

1945

Northern Rhodesia who is staying at the Mission House. He took the Blessed Sacrament to Fr. Key directly after our Mass - & also preached at the Xhosa High Mass at 8.30 am.

EASTER 2 All had a great shock when Ellen Mojiga Somkhathlo, a boarder girl admitted to S. Lucia's last evening, died suddenly in the early morning. Great & successful efforts were made to keep the news from the children till after supper. S.D. & S.H.C. took them out for a picnic from 10.15 am. — 5.30 pm. — S.F.M., S.D.H., S.R.M. & S.J.A. joined the picnic. S.S., S.Eu & S.M. had one at home on the lawn.

EASTER 3 We were greatly cheered on this sad day to hear that Mother General had arrived safely in Ponca for Easter. D.G.

JUENSDAY. Mojiga's funeral attended by all the Schools, the Mission Staff, besides her own relatives & friends was at 3 pm. from Church started till nearly 4.30 pm. :

4 At 8.15 am. S.Snf: took S. Euphemia into Tsolo for the bus en route for Irene where she is going for her rest. Miss Robertson left by the lorry - en route for Grahamston where she is going for holiday treatment.

7 Workers' Mass meeting. After a Mass in our Chapel at 6.10 am, all went to workers' Mass in Church — All (except S.M & S.J.A) to whole or part of meeting —

Now SUNDAYS Miss Tillard came to tea.

F. of the
missionaries
(transferred) 10 We had a Sung Mass in our Chapel this am., F. Young with Arthur serving. S.R.M had M. U meeting in the afternoon at which F.Snf: spoke to the women. The meeting was preceded by tea & cake.

12 Sung Vespers of S. Alabrose (Transferred.)

16 Hospital Committee meeting at 4 pm in S. Superior's Office.

20 S.D. Helen in retreat.

21 S.F.M & S.R.M in retreat.

EASTER III. 22 Miss Doree to tea.

24 S.H.C in retreat.

1 new Hospital Building.

26 S.M & S.J.A in retreat. In the pm. Mr. Field of Wintata came out to see S.S. about plans for

28 S.D. in retreat. S.S. in retreat after dinner. Pictures in Kep. pm.

EASTER IV. 29 S.S. in retreat till dinner time. Miss Gkey to tea.

May

1. S.R.M. had M.B. meeting.
2. Hospital Committee Meeting at 11. am at the Mission House in order to allow P. Ley to attend. S.D. to bed early with a cold.
3. S.D. in bed all day.
4. S.P. up for am. tea - All eagerly awaiting news of Armistice all day.
5. News of Armistice reached us at end of Vespers - (4.30) so we said ^{the} General Thanksgiving before going up to. Rogation Cross Song & Procession, when we learnt that it was not officially announced yet but Mr. Cornew & the garden men were busy getting up the bunting.
6. At 8.45 am. all went to join in Thanksgiving Service at Church followed by Cheers outside afterwards for the King, Churchill, Montgomery, Somers - the Forces - etc. At 12. S.S. accompanied by S.M. took Miss Morison flying 3 Union Jacks, to Tsolo to meet S^r. Euphemia who was returning from Irene. At 3 pm. all went to listen to Churchill reading the official declaration of the end of hostilities with Germany. This was followed by Talking Tea, (red, white & blue decorations!) in the Room. S^r. Eu. went up to Cst J.B. at 5 pm.
7. Public Holiday for peace in Europe. At 10. am. Miss Robertson returned from her holiday, being brought up from Tsolo by the P^r. Superior who was returning from Cape Town. The girls chose their own occupations all day. The Sisters had a picnic lunch under the logia tree.
8. After Sung Mass saw tea all the Sisters except S.Eu + S.M. went for a picnic with the Girls to the Dam. It was a perfect day.
9. S.S. went into Tsolo with Miss R. to meet a friend of hers, Miss Stefford who is coming to stay at the Guest House.
10. S.R.M. in retreat.
11. S.Eu came down for the day as of usual + was put to bed in S. Anne with a bronchial cold.
12. S.Eu: up after am. tea to day.
13. S.Eu: up for Mass but retired after tea with lumbago! S.D. had women's meeting: & P^r. Young gave address in Chapel at 4.15 pm.
14. S.Eu in bed all day. S.D. in retreat.
15. S.S., S.M + S.F.M in retreat. S.Eu: up after breakfast.

