first fifty. Yesterday we played Frensham, it was a walkover for us. They were all out for 80 and we were 8 for 253. I made 29 caught. 1 of our chaps got 4 wickets for 5 balls & made 83 caught. We had lost the toss and Frensham went in first. Two of our best bats went for about 20 runs. But no one else got out till we had won. I made second highest score and was opening again.

I am looking forward to seeing you so much. We have 4 or 5 days off at easter. On the Saturday we play a parents team (any parents who ^{not women} can play) and on Monday we play Frensham away.

Next Saturday we are playing St. Patricks at Goulburn.

Mrs Burns was over a few days ago wanting to see me, she left me some chocolates.

I have got the tennis photo here (don't know how I got it) I will try and take more photos with my camera.

LUDLOW HOUSE SCHOOL

MOSS VALE

W.V.V.



I have had a few catches this term, I have
held every one I got in a match.

I am doing all right at tennis too.

Lots of love from Malcolm.



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

4TH April, 1943.

Dear Mum & Dad,

Yesterday we went up to Goulburn to play St. Patrick's. We won they made 69 and we made 143. I stayed in for a good while but only made 7. I was caught while trying to hit a full toss for a four.

We arrived back late last night and missed the picture.

The people picked for a period as acting patrol leaders were told last Sunday if they were permanent. I was one of them.

I have lost weight this term, but I put it all on again in the hols. I am having my ~~supper~~ supper at night.

French pulled me down in form order, I only came seventh.

We have had quite a lot of rain here in the last few days. I wish we would get some at home.

Yesterday our second eleven played Suggs they got kicked.

Please send me my footer ^{clothes} ~~logs~~ and some boots & £ on approval size 6 or 7.

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MOSS VALE
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I am sorry this is such a rotton letter but I
left $\frac{1}{2}$ your letters in the dormitory.
lots of love and kisses from Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.


11th April, 1943

Dear Dad & Mum,

Last Wednesday we had a half holiday, the first we have had since I have been here. The choir went for a bike ride to Berrima and the boys left had a cricket match. There is only a couple of boys in the choir that are any good at cricket so we had a good game. Mr. Fleming played on one side and Mr. Meyer on the other. I was captain of one side and the cricket captain was here to captain the other side. I had Mr. Meyer on my side. My side won by about five wickets and fifty runs. I made thirty-one not out.

Yesterday the first eleven played the staff with a few other men thrown in. The staff won by thirty-nine runs. I was having a hit in the nets before I went in and a ball landed fair on my nose. It bled a good bit but was alright when I went in, ~~its~~ ^{its} quite ~~sore~~ ^{sore} this morning though.

We are going out to the scout camp to-day. I have been passing a few of my second class tests lately. There are an awful lot to pass.



Last night we had a picture called "South to Karanga" with Charles Bickford it was just middling. Last Thursday we had two newsreels up here one was "Men of Timor" the other "The Battle of the Bismark Sea."

Lots of love from
Malcolm.

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

18th April, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

I had a lovely long talk to Dad last night on the 'phone. I will find out all I can about going home.

I am going to the scout camp to-day. Yesterday in the tennis match my proper partner was unable to play and I had to play with someone who was hitting all the balls out over the back line, we won though.

Last Wednesday I played in a colour match and made 17 run out. I kept wicket for my side.

At easter we are having Friday to Monday free. On Friday we have services, Saturday we play a parents team and on Monday we play Frensham.

Last night we had "Pride of the Bluegrass" about a house called Crantry.

My colour won the drill comp. last Friday.

Lots of love
from
Malcolm.

P.S. Tell me if you want me to go to the dentist.
I don't know what I want for birthday.



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

April 26th 1943.

Dear Mrs Kraser.

I am sorry to tell you I have Malcolm in Hospital - He had a temperature last night - but no other symptoms to show the cause of temperature - So far to day his chart has been normal, & he feels well. so I don't think there is any thing to worry about & he will probably be back at school shortly.

I have often found boys with a Chart which soon cleared & nothing to show for it - However, we always put them to bed, no matter how slight the temperature.

So far there is no more Scudell-Hever cases - & the Quarantine is up today -

I will enclose the letter along with Malcolm's & I trust it will not be necessary to worry you again.

Yours Sincerely
L. M. Hamilton
(sister).



