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Adamstown to Adamstown.
Via Melbourne.

Part 1.

Thursday Dec 27th 1928.

We left Adamstown at 5.45 am & had a good run to Maitland where we arrived at 6.35. G. B. drove to Mayfield & then G. J. took the wheel. From Maitland we went through Kurri-Kurri to Bessnock, getting slightly off the road at Kurri-Kurri & stopping at a house to ask the way. We reached Bessnock at 7.30 & G. B. again took the wheel & we ran on to Kollombi arriving there at 8.30 & stopping for breakfast when just clear of the village. By 9.30 we were away again & reached Mt Manning about 10.30 finding the road fairly rough. We stopped for 10 minutes for morning tea at 11.15 & when we started again there was a crash as something fell. We thought that a part of Bonnie had "gone west" but it was only the tin of biscuits & the thermos that

had been left on the back of the car by a careless person. We arrived at Wiseman's Ferry at 12.45 & waited about 5 minutes before getting across. The road between Book's Ferry & Wiseman's is shocking & the rest far from being O.K. At the top of the hill on the Sydney side of Wiseman's Ferry we stopped for lunch at 1 P.M. & replenished the petrol tank from the 4 gallon tin we were carrying. At 2 p.m. we started again with G.H.J. at the wheel & from there to Sydney we did not stop except to change over again near Windsor. We arrived in Sydney at 4.30 p.m. & were in our room at the Hotel Metropole at 5, both very tired.

Total 166 miles, 8½ hrs, 9 gallons.

Friday Dec 28

As we were so tired last night we spent the morning in Sydney & left about 12.30 p.m. stopping at Petersham to put 4 gallons of benzine in the tank & to get a 4 gallon tin, & then we proceeded over a good road to Liverpool where we arrived at 1.35 G.H.J. now took over, G.B. having

driven from Sydney. At 1.50 we ran
into a heavy storm & had to pull
up as the rain was beating in. We
were quite dry with our backs to
the storm. After 15 minutes we were
away again by b. at the wheel. JKT
took over again just past Bamberston
& we passed through Bamberden at
2.50 & 5 miles beyond by b. once more
took over again & we went over
Razorback & into Picton about 3.45
having stopped for afternoon tea
earlier in the afternoon. JKT drove
from Picton to beyond Mittagong
which was passed at 4.45. We now
began to look for a camp, but did
not stop until we had passed
Moss Vale & Sutton Forest, camping
about 40 miles from Yoolburn at
about 5.30. The road was beautiful
right from Sydney.

Total 93 miles 4½ hrs. 4 gallons.

Saturday Dec 29th

We left our first camp about 9.10
a.m. with by b. at the wheel. It
was a beautiful road for a few

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1st camp between Sydney + Goulburn

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On the banks of the
Murrumbidgee

miles. When G. H. J. took over we came
on to bad road almost immediately
having to use a side track owing
to the making of a concrete road.
G. H. J. says it is always as well for
the best driver to drive on the
bad road. When G. B. took over
again we had a fairly good road
to Goulburn where we arrived at
11.15 & made some purchases for our
larder & also for Bonnie. We also
had a look at the cathedral after-
wards going out along the Brookwell
road for lunch. A heavy wind
came up about this time & we
made a meal of $\frac{1}{2}$ sand & $\frac{1}{2}$ food.
After lunch we went on to the
House of the Ascension & stayed
for the rest of the day & night.
Total 42 miles 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs 2 gallons.

Sunday Dec 30th

At 9.30 am we left the House of the
Ascension after attending the
Eucharist & having breakfast &
were on the Gunning road by 9.45

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Camp on the Murreumbidgee

SYDNEY SCOTT

GUY COLE

LYDE TUCKER
BROTHER OF
GUY

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MAUD
MACNICOLL
FRIEND OF
PHYLLIS

Group at Lightwood

PHYLLIS SCOTT
nee TUCKER

SISTER GUY

DAVID SCOTT

ly b. was driving & the road was good.
We stopped for morning tea about
seven miles from Yunning & left
at 11.20 with ly K T at the wheel. He
changed again before reaching
M^r Mundayoonen & after passing it
arrived at Yass at 1 p.m. At 1.30
we stopped for lunch 2 miles past
Bourning. ly K T drove from Yass.
ly b. was at the wheel again when
we started at 2.30. When ly K T
took over again the road was so
bad (it had been from Goulburn)
that we had to stop at Jugiong
at 4 p.m. as the driver needed a
shady to steady his nerves. Needless
to say the driver was not the only
shandy drinker. ly b. now took
over & the road was better &
Yundagai was reached at 5.5.
After all the bad road Bonnie was
thirsty too so we gave her a drink
here, as we thought she might
have more spirit in her if we did!
We went on for 15 miles past
Yundagai & camped in a T.S.R.

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At Lightwood

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Ready to Depart.

The Overlanders.

on the bank of the Murrumbidgee
6.10 p.m.

Total 130 miles, 7 hrs. $6\frac{1}{2}$ gallons

Monday Dec 31st

After a nice plunge in the river
& a good breakfast we left camp
at 8.25 with J.K.T. at the wheel.
J.B. took over at 9.30 & an hour
later a stop was made for
morning tea. J.K.T. according to
himself has doctor's orders to
take tea whenever he can get it;
this is unfortunate for J.B. as he
always has to wait for J.K.T.
while he drinks his tea. J.K.T. took
the wheel again just after
passing Nyamba at 11.10 & at
11.40 we had to stop as the bar
carrying the front number plate
broke & we were compelled to take
it off. We arrived at Holbrook at
12.5 over beastly roads & J.K.T.
telephoned to Lightwood. We left
Holbrook at 12.20 with J.B. at the
wheel & stopped for lunch at 12.40

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Having a spell

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while the work is being done.

At the Mangaratta camp.

starting again at 1.40 & we reached
Jingellic at 3.15 & Lightwood at 3.30.
From Holbrook the road was good
surface but a bush road & hilly.
by K.T. drove from Jingellic to
Lightwood.

Total 105 miles 5½ hrs 5½ gallons
Jan 1st 1929 was spent at Lightwood

Jan 2nd Wednesday

We left Lightwood at 10.50 by b.
driving over a bush road, it was
not rough but was slow going.
by K.T. took over at Rutherford at
12.50. At 1.20 4½ miles from Albury
we took the road to the Hume Weir
that is under construction & after
a 5 miles drive arrived at the
weir & then we went on about
another mile & stopped for lunch
1.55. We then thought it was silly
not to have a good look at the weir
while there so we returned to it &
had a look round. From the Weir
with by K.T. driving we took the
road to Modonga (we missed
Albury by crossing the border at

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Domus Overlandorum
Wangaratta

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Outside 12 Housburg Grove
at the End of a Perfect run,

(HOME OF LAVINIA TUCKER
MOTHER OF GUY -)

the weir) We reached Wodonga at 3.30 & went into a shop for afternoon tea. When we tried to start after tea we couldn't as the petrol had run out. We pushed the car back about 50 yds to a bowser & were O.K. We then had to go to the police station to fix up about the registration while in Victoria. We left about 4.30 with G.B. at the wheel & passed Springhurst at 5.35 where G.H. took over, & we arrived at a little wood just outside Wangaratta at 6 p.m. We camped there & thought we were going to be eaten by sheeters, but they were not too bad. The road from Wodonga was not bad on the whole but was badly corrugated in parts.

Total 114 miles 5½ hrs. 5¾ gallons

Thursday Jan 3rd

We left the camp at 8 a.m. with G.B. at the wheel & were in Wangaratta at 8.20. We stopped to look at the cathedral & left there about 9.5. Just past Glenrowan

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Mrs. Tucher Mr. L. Tucher
at Colverm

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we were stopped by a man who had a puncture; he borrowed our pump & we were thankful that he had stopped us as our spare tyre carrier was broken & nearly off. We tied it up with wire, but that soon broke & we had to use a strap. The spare had to be carried in the back of the car as the carrier would not hold the weight. This meant extra luggage on the footboard. We had no more trouble after this & arrived at Violet Town at 10.20 & had morning tea there. We left again at 10.35 with G. driving & we passed Euroa at 11.4 soon after G. took the wheel again & Seymour was reached at 12.25 & we had lunch on the bank of the Goulburn river & we started again at 1.30 with G. at the wheel. We stopped at Broadford for a drink & G. took over at 2.15. Shortly after we stopped for a spell & the proceeding we reached Mallan at 3.10 & Coburg at 4 p.m. & going through Richmond

arrived in Melbourne at 4.45. The road from Broadford to Melbourne is excellent.

Total 156 miles 7 hrs. 7 1/2 galls.

Whole journey down about 818 miles 43 gallons.

Part II

Saturday Jan. 19. 1929

We left Horsham Grove at 9.55 a.m. after spending a very pleasant fortnight in Melbourne. G. R. J. was at the wheel. We reached Dandenong at 9.55 & filled up with benzine while still in the 2/- per gallon area. We started again at 10.0' clock & passed through Pakenham junction at 10.35. At 11.0' clock we stopped for morning tea & by 11.15 were away again with G. R. J. at the wheel. We stopped at Drouin at 11.45 for 5 mins to put more benzine in Bonnie as the price gets higher as one proceeds further from Melbourne. Moe was passed at 12.50 & we stopped for lunch at 1.5. At 2.10 we started again with G. R. J. driving & passed through Taralgon at 2.35. At 2.45 we began to notice

that Bonnie was not pulling as she ought & at 3.10 we had to stop 3 miles from Rosedale. Oil had not been getting to the generator properly & it had seized. G. B. started to walk to Rosedale but obtained a lift & the garage man came out & towed us in. We found a good camp in the vicarage grounds & had to stay there until the car was ready. Total 112 miles $4\frac{1}{2}$ hrs

Sunday 20th Jan

When G. B. awoke in the morning he heard a movement outside the tent & on looking out beheld a big calf very gravely breaking its fast on his shirt, when G. B. had bravely rescued the shirt it was found to be so badly mauled that there was little life left in it. We both attended the Eucharist at 8 & read for the rest of the morning. In the afternoon G. B. went down to the garage, & at night we went to Evensong & G. R. J. preached.

Monday 21st Jan G. B. went down to the garage about 10 & stayed until 11.30 helping with car, then went

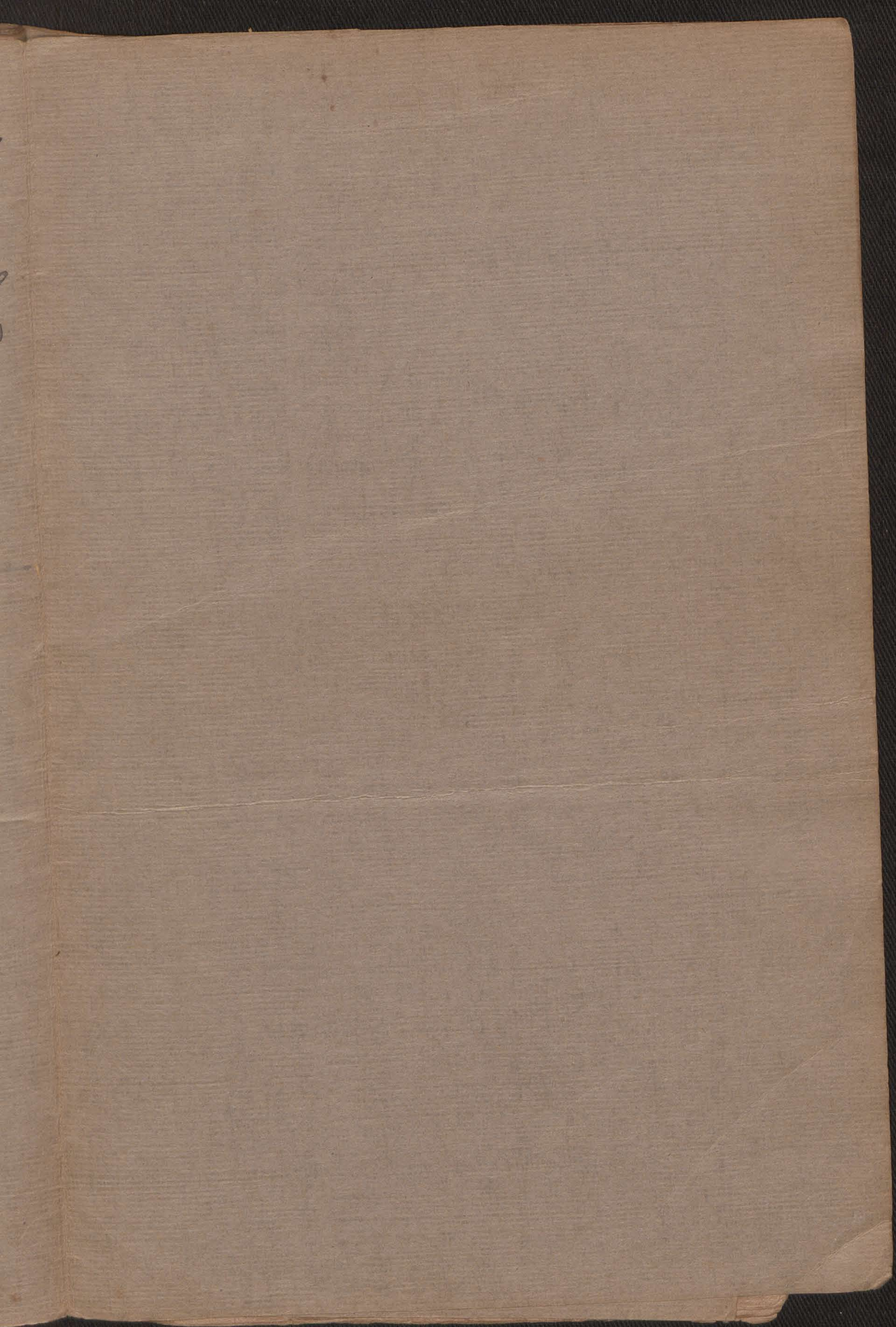
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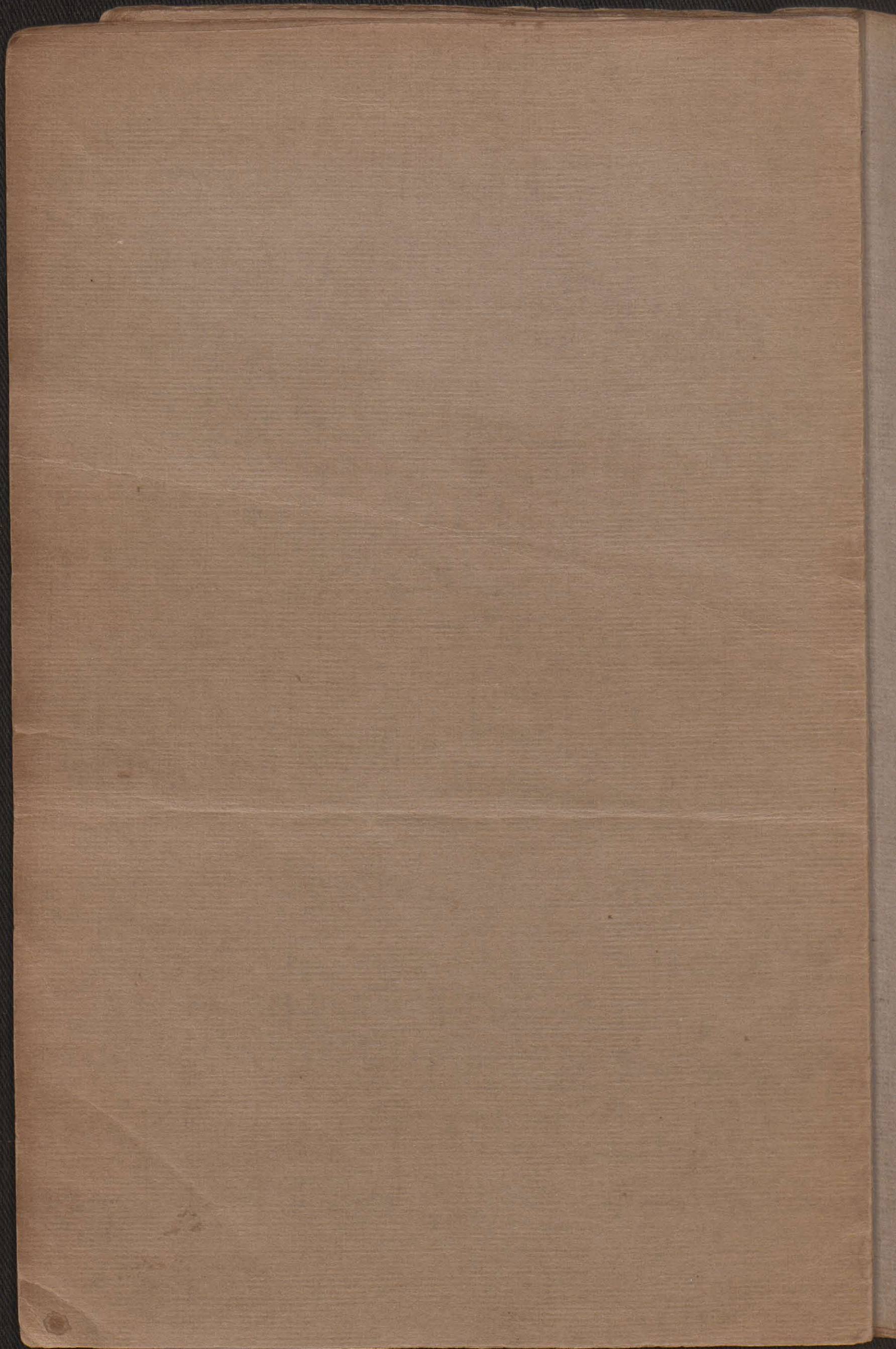
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Total 112 miles 4½ hrs





I think this is the Lakes

Entrance

camp

on the 22nd

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View at Ulladallah

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back to camp & had lunch & packed
up & returned for the car at 12.45
we loading it by 1.45. We left
Rosedale at 1.50 with G. B. at the
wheel & we arrived at Sale at 2.00
& after making some purchases
restarted at 2.50. We passed through
Stratford at 3.15 just stopping to
post a letter & for G. K. T. to take
the wheel. At 3.25 we stopped for
afternoon tea for a quarter of an
hour & again at 4.20 to adjust the
blanket roll that was tied on the
back. We reached Barningdale at
starting again at 5 with G. B.
at the wheel. We reached Lakes
Entrance at 6 & stopped to fill the
water bag & then when we tried
to start again the engine would
not fire after 5 minutes search a
loose connection was found that
was causing the trouble & at 6.10
we started again G. K. T. driving
& found a good camp site 10
minutes later. The roads were

good throughout

Total 86 miles 3 3/4 hrs 4 1/2 gallons.

Tuesday Jan 22nd

left camp at 9.10 with G.B. at the wheel & arrived at Powa Powa at 9.40 where a stop was made to buy some bread & to fill the water bag. G.B. took over when we started again at 9.55. We reached Arbost at 10.50 & stopped for 5 minutes to get more benzine. At 11.15 we stopped for morning tea on the bank of the Brodrick river & started again at 11.30 with G.B. at the wheel once more. At 12.30 we had our first puncture for the trip & had to change the rim. We passed Blue Terrace at 1.25 (it was hard to see it it was so small) & stopped for lunch at 1.30. At 2.20 G.B. took the wheel & we arrived at Cannon River at 3.10. It is slow going here, for about the last 50 miles the road passes through the Giffisland forest & the road twists & turns alarmingly. We had one narrow squeeze on a corner, we just swung clear of a big lorry that just touched Bonnie. At 3.50 G.B. took

over & at 4.20 we stopped for afternoon tea after which J & K resumed at 4.30. We reached Genoa River at 5 & crossed the border into A.S.W. at 5.35. J & K took over again at 6.10 & at 6.30 we camped at Parrabarba 15 miles from the border. The roads were moderately good & very dusty the scenery was excellent through forest all day.

Total 153 miles 7½ hrs 6¾ gallons.

Wednesday 23rd Jan

We got up earlier this morning i.e. at 5.30. as we had a puncture to mend & also that we might get an earlier start but we were not on the road until 9.0. J & K drove to Eden at which place we arrived at 10.10. We made a few purchases at Eden & left again at 10.45 & stopped for morning tea at 11.10 & started again at 11.25 with J & K at the wheel & reached Merimbula at 11.40 & Nolumla at 12.5 & Bega at 12.40. The roads on the whole are good & the scenery is very nice especially from the tops of hills overlooking the sea. We stopped for lunch between 1 p.m. & 2.5 walking down into a creek bed, I think it was the Broge river. After lunch J & K took the wheel again & we reached Bobargo at 3 p.m. where we stopped to buy

a paper. Tilba Tilba was reached at 3.40
& 10 minutes later we stopped for afternoon
tea for a quarter of an hour. JKT again
took over & we reached Poorooma, where
there is a punt over the Wagong river
mouth at 4.40. At 4.55 J.B. took over
again as JKT felt tired & Bodalla
was reached at 5.25 & we stopped for
water soon afterwards & going on
for a few more minutes until we
found a good camping place, we
pulled up & pitched camp at 5.45 about
5 miles from Bodalla. Roads were very
hilly & twisty but the surface good.
Total 128 miles 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallons.