1. What 20 Trip Heford came to tea. S. Eu. returned to C.I.T.B. after tea.
- Sunday 21 S. J.A. in retreat.
- 22 Mrs Gibson, who is going to speak at the M.B. Annual Meeting, arrived at 9.30 a.m. A busy day of preparations. In spite of bitterly cold rough wind 54 women were at supper in the p.m. after Evensong, Litany + address.
- 23 Cold continued! Mrs Gibson + S.R. to 7 a.m. Xhosa Mass with the women. Sr. Superior + Mrs Gibson spoke at the 10 a.m. meeting which was held in the school this year.
- 24 At 11.45. S.S. took Mrs Gibson + S.R. to Port to catch the bus to Umtata. The latter is was setting out on her rest, which she will spend at Queenstown.
- 25 S.D. in retreat.
- 26 S.H.C in retreat.
- 27 S.Eu. in retreat.
- 28 31 Union Day + a Public Holiday. At the Magistrate's order there was a big social gathering at the Great Place to celebrate V.E. Day. There were speeches, sports, races (horse) singing, heathen dancing etc etc + a feast. Our children went, mainly on foot (choir only in a lorry) + S.S. taxied supervising Sisters + guests to + fro at intervals during the day. It was a splendid sight. Hundreds of heathen in best clothes + all seemed most seemly + well organized. The children had a v. happy day.

June 1945.

1. Another school holiday - for V.E. Day. The children were tired + just lazed about all day. S.R.M. had a M.B. meeting at Bete in the am. There was a meeting for Principals of Schools + Hostels at 4 p.m. Devotions from S.R.M. in retreat. Hospital Committee meeting at 11.30 am at the Mission House.
3. Trip Heford to tea.
4. S.S. had a call to Tencu: S.J.A accompanied her for the drive.
7. S.J.A in retreat. Address in Chapel, # P. Young, after Solemn keepers of the Sacred Heart.
8. S. Eu. returned from Mbokotwana where she had been from the 6th.
Sister Jean. At 4 p.m. S.S. set out by car for Ntuzza where she is going to spend the weekend. "Movies" in the p.m. - exceptionally nice short.
9. S.D. in retreat after dinner. In the evening the girls had a games + country dancing party - which all enjoyed v. much. Some of S. Margaret's girls were the guests. All went very happily.

June 10.

S.D. in retreat till dinner time. Miss Rose in retreat here. Miss Hefford to lunch.

F.G.S. Barnardos

^{11^m S.S. returned from Mataya at 1.45 after a happy weekend.}

^{13^m S.S. had 2 calls in the am.: Miss Robertson accompanied her.}

^{14^m S.D. had a women's meeting in the p.m. Holy Stone was kept.}

^{15^m At 12. noon. S.S. accompanied by S.M. & S.T.A. & Sandy set out for Umtata to take delivery of the Ambulance which has been donated to S. Lucy by N. Affairs Dept. On the way home the Ambulance (driven by Sandy) stopped 11 miles out of Tsolo - had to be serviced by Sheppard before it finally arrived about 8.p.m.}

^{16^m S.S. had a call ~~to~~ to Hopetown in the am.}

TRINITY M.

^{17^m S.S. in retreat till dinner time.}

^{18^m S.M. in retreat. S.S. took the Ambulance into Tsolo in the afternoon to the Magistrate: Freddie went with her for the drive.}

^{19^m S.H.C. in retreat -}

^{20^m S.F.M. returned from her rest at 8.30 a.m. having been brought out from Tsolo by the Bishop & the Deans who were coming out to see the site of the proposed Hospital extension. Some of the children (mainly 1me) went home to-day.}

^{21^m Schools closed. First lorries 5.30 a.m. (but were late) next 7.30 - the last 8pm. S.H.C. went in the afternoon lorry en route for Cape Town for her rest. Terrible gale got up in the evening.}

^{22^m Fearful gale blew all night. Much damage done to Trees, sheds, telephone & electric wires. At 12.30 - S.S. set out for Umtata with a car load, S.D. en route for Grahamstown, S.R.M. & S.T.A. for All Saints, & S.D.H. for the drive. S.S. & S.D.H. returned at 6pm. Sisters began holiday suppers in the C.R. with an imbawula! ladies in the Parlour.}

Vigil S.S. 23^m

Mass in our Chapel. Then all went up to Workers' Quarterly Baptist: Mass at 7 a.m. Roaring wind continued.

F.G.S.T.B.

^{24^m Dirt odour unspeakable - as gale continued all night. a good deal of damage done locally. Miss Hefford to dinner & tea.}

^{25^m Gale continued all day, but had abated somewhat.}

^{26^m S.E.W. in retreat. Heard that the 3 Sisters who sailed from England on June 7th had arrived in Cape Town. S.S. had a meeting in Tsolo at 8pm. At 10th means}