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

26th April, 1943

Dear Dad & Mum,

Thank you very much for the sweets they were awfully nice. I got my football clothes a few days ago the boots are just right Gran was very naughty she wrote and wished me a happy easter, she said easter eggs were hard to get so she gave me 10/- instead.

Last Saturday I made 34 against the parents. Mr Fleming and Mr Meyer both say my bat is too heavy, the binding makes it heavy and they say I would probably score better with a new bat. Mr Fleming said a Harrow size would be best. I think that full size bat of yours is still a bit big. I would like it for my birthday if possible. I take about an hour to make 30 runs and nearly all the other good^{bats} in the team would make the same score in about 35 minutes that's why they think I might score better with a new bat. We won the match and I made top score.

We are not playing any more



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MOSS VALE,
N.S.W.

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cricket this term, to-day there is a footer match.

Last night I came into hospital with a temperature but I am normal this morning. I came third in the last form order I beat Jock Henty for once. The only boys that beat me were in the same form last year. Last year they came in the first six nearly each form order and this year they have come first and second each time. I'll be better soon.

Lots of love and kisses

from
Malcolm.

P.S. Please don't forget to take the gun and bullets to Nyang.
Am writing to Gran and Carrie.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

2nd May, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

I wrote to Mrs Burns a long time ago.
The cricket season is over and my
last score was 34 I think I told you in my
last letter.

I got 91% in the English exam
and 80 something for Arithmetic I don't know
any more marks.

We are going to the scout camp to-day.
Yesterday patrol leaders went to a rally at Bowral
It was not much.

I have written to Gran and ~~she~~ I
posted her 2 concession tickets.

Last picture was "Buck Private" not
much. "Bean & Co" is coming.

Have played football abit.

Sorry this is such a rotten letter
I am in a great rush.

Lots of love from Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

6th June, 1943

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am awfully sorry I lost my glasses, but I will be able to get on alright till the new ones come.

We had a game of football yesterday, it was not much of a game, we have had no practice. Our side won 13 to 9.

Last night we had a very good picture called "Jamaica Inn" with Charles Laughton.

Quite a few boys are not back yet being sick or something.

I am having my stuff at night and I have asked Sister about some malt stuff.

We have a new sister here, she has her daughter with her.

Gran was awfully fussy in the train we had a fairly good trip though. Lots of love and kisses from

Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

13th June, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

I got my glasses about two days ago, they fit me very well, I did not think I would get them for about a month.

I am having my supper at night and also Bradol. A twice a day. My weight has gone up three pounds since the end of last term. 8 stone 7 lbs.

I would like it if you could send a bit of dark choc. sometimes Dad.

I have had a bit of tennis, I don't need any balls though.

Yesterday we went to the Cement Works, it is very interesting watching the different processes. I got a few souvenirs. We rode there on our bikes and took our lunch. After lunch we went on and had a look at the dam where they get their power.

Lots of love from Malcolm.

P.S. Please don't forget the tennis shoes.



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

20th June, 1943

Dear Dad & Mum,

Thank you awfully for the 5/- stamp you sent me it is an awfully nice one. I have completely got over my cough and cold that I had at home. I think I am doing fairly well this form-order. I am getting on alright in Common Room.

I have quite a fair chance of getting into the football team. Last Wednesday I had to captain the "Red" footer team against the "Blues". We were hopelessly beaten because five of our best men were unable to play, including the captain and I am his second in command so I captained the team. The score was 12-nil.

Last Friday I had to drill the "Reds" drill team because the captain was still sick. We won by one point it was the first time I had taken the team this term. We beat the Blues by 1 point and the Whites by 3 points.

The younger boys in Senior House played a Junior House team we won 35-nil.



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

20th June 1943.

I have had three or four games of tennis.

I have not had any headaches and my eyes are alright now.

I don't like under-clothes too thick for the summer but for winter I quite like thick ones.

I got the chocolate and don't bother about it if it is too hard to get.

It is not as cold here as it could be.

I hope you won't lose too much on the wethers, I don't suppose they would bring much now.

We had a good picture called "Tom Brown's School Days" with Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

Quite a large force of army vehicles camped here one night they had about four or five kinds of guns. There was an old boy of the school with them.

Lots and lots of love from

P.S. Do hope we will get rain. Maholm.



