

Days At Mt Abu 1956

Chris Joseph's Daily Diary

Foreword

The idea to publish *Days At Mt. Abu 1956 – Chris Joseph's Daily Diary*, was first planted in my mind at the 2001 Toronto Reunion of Old St. Mary's School Boys. This reunion took place at Neville Rodrick's Farm, Marmora, Ontario, Canada, and was attended by Bro. R. Dermot Barrett, Aloysius D'Souza (Datch), Bobby & Ivor Amore, Val Noronha, Ashley & Winston Shemain, Sidney Brown, Patrick Louis, Lloyd Xavier, Jay Majithia, Gavin Galbraith-Marten, Norman Phillips, Bernie D'Lima, Benny Pius, Brian Lobo, Peter Ferreira, Brij Mohan Gujral, and many others.

At the urgings and encouragement of Louise and Neville Rodricks, Bob Amore and others, I finally decided to publish my daily diary on Val Noronha's St. Mary's Web Site. I have included some clarification of names and descriptive words to enable all to follow recollections made hurriedly before lights out at 9 pm in the Old Senior's Dormitory.

My apologies to any who take offence at my recollections, poor spellings and hurried scribbled lines.

I would like to dedicate my diary to the happy memories of Br. Archibald George Bennett, my Class Master at St. Mary's Mt. Abu from 1954 to 1956, great teacher, hunter and naturalist.

I acknowledge the love and opportunity extended to me by my parents, Freda (Richardson) & Chester Joseph in sending me to St. Mary's Mt. Abu, and specially for the gift of a Baby Brownie Box Camera for Christmas, by which all the old black & white photographs were taken on our Class jungle walks, picnics, games, sports week, and visits to various well known tourist sites.

I would also like to remember with thanks and happy thoughts all the staff and fellow students from 1954 to 1956 who made my passage through high school, "on a river of no return" (Bro. E. O. O'Keefe) a very pleasant and happy experience: Fr. Stephen, Fr. Andrades, Fr. Bonaventure -Chaplain, Mr. Aloysius D'Souza (Datch) new Science Master, Br. Stan – Tuck Shop, one of the three Irish Christian Brothers to take over and run St. Mary's in 1929, Br. R Dermot Barrett, Br. Peter, Br. Keane, Mr. L. R. Goyal – Hindi Pop, Br. Barry, Br. Murray, Br. Morrow, Sr. Victoria – Hospital Nun, Mr. Ward, Mr. & Mrs Pew – Kitchen and Refectory, Magan – Bearer, Mr. Aden Walla – Barber.

Chris Joseph

St. Mary's Mt. Abu 1956

Diary

March 07, 1956 Bombay Central Station, Western Railway (BB&CI Rly.)

Left for school with the school batch. Bros. O'Keefe and Bennett were in charge. Had a good sleep coming up from Bombay to Ahmedabad. In the same compartment were Trevor Gilby and three other youngsters.

I saw a picture, 3:30 pm show at the Strand. "All That Heaven Allows" Starring June Allison and Rock Hudson.

March 08, 1956 Br. Barry in charge of Dormitory

Had breakfast at Ahmedabad. Train was late due to construction work. We had to travel by Third Class as our booked bogies had not arrived. On our way we saw some blue bull. Left Abu Road for Mt. Abu by S. T. Bus. Arrived at school when it was quite dark. Br. Barry is in charge of us, and is going to look after the dormitory this year. A new brother has come from New Zealand by the name of Keane.

March 09, 1956 Boxes have not arrived

We were allowed to sleep late, 7 O'clock as we were very tired after travelling. Lucky to have a clean change in my bedding as the boxes have not arrived as yet. Keith Finnimore and I went to town to send two telegrams for the boxes. After that we followed our class for a walk on the Old road.

Br. Barry is in charge this week. "Stop roaring like a beast in the jungle, You're all are like a pack of savages."

March 10, 1956 Class has started

Today I served Mass with Richard Edmonds (Richie). Made one mistake. Class has started, but we have only a few books. Our master (Br. Bennett) came two hours late in the afternoon. Went for a walk round the old Rajasthan Golf Course. The boxes have not arrived as yet. Br. Barry is in charge this week.

March 11, 1956 Sunday - Picked teams for St. Patrick's Cake Tournament

Today I served Mass with Richie (Edmonds) and Benediction with Richie and Roger Marten. In the evening I had a game of handball in the newly built handball alley with our master (Br. Bennett)

We picked our teams for St. Patrick's Cake. Team members: Chris. Joseph, Capt.; Owen Amore Vice Capt.; Duncan Collie; N. Rodriques (Neville Rodricks); Ashley Shemain; Robert Amore (Bob); J. Singh; M. Mendoza; Gavin Marten; R. Henderson; E. Fern; G. Patel; D. Cooper.

Bros. O'Keefe and F. P. Barrett (Brimstone) left for Ireland.

My weight is 140 lbs. And my height is 5 feet 9 and $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

Br. R. D. Barrett is in charge this week.

Our master (Br. Bennett) is Acting Principal (New Boss)

March 12, 1956 Br. R. D. Barrett in charge of dormitory

Today I served Mass with Richie. I took the bell. No morning study as yet. Covered some books. Class has begun in earnest. Had evening studies. Br. Barry and our master (Bennett) were in charge. Today Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) and Trevor Perrier (TP) played hockey. Tinkle won 2 - 0

Br. R. D. Barrett is in charge. We sung a hymn after the rosary "Mary Mary."

March 13, 1956 Class has begun in earnest

Today I served Mass with Richie. Class has begun in earnest. I am going to try and get a first division in the Senior Cambridge Overseas Examination. I beat Derek Brady by the odd goal of one after we were given 10 minutes extra time. Owen Amore my Vice Cap passed the ball to me and I shot the goal. It was a very hard fought game, and I was dead beat after the game.

Br. R. D. Barrett is in charge, and after rosary we sang "Nearer My God To Thee."

March 14, 1956 Haunted Clock

Today I served Mass with Richie and I took the bell.

Our master (Br. A.G. Bennett) was doping, and began the lesson on electricity without calling the six* Scripture boys into class.

In the afternoon while the "Tale of Two Cities" lesson was going on, suddenly the spring of the clock unwound, and threw the clock open, and it stopped. We all had a good laugh when the key jumped out and hit our master.

We went to Abu to spend some rusty coins, I spent Rupees 1 Annas 8.

*Mike Rooke, Joe D'Souza, Johnny Bharucha, Newton Carvalho, Lenny Middlecoat.

March 15, 1956 Temperature Near Freezing At Night

Last night it suddenly became cold and I awoke shivering and had to cover with a quilt as well as my blanket. It was quite misty in the morning up till about 9 O'clock. I served Mass with Richie, and since I felt bad I went out and came in again.

Rocky (Rocky Rodrigues) beat Richie by 2 – 0 for St. Pat's Cake. It was quite breezy and sandy.

Today is the "Ides of March" Julius Caesar's death anniversary.

March 16, 1956 Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) & Rocky Rodrigues in finals for St. Pat's Cake

Today I served Mass with Richie; We did not have any evening study, as tomorrow being St. Pat's feast, the patron saint of Ireland is a holiday. I lost against Tinkle the score being 2 – 0 The goals were scored after the half time. We were winning by corners. Tomorrow Tinkle plays Rocky in the finals for St. Pat's Cake. I wrote home today.

While doing the "Tale of Two Cities" our master asked me the meaning of "tinder-box"? Not knowing what it was, I made a blind guess and said "snuff box." Everyone had a good laugh.

March 17, 1956 St. Patrick's Feast Day – Tinkle Wins The Cake

Today I served Mass with Richie; We wore red sashes as it was St. Pat's feast. Tinkle beat Rocky 2 – 1 as was expected. We played the Pre Seniors in cricket and won. I hit my first six in school off Winston Shemain's ball. I scored 12 runs all together. We saw a picture "Ivory Hunter" I did not care much for it. We had to carry benches up from the gym. We had good grub and sweetmeats as today is St. Pat's feast. I served Benediction with Roger (Marten) and Richie Edmonds.

March 18, 1956 Sunday Captains pick Cricket & Hockey Teams

Today I served Mass with Richie Edmonds and Benediction with Richie and Roger. Today the 6th played the 7th in cricket. In the afternoon the captains of cricket and hockey picked their teams. Owen Amore is my Vice-Cap in hockey and Winston Shemain in cricket. In the evening we played volley ball instead of hockey. We are having a tournament and I am a captain.

March 19, 1956 St. Joseph's Feast Day

Today I served Mass with Richie and served Benediction with Richie and Roger. I played Rocky Rodriques in hockey, and won 1 – 0 Br. Barrett had a severe cold, and did not come to supervise the game. Our master was in charge. I received a letter from Dad. Today is St. Joseph's feast.

March 20, 1956 Buzzards seen circling

I served Mass with Richie and I took the bell. We have settled down to our books. The fifth took a holiday for their masters feast which was on St. Pat's feast. The bell rung late in the afternoon as the sixth were away. My team played Rocky's (Rodriques) in volley ball; TP (Trevor Perrier) played Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) in hockey and won. Score being 1 – 0

"Buzzards" (vultures) were seen circling in the evening, most probably over a panther kill. While *Keith Finnimore was answering English literature, he said the opposite of "assembly" was disassembly, so the name Mr. Malaprop was promptly given to him by our master, and all of us had a good laugh. * (Hatcher)

March 21, 1956 Saw a panther kill

I served Mass with Ritchie. Our master went on the warpath with the boys who missed their Hindi Vocabulary. We went for a walk to the valley, and saw a panther kill. It was completely eaten by the vultures. We went on to the new road (Abu Road Station to Mt. Abu) and had a fig fight.

March 22, 1956 Write Essay – An Evening At Home

I served mass with Richie for the 13th time, and the others are kicking up a row about it. We had a half holl. (holiday) as today is Thursday bath day. We had to write an essay about an evening at home. Rocky played Brady. Rocky won 2– 0. Richie and myself were refs.

March 23, 1956 Class Mates Not Feeling Well

I served Mass with Richie. He was not feeling well. In the afternoon, Richie, Ronnie, and Owen went to hospital. Owen came out in the evening and played hockey. I played Tinkle and lost 5 – 1. Owen shot our goal. I got a crack with the ball under the knee and it is quite painful

March 24, 1956 Bro. Bennett Welcome the Provincial

I served Mass with Joe D'Souza as Richie is in hospital with flu. Br. R.D. Barrett took us for a walk to Anadhra Point to have a look at the plains where we have been thrice for our class picnic. One was a Holy Childhood picnic. Last year we collected Rs. 1,163/- with an average of Rs. 40/- We set a record. Our master stayed behind to welcome the Provincial. While we were passing thru town, some boys took the law into their own hands, and bought some rubbish which was confiscated when Br. Barrett saw them. We got a lift back to school by a State Transport (S.T.) bus.

March 25, 1956 Palm Sunday - Richard Edmonds Team Beat Chris Joseph 2 - 1

Today is Palm Sunday. Joe, Roger and myself served for the blessing and distribution of the palms. I gave Father the wrong palm.

I played T.P. (Trevor Perrier) in cricket. We got to bat first. I hit three 6 and twelve 4. Altogether I scored 84 then got caught. My team scored 120 and Lloyd (Gilder) retired injured after diving to get into his crease. He (Lloyd) scored 18 runs. So far I have hit four sixes in school and 5 altogether. I took 4 wickets. T.P. is 20 runs for 8 wickets. He is still batting but all the other good fellows are out. I am in a very favourable position.

I played for Richie's team in hockey and after a very tough fight we lost 2 – 1. We were pressing them for most of the time and gave them a lot of anxious moments.

March 26, 1956 Medical Inspection - Derek D' Souza Team Beat Derek Brady 3 - 0

I served Mass with Joe. In the mornings we had medical inspection, and my chest contracted was 33.75 inches and expanded was 37 inches. Hindi Pop (Mr. Goyal) has come back from his outing. I played for Brady and lost 3 – 0 against Tinkle (Derek D'Souza).

I have started reading Zane Grey's Mysterious Rider.

I received a letter from grandpa (Maj. H. A. Richardson , IMD) wishing me for my birthday.

March 27, 1956 Richard Edmonds Team Plays Chris Joseph's

I served Mass with Joe (D'Souza). He took the bell. In algebra we are doing joint variations. I played Richie in hockey. He shot their first goal, and they were pressing us in the first part of the first half. However, I equalled the score from a short corner hit by Owen Amore. Soon after I took the lead by shooting another goal. After half time Richie equalled us. Silvo (Da Silva) their goalie made some very fine saves.

March 28, 1956 Air Guns Allowed on Walks

I served Mass with Joe. He went out at Communion. Every one was in a jolly mood for from tomorrow starts our Easter Holidays. We went to the (old) dam with Br. Barrett as our master had to see the Provincial off. Owen shot 3 pigeons, all fell into the lake. One fell about 50 yards from the shore, and Keith (Finnimore) swam out and got it, he used his under pants. One that fell near the centre of the dam had to be left there as sir (Br. Barrett) would not allow us to get it out as we would have to swim to it.

March 29, 1956 Birthday Chris Joseph

We got up at 6:30 am as Mass was said at 6:30 pm I served with Richie. Br. Barrett gave me Rs. 20/- for my birthday pocket money. I had to pay Rs. 9/- for a hockey stick. In the morning I played hand ball and badminton. Br. Barry was down and played with us. We went along the new roads with Br. Barrett.

Richie's team lost against Tinkle in cricket.

March 30, 1956 1955 Cambridge Results Published

We had Holy Hour from 6:30 am to 7:30 I had 15 minutes adoration from 8 O'clock. We went for the unveiling of the Cross and distribution of Communion at 3 pm We went for a walk with our master by the lime orchard. We had stations of the Cross, and Joe, Richie and myself served. After dinner Br. Murray sent me for 2 pills and when I was returning I fell over the rocks in the darkness. I hurt my knee.

The Cambridge results have been published (Br. Barrett's Class 1955). There were 7 First Class, 8 Second, 5 Third and 5 Failures. Let's hope I don't join the latter blighters at the end of this year.

March 31, 1956 Easter Vigil Mass

Br. Barry woke us up at 11:30 pm for Midnight Mass. Richie and myself served. I wore my night pant under my pants.

We went to the valley and played Bang – Bang Owen (Amore) and Ashley (Shemain) were captains. In the morning we played cricket. Tinkle and Richie were Captains. Limbdi and myself were Vice Caps. I scored 17 runs, and took 2 wickets. We moved into the new house in Sion today. Plot No. 123, Sion East, Bombay 22. Mrs. Da Silva's Silvo's Mother

April 01, 1956 Easter Sunday – Br. Barrett Plays April Fool Joke on Bobby Amore

Because of Midnight Mass, we were woke up at 7 am In the morning Michael (Rooke), Owen (Amore) and Self went for a walk with Br. Keane and others to Dilwara. Owen shot 4 doves and I shot 1 on our return. Bro. Keane had a nice swim in the Convent Pool. I wished I also had my trunks. We went for a game of

bang-bang to the valley as our master had to be available to hear about the news of the picture (movie) "Springfield Rifle" which was supposed to be delivered but has not arrived. Bro. Barrett played April Fool on Bobby (Amore) by telling him to ask Br. Bennett for the 1956 Cambridge Papers. We all had a good laugh.

April 02, 1956

Br. Keane woke us up for Mass at the usual time. Richie (Edmonds) and myself served Mass for the last time. We have served Mass for 3 weeks.

Michael (Rooke), Owen (Amore) and myself went for a walk to Dilwara with Br. Keane. Owen shot 2 doves, many got away. In the evening we played bang-bang in the valley. The films have not arrived as yet.

April 03, 1956

Keith (Finnimore) and Mike (Rooke) have taken over from us (Richie & Chris) and are now serving daily Mass. They made a few mistakes. Dr. Michael (Butcher) has not come to give the boys their inoculation. Tinkle (Derek) D'Souza played Rocky (Rodrigues) in hockey, Tinkle won 3 - 1 as was expected. I played volley ball. Br. Barrett also played.

April 04, 1956 School Inspector Arrives

Today Keith and Mike served (Mass). The (school) inspector came, so our master was away the whole morning. He did not come to our class. Instead of A.C.C. (Auxiliary Cadet Corps.) we were supposed to learn, and our master came up and caught some fellows fooling. He did not say anything. We went for a walk by our lake (natural spring beyond the Old Play Field /Big Pitch, now a water reservoir), then past Khodra Dam and back.

April 05, 1956 Chris Joseph's Team Beat Trevor Perrier 1 - 0

Keith and Mike served Mass. Our master showed us a skeleton of a man while giving us a Health Science lesson.

I played T.P. (Trevor Perrier) and won. Score being 1 - 0. So far my team has 5/8 points. We saw a picture "Springfield Rifle." I have seen it before in Bombay. The machine (projector) failed during the last reel, and we had to come up without seeing the whole picture.

April 06, 1956 Br. Barrett Recognizes School Hockey Team Potential

Keith and Mike served Mass. I missed my lessons twice today. Our master got quite hot, but did not use the strap. During the evening study our master gave the young fellows (jr. students) the strap for fooling. Richie played Rocky in hockey, the game ended in a draw, the score being 3 all. I played volleyball.

Br. Barrett said we had quite a fast first eleven in hockey, and he would get round our master to enter our team in the Reynolds Hockey Tournament.

April 07, 1956 Request A Holiday For S.C. Results

We went to request a holiday for the S.C. (Senior Cambridge) results. However, before we could ask, our master told us to go to class and ask next week for that Holiday. We went for a walk with Br. Barrett as our master was busy. After walks we saw a magic show in the hall. In the last act the magician swallowed a sword. He was not good as this was his first public performance.

April 08, 1956 Sunday Cricket Played in the morning Hockey in the evening

Gordon (Clarke) and Lloyd (Gilder) served Mass. I beat T.P. (Trevor Perrier) in cricket. Their total score was 32 runs. After T.P.'s game I played Keith's (Finnimore) cricket team and won. They scored 28 runs.

We scored 53 runs. I scored 9 runs and took 6 wickets. I am in the cricket finals and hope to win. In the evening I played Brady (Derek) in hockey. The game ended in a draw the score being 2 all. I shot one goal.

April 09, 1956 Dr. Michael Inoculates the Boys

Gordon and Lloyd served Mass. "Butcher" Michael (Dr. Michael) came and inoculated the boys who were not done at home. Many of them felt rotten, so in the evening after studies, instead of games we went for a walk with our master. Michael Everden took a snap of our school and Plumy from near where we start the cross country race. We went down the Dilwara road; Duncan Collie found a barbet's nest.

April 10, 1956 Holiday for 1955 Senior Cambridge Results

We got the long awaited holiday for the S.C. (Senior Cambridge) results. We were expecting to get it on Wednesday or Saturday. Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) played M.S. (Budoo) Rao in cricket and won. Tinkle scored 55 runs.

I still hold the record with 86 runs. I meet Tinkle in the cricket final on Sunday. Lets hope I win. In the evening T.P. (Trevor Perrier) played Rocky (Rodrigues) in hockey and won the score being 3 – 2.

I played volleyball.

April 11, 1956 Jungle Walks

Lloyd and Gordon are still serving. Richie (Edmonds) got the strap for missing Physics. Faraday's Law of Electrolysis. We had half an hour extra class. Class got over at 3:30, School Inspector's Order. In the evening before walks we learnt Tale of Two Cities. We went for a very long walk, and Everden took snaps of the well known sights. Bullu (Royston Mathias) found a spur fowl's egg.

April 12, 1956 Richard Edmonds Team Beat Derek D' Souza in Hockey

Lloyd and Gordon served Mass for the last time. I forgot to do the summary of the 'Gorgons Head' Tale of Two Cities. I had to stand out with 7 others, and had to do it after baths. Richie beat Tinkle in hockey, the score being 4 – 3 T. P. (Trevor Perrier) played in place of Richie. I played badminton with Gavin (Marten) and won. Owen (Amore) found a hare's young one, and let it go again. We made up our dhobi (washman) clothes.

April 13, 1956 Hockey 1st Round Over

T.P. (Trevor Perrier) and Aloo (Aloysius D'Souza) served Mass for the first time. Our master got quite hot over the physics lesson. We had to give three meanings of 'Fair' my sentence was "Romeo called Juliet his fair lady" Every one had a good laugh. T.P. played Brady (Derek) in hockey. The game ended in a draw the score being 2 all. I played volleyball. The first round of hockey is over. T.P. is 1st with 7 points. Tinkle is 2nd with 6 points, Richie 3rd with 6 points, myself 4th with 6 points, Rocky 5th with 3 points, Brady 6th. with 2 points. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place were decided on goal average.

April 14, 1956 Half Hour Extra Class Inspector's Orders

We had half an hour's extra class. Inspector's orders. We played bang-bang at the cross roads as sir (Br. Bennett) had to see about the films. The convent (girl students) were also there. Limbdi came for a little stroll with us. Bro. Barrett sent us for baths before going to bed for the night.

April 15, 1956 Sunday Cricket Finals – Tinkle Wins Cricket Tournament

I lost to Tinkle in the cricket finals. They scored 102 runs and we scored 41 runs. I scored 10 runs and took 4 wickets. Richie beat Brady in hockey 1 – 0 in the second round. I played badminton against the

Marten brothers and Derek Dawson and won. We had baths after games. We had evening Mass as Rev. Fr. Stephen had to say Mass in Abu Road in the morning. After dinner we saw a picture "The Good Humour Man." It was very humorous.

April 16, 1956 Hockey Game Ends In A Draw Chris Vs. Rocky

Aloo (Aloysius D'Souza) and T.P. (Trevor Perrier) are still serving Mass. Nearly the whole class missed Geography and a number of us missed Julius Caesar. I played Rocky in hockey and drew. The score being 1 all. I shot our goal. I hit Rudy in the face with the ball. Instead of volleyball we are having cricket practice. Umadi Singh came with Limbdi yesterday.

April 17, 1956 Hockey Game Ends In A Draw Tinkle Vs T.P.

Aloo and T.P. served for the last time. A number of us got the strap for missing Julius Caesar. My total (strap shots) is 6 shots now. Tinkle drew with T.P. in hockey the score being 0 – 0. I practiced cricket.

April 18, 1956 Photography On Walks

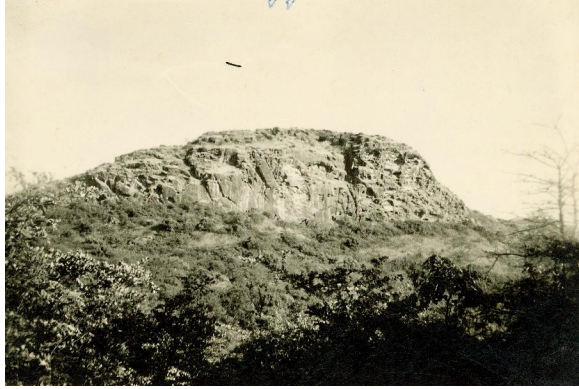
Owen (Amore) and Rocky (Rodrigues) served Mass. It was quite a pleasant class day on the whole. I took a snap of Plummy, Plummy Valley, Spongy and one of the Class on top of Spongy. I think we will get an extra holiday for our master's (Br. Archibald George Bennett) feast 23rd of this month.



Plummy from on top of Spongy



Plummy from Spongy – New Road Visible In Plummy Valley



Spongy Taken From Old Road



1956 Senior Cambridge Class On Top Of Spongy

April 19, 1956 Richie Edmonds Beats Rocky Rodriques in Hockey 1 - 0

Owen and Rocky served Mass. Today being Thursday we had half a day holiday. We did not have baths as the water was not flowing. I spilt a cup of tea and it fell in a very awkward place and they all had a good laugh and made cracks at me. We are having a tournament for a cake. Richie beat Rocky, the score 1-0.

I played cricket.

April 20, 1956 Derek D' Souza Beat Chris Joseph In Hockey 2 - 0

Rocky and Owen are still serving Mass. Everything went quite well yesterday. Rudy (Ferreira) missed health science. Our master got quite wild and told him to answer up in the evening. I lost to Tinkle 2 - 0 My team missed about 5 open goals.

April 21, 1956

We had no class today because our master told us to revise for the monthly test on Wednesday. We did not go for walks on Wednesday. Hatcher (Keith Finnimore) got hurt and had to go to hospital to get iodine put on the wound.

April 22, 1956 Sunday Trevor Perrier Beat Derek Brady In Hockey 2 - 0

We played the 7th in cricket. We won the toss and took fielding. They scored 111 including the 40 run lead given. We scored 112. My individual score was 17. I took the first wicket. The second inning is to be played tomorrow. T.P. (Trevor Perrier) played Brady in hockey and won 2 - 1. We had pictures after that

but as the projector broke down we could not see the whole picture. The name of the movie was "The Ghost Train."

April 23, 1956 Br. George Bennett's Feast Day / Our Master

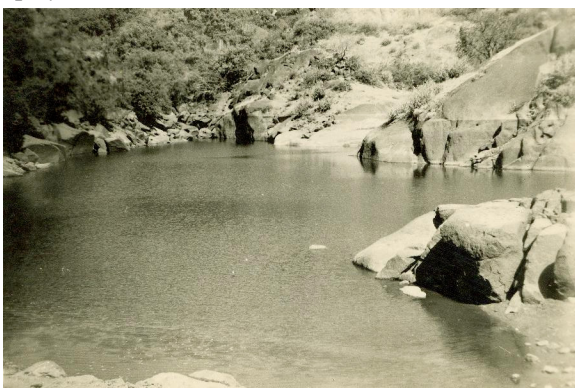
Today is our master's feast (Br. Archibald George Bennett). After giving him our presents, we continued the cricket match. We scuttled the 7th out for 20 runs. Our score was 139 I scored 2 runs. Instead of games we had a Treasure Hunt. I was a captain and my team won the treasure. The treasure consisted of sweets and toffee. The first clue was at the Starting point of the cross country race. The second at Haitanji Village well. We could not find the 3 and 4 but found the treasure. We saw the whole picture "The Ghost Train." I did not like it.



**Br. George Bennett Receives Best Wishes & Gift From Ashley Shemain
On Behalf Of All Classmates**

April 24, 1956 Special Holiday for Br. Bennett's Seniors

Today is a holl. (holiday) for our class because the whole school got one on his (Br. George Bennett's) feast day We went to Trevor Tal (lake) and I took some snaps. We were beat when we came back. I caught a horse at Paddy's Bridge and rode it bare back up the slope. Richie played Tinkle in hockey and won 3 – 2 I played cricket.



Trevor Tal



Br. Bennett with 1956 S.C. Class At Trevor Tal



Good Friends – Chris Joseph, Mike Rooke, Owen Amore, Keith Finnimore, Trevor Gilby

April 25, 1956 Monthly Test

We had our monthly test today. It lasted the whole morning and for half an hour or so in the afternoon. The rest of the time we had Tale of Two Cities. In the evening we went to Abu. I collected the snaps. They all came out OK. I bought a pair of keds for Rs. 5. 15 Annas. After that Owen (Amore), Hatcher (Keith Finnimore) Mike (Rooke) and myself bought some rubbish and then went and had dosa at the Madras Café.

April 26, 1956 St. Mary's Defeat Walter School in Hockey 11 - 0

We had a Hindi test this morning. After the test we did an essay on The River I Know. I picked the Ganges. In the monthly test I got 69.4%

We played Walter School in hockey and won by 11 goals to nil on our home grounds. I took some snaps, and we had lime juice after the game.

April 27, 1956 Hockey Finals End In A Draw

Ronny (Ferreira) and Lenny (Middlecoat) served Mass for the first time. Class passed without any incident. We had no studies in the evening as tomorrow is last Saturday. Richie (Edmonds) played T.P. (Trevor Perrier) in the finals for the cake, the game ended in a draw. The score being 0 – 0. The rest of us watched.

April 28, 1956 Played C.P.T.C. On Polo Grounds St. Mary's Win 4 - 0

Today Ronny and Lenny served Mass. We all got blue cards so none of us had to stick in, he (Br. Bennett) spared 6 blokes. In the morning the 1st eleven in cricket and hockey had practice. I completely broke two bats. After that we had hockey practice and during the corner practice I hurt my instep. In the evening we played the C.P.T.C. (Central Police Training Centre) team in hockey at the Polo Grounds and won 4 – 0. Mike Rooke played substitute for me. We are going to play them a return match on Wednesday. I took a snap of Mike in School Colours.

April 29, 1956 Sunday Trevor Perrier's Team Wins Hockey Cake

Lenny (Middlecoat) and Ronny (Ferreira) served Mass. I went for a walk with Datch "Aloysius D'Souza", the new science master, and an old school boy. We went down Milk Man's Path, thru Plummy Valley and then to Convent Pool. Datch and 10 of the boys went by the wrong path and had to turn back. On arriving back at school he gave us each a mango. Hatcher (Keith Finnimore) could not come as he had to play cricket. T.P. (Trevor Perrier) beat Richie (Edmonds) in hockey for the cake. I played cricket.

April 30, 1956 2nd Eleven Wins Hockey Practice

Ronnie and Lenny served Mass. Our master (Br. Bennett) did not come to Chapel or class as he is sick. He gave us a lot of work to do in class during his absence. The 2nd eleven played the 1st eleven and won by 2 – 1. Derek (D'Souza) was missing during the second half as he got hurt.

May 01, 1956 Special Devotions To Our Lady

Ronnie and Lenny served Mass. Our master did not come to class as he is still sick. He is giving us double work because he is not coming to class. The 1st eleven beat the second eleven by 2 goals, the score was 3 – 1. We (our class) are having special devotion to Our Lady this month. We are going to say a rosary every day of this month, and sing a hymn.

May 02, 1956 St. Mary's Beat Field Ambulance in Hockey 5 - 0

Ronnie and Lenny served for the last time. The Old Boy (Br. Bennett) is still sick so he told us to revise the lessons which we have not learnt.

We played the Field Ambulance in hockey (Reynolds Cup) and won. The score being 5 – 0. I played backs. I finished another novel. Red Mesa. It was quite good.



1956 School Hockey Team on Big Pitch Now Under Water

Standing: Chris Joseph, Trevor Perrier (TP), Derek D'Souza (Tinkle), Mr. Goyal (Hindi Pop), Richard Edmonds (Richie), Gopal S. Choudary
Kneeling: Kalyan S. Rathore, Owen Amore, Duncan Collie (Goalie), Derek Brady, Rocky Rodrigues (Rocky)

May 03, 1956 Rocky Beats Brady In Hockey 4-0

Duncan (Collie) and Silvo (Sylvester Da Silva) served Mass. Our master is O.K. and came to class. We had practical during the science period. Rocky (Rodrigues) played Brady (Derek) in hockey and won. The score being 4 – 0. I played cricket.

May 04, 1956 Cane Used By Br. Barry

Duncan and Silvo served Mass. Class continued as usual. Richie (Edmonds) beat T.P. (Trevor Perrier) in hockey, the score being 3 – 1. I practiced cricket. Br. Barry gave me a shot with the cane because I threw a basin down when he told me to get out. There was still over 20 minutes for dinner. He also gave some other seniors the cane because they left their keds under their beds.

May 05, 1956

Duncan and Silvo served Mass. Class passed without any incident. Our master asked us to draw a map of French Indo China, and a number of us could not draw it and have to answer up tomorrow. We went to Abu and had a thick feed.

May 06, 1956 Sunday Hockey Practice For Reynolds Cup

Duncan and Silvo are still serving. The 6th played the 8th in cricket. The 6th. beat the 8th in the first innings with 40 runs lead. Aloo (D'Souza) and Duncan found 3 sparrow hawk's eggs, and 5 green bee-eater's eggs. The sparrow hawks eggs are like pigeon eggs. The 1st eleven beat the 2nd eleven in hockey. The score being 6 – 1.

May 07, 1956 Mother's Birthday

Mother's (Freda Rachel Mary Richardson-Joseph) birthday, born 1906. I forgot to wish Ma for her birthday in my last letter, but I will wish her in my next. I got the strap with some others for missing Geog. (geography) My score is 8.

The 7th played the 6th in hockey. The score was 4 – 3. Both Bros. Barry and Keane played for their classes. The others did not have games.

May 08, 1956 St. Mary's Beat Engineering Club 5 - 0

Roger (Galbraith-Marten) and Ashley (Shemain) served Mass. Class went as usual except that our master is making the boys who missed Health Science answer up on Thursday.

The 1st eleven boys had only 45 minutes study yesterday as we had to play our 1st tournament game of the Reynolds Hockey Cup. We beat the Engineering Club of Abu Road by 5 goals to nil. The school boys did not come to see the game as they had studies.

The rest of the 9th (Pre Seniors) played the rest of the 8th and won the score being 3 – 1.

May 09, 1956 Bro. Bennett Shoots Marauding Panther

Roger (Galbraith-Marten) and Ashley (Shemain) are still serving Mass. Class went without any incident. Some boys missed Julius Caesar and our master is making them answer up.

Our master Bro. Bennett left at 2 pm to sit over a panther kill. He shot the panther which was a very good specimen, 7 feet 2 inches in length. It is the biggest one he has ever shot. He shot it at approximately 5:30 pm.

We saw a picture “Savage Splendour” It was quite good.



Br. George Bennett With Marauding Panther

May 10, 1956 Chris Joseph's Team Beat Derek D' Souza 4 - 2

Roger and Ashley served Mass. The 8th Std. Beat the 6th in cricket. After that the 1st eleven had some practice.

I beat Tinkle (D'Souza) in hockey, the score being 4 – 2. Owen (Amore) and Norman (Phillips) shot 2 goals each.

May 11, 1956 Trevor Perrier Beat Rocky Rodrigues In Hockey 2 - 0

Roger and Ashley are still serving. Class passed without any incident. All of us have to answer Tale of Two Cities on Sunday.

T.P. (Trevor Perrier) beat Rocky (Rodrigues) in hockey, the score being 2 – 0. I played badminton with my new racket and won all my games against Norman (Phillips) and Brian ? (Dawson)

May 12, 1956 Jungle Tales - One Shot To Down Panther

Roger and Ashley are still serving. Our master got hot because we did geometry instead of trigonometry. He is making the boys that missed their lessons answer up on Sunday. Some have to answer up 4 lessons. I have only to answer Tale of Two Cities.

We went for a walk, and our master showed us where the remaining clues were hidden for the treasure hunt. He also told us how easily he downed the panther with one shot from the Maharaja's (Sirohi) manlicker rifle.

May 13, 1956 Sunday 1st Eleven Practice Hockey

Rudy (Ferreira) and Newton (Carvalho) have started serving.

In the morning the first eleven had hockey practice. We had no games in the evening because we are playing the Semi-finals in the Reynolds Cup tomorrow. The 6th Std. Beat the 7th Std. The score being 2 – 1.

May 14, 1956 St. Mary's Beat Azard Blues 3 - 0

Rudy (Ferreira) and Newton (Carvalho) served Mass. Class passed without incident. I missed health science. We had to dress after lunch for the Semi Finals of the Reynolds Hockey Cup.

We beat Azard Blues (A) by 3 goals to nil. We actually got lime juice after the game.

We play the Field Ambulance team in the finals.

May 15, 1956 Asking For A Holiday

Rudy and Newton are serving Mass. We went and asked for a holiday before study, and were refused. However, after Studies we went and asked and got the holiday for the 7' 2" panther our master shot and for winning the Semi-Finals Hockey match. Mike (Rooke), Owen (Amore) and myself went for a walk with Mr. Fernandes to Dilwara. We broke some plums and raw peaches. While I was trying to climb a mango tree, the branch broke and I fell on my back, but luckily for me the branch was about the height of my outstretched hands.

May 16, 1956 Jungle Walks

Rudy and Newton are still serving. Class passed without any incident. We went for a walk to the foot of Golden Horn, then around, and came back by Tiger Path.

May 17, 1956 St. Mary's Wins Reynolds Hockey Tournament 3 - 0

Rudy and Newton served for the last time, thus bringing the S.C. (Senior Cambridge) Class to the end for serving Mass. Class passed without incident.

We beat the Field Ambulance in the finals of the Reynolds Hockey tournament. The score being 3-0. I got a crack on my big toe, and it is slightly blood shot. We won the Trophy after 6 years. The Maharaja of Sirohi gave away the prizes.

1st Eleven: Capt. Derek D'Souza (Tinkle), Vice Capt. Richard Edmonds, Coach - Bro. R.D. Barrett, Kalyan Singh Rathore, Trevor Perrier, Chris Joseph, Gopal Singh Choudary, Rocky Rodriques, Owen Amore, Mr. L. Goyal (Hindi Pop), Derek Brady and Duncan Collie – Goalie.

Our war cry for the game (Maori War Cry from New Zealand, taught to us by Bro. Keane)

"Ee-O-Ra, Ee-O-Ra, Fu-Ma-She, Fu-Ma-She, Akai, Akai.

Come On St. Mary's

Ishi Quela Ishi Whump La Quela,

Whump Whump Whump La Quela"



1956 Reynolds Hockey Cup Championship Winners with Br. R. Dermot Barrett
Standing: Kalyan S. Rathore, Trevor Perrier (TP), Chris Joseph, Gopal S. Choudary,
Rocky Rodriques (Rocky)
Sitting: Owen Amore, Mr. L. Goyal (Hindi Pop), Richard Edmonds (Richie),
Duncan Collie (Goalie), Br. R. Dermot Barrett, Capt. Derek D'Souza (Tinkle)
and Derek Brady

May 18, 1956 Holiday for Winning Reynolds Hockey Cup

Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) and Bogus Charlie (Kevin D'Souza) have started serving Mass.

We got a holiday today for winning the Reynolds Hockey Cup tournament.

Mike (Rooke), Owen (Amore) and myself went to Abu. Later we went for a boat ride, and Mike went on to an island to look for a Wagtail's nest. He did not find anything. I spent Rs.8/- and a few annas in Abu. I lost to Richie (Edmonds) in hockey, the score being 3 – 1.

May 19, 1956 Mike Rooke's Birthday

Michael Rooke's birthday.

Mr. Fernandes called me down to name the boys who went for a walk with him.

A number of us could not draw the map of Formosa so we have to answer Geography tomorrow. Being Mike's birthday, he does not have to answer tomorrow. We broke (plucked) mangoes for mango fool. We all have to pay 6 annas each towards the drink. We had a physics test and most of us must have done all bosh. (not very well)

May 20, 1956 Sunday Mike Everden Wins Treasure Hunt

We had to answer up the Geography (lesson) in the morning. After that we had a Treasure Hunt. Michael Everden's team won. My team found 3 clues. One was at Panther's Den, 2nd at Paddy's Bridge and 3rd one on the Crisp's Pitch. The treasure was hid near the lightning conductor.

Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) beat Rocky Rodriques in hockey, the score being 4 – 2. I played cricket.

May 21, 1956 Chris Joseph's Team Beat Trevor Perrier In Hockey 3 -1

I got 8 out of 20 for the test. Class passed without incident. Our master did not come to class in the afternoon. I beat T.P. (Trevor Perrier) in hockey, the score being 3 – 1. The pair of keds which I bought last Friday has already gone west (torn)

May 22, 1956 Visit By Inspector Of Schools

I went to confession in the morning. The Inspector (of Schools) came to our school. He did a lot of criticizing. He is coming again tomorrow. He expected us to take our meals in silence. We had 45 minutes less studies, for he wanted to see us play games. He (the inspector) played badminton and tennis. I played cricket.

May 23, 1956 Revision For Monthly Test

The Inspector came again today. He did not come to our class. We had to revise for our monthly test the whole day. In the evening we went for a walk around Naki Lake with Br. Barrett as our master has gone for another panther hunt. No luck. I bought some rubbish on our way home.

May 24, 1956 Buddha's Anniversary

The whole school except our class got a holiday for the 2,500 anniversary of Buddha. We had to learn for the monthly test. I beat Brady in hockey, the score being 5 – 3. My team is doing quite well so far. We are 7 /10 points in the 2nd round.

May 25, 1956 Monthly Test

Dawson (Brian) and Edwards are serving Mass. Class passed without incident. We had our monthly test today, and with it I hope to buy my ticket to the “Pathfinder”, as our master

(Br. Bennett) puts it. He is asking us not to drown.

This evening we had our last cricket practice for the Limbdi Cricket Tournament. Richie (Edmonds) beat Tinkle (Derek D’Souza) in hockey the score being 2 – 0.

May 26, 1956 Semi Finals Limbdi Cricket Tournament

We had morning study, and then left by car for the Rajputana Club for the Semi Finals of the Limbdi Cricket Tournament. We played Jaipur the holders. I took 3 wickets for 27 runs and scored 0 runs in the 1st innings. We got them out for 87 runs. They got us out for 12 runs. In the second innings I took 2 wickets. Jaipur declared their 2nd innings with 114 runs for 4 wickets. We scored 75 runs. My personal score being 4 runs.

We saw the “Pathfinder” movie in the night. I slept the night out at Abu with Aunt (Beryl Burrows & Gay Burrows)



1956 School Cricket Team on Small Pitch

Standing: Chris Joseph, Trevor Perrier (TP), Derek D’Souza (Tinkle), Keith Finnimore, Richard Edmonds (Richie), and Lloyd Gilder

Kneeling: Chhatranlji Limbdi, Winston Shemain (Koko), Derek Dawson, M.S. Rao (Budoo) and Kanchan Patel

May 27, 1956 Sunday Stung By Bees

Aunt Beryl, Gay and I went to 8 O'clock service and then Gay and myself went horse riding and later bird nesting. After lunch we went nesting again, and found minors, magpie, and robins eggs. Gay was fiddling with a bee box and got stung in 2 or 3 places. When I went to place the cover on, I got stung. I had a good time out.

May 28, 1956 Fr. Andrades Our New Chaplain

Aunt Beryl left for Bombay today. Class hours passed as usual. I have to answer up Julius Caesar. Brady (Derek) beat Richie (Edmonds) in hockey, the score being 2 – 1. I played badminton in the evening. It came down to rain, and our game was spoilt.

Our new Chaplain Fr. Andrades said his first Mass today. He is quite a young fellow (Priest), and says Mass quite fast.

May 29, 1956 Rocky Rodriques Team Draws With Chris Joseph 3 - 3

Class passed as usual. Our master (Br. Bennett) called me for my monthly percentage which was 63%

I played Rocky (Rodriques) in hockey and drew. The score being 3 – 3. If my backs put more life into the game, I would have won. I shot 2 goals.

May 30, 1956 Tiger Kill

Class passed as usual. Some fellows missed, and have to answer up tomorrow. I have to answer up Julius Caesar. In the evening we went for a jungle walk. For wild berries. Torpe (Trevor Pearce) found Fanty's (fantail flycatcher) eggs. When we went down to the valley we came upon a tiger (or more likely a panther) kill. Our master is going to sit up for it. It (the tiger or panther) had drunk blood from its neck, and eaten part of its rump. After that we found another dead cow, but not a kill.

May 31, 1956 Tiger No Show - Inter Class Cricket Finals

I answered up Julius Caesar without missing once after baths. Our master sat over the kill but the tiger (or panther) did not come. The kill was moved about 50 feet in the night.

We went into bat first in the Finals of the Inter Class Cricket Tournament. When I went into bat we were in a very bad position. We were 24 runs for 6 wickets. Actually only 4 runs because we had to give the 8th Standard a lead of 20 runs. Rao (M. S.- Budoo) and myself brought the score to 61 and placed us in a safe position. I scored 32 runs and was the highest scorer and took 3 wickets. We got them out for 16 runs.

June 01, 1956 Brady Draws with Rodriques 1 - 1

Class passed as usual. A few fellows missed and have to answer up on Sunday. Rudy (Ferreira) got the strap for not paying attention. Brady (Derek) drew with Rocky (Rodriques) in hockey, the score being 1 all. I played hand-ball. Our master came down later and played with us. He is very good at hand ball after all the practice he has with us.

June 02, 1956 Test In Physics

Our master caught Torpe (Trevor Pearce), Ashley (Shemain), T.P. (Trevor Perrier) and Collie (Duncan) fooling and gave them the strap. In the evening we went to Abu and spent some of our rusty coins. I bought myself a pair of keds for Rs.2 Annas 13. We went to the Madras Café and had dosas. We had a test in Physics during class.

June 03, 1956 Sunday Seniors Win Inter Class Cricket Finals

We got the 8th (or 9th Pre Senior's ?) Standard out for 45 runs. I got Limbdi's wicket. We won by an innings and 20 odd runs. After the game we showed our master the shield we had won, and asked for a holiday on Monday. After pulling our legs a bit he gave us our holiday. During evening study we took it easy.

June 04, 1956 Holiday For Winners

We got a holiday today for winning the Cricket Class Tournament. We did not go up for morning study. We left for Kishingar House at 9 and went via the Dilwara Road. Mohiuddin (Mayo) Khan Malik and Kanchan (D. Patel) stood us 4 plates of ice cream and sweets. Keith (Finnimore), Mohiuddin and myself sat with our master. Collie (Duncan) found a minuet's nest going out. I lost against Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) in hockey the score being 4 – 0.

June 05, 1956 Ice Cream Favour ? Bro. Morrow Sends Br. Bennett A Pup Paddy

Our master said he was sparing us today because the ice cream we gave him (yesterday) was very nice. T.P. (Trevor Perrier) played Rocky (Rodrigues) in hockey and drew, the score being 1 all. Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) and Richie (Edmonds) refereed the game. I played hockey on the Gunda Pitch. Br. Morrow sent our master a pup from Delhi. He is very pleased with it. His last dog Sally was clawed by a panther and died.

June 06, 1956 Official 1st Eleven Hockey Team Photograph - Swan Studio, Mt. Abu

A number of boys missed Julius Caesar and have to answer after baths tomorrow. In the science period, we learnt to use a pan balance. We went for a walk to Gaumok.

The photographer (Swan Studio, Mt. Abu) came and took snaps of the 1st eleven Hockey Team that won the Reynolds tournament after 6 years. After that I took a snap of myself with the Trophy and one with Tinkle (Derek D'Souza)

June 07, 1956 Chemistry Practical

We had Chemistry practical. We had to identify 2 basic radicals – they were zinc and lead. In the afternoon those boys who missed had to answer up, but were spared. Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) beat Brady in hockey the score being 5 – 2. I played hand ball and had a few shots with the tennis racket.

