

July 14, 1956 Owen Amore's Birthday / Stream Overflows Paddy's Bridge

Owen Amore's birthday. We all wished Owen for his birthday. A number of boys missed their Geog. III, and have to answer up tomorrow. A cake, biscuits and some sweets came for Owen from the bakery at Abu. In the evening we enjoyed the cake, biscuits and sweets. We went for a walk in the rain, and my gum boots got quite full from the run off from my coat. The water was overflowing Paddy's Bridge. We saw a picture "Fort Apache", it was good.

July 15, 1956 Sunday Play Ping Pong (Table Tennis), Read Digests, Whist

The boys were learning hard to answer up, and then our master Br. Bennett told them to go. In the morning we played ping pong and read some digests (Reader's as well as Catholic). In the evening we had no games, but instead we had whist. I did not play as I had not finished my Hindi essay.

July 16, 1956 Br. Bennett In A Jovial Mood

Our master Br. Bennett was in a jovial mood, and Paddy came upstairs into our class and made us laugh. The postman brought a letter addressed to Miss Jennifer Jones from Marilyn Brandon, we all had a hearty laugh as St. Mary's is a Boy's Boarding School and we were wondering who Jennifer

Jones was and whether she was schooling at the girls convent.

In the evening we had whist instead of games, and I played. We have already passed our average annual rainfall, the total now being 60 inches.

July 17, 1956 Br. Bennett In A Good Mood

Our master Br. Bennett was in a good mood today. When Paddy came into class and started barking as he was in a playful mood, our master chased him out with his "Puff - Puff" and stamping of feet. Paddy ran off and we began laughing. We did not have games, but instead we had whist. I did not play as we had plenty of science lessons to do. The total rainfall received is over 62 inches

July 18, 1956 Advised to ask for "Sunset Holiday" Br. Bennett

The sun came out for a little while after Mass, and we had high hopes for a Sunshine Holiday, and decided to ask after study but in the end we did not even ask as it began drizzling. We were all disappointed. Our master Br. Bennett got angry as we did not know our "Kon Tiki" lesson so he is making us answer up tomorrow morning. He gave Silvo (Sylvester Da Silva) a rap after class because Silvo dropped the lid of his desk and all of us were complaining.

We went for swims in the evening. The sun came out and Br. Bennett pulled our legs and told us to ask for a "Sunset Holiday."

July 19, 1956 Rainfall Over 70 Inches

In chemistry we had to find the concentration of Hydro Chloric Acid by titrations. This is the first time we have done titrations. Lloyd Gilder and I were successful. We had to answer Kon Tiki lesson in the afternoon. We had no baths today as there was no water in the tank. We had no games again today. Instead we went for a walk to the Water Falls.

Our total rainfall is now over 70 inches

July 20, 1956 Rainfall Over 75 Inches

We had a science test in the morning, and I think I did O.K. Class passed pleasantly for all of us as our master Br. Bennett was in a good mood. In the evening we went for a road walk to Dilwara. Paddy the Boar Hound came along with us, and we made him swim the streams. When we returned we saw a picture down at the gym, "Dick Turpin's Ride" We all enjoyed the movie, and the projector behaved itself except a

few times. Our total Rainfall is now over 75 inches. My stomach seems to be out again, and I went once during the early hours of the morning and once again very watery. I went for confession.

July 21, 1956 Saturday Holiday

After Mass and breakfast, because it was a rotten morning (rain and heavy rain clouds), we came up to class and I had a good game of ping pong with Keith Finnimore and also did some class studies. I weighed myself, and the scales read 10 stone 2.5 pounds. In the afternoon Keith and myself put on our swim trunks and went and retrieved a gum boot and a slipper from the stream. In the evening we had walks instead of games, and we came back on the S.T. bus.

July 22, 1956 Sunday Microscopic Examination Of A Blood Smear

Paddy came into our class room and was disturbing us so our master Br. Bennett chased him out. We looked through a microscope at a drop of Trevor Gilby's blood. We have finished Julius Caesar once again, and have started on The Rivals once again. In the evening, instead of games we had whist. I did not play as I had not finished my lessons.

July 23, 1956 Total Rainfall Over 80 Inches

Paddy came up to class and had to be locked out. He then began scratching the door and howling. Instead of games we went for a road walk, and noticed a bird that no one could identify. I bought some tuck from Br. Stan. We have already had over 80 inches of rainfall.

July 24, 1956 Swim Instead of Games

Our master Br. Bennett was in quite a good mood, but made Roger Marten answer up again for missing his Kon Tiki lesson. Hindi master Mr. Goyal gave us a test, and I don't expect more than 7 out of 20. We went for a swim in the evening, and the water was much warmer than usual. Paddy came along and we made him swim. Our master Br. Bennett did not come in as his stomach is out.

July 25, 1956 Small Dam Burst Its Wall

We had baths after a long time. Keith and I got a gumboot and a slipper out from the stream at the usual crossing point. It was too shallow to swim. In the evening we went for a walk to Sunset Point, and saw the small dam which burst. On our return, just as we had passed a big bull, we suddenly heard a rumbling noise. On examination we found that a wall had collapsed. The bull got quite a scare.

July 26, 1956 Rainfall Over 83 Inches

We had science practical this morning and Lloyd Gilder and I had to find the Specific Heat of a piece of iron. We got quite a good result namely 119. We had to do an essay on Queer Customs and a précis on War. We had no games as it came down to rain just after evening studies. We have already had over 83 Inches of rain.

July 27. 1956 Whist Instead Of Games

I got 70% for my monthly average in science. Class passed pleasantly and our master Br. Bennett spared a number of fellows who missed their lessons. Instead of games we had whist. This gave us some more time to finish our writing work.

July 28, 1956 Mike Edward Cuts His Lip Badly

Class passed very pleasantly today as our master Br. Bennett was in a good mood. He did not make anyone answer up. Mike Edwards slipped and cut his lip badly at the lake just as our class arrived. It was drizzling

when we got into the water. Anyway we enjoyed ourselves. Our master did not come into the water. I went to confession.

July 29, 1956 Sunday Ping Pong Season Starts

Our holiday was spoilt as it was drizzling all the time. Our master Br. Bennett called me to his room and gave me a new ping pong net, and told me to have a class ping pong handicap tournament. I get -7 handicap. The entrance fee is 2 Annas. After this handicap tournament we will have an Inter Class Tournament. I played Trevor Perrier (T. P.) in football and had a draw the score being 2 all. I fell in the slush and got very dirty.

July 30, 1956 Tinkle Beats Richie in Football 4 - 1

The morning passed very pleasantly, but in the afternoon, our master Br. Bennett went on the warpath. A number of us got 2 shots with the stick for missing our lessons. Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) played Richie (Edmonds) and won, the score being 4 - 1. We also played and got mucky. We saw a picture "The Magnet" It was quite good.

July 31, 1956 Ping Pong Handicap Tournament

Today we got the holiday for Last Saturday. We had the Ping pong Handicap Tournament. I played Roger Marten. My handicap was -3. I lost after having the game in my grasp. Hatcher (Keith Finnimore), Owen Amore and Mike Rooke also lost. In the evening we had games. Trevor Perrier played Derek Brady and drew, the score being 1 all.

August 01, 1956 Br. Bennett Reminds Us About Preliminary Exams

We have less than a month to prepare ourselves for the preliminary exams, and our master

Br. Bennett reminds us about it every day. We have to answer the English Literature lesson tomorrow and some also have to answer Health Science. In the evening we went to Abu, and spent some money. Paddy came along. We had sunshine in the evening for a little while.

August 02, 1956 Derek D' Souza Beat Rocky Rodrigues 4 - 0

We had science practical, and our batch did the Metre Bridge. The average resistance of the unknown wire was found to be 8.5 Ohms. Gordon Clarke sent the Money Order of Rupees 55/- for his jacket to Mum through me. In the afternoon I did my essay, but did not finish. In the evening Tinkle played Rocky and won, the score being 4 - 1.

August 03, 1956 Chris Joseph Beat Richie Edmonds 3 - 1

I did not complete the essay and have to do it on Sunday morning. I played Richie Edmonds in football and won, the score being 3 - 1. I headed one corner shot into the goal. I fell once in the slush and got very mucky. I could not find my football laces and arrived on the pitch with one boot loose and a lace in my hand. I played with the boot off until it was laced for me.

August 04, 1956 Feast Day Of Fr. Dominic Andrades Our New Chaplain

Today is Fr. Dominic Andrades feast, our new Chaplain. After breakfast Br. Stan calmly told us Seniors that it was a holiday for the rest of the school except for us, and told us to go to class at nine. Our master Br. Bennett was in quite a serious mood, but did not make anyone answer up again, and kept us in class for the whole day. We went early for swims, and stayed in for quite a long time.

August 05, 1956 Sunday Rainfall - 100 Inch Mark

I went to give my essay book up and when I knocked, our master Br. Bennett asked me to come in so softly that I did not hear him. When I went in he told me that he was becoming hoarse from shouting. Trevor Gilby won the Handicap Ping Pong Tournament. Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) played and beat Derek Brady, the score being 2 – 1. We saw a picture “Laurel & Hardy in Air Raid Wardens.” We had a good laugh. We have reached the 100 Inch mark for rain and will definitely have much more.

August 06, 1956 Joe D' Souza & Keith Finnimore Fetch Post Bag From The Office

Our master Br. Bennett was in quite a good mood, however, he is making Johnny Bharucha answer up Scripture and Health Science on Thursday. Paddy came to class and disturbed us once with a spell of barking. Joe D' Souza and Keith Finnimore brought the post bag from the office and made quite a big noise. Mike Rooke and Mike Everden got parcels today. Instead of games we had whist. I did not play. We saw the two speech scenes from Julius Caesar on the screen after dinner. Only the two top classes (Senior Cambridge & Pre Cambridge) went down to the gym.

August 07, 1956 Two Shots On The Bend For Whistling In Class

Our master Br. Bennett was in a good mood and did not ask any of us to answer up when we missed. In the afternoon Br. Bennett gave Tinkle two shots on the bend because he was whistling in class. The receipt for Rupees 55/- came back today. The signature did not look like Mums. Dorothy may have signed. We had whist instead of games today. I did not play.

August 08, 1956 Young Cuckoo Bird Fed By Butcher Bird

Our master Br. Bennett was in quite a good mood but he caught some fellows for Kon Tiki and is making them answer up tomorrow. I went to confession. We went for a road walk to Dilwara. Over there we saw a young cuckoo bird being fed by its foster mother, a butcher bird (shrike). During all our masters 12 years in Abu, he has never seen this happen before. We were lucky.

August 09, 1956 Richie Edmonds Beat Trevor Perrier In Football 3 - 0

During chemistry practical Lloyd Gilder and I had to find the concentration of Hydrochloric acid given Na_2CO_3 solution having a concentration of 5 grams. Our HCl acid concentration was found to be 15.3 gms. per litre, and we got it right. I stayed up in class during the afternoon to do my essay “Importance of Water in Man's Life”. We had to stop our game on the Gonda Pitch as the Big Pitch football burst and they took our ball. Richie Edmonds team beat T.P. (Trevor Perrier), the score being 3 – 0

August 10, 1956 Monsoon Weather – Whist Instead Of Games

It was a very dull and foggy day as it was drizzling or raining all the time. Our master Br. Bennett was in quite a good mood and spared everyone. When he was taking up “Tale Of Two Cities” Johnny (Bharucha) said Capt. Hook and we all had a laugh at his expense. We did not have games, but instead had whist. I did not play.

August 11, 1956 Aloysius D' Souza's Birthday Swim Instead of Games

Today is Aloo (Aloysius D' Souza) birthday. Our master Br. Bennett nearly caught all of us for Health Science, but were spared as everyone had right answers on the second round of questions. In the evening we went for a swim, and I got in also. The water was pretty cold, but we enjoyed ourselves.

August 12, 1956 Sunday - Draw For Doubles Ping Pong Tournament

It was a very dull and cloudy day, and we had light showers from time to time. We had the draw for the doubles Ping Pong Tournament, and I got Mike Rooke as my partner. Instead of games we went for a walk

to Sunset Point. Our master Br. Bennett told us about grizzly bears and about a couple living alone in British Columbia, Canada. (Years later I learnt that Br. Bennett had an older brother living in British Columbia and a sister in New South Wales, Australia)

August 13, 1956 Linguistic Partition of Bombay State Cause Riots In Ahmedabad

Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D' Souza Science Master) is going home for a week on Saturday, and he was asking about trains that would by-pass Ahmedabad as they are having riots because of the partition of Bombay State into Gujarat and Maharashtra. Our master knew that we had not learnt our geometry lesson so he gave us more time and took it up in the afternoon. Ashley Shemain almost had to answer up for missing "Tale Of Two Cities" In the evening we had whist instead of games. We have already had over 108 Inches of rainfall.

August 14, 1956 Ashley Shemain's birthday - Chris Joseph Beats Derek Brady 3 - 2

Our master Br. Bennett began the morning by giving 8 fellows the strap for not finishing their Geography Map etc. in time. It was Ashley Shemain's birthday. We had games after a long time. I played Brady in football. I won 3 - 2. I shot 2 goals and missed another 2 easy ones. I got kicked in the ribs and I began to bleed. Brian Dawson was sent off the field for kicking Torpe (Trevor Pearce) on purpose.

August 15, 1956 Newton Carvalho & Rudy Ferreira Win Double Ping Pong Tournament

Independence Day (1947) - Feast Of The Assumption Of The Blessed V. Mary In the morning we had the Doubles Ping Pong Tournament. Newton Carvalho and Rudy Ferreira win with M.S.(Budoo) Rao and Ronnie Ferreira as runners up. The weather was quite clear all day. In the evening we went for swims. After that we saw a picture, "The Blue Lamp" It was quite good.

August 16, 1956 Richie Edmonds Beats Rocky Rodriques In Football 1 - 0

In Chemistry practical we had to find the acid & basic radical of a salt. It turned out to be Fe SO₄ In the afternoon 16 of us stayed up in class to do our essays etc. Richie Edmonds beats Rocky Rodriques in football, the score being 1 - 0. Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) sprained his knee, and we had to carry him to the hospital.

August 17, 1956 Derek D' Souza Draws Against Trevor Perrier 1 - 1

Our master Br. Bennett was in a good mood and spared the fellows who missed after giving them a second chance. Richie Edmonds played in place of Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) against T.P. (Trevor Perrier), the game ended in a draw, the score being 1 all. Our ball got a puncture, and we had to go up and watch the game. Duncan Collie got a nasty shot on his face, and had to get Torpe to play for him.

August 18, 1956 Swim Instead Of Games

Our master Br. Bennett was in a good mood today. No one has to answer up.

I went to confession. After class we had to do some English, but very few of us did any work. We went for a swim, but the water was quite cold. We saw a picture, "Prisoner Of Zenda" I have seen it before.

August 19, 1956 Sunday - Death Anniversary of Br. F. P. Barrett (Brimstone)

My pulse beat taken in class was 66 beats per minute. In the morning I did my writing work and practiced smashing etc. for the Class Ping Pong tournament. In the evening my team lost to Rocky Rodriques in football, the score being 4 - 1. Rocky had at least 5 substitutes playing for his team.

Foot Note: Br. F. P. Barrett (Brimstone) died today in Ireland. May his soul rest in peace, Amen.

August 20, 1956 Gordon Clarke's Navy Blue Blazer Jacket Arrives – Club Drill Starts

Gordon Clarke's Navy Blue Blazer Jacket and handkerchiefs arrived today. The total cost was Rupees 48/- I have yet to return Rupees 7/- to him. Ma sent me 3 packets of chocolates and another pair of spectacles. We had Club Drill for the first time for the P.T. display for Sports Day. I know all the exercises. Rocky Rodriques played T.P. (Trevor Perrier) in footer. The game ended in a draw, the score being 1 all.

August 21, 1956 Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D' Souza) Receives B. Sc. Degree at Bombay University

Today being Rakhi, the (Hindu) Indian boys got half a day off. We have to revise our Science Course (Chemistry & Physics) as Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D' Souza) has gone to Bombay to get his B.Sc. Degree Presentation. A number of fellows missed and have to answer up on Thursday. Richie Edmonds beat Derek Brady, the score being 4 – 1. I was the referee. R. Coates broke his hand during the game, and I sent Rocky Rodriques up with him.

August 22, 1956 Coates Taken to Adam's Hospital for X-Ray & Screening

I have begun to revise magnetism and electricity during the science period.

Our master Br. Bennett took Coates to the Adam's Hospital in town for screening and X-Ray, so he was absent for the whole morning. In the afternoon he caught a number of us for Health Science and he is making us answer up tomorrow.

August 23, 1956 Telegram Confirms Death of Br. F. P. Barrett (Brimstone)

Our master Br. Bennett received a telegram about the death of Br. F. P. Barrett (Brimstone) He had the pleasure of dying in his native land (Ireland) with his relatives. He died of Heart Failure. We had to answer up in the afternoon. In the evening my team played Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) and lost. The score being 1 – 0.

August 24, 1956 Preliminary Examination Start On 3rd September - Rocky Beat Brady 2 - 1

Our master Br. Bennett informs us that Our Preliminary Examination will start on 3rd September and that he is giving us a week to prepare for the same. Rocky Rodriques beat Brady in footer, the score being 2 – 1. We played on the Gonda Pitch as we had club drill before games.

August 25, 1956 Seeded Players Picked For School Senior Ping Pong Tournament

Today being the last Saturday of the month we got a holiday. Our master Br Bennett called me to his room and told me to have a Ping Pong Tournament for the School Senior Championship with an entrance fee of 8 Annas. 38 fellows entered. C. Limbdi, Trevor Gilby, Keith Finnimore, Danny Lewis, Winston Shemain and myself were seeded 3 in each half. We went for a walk by the Old Abu Road behind the Brothers Housing and came back by the New Paved Bus Road to Abu. We saw a picture " Tale Of Two Cities " It was good. I gave our master Br. Bennett Rupees 8/- for the Ping Pong Entrance Fees.

August 26, 1956 Sunday 9 Matches Decided In Ping Pong Tournament

It was quite a bright day today (Sun & Cloud) We have started the Ping Pong Tournament. We finished 9 matches. Limbdi lost to Brian Dawson and Ashley Shemain to Vincent De Mello. I gave our master Bro. Bennett another Rupees 5/- for the tournament which we collected. I lost to T.P. (Trevor Perrier in football, the score being 3 –1. I shot our goal from a little over the half line.

August 27, 1956 Revisions for Preliminary Examinations - Derek D' Souza Beats Richie Edmonds

Today we revised our whole Hindi Course. There was no fooling at all in class. In the evening I played substitute for Tinkle against Richie . Tinkle's team won, the score being 2 – 1. I got a nasty shot on my

shins. In the evening we saw a documentary picture from petroleum giant Burma Shell, "Aviation Throughout The Ages" It was very instructive.

August 28, 1956 Revisions for Exams. - Trevor Perrier Draws With Brady - Club Drill Practice

Today we revised Chemistry, and during evening studies we did Geography I. All are learning hard.

I had a letter from Dad asking me to write home immediately about the receipt of parcel with Gordon Clarke's Blue Blazer Jacket etc. T.P. (Trevor Perrier) played Brady, and game ended in a draw, the score being 1 all. The rest of us had Club Drill.

August 29, 1956 Revisions for Exams - Sunshine During Day Clear Sky At Night

Today we revised Geography I We had plenty of Sunshine today. The Hindu boys asked for a holiday but were refused. The sky was so clear in the night that we could see all the stars. We went for a swim in the evening. The water was lovely, and we were in for about half an hour. I have improved my butterfly stroke and can do about 20 yards easily.

August 30, 1956 Keith Finnimore's Birthday - Derek D' Souza Beat Rocky Rodrigues 3 - 1

Keith Finnimore's birthday. Today we revised Geography II. I stayed up in class in the afternoon. Keith Finnimore found his keys at the swim lake. I was referee for the football game today. Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) beat Rocky Rodrigues, the score being 3 - 1. Richie Edmonds plays substitute for Tinkle. It was very bright in the morning but it rained heavily for a time during study period.

August 31, 1956 Total Rainfall 111.5 Inches - Richie Edmonds Beat Chris Joseph 2 - 1

Today we revised Physics. All or most of us have relaxed a bit. I played Richie Edmonds in football and lost, the score being 2 - 1. The boys doing club drill came down to watch the game. I missed the goal from near the half line a couple of times. Tinkle was the referee. They shot one of their goals by a direct free kick. The total rainfall for Abu is 111.5 inches.

September 01, 1956 Last Day Of Revisions For Preliminary Examinations

Today is our last day of revision in class for the Preliminary Examination. We revised Health Science during class. I went to confession. In the evening we went for swims to our lake. We enjoyed ourselves. After swims we developed a hearty appetite. Akbar Khan intends to become a geologist.

September 02, 1956 Sunday - Heights & Weights Recorded - Revision Of Subjects for Exams

Today we had our heights and weights taken. My height was 5 feet 10 inches, and my weight is 146 pounds. I revised my Julius Caesar text in the morning. The ping pong tournament is well on its way. I have not played my first game as yet. I played for Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) against Derek Brady. The game ended in a draw, the score being 1 all.

September 03, 1956 Hindi Exams Morning - Edmonds Vs Perrier 1-1 - Club Drill Practice

Today we did both Hindi tests. We started at 8:30 am. I did O.K. and expect to get in the 40 or fifties. We had the afternoon off to prepare for chemistry. Richie Edmonds played T.P. (Trevor Perrier). The game ended in a draw, the score being 1 all. We had club drill

September 04, 1956 Chemistry Exams - Chris Joseph Beat Derek Brady 1 - 0

Today we did both Chemistry Exams. I did O.K. but I hoped to do better, but the papers were rather stiff. I played Brady in football and won, the score being 1 - 0. I shot the goal for my team with a left into the corner.

September 05, 1956 Arithmetic and Geography I Examinations

Today we did Arithmetic and Geography I. I got 48% in Arithmetic. In the evening we did not go for walks but had studies instead.

September 06, 1956 Algebra & Geography II Exams. - Johnny Bharucha's Birthday

Today we did Algebra and Geography II. I did O.K. In the evening we had games. Rocky Rodriques beat Richie Edmonds, the score being 2 – 1. Today being Johnny Bharucha's birthday, he sent the class some sweetmeats (ladoos, jelibies, burfi etc.)

September 07, 1956 Both Physics Papers Done - Tinkle Beast T.P In Football. 3 - 0

Today we finished both Physics Papers. I left out one whole question in paper II as I was very slow. I got 32/40 in Chemistry I. Tomorrow being a holiday, we had no studies in the evening.

I played substitute for Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) against T.P. (Trevor Perrier) Tinkle's team won, the score being 3 – 0.

September 08, 1956 Ping Pong Tournament Being Played - Evening Movie "Gypsy Colt "

Today being 1st Holy Communion Day and the Feast of the Nativity, we got a holiday. I beat Hatcher (Keith Finnimore) in Ping Pong to come into the Semi Finals against Koko (Winston Shemain) Trevor Gilby lost against Danny (Lewis) in the Quarter Finals. Our Class is depending on me now and I shall try not to let them down. We went for a walk down the valley and came back by the New Roads. We saw a picture in the evening "Gypsy Colt " It was very good, and we all enjoyed it.

September 09, 1956 Sunday Sports Captains : Reds-Tinkle & Chris Green-Richie & Rocky

I beat Koko (Winston Shemain) in ping pong to come into the finals. I will now have to play Danny Lewis in the finals. Tinkle (Derek D' Souza), Richie (Edmonds) Rocky (Rodriques) and I are the four Captains for Sports Day Teams. We picked our teams in the afternoon. Tinkle and I are on the Red Team and Richie and Rocky are on the Green Team. We began sports practice in the evening. We also saw news reels in the evening.

September 10, 1956 Night Studies Start Today - Sports Practice Before Studies

Today we finished both Health Science Exams. I feel I did O.K. Today we started night studies and had sports practice before studies. I found the Health Science papers quite easy. I hope the English Language and English Literature papers will be as easy.

September 11, 1956 Completed English Language & English Literature Exams.

Today we finished English Language and English Literature Exams. I feel I did O.K. Every one relaxed after the English Literature paper as only the Geometry paper is left to be done.

I received 56% in Algebra and 50.5% for the Hindi paper.

September 12, 1956 Complete Last Preliminary Exam Paper Today

Today we finished our Geometry Paper. Our master Br. Bennett changed the paper as we happened to be preparing the same paper from the 10 Year Old Exam Papers. The second paper he gave us was a tough one. We were given 7 questions & all were compulsory questions. We went to town in the evening for a walk and had a good feed.

September 13, 1956 Cleared 5 Feet 1 Inch in High Jump Doing The Western Roll

At long last all our Preliminary Exams are over, and we can relax for a while. I got 59% in Chemistry and 28/40 in Physics I. Our master Br. Bennett has piled us up with a terrific amount of work as he says there is to be no relaxation as the Finals (Senior Cambridge Overseas Examination) are only 2 months away. I cleared 5 Feet 1 Inch in high jump by doing the Western Roll. This is the first time I have ever tried the Western Roll for high jump.



Chris Joseph in Action Lenny Middlecoat Waving

September 14, 1956 Average of 59% For Prelim. Exams - Clear 5 Ft. 2 Ins In High Jump

We were given back our corrected and marked exam papers. I got 38/60 in Physics II; 66% in Physics; 37/60 in Chemistry II and an average of 59% altogether. Our master Br. Bennett is giving us hell of a lot to learn and write. We can hardly find enough time to cover everything. Today I cleared 5 Foot 2 Inches by doing the Western Roll, and I hope to go still higher. I am getting into the knack of doing it now. I should get a place for the High Jump competition.

September 15, 1956 Bud Abbott & Lucas Stello Meet Captain Kid

Our master Br. Bennett is giving us hell of a lot of work to do. He is making Mike Rooke answer up for missing Scripture. We have not received any more of our marks or papers. We went for a long walk by Plummy Valley and came back by the Dilwara Road. We saw a picture named “ Bud Abbott & Lucas Stello Meet Captain Kid “ It was quite good. We all laughed like hell. The Pre Seniors went for their picnic down to Anadhra and shot 13 doves and one pigeon. Limbdi shot 2 quails.

September 16, 1956 Sunday Danny Lewis New Table Tennis Champion

In the morning I waited patiently for Danny Lewis to come back from the Anglican Church Service to play the finals of the Ping Pong Tournament down at the Gym. Eventually we had to play after baths. Danny beat me and is the New Table Tennis Champ. I only won one game in best of three I lost the 1st game even after leading Game Point to Danny's 18 points.

In high jump I cleared 5 Ft. 3 Ins. And went over 5 Ft. 4 Ins. Without knocking the tape down. Tinkle went over, but also touched the tape. Richie could not clear 5 Ft. 1 In. and got a muscle catch and did not raise the bar for himself.

September 17, 1956 Usual Class Routine In All Subjects Rocky Rodriques Best Time In 100 Yds.

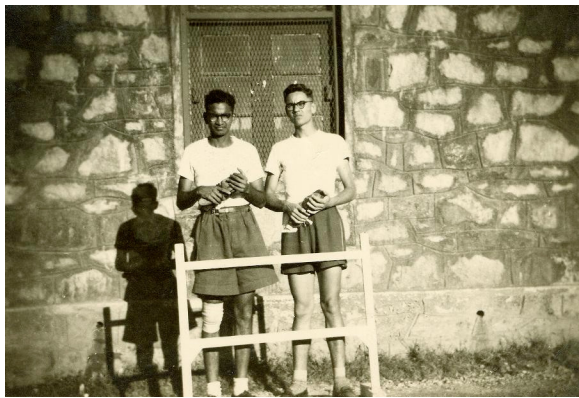
We have settled down to our usual class routine in all subjects. Our master Br. Bennett is giving us hell of a lot to learn and write. We asked him for permission to invite Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D' Souza – Science

Master) and Hindi Pop (Mr. Goyal) for Sports practice which is well under way and the timers have started taking timings. Rocky Rodrigues had the best timing for 100 yards dash 11 secs. We have not gone any higher in high jump. Richie Edmonds hurt himself yesterday while doing Western Roll and did not do any sports practice today.

September 18, 1956 Sports Practice Tones Up Muscles

Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D' Souza) got ragged off during his science period because of the talking going on and told us to learn by ourselves. Class passed very quietly, and without any incident.

Br. Bennett is giving us hell of a lot of work to do. After all these days of sports practice, I am feeling "caught" muscular tightness all over.



Sports Practice - Derek D'Souza (Tinkle) and Chris Joseph

September 19, 1956 Who Shot The Panther Mr. Bharucha or Chiba the Poacher & Jungle Guide

Class passed as usual, and although some of us missed Julius Caesar, Br. Bennett spared us. We went for a walk to Dilwara and took along Owen Amore's air gun but shot nothing. On the way back, a heated argument took place between Johnny Bharucha and Mayo (Mohiuddin Khan Malik). It was about who actually shot the panther for Mr. Bharucha, was it Chiba the jungle guide and poacher or Mr. Bharucha himself. Our master, Br. Bennett was made judge about the heated argument, and we all had a good laugh. No conclusion could be reached about the argument and so they took a bet for 200 pellet gun slugs. The 7th went for their picnic to Oriah and shot 30 odd doves and 4 pigeons.

September 20, 1956 Both Richie Edmonds and Chris Joseph Clear 5 Ft. 4 Inches in High Jump

Our master, Br. Bennett is still correcting our exam papers, and has not returned anymore. Today I cleared 5 Ft. 4 Inches in high jump for the second time. Richie Edmonds also cleared the same height. Trevor Pearce bets Gordon Clarke to write a million noughts by picnic day. A million to the power of a million has 6 million noughts after the one. It takes about 3 days to count up to a million.

September 21, 1956 Sports Week Invitations Sent To Parents

This day two months hence we will be doing our first Senior Cambridge Overseas Examination. A number of us missed Julius Caesar and have to answer up on Sunday. We enclosed the Sports Week Invitation to our parents in our monthly letter. I also asked Mum to send up my point 177 Diana Airgun.

September 22, 1956 Movie Projector Breaks Down With "The Man In the White Suit"

Some of the Scripture Boys missed their lesson and have to answer up on Sunday. Our master Br. Bennett has not returned any more corrected exam papers as yet. We went for a walk to near Sirohi House. Some of the boys took their air guns, but no one shot anything. We arrived back at school just in time and missed

being caught in a heavy downpour. We saw a side reel about Oil Tankers this evening, but were disappointed about the main picture "The Man In The White Suit" The projector stopped and we had to come up to the dormitory.

September 23, 1956 Sunday Draw for Doubles Ping Pong Tournament. Newton Carvalho & Chris Joseph - Partners

We answered up Julius Caesar in the morning. In the morning we also had the draw for the Doubles Ping Pong Tournament. I drew Newton (Chimpo) Carvalho as my partner. We had studies from 4 to 6 pm and then sports practice. I cleared 5 Ft. 3 Inches after dropping the rope at lower heights. We were disappointed once again about the movie as the projector was still giving trouble.

September 24, 1956 Official Lantern Bearers For Stairway After Night Studies

My stomach is out, and I went to the lavatory 6 times. We had a practice run for the Inter House Relay Race, and my team consisting of Bogus Charlie (Kevin D'Souza), Das, Pinto and S.P. Singh came first. I cleared 5 Ft. 4 Inches for the third time in my life. I did the 440 yards in 1 minute 3 seconds. The movie projector was still giving trouble so we did not see The Man In The White Suit. Michael Rooke and I have become the Official Lantern Bearers for the stairway after night studies. We have been dubbed "Jerry Chruncher" Senior & Junior. Lloyd Gilder went to hospital with a ear ache in the afternoon.

September 25, 1956 Neville Rodricks' Father Passed Away - Neville Had To Go Home

We made up our beds early so that we may go early for Science Class. The 5th Standard went for their picnic today. They shot about 20 doves and about 3 pigeons. Cousin Gay (Burrows) shot most of them. I used Gordon's spike shoes for high jump and cleared 5 Ft. 4 Inches for the 3rd or 4th time. This time it was quite a clean jump. We held the lanterns again after night studies. Neville Rodricks' father died so he had to go home some days ago. Lloyd is still in hospital.

September 26, 1956 Requiem Mass Said for The Repose of the soul of Mr. Rodricks

There was a Mass said for the repose of the soul of Mr. Rodricks (Neville's Father) Class passed without incident, and no one has to answer up on Thursday. Lloyd is still in hospital. We went for a walk past Abu and the golf links. Kanchan Patel got us some roses and when the convent girls passed us on the road, our master Br. Bennett remarked that they (the roses) were in the hands of the wrong people. We all had a good laugh once we had safely passed the school girls and teacher.

September 27, 1956 Lloyd Gilder Discharged From Hospital

Lloyd Gilder came out of the hospital this morning. Both of us had to analyse a white powder. It turned out to be Zn CO₃. Our master Br. Bennett spared us from doing the essay as he still has our papers to correct. We did high jump with a bar, and I broke it twice, but could not jump clean over the bar.

September 28, 1956 100 Yards in 11.5 Seconds - Class Picnic Shaky ?

Our master Br. Bennett told us if we did not look out we would not go for our picnic on the 3rd October. Class passed without incident although we were sure he would make all those who missed answer up. I did the 100 yards in 11.5 seconds. I could not jump clean at all. It began drizzling so we had to stop games.

September 29, 1956 Mohiuddin (Mayo) Khan Malik Photographs Paddy The Boar Hound

Class passed without an incident. Br. Bennett did not make any of us who missed answer up. We went for a walk along the New Road from Abu Road Station to Mt. Abu. The sensitivity bulb for the movie projector has not arrived from Bombay so we may not see the picture "The Commandos Strike At Dawn" Mayo (Mohiuddin Khan Malik) took a photograph of Paddy on top of the wall off the New Road.

September 30, 1956 Sunday Ping Pong Doubles Tournament Have Started

Ping Pong Doubles Tournament have started. Newton Carvalho and I won our first game. We had club drill but no sports practice. The Seniors and Pre Seniors were told to go to bed after dressing up for the picture "The Commandos Strike At Dawn" because we piled up bread at supper as it did not taste right.

October 01, 1956 Special Devotion To St. Joseph Start Today

Special devotion to St. Joseph start today. Class passed without any noteworthy event. Br. Bennett was rather lenient with us and spared all those who missed. We had no studies this evening for tomorrow is a holiday, being Holy Childhood Day (The mistakes in the diary above were caused by that damn nuisance Michael Rooke) We had Club Drill and Sports Practice. I cleared 4 Ft. 10 Inches with the bar Western Roll.

October 02, 1956 Holy Childhood Day - 7th Standard Class Win Holy Childhood Picnic

Today being Holy Childhood Day, we got a holiday. The old 7th Standard Class won the Holy Childhood Picnic, setting a new record in the bargain with an average of Rupees 42/- and a total of Rs. 1,163/- or so. In the Junior School, the 5th Standard (Gay Burrows Class) won with an average of Rs. 15 Annas 8 with a total of Rs. 460/- We did not try to win the Holy Childhood Picnic as we are getting our master Br. Bennett a very good parting present – A portable typewriter. We are all set for our Class picnic and hope the weather or our master Br. Bennett will not spoil our expectations. In the morning I did a little high jump practice and cleared 4 Ft. 10 Inches.

October 03, 1956 Our Class Picnic Down to Anadhra

Br. Barry woke us up at 5:15 am After washing etc., we received Communion, then had breakfast and left at 6:15 am or so. We arrived at Anadhra at 8 am. We began shooting at once, and our master Br. Bennett also went for hare but did not see anything. I shot 5 doves. Altogether we shot 56 doves and a pigeon. With our masters 12 bore I shot one full grown and one young Australian Turkey. I also shot a stork, flying shot. Mike Rooke and Hatcher (Keith Finnimore) feathered the birds in the grass reserve. It was very hot in the morning. After lunch we went for a swim. I took some photographs. It rained heavily at tea time. We left early and came up slowly. Torpe shot an Australian Turkey with his air gun but threw it away as he got frightened. He also found a tortoise and we helped him to bring it up the hill. Trevor Perrier and Torpe got muscular catches climbing up the hill. We came back to school by bus from the bus terminal.



Lunch Time at the Anadhra Dark Bunglow – Br. Bennett standing Right of Pillar



Flying Shot – Chris Joseph with Br. Bennett’s Double Barrel Shot Gun



Cooling Off at Anadhra Lake – Paddy also Cools Off



Cooling Off at Anadhra - Mike Everden Stands Tall



Br. Bennett with 1956 S.C. Class after Lunch at the Anadhra Dark Bungalow

October 04, 1956 Br. Barrett Teaches Us -Maria Nina & There's No One Like Mother To Me

Today being the feast day of St. Francis, we got a holiday. I slept like a log last night. My toes are very sore, otherwise I am O.K. Newton Carvalho and I have made it to the finals against James Valladares and Bobby Amore in the Doubles Ping Pong Tournament. Today we began singing practice for the concert. Br. Barrett is teaching us and we are singing "Maria Nina" and "There's No One Like Mother To Me". Most of us did sports practice, but we were out of luck as it was raining for most of the time, so we actually did very little. We had roast Australian Turkey and doves for dinner. I got the wish-bone. The new Music Master arrived today from Bahrain.

October 05, 1956 No Eating During Evening Study In The Refectory

Class passed without incident. Only 2 more sports practice days before we have the heats for the events. The lights went out during studies and so we had to go down to the Refectory to learn. After a while the lights in the Refectory (dinning room) also went off and so evening studies came to an end. Some of the boys ate their jelibies (an Indian sweet eaten as a dessert after supper) and are in serious trouble for eating during study instead of waiting for after dinner. They have been called up for breach of etiquette and most probably get the strap tomorrow as punishment.

October 06, 1956 7th Standard Go for Their Holy Childhood Picnic To Anadhra

Our master Br. Bennett was a bit annoyed when he found out that we had not prepared any lessons properly because we missed about one hour of study time due to an electric fuse blowing. He gave those boys who ate their jelibies, 2 up on the hand before walks. We did not go for walks today as Br. Bennett had a lot of office work to do and so we played football instead. I excused myself on account of my blistered toes from our hike to Anadhra. It drizzled slightly during the evening. The 7th Standard went for their Holy Childhood Picnic to Anadhra. They shot about 6 doves.

October 07, 1956 Bobby Amore & James Valladares Win Ping Pong Doubles Tournament

Newton Carvalho and I lost to Bobby Amore and James Valladares in the Finals of the Ping Pong Doubles Tournament. It was a very hard fought game of ping pong, best of 5 game set. We played all 5 games before the final decision. Gordon Clarke came around with the Preliminary Exam marks and asked us our earlier marks for comparison. I got 49% in English Language, 58% in English Literature, 49% in Health Science, 59% in Geography. My average percentage mark for the preliminary exams is 56%, actually 55.5%. By our calculations, I just get a 1st Division. I stood 14th in a class of 28 students.

October 08, 1956 Sports Heats for C and D Division - 100 & 220 Yard Dash Practice

Trevor Gilby started the day with 4 up for not doing a map, and some others got the strap for not doing geometry, scripture and other subjects. Besides getting the strap they also have to answer up. The Sports C and D division had heats today. The rest of us had 100 and 220 yard dash practice. It rained heavily in the afternoon, but cleared up for the evening. We could not have long jump practice as most of the work done on the jump pit by the 8th Standard was spoilt by the rain.

October 09, 1956 Tinkle Set New Unofficial Long Jump Record 19 Ft. 4 Ins.

Class passed without any fellows getting the strap. However, some fellows have to answer up. Today we had heats for the 100 Yard Dash and Long Jump. Brian Dawson and I made it from our group. Dawson beat me. Owen Amore was among the First Six in Long Jump doing 16 Ft. 2 Ins. I did not qualify. Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) established a New Unofficial Long Jump Record with a jump of 19 Ft. 4 Ins., beating the previous record by 2 Inches.

The 5th Standard (Br. Murray's Class with Gay Burrows) went for their picnic to Abu Road by bus. They caught some fish with nets and shot some pigeons, but did not bring them back as Raghbir Singh Sirohi objected.

October 10, 1956 Hatcher, Keith Finnimore Wins Cricket Ball Throw

Class passed without anyone getting the strap or having to answer up. In the Sports Heats, I came First in the 220 Yards, Owen Amore Second and Brian Dawson Third. I came 5th Throwing The Cricket Ball. Hatcher (Keith Finnimore) came First. After doing the sport heats, our class (Senior Cambridge) had to go up to our class room to do English Literature Studies.

October 11, 1956 Heats for 440 Yards and Hurdles Finalised

Lloyd Gilder and I had to find the Focal Length of a Concave Mirror during the Science Practical period. I have qualified for the 440 yards finals, and was disqualified from the hurdle by knocking the 1st hurdle. Rocky Rodriques was disqualified for knocking down the last hurdle. Das fell down between 2 hurdles and did not place. His chances for the championship are much less now.

October 12, 1956 Handicap 880 Yards Finals 1st. Das, 2nd. Able Pinto, 3rd. Keith Rolland, 4th. Owen Amore

Class passed very quietly today.

We had the 880 yards finals. Das came 1st, Able Pinto 2nd, Keith Rolland 3rd and Owen Amore 4th. I came 6th and placed second in the "A" Division after Owen Amore.

October 13, 1956 High Jump Finals - Silvo Da Silva Breaks Arm - Parents Start Arriving

Class passed without anyone getting the strap or having to answer up. Today we were left off the extra half hour of class.

Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) came first in High Jump, clearing 5 Ft. 2 Ins., I came Second clearing 5 Ft. 1 Inch and Rocky Rodriques came Third clearing 5 Feet, Richie Edmonds came Fourth.

In Div. "B" 1st. M.S. (Budoo) Rao 4 Ft. 6 Ins., 2nd Das 4 Ft 6", 3rd. Aloo (Aloysius F. D' Souza 4 Ft 5 Inches.

Silvo (Sylvester Da Silva) broke his left hand.

Mummy, Aunt Beryl Burrows, Uncle Leslie Richardson came up to Mt. Abu today. Gay Burrows and myself slept the night out.



High Jump Finals – Chris Joseph Going Over, Derek D’Souza Watching

October 14, 1956 Sunday Tinkle (Derek D’ Souza) Wins Long Jump – Owen Amore Wins Handicap Cross Country Race - Panther Kill Across The Stream At Paddy’s Bridge

All of us went to 6:15 am Mass at the convent school, had breakfast and came up to school for Club Drill practice. After the club drill practice, we had Long Jump Finals. Tinkle (Derek D’ Souza) broke the record by jumping 19 Ft. 4 Inches, 2nd. Rocky Rodrigues , 3rd. Bogus Charlie (Kevin D’ Souza).

Gay Burrows and I walked back to town after the long jump finals and had lunch with Mums.

I took uncle Leslie Richardson for a walk around Naki Lake, and also took 2 snaps of him.

On our way back to school, a wood cutter drew our attention to spot a panther, but we missed spotting the animal as we were too slow to comprehend what he was trying to tell us. We saw a kill in the area. On returning to school we informed Br. Bennett about the panther and the kill on the hillside across the Paddy’s Bridge stream. Br. Bennett sat up for the panther.

We ran the Handicap Cross Country Race from a little distance past the Water Falls. 1st Owen Amore, 2nd Able Pinto, 3rd. Dinky Regalini, 4th. Samson. I came 8th. and 2nd. among the “A” Division after Owen Amore. Handicap imposed was 20 Seconds lead for each lower divisions “B”, “C” & “D”.

Today we had the 1st. Dress Rehearsal.

October 15, 1956 Silvo (Sylvester Da Silva) Has X-ray Of Broken Arm – Night Out For Boarders with Parents

We had the whole morning off as Br. Bennett took Silvo (Sylvester Da Silva) for an X-ray of arm, and Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D’ Souza) made us clean the laboratory. Br. Bennett came to class in the afternoon and was very lenient with us.

We had a free evening i.e. from Sports Practice. However, we had Club Drill Practice.

The boarders whose parents have come up to Mt. Abu for the Sports Holiday were allowed out for the night.

October 16, 1956 First Concert For Abu Locals - Mike Rooke Upset With Choir Boys

Class passed very quietly. We are all ready and looking forward for the Sports Holidays. The boys who had to sing in the concert had early studies.

Today we had the first concert for parents and people from Mt. Abu. Mike Rooke was quite upset after the play at the boys from the choir as they went up onto the back stage while his act was in progress.

(Br. Bennett mentioned that he had been 11 years at Mt. Abu or as a Religious Brother?)

October 17, 1956 Junior Classes Put Up Flags and Mark Tracks – Concert for Parents

Br. Barrett spoke to our class during morning studies and said that he felt very hurt last night after Mike Rooke spoke to him about the Choir Boys going up onto the stage while their play was on. We were the only class that had class today. The other classes had to do the tracks and put up the flags and streamers, and put out the chairs and benches for the parents and visitors.

We had the concert for the Parents today. It went off well. I was in the chorus, and we sang

“Maria Nina” and “There’s No One Like Mother To Me“ We ended up with the National Anthem. From tonight I will be sleeping out for the rest of the Sports Holidays.

October 18, 1956 Sports Day – Bishop D’Mello of Ajmere Presents Trophies Championships Division “A” Tinkle (Derek D’Souza), “B” Roland ? , “C” Pincen ?

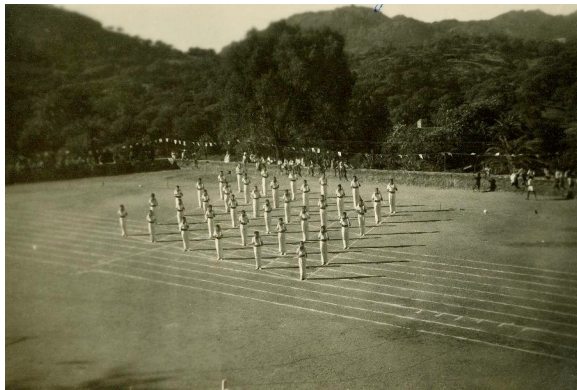
In the morning I took Uncle Leslie Richardson to Sun Set Point. Uncle explained to me that with the advancement of radio communications and finger printing that crooks have very little chance to get away with crime.

Gay Burrows and I went to school by bus and had to pay 3 Annas each.

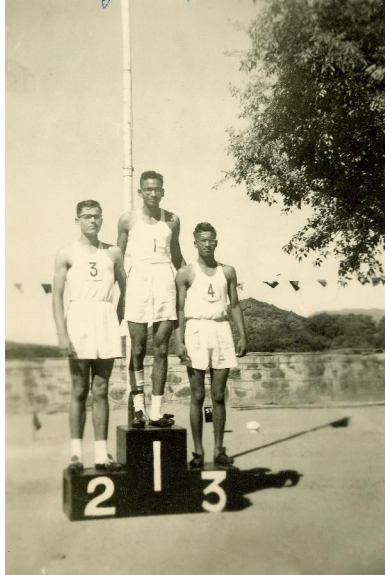
We changed our clothes and into our club drill uniforms at school.

Everything went off very smoothly on the Sports Day Program. Bishop D’Mello of Ajmere gave away the prizes.

I won 2 cups, one for coming 2nd in High Jump and the other for coming 3rd. in the 220 Yard Dash. Gay Burrows also won two cups, one for Sack Race and the other for the Stilts Race. Championships for divisions “A” Tinkle (Derek D’ Souza), “B” Roland ? , “C” Pincen ?



Club Drill Performed for Parents & Visitors During Sports Week



High Jump Winners – Derek D’Souza (Tinkle), Chris Joseph, Rocky Rodriques

October 19, 1956 Showing Uncle Les The Various Tourist Sites Around Mt. Abu

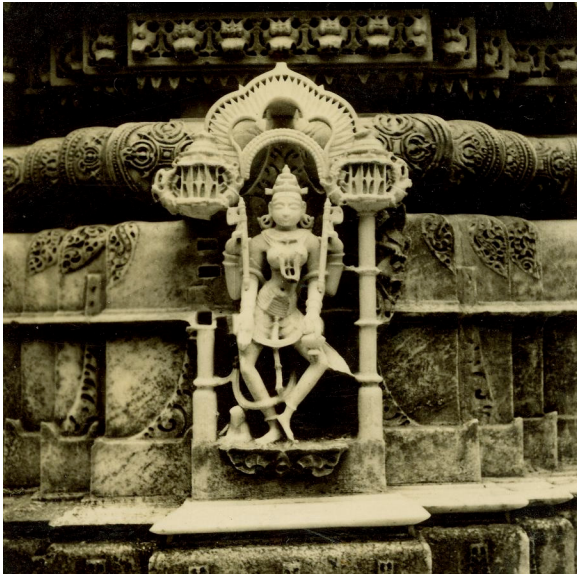
In the morning I took uncle Leslie Richardson to Trevor Tal and then we went up to the “Doll House” Alwar Palace, and took some close-up snaps of the summer mansion of the House of Alwar. After lunch we went fishing, and immediately after uncle and I caught the bus for Dilwara to see the famous and ancient Hindu Temple. The temple cost Rupees 185,300,000/- and was partly built in the year 2,500 B.C. ? It has very intricate carvings on its pillars and roof. Immediately after returning to our rented bungalow in town, I took uncle Les to Sun Set Point. We were lucky to see the sun go down. After observing the sunset, I took uncle back by “Bayley’s Walk” overlooking the Anadhra Valley and plains. By the time we reached half way to Anadhra Point it was quite dark and so we climbed up the hill in the moonlight fearful of wild bears, panthers and tigers and then climbed down to the Naki Lake Ring Road. I learned a lesson to be more careful on a Jungle Walk after sunset. In the evening at the bungalow, Gay fired off a number of fire crackers.



Alwar Palace / Dolls House - Uncle Les Richardson Being Shown Around Mt. Abu



Dilwara Jain Temple - Pillars with Intricate Carvings



Dilwara Jain Temple - Temple Dancing Girl



Dilwara Jain Temple - Platform & Pillars with Intricate Carvings



Dilwara Jain Temple Mt. Abu

October 20, 1956 Cricket Match – Visitors Vs. School Boys Chris Joseph Hits Only Six

I took Uncle Les for a walk to the Water Works and to the dam and he was very pleased. I took a shot a did-di-do-it with the 22 Winchester rifle and missed. After coming back to the bungalow, I had a quick lunch and left for school to play in the Cricket Match, Visitors Vs. School Boys. We won by declaring at 99 for 8 wickets. The Visitors were all out for 50 odd runs. I scored 11 runs and hit the only Six in the match.

Uncle Les has completed his 44th year and yet he was able to walk all around the town with me. Will I be able to do that when I reach his age? Anyone who tries can do it and keep healthy. (At seventeen, I thought 44 years old was very ancient and was amazed that uncle Les could keep up)



Cricket Match – Visitors Vs. School Team Chris Joseph Hits Only Six

October 21, 1956 Sunday Horse Back Riding To School – Shooting With The Amore Boys

I served Mass at the Convent School. After Mass Gay Burrows and I went up to school on horse back. The bag that I was carrying fell down, and the sauce bottle broke and stained some of my clothes.

They had Confirmation Service up at school. I had to make arrangements about a bus.

I went out shooting in the fields with the Amore Boys but we did not even get a shot. I gave a roll of film to be developed. Uncle Les left for Abu Road by the 2 O'clock bus.

We saw a picture, "The Clouded Yellow," it was quite good. We came back at 9:45 pm and we were all very tired.



Horse Back Riding By The Hour Chris Joseph



**Sports Week – Back Row : Keith Finnimore, Mike Rooke, Albert McKinley, Chris Joseph
Front : Ivor Amore, Owen Amore, Peter Finnimore, Bobby Amore**

October 22, 1956 Passing Out Parade of the Central Police Training Centre Cadets

I got up early, had a wash and went for a shoot with the Amore's. Owen Amore shot a pigeon and I missed with the 22 rifle. After that we went to Bikaneer Palace and since we were not coming across any pigeons or doves, Hatcher (Keith Finnimore) and I came back. After having breakfast, I went out to the Polo Grounds to watch the Passing Out Parade of the Central Police Training Centre Cadets. The Home Minister of India presided. I took some photographs and gave in some rolls for development and printing. Most of the parents left for Abu Road today and therefore most of the boys have gone back to school. We had Chicken Roast for dinner.