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

27th June, 1943

Dear Dad & Mum,

I got another bit of choc.
2 or 3 days ago, thank you awfully for it.
I wish my sand shoes would
come.

I am glad Grammar is
getting back its buildings.

Yesterday we went to Goulburn
to play Saint Patrick's. They won 19 to 6, it was
our first match, we did not score in the first
half, but in the second half they only got one
try and we got one try and a penalty kick.

If I am chosen, may I go down
with the first XV on the 6th August to play the
Kings School on the following day. We would probably
return on the Sunday. If I go I would have to
stay with G Gran or Auntie Emilsso, could you write
to them about it. I would be there for 2 nights
probably.

Last Wednesday I played in a
colour match and scored my first try this
season. We had a very weak team and were
hopelessly beaten.



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MOSS VALE,
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It is likely that Mr. Dixon will be taking the 41th form at the end of term to see the Steelworks at Port Kembla. We should have to spend one night at Wollongong and go over the works next day. The whole trip, including Hotel and fare back to Sydney should not cost more than 25/-, I know it's quite a bit, but may I go if it's arranged.

Lots of love and Kisses
from
Malcolm.



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

4th July, 1943.

Dear Mum & Dad,

Yesterday Barker came and played us rigger. It was a very even game but they beat us ~~15~~¹⁵ to 9. I was playing second row, the same place as when I played against St. Pats.

I think when I go down to play King's, if I do, I will be able to stay at one of the boys places. You see, nearly all the team have relations where they can stay, it is cheaper than all staying at a pub.

I would not have any chance of asking Pat Allen over for a week or 10 days next holidays would I. Dad could get his leave in the last half and he could come over with me at the beginning and show him what to do then. He could be shoved on the train ^{at Finley} when we meet Dad at ~~Denilquin~~. Please tell me if it could be managed as soon as possible. You know his father, Dennis Allen.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

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Thanks awfully for the choc. and tennis shoes.

I do wish we would get some rain at home.

I think it would be best if you would chose a couple of bats and let me chose the one I liked best and then send the other one back if you could.

Lots of love and kisses
From Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

11th July, 1942.

Dear Mum & Dad,

I was terribly sorry to hear that Uncle Mac had died, I will write to Auntie Enid as soon as possible.

I play 2nd row or lock in the scrum, in football.

I am terribly sorry I had not written a special letter to Mum, but now I wish you many, many happy returns of the tenth.

Thanks awfully for all the choc. you are sending me, I like it very much.

We had a very good picture last night called "Shawn of the North."

There was only a junior match yesterday against Anglemood, we won 12 to 3.

I do so wish, we could get a decent fall at home

I am sorry this is such a rotten letter, but I can't think of any thing more.

Lots of love to you all from

Malcolm.



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

18th July, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

I was awfully sorry to hear that Nyang was to be sold. But I know that it is for the best seeing that you have lost so much in it. Don't worry about the hols, something will turn up. If it is sold I would like to see it again before it is handed over.

I played in the match against Kings yesterday, it was a great game, neither side scored.

Sir Claude Reading took me out yesterday before the match with Simon Heath. I am going to write to him.

49th Parallel was very good last night.

It is definite that we are going to the Steel Works at end of term.

No more news now

Lots of love

Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

25th July, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

You told me last hols to go to the dentist about the middle of the term, so I have an appointment with Dr. King next Wednesday.

I played in a good tick up match ~~next~~ last Saturday. We won 8 nil. Last Wednesday I played in a colour match, we lost 9-3 I think.

If I play against King's at Parramatta I will be staying with Pat Allen. Last night we saw "Men With Wings" It was fairly good.

I hope you get a good price for Ngang when you get permission to sell.

I don't suppose you could get Lory taken to the new place when you buy because I know Lory ^{is} likes him awfully.

Now more news now

Lots of love from Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

4th August, 1947

Dear Dad,

Please excuse the pencil but I am in bed with "flu." I came in on Friday night and was normal on Sunday & Monday but I had a temperature on Tuesday again. I think my antrums have been touched up a bit.

I do hope you were not feeling too rotten and hope you will be better soon.

I hope this reaches you in time for your birthday. Many Many happy returns of the sixth.

I have not got a hope in a million in going to Kings of course. The match might be stopped because both schools have boys down with flu.

I think its a good idea about house in town and a place in the country if you can manage it.

I have not the foggiest idea about holes, I should think Canberra is as good as any.

