

1952

Jan 31 - Feb 22. Arosa, Switzerland in Pension Walhaus with Dad, Mum, Mike and Colin.

June: at a picnic with the Arnolds on "The Island" at Lough Flea, Colin narrowly escaped drowning.

June 7th: went to see the T.I. at Dundrod - got Mike Hawthorn's autograph.

June (?) Broken Arm

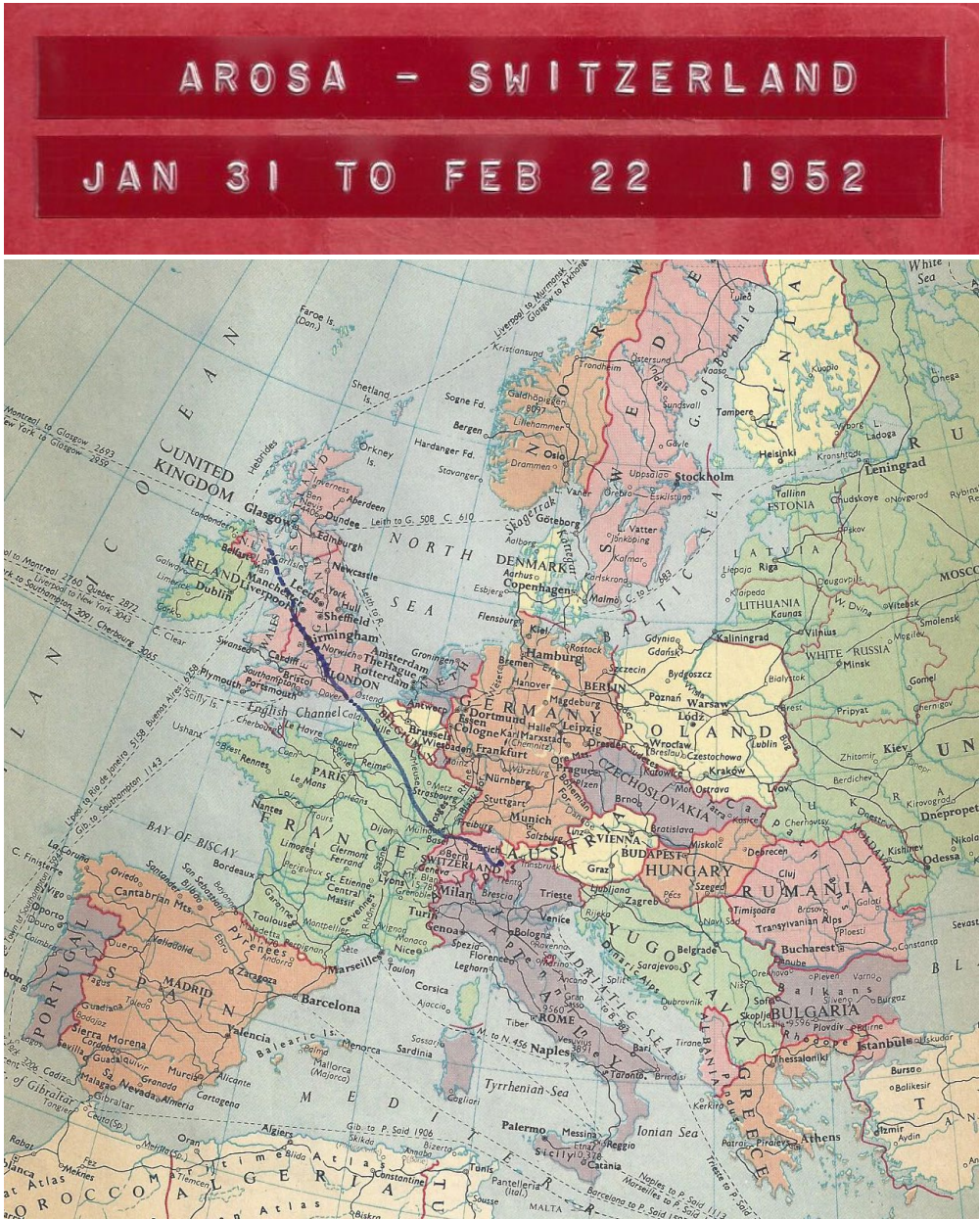
July: Family stayed in Lodge cottage, Fort Royal for the month.

August: Dad took Colin, Mike + I to Dublin for a few days, stayed Balthill. Also went to Bray.

TRAVELS NOW AND THEN

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AROSA 1952



What follows is my transcription of my father's journal for the February 1952 skiing holiday in Arosa, Switzerland, along with the photographs that my father took during that holiday.

Thurs. Jan 31

Hectic morning - snow, ice and slush at home - car driving difficult.

Dep. home at 1.30pm - Belfast - messages - left M. and boys at Ritz - to see "American in Paris" with Irene. Boys rather "strung-up" with excitement.

Called in bookshop - had haircut - went to Red Lodge - cup of coffee - back to Ritz at 7.00pm where everybody miserable and cross. Picture not appreciated by boys, B. tired - had headache - so off by car to Liverpool boat. To cabins - then Michael and I took car back to garage and walked (very slippery and ice) to boat. Settled down - walked decks - Colin a bit frightened on dark upper deck - could not believe boat was moving at first - so little sound at slow speed in river.

Got boys to bed - restless and too warm - gave them ??gr ?? each (already had ?? at 7.00pm). B and self had tea, toast, etc - worst service imaginable at table (boat old and mouldy - "Longford"). B and self to bed by 10pm. Cases: 2 fairsize (self) and medium and small grips and medium ricksack: all easily carried. B and self in ski pants - boys in windbreakers. Note: Best in future to go straight from home to boat.

Fri. Feb 1

Cup of tea at 7.00am. All slept well except B - but she rested.

Boat put into dock (not river) with snow falling - rotten arrangements for transport to station - hauled bags to bus - dashed and caught 5.20am London train by skin of our teeth. Had breakfast (flakes?, rolls, marmalade, tea and coffee 2/6). Later went along for lemonade. C. marked up route on old AA map. Colin and M. very good - snow and fog - but bright and clear near London.

Prof. Rodgers - among others - on train. He helped me with big grip (handle had broken).

Dumped bags at Euston - tube to Picadilly - bumped into John Boyd who is here for interview as head of broadcasting in Ceylon.

Lunch - Lyons - off to Moss Bros. where boys got boots, pants and anoraks - very smart. No boots small enough for Colin (written in boat train) B and I got good Swiss-type boots and bought goggles for children at 13/6? each.

Called Cooks Picadilly for tickets - then into News Theatre - tea -and back to Euston for bags - taxi to Victoria (7/6) - train to Beconsfield? from platform ? (returns 10/- for all).

Heavy going with bags and tired boys to 42 Southend Road (Haddon Hotel?) where ? greeted us.

Old baronial type of house - all in one large room - very comfy. Desmond Little? away at Newcastle. Supper and bed - very tired.

Sat. Feb 2

Slept late - into Harrods - left B and boys - coffee Russell Square - met Brian? Gordon? and got on like a house on fire. Went to little French cafe, gin and French, 1/2 doz. oysters each, jugged hare and red current jelly - carafe of red wine - gorgonzola and a roll - two cups black coffee. Excellent (30 pounds 17 shillings?)

Took couple of wrong turns on tube after this! Met B and boys feeding pigeons in Trafalgar square at 2.30pm.

Bus to Cumberland Hotel and wash up - bought a box for "Humpty Dumpty" at Palladium - Lyons of Piccadilly for feed - to pantomime at 7.00pm.

Long but excellent - home very late and very tired (about 11.30pm).

Sun. Feb 3

Lazy start - took Ian Little? (aged 4) into Victoria - bus ride to Tower Bridge - explored - Picadilly for lunch.

Attracted much attention (even in London) with 4 boys and the ski clothes.

To zoo - rather ??? - only had 1 1/4 hours - dashed around. Tea at Marble Arch - bus home about 6.30pm. Lots of cleaning up and packing. Baths.

Later Larry? Gibson and wife (nee Bodger?) along with Mildred (she was at a course in West End) called for a drink and supper. Most enjoyable - but Mildred had to go early for 11.30pm train to Dumfries?

Mon. Feb 4

Up early - off well - got bags to Victoria and left them. Bus to Trafalgar Square - Horse Guards - just missed changing of the guard - but Colin saw them riding off in their red cloaks.

Bought some "eats?" in Lyons of Strand - lunched there - bus to Victoria - comfortably got the train leaving 1.00pm. Very few travelling - very comfortable. Also very fortunate in weather - distinctly warm - dry and odd blinks of sun.

Reserved seats - lots of others free - everyone settled down quietly (? effect of Avonine? at lunch?)

Through customs with minimum of trouble and left Folkestone 3.15pm. Really beautiful French boat - "Cote d'Azur" - light maple woods - grand seats, etc.

Soon went to Salon de The and had lots of tea, rolls, butter and jam and slices of cake (total 10 shillings). Then necessary passport formalities - explored various decks.

Mid-channel fairly rough and high cold wind blowing. Delightful to hear French again. Few people on board. Last half sea passage very rough. Boys OK but B looks green. Went to bar - ordered a Brandy and French (3 shillings) - but B didnt touch brandy - dashed out but was sick before reaching "Dames".

Folkestone (CB: he must mean Calais or Ostend) at 5.00pm (French 1600 hours) and left 1/2 hour later - easy change in Customs on train.

Compartment all to ourselves: didn't have dinner but picniced on our own stuff- plus a bottle of red wine I got on train (560Fr or 12/6).

Got couchettes made up before 8.00pm - boys into bed - complete and tired.

Tues. Feb 5

Boys (except Colin) awake from about 5.00am (I was awakended for tickets several times during the night). Eager to "see Switzerland" - looking out at snow. etc. Got them to rest a bit - but eventually rose and went of breakfast before 7.00am. Still rather dark. Lovely rools lots of butter and jam, coffee in big cups (boys had mostly warm milk) - for all -10Fr.

Got couchettes up - sat down and looked at snow. Grey sort of weather with snow falling. Brighter when we got to Chur (at 9.00am) - on to local railway. Boys love snow? by the trains - sledges, snowploughs: then superb journey up to Arosa - fantastic route; clearer as we rose. M wants to know why they have "so many Christmas trees".

Left bags to porter at station - strolled through town to Pension Walhaus. First impression - everything broad, open and free from crowds: beautiful ring of high mountains. Pension rather charming - clean, well heated, plenty of towels, comfortable beds with Swiss-style eiderdowns. Plenty of lights in rooms and handy switches. Boys have double room in basement - Colin sleeps in small bed with us. Baggage arrived - got our shoes - off to Sprecher's for skis, boots for Colin and a luge (total 110 Fr. for 2/??); also bought red socks for Colin.

Lunch 12.30 - food Swiss, beautifully served - dining room small - but only about 12-14 dining. Out to try out skis - rather mixed - Colin cold and a bit lost - boys a bit too dashing - but making heroic efforts and very good ones too. Weather snowy and cold by now - so had tea (? name of cafe) after I had got money from bank. Michael feeling sick (altitude), dizzy and was sick on cafe table.

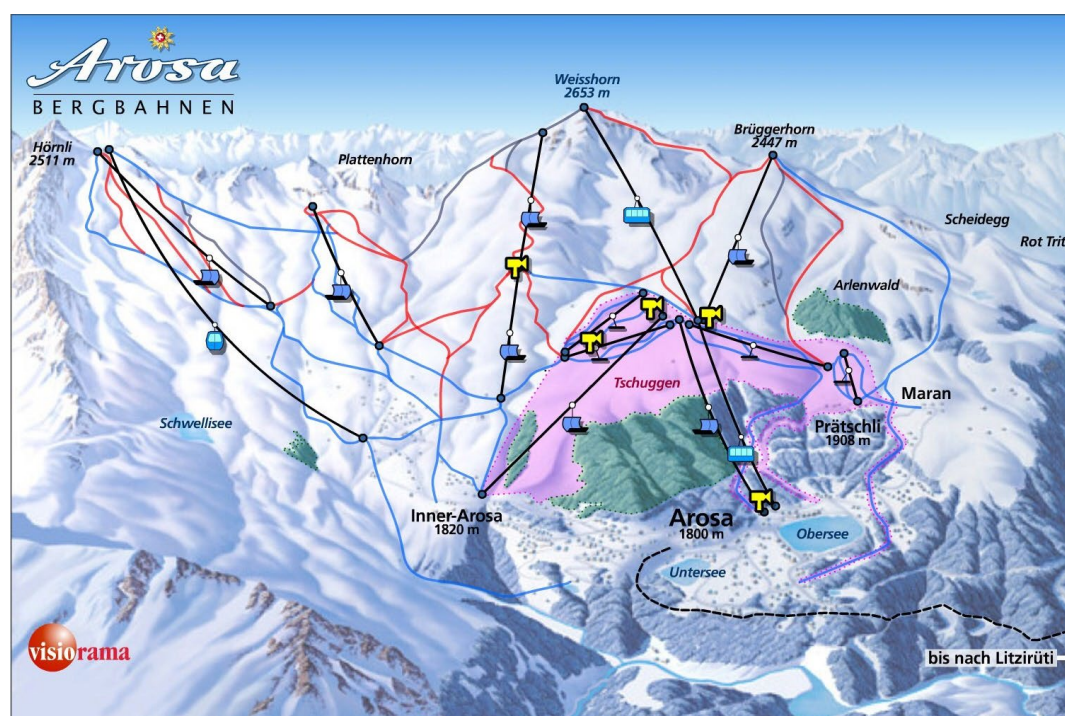
Home - got Michael to bed - went to sleep almost immediately: rest had dinner at 7.00 and off to bed. Colin coughing indoors (only) and kept us awake half the night - finally vomited. B. and I very sleepy.

Wed. Feb 6

Colin and B. stayed in bed - so sent up a light breakfast. Boys and I in good form - out on skis to practice slopes - doing very well; joined late by B. and Colin and luge.

Lunch - then boys and I (with skis) and B. and Colin (with luge) got bus up to Pratschi? (3 Fr. and no charge for children) ; wonderful sun - glorious views - beautiful powder snow and pistes not difficult. Easy walking paths. B. and Colin came down with luge and boys and I "sprawghled" down on skis - they did amazingly well - considering they don't yet know how to turn - having only vague notion of stemming.

Met B. and Colin at rendezvous - so had hot chocolate (pot) for 2.40 Fr. and lots of tea for 1.25 Fr. in Carmena. Home - wash-up and read a bit - had fine dinner - boys in bed by 9.00.



2016 Map of Arosa ski lifts and runs



A walk around the town of Arosa Switzerland



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At the practice slopes in Arosa Switzerland



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Up on the mountain in Arosa, Switzerland

Thurs. Feb 7

Finding bedroom much too hot for me at night - snoring - eyes puffy in morning, etc. All slept well.

Dullish day: yesterday someone took our luge from back of Pratschli bus, so we took theirs; in evening lady phoned me about "swap" so first thing to Spechers and made the exchange.

Got three boys started at ski school - though how the lady instructor managed Colin passes understanding. He makes little effort - is inclined to lie down in snow and look pathetically about for someone to pick him up after making the slightest of efforts - for form's sake - to help himself. His dark eyes and chubby cheeks - the rest of him swathed in ski togs makes most people think of him as a little girl. However he can amuse himself for a very long time going down hills with the luge.

C. and M. were too good for class I - so were quickly elevated and did really well. Both a bit "browned off" at being better than the others and at most of the

instruction being in German. B. started practicing on skis. So with all settled I went off and tried the Tschuggen? lift - quite easy - and had good run down - only one fall when I once got "wind-up" - and a slight toss at that. Otherwise did some good fast cornering and enjoyed it. Picked the others up - lunch.

Arosa people sent rather nice notice of sympathy to all British guests on death of King. Service to be held in English church.