- house with the Bishop of Durban & several others re the Hospital plans.
- 36ⁿ trip Drew came to stay with us. S.S. had a call to Magutjwa in the afternoon. S.D.H went with her for the drive.
- July 1945.
- 1ⁿ Visitation & S.Ew. spent the day here - with S.D.H went for a drive to Elycavene in the afternoon when S.S. went there for medical work.
- 3^r Heard that S. Marjorie Ann + some workers had sailed for S.Africa on June 30th. Hospital Committee meeting at 4 pm. at the Mission House.
- 5ⁿ Board Meeting at the Hospital at 3 pm.
- 6ⁿ S.S. to Tolo at 8.15 am to take a nurse going on holiday to the bus. S.P. & the night nurses went for the drive. Address in Chapel 4.45. Pung.
- 7ⁿ A woeful day! Micky, Freddie's faithful dog since 1933, had been unwell for days, had to be put to sleep by S.S.
- 12^m We heard this am. that Mrs. Howell Jones had died last night at 6 pm. S.S. sent the Hospital car, with Sandy driving, taking S.Ew., Mrs. Robertson + the Father Superior to the funeral at Athlone at 3 pm. They returned at 6 pm. - also S'Dorothea who had been fortunate enough to get a lift from King Williams.
- 13ⁿ S.H.C. returned on the lorry having had a good journey from Cape Town where she has been spending her rest in her home.
- 14ⁿ S.S. took the Ambulance to Inxu in the pm. to bring in a patient.
- 16ⁿ At Dr. Smit brought a party of 9 students to see the Hospital about noon. They had tea + cakes before leaving. At 3 pm. S.S. went to Umtata to meet the S.R.N + S.T.A. returning from All Saints, also for dentistry. She took J. Lee for dentistry + S.P.H. for the drive. They returned at 7.30 pm.
- 17ⁿ Boarders returned - very badly! Less than 30 for supper.
18. Schools re-opened - only 6 Housecraft boarders in school.
19. S.M. in retreat. Thatcher began work on patching huts. Vestry began to be stripped ready for thatching: we are using Girls Chapel Vestry temporarily.
20. S.D.H in retreat. S.S. had a call to the Umngqas district took S.T.A. with her in the Ambulance. Devotions at 5 pm.
- 21ⁿ S.S. to Tolo in the am. to fill up the Ambulance to see the magistrate.
- 22^s S.S. in retreat after dinner. Trip Haskisson ship Fishburn to tea.

1945.

- July. 23^m S.S. took S.D.H. into at Tsolo at 8.15 to catch the Kokstad bus on en route for Kwanagwaza where she is going to spend her rest. S.H.C. went for the drive.
- 24^m Very happy party in the p.m. at the Nurses' Home at which Nurse Elphine Morda received her Hospital Certificate.
- 25^m S.M. to bed early with cold.
- 26^m S. Ivar Augustine who is leaving us to-day to work at Irene was taken to Tsolo at 8.15 by S.S. to catch the Kokstad Bus. S.Eu: in retreat. Holy Hour was kept to day.
- 27^m Mrs Jukes arrived to stay for a few days.
- 28^m S.F. M. in retreat.
- 29^m S.M. up for part of day.
- 31^m S.H.C. in retreat.

August.

- Augt. 1^m S. Hilda Verity who is taking S.J.A.'s place at S. Lucy's arrived by the lorry.
- 2^m Water shortage v. acute owing to long continued drought. Stringent regulations issued - no plug pulling - no baths, furrow water to be used whenever possible etc etc.
- 3^m As the Guest House is closed temporarily, owing to Mr. Hallifax' having left, Mrs. Jillard has come to stay with us. Mrs. Rose is coming to sleep for a night or two until a hut is ready at the Wrights, where she will stay. Devotions. 5.p.m.
- 4^m Mrs. Jukes left at 8.a.m. after a v. happy visit. Water position improved restrictions relaxed somewhat.
- 5^m A lovely day, tho' cold. S.S., S.D., S.H.C & S.H.V. went for a picnic Transfiguration to the Dam with the girls.
- 6^m Mrs. Irving returned by the lorry: she has been away since March.
- 7^m Name. S.R.M. had M.U. meeting.
- 8^m S.R.M. to Mbokotwana (by Mission car) at 3.30 for Dr. V. meeting.
- 9^m Mrs. R. went to Umtata for a couple of days for dentistry.
- 10^m S.R.M. returned from Mbokotwana at 8.30 a.m., bringing S. Euphemia with her who has been staying there since the 1st.
- 11^m Mrs. Rowe brought a party of 8 other students to see the Mission. They had picnic lunch at S. Margaret's, then here, after having seen the hospital.
- 12^m S. Superior, who has had heavy cold, cough & laryngitis for about ten days!)

1445

August.

~~11th~~: " had a day in bed in S. Anne. S.D. in retreat.

Sunday [12th] Sr. Marzia left for All Saints in afternoon, where she is going in before. for her rest. Motored to St. Bede's by Dr. M. & Sr. Hilda Vandy, where Fr. King will meet her & take her rest & stay in his car.

[13th] Heard the "cease fire" had been given in Japan, after assumption. Peace proposals were being discussed - D. G. There was a

Service of Thanksgiving in Church at 2.45 p.m. As the 16th & 17th had been proclaimed general holidays, the boarders from walking distances were allowed to go home, to return on Sunday p.m.

Solemn Vespers after Festival in our Chapel, followed by a solemn Te Deum of Thanksgiving.

In the a.m. Sr. M. & Freