

112. Would you, on behalf of the Assoc. officially

acknowledge receipt to Simon Gimson,

Private Secy to the Queen, Bush House.

Just for the record. Not thanks - just acknowledge,
with enthusiasm.

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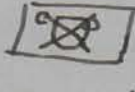
Dear Liz,

Here is my contribution to events at Wilhelmskhan. Not mentioned before as we did not know what would come of it. Been working on it with a "connected" cousin since the start of the year. Expected to have it when I was in UK but it was sent to N.Z. the day I left for UK! And as ~~as~~ one politely waits (and it is not done to make follow-up enquiries!) we just waited.

According to Government House here we have done very well indeed. The Queen only very rarely sends messages in the first person and they are not signed. This is correct and as good as it gets. As I couldn't give you the originals in U.K. - these are only PHOTOCOPIES. I will bring the originals to U.K. with me. According to what you see as the best use of occasion - I would have thought any "formal" do with any one there including the staff people - I would still like the honour of reading the message. (Yes - I promise to practice!) But it is yours to do what ever the Association feels most fitting. And the originals will of course be part of the Association archives.

I sent an Auckland address for Bernice Griffiths to Liz Allen. She will be back in UK 24 July and so will her brother from Kenya. (Both DRAKE) She said she would come if Tony would - they know JOEKINSON. Simon should round them up. I will send a copy of the newsletter tomorrow to Auckland in case. Sorry about the

straw but I have a black eye - from a small and
now - our eye op. last week. But still a bit swollen and
watery - lovely colours of ochre, navy blue, royal purple,
grass green etc etc.

Interested in the letter from Alec O'Reilly.
I know Alec at House 54-58 - and liked him
very much. Good value was Alec. I lived at the
Bartlett when the "Diamond" was tied up. What a
twittering and fluttering of female hearts - and the
House boys had something to answer for too! (But not I hope in the same way)
If you, had the "Diamond" been there '47-'50 it would
probably have had difficulty in sailing again - the
school train lost tons of small scum (on W!)
natives and also one of the huge coat iron BAOR
logs  (something like this) attached to the outside of
each carriage. It was rumored that House knew
something more than they should! I know there are some
of these "Night Rancher" etc in the colonies now. (Not
guilty - in a larger close colony!)

I forgot to bring my flag over. After
discussions in UK. thought not to be large enough for a
school flag - possibly off the T.S. Prime Rupert. Someone
will recognise the type and fittings - very much repaired
too but exactly the same as I was given it '49-'50 by
a sheepish sea cadet. I have forgotten who it was! but
someone pointed from across for me!

Once again - sorry about the writing. Probably
always like this but good to have an excuse.

Pugs

Heath King

P.S. Thought it might be a good idea
to keep this as a surprise. Only I know so far. (MAULE)

Berenice Lynffith was reminding me about
the alarm clock. We inherited one that didn't
function correctly. Some kid set it for
11:45 pm ^{on our window sill.} and we could not stop sit-
ting. Lights on all our Home and
Drake. Fallows in nightdress beating
familiar war path to our door (Why?)
Berenice said she couldn't believe me
saying to Fallows "It fell out of the
window" - It was still going and half-
way between Drake & Howe!

Happy days - what a
shower we were!

Heath