C. and M. set off in afternoon with class - but to Pratschli - to come down. Both quite thrilled - C. was congratulated on how he did and both seem to have got on very well. C. no falls. M. bit excited about it all. Meantime B. and I worked on practice slopes - B. trying stem turns and I succeeding fairly well with Christies. Colin watched skating and played with luge.

All to Carmena for tea and then home. Wandered out for razor blades. Called on way home to look at Brit. Ski Club cocktail party in Alaska bar. The bar is quite amusing but I didn't like the look of the 20-odd English people. So didn't drink - came home for dinner. Memo: ceiling in Carmena bar is made of rucked? plastic material (like curtain stuff) - effective.

Good dinner - read - saw boys to bed - then B. and I strolled out. Dazzling moonlight - in lovely remote mountains - lights on hillside - like Christmas scene. Really idyllic.

Have cut down heat on radiator in room tonight and filled bath with water to moisten air.

Note: General standard of skiing not high - and instruction seems fairly good. What one wears doesn't seem to matter much. Fair number of small children's classes. No sign of snobbery - though plenty of signs of wealth. Prices in shops fairly favorable.

Memo: Horse taxis - gaily painted - big rugs. Snow plows for roads. "Train" of bogies, pulled by jeep?, full of snow. Plenty of paths - quite miles of them - kept for walkers. Man who goes around roads with shovel lifting snow soiled by horses!

Frid. Feb 8

First snow falling - later getting more dense; out in good time - all with skis except Colin who had luge. Boys to Class III. B on her own and I went up Tshuggen lift again. Shared a seat with French boy who spoke no English - says French resorts much dearer than here for him. Also told me that juging in evening very popular here - not sure what route but "gets train back at 11.00pm" - so I suppose it is down this road to station down line.

Very difficult to see on top - but came down with fair confidence - took the harder (red) route and got on quite well. Back to school - boys seem to have got on well ; instructress came over to say that she couldn't believe C. had not skied before - he came down so well from Pratschli yesterday. Snowing hard by lunch time - so decided not to let boys go up on top.

?? interested in fellow guest, M.Beck(?), a Pole (now British) who passed(?) through France, interred in (?) - got to England - later twice in concentration camps (joined R.A.F.?).

B. wrote letters + ?? - out after lunch in fairly thick snow - but reasonably warm. C., M. and I practised on slopes - M. got real whopper of a toss on striking a hole after coming straight down the very steep "Christie" slopes; hurt his ear (of all things!) - even the inside of his glasses were stuffed with snow.

Boys doing amazingly well : traversing, making fair attempt at "Christies", herring-boning with ease up steepest slopes and seem indefatigable. Put on skis at door of pension even though they have to walk up a steep bit of road at start.

B. and Colin came along with luge - still snowing and getting a bit colder; went for walk to Strandbad? and through tiny paths, deep in snow, up across railway and up to Kursaal where we had the usual tea and chocolate (6.30 Fr); rather a nice building inside - fair sized dance-floor, raw wooden balcony, small stage (where we sat) and tables divided from floor by wooden partition; good 5-piece band, gaming room, etc. They show flicks there every Tues. and Fri. evening - no proper cinema. B. and I danced. Home in rather bitter, fine cloudy snow - all had good hot bath and nice dinner (soup, salad of leeks and celery, meat in small pieces (beef macaroni and cheese (fine), and beautifully baked apples with custard.; finished off Johannisberger white wine - very good. After dinner C. and M. came with me for walk - still snowing finely - but didn't feel cold - even though 10 degrees below zero. Boys thrilled with lights on hills, shop windows and inside of Post Office - which really is very fine. Men working hard to keep ice-hockey rink free for Olympic team which arrives to train here tomorrow.

[Struck at ugliness of German as a spoken language - harsh and unpleasant.]

Proprietor proving very kind - boys thrilled by offer of chocolate for breakfast (we had asked for cold milk instead of coffee for Michael but he would not let us drink raw milk (no T.T. test here - but would give cold boiled milk). Breakfast, incidentally is a great success - rolls and butter greatly loved by boys - don't even bother much about jam or marmalade with them. They eat much less of other meals than I had expected.

Sat. Feb 9

A splendid day in spite of almost continuous fine snow falling. (Snowploughs working constantly on roads, ice-rinks, etc.) Got B. to go to ski school - C. and M. also. Colin and I set off with luge - got bus to Pratschli - saw handsome snow plough working and odd glimpse of what might be sun higher up mountain. Bob-run too soft with recent snow - so set off with luge down bus-route; not fast - but Colin enjoyed himself and behaved very well. Called at Bahnhof to see if O.K. about couchettes if we leave early and visit Zurich en route for home. Also found out train connections and discovered local train times back from Litzruti if we want to luge down to it.

Colin and B. saw a squirrel in the snow as we set out this am.

Found the others had very much enjoyed Skischule - B. found herself rather better than the others; C. still thinks it is too easy! Home together for lunch.

Still snowing so B. decided not to go up with afternoon class - so left B., M. and Colin to potter about - Colin and M. with luge - while C. and I went up Tshuggen ski lift; in spite of different heights we got up without falling off! Fairly cold on top and snowing moderately. Descent excellent - C. had one fall - father three!!! C. came at amazing speed - doing natural "Christies" on lower fast pistes and ended by insisting on coming straight down very steep (red route) last piece which I certainly wouldn't. Whole trip took less than an hour - I had expected two - so joined the others rather early at practice slopes. B. tried some traversing - C. showed off his Christies. Then B. decided in spite of warning to go "slap-down" the main slope - and "bit the dust" in soft snow at the bottom - but wasn't hurt.

Off to Carmenna for tea; asked once more for a pot of chocolate ("portion" in name) and got chocolate with cream! (3 different versions for same request so

far!)] [Forgot to say that this morning C. and M. had hot chocolate for breakfast - great success!] Danced with B. - and took her into the almost communal "toilette" (Swiss type). M. upset Choc. and mopped it up from plate with his hankerchief. B. points out how good looking the waitresses are. Then went up to station to bookstall - bought magazines - children discovered and used slot machines (had forgotten that these must be new to them). Charming lady in bookstall - we said "Thank you" - she said "the thanks are mine!". [Street salutation here is "Fruatze"?? - reply often "fruss fot"?? and people pleased at such greetin.]

Good dinner - vermicelli soup, liver and bacon with saute potatoes. Pudding Victoria with jam sauce - wine. Had intended lugging after dinner - but too full. C. and M. carried on with kitchen staff till window got broken!! Long chat with man from Torquay and fellows from Luxembourg. Bed.

Sun. Feb 10

Still more snow!!! Quite unusual weather - bad luck. However, off to skischule (B., C. and M.) and I took Colin's skis and mine and got him to have patience enough to give them a fair trial; actually he stayed on them quite happily till 11.00am when his old theme song began i.e. I want an icicle" (this has several variations - "I want another icicle" - "I broke my icicle" - or - "I have twelve icicles"!!). So I broke a few off the edge of the Skischule hut roof for him and he played happily for 1/2 hour - but his hands got very cold - and so did the weather - so induced him to don skis again. Saw B. in the distance making slightly heavy weather at side slipping. Everybody a bit cold after class so off for lunch - still snowing.

During morning Swiss Olympic team played Swiss Canadians on nearby rink (ice hockey) but weather too uninviting to think of watching. Everything going on as usual - even though Sunday. After lunch B. and Colin left behind - took boys - thought of skiing from Pratschli down to Litziruti (return by ?? railway) but soft snow made this not advisable. So bus to Pratschli - skied down: difficult soft snow so tosses more than usual: but not many and all excusable. I had one spanking fast run at end - just to surprise C. into what I really could do!! But C. continues to amaze me; he really does have a beautiful natural style of ski running and his turns are excellent. M. is still inclined to straighten his knees and stick out his bottom - so comes to grief more often. Down surprisingly quickly (3.10pm) - boys begged to go up again - but went to steep slope of practice fields and did a bit of work; about 3.45pm discovered B. practicing traverses and side slips (Colin playing quietly with luge) - so all joined in and we had quite a party on a steep little slope. Onlookers shocked at ease with which boys more or less run up hill with "herring-bone". and without sticks!

Still snowing - off to Carmenna for tea and boys had bottles each of Orangina (1Fr) and some small cakes. B. and I danced. Sitting in a little bar in the cafe - beautiful smooth wooden table. M. says "girl who serves us has had a different frock every day we have been in." Colin knocked over his glass - no damage done. Colin and B. off home - I took boys up to station for English papers; charming lady at bookstall promises to keep empty cigarette packets for C. Called in nice bookshop on way home and bought really charming children's calendar in German (3.60Fr) and also good touring map of Switzerland (2.30Fr).

Home - dressed decently for first time - excellent dinner - Russian ?? to start with (firmly boiled egg in middle covered in Mayonaise - peas, raisins and odds and ends round its base - circumference strips of lettuce. Then chicken and beautiful chips; coffee ice cream: all very filling. Still snowing and forecast on radio of more!!!

Mon. Feb 11

Wonderful day - morning grey but after breakfast sun came rather hesitantly. B. to Skischule. C. and Colin to play with luge (C. not keen on Skischule - too slow and "boys push in front of you".) and I took M. off to Tshuggen ski lift. By the time we got up, sun shining gloriously - mts. beautiful - snow dazzling - M. thrilled. He came up lift very well (beside me) though it is awkward to have to put the "arm" almost down to my knees to accommodate them and carry their sticks also.

[Note: Sound of bells on ?? horses - and of church clock chiming the quarters?].

Easy going down - easy snow - M. very good - improving his running position - but when he gets afraid up straighten the knees and out goes the bottom behind and soon he sits down! He did some good turns on the final difficult piste - they are both better and safer on piste than on soft snow. Down fairly early and over to B. who was thrilled at how she did in class and keen to go up in afternoon with them also very keen on present instructor.

So after lunch gave M. 50c for chewing gum, etc. and left him and Colin to dress themselves (after sitting in sun on balcony) and play with luge till we came down. B. off to class - C. and I walked to Carmenna lift - long slow walk - far better to take bus. Reached there at 2.30 - terrific queue for lift - upper part of town very open - but hotels (Bellevue? etc.) awkward to get to and from. Up to top without mishap - beautiful open valley- long snowy slopes. Hornli life away up to left - Weisshorn to right. Came down via Carmenna hut; called in "Igloo Nestle" - entrance through 10 foot snow tunnel - signed visitors book and had Nescafe ; inside dark - wooden bar seats - cowbells - birdcage- skeleton of fish. C. got Nestles eyeshade and a few cigarette packets. (He asks me to pick up snow covered empty packets at most awkward moments - hands full of skis etc.). Run down fairly fast - nice place for Christies - one or two rabbit classes spoiled parts of our runs - but C. had no real falls. He did panic rather pathetically on last steep slopes for a moment - possibly the effect of good skiers crashing through - or of light which made contours difficult to distinguish - but he got over this and did alternate Christies admirably to bottom.

Run down to road to Kursaal where B. already was. I went on and found M. and Colin playing very happily at curling rink - Colin's pockets stuffed with cones. M. delighted because he had found another 50c so not only bought chewing gum but Colin and he had 10c each to put in the station slot machine. Pulled Colin up to Kursaal on luge - tea with B. - boys had Orangina and cakes. B. thrilled to have gone up Tshuggen lift but sorry to have done run down to Carmenna from top which seems harder and not so interesting as run to ? into Arosa. But glad to have accomplished it nevertheless. Left rest of class to go up Carmenna - wisely I think.

Dawdled - watched the gaming - astonishing versatility of croupier with stick - and tossing winnings out with terrific flourish. Later rather nice dancer did a small "floor show". Then home - B. and C. on skis - Colin, M. and I on luge. Nice how many people will turn to give you a push if you are going slow - very friendly and helpful.

Sewed new elastic on bottom of Colin's trouser legs - then fine dinner - soup - omelette with small peas inside, chips, salad with beautiful beetroot - ripe pineapple prepared with Kirsch - and wine.

Left boys again to look after themselves (after we saw Colin to bed) - and off to ice rink to see an Ice Show. Payed 3Fr each for "Stelplatz" - but got up a ladder and had splendid seat on top of wooden barrier; fine show of really good skating. Best - a clown who was superb - and a good girl who was European Champion. Got cold - fine snow falling again - home and found boys asleep quietly and all well. Excellent day - though B. and I both feeling legs a bit stiff.

[Note: B. very amused at C.'s consternation that a man danced with her 4 times whilst they waited for me in Kursaal!!!]

(Find it refreshing to open window of bedroom a "chink" and turn down the radiator at night).

Tues. Feb 12

Snow early morning but odd blinks of sun later - but whole afternoon a "drizzle" of rather wet warm snow - nasty. B. went to class - I took C. and M. and Colin (C., M. and self with skis and Colin with luge) on bus to Kulm; walked up hill and taught Colin how to steer himself on luge. Then put on skis and came down slope with C. and M. ; repeated this - then C. and M. off on own to ski down the middle of Arosa. Put my skis on luge and Colin and I rode down to join Ma on practice slopes. Practiced a little and then home for lunch.

Snowing again but persuaded B. to join me on trip up Tshuggen - very misty and snowy at top. Managed run to Hof Moran? quite well - though B. had a couple of fair falls; after that she lost confidence - so didn't do the last part too well.

Bought papers at station and arranged about keeping couchettes if we join train at Zurich. Found boys digging happily in snow - all to Carmenna for tea chocolate and dancing.

B., C. and Colin home - Michael and I wandered up town looking at shops and eventually found bloc? where our photos were (taken at Ice ??) ordered P.C.size (2Fr !!) and bought little stockmagel? for 60c in wood shop.

Home - all had bath and good dinner. Got bill for extras for week - surprised it is so little (26Fr). C. by now seems to have dozens of cigarette packets.

Notes: Double panes in windows - sides of windows lock into each other (diagram) Doors also all shut by same principle.

Got boys to bed. B. and I went for stroll about 10pm - lights beautiful - but fine snow still falling.

Wed. Feb 13

More snow!!! Decided to go for long walk - so set out at 10.00am - went down through trees toward Strandbad?; beautiful high banks of soft downy snow. Squirrels almost tame will come down for nuts from your hand. Birds singing - some lovely little ones like finches. Struck a good footpath round lake and up to upper part of town over railway. The (after a call in photo-express) across main road and on up through more woods - to path of Tshuggen Ski lift where Colin saw it working for first time. Some good skiers passed through woods : on across mountainside and down to Oversee? beyond railway. Home by 12.15pm - long, tiring but enjoyable walk. Good lunch - C. let fiz out of "Papaita Bottle" all over his trousers - Colin upset his glass.

Walking paths are most numerous and lovely - lots of people - mostly elderly - using them. Lunch. More snow. A kind of fog over top of Tshuggen and low down in valley - no sign of sun.

Colin with luge - rest with skis to practice slopes. Snow difficult - wet and sticky so slipping difficult. Saw and chatted to French chap who was doing Telemarks thro soft snow - so tried a few (my first) - think that with practice I could manage reasonably well. Did one or two properly - but most ended in collapse in soft snow.

Collected family and off to Post Hotel for tea and dancing . Near railway - big, cosmopolitan, not particularly smart - but has virtue of being central and near ski lift. Lost Colin on the way home but found he had gone on so was able to do a bit of shopping as intended. Still snow - and cold foggy atmosphere; rather browned off. B. spotted girl in Post Hotel who, on her way to Leck? last year shared our compartment in train. Spoke to her. Slightly "browned off".

[Note: Struck again by gay and sharply contrasting colours of house walls, shutters, etc.; also by drawings, designs and Gothic lettering on houses: don't know what the mottoes mean. Architecture in general modern and quite striking: buildings often 6-8 storeys with balconies whole way up; saw one "bay" room this am built out from house on kind of central stilt - thus (diagram).

[Two pages with detailed drawings of the construction of luge or sleigh.]

[Note: bed clothes more than sufficiently warm - ? top sheet, thin blanket, then coverlet, then a big "Swiss" eiderdown and this latter big and loose - has nice coloured cover and outer sheet-like, buttoned on slip: hard to make at home ?]

[Note: electric switches of "turn-round" type; house hold power plugs are 500 volts.]

Before dinner, made plan of luge we have - though both smaller and larger editions exist.

Good dinner - soup, roast beef and balls of roasted potatoes, salad and cherry tart - finished off the wine and the beer; rather anxious to go for walk but B. not anxious - so chatted to Torquay man and Dutch lady - and to bed at 10.00pm.

Torquay fellow strongly recommends Switzerland about last week in May or beginning of June: some points he made: (1) see Blausee? (near Kunsteig?) (2) Geneva beautiful - but too expensive to ?? (3) Don't stay in Interlaken but go just beyond - say - Hotel du Lac at Goldswil? Cheaper - beautiful though outside not striking (4) liked Fleur-de-Lys hotel at Neuchatel (5) Got packed lunches at hotels where he stayed the night. [Note: no need for packed lunches at Arosa as all runs possible and back to hotel for meals].

Dutch lady talked of riding weekends in Holland - also mentioned holidays on lakes - boating - in Holland; one can hire boats there.

Mr. Basch, the Pole, has "taken up" with the new arrival, a Swedish girl and everyone is pulling his leg.

Thurs. Feb 14

Even more snow!! We are having the most appalling bad luck - but have the consolation that had we gone elsewhere we would have thought we erred in not going to Arosa!

Out on foot - posted cards in Post Office - lovely building - vine growing in main office (as well as in porch) - lovely clock built in to the wall. As usual girl assistant speaks excellent English. On up street into little shop - and all chose different Arosa badges for our jerseys. Bought little skirt for Paula.

B., M. and Colin went on up to collect photo etc. C. and I back for skis and up through snow on Tshuggen lift- took to left and found going fairly good but snow still "sticky". Sun fairly good but foggy mist below us in Arosa. Got to bottom of Carmenna lift at 11.30am and decided we just had time to go up and down before lunch. On the way up saw unusual sight of wooden lift seat parting from its attachment.

Still fine weather - had exhilarating run down though Christies sticky in snow. Skied down street and home just five minutes late for lunch. B. seems quite

happy with her morning. Got letter from Sally - mainly about Paula - delighted to hear she seems wonderfully well. Poor Sally didn't know to put more than 2 1/2 penny stamp on letter (so 15c postage due).

Good lunch - B. taken a liking to light Swiss beer.

Boys out with luge - persuaded B. to come up lift and maybe also up Carmenna. A long queue at Tshuggen lift (2.30pm). Attendant gave me a shove in the back at the start so that I almost fell off - or rather almost never got started. Up safely - no sun - snow - but some sun on higher peaks - so went to left (Carmenna direction) and had quite a nice and very enjoyable run using deep snow where piste seemed difficult. B. enjoyed last long run on piste - some sun at times - country beautiful. 4.00pm when we got down and decided to come on down road. Found C. at P. Office - very sorry for himself - very cold (? what had he been doing?) but M. and Colin rosy, happy - seemed to have had great fun together with luge. Carmenna for choc. and tea and cakes (7Fr - 1.70Fr); got a couple of new cig. packets for C's collection; during tea, evening sun on tops of mountains - golden and lovely.

C. and I up town (others to home) and left skis in to be waxed - bought ??? and a few more photo views; tried to find Swiss greeting cards but didn't see exactly what I wanted. Home by 6.00pm - got exceptionally cold (good sign - absence of ??) - snow glittering like diamonds in light of street lamps.

Excellent dinner - ? vingrette (fish), meat and rice, meringue, wine. Dutch lady (who went home today) left choc. and cigs. for us. Looked outside - striking stars, intense cold; thought of taking Michael on luge run to Litzriti - but he seemed to be too sleepy - so said nothing. After settling Colin down in bed, found B. had taught boys to play whist. Showed them 3-card trick- to their amazement. And so to be about 9.30pm.

Fri. Feb 15

No snow falling!! Sun rather hazy but definitely shining at last! Out fairly early - collected skis from Sprechers - nicely waxed and running much better (2 pairs 1Fr) Took C. and M. up Tshuggen lift complete with cine camera. C. to travel alone - but missed the "stick" at the start - fell off - but picked himself up and got the chair after M. and me. At the top paused to take shot or two and then off down run to Carmenna lift. An odd stop for "shots": sun not bright but pleasant. M. did very well indeed. Safely down - no queue at Carmenna lift - up on it. Cost for boys = 2 holes in abonnement (self=3). Further shots at top - but sun wrong for taking the broad expanse of valley. Over to Carmenna Hut: on the way asked girl the make of her anorak (kind I admire - dull yellow - loose attached hood - no waist or tie-in - just a little bit at each side over hips). She said she bought it in Germany - trade name "Minoflex".

M. thrilled with igloo - signed his name in visitors book; boys had Nescao (1Fr each) - I had Nescafe (80c); found that girl attendant had been in Belfast and Dublin! This same Igloo had been at Davos (on the Weissfluchisch?) last year. Talked to two men and girl in Igloo - said Davos poor compared with Arosa - skiing marvellous (but no better really than here) - but town itself quite disappointing. Not so free and easy - or as pleasant as here. Klosters etc. are in shade - so avoid. They also told me that apartments above Carmenna cost 1000Fr per month - sleep 8 people - small kitchen, etc. Idea is to have rolls and coffee for breakfast, rolls, coffee and some meat for lunch and have main hot meal in evening in restaurant below for 5 or 6Fr. (Must compare with prices here - later). Run down to Carmenna from Hornli does not look too difficult.

Run down from hut good - after shots of Igloo: M. did surprisingly well - got one bad toss at foot of bumpy straight run - but apart from this stemmed from side to side of big slopes beautifully; near bottom C. had gone on - I was leading M. but got into a straight fast downhill position - didn't want to do a hard Christie and I knew M. couldn't manage it at that speed - so went on straight to hut on left after you cross the road where people watch: did hard Christie to stop - turned round and to my delight there was M. (rosy and delighted with himself): straight down thereafter in town and home by lunch (12.40pm).

Took one or two shots on balcony after lunch (where this is written) - sun still a bit clouded over - but still very nice. B. writing a note to Sally.

Since sun not too bright decided against spending afternoon in town. B. and boys went to practice slopes _ I off to try Weisshorn run with cameras round me like a Christmas tree. Note: Found out that if you announce your double run (to Weisshorn etc.) at first lift point it costs you one hole less in your abonnement.

Up Tshuggen lift with Dutch man who recommended chairlift to Hornli for children but suggested spending only a morning or afternoon on it - not a day. Says run down not difficult but be careful. Got shot or two before getting to Weisshorn lift (and one at top) - but light too indistinct for good colour - probably better in morning. Fell on way over to Weisshorn lift - usual way - by hitting soft snow when travelling fast: find that with Kandahar? binding on one notch only , a great help in avoiding injury on falling.

Weisshorn lift odd - strap around bottom - patent clip you catch on to ring at end of rope - rope then attached to travelling cable. Long way up (about 15-20 min.) and goes well round to back of mountain. View at top into next valley and over neighbouring peaks really grand. Didn't go into hut at top but made off on Maran - Litziruti route; other routes - (1) fairly easy across mountain to top of Carmenna lift (2) more or less straight down winding through soft snow - steep and difficult.

Maran route log (3.5 miles) and not too difficult and very interest. It goes around back of mountain and scenery changing and delightful. Wide vistas of virgin snow. Drops into tree-tops in valleys; some lovely light violet tints on distant peaks. Found cameras a nuisance at speed - in future must put them in rucksac; even a small camera swinging round unbalances one at real speed: however, no falls and fine run down to join B. and boys in Zimmer? tea room (beside Post Office). Nice but no music or dancing; value good: we sat on the right side which was no smoking unfortunately. Everyone seems to have had a good time: B. getting some slide on the traverses: Colin and M. happy with luge. C. found 1/2Fr and asked to go up the Tshuggen lift alone. B. so impressed with courage and initiative that didn't care to say no - so C. came down through Maran alone - and without a fall!! A considerable achievement for a 10-year-old - and first 2 weeks skiing in life.

Noticed tea (which tastes well - always served with rich cream and lots of sugar which the boys eat) inside pot is very big-leafed and coarse and ? Good jug of hot water always and tea strainer.

B. forgot and left ?? outside ski-hut; went for it and when she came back pointed out the high level of common honesty here. One often sees glasses, gloves, etc. stuck up on prominent point - for owner to take. Also I leave my skis anywhere that is convenient - outside hotels, shops, in ski-hut etc. After tea wandered up town to look at a few shop windows. B. had already bought cake of toilet soap (2Fr). Note for future - always bring soap - never supplied on continent though we get lots of clean towels.

Home for wash and dinner. B. not feeling well - thinks she has a tummy upset - ? rich food? Soup, dish of all kinds of cold meat cut very thinly, large dish of spaghetti (very good), grated cheese for dressing, salad: caramel custard and usual wine.

Decided to take M. on luge run down to Litziruti - C. had been up top more often than he. So muffled up and set out - but snow on road rather rough and not icy enough and pitch dark in forest. Bright stars but no moon; so strolled with him up town instead. Bright sparkling lights - intense cold - 12 degrees below zero - shop lights delightful (window displays must be heated or glass would not remain clear). Home 9.30pm and to bed; turned down radiator and opened

window a chink.

Note: radiator a god-send for drying out wet gloves and odd bit of washing.

Note: can we get pattern for making our own ski pants (in Zurich?).

Memo: "Dry" lavatory at Carmenna Hut (which is almost completely below snow) - leading down into fast stream so deep down you can hear it but not see it: so complete absence of smell etc.

Sat. Feb 16

Sun actually shining into bedroom before we went down to breakfast! All out with skis and luge to practice slopes- took cine and still kodachrome : sun really lovely and mountains delectable. Then up main street taking odd shots. Found rucsac most comfortable for holding cameras etc. Called in Credit Suisse Bank - drew 20 pounds and banked 50 pounds for future reference: no pass books, etc. - one just calls in any such bank anywhere in Switzerland - show passport and draw cash. Down again - some shots at station - home for lunch.

Sun a bit more cloudy (about 14 degrees below) and very fine snow falling (almost like fine ice powder). Set off by bus for Kulm (C. and I with skis) to Hornli ski and chair lift: saw B. set off in chair and Colin beside her : then M. (very brave) alone in another chair. The I went off in ski lift (similar to Weisshorn) towing C. behind me. (Fare 6 holes each for C. and I - total of 15 holes for B., M. and Colin = roughly 9Fr. [B., M. and Colin for return of course.] ; long run - chilly - glorious wide sweeping snow slopes with only occasional ski marks - unbelievable loveliness.

Up top at Hornli - climbed up to hut; misty and cold - so view poor - but found others thrilled with journey up - entranced with whole affair. Into hut which is beautifully heated - full of people having all sorts of drinks ; built-in ??? -at-the wall clock - fine modern flush lavatories - extraordinary in this spot perched up on a pinnacle about 8300ft up. Noticed many people having tots of brandy with tea and on menu saw "Tasse withy rum ?? 1.30Fr".

All had cups of Ovaltine - hot milk served separately from sugar and little packets of Ovaltine (each 1Fr). I felt distinctly "height-conscious" - dizzy and a bit deaf - and should have waited 1/2 hour but was anxious about light as it seemed to be acquiring that luminous mistiness which obscures all contours - when I can see no sign whatever of even the most acute drops into space. So set off rather early with C. - first across a slightly frighteningly steep traverse with big lumps of frozen snow - where I took a couple of tosses. B. and others waved goodbye - then on across a really long traverse - C. skiing wonderfully well - much better than I - till we found ourselves above Carmenna Hut; light now better - but ears still singing and knees distinctly wobbly - so didn't ski well- though we came down really fast (no-one passed us - we did the passing!). Passed Mr. Byne? and Batch - C. took the last big drop without a pause or a fall - and by this time I was OK - so really Christied down from there witha ssurance and enjoyment - and no mistakes.

Light poor on top - so M. took the rucsac: waited a few moments at Kulm - and there was B. and the boys just walking up from the chairlift!! - frozen but very happy. The downward journey was more frightening apparently than the upward - Colin says " just like an airplane". Awkward time for bus - so walked down to Karsaal? - hot choc., tea and cakes and saw wonderful floor-show - man and girl amazing. B. almost lost her dark specs. (had left them in "Damen") - but got them. Straight home for good dinner - soup, liver and bacon, mashed potatoes, salad - in sort of gravy ring with ?? (boys had two) - wine. Weather in later part of afternoon poor (Home 6.30pm). Altogether a wonderful day.

Note: B. finds one more shirt for boys would have been a good idea (ie 4 instead of 3 each): also some scribbling paper.

Everybody getting really bronzed.

After settling Colin at 8.15pm went down to find B. and boys playing whist; had a few rounds - then taught them rummy? which they enjoyed greatly; also a couple of simple card tricks which dazzled them!! They off to bed at 10.00pm (late) - and B. and I at 10.30pm after finishing the beer left over from lunch.

Note: Horse eating snow - probably for a drink. Also big St. Bernard dog harnessed and pulling two luges.

Sun. Feb 17

Hazy morning - but later bright strong sun - though still surprisingly cold at times (14 degrees below). Sent C. off to finish last class ticket - B. to practise on slopes. M., Colin and I walked with luge to take a lot of black and white snaps - and an odd bit of cine. Mountains and colours glorious. Later joined B. and C. at ski hut at 11.30am - found C. had gone up to Kulm to class and left at half time (? what did he really do? - he went to class with bad grace!) Got some action shots of family - then C. lay down in snow saying he had a pain in his tummy.

Lunch - left B. and Colin in sun on bedroom balcony - C. and M. watched Arosa play Riesbach? at ice hockey for a time - boys thought it was terrific - then to Tshuggen lift where there was a terrific queue - special day train in from Zurich. Chatted to English girl who knew N.I. well - was at Leck? last year - small - but harder skiing than here: says Merkur? good here - also Bellevue (though a glorified pub) - Weitzerhof? not bad.

Sun on top but peculiar deep violet mist below in valley ; icicles falling. Climbed to see building at Tshuggen top - big - seems some sort of observatory. Then climbed up to look down on Weisshorn lift - then down Carmenna run - well - but my right ski had to be taken off to scrape off ice collected in icy powder snow. Got some shots of speed skiing on Carmenna slopes - and took C. and M. over small jump. Home to pick up B. and Colin at Carmenna (choc. and tea and cakes) - danced - out early to see Tshuggen lift going - B. and I walked up - but it had stopped. Strolled through homegoing crowds at station - then home - B. pulling Colin on luge and M. getting a tow on skis behind. C. had gone on with my rucsac.

B. ear-lobes badly scorched by sun - and found she had taken out too little clothing.

Dressed in skirt, trousers, etc. for dinner (mushroom pate, salad, chicken and chips, peach pie, wine). Boys ate well. It has been surprising how small their appetities have been since we came. Saw boys to bed - then out to Hotel Post for evening. Pleasant - slightly ??? (afterwards we discovered that the bar downstairs has more character and attraction for dining): drank half a litre white wine and enjoyed a mild quiet evening. Ver amused at five English chaps - all sitting together - ?? worried if they would really get their ham and eggs in the morning - 4 drank beer and 1 tea! Hilarious!

Beautiful evening on the way home - Herr Hendelsohn waiting up for two English guests.

Mon. Feb 18

Really glorious day: sun dazzling the tops of the mountains at breakfast: after planning what best use we could make of abonnements, etc., we set out early leaving Colin to play with the maid, Irene. All four of us went up Tshuggen lift - two boys in front, B. and I together: glorious sun-swept dazzling snow on

top and all the world down below looking heavenly. Down toward the Carmenna lift - we all had an excellent run - B. doing her best descent yet. I think she was really surprised at how well C. and M. skied.

