

The Bonnie - box - Tucker.

second Adamstown - Melbourne

trip. January 1930.

Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> 1929.

Having packed everything (rather an ordeal, as we had more luggage this year than last) we were able to get away at 11.40. G.B. drove for the first few miles. A stop had to be made  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles later at the Scullys to pick up some eggs for our larder. We had morning tea there & finally got on the road again at 12.30. The car was riding well with the load on, as indeed it did all the way. The speedometer, that was fixed up specially for the trip refused work after the first few miles. Anyhow we have no use for shirkers. G.D.T. drove after Batherine Hill Bay where the road started to get more rough, later we were to know what rough roads were. We had lunch at 1.50. at a nice spot about 6 miles past Batherine Hill Bay. We left after lunch at 3.10 & at Gosford stopped for water at the railway station. We found a camp site about 8 miles past Gosford at 5.30. We only travelled slowly all the way intending to be more leisurely all through this year.

Tuesday Dec 31.

We had some rain during the night though very slight & not inconveniencing. We were able to leave by 8.30 a.m. G.B. drove over a very bad road round Green's Wharf deviation. We stopped for morning tea at 11. & were away again at 11.05. G.B.'s old hat was left on the running

ADAMSTOWN.

DEC. 30. 1929.



Bonnie ready for the road. Lb & LKJ are present also & may be seen if looked for closely.

ON THE ROAD TO COULBURN. JAN 3<sup>rd</sup> 1930.



LKJ. obeying doctor's orders, i.e. preparing morning tea. (early).

Lb. preparing for a camp plunger.

board when we started & was not thought of until about half an hour later. Before we reached Wiseman's 2 of our 4 gallon tins of benzene started to leak. We managed to squeeze 5 gallons into the tank & were luckily able to sell the rest to a man on a lorry. We reached Wiseman's at 1 pm. We had lunch at Mosquito Point our old camping spot of last year (there are still mosquitos there) at 1.15. to 2.10. After lunch G.K.T. took over the driving as far as Parramatta where G.B. again took charge for the run into Sydney. We did not stop to see our friend at Battai Creek.

We called at Nicholson's about 5 & then went to the hotel & garage.

Wednesday Jun 1<sup>st</sup>. 1930

Spent in Sydney. G.B. met his Mother & later met G.K.T. & going into a café with him at night had some fun. He had gone to a wrong section of the café & having moved had some tea, G.K.T. in manipulating the teapot was having some trouble in keeping the tea from running down the spout on to the floor. A lady pointed out to him that it was all going over his hat. Great care to brush hat & wife off tea. When ready to go G.K.T. finds he has

someone else's hat. G.B. promptly changed it for the right one & no one seemed to notice the change. At night we went to see "In the next room."

Thursday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

Packed up soon after 9. & G.K.J. went off shopping & G.B. to get car & load & meet at the garage. We were away about 11.20. Just before we started we had another leaky tin of benzine which however was not lost as we were able to put its contents in the tank.

At 1 p.m. we stopped for lunch & here we discovered, after much wondering why the back was so empty, that the hats were missing. Those hats! they were a bother last year but they were a blithering nuisance this year. G.B. had left them on the street in front of the "pub" in Sydney. Well we got 'em at Goulburn where we had them sent to by train; We rang up from Cambelltown to know if they had been found & the Hotel people sent them on. G.B. was much upset before we rang up & to make matters worse knocked the billy over just as it boiled. Result - the billy was used as a football. After the excitement we again took the road with G.K.J. driving as far as Picton where we arrived at 3.00 & we found a camp

site just past the Bargo river at 4.15. having  
afternoon tea before pitching camp.

Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

We left camp with G.L. driving at 10 AM & arrived  
at Frencham at 10.50. at the S.B.U. summer  
school. We saw <sup>Rev.</sup> R. S., <sup>Rev.</sup> M. R., H. E., Revs. E. H. B. &  
R. J. L. There seemed to be nearly all girls  
there. + I John's men. We only stayed a few minutes  
as there was another study circle commencing.

We had morning tea at a shop & left at 12 with G.L. &  
driving. We started by taking a wrong turning, ~~was~~  
rectified. We pulled up for the midday meal at 1.20  
starting at 2.45 & arriving at the House of the  
Ascension, Goulburn at 5 P.M. after picking up  
our hats at the railway station.

Saturday Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

In the morning we went into Goulburn &  
did some shopping. In the afternoon was the  
dedication of the Calvary, which was most  
impressive. The garden should be beautiful  
when complete. There was a great crowd of people  
present. Bishop Radford preached an impressive  
sermon standing at the foot of the cross. Later  
in the evening on private G.L. & I. planted a  
tree from the Adamstown garden at the foot  
of the path leading to the cross.

We stayed another night & left on Sunday.

Goulburn  
balvay garden.



At the House of the  
Ascension.



Preparing breakfast.

If someone would only  
give him a push.

H.J. working.

CAMP ON THE MURRUMBIDGEE

Sunday Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>

After the Eucharist & breakfast we bid farewell to everyone at the House of the Ascension & left at 10.5, taking Fr Homersham into Goulburn on the way. We had Morning tea just past Buller in a place corresponding to last year's spot, but, as it is a new road here to the right of the old, not in exactly the same place. We had lunch at 1.25, after passing over some bad road & through Yass, ~~at~~ where the new road starts again. Here by R. J., who had driven first in the morning took over again. The road is greatly improved since last year. Gundagai was reached at 5.30. We purchased benzine here (the first on the trip, as what we carried brought us as far as this.) from the same garage as last year.

The garage man was still suffering from the indigestion that he told us of last year.

At 6.20 we camped on the Murrumbidgee in the same spot as 12 months ago. The day's run being almost exactly the same in time as before.

Monday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

Having plunged in the river in approved camp fashion we adjourned to our breakfast & later our wanderings, this latter being accomplished at 10.10 by ~~to~~ under by's guidance. At Tarcutta we had our morning tea at 11.15 & from there on had a pleasant run for a few miles with by R. J. driving. Later we changed



again & soon after the change on Long Jack's leg just past Nyamba came upon a Nash car stuck. The owner asked us if we would get a garage man to come out for him & tow him back to Albury. He was over 40 miles from Albury, then. We drove on to Little Billabong & rang up from there at the "pub." having a shandy while waiting for the call. We had lunch at 1.30 just past there. G.H.J. very carefully left his pipe behind here & had to get a new one later. At 2.45 G.H.J. resumed & we stopped at Holbrook to send a wire to Mrs Tucker at 3.30. At afternoon tea Gb. took the wheel. The road was here getting rather bumpy & was fairly rough from here to Seymour. We arrived at Albury at 5.30 & spent a fairly hot night at a hotel where we met our friend with the Nash.

Tuesday Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

10 AM left Albury & after careering around looking for the road across the river for some time asked the way & stopped at Modonga, got to the Police Station & 10.10. G.B. cleaned out the butter tin here. We have resolved to carry no more butter we don't like it in liquid form. We left at 10.30 & stopped for morning tea 11-11.45. We had a visitor, a telephone linesman, who shared our tea with us. G.H.J. resumed, but did not keep on for long & we stopped for our lunch at our last years Mangaratta camp from 1.20-2.35. At Mangaratta

we tried to see baron Wray & Bishop Hart. The bishop's housekeeper nearly fell flat when J.K.J., dressed in clothes like those of a tramp, handed her his card. We left there at 3.10. When we arrived at Benalla at 4.35 we spent 20 minutes trying to find a camp on the river there but were unlucky. Eventually we camped just past Baddaginnie down a side track. at 5.15.

Wednesday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

We left our camp at 9.20. J.K.J. drove on to the main road & then J.K.J. took the wheel. Later J.K.J. took over again. We had our morning reviver at 11.10. when J.K.J. again took the wheel. At Arvenal at 11.30 we stopped for benzine & then went on to Seymour where we had lunch at the railway station at 12. This day it did not take long for we were away again by 12.40. At 1.40 our off side front tyre blew out & we spent 10 minutes changing the rim. At Pallan at 2.20 J.K.J. took the wheel & after another hour 40 minutes we arrived at Malvern. Here Bonnie for the first time in her life snorted & started spitting hot water about but we soon pacified her & she grew quite contented after having a drink. The petrol consumption is considerably less than last year.

930<sup>odd</sup> miles for 30 gallons.

Return trip.



At  
'Brockley'  
Malvern.

Packing up.



Ready for  
the road.

Bonnie & G. K. T.

Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>

We left Malvern at 10.55. but had to stop 5 minutes later to fix the water-bags. We had made new carriers for them & they needed adjusting. We had no trouble with them afterwards.

We reached Dandenong at 11.40 where we filled up with benzine it being the last chance at low price. G. K. T. took over here as G. B. had

driven out of Melbourne. We had a good road all the way on this day's journey. We lunched at 12.50 & proceeding at 1.50 G & B drove until Moe was reached at 3.20. We stopped for benzine here & had afternoon tea at a shop. At 4.00 PM we were away again with G & B at the wheel. Bonnie was not starting easily on this day's run but once started was all right. At Traralgon at 5 PM we bought some bread & G & B drove on to Rosedale where we arrived at 6. We camped again in the church paddock & found the rector very pleased to see us. G & B. Luckily did not lose a shirt this time.

Thursday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>.



Rosedale. In the process of packing.

We left this camp at 9.45 & went down to the garage to get some oil & to have Bonnie's

starting difficultly fixed. The platinum points had oil on them which was causing the trouble. This was soon fixed by the man who attended last years breakdown. While here, at the garage, yk. knocked the glass & holder off his watch & could not find it again & in Sydney the price for a new one was too high for him. At Adamstown a fortnight after arrival home it was found in the car unbroken.

We left the garage at 10.30 with yk. driving & Dale was reached at 11.15. where, after 5 minutes shopping yk. resumed. We had morning tea at 11.30 & another change was made at 12.50 near Delvine school.

It was very hot & felt stormy. Hot wind blowing which if it didnt blow our lunch away certainly put some dust in it. We stopped for lunch from 1.20 - 2.5. & Bainsdale was reached at 2.25 when a stop was made for benzine. yk. took over here & at Lake's Entrance we stopped for a 'shandy' wondering whether to stop the night there, but decided to go on. We had afternoon tea at Howa Howa & filled our water bags. We drove through some rain & reached Orbest at 6 PM. The storm that had been threatening all day came as we arrived in the hotel.

Friday Jan 26.

When we went out to the car on this morning we found that the weight of our petrol carrier

on the back had broken Bonnie's back so we had to take it off & pack its contents inside.

We left Orbest at 10.30 with G.B. driving & at 12 were pulled up by a man that had run out of benzene. We sold him our spare. We stopped for a drink at 12.45. (we had some wine presented to us before leaving Otterbourne) & had lunch at Blue Terrace from 1.25 - 2.30. G.K.T. drove after lunch. At 3.20 going round a bend G.K.T. got right into the way of another car which promptly tried to push us off the road. It did not succeed nor do much damage. G.B. took over the wheel again & Bann River was reached at 3.40. Here we stopped for 15 minutes for benzene & stores. Petrol was 2/11 here.

At 5 pm we pitched camp near Bhandlers Creek 27 miles further on.

Saturday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>

It rained all night but very obligingly stopped in time for breakfast & breaking camp & we were able to get an earlier start, getting away at 8.50 with G.B. driving. We crossed into N.S.W. about 9.30 & after traversing some twisty road with a bad surface, we stopped for morning tea from 10.10 - 10.35. G.K.T. took the wheel after this & we still had a twisty road & an open creek crossing where a bridge is being built. We stopped at

Bomballa at 11.5 for a quarter of an hour to get petrol, oil & water. Jb. took on the driving again after this and at 11.50<sup>we</sup> were pulled up ~~again~~ by another car that had run out of benzene. He took some of the tank for them. At 12.15 one of our bundles fell off the side making so much noise that we could not help hearing it. At 12.45 we stopped for lunch 18 miles from Bomballa. Although the wood was damp this day we were able to be on our way again by 1.50. At 2.15 we stopped to fill the radiator which had been forgotten at lunch time. At 3.20 Jb. took over again & drove over rotten roads to Booma where we arrived at 4 p.m. Here, evidently because of our tramp-like appearance, we were turned down at the 'pub' & perforce had to go to the Rectory where we were welcomed.

### Sunday Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

After communion at Booma parish church & breakfast at the Rectory we left at 10.45 with Jb. driving. On our way out of the town we bought some benzene. The road to Zuanbeyan was not good it was the worst so far on the homeward trip. At 11.30 we stopped for morning 'Tea'. This day we had some of our urine rather than tea. We stopped for lunch between Bredbo & Bolinton from 12.15 - 1.15 after which J & K took charge. Later on we changed again & Zuanbeyan was reached at 3.30. He travelled in decent clothes on this

day as we had only a short distance to go. After unloading 'bonnie' at the hôtel we started for Banberra. We had been instructed to go very carefully as Banberra is such a maze that it is very easy to miss something otherwise. We certainly got in a bit of a muddle but think we saw everything. We spent about 1½ hours looking round. We did not have time to go into Parliament House. We arrived back at Zueanbeyan at 5.55.

Monday Jan 27

We left the hôtel at 10 am. G.H.J. took charge to start with today. As we had stay in a hôtel last night & could not fill our thermoi we had to boil the 'billy' for morning tea. The consequence was ~~morning~~ tea lasted from 10.45 - 11.30. G.B. drove on after morning tea until lunch time which arrived about 9½ miles from Tarago at 1.10 & at 1.55 we started again with G.H.J. driving. There was nothing of much interest on this road. It was not hilly. One thing must be noted. The map shows a large lake right alongside the road at Tarago, but no sign of this lake is seen, the country opening out on that side for 2 or 3 miles.

Goulburn was reached at 2.45, & after a stop to fill up with petrol & oil, G.B. resumed the driving. A stop was made at Port Goulburn



to fill the water bags, at 4 o'clock. It was quite a relief to get on to good road for a while. We had had a fair amount of bad going & the tar surface was a blessing. At 'Cross Roads' we turned off to the left & took the road through Berrima to Mittagong. We camped about half way to Berrima at 5.10. This was our last camp & we had some rain in the night:-



G.K.T. breakfasting.



'The Supreme Picture'

## Berrima camp.

Tuesday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>

We left camp at 8.20. with G.B. driving. This back road that we were on was very badly corrugated & we were pleased to get back on to the main road at Mittagong at 9.15. We changed here so that G.K.T. could do his driving & let G.B. take Connie into Sydney. We had our usual cup of tea at 10.10. & reached

Pictou at 10.45. We were at Camden at 11.20 where we put some more 'juice' in Bonnie. G.B. took charge here & near Liverpool at 12.30 - 1.15 we had a scratch lunch. Stale bread, cheese & tinned fruit. We arrived in Sydney at 2.

Later in the day we went down to look at the bridge & did some resting, which was badly needed.

Wednesday Jan 29<sup>th</sup>

G.B. met his Mother at the station who came from Melbourne & spent the morning with her. In the afternoon G.K.T., Mrs B & G.B. had tea together & Mrs B & G.B. went shopping. At night G.K.T. & G.B. went to 'Journey's end', very appropriate. The acting was excellent as also was the play.

Thursday Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

We left the hotel at 9.20 G.B. doing the dirty work from Sydney. We had a cup of tea before starting. At 10.30 we had a combined breakfast & morning tea just past Parramatta. G.K.T. drove from here to Wiseman's. It started to rain at breakfast time but soon stopped. We were pleased not to have a wet day for our last day. We reached Wiseman's at 12.50, where we changed again. The road beyond Wiseman's round Green's Wharf seemed worse than when going down; it certainly was the worst of all the roads

We had our lunch from  
1.50 - 2.50.

Vide G.B. very busy  
on a most interesting  
occupation →

At 3.55 we were over the  
worst part of the road  
& G.J. took over. We were  
now trying to hurry but  
knew we couldn't get  
home before dark. We



stopped for afternoon tea & to fix the  
spare wheel, which had come loose, at 4.40.  
A little later our last photograph was  
taken, by G.J. + Bonnie :-



At 6.10 G.B. took the wheel again & we  
arrived at Adamstown quite tired but  
cheery at 8.30. after a very enjoyable  
trip.

About 860 miles

32. gallons of benzine