Thursday Jan 24th

We left our camp at Talingah at 8.20 with
JKT at the wheel & drove on to Moruya
which was reached at 8.50 & passed
straight through & on to Bateman's
Bay at 9.45 & here we spent $\frac{1}{2}$ of an
hour making purchases. At 10 o'clock
as we had to wait for the punt we
had morning tea & it was 10.35 when
we crossed on the punt, J.B. drove
until 11.40 & at Tarmiel JKT took
over again. At 12.13 we stopped at
Ulladulla for benzine but there
seemed to be no one to serve it so

we waited until later, we took a photo here. We reached Milton at 12.25 & got our benzine & stopped for lunch. Between 12.35 & 1.35 under a bridge over a creek, it was very windy. G.B. took over after lunch & we reached Boura at 3. Here we stopped for 5 minutes for more benzine. Up to here the roads have been good plenty of turns but good surface. After Boura however they were bad right up to where we camped. but there are gangs of men working on them. We had afternoon tea at 3.25 & G.B. took the wheel again at 3.35. We passed through Herringong at 4.20 & Kiama at 4.45. Here G.B. again took the wheel. We stopped for water at 5 as we were on the lookout for a camp site & it was very difficult to find one. The Water bag was leaking badly so we put it in a tin we were carrying & in about 5 minutes the tin was half full of water & we had a much needed shower at every bump. We passed Shellharbour at 5.15 & found a camp by turning $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile off the main road at 5.30.

Total 143 miles 6.50 hrs 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ galls.

Friday Jan 25th

Nearing the end of to days journey
ly b lost the rough copy of the log so
we have no account of the times other
than what we can remember. We
left camp at 8 o'clock with ly k 7 at
the wheel & arrived at Mollongong
about 9. We stopped for benzine here
& ly b took over & Bulli was reached
at 9.20 & ascending the pass we
reached Bulli Lookout at 9.30. There
is a splendid view from here. I should
think it is just like being in an
aeroplane. We had morning tea
about 5 minutes run past Bulli
Lookout & then ly k 7 continued
straight on to Waterfall. At
Waterfall we were held up for
5 minutes while some charges were
exploded by the road construction
gangs. From here to Tom Ugly's ft
the road was bad owing to
reconstruction. ly b now took
over. At Tom Ugly's we had to
wait a few minutes for the punt
& after crossing had some difficulty
in getting into Sydney as we missed
the right road, but eventually we

arrived at S. James's Rectory at 12.30.
We had lunch at a cafe (they must
have ~~been~~ wondered why two tramps
such as we appeared to be should go
there for a meal) & left Sydney about
2 & were in Parramatta about 2.45.
We spent 15 minutes there & bought
enough benzine to see us home. G.K.
took the wheel here & we went on till
nearly at Windsor where we stopped
for afternoon tea at a refreshment
house where a very loud twangy
Yankee woman served us. After tea
we went on to Battai creek where
we stopped to fill the water bag &
then pushed on to camp eventually
at 5.10 at the spot at which we had
lunch 4 weeks previously on the day
that we left Newcastle, about 2 miles
on the Sydney side of Wiseman's Ferry
on the top of the hill overlooking the
Ferry.

Total 130 miles, ^{lost} record hrs., $6\frac{1}{2}$ gallons.

Saturday Jan 26th

We left our last camp at 7.40 with
G.K. at the wheel & reached the punt
at 7.52 & had a 20 minute wait

as there was just sufficient traffic
to keep things going. He just missed
it at one trip but this made us first
on next time which gave us an
advantage at Book Ferry which was
reached at 8.30 which only carries 2 cars
to Wireman's 6. We stopped to get some
water for the Radiator at 9.35 & at 10.30
after crossing M^r Manning we
stopped for a quarter of an hour
for morning tea. G.H.J took over
now & Wollombi was reached at
11.10 & Bessnock at 12. Just before
we got to Maitland the car stopped
& we thought the juice had run
out, but it had not. However we
put in the spare 2 gallons & found a
loose connector & G.B took over
again, & we reached Maitland
about 1. At Hexham we had our
second puncture & had to spend
five minutes changing tyres & from
there everything went well & we
arrived in Adamstown at about 2.
This has been an excellent trip
throughout

Total 106 miles 5 hrs 30 mins 5. gallons.

Total return journey

86 1/2 miles 4.2 gallons.

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5. Handwritten copy & photographs
of Album No. 4.

G.K.T.