Passing Out Parade - Central Police Training Centre Cadets on Polo Grounds



Mounted Police Officers – CPTC Passing Out Parade on Polo Grounds



Auxiliary Cadet Corps. (ACC) Chris Joseph Wondering Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor ?

October 23, 1956 Aunt Beryl Burrows & Mummy Left by the 11 O'clock Bus

Aunt Beryl Burrows and Mummy left by the 11 O'clock bus. Gay and I came back to school on horse back.

Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) and Trevor Perrier's team had hockey practice.

We had extra night studies today and will have the extra studies till the end of the year.

October 24, 1956 Senior Cambridge Examination Index Number Given To Classmates

Class passed without an incident. We have all made up our minds to work hard for the Final Exams. We went for a walk to Dilwara and after the walk we had one hour study.

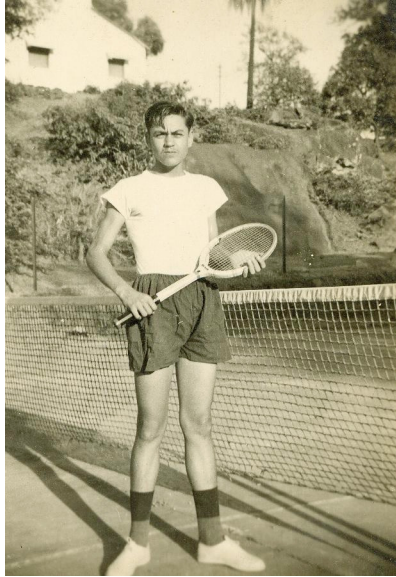
We have been told our Exam Index Number. Mine is A593. I do hope it will not be missing from the results published in the news papers. The following are some of my classmates Index Numbers: Owen Amore A578; Kersey Vakharia A605; Mike Rooke A603; Keith Finnimore A590.

October 25, 1956 Titrations for Practical - Bare Back Pony Ride On Crisp's Pitch

Today Lloyd Gilder and I did titrations for practical and we got fairly good results. We had class after baths. We played football while the two hockey finalist practiced hockey. The boys playing on the Crisp's Pitch caught a pony that was grazing close by and we all had a few bare back rides.

October 26, 1956 Danny Lewis Vs. Chris Joseph In Tennis Tournament

Ellen's birthday.. I wrote home and wished Ellen. I am playing Danny Lewis in the Tennis Tournament. We have not even finished the 1st. set. The score at present is 2 sets to 3 in Danny's favour.



Tennis Courts - Chris Joseph - Hospital in the Background

October 27, 1956 Rudy Ferreira Breaks His Wrist - 24 Days For Cambridge Exams

Class passed without an incident. After evening tea, Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D' Souza) took us to the Science Laboratory and produced most of the gases covered in our chemistry text and gave them to us to smell so that we may be able to recognise them for our practical exams for Cambridge.

As our master Br. Bennett came out to take us for walks, we began running towards him. The 8th Standard were playing football with Br. Barrett on the Small Pitch. As Rudy Ferreira ran pass the footballers he got hit with the ball, tripped up, fell and broke his wrist. I think his radius. As our master Br. Bennett had to rush off for the doctor, we did not go for the walk.

Only 24 Days more for the exams to start.

October 28, 1956 Sunday Danny Lewis Wins First Set In Tennis

Danny Lewis beat me in the first set in tennis, the score being 6 – 5. I am leading in the 2nd set, and hope to win 3 – 0.

Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D' Souza) went off to Bombay without telling any of his students.

Br. Barrett took our class for a walk along the New Road from Abu as there were no games. The A.C.C. (Auxiliary Cadet Corps.) boys had to see a parade on the Polo Grounds.

October 29, 1956 Walk Instead Of Films

We revised Chemistry & Physics by ourselves as Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D' Souza) is away to Bombay.

We had early studies as we were told that the films would arrive that afternoon. As they did not arrive as expected, we went for a walk instead.

October 30, 1956 Hockey Finals End In A Draw Trevor Perrier Vs. Derek D' Souza

Class passed without incident. Ruddy Ferreira came back to class in the afternoon. Br. Bennett got quite annoyed because we did not know the Julius Caesar lesson.

Trevor Perrier played Tinkle (Derek D' Souza) in the Hockey Finals. The game ended in a draw. I was one of the goal judges.

October 31, 1956 Mt. Abu Merges Into Rajasthan State From November 01, 1956.

We missed the questions during the Kon Tiki lesson and so we have to answer up tomorrow morning. Narayan Patel took photographs of us for enlargements. I do hope they come out well.

The panther skin has come back from the taxidermist.

We saw a movie called "The Lavender Hill Mob" It was very good.

Today is our Last Day of Mt. Abu being in Bombay State. From tomorrow Mt. Abu merges into Rajasthan State.

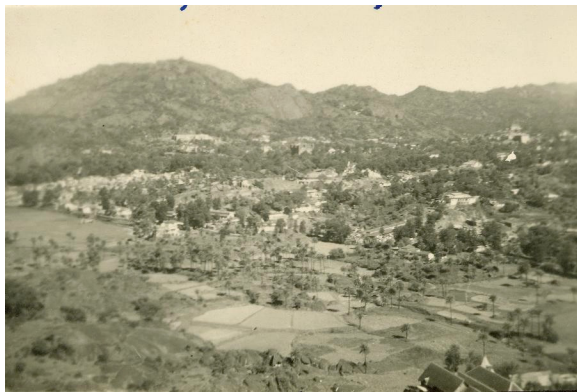
November 01, 1956 Lost Last Football Match to Rocky Rodriques 0 – 1. Mt. Abu Transferred Into The State Of Rajasthan From Today Onwards

Our Master Br. Bennett did not come to class this morning, so we had to do all our studies on our own. We had afternoon class.

I played my last game in football against Rocky Rodriques and lost 1 – 0. Mike Everden deflected the ball into the corner, Mendoza our goalie dived, but it was too late to save the goal.

From today onwards, Mt. Abu is in the State of Rajasthan and no more in the Old Bombay State. Bombay State was divided into Maharashtra and Gujarat on linguistic majority to the region.

Br. Barrett informed Richie Edmonds and myself to serve the First Mass tomorrow.



Mt. Abu from the Water Works

November 02, 1956 Tennis Tournament Danny Lewis Beats Chris Joseph. Blessing Of The Graves At The Cemetery

Richie Edmonds and I served the 1st. Mass today.

I lost to Danny Lewis in the Tennis Tournament, the score being 7-5, 2-6, and 6-4. It was a very close game and deuce lasted for ten services at a time. In the evening we went for the Blessing of the Graves. Old School Boys Amore & Collie whispered about old school tragedies. As the service was in progress, a municipal car began blaring records, and some of us began to laugh. After the service, we went to town and I bought our master a milkshake. We saw some grey fowl chickens on our way to the cemetery, and we could see the wild instinct already evident in the young birds.

November 03, 1956 Datcher Returns From Bombay - Time Table For Exams Arrive

We are learning very hard for the Final School Leaving Exams Senior Cambridge Certificate. I hope to do very well.

Datcher (Mr. Aloysius D' Souza) returned from Bombay today.

We went for a walk along the Old Roads and came out onto the New Bus Road to Mt. Abu.