Came on down main road with B.: stopped to watch some squirrels feeding from a child's hand - beautiful creatures - seem fond of monkey nuts.

Left B. to go home - and up Tshuggen again with boys to do the run again: this time we took it fast - then up Carmenna lift - still sun pouring down the valley. A really fast run down from Carmenna - only a couple of tosses amongst us - poor M. still will not bend his knees when he gets nervous. (Lovely serious soft snow trails coming down from Hornli).

Down from Arosa ? again for lunch - both boys seem quite weary. Found B. and Colin very happy - they had sat outside Carmenna drinking Orangina, etc. B. still feels a bit wobbly - so wants no more skiing. Sun on balcony after lunch but a few wisps of cloud make a great chill suddenly. B. and Colin using an abonnement to take bus to Kulm and walk down - having first deposited their skis, luge, and Colin's boots in Sprechers.

Boys and I up Tshuggen again - skied to Weisshorn lift - and all went up it separately - particularly creditable for M. Slight snow - but still brilliant enough on top for boys to see wonderful views. Came down Maran run: C. fell only once, I got a couple to real tosses and M. fell a few (4) times - one particularly nasty toss which hurt his right leg. He was very good about it - skied on - and all took the last difficult piece below Maran without a fault - the boys coming down the last fast piece!! Station at 3.55pm so rushed to ski-lift myself (I still had 2 holes left in abonnement) - boys to walk up to Kursaal?.

Now getting very cold and grey - so much so that I could not see contours on top - so skied down in "darkness" - and did all the better for it - a no-fall descent - a no-stop: splendid run and arrived at Kursaal barely 10 minutes after boys - B. and Colin already there since 3.45pm - I arrive at 4.30pm.

During day met man who thinks Engelberg much more difficult than here. Also man from Zurich who stays in apartment above nearby garage - 5 adults and 2 children - 750Fr. per month. However he doubts if one can get apartment for less than 4 to 6 weeks.

Face and body singing from so much ski-running - roughly 10 miles of skiing with a days drop of close to 10,000ft!! Never dreamt it would be possible this holiday. Must give C. top marks for really good ski-running - very sure, full of courage and ability. M. also - but more childish and wobbly.

Tea, dancing and a lovely cabaret (same as last time) - out by 6.00pm - left own skis in Sprechers - home - wash - a good dinner. All the family very pleased with such a full and fine day for last day of the holiday in Arosa.

Chatted with Mr. "Batch" after dinner - gave us his address:
M.E.Bacz, 207 Union St., Torquay, S. Devon.

Also strongly recommended Grundewald - especially Miss Steiner at Sport Hotel, Jungfrastrasse, Grundewald - a good second class hotel - good food - convenient to station - he is well-known there. Note 8-day tickets on railway up to Scheidegg - taking it up (amongst others) to Alesch? Glacier, skiing down to intermediate station, up again and so on: also doing Jungfraujoeh run - but skiing down from (say) Schiedegg: also 1.5 to 2 hour walk obliquely up from Schiedegg to Mannlichorn?. Says Ski-hoist (and slopes) on Lauterhorn very steep.

Packed quickly - saw boys to bed - B. and I chatted with Belgian couple on honeymoon; rather nice couple - their French is rather difficult to make out. Asked us to call if in Belgium - address -
Jean M. Magnee, Docteur en Droit, 20 Rue de la Colline, Verviers.
But note they may be going out to settle in Iceland.

Paid Herr Hendelsohn for extras and 200 cigs to take home (40Fr. in all). Arranged about morning call - and so to bed. [Colin's bedtime remark: "The hairs starting to grow under my arms, Daddy".]

Tues. Feb 19

Addresses:

Lady whose knee was hurt (wife of radiologist - 3 children):
M. Kijme-Becker, Frieschelaam 4, Paterswolde (Dr.), Holland.
Girl who gave us choc. and biscuits before she left:
Susy Herzog, Buchdrucherei, Rheinfelden
Girl from Zurich who gave Colin animals:
Friedy Dunki, Dorfplatz, Rorbas, Rt. Zurich

Up early - lovely morning - bags off to station at 8.00am - breakfast at 8.15am. Gave H. Hendelsohn 20Fr. for maids - all seemed very pleased. Note: write to Cooks re H.Hendelsohn (written in train). Good breakfast - sun blazing down as we left Arosa - glorious view down valley to Chur - very hot in train - last glimpse of Weisshorn with ski tracks. Chur 10.30am - beautiful run down to Zurich: train went to main Bahnhof - so got on local train back to Enge to park bags. Outside Enge station sat on bench and ate pack lunches (much to amusement of everyone). Excellent lunch - we couldn't eat all. Watch trains (blue) with trailers. Then into Zurich via lakeside; walked down whole of Bahnhofstrasse - lovely - but remote and impersonal - and not busy. Into station cafe for tea and Ovaltine (3.90Fr. for all). ? difficulty about what to do with children in evening - searched papers. Memo - waitress who returned with 1Fr. - overcharge!! More shops - B. bought nylons and some choc. Into large store (?) . Enquired at several ? - but only over 18 allowed in. Eventually tried Cooks who advised Congress House.



On the train home from Arosa, Switzerland

Took train to Dolder - up in Dolder Eicbahn? (rack railway?) - tunnel for kids (3Fr. return) - out in little jeep at top over icy roads to icerink - in to rink (1Fr.) and watched skating and ? of rink. Cold.

Back into Zurich - to Congress House - excellent dinner (20Fr.) and into drawing room where really good band and singers performed. Drank Coca Cola at bar till 10.30pm - train to Enge - and caught ? train at 11.00pm - into couchettes where this is written.

Zurich disappointing - cold - people poorly dressed - not too clean outside - not attractive (in winter). Waitress (speaks 4 languages - works 9.00am to 12pm 6 days a week) recommends Lausanne. Interesting head waiter - had been to Ritz (London) - very kind in getting omelettes for children. Chatting about standard of home life in ? - also about all sorts of nationalities doing business in Zurich - Chinese, Russian, etc. No love for Italians or black marketeers.

Not suitable type of day for children.

Wed. Feb 20 (in train)

Excellent nights sleep for everyone - not too hot in carriage. Rather nice Swiss travel agent going on holiday in London - slept in remaining bunk. Very little bothered with customs, etc. - up at 7.30am - along to dining car for breakfast. Almost got stuck on way by corridor door jamming on carpet! Plain breakfast for all 5 - 8.60Fr. Good wash up and shave in nice hot water - sun now shining (raining when we wakened). French countryside flat, rather uninteresting - swampy.

Sorted out various bits of baggage for London. Customs and passports all fixed up on train so that we have nothing to do but go straight to boat at Calais.

M. rather over-excited on journey - bouncing about and getting into trouble: Colin very good. C. wanders away on his own to explore corridors, look at maps: very much an individualist and much better on his own. M. and Colin good together - but C. gets in their hair if he is with either. ? How does M. manage to look always so grubby - shirt tail almost always out of trousers and back of hair tousled!!

Note: no shortage of food on train - we have far too much of everything.

Train relatively empty again. Gave B. an Avomine? at 9.00am and another at 11.00am - so likely she won't be sick this time. Coming near Calais - flat calm day. Finished bottle of red wine we bought on way out - just saw sea - flat, blue and lovely.

Change over to boat easy - once more "Cote d'Azur" - lovely ship; off straight to Salon de The (after looking in dining room and deciding we didn't want lunch); salon fresh with lime-yellow chairs, pale wood panelling, off-white and green curtains in bold design. Boat left early (12.00 noon French time) - we had coffee, rolls, butter and jam and cake (10 shillings total).

Got good saloon seats where B. snoozed; boys and I made frequent runs around decks in sunny but coldish wind blowing. Tried all various lavatories!! (Note: Colin has zip at side of trousers - awful nuisance).

Easy crossing - no sickness - off boat quickly - through British customs - got same rather charming man as on going out - told truth about nylons (5) and cigs. (400) and chocs - didn't open bags. Sun shing in England. Warm: got our reserved seats on train without difficulty. Boys and I looked at bookstall and looked in buffet - but they didn't want anything to drink!! Bought B. the Daily Express. (Travelling 2nd class by rail in England and Continent - 1st class on boat in Irish and English channel).

Quite warm day through fruit-fields of Kent; apple trees being pruned: willows pollarded? and "sallies" tied in bundles. First sight of green grass pleasurable - get the feeling that I want to put my feet out of the carriage and feel soft grass under them!

Train rather grubby though a small effort is made toward hygiene by presence of two small towels, some warm water and soap in lavatory: but carriages grubby (worse than the French which were good this year) - and, of course, not in the same world as Swiss.

B. wakening up from "dozing mood" - and feeling rather hungry; boys have all been to wash place to clean their hands and comb their hair.

Victoria on time (3.05pm) - dumped rucsac and one small bag in left luggage office there - then tube to Euston where we dumped two larger cases. At Euston called in cafeteria (newly "done up" - rather nice - quite good food) for rolls, buns, drinks and tea. Refreshed set off by tube to Army and Navy store to look at handbags and see around. Struck by emptiness of shops - assistants have nothing to do (? effect of King's death or of economic crisis?). Disappointed (on the whole) with this shop - so off by bus to Piccadilly: waited about 3/4 hour in queue to get into Eros News Theater (2/1 each) - saw King's funeral, etc. - out about 7.15pm - to Lyons for drinks, rolls and buns.

Bus to Victoria - collected bags - off to Beckenham - dark - boys very weary - all tempers a bit short - safely to Leiths where children went straight to bed. Had drinks, stuffed olives, supper (with tea) - talked to Desmond till nearly 2.00am. Bed. Leith's amazed at how brown we all are! And pleased with nylons and chocolate we brought.

Thurs. Feb 21

Up reasonably early - everyone clear-eyed and fresh. Got Moss Bros. things packed in own boxes - seem to have a lot more room in our bags than formerly. Good breakfast - bus to station - into Victoria by 10.30am - parked Moss Bros. bags (to be collected) - bus to Piccadilly Circus. Dumped rucsac. When there, decided to walk down to Horse Guards and let Colin see changing of the Guard. Fresh, cool bright morning; good view of guard-changing. B. and boys thrilled; got one or two snaps.



Changing of the Guard, London

Back up on foot to Swan & Edgars where B. bought a bag and some socks; everything very reasonable. Then to Lyons for early lunch (12.15pm). Others had soup, rolls and ice-cream: I had spaghetti and American tart and suffered sore tummy time bedtime!

Straight by bus to Heals's? Magnificent shop - astonishingly low prices - quick run round and decided not to buy any more furniture, glass, etc. in Belfast; it would be worth fare to London to buy. Saw beautiful circular oak table with occasional "insets" at 15 pounds - bought it.

Walked down to Oxford Street - into Milletts? where B. and I each bought a cycling helmet. B.'s is white - will make good ski-hat also: excellent shop. Almost bought meta, two-tier bunk with mattress (total 12 pounds) - but difficulty about transport (Ref. Heal's).

Bus to Selfridges - on way up Regent St. noted good corner for future shopping - on right Hambley's, Jaeger, Liberty's etc close to each other. Quick run round sports and toy department of Selfridges - saw a little television (first time for B.) - then up to restaurant for afternoon tea (five shillings, four and a half pence for all).

B., M. and Colin then caught No.73 bus from door of shop straight to Euston. C. and I by bus to Piccadilly, picked up rucsac, tube to Euston - arrived 4.15pm. Collected big bags and got reserved seats on full and long Liverpool train - left 4.30pm - after buying some magazines.

Ate some fruit - read - washed up: I changed into a clean shirt. Dinner at 6.00pm - goodish - soup, choice of fish, meats, etc., sweets (ice cream): C. had coffee with B. and me (total 30 shillings). Played some rummy but M. very tired. Liverpool 8.30pm - onto boat: struck once more by bad arrangements for transfer of passengers from train to boat: treated like cattle: no responsible attendant. Bus leaves once? - and you make your own way through bare, smelly shed - no proper notices and no officials to welcome or guide you - whole business deplorable.

Got Ulster Monarch (thank goodness!) at Prince's Dock - good cabins - boys explored as usual. Only 100 on board (usual about 700). Colin and M. soon to bed - B. followed. C. and I watched clever job of getting boat out of dock and into Mersey. Then about 10.00pm C. went to bed - all had 3/4gr. Terminal?

I went into dining room - had pot of good coffee, toast, butter and jam (1/6). Down to cabin 11.00pm. B. and others all asleep. Calm night but quite cold on deck; now midnight.

Tomorrow I shall see Paula.

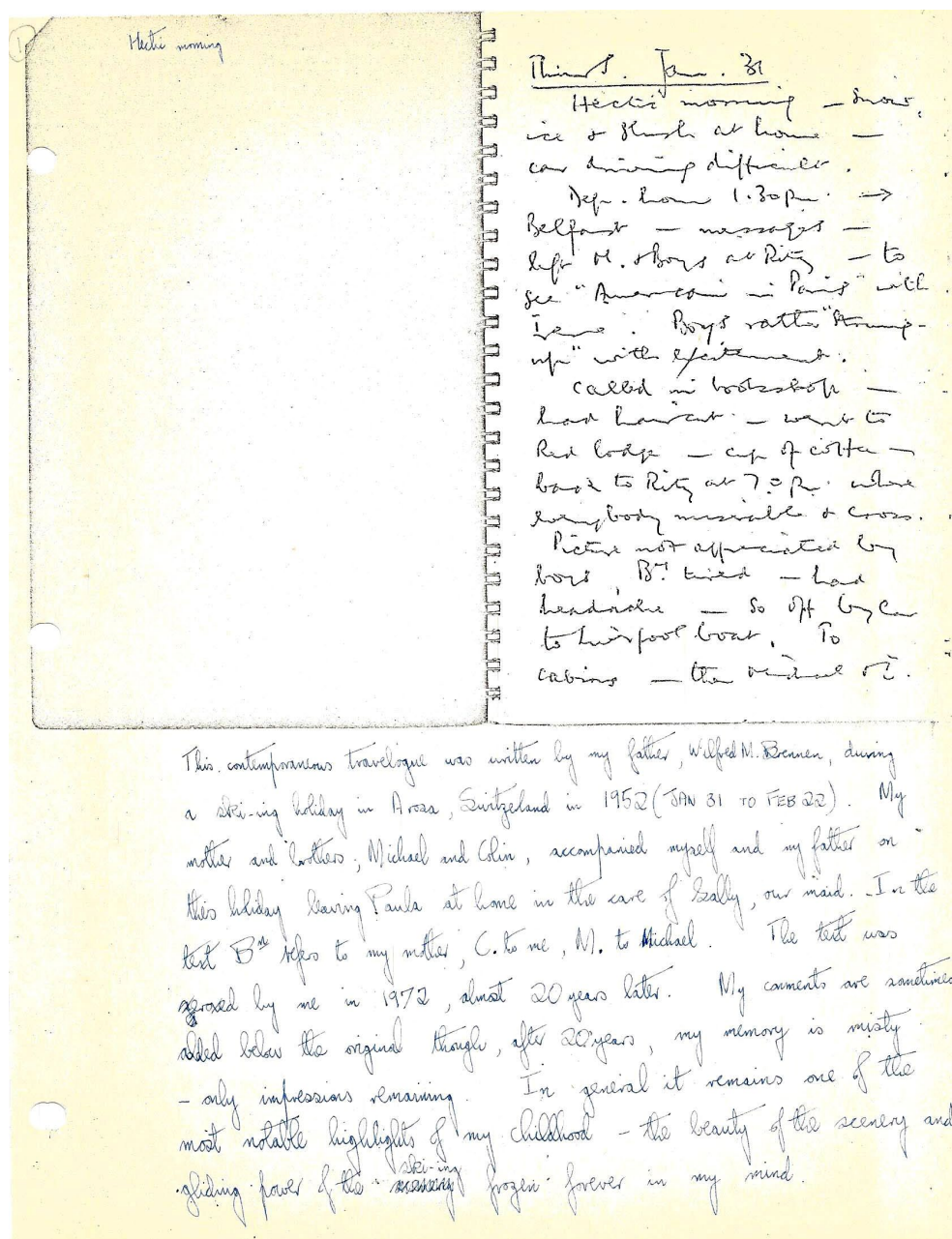
Fri. Feb 22

Boys awake (and well) about 6.00am. - had to let them get up: cancelled cup of tea in bed - better to go up and eat breakfast. All dressed without haste - boat docked about 7.30am : ate plain breakfast (2 shillings each) - cereal or fruit juice, plenty of toast, jam, coffee.

Parked bags on board - all walked to Rottgers where B. was to get hair-wash; boys and I collected car - running beautifully - did some messages - day fine, dry and lovely. Set off for home about 10.00am: everything beautiful at home - Paula in great form: all feel well though later in the day I felt intolerably sleepy.

Holiday over - up to Hospital - there all day - Larry Higgins in evening - on to Hunt Ball in Antrim: everyone astonished at bronzed skin. Glad to be back in our own house.

Here, for reference, is my father's original journal:



took car back to Prop & walked (very stiffly & in) to boat. Settled down - walked deck - Col. a bit frightened on dark after dark - could not believe boat was moving at first - so little sound at slow speed in river.

Got boys to bed - with too warm - gave them 34g Terminal each (already had Anomine at 7.0 p.m.): B? & Jeff had tea, toast & worst service imaginable at table (Boat old & mouldy - the "longford").

B? & Jeff to bed by 10.0 p.m. Count: 2 fairies (Jeff) + medium + small "gnats" +

medium from meadow: all easily caught. B? & Jeff in the front - boys in middle & back. Note: B? & Jeff to go straight from home to boat. Find - Feb. 1st.

Up of tea at 7.0 a.m. All sleep well except B? - but she rested.

Boat put into dock (not river) as snow falling - rather arrangements for transport to station - loaded bags to bus - dashed - & caught 8.00 a.m. London train by B? & Jeff's teeth: had to deposit (plates, rolls, marmalade tea & other 1/6 each) later went along for lunch.

C. walked up route on old A14. met: Col. & Mr. very good - snow & fog - but bright & clear near London. Prof. Rogers - many others - on train. He helped me to "big" girl (London bus broken).

Dropped bags at Euston - took to friendly - bumped into John Boyd who is here for interview as head of Broadcasting in Berlin.

Lunch - Lyons - & off to Old Broad St. where boys got books, pants & marmalade - very much: no books. B? & Jeff small enough for Col. (written in boat train!). B? & Jeff got good Lewis type

books & bought popples for children at 13/3 each. Col. & B? & Jeff friendly for the first - then into Hans Place - tea - back to Euston for bags - took to Victoria (7/6) - took to Redoubt for Platform 4 (return 10/1 for all).

Heavy going with bags & tired boys to see Southern Rd. (Haddon 100) - where, then parked in old barned type of house - all in one large room - very comfy. Darned little away at Harrogate. B? & Jeff very tired.

Jan. 2nd

Super late - into Harris
left B. & Ross - called
Russell Spence - met Owen
Gardner & B. on the
house on fire. Went to
Little French Cafe - fine &
French, in day, oysters
such - piggy back - red
curtain jelly - couple of
red wine - porridge &
a roll - two cups black
coffee. Excellent. (2.30pm)
Took couple of wrong
changes on Tue after this!! -
met B. & Ross feeding
pigeons in Trafalgar Square
at 5.30pm.
Went to Cumberland Hotel -
wash up - bought a

box for "stumpy-dumpy" or
balladins - 2 boxes of
pigeons for post - to
London at 7.0pm.
Long hot afternoon -
home very late & very
tired (about 11.30pm).
Sunday Feb. 3.
Largely out - took tea
later (approx 4) - Victoria -
but ride to Tower Bridge -
opened -> heading for
lunch.
Attracted much attention
(even in London) - 4 boys
& the B. & Ross.
To Zoo - rather weary -
only had 1 1/2 hours - it
dashed round. Tea at
Marble Arch - but -

Home about 6.30pm.
Hot of cleaning up &
baking. Baths.
Later Tony Brown & wife
(née Brown) along with
Valdick who was at a
concert in the theatre called
for a drink & dinner. Most
enjoyable - but Valdick
had to go early for 11.30pm
train to Dumfries.
Wed. Feb. 4.
Up early - all well -
got bags to Victoria &
left them. Bus to
Trafalgar Square -> House
boats - put on
cleaning of food - but
Robin saw them riding off
in their red cloaks.

Bought home & gate in
house of food - included
them - bus to Victoria
comfortably for this train
leaving 1.0pm.
Very fine travelling - &
very comfortable. Also
very fortunate in weather -
distinctly warmer - dry
& cold blinks of sun.
Reserved seats - lots of
others for - everyone
settled down nicely (?
effect of Aspic at
lunch?).
Through Customs etc. &
minim of trouble & left
Exeter at 3.15pm: really
beautiful first boat -
"Cote d'Azur" - life map

woods - good shots etc.
 from car to below de The
 & had lots of tea, rolls,
 butter & jam, & slices of
 cake (total 10/-). Then
 memory portrait formalities
 explored various decks.
 mid-channel fairing
 rough & high cold wind
 blowing. Delighted to hear
 French again. Few people
 on board.

last 1/2 hr passage very rough.
 Boys OK. but B. looked green.
 Went to bar - ordered a
 brandy & Fr. beer (3/-) -
 but B. didn't touch brandy -
 dashed out but was here
 before sailing - "dinner"
 followed at 5.0 pm. (Fr 18.50)

& left 1/2 hour later - long
 change - Customs etc. on
 train.

Compartments all to
 ourselves: didn't know
 train - but picked on
 our own stuff - plus a
 bottle of Red Bull I got on
 train (5.60 Fr. - i.e. 12/6).
 But conditions made up
 before 8.0 pm. - boys into
 bed - complete & tucked.

Tues. Feb. 5.

Boys (except John) awake
 from about 5.0 pm. (I was
 woken for toilet etc.).
 I was tired during the
 night. Eggs to "see
 Switzerland" - looking
 out at home etc. got

them to eat a bit - but
 actually rose - & went
 for breakfast before 7.0 pm.
 Still rather dark. Lovely
 rolls, lots of butter & jam.
 Coffee in hip cups (boys had
 mostly warm milk) -
 for all - 10.10 Fr.

But conditions up - but
 down & looked at snow.
 Very hot of weather &
 snow falling.
 Brighter when we got to
 Chur (at 9.0 am). - & on
 to Lake railway. Boys
 have seen the train -
 10.40 pm, breakfast: then
 3.15 to journey up to Grossa -
 fantastic route: clear as
 we rose: M. wants to

know why they have "so many
 Christmas trees"!

Left boys to port at station -
 walked this town to Swiss
 Walden. First impression -
 everything broad, open, & free
 from crowds: beautiful
 view of high mountains.

Swiss rather charming -
 clean, well heated, plenty of
 towels, comfortable beds to
 Swiss style "sideboard".
 Plenty of lights in rooms &
 handy hot water. Boys have
 double room in basement -
 John keeps in small bed &
 us.

Boys arrived - got out
 shoes - 4 to Spiez for
 shoes, boots for John, & a huge

(total 110 Fr. for 4-5): also
bought red boxes for Colin.
Lunch 12.30 - food here,
beautifully served - dining
room small - but only
about 12-14 dining.

Out to try out Mike - rather
miserable - Colin cold & a
bit lost - boys a bit too
dashing - but making
brave efforts & very good
ones too. Weather sunny
& cold by now - so
had tea (? some of cafe)
after I had got money from
banks. Michael feeling
sick (altitude), dizzy -
I was sick on cafe table.

Home - got Michael to
bed - went to sleep about

immediately: at had
dinner at 7.0 & off to
bed.

Colin coughing in bed
(only) & kept us awake
half the night - finally
vomited. R. & I very sleepy
Wed. Feb. 6.

Colin & R. stayed in
bed - so had up a light
breakfast. Boys & I
food from - out on Paris
to practice slopes - doing
very well: joined later by
R. Colin & hope.

Lunch - then boys & I
(to Paris) & R. Colin (to hope)
got bus up to Pratelli
(3 Fr. - no charge for
children): wonderful

Run - glorious views -
beautiful powder snow &
paths not difficult. Easy
walking paths - R. &
Colin came down to hope -
boys & I "sprang" down
on skis - they did
amazingly well -
considering they don't yet
know how to turn -
having only vague notion
of turning.

Lost R. Colin at
Lendegross - so had
hot chocolate (hot) for
2.40 Fr. & lots of tea for
1.25 Fr. in Carina.

Home - wash-up -
read a bit - had fine
dinner - boys in bed

by 9.0.
Thurs. Feb. 7.

Finding bedroom much too
hot for me at night -
moving - 27.5 Fr. in
morning &c. All sleep well.

Dullish day: yesterday
someone took our bags from
back of Pratelli bus, so we
took them: in evening
Lady showed me about
"bus" - so off first trip
to Speicher's & made the
exchange.

Got 3 boys started at
Hi. School - this hour the
lady instructor managed
Colin passed understanding
He makes little effort -
is inclined to lie down in

Now & looks pathetically
about for someone to pick
him, after making the
sight of efforts - for
form's sake - to help
himself. His dark eyes &
climby cheeks - & the
rest of him huddled in
his top - makes most
people think of him as a
little girl. However he
can amuse himself for
a very long time going
down hills with the luge.

C. M. were too good for
class? - so were quickly
elevated - & did really
well. Both a bit
"browned off" at being
better than the others -

& at most of instruction
being given - from

But started practicing on
his - & with all
settled - I went off &
tried the Telemark lift -
quite easy - & had
good run down - only
one fall when I once
got "wind-up" - & a
slight torn at that. Otherwise
did some good fast
coming - enjoyed it,
baked the others up -
lunch.

Most people here rather
mix notice of sympathy
to all British pests
on death of King. Seem
to be held in high esteem

C. M. & H. - aft. with
class - has to be told -
to come down. Both
quite thick - C. was
congratulated on how he
did - & both seem to
have got a very well.
C. - no fall. H. a bit
excited about it all.
Mountain B. & I worked
on practice slopes -
B. & I taking turns -
& I succeeding fairly
well to Christ's.
Colin watched skating &
played a luge.

All -> Camera
for tea -> home.
Lined out for razor-
blades - called on way

home to look in at Brit.
This club cocktail party in
Kilnbarrow bar. The bar is
quite amusing in fact I
didn't like the look of
the so-called English people.
So didn't drink - came
home for dinner.

Bar: ceiling - camera
bar is made of metal (?)
plastic material (like
certain stuff) - alpine,
food drink - and -
for boys to look - the
B. & I strolled over.

Daytime moonlight -
laidly remote mountains
light on hillside -
like "Christmas" scene.
Really idyllic.

Have cut down heat on
roads - now temper -
+ filled in some - cut on
mountain side.
Note: Road standard
keeping not high -
+ instruction seems fairly
good. What one sees
doesn't seem to matter
much - Fair no. small
children's classes. also
sign of red cross - also
plenty of signs of cigarette
prices in shops fairly
favorable.
Horse traffic - fairly
frequent - trip up.
Snow plows for roads.
"Train" of bogies pulled
by jeep, full of snow.

Plenty of petrol - quite miles
of them - kept for
coldest.
Man who got round
roads with shovel lifting
snow piled by horses!
Fina. Feb. 5.
Fine snow falling - but
getting more dense: out
in good times - all of this
except when the heat goes.
Boys to clean in B.T. on
the way - + I went up
Tolmogen 1/2 again.
Threw a "hot" with
French boy who spoke no
English: says French
works much better than
here for him. Also told
me that buying in Norway

very popular here - not
the usual route - but
"gets train back at
11:00 pm" - so I suppose is
down this road to
station down here.
Very difficult to see on
top - but came down
to fair confidence -
took the harder (v.d) route
+ got on quite well.
Back to school - boys
knew to have got on well:
instructor came out
to say the Canadian believe
C. had not tried before -
he came down so well
from Petsheli yesterday.
Having done by
himself - so decided

not to let boys go up on
the.
Pretty interested in
fellow French on foot, a
P.R. (name British) who
found the "P.R." -
interns in Paris - got to
England - later time in
conv. camps (joined R.O.P. 45).
B.T. wrote letters + P.R. → one
after lunch in fairly thick
snow - but reasonably
warm. C. & A. R. practiced
on skis - M. got real
advice of a loss on making
a hole after coming straight
down the very steep "chute"
slopes: but his eye (of
all things!) - even the
inside of his glasses were

Stuffed & snow!

Boys doing amazingly well: 2.7. training, making fair attempt at "chicken", lining-boring with 1 row of 10 eggs. Stages - & then with 10 eggs. 1st on this at door of house - when this they have to catch up a steep hill of road at 1st.

Later 3.1. & Colin came along with huge - still growing & getting a bit colder: went for walk to 1st road & through tiny fields down in road, up across railway & up to house where we had the usual tea

+ chocolate (6.50 in); with a nice building inside - painted dance floor, new wooden balcony, small stage (where we sat), & tables divided from floor by wooden partitions: food 5-piece band: painting room etc. They know this the very best. 1st. evening - no paper cinema. 3.1. demand.

Home in rather bitter, fine cloudy snow - all had good hot bath & nice dinner (soup; salad of (C) lettuce & celery, meat in small pieces (beef), macaroni & cheese (fine),

+ beautifully baked apples with custard: finished off 1st. dinner with wine - very good. After dinner, C. 1st. came with me for walk - still growing finely - but don't feel cold - have this 10° below zero.

Boys thrilled with light on hills, 1st. windows & inside of 1st. office - which really is very fine.

Then working hard to keep ice - hockey rink for 1st. for 1st. which arrives to train has tomorrow.

I stuck at dinner at expense of house as

a 1st. dinner long ago - back & 1st. dinner. 1st. dinner having very little - boys 1st. dinner by 1st. of chocolate for breakfast (we had asked for cold butter, instead of coffee, for 1st. but he did not let us drink raw milk (not 1st. but 1st. give cold boiled milk). Breakfast, incidentally, is a great success - rolls & butter. 1st. dinner loved by boys - don't even bother much about fine or normal with them. They eat much less of 1st. meals than I had expected.

Sat. Feb. 9.

A splendid day - in fact
of almost continuous fine
snow falling. (Snowflakes
coming constantly on roads
ice - under etc.)

Got Bt to go to Trieste -
C. M. class. Colin & I got
off with luggage - got to
Trieste - saw handsome
snowflake looking, & odd
plumage of what might be
seen higher up mountain.

Bob - men too got to see
snow - he got off & huge
down bus - note: not
fast - but Colin enjoyed
himself & behaved very
well. Called as behooved
to see if OK about couchette

if we leave early & visit
Trieste on route for home:
also found out train
connections - & observed
local train times back from
Ljubljana if we want to
hurry down to it.

Colin off! Saw a squirrel
in the snow as we got out
this am.

Found the others had very
much enjoyed Trieste -
Bt found himself rather better
than the others: "Still
thinks it too easy!"

Home together for lunch.
Still driving to Bt decided
not to go "up" with after
class - to help Bt, M. &
Colin to get the above -

Colin M. & huge - while
C. & I went up on Pichler
Pic - left: in the afternoon
brighter we got up without
falling off! Fairly cold
on top & blowing moderately.
Recent experience - C. had
one fall - rather close!

C. came at amazing speed -
doing natural Christie's on
lower part of peak & ended
by insisting on coming
straight down very steep
(Red Route) last piece, etc.?
certainly wouldn't!

Whole trip took less than
an hour - I had
expected two - so joined
the others rather early
at practice slopes. Bt

the a hour training -
C. showed off his character
than Bt. decided in the
evening to go "up" down
the main slopes - &
"hike the climb" in soft snow
at the bottom - but
wouldn't.