I hope you will be able to get a decent bat at Spalding.

I wrote to Sir Claude a long time ago.



please tell Larry ^{when you write} that I'm awfully sorry
 about the buckle but I have got it in my
 locker and will send it as soon as I leave
 hospital.

Sister just took my temp.
 it's still normal I think.

No more news now. Awfully
 dull here, I suppose it is a Heidelberg too.

Lots & lots of Love and

Kisses

Malcolm

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~~Malcolm~~

xxxxxxx

LUDBOR HOUSE SCHOOL

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TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,
MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

8th August, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

I hope Dad got my last letter
in time for his birthday.

I suppose you have both
read my last letter and there is
no fresh news.

I just wrote to Lorie.
I got up yesterday but had
a temp. in the ~~#~~ afternoon so
could not get up today.

I hope Dad is better soon.
Please excuse this writing, the
pencil is awfully thick. A master is
going to address it to me.

Honestly there is no news here
in hospital.

So lots of love and kisses
from Malcolm.

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TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

14th August, 1943.

Dear Mum & Dad,

About the holidays. I would like to go to Mount Elephant, but I would sooner go by train if it was possible. I suppose I would have to go by plane - if I went at all. All the boys go down to Sydney on Wednesday 25th & arrive there at 11.30 a.m. But as I am going to the Steelworks I will not arrive in Sydney till 6.30 p.m. ^{on same day} and that is too late for the plane on that day. So if I went by plane I would have to spend one night at the "Australia", but if I could go by train I would not be too late to catch the train on the same day as I arrived in Sydney. Train leaves for Melbourne at 8.50 p.m. and I get into Sydney at 6.30 a.m.

If you could get a flat in Sydney Louie might like it because she would be able to see Sydney.

I am awfully sorry Dad won't be able to get leave for the hols. But I am glad he is getting better. I got his ~~to~~ telegram I hope he got mine.



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

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We had quite a good picture
last night called "The Plainsmen."

We are playing Cranbrook next
Friday.

Exams start on Monday.
Lots of love and kisses

Malcolm
P.S. "Ferry Pilot" was an excellent Department
of Information film.



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

26th Sept, 1943

Dear Dad & Mum,

Thank you very much for sending over the shoes and toothbrushes. I got the Tudorian when I came back. I have sent it on to you. I also sent one to Auntie Enid because it had a memorian of Uncle Mac.

Yesterday we cleaned the cricket field. We have not played an cricket yet. "Shall We Dance" was quite a good picture last night. Fred Astaire & G. Rogers.

The drill comp. was good. Each colour got 20 points

I hope you got my telegrams. It was a good trip. I met a chap called Langles, or something, Dad was his o.c at Air Board.

Next week we are having "The Drum" again.

I am in an awful hurry because I have 3 other letters to write.

Lots of love
Malcolm



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

3rd. October, 1943

Dear Dad and Murn,

I still have a little over two whole blocks of chocolate left. It is awfully nice.

Last night we had "The Drum" again. I liked it better than before.

I have been doing extra French, Latin, & Geometry for the exam. I also am revising other subjects.

Mr. Meyer wrote a good while ago to Mr. Sutcliffe (I am not sure how to spell his name) and everything is fixed up.

We have not been able to play any cricket yet because it has been too wet.

I have been facing the bat a good bit. It is an awfully nice one.

I have had a couple of games of tennis.

Sports day is November 6th.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL,

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

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I wonder if I could sell
my bike here, because I won't want
it when I leave here. I could probably
get £3 or £4 for it. I have had it
six or seven years.

Lots of Best love and kisses
from Malcolm.

P.S. I wrote to Mrs Landale and
Mrs Patterson a long while ago.



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

10th. October, 1943

Dear Dad & Mum,

Thank you very much for the two blocks of chocolate. I have quite a bit left.

The exam I finished yesterday. Nearly all the papers had next years work in them, particularly Algebra. I don't think I have a chance of getting the scholarship.

Last night we had a very good picture called "Convoy". It took place in the North Sea.

I hope Corrie's getting on alright, I hope she passes.

I got a letter from Coles a few days ago asking for my Speciman signature.

I have used my bat once it is awfully good. It is raining and we have not had much chance to play cricket yet.

I was in hospital for a couple of nights, I am alright now.



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Last heb Mr Fleming went to the shipping people to try and get a passage home to England. A few nights ago he was telephoned and told if he left immediately he would get a passage. He went mainly because his Mother is pretty old and an elder brother is seriously wounded.

No more news now
Lots of love from Malcolm.



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

16th October, 1943.

Dear Dad,

Mr Meyer received your telegram this morning (Friday). On the 30th nothing would be better than to see you, it will be quite all right for you to get of the morning train on Saturday and stay all Saturday and Sunday night and catch an early morning train to Sydney ^{on Sundays.} We might be playing cricket on Saturday but that would make no difference because if we play anyone it will be Frensham on our own ground or if we play on the Frensham ground you would be able to come to Frensham with us (it is only a few miles away)

I have played a bit of tennis but no cricket because the ground is too wet.

We had the practice cross country (2½ miles) yesterday. I was very stiff this morning.

I am awfully sorry you are going to Brisbane because it will probably mean ~~we~~ we won't see you in the X-mas hols I hope.

~~to~~ If you write and tell me what time your train will arrive on Saturday morning I will be able to get someone to get



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a taxi to meet you and bring you out
to the school.

No more news now will write again
on Sunday.

Best of love and kisses

from

Malcolm.

P.S. Mr. Meyer had said it would be
alright for you to stay in the
cottage on Saturday night.
I will look forward so much to seeing
you on the 30th.



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

24th. October, 1943.

Dear Dad & Mum,

I came fifth in the last
form-order.

Yesterday we played Mr. Begbie's
XI. We had only had two practices in
the whole term, the first three boys got out
for about 10. I made a duck then the
other opener got run out and the first
wicket down got bowled on the same ball
as I got out ~~on~~ — a yorker. It passed
right under my bat.

Next Wednesday Saturday
we are playing Frensham and you will
be able to watch. My new bat is awfully
nice.

Last night we had the "Dawn
Patrol" about last war in 1915. It must
have been awful because replacements came
out when they had only done about 8 or
9 hours flying and got shot down on their
first patrol.

I'm looking forward so much
to seeing you. Lots of love and kisses
Malcolm



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE.

N.S.W.

31st. October, 1943

Dear Mum,

From now on I will write to you one week and Dad the next, sometimes I might write to you both each week.

It was lovely seeing Dad yesterday, I said good-bye this morning the only trouble was it all went too fast. I only made 7 in the match yesterday only I think Dad was quite pleased with my batting. We won 168 to 103.

We had the Camp Fire last night. Each patrol put on a play and we sang some songs. I think Dad quite enjoyed it only it was rather cold towards the finish.

I don't suppose there is any chance of you being able to come over for sports day, ~~one~~ which is next Saturday 6th November and stay for Sunday or come over for the break up. You might get a chance sometime without much trouble if you are lucky. I would love it so much.

I don't think I thanked ~~you~~ you for sending my pen over so thank you very much. No more news now so lots of love and kisses from Malcolm P.S. I have not had a letter from you for ages.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

Monday, 9th. Nov. 1943

Dear Dad,

I got your letter this morning and I am awfully glad the sale of "Nyang" has been approved. It would be lovely if we could buy Kareem and then you get released from the R. A. A. F.

Sports Day was last Saturday. I did not win anything. Yesterday I was asked over to the Harderns at Milton Park. I had a great time.

Picture last Saturday was "The Gold Rush" with Charlie Chaplin.

It must be awfully hot up there and uncomfy.

Next Saturday we play Cranbrook away and on the Friday we play Kings School.

I loved seeing you for the day last week it was simply great.

I better stop now because I have not got much time left and I want to write two more letters.

Lots & Lots of Love and Kisses from
Malcolm.



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N.S.W.

14th November, 1943.

Dear Dad,

I got your last letter on Wednesday, that is the one you sent on Monday by Air Mail, I don't think it is worth the fourpence because the letter before the Air Mail one was sent on Friday and reached me on Monday.

I am awfully glad you bought Nareen because it sounds a nice place and it is decent to have a place where you have not got to worry about rainfall so much. It should pay very well. You told me you thought it would go for more than £7 an acre and we payed £6/17/- so that is not too bad. I hope the government will give approval soon. I don't suppose we would be able to go there for part of the summer hols. I hope you can get out of the R. A. F. when the sale is approved.

Last Friday we played King's away. We won 117 to 89. I made 11 run out. I was not my fault because I hit a ball to slips and partner called "Yes" when I got about 5 yds. He said "No" and as he said it the bails came off.



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On the Saturday we played Cranbrook we did terribly. I got third highest score with 1 equal - total 16 runs to 98.

Have been writing to both of you each week so far Lots & Lots of love and kisses from Malcolm.

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MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

14th, November, 1943.

Dear Mum,

Dad sent me a telegram yesterday saying that you had bought Nareen. I am awfully glad because it should pay well and Dad won't have to worry about rainfall. He told me it would probably go for more than £7 an acre and we payed £6/17/- so that is not too bad. I don't suppose we would be able to spend part of the summer hols there.

Last Friday we played King's, I got 11 and we won 117 to 89. On the Saturday we played Cranbrook we did rottenly 98 to 16, I got 1. Anyhow I had a great time we played away ^{for} both matches.

Give Lorry my love and tell her I hope she does well in her exams.

"The Wizard of Oz" was the picture last night it was quite good!

I have been writing to both of you each week so far.

Lots & lots of love and kisses from
Malcolm.

P. S. I came 4th in the form order.
One or two places better than last time.



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MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

21st. Nov., 1943

Dear Dad,

Thank very much for the description of Nareen and the sale written by Mr. Sampson. I do hope so much that your release goes through successfully and also the approval by the government.

I have not played Prell tennis yet. The cricket match was cancelled yesterday because of rain so I went for a bike ride with a couple of friends we had a good time.

"The Westerner" was the picture last night it was not bad.

I want to sell my old ~~racket~~^{tennis} racket not the one I bought myself, Mr Meyer and Miss Rutherford who is the tennis teacher both think 22/6 is a fair bargain I have already a couple of people who might buy it they are writing for permission to-day. Do you mind - I still have the one I bought myself.

Exams will have started by the time you get this. Break-up 13th. Dec.
Lots of love from Malcolm.



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MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

21st. Nov., 1943.

Dear Mum,

I have just written to Dad and said I hope his application for release goes through successfully and also the approval of the sale of Nareen.

The picture last night was called "The Westerner" with Gary Cooper it was quite good.

I also asked Dad if I could sell my old tennis racket because I don't need two.

We brake up on 13th Dec., I suppose I will catch the train on that night to Albury and then to Melbourne. Exams start on Thursday.

I came 4th in the form-order read out this morning, 1 or 2 places better than last time.

Lots of love from Malcolm

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TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

29th Nov.

1943.

Dear Dad,

I am ever so glad that you have a nice long leave and I hope you get your release soon. Have a good time at Uncle Douglas. We break up on the 13 of Dec. and I will get to Melbourne on Tuesday 14th morning.

I am sending this by Air Mail to make sure you get it before you leave there. Exams will be over on Wednesday. I have got 81% for Arith. so far.

Mum rang up from Sydney. She is not coming here because she wants to spend all the time with Gran.

Next Saturday I will be away playing Mr. Prell's XI at Goulburn.

I have not played Prell yet.

I only met Mrs Hordern up there, and no one else that you would know.

I am looking forward to seeing you so much. Lots of love from Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

~~27~~ 30th Nov., 1943

Dear Mum,

I hope this reaches you before you leave because I am rather late writing it.

Next Saturday I will be away playing Mr. Prells XI at Goulburn.

I am thrilled with Dad's leave.

How is Gran + Auntie Ernie.

I think I am doing better there exams so far.

There is very little news. I am looking forward so much to seeing you, I hope Lorie has not done too badly in her Exams.

Lot of love + kisses from
Malcolm.



TUDOR HOUSE SCHOOL.

MOSS VALE,

N.S.W.

5th, December, 1943.

Dear Mam,

I suppose you are back at Alcarton now so I addressed this there.

I can't write to Dad this week because I am not sure of Uncle Doug's address, I hope he has a good time there.

I had a great time at Ahgunyah (Mr Prell's place). The match was a draw because they got 88 and we got 67 with one or two wickets still to fall.

"The Thief of Bagdad" was the picture last night. I had seen it before.

I am looking forward awfully to seeing you & Dad. I am bringing all my clothes home.

I will be playing Prell tennis to-morrow morning.

I think I have done better these exams I got 98% for geometry as my highest mark.

Lots of Love from
Malcolm.