January - dad went skiing at Engelberg with the Scouts from RBAI.

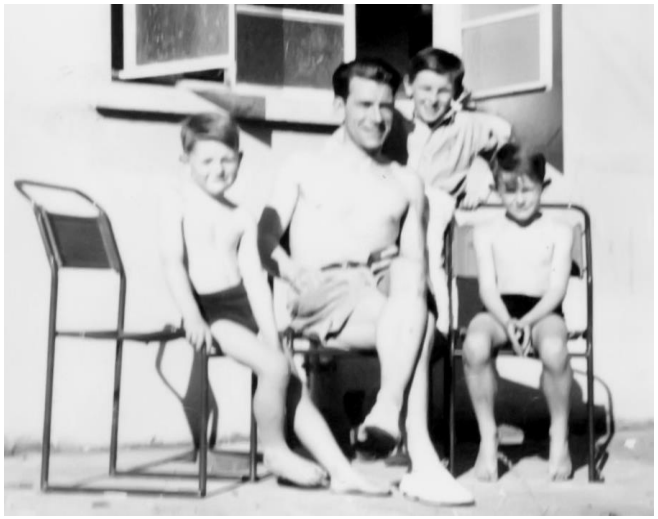
July - family went to Fort Royal, Rathmullan, Donegal for month - took the lodge house

Summer: Family went to Fort Royal - stayed in lodge cottage for July.

January 1950. Dad went on a skiing holiday in Engelberg, Switzerland with a scout group from RBAI.

July 1950. Family holiday in Portballintrae.

July 1950. Family went to Fort Royal, Donegal for a month and stayed in the lodge cottage.



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RAINEY ENDOWED SCHOOL, MAGHERAFELT.

Report for Term ending · Christmas 1950

Pupil's Name Brennen, Christopher

SUBJECTS	Percentage Marks obtained	Place in Subject	REMARKS
English	67	2	Good
History ...	47	19	Creditable, steady work
Geography ...	88	2	Excellent
Arithmetic ...	77	2/10	Very good indeed. An astonishing improvement, particularly in speed, has been made during this term.
Algebra ...			
Geometry ...			
Trigonometry ...			
French ...			
German ...			
Latin ...			
Greek ...			
Chemistry ...			
Physics ...			
Domestic Economy			
Drawing ...	73	9e	Very good.
Music ...			

General Remarks

Very good.

RAINEY ENDOWED SCHOOL, MAGHERAFELT.

Pupil's Name Christopher Porennen Form: 2.

Pupil's Age, 8.6 yrs. Average Age of Form: 8.11 yrs

Report for Term ending June 1950

Attendance 41 days out of 54

Reading.	Writing.	Spelling.	Dictation.	Poetry.	literature.	Arithmetic.	History.	Geography.	Drawing.
40/50	45/50	a	45/50	a	a	94/100	88/100	42/50	
4th =	2nd.		2nd.			1st.	2nd.	2nd.	

Total - 354. Place in class - 6th.

Years total - 1147 Finial placing - Second.

It was unfortunate that Christopher's accident prevented him completing the examinations, for he has worked very steadily this term and shown a good understanding in all subjects. Arithmetic result was most satisfactory. He has become very much more conscientious in all his work and has had excellent results, his one difficulty now seems to be in expressing himself clearly in words, he is inclined to hurry and get confused in a verbal explanation. He is always attentive and helpful in class and interested in all activities.

Drawing. excellent.

RAINEY ENDOWED SCHOOL, MAGHERAFELT.

Pupil's Name Christopher Brennen Form: 2

Pupil's Age, 8 yrs. 3 mths. Average Age of Form: 8 yrs. 8 mths

Report for Term ending Easter 1950

Attendance 61 days out of 62

Examination Results:

Arithmetic:	Reading:	Writing:	Spelling:	Dictation:	Literature.	Poetry.	Drawing
80/100	44/50	45/50	48/50	44/50	38/50	48/50	41/50
3rd.	2nd.	2nd.	2nd.	2nd.	3rd.	1st.	1st. =

Geography. 45/50 1st =

Total: 433/500 Place in Form: Second.

A very good terms work. Christopher continues to be thoroughly interested in everything he comes across, and is becoming quite a reader. The appearance of his work is very neat and his writing is clear and decided, he does good illustrative work and is contented and happy.

Drawing - an excellent terms work.

J.S. Farquhar

S.S. "CLAN SINCLAIR" GLASGOW.....DEC. 1950.

DRY - DOCKED

MUSINGS OF A MAROONED MARINER IN THE "MID-ULSTER".

As I near the end of my stay in hospital it seems fitting that the staff should receive mention - honourable or otherwise:-

To begin with Mr. Brennen: To my mind spring the lines "A man he was to all the country dear". An unusual combination, success and humility. To walk with kings and never lose the common touch". A genious in diplomacy.

Next on my list a charming little lady, Dr. McGowan. Her happy smile a reassurance to the terror stricken sufferer.

Dr. Phillips - I will remember him mostly for his consideration and gentleness of approach, conspiring with his patients to divulge without effort their illnesses.

PLEASE NOTE: IT HAS BEEN RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED THAT THE NOTES CONCERNING THE VISITING HOUSE PHYSICIAN BE WITHDRAWN.

In happier mood we come to Matron. As a Master has command of his ship so it is with Matron, one would be inclined to say of this Hospital Captain - Yet she was kind, and if severe in aught, the love she bore to duty was at fault. The thought softened the dismal tidings when she uncovered the shortcomings we hoped she would not notice.

And now in name and by nature the Sisters. It would be impossible, perhaps invidious, to treat them other than collectively, Sisters Osborne, Ferguson and Campbell, in the profession none better. At the risk of being considered ungallant, an individual character study.

It would be futile on my part to try and thank you in the Mid-Ulster for your innumerable kindnesses, but as I travel on my way I will ever remember my sojourn amongst you.

GOODBYE AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

(Signed) Malachius.

M. CREANE PURSER.

S.S. CLAN SINCLAIR.

TO MY WIFE WITHOUT WHOSE ABSENCE THIS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN.

Regretfully I strike a discordant note, but I must mention, and then erase from my memory a most unpleasant character who stalks occasionally through the wards like a grim hatchet faced humourless Prussian. He is the visiting House Physician. Instead of gaining confidence of the patients he creates unrest and distrust - thus hindering their recovery.