Off to Ljubljana for tea:
asked once more for Bt of
Chocolate ("Porter" or name)
& got choc. & cream! (3
different versions for some
request so far!)

[I forgot to say that this
morning (before we had
got chocolate for breakfast
from Moscow!]

Danced to Bt - & took
her into the almost

communal "Toilette" (hair
type). M. upset Chas. &
washed it up for Kate
to his hands. I
B? (points out how good
looking the waiters are.
Then went up to station
to look at all - bought
magnifying - children
discovered, & used, shot
machines (had forgotten
that these must be new
to them). Charming lady
in look at all - we said
"Thank you" - she replied
"The thanks are mine!"
[Street salutation
here is "fratzi" - reply
After "fratzi" - 2 people
very pleased at each

Meeting I.
first dinner - communal
soup, beer & beer &
santi potatoes, "Pommes
Victoria" & pure sauce -
wine.
Had a number of things
after dinner - but too full
C. M. "came on" with
Kitchen Staff till winter
B? broken!
Long class to new from
Torquay & fellows from
Loughborough. Bed.
Mond. Feb. 10.
Still more how!! -
quite unusual weather -
had lunch. However - off
to Hochschule (B? C. M.) -
I took Chris's hair & mine.

I B? him to have better
maple to find than a fair
trial: actually he stayed
on then with happily till
1400 am - when his old
themselves - long began i.e. - I
want an extra ice" (this
has several variations -
"I want another ice" - "I
broke my ice" - or - "I
have three ice" (!:)).
So I broke a few off the side
of the Hochschule but not
for him - & he played
happily for 2 hours - his
his hands B? very cold -
& he did the weather - so
induced him to do this
again. B? in distance

making slightly heavy
weather" at B? his sleeping.
Everybody a bit cold after
class so off for lunch -
Still raining.
During morning hours
Olympic team played
Rome Conventions on
mostly milk (i.e. hockey)
but weather too uninviting
to think of watching.
Everything going on as
usual - even the hockey.
After lunch B? & Chris
left behind - took boys &
thought of going from
Hochschule down to
Litzgarte (near by Rietzen
railway) but B? more
made this not advisable.

Wonderful day - morning
 going but at last spent the
 time in rather heartily -
 R. & L. to the school - C. & John

to play a huge (C. not him
on Missale - too slow
+ "boys fresh in front of
you") - + I took a bit of
to Trapper the life. By
the time we got up, he
running pleasantly - into
beautiful - snow dog sleep -
H. Thilled. H. came up
life very well (bridge) -
though it's awkward to have
to put the "I" down down
to my knees to accommodate
them - long then stick
also.
[Note - found of bells on
hanging horses - + of
- clank close clinging
c' notes].
+ it is very going down!

any more - M. very good -
improving his running
position - but then he
gets afraid - up
straighten the knees + out
press the bottom behind -
+ back to sit down! He
did some good times on
the final difficult pieces:
usually both on sides +
before on both then in
top more.
Down fairly early + over
to B? who was thilled
to have he did in class -
+ then to go "up" in aft.
+ then I also very soon
on present instruction.
So after lunch, gave
M. 50 c. for cleaning gear.

+ left him alone to down
themselves (after sitting
in front on balcony) +
play a huge till we come
down. B? H. to class -
C. M. walked to Camera
life - long then walk -
for better to take but.
Reached there at 2:30 - +
terrible queue for life.
After part of town very
open - but details
(Relevance etc.) awkward to
get to + from.
up to take 3 minutes -
beautiful open valley -
long heavy slopes -
horrible life away up to
life - then down to B?
Come down via

Camera but: called
in "Togo Mestle" -
outside the 10' snow
tunnel - fixed vision
book + hand telescope:
inside dark - wooden -
low seats - combell -
birdcage - skeleton of
fish: C. got Obelisk
eyeshade + a few exp.
buckets. (It also me
to pick up some snow-
covered muddy bucket
at most awkward
moments - hands full
of this e.g.). Run down
fairly fast - nice place
for climbing - one or
two "rabbit classes"
Hailed faster of our mind -

but C. had no real fall.
It did panic rather
pathetically on last
step. Shot for a moment -
possibly effect of food
Kirst crawling though -
or of light which made
contours appear to
distinguish - but he
got over this & did
alternate clinks
abundantly to bottom.

Then down to road to
Karsaal where R. already
was. I went on &
found M. Colin playing
very happily at curling
rinks - Colin's father
kicked a cone -
M. delighted because he

had found another SC. -
so not only bought
clearing gun (35c) -
but Colin & he had
10c each to put in
Karsaal slot machine.
Pulled Colin up to
Karsaal on bus - then
R. - boy had orange
& coke. R. stalled to
have gone up to drop
light - but boy to have
done run down to
Communa from table -
M. James hands & not
so interesting as run to
R. into Area. R. glad
to have accomplished in
new situation. Left rest of
class to go up Communa -

winning, I think.
Danced - watched the
game - astonishing
variability of combine
& pitch - & timing
winning out with
tempo flourish. Later,
rather nice dance did
a small "floor show".
Then home - R. & C. on
M. - other M. & I on
bus. Nice how many
people will turn to give
you a hand if you are
going now - very
friendly & helpful.

Had new elastic on
bottom of Colin's trousers
legs - then fine
dinner - soup -

oulette & small peas
inside child's salad &
beautiful beetroot -
ripe pineapple forward &
Kirsche - & wine.

Left bus again to look
after themselves (after we
saw Colin into bed) - & it
to see him to see an
ice-cream. Payed 3 Fr.
each for "Kahleitz" -

but got up a ladder & had
blended bar on top of
wooden ladders: fine
show of really good
ketchup. Best = a clown
who was superb - &
a good girl who was
European champion.

Got cold - fine snow

falling again - home
+ found boys asleep
quietly + all well.
Excellent day - this
B? is both feeling better
but stiff.
[Note: B? very annoyed at
C's constipation that a
man danced with her
4 times - whilst they
waited for me - "Kissed!!"]
(Find it very upsetting
to open window of house
a "chance" + turn down
radio at night).
Tues Feb. 12th.
Snowy morning -
lost old keys of house
late - but whole apt.
a "drip" of water wet +
warm floor - nasty.
B? went to class - I,
took C. M. school (C.M.,
+ kept to this - "don't sleep") on
bus to Kalam: walked up
hill - taught C.M. how to
throw himself on hill -
then put on his + came
down slope to C. M.:
+ passed this - then C. +
M. H. on own to this down
to middle of house. In
my shoes on bus +
C.M. + M. rode down to
join the on (note)
Notes: passed a
little - then home for
lunch.
Snowing again - but
promised B? to join

me on trip up Tschugg
very misty + snowy at
top. changed me to
Hofman just well -
this B? has a couple of
fair falls: after that
she lost confidence - I
didn't do low for too
well.
Bought papers at Kalam +
sawped about keeping
conchetter if we join train
at Tschugg.
Found boys digging
happily in snow - all
to camera for tea,
chocolate + dancing.
B? C. school home -
school I wandered up
town looking at shops +
eventually found place
where our photos were
(taken at the school):
ordered P.C. bike (2 Fr.!!).
+ bought little bookshelf
for G.C. in wood shop.
Home - all had baths
+ good dinner.
B? bill for extra for
week - surprised it is
so little (26 Fr.).
C. by now seems to have
dozens of sig. postcard.
Notes.
Double frames in window -
+ sides of windows "like" in
rock other side -
[Diagram: A horizontal line with a small square on the left and a small rectangle on the right, connected by a horizontal line.]
B? also all there by
same principle - [Diagram: A horizontal line with a small square on the left and a small rectangle on the right, connected by a horizontal line.]

Got boys to bed - 8.30
 went for walk at 10.15 -
 light breeze - 1st fine
 snow still falling.

Wed. Feb. 13th.

more snow!! Decided to
 go for long walk - to get
 over at 10.15 am. - went
 down this time towards
 Grandbad: beautiful:
 high banks of 100 ft deep
 snow: 100 ft deep
 time - will come down
 for nuts from your hand.
 Birds singing - some
 lovely little ones like
 finches: saw a
 few footpaths round
 lake & up to upper part
 of town over railway.

Then (after a call in
 Photo. Shop) across main
 road & on up through
 more woods - to
 path of Troligun Ski Lift
 where Colin saw it
 working for first time.
 Some foot paths passed
 through woods: on across
 mountain side & down
 to Orre beyond railway
 Home by 12.15 pm -
 long, tiring but
 enjoyable walk. Good
 lunch - C. let "figs"
 out of "Popple" bottle all
 over his trousers - Col
 upset his pants!
 walking paths are
 most numerous & lovely -

lots of people - mostly
 elderly - using them.
 Lunch - more snow - a
 kind of fog over top of
 Troligun & how down in
 valley - no sign of sun.
 Colin to keep - rest with
 him to practice P.O.P. how
 difficult - wet & sticky -
 so slipping difficult.
 Sam & chatted to French
 chap who was doing
 telematics this Pop show -
 so tried a few (my first) -
 & think that with practice
 I could manage reasonably
 well. Did one or two
 properly - but most
 ended in collapse in
 Pop show.

collected family - off to
 Pop Hotel for tea & dancing.
 Over railway - trip -
 comfortable - not
 particularly short - but
 best value of being
 central & near Ski Lift.
 host Colin on way home
 but found he had gone out
 to work unable to do a
 bit of nothing as intended.
 Still snow - & cold
 foggy atmosphere: rather
 browned off.
 But spotted girl in
 Pop Hotel who, on her
 way to back down bar,
 showed our comfort
 in train: spoke to her.
 Highly "browned off".

salad, & cherry tart:
finished off the wine & the
beer: rather anxious to
go for walk but 8? not
anxious - he chatted to
Torquay man: Dutch lady
& to bed at 10:00 pm.

Torquay fellow strongly
recommends halfpenny
abt. last week in May or
beginning of June: some
points he made -

- ① See Klawsee (near Wonsley)
- ② Finera beautiful - but
too expensive to eat in etc.
- ③ Don't stay in Walsingham
but go just beyond -
say - Hotel du Lac at
Goldsand. Cheaper -
beautiful - the outside

not working.

④ hired Pelen - de hys hotel
at Amandel.

⑤ got packed himself at
hotel where he stayed the
night.

[Note: they need for packed
bundles at Arosa - as all
was possible - & back to
hotel for meals] -

Dutch lady talked of
riding weekends in Holland:
also mentioned holiday
on lakes - boating -
in Holland: one can
hire boats there.

Mr. Basch, the Pole, had
"taken up" with the new
arrival, & which Pil -
& everyone is pulling his leg

Thurs. Feb. 14th.

Have now more!! We
are having the most
effellening had luck - but
had the consolation that
had we gone elsewhere, we
would have thought we were
in not going to Arosa!

Out of foot - posted cards
in P. office - lovely building -
was going in main office
(as well as in porch) -
lovely clock "built in" to the
wall. As usual, Pil
assistant speaks excellent
English.

On up track - into little
shop - & all close above
Arosa lodges for our journey.
Bought little skirt for Paula.

By. as. old man went on up
to collect photo etc. -

C. & I back for this - up the
more on Treppen left -
took to left & found going
fairly good but knew well
"Kicking". Sun fairly good
but foggy mist below us
in Arosa: got to bottom

of Carretera left at 11:00 am.
& decided we just had time
to go up & down before lunch

on way up saw unusual
sight of wooden 1st parting
from its attachment.

Full fine weather - had
philosophizing man down -
the climbing "Kicking" in
snow. Miss down -
Karl - have just five

minutes late for lunch.
 B. seems quite happy with
 his morning - B. letter
 from Kelly - mainly about
 Paula - delighted to hear
 she seems wonderfully well.
 Poor Kelly didn't know to
 put more than 2 1/2. Stamp
 on letter (+ 15c. postage due).
 Good lunch - B. taken
 a. looking for light hair in bar.
 Boys out with bags -
 persuaded B. to come up light &
 maybe also of camera. A
 long queue at Washington light
 (2.30 P.M.) - attendant gave
 me a shove in the back at
 the start - so that I almost
 fell off - or rather almost
 never got started. Y. reply -

no. in - snow - bro.
 Some in on higher peaks -
 So went to left (Camera
 direction) & had quite a
 nice - & very enjoyable -
 run - using deep snow
 where piste seemed difficult.
 B. rejoined last long run
 on piste: now in at
 times - country beautiful,
 4.0 P.M. when we got down &
 decided to come on down
 road.
 Found C. at B. Office -
 very sorry for himself -
 very cold (? what had he
 been doing?) - but
 ok. & still very happy -
 seemed to have had great
 fun together with bags.

commence for choc. & tea &
 cakes (7 P.M. 1.70 Ch.). Got a
 couple of new cig. baskets
 for C. collection: during
 tea, evening her on left of
 mountain - Golden, &
 lovely.
 C. & I. up town (other to
 home) - left this in to be
 washed - bought 2 oz.
 three times tobacco (4.50 Fr.)
 & a few more photo. views:
 tried to find some fleeting
 cards - but didn't see
 exactly what I wanted.
 Home by 6.30 P.M. - B. exceptionally
 cold (good sign - absence of
 film) - snow glittering like
 diamonds in light of street
 lamps.

Excellent dinner - then
 wine & spirits (F&B), most &
 nice, marriage, wine.
 Dutch lady (who went home
 today) left choc. & cig. for us.
 Looked outside - watching
 start, intense cold: thought of
 taking Michael on legs now to
 hit him - but he seemed to
 be too sleepy - so said nothing.
 After watching John down -
 we, four B. had taught
 boys to play whist. Showed
 them 3-card trick - to their
 amazement! And so to bed
 at 9.30 P.M.
 Fri. Feb. 15
 No more falling!! but
 rather hazy but definitely
 shining at last! out.

fairly early - collected
hair from bushes - nicely
washed & running much
better (2 pairs - 1 fr.)
took C. M. up to the top of
complete to the camera.

C. to travel alone - but
invisibly the "stick" at the
house - fell off - but picked
himself up & got the chair
after M. & me.

At top found to take a
"shot" or two - then off
down run to Comuna
high - on road stop for
"shots" - but not longer
but pleasant. M. did
very well indeed, kept
down - no given at
Comuna high - up on it.

cost for boys = 2 pesos in
Monumento (keep = 3).
Kater photo at top -
but him wrong for taking
the broad view of valley.

Over to Comuna this:
on the way asked girl the
"make" of her anorak (kind
I admit - dull yellow -
horse attached hood -
no waist or tie-in -
just a little fit at each
side over hips) - she said
the longer it is - the more
trade name = "Miniflex".
M. dined with top -
signed his name -
visitors book: boys had
"Mesas" (1 fr. each) -
"Bosque" (0.50 c): found

their girl attendant had
been - to past & future!
This time Igloo was at Davos
(on the "Miniflex" path) but
too far.

Talked to two men & girl in
Igloo - said Davos four
confused with Arosa -
Princip mountains (but no
better really than here) - but
toward it was quite disappointing.
Met 50 fr. & 20 fr. - or as
pleasant - or less. Clothes
etc. are in shade - & avoid.

They also told me that
apartments above Comuna
cost 1000 fr. a month -
keep 8 people - small
kitchen etc. - idea is to
have rolls & coffee for breakfast.

rolls, coffee & some meat for
lunch - & have main hot
meal in evening in restaurant
below for 5 or 6 fr. (Must
compare to prices here - lots).
Run down to Comuna from
Hornli does not look too
difficult.

Run down from last good -
after photo of Igloo: M. did
surprisingly well - got one
bird too, at foot of humbug
thicket run - but afraid
from this. Returned from
side to side of big P. P. P.
beautifully: near bottom
C. had gone on - I was
leading M. but got into
a struggle for downhill
position - didn't want to

do a head "christie" and I
knew M. couldn't manage
it or that M. - so went
on Knight to hit a left
after you cross road where
people watch: did head
"christie" to stop - turned
round - + to my delight
there was M. (very + delighted
with himself!) : straight
down the steps - into
town + home by lunch
(12.40 pm).
Took one or two "stills" on
balcony after lunch (where
this is written) - sun still
a bit clouded over - but
still very nice. B. writing
a note to Billy
since he's not too bright.

decided against standing after
in town. B. & boys went
to practice steps - I off to
try lesson in - with
cousin round me like a
Christmas tree. Note. Found
out that if you announce
you don't run (to Wensham),
at first left point, it costs
you one hole less in your
equipment.
Mr. Belonger left to Dutch
now I've recommended
chairlift to Haveli for children -
but suggested standing only
a morning or after. on it -
not a day. Says now down
not difficult - but be careful
not that or two before
getting to Wensham lift (if

one at top) - but light too
indistinct for good colour -
fore. better in morning.
Fall on way over to Wensham
lift - usual way - by
hitting B. know when
travelling fast: find that
a Kanderer binding on one
"stall" only a great help
in avoiding slipping or falling.
Wensham lift odd -
stop around bottom -
patent clip you catch on
to ring at end of rope -
rope then attached to
travelling cable. Long
way up (abt. 15-20 mins.) -
+ pass well round to back
of mt. View at top into
next valley + over neighbour

ing peaks really good.
Didn't go with him at top -
but made off on Wensham-
Hitzville route: other
routes - ① fairly easy
across mt. to top of
Communa lift - ② more
or less straight down -
winding through B. know -
steep + difficult.
Wensham route long (3 1/2 miles)
+ not too difficult - + very
interesting: in pass
round back of mt. +
scenery changing +
delightful. Wide vistas of
virgin snow - + drops into
trees - top in valleys: some
lovely light violet tints on
distant peaks.

Found camera a nuisance
at speed - in fact must
but then - no use: here
a small camera swinging
round unbalanced one at
real speed: however, no
falls - & fine run down
to join B. & boys in dinner
to room (beside P. H. H.).

Oliver - but no music or
dancing: value food: we
sat on St. side which was
"no smoking" unfortunately.

Everyone seems to have
had a good time: B.
getting some "slide" on the
transmission: John, M.
Luffy & Luffy: C. found
Luffy, and asked to go up
Trilling's life alone: B.

So impressed with courage
& initiative that didn't dare
to say no - so C. came down
thru' alone - & 3 a
fall!!! A considerable
achievement for a 10-y. old -
& 1 1/2 hrs. climbing in life!

Noticed tea (ad. tables well -
along & round 2 rich cream &
lots of sugar - ad. the boys
eat) inside but is very lip-
leaper & coarse & pale, food
fig of hot water almost -
& tea strainer.

B. forgot & left faced outside
Mi-hut: went for it & when
he came back, pointed out
high level of common honesty
had: one after six places,
Glover M. stuck up on

prominent point - to owner
to take: also I leave my
Bis anywhere that is
convenient - outside hotels,
Kings, & Mi-hut etc.

After tea, wandered up town
to look at a few shop
windows: B. had already
bought some of toilet soap
(vib.). Also for future -
always bring soap - never
biffled on contact - tho'
we get lots of clean towels.

Home for wash & dinner:
B. not feeling too well -
thinks she has a tummy
upset - ? rich food?

Soup, dish of all kinds of
cold meat cut very thinly,
large dish of spaghetti (very

good), grated cheese for
dressing, salad: caramel
custard - & equal wine.

Wanted to take M. on large
run down to hitjins -
C. has been "up to" more
after than he. So muffled
up & set out - but snow
on road rather rough -
not icy enough & bit of
dark in forest: bright
stars - but no moon: so
rolled with him up town
instead. Bright sparkling
lights - intense cold -
120 below zero - thick
lights delphic (wind
displays must be heated
or flames etc. not remain
clear). Home 9.30 P.M. & t

bet: turned down radiator
+ hand-wind a "chink".
Note: radiator a bit bad
for drying out wet gloves,
+ not bits of washing.
Note: can we get pattern for
making our own ski-pants?
(? in Zurich?).

Memo: "My" walking at
Commence that (wh. is almost
completely below snow) -
leaving down into forest stream
so deep down you can hear it
but not see it: so complete
absence of small etc.

Sat. Feb. 16

Am actually running into
broom before we can leave
to breakfast!

All out with ski + bags to

practice ski - took care of
skill Kodachrome: then
really lovely + mountain
delicious. Then up main
street - taking odd shots.
Found meter not comfortable
for holding camera etc.

Called in Credit Suisse Bank -
drew Euro - + banked Euro
for future reference: no bank
books etc. - one just calls
in any high bank anywhere
in Switzerland - show passport
+ draw cash.

Down again - home shots
at Nation - home for lunch.
Am a bit more cloudy (to
14° below) + very fine snow
falling (almost like fine
ice-berds). Yet off by bus

for Kulu (C. R. with this) to
Hörsli ski - + chair-lift:
From B? get off in chair + let
him see: then M. (very
crab) close in with chair.
Then I went off in ski-lift
(similar to Linschow) towing
C. behind me (two blades
each for C. R. - total 4
15 blades for B? M. R. R. =
roughly 9 Fr. [B? M. R. R. for
"return" of course]): long
run - chilly - glorious
wide sweeping snow slopes -
with only occas. ski-marks -
unbelievable beauty.

Up top at Hörsli -
climbed up to him: misty
+ cold - to main floor -
but found others thrilled +

forming up - entrance to
whole affair. Into bar wh.
is beautifully heated - full
of people having all sorts of
drinks: "built-in" exp-ct-
the-wall clock - fine
modern French barstools etc. -
skating in this spot
parched up on a fire-stove
about 8,000 fr. up). Noticed
many people having tea +
brandy + tea - + on menu
have "Tasse de (white) rum and
coffee for 1.30".

All had cups of Ovaltine -
but milk served separately
from sugar + little packets of
Ovaltine (each 1 Fr.). I felt
distinctly "height-conscious"
dizzy + a bit deaf - + should

have waited 1/2 hr. but was
anxious about light as it
seemed to be acquiring that
ominous mistiness wh.
obscures all contours -
when I can see no sign
whether of even the most
acute dist. into space. So
set off rather early & C -
first across a slightly
frighteningly steep traverse &
big hump of frozen snow -
where I took a couple of
tumbles. B. & others waved
goodbye - then on across
a really long traverse - C.
skipping wonderfully well -
much better than I - till
he found ourselves above
Comuna Hut: light now

better - but east still
"hazy" & thus distinctly
wobbly - so didn't hit well -
tho: we came down really
fast (no one passed us -
we did the passing!).
Passed Mr. Byrne & Batch -
C. took the last hip dash & a
pause or a fall - & by this
time I was OK. - so really
climbed down from there
- a sense of enjoyment -
& no mistakes.
Light poor on top - so M.
took the rescue: waited
a few moments at Kila -
& then took B. & the boys
just climbing up from the
climber!! - froze but
very happy. The downward

journey was more fighting
apparently than the upward -
Colin says "just like in an
aeroplane". Auckland time
for lunch - he walked down to
Harwood - hot, choc., tea &
cakes & saw a wonderful
flower show - man & girl
dancing. B. almost lost her
dark head (had left this in
"Jamaica") - but got it!!
Straight home for good dinner -
soup, rice & brown, mashed
potatoes, salad - lot of gravy
ring & jam (boys had two) -
wine. Weather in better
part of after. poor. (Home 6.30.)
Altogether a wonderful day.
Note: B. finds one more
thing for boys would have been

a good idea (i.e. 4 instead
of 3 - all 4): also, some
knitting paper.
Handy getting really
bored.
After getting Colin at 8.30 B.
went down to find B. & boys
flying about: had a few
rounds - then taught them
Rowing - wh. they enjoyed
greatly: also a couple of
simple card tricks wh.
dazzled them!! They off to
bed at 10.0 pm (late) - &
B. & I at 10.30 pm after
finishing the beer life
over from lunch!
Note: Horse "sting" snow
privately for a drink. Also
big P. Bonard dog, harnessed

+ pulling & lugs.

Mon. Feb. 17

Happy morning - but later
bright turning sun - the hill
surprisingly cold at times
(14° degrees below). Sent C. off
to finish last class ticket -
R. to practice on skis.
Mr. Colm. & I walked with
him - to take a lot of
black & white snaps - & an
odd bit of time. Mr. &
Colm. & I. later
joined R. & C. at Phil's
at 11:30 am. - found C. had
gone up to kitchen to class &
left at 4:30 time (? what did
he really do? - he went
to class & had fun!).
Got some action photo of

family - then C. lay down
in house saying he had a
pain in his tummy.
Lunch - kept R. & Colm. in
him on bedroom balcony -
C. watched Rosa play
Riesbach at ice hockey for
a time - boys thought it
was "terrible" - then to
Schluff's sign above the
wall a terrific view -
Special day - train in from
Lunch. Chatted to English
Kid who knew Mr. I. well -
was at kids last year -
small - but harder hitting
than her: says better
good her - also believe (th
a "flipped out") - pretty bad
not bad.

Sun on top but peculiar
 deep violet mist below in
 valley: "iceicles" falling.
 Climbed to the building at
 Belagga to the big - some
 back part of observatory. Then
 climbed up to look down on
 Leishorn life - then down
 Comma river - well -
 but my night Ki had to be
 taken off to drop. It is
 collected in icy powder.
 Snow: But some. That's
 of head Kiing on Comma
 8400 - + took C. on. over
 small jump. Home to
 pick up B. (Chinist
 Comma (Choc. steaschoad)
 Bonad - not ready to go
 if Belagga life being -

B. I walked up - but it
 had puffed. Stopped there
 hanging around at station.
 Then home - B. falling
 Chin on legs + on. getting
 a tone on this behind.
 C. had gone on with my
 message.
 B's sex - looks badly
 scorched by sun - + found
 that she had taken out too
 little clothing.
 Dressed in Kiin, trousers etc. for
 dinner (rainbow hat, salad,
 chicken + chips, peach pie,
 wine). Boys ate well. It
 has been surprising how small
 their appetites have been
 since we came.
 Saw boys to bed - then

out to the 1st for lunch.
Pleasant. - slightly pleasant
(afterwards we discovered that
the bar downstairs had
more character & attraction
for drinking) : down to the
club's wine & enjoyed a
mild quiet evening. Very
amused at 5 English claps
all sitting together & not
worried if they were really
fit to be here & not in the
morning - 4 drinks bar
& 1 tea! Wonderful!
Beautiful evening on way
home - How Henderson
waiting up for 2 English
Guests.
Mon. Feb. 18
Really glorious day: sun

dazzling the tops of the mts. at
interval: after planning what
best use we could make of
a bonfire of 95. we set out
only, leaving Col. to stay &
the maid, Irene. All four
of us went up to the top -
two boys in front, R. & I
together: glorious sun - with
dazzling snow on top & all
the world down below looking
bravely: down towards
the Cameroons life - we all
had an excellent run - R.
doing his best descent yet.
I think he was really
surprised at how well he did.
Fried.
Came on down most road
2 hrs: stopped to watch some

squirrels feeding from a
child's hand - beautiful
cactus - seen from a
mountain ridge.
left P. to go home - + we
Tschoppie again 2 boys to do
the run again: this time we
took it fast - then up
Comuna left - Hill seen
fanning down the valley.
A valley fast run down from
Comuna - only a couple
of crosses amongst us - poor
Mr. Hill will not read his
buses when he gets nervous!
(lovely business left house
tails coming down from
Himali).
Down from Broadtop again
for lunch - both boys seen

quite went.
Found Mr. Schin very
happy - they had sat
outside Comuna building
organizing the Mr. Hill
felt a bit lonely - so
wanted no more running.
In a balcony after lunch -
but a few wisps of cloud
were a great chill suddenly
Mr. Schin - only one
announcement - to take bus to
Kishon & walk down -
having first deposited their
bags, large & small boots in
Gardner's.
Boys got up Tschoppie again
tried to wishon left -
all went up it separately
particularly creditable for Mr.

Right now - but feel
brilliant enough out of the
boys to see wonderful views.
Came down Maran run:
C. fell only once, I got a
couple of real tenses, & M.
fell a few (4) times - and
particularly nasty tons who
hurt his R. leg. He was
very good about it - tried
on - & all took the last
difficult piece below Maran
without a fall. - the boys
coming down the last fast
piece!! "Nation" at 3.55 pm
so rushed to the life myself
(I still had 2 holes left in
abdomen) - boys to back
up to himself.
How getting very cold &

grey - so much so that I
could not see contours on
top. - so tried down in
"darker" - & did all the
better for it - a no-fall
descent - & no-stop:
Glandid run - & arrived at
Kernal body 10 minutes after
the boys - By which
already there since 3.45 -
I arrived 4.30 pm.

During day met man who
thinks English much
more different than here. He
man from Zurich who stays
in apartment above me by
porage - 5 adults or
children - 750 fr. per month
However, he doesn't if one
can fit apartment for less

than 4^{hr} or 5^{hr}.
 Face & body "tinging" from
 so much skiing - running -
 roughly 10 miles of skiing
 with a day's work of class
 on 10,000 ft.!! Never
 dreamt that it wd. be
 possible this holiday. Must
 give C. to make for
 really good skiing -
 very fast, full of control &
 ability. M. also - but
 more "childish" & wobbly.
 To - dancing - & a
 lovely sunset (same as last
 time) - out by 6.00. -
 left our kids in Fischer's -
 home - wash - & good
 dinner. All the family's
 very pleased with hotel

a full & fine day for last
 day of the holiday in Travarosa.
 Charter to Mr. "Baltch" after
 dinner - gave us his
 address -
 M.E. BACZ,
 207 Union St.,
 TORQUAY, S. DEVON.

Mrs. strongly recommended
 Grindwood - spec. Miss
 Kerner at 8.00 Hotel Juniper
 Grindwood - a good Road
 class hotel - good food -
 convenient to station - he is
 well-known there. Note
 8-day ticket on railway up
 to Kielder - taking it up
 (amongst others) to Alcock
 House, running down to
 intermediate station, up

again & so on: also
 doing things for me -
 but being down from (for)
 blizzard: also 15-20
 hour walk & pick up
 from blizzard to Hamilton:
 says his house (1500) on
 Hamilton very steep.
 Packed quickly - saw
 boys to bed - 8:30
 Chatted to Belgian couple on
 honeymoon: rather nice
 couple - their French is a
 little difficult to understand.
 Asked us to call if in
 Belgium - address -
 JEAN M. MACNÉE
 Docteur en Droit,
 20, Rue de la Colline
 Verviers.

But not - they may be
 going out to settle in Ireland.
 Paid 400 for Hamilton for
 street & 200 incl. to take
 home (40 Fr. in all).
 Arranged about morning -
 call - & so to bed.
 [Colin's bed-time note:
 "The hair's starting to grow
 under my arms. Daddy" 11/1]
 Tues. Feb. 19.
 up early - laundry morning -
 (up & off to station at 8:00) -
 breakfast 8:55 pm. Saw
 H. Hamilton 20 Fr. for
 meals - all seemed very
 pleased: rest - went
 to Coler & H. Hamilton
 (in the morning).
 Good breakfast - done

Blowing down as we
 left Prosa - flowers
 not down valley to
 Coire - very hot in
 train: last glimpse
 of Lewisdon - & the
 tracks. Coire 10.30 am
 beautiful run down to
 Zurich: train went
 to main Bahnhof - so
 got a local train back
 to Eng to take bus.
 Outside Eng Station:
 see a bench & ate back
 lunches (much to
 amusement of anyone).
 Eifelant lunch - we
 didn't eat all. (voted)
 (trans (the) & trailers
 then into Zurich - via

Lahrside: walked
 down whole of Rhine-
 tracks - lovely but
 quite informal -
 & not busy. Into
 station cafe for tea &
 croissants (3.90 for
 all) - first diff about
 what to do with children
 in evening - parked
 before. Home -
 lunches who returned
 to 1 Fr. - overcharge!!
 More shops - 8.2. bought
 Oylons & some choc.
 Into large store (Boschi).
 2 figures at desk
 covered - but only
 over 18 allowed in.
 Eventually tried to be

KT. ZÜRICH

Wls advised Cooper Home.
Took train to Dodge -
up in Dodge Co. to
tunnel forks. (3 Fr.
above) - out in little
jerk about over top
roads to tunnel - in
to mine (1 Fr.) & weather
feeling & leaving it
with cold
Back to hotel - to
Cooper Home
hall & dining room (28 Fr.)
& into dining room
there really hot band
& hunger performed
Drunk Coca Cola & beer
till 10:30 pm - then
to "age" (vib.) & I
could hear him from

at 11.6 pm. - into
 southerly - where this
 is written.
 "Trails disappointing -
 old" - people poorly
 dressed - not too
 clean outside - not
 attractive (in inside).
 waiters (spells &
 long queues - work
 9.0 am till 1.0 pm 6
 days to weeks) records
 Lorraine
 Interesting head
 waits - had been to
 Ritz (London) etc. -
 very kind - fitting
 onelette for children etc.
 Chatter about London
 of home life - he. -

also old - all sorts of
 nationalities doing
 business in London
 Chinese business etc.
 too low for statistics or
 Black Market etc.
 Not a suitable type of
 day for children
 Wed. Feb. 20. (en train)
 Excellent night's sleep for
 everyone - not too hot in
 carriage. Rather nice
 time to travel again, going
 for holiday in London.
 Left in evening bank.
 very little bottled in
 customs etc. - up at
 7.30 am - along to
 dining car for breakfast.
 Almost 8.00 back on way

by corridor door joining on
carpet! Plain breakfast
for all 5 - 860 Fr.
food wash-up + shave in
nice hot water - this
new thing (joining
when we awakened)
French country side flat,
rather interesting -
bumpy.
Got out various bits
of baggage for London.
Customs + passports all
packed up on train so
there we have nothing
to do but go through to
boat at Calais.
H. sits over - settled
on journey - bouncing
about + getting into

London: Coli very good.
C. wanders away on
his own to explore
corridors, look at maps:
very much on individual
+ much better on his
own: Mr. Stoli good
together - but C. - gets
in this house if he
is with sister.
No: no photo of
good Mr. Ventrone -
we have for too much of
everything.
? How does it manage to
look always so queer -
short tail almost always
out of trousers or back -
hair tress!!
Frank relatively empty

again.
 For an Arrive at
 9.0 am & another at 11.0 am
 to find she would be
 here this time: coming
 near Calais - flat calm
 day.
 Finished bottle of red
 wine we bought on way
 out - just saw sea -
 flat blue - lovely.
 Clear air to boot easy -
 once more the "Cote d'Azur" -
 lovely ship: At Stought to
 Salou at the (after looking in
 dining room & drinking in
 didn't want lunch): Salou
 fresh - little yellow chairs,
 pale wood panelling, At-
 white & green curtains in

bold design: boat left
 early (12.0 noon for time) -
 we had coffee rolls butter &
 jam & cake (10/2 total).
 A good Salou hat.
 She for me: bought &
 I made frequent news
 round decks - humming,
 but coldish wind
 blowing. Tried all
 various hairstyles!! (Not -
 Colin has gift at side of
 trousers - couple minutes).
 Easy morning - no helmsman
 At boat quickly - through
 British customs - got
 some rather charming
 man at on going out -
 told truth about thysons (5)
 & cigs. (400) & choc. -

didn't get bags.

sun shining in England -
 warm: got our reserved
 seats on train & diff.
 Port & I looked at bookstall
 & looked in Buffet - but
 they didn't want anything
 to drink!! Bought B. the
 Daily Express. (travelling 1st
 class by rail - England &
 Continent - 1st class on
 boat - Irish & English
 Channel).

Butter warm day this
 fruit - fields of wheat - apple
 trees being pruned: willows
 foliated & "sallies" tied in
 bundles. First sight of
 green grass pleasant -
 felt the feeling that I

came to put my feet out
 of the carriage & feel soft
 grass under them!

Train rather quibby -
 tho' a small effort is
 made towards hygiene by
 provision of two small towels,
 some warm water & soap in
 lavatory: but carriages
 quibby (worse than the
 French - who were poor
 this year) - & of course
 not in same "wells" as
 home.

B. waking up from
 "dogging mood" - & feeling
 rather hungry: boys
 have all been to wash
 face to clean their hands
 & comb their hair.

Victoria on train (3.05 pm)
 dump d. Rucina & one small
 bag in left luggage. After the
 train take to London where we
 dumped two large cases.
~~Then~~ At London called
 in Cafeteria (nearly "done-
 up" - rather nice - quite
 good food) for rolls, bread,
 drinks, tea: refreshed:
 set off by tube to Mary &
 Harry Street to look at
 handbags & see around.
 Much & confusion of shops.
 assistants have nothing
 to do (! effect of King's death
 or of economic crisis?).
 Disappointed (on the whole)
 & this shop - to H. by
 bus to Piccadilly: waited

abt. 3/4 hr. in queue to get
 into Grosvenor theatre (2/1
 each) - saw King's funeral
 etc. - out abt. 7.15 pm. &
 to Lyons for drinks, rolls
 & bread.
 Back to Victoria - collected
 bags - off to Richmond -
 dark - boys very weary -
 all lamps a bit short -
 safely to Little where
 children went straight to
 bed.
 Had drinks, stuffed olive,
 supper (& tea) - talked
 to Leonard till nearly
 10 am. bed.
 Little's amazed at how
 brown we all are! And
 pleased & happy &

chose. we bought.

Thurs. Feb. 21.

if reasonably early -
everyone clear-eyed &
fresh: but Mrs. Brod.
threw back in over
boxed - seem to have
a lot more room in over
bags than formerly.

Good breakfast - but
to Hanoi - into Victoria

At 10:30 am. - parked
Mrs. Brod. bags (to be
collected) - bag to some
Piccadilly circus. When
there, decided to walk
down to Horse Guards &
let Colin see changing of
guard - fresh cool
bright morning & good

view of West-End
B. & Long Street. But
one or two traps.

Back up on foot to
Lion Street where B.
bought a bag & some
books: everything very
reasonable.

Then to Lyons for early
lunch (12.15 pm).
After lunch soup, rolls &
ice-cream: I had
Pasta & American Tab-
& dipped from "Don
tunny" till bed time.

Strangely by bus to Heath,
Oxford Circus & back -
astonishingly low prices -
quick run round -
& decided not to buy.

any more furniture
than etc. in Dept. 1:
it wd. be worth for to
London to buy. Saw
beautiful circ. oak
table & occasional
"nests" at £15 -
bought it
walked down to
Oxford St. - into outlet
where for £2 each
bought a cycling helmet
Bo's is white - will
make good ski-hat
also: excellent shop.
Almost bought metal
two - two books &
mattress (total £12) -
but difficult about
transport. (Ref. Healy).

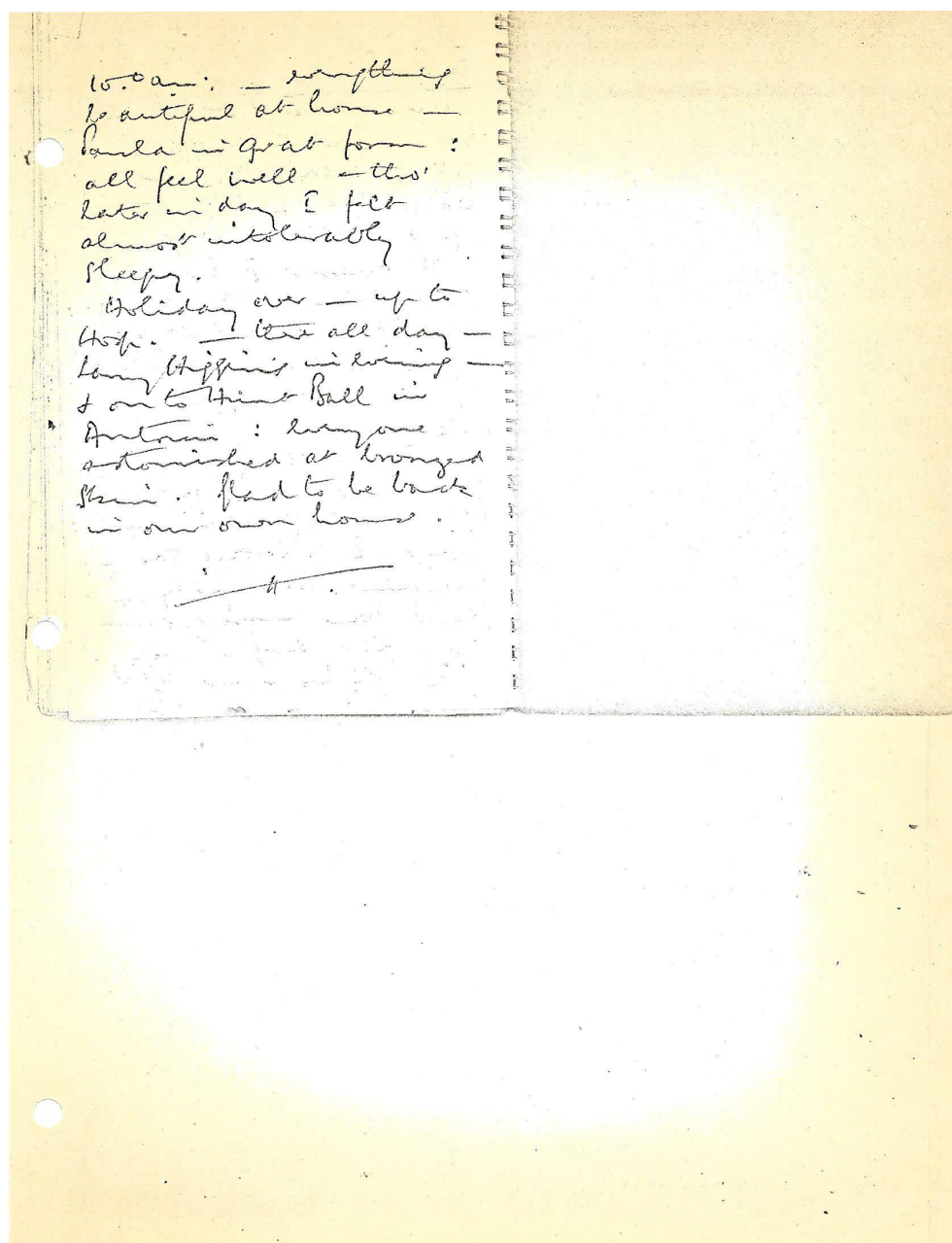
Back to Kefidges
on way up Regent St. -
noted foot come for
future shopping - on
Right: Hambley's
Jasper Lister's etc. close
to each other. Note.
Quick run-round
Sport's Store dept. of
Kefidges - saw a
little television (1" time
for R.) - then up to
Restaurant for aft.
tea (£5 for all).
Bo. or. section then
caught No. 73 bus from
door of Shop Hambley to
Kington: Cost by bus
to Kington, picked up
Russon - tube to

Euston - arrived
 4.15 pm - collected
 big bag + 1st railed
 seats of full + long
 Liverpool train - left
 4.30 pm - after buying
 some magazines -
 ate some fruit - read
 washed up: I changed
 into a clean shirt.
 Dinner at 6.0 pm -
 British - best choice
 of fish + meat 9d,
 bread (in canteen).
 C. had coffee + B. + D.
 me (total 30p).
 Raged home money -
 but M. very tired.
 Liverpool 8.30 pm -
 onto boat: much

once more by bad
 arrangements for
 transfer of passengers
 from train to boat:
 treated like cattle: no
 responsible attendance.
 B. leaves one - +
 you make you own
 way this' time, really
 shed - no power.
 notices - no officials
 to welcome or find you.
 White House, quite
 deplorable.
 1st White Monarch
 (thanks goodness!) at
 Prince's Dock - food
 cabins - worst
 offered as usual:
 Only 100 on board

(usual alt: 700). Colin
 for. soon to bed —
 But followed. C. & I
 watched close job of
 getting boat out of
 dock & into Henry.
 Then alt: 100 Pm. C.
 went to bed — all
 had 3/4 gr. Tunal.
 I went up to Dining
 Room — had pot of
 food coffee, toast
 butter & jam (1/6).
 Down to Cabin 110 Pm.
 But & others all
 asleep: calm night
 but quite cold on
 deck: now midnight.
 Tomorrow I shall
 be Paula.

Find Feb. 22
 Boys awake & well) alt:
 60 — had to let them
 get up: cancelled cup of
 tea in bed — better to be
 up & eat breakfast.
 All dined 5 haste —
 boat docked approx. 7.30 am:
 ate plain breakfast (1/2
 each) — cereal or fruit juice,
 plenty of toast, jam,
 coffee.
 Packed bags on board —
 all walked to Petty's where
 But went to get hair-wash:
 boys & I collected car —
 running beautifully —
 and home messages —
 day fine, dry & lovely.
 Got off for home alt:



10:00 am: - something
beautiful at home -
Paula in great form:
all feel well - this
later in day I feel
almost intolerably
sleepy.

Holiday over - up to
Hosp. - there all day -
Long Whippin's in evening -
+ on to the Ball in
Antonia: everyone
astonished at bronze
skin. Had to be back
in our own house.

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Reports for Term ending Easter

1952

Pupil's Name Brennen. Christopher

SUBJECTS	Percentage Marks obtained	Place in Subject	REMARKS
English	49	10	Fairly Good.
History	70	1	Very good
Geography	90	1	Very good.
Arithmetic	53	$\frac{9}{13}$	Quite good.
Algebra			
Geometry			
Trigonometry			
French			
German	80	9	Good.
Latin	54	3 =	A good start, especially in view of absence.
Greek			
Chemistry	72	12.	Very good.
Physics			
Domestic Economy			
Drawing	80	4	Very good.
Music			

General Remarks

Quite good.

Signed W. F. Foye

RAINEY ENDOWED SCHOOL, MAGHERAFELT.

Reports for Term ending Summer

1952

Pupil's Name Brennen Christopher

SUBJECTS	Percentage Marks obtained	Place in Subject	REMARKS
English	61	5 th	Good work and progress.
History	77	2	Very good.
Geography	82	$\frac{2}{14}$	Excellent.
Arithmetic	87	$\frac{1}{14}$	Very good. Has greatly improved.
Algebra			
Geometry			
Trigonometry			
French			
German	83	6	Very good.
Latin	82	3	Very good.
Greek			
Chemistry	70	11 th	Good work and progress.
Physics			
Domestic Economy			
Drawing	90	1 st	Very good work & progress.
Music			

General Remarks

V. Good.

Signed

[Signature]

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Reports for Term ending *Christmas*

1952.

Pupil's Name *L. Brennan.*

SUBJECTS	Percentage Marks obtained	Place in Subject	REMARKS
English	70	2-	<i>Very Good. Writing needs attention.</i>
History	81	1	<i>Excellent.</i>
Geography	90.	2.	<i>Excellent. <u>W.</u> Good worker.</i>
Arithmetic			
<i>Algebra</i> ^{<i>Arithmetic</i>} <i>Paper...2.</i>	96	1.	<i>Has worked well and produced an excellent result.</i>
Geometry	85	2	<i>Excellent. He tackled this problem paper with enthusiasm and apart from an odd slip his work was first class.</i>
Trigonometry			
French			
German	84	2	<i>Very good. Works well.</i>
Latin	86	3	<i>Very good work.</i>
Greek			
Chemistry			
Physics			
Domestic Economy			
Drawing	78	1	<i>Excellent.</i>
Music			
<i>Biology.</i>	82	5	<i>Very satisfactory.</i>

General Remarks

Excellent. - He still has a tendency in using a pen but this will remedy itself.

Signed *L. Brennan.*