June 08, 1956

Our master lost his peck (cool) in the morning because of the Health Science he gave us to learn. In the afternoon he comes up and asks us Tale of Two Cities, four or five fellows missed, and he gave them 4 up (straps) each. I beat Richie (Edmonds) in hockey the score being 2 – 1. I am coming 2nd so far, Richie is coming 1st. We have 2 more games in the 3rd round.

June 09, 1956 Tiger Attack Rumour

Dots (Dorothy Joseph) birthday. Our master came to class in a very bad mood. A number of us missed our Geography lesson and thereby earned two shots with the "Reformer". We did a science test today. I did very well. We went for a walk along New Roads.

There is a rumour that the tiger attacked some wood cutters, no harm being done.

After dinner we saw "Jack and the Bean Stalk" Bud Abbott and Lucas Stello acting. I did not care for it.

June 10, 1956 Sunday Cricket In The Morning Hockey In The Evening

Mike Everden took a snap of our Class Cricket Eleven including our master. After that we went for a walk thru Plummy Valley to Convent Pool. I took a snap of the Doll's House "Alwar Palace" Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) beat Rocky (Rodrigues) the score being 4 – 0. I played tennis.

June 11, 1956 Draw for Class Tournaments

Class passed as usual. I got 20 out of 20 in the health science test. We had the draw for the Class Tournaments. We play the 8th. Br. Barrett asked me to do a favour. We wore blue and white for the class match. We lost by 1 – 0. Before the game the boys were cock sure of winning, after the game they were blaming the referee Br. Barry. Our master came down for a little while.

June 12, 1956 7th Standard Beat 6th In Hockey 2 - 1

Class passed as usual. Johnny (Bharucha) missed some lessons and earned himself the strap. The 7th beat the 6th in hockey, the score being 2 – 1. The rest of us had no games. Both the class masters played for their respective classes.

June 13, 1956 Br. Keane's Feast Day

Today is Br. Keane's feast. Their class got a holiday. Class passed as usual for us. We got off half an hour early. We went for a walk past the (water) filter beds, our master brought his dog Paddy along. Our master says his dog is – Russian Boar Hound, quite a hope. Mike (Rooke) and myself gave the pup its first swim in a stream.

June 14, 1956 Trevor Perrier's Hockey Team Beat Chris Joseph's

Our morning class passed as usual. We had practical during the science period. I had to find the lines of force in a magnetic field and the neutral points. I lost against T.P. (Trevor Perrier) in hockey, the score being 3 – 2. We shot the first two goals, and we were taking it quite easy, and they beat us.

June 15, 1956 Class Hockey Finals End In A Draw

Class passed as usual. Four or five of us missed Julius Caesar on Sunday.

The 8th Standard drew with the 7th in the finals of the class hockey tournaments. The score being 1 all.

Br. Murray gave a penalty against the 8th, but no goal was shot. Br. Barry played very well, and almost shot a spectacular goal. Our class was booing the 8th.

June 16, 1956 First Rain Shower - Monsoons Have Arrived

Class hours passed as usual. Mike Everden missed Julius Caesar, and has to answer up. We went for a road walk to Dilwara. We saw the C.P.T.C. (Central Police Training Centre) having their road race.

We had a few showers of rain. We saw a picture "Jack McCall Desperado" I have seen it before at the New Talkies (Bombay) with Gay (Burrows) It was quite good.

June 17, 1956 Sunday

We answered up without missing once. Mike Everden's mum has come up to Mt. Abu so he is out for the night.. The rest of the morning was spent in playing ping pong (table tennis), reading and doing some algebra. We had a few showers of rain in the afternoon. Richie (Edmonds) played Rocky (Rodrigues) in hockey. The game ended in a draw, the score being 0 all.

June 18, 1956 Class Hockey Tournament - 7th Standard Beat 8th Standard

Class passed as usual. We are having Science in the morning. I took a few snaps and finished the roll. **The 7th Standard Beat the 8th standard in the replay of the Class Hockey Tournament.** The score being 2 – 1. Tinkle gave Br. Barry a nasty shot on the face. His spectacles broke, and he got a nasty cut. He (Br. Barry) shot the winning goal. Our class was backing the 7th and booing the 8th. I was reading a novel.

June 19, 1956 Rat In Richie Edmonds Bed

Br. Barry did not come for Mass as he was not feeling well. His face is swollen and he has got a black eye. Class passed without incident. Paddy (the dog) came up twice. I played Brady (Derek) in hockey and beat him. The score being 2 love. I shot the first goal. Some fellows were fooling in the Dormitory after lights were put out so Br. Murray put them on and asked for the guilty boys to own up. There was a rat in Richie's (Edmonds) bed.

June 20, 1956 High Hopes For Paddy The Boar Hound

Class passed without any unusual incident. Br. Barry's face is still swollen and his eye is still black. A number of us missed Julius Caesar, and have to answer up after baths tomorrow. We went for a walk through the valley to Plummy for mangoes, but we had no luck. We gave Paddy his 3rd swim. He is growing quite strong. I threw a stone and he picked it up. He will soon learn to bring back a ball. Our master may teach him to be a gun dog.

June 21, 1956 Tinkle, Richie & Chris 18 Points Each

We had practical during the science period. I had to find the acid radical. We could only find the alkaline radical. Gordon (Clarke, 'Pundit') and Ronnie (Ferreira) got the strap for writing in the English Text book. Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) beat Richie (Edmonds) in hockey. The score being 4 love. The three of us (Tinkle, Richie & Self) are 18 points each, but my goal average is poorer than theirs.

June 22, 1956 Bombay Boys Win

Gordon (Clarke) got the strap for mathematics. I gave our master (Br. Bennett) some snaps. In the evening we had no studs (studies) as tomorrow is a holiday. Bombay (boys) played Non Bombay. Bombay (boys) won the score being 2 – 1. They (Non Bombay) shot the first goal. I played backs with Mike Rooke.

June 23, 1956 Bird Nesting

In the morning we went for a walk via Dilwara, The Shooting Range, Sergeant Plummy and Plummy Valley. Owen (Amore) found a Golden Oriole nest with young ones and a Long Tail Jay nest with nothing. Winston Shemain climbed up for it. Hatcher (Keith Finnimore) found a Freak Southern Blackbird's egg. The other eggs were common ones. In the evening we went for a walk with our master, and I found a Grey Fowl's nest with 4 eggs in the trunk of a fig tree about 10 feet off the ground. A very unusual thing. I was climbing up for Torpe (Trevor Pearce) and the grey fowl flew up from under my nose. I left the eggs in the nest.

June 24, 1956 Sunday Derek Brady Beats Trevor Perrier In Hockey 1 - 0

Mike Rooke, Owen Amore, Keith Finnimore and myself went for a walk with Mr. D'Souza (Aloysius 'Datch'). None of us found any rare eggs. Bullu (Royston Mathias) found a Golden Oriole nest with 3 eggs, one fell on his head, and another broke. Torpe (Trevor Pearce) found a Paradise Flycatcher's nest with 2 eggs, one broke. I played substitute for (Derek) Brady in hockey against (Trevor) Perrier and we won the score being 1 – 0. I shot the goal off a corner hit. I am now coming 3rd in the hockey tournament.

June 25, 1956 Rained Cats and Dogs – Monsoons Have Really Arrived

It rained cats and dogs (very heavy). In the afternoon we Six Hockey Captains had to draw for the Footer (Football) Cake Tournament. T.P. (Trevor Perrier) played Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) and won on corners 5 – 2. The score being 2 all. Brady (Derek) has not returned from Abu Road, so we are not having the hockey knock-outs.

June 26, 1956 Science Test Postponed

Our master was in a good mood and spared the boys that missed their lessons. Science Pop (Mr. D'Souza) was going to give us a test, but we talked him out of it. Tomorrow being Our School Feast, we had no studies in the evening. When it stopped raining we went for a short walk along the road. On our way back we were caught in the rain and got wet.

June 27, 1956 School Feast Day – Lady of Perpetual Succour

Our school feast day. We had a few showers of rain. We played ping pong (table tennis) in the morning. We got good (special) grub and sweets. We had the knock outs for the hockey tournament. Derek Brady played Rocky Rodriques. The game ended in a draw, the score being 1 all. Corners were not counted. We saw Hamlet in the night. I don't think any of us enjoyed it. I have seen it before.



Old School Chapel Dedicated To Our Lady Of Perpetual Succour

June 28, 1956 Annual Retreat

Our Annual Retreat has begun this morning. I hope to make a really good one. I read "Christian Slaves of the Sultan", "Boys Highest Ideal". The silence was kept and observed very well. The retreat priest Fr. B. Pereira is quite a jovial fellow, and gives good sermons.

We were allowed to speak during games. I played football. Derek Brady beat Rocky Rodriques in the knockouts of the hockey tournament, the score being 3 – 1. The regular game ended in a draw, but Brady shot the 2 extra goals during extra time.

June 29, 1956 Both Vice Captains Put Off Field – Dangerous Play

Today is the second day of our retreat. I have kept my retreat very well so far, and am going to keep it until it is over. I read some articles in a Sign magazine. I had a talk with Fr. B. Pereira, and asked him to get us a holiday on Monday.

T.P. (Trevor Perrier) played Brady in the knockouts of the hockey tournament. The game ended in a draw. The two Vice Captains were put off the field for dangerous play, Torpe (Trevor Pearce) and Choudary (Gopal S.). The score was 1 all. The rest of us played football.

June 30, 1956 Trevor Perrier's Team Wins Hockey

Today is the last day of our annual retreat. I have kept it very well indeed, in fact every one kept it well this year. I read the life of St. Dominic Savio and Maria Goretti and some articles in the Sign. In the evening we spoke to Fr. Pereira, but we are not getting a holiday as we have had too many already.

T.P. (Trevor Perrier) played Derek Brady in hockey and beat him the score being 1 – 0. The two Vice Captains were not allowed to play.

July 01, 1956 Sunday Retreat Is Over

Retreat got over after Mass. We had to write about the lectures and hand them over to Fr. B. Pereira our retreat priest. We wished him goodbye in the morning. I played ping pong and had a ride on a horse in the morning. I lost against T.P. (Trevor Perrier) in the knockouts of the hockey tournament. The goal was shot during the extra time. I had some falls and nearly broke my specks. After the game I drank too much water, and am feeling rotten.

July 02, 1956 Monsoon Runs

My stomach is out, and I had two very watery motions. Hospi. Mother gave me four pills. I hardly ate anything at all. I played football on the Gonda's pitch. T.P. (Trevor Perrier) beat Richie (Edmonds) in the semi finals of the hockey tournament. The score being 1 – 0. I handed in to Br. Barrett "The Saints Go West" as it had a lot of tripe in it.

July 03, 1956 Dose of Salts Recommended

Rev. Mother (Hospi. Nun) told me to come for a dose of salts tomorrow. I missed Geog III with a number of others, and our master told us to answer up on Thursday. Class passed as usual. I am feeling better than I was feeling yesterday. I ate some grub. I played Brady in football and won, the score being 2 – 0. It was raining most of the game

July 04, 1956 Rudy Ferreira's Birthday

Class passed as usual. I almost got caught for Geog. Some fellows have to answer up. I took a dose of salts, and vomited after tea. I went to confession in the evening. For walks we went to our lake and had a swim. I did not go in on account of my stomach. Our master Br. Bennett did not go in. Br. Barrett and Br. Keane went in with their classes. The lake was almost full. Paddy went in himself twice. Rudy Ferreira's birthday.

July 05, 1956 Football – Richie Beats Rocky 3 - 1

We did weighing for science practical. We had to adjust the balance, and weigh an empty and then a full gravity bottle. In class we first did a précis and then an essay on hobbies. I had to answer up Kon Tiki and Geog. III

Richie (Edmonds) played Rocky (Rodrigues) in football and won, the score being 3 – 1. Everybody played football.

July 06, 1956 Semi Finals – Cake Football Tournament

Mayo (Mohiuddin Khan Malik) missed Geog. and has to answer up on Sunday. Class passed without any incident. I played T.P. (Trevor Perrier) in the semi finals of the Cake Football Tournament and won. The score being 4 – 0. Brian Dawson shot them all. Hatcher (Keith Finnimore) got hit with the ball on the face, and became dizzy for a while.

July 07, 1956 Swim In Our Lake

We had a science test in the morning. I think I did O.K. Anyway the result will let me know. Class passed without any incident. Br. Bennett is giving us plenty to learn – the whole of Mark Anthony's Speech. In the evening we went for our second swim, my first one to our lake. The water was pretty cold. I came out of the water first, and a little while later the rest of the class came out. Paddy also came in for a swim. In the night we saw a picture, "Frontier Men Return" It was filled with action and was quite good.

July 08, 1956 Sunday Picking of Football (Soccer) Teams

It rained all morning so Br. Barrett had picking of the football teams. The captains were the same as for hockey. I got 2nd last pick, Tinkle got last pick. My Team : Owen Amore, Trevor Pearce, Lloyd Gilder, Duncan Regerlinee, Michael Everden, M. Mendoza, Roger Marten, J. Valladares, Keith Fernandes, V. Patel, Reggie DeMellow and R. D'Souza. This evening my team beat Richie's in football, the score being 1 – 0. Mendoza did some good saving in the goal. This game was the finals of the Football Cake Tournament.

July 09, 1956 Football - T.P. Beats Rocky 2 - 1

Class passed as usual, and no one missed any lessons. The football (soccer) tournaments have started. As the weather is very threatening and the pitch slushy. T.P. (Trevor Perrier) played Rocky (Rodrigues) and won, the score being 2 – 1. The rest of the senior boys also played footer and got caught in a downpour. My groin is paining me after yesterdays fall.

July 10, 1956 Football – Richie Beats Brady 2 - 1

Our master (Br. Bennett) was in a very good mood today. He spared a number of us who missed Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony's Speech. Richie (Edmonds) played Brady (Derek) in football and won, the score being 2 – 1. Brady missed a clear goal. I did not play games, and came up early as it began to rain.

July 11, 1956 Whist Drive Instead of Walking In The Rain

Class passed without anyone getting the strap, or anyone having to answer up on Thursday. We had voting for going to Abu or the lake, and Abu won. However, we did not go anywhere as it came down to rain. Instead we played whist. We had to pay 2 as. (Annas) and I had to share the 3rd prize for gents with 3 others. We each got 1 ½ Annas. The 1st prize for gents and ladies was Rupees (Rs.)1 and Annas 8 (One and one half Rupee)

July 12, 1956 Datcher - Shows Us How To Do Titrations

Datcher (Aloysius D'Souza Physics & Chemistry Teacher) showed us how to do titrations during the science period. In the last test, I got 15/20. I played Tinkle (Derek D'Souza) and lost, the score being 4 – 0. Roger Marten missed 2 open goals. Torpe (Trevor Pearce) also missed his chance. Hindi Pop (Mr. Goyal) played very well, and so did Datcher. The field was very slushy. So far we have had 35 inches of rainfall. Our master Br. Bennett did not come to class.

July 13, 1956 Br. Bennett –“ Make time for ourselves to learn/study “

Our master Br. Bennett did not come for Mass, and we had high hopes that he would not come to class, but we were disappointed. He was in quite a jovial mood although he told us we should make time for ourselves to learn/study.

We did not have games but instead we had whist. I played but had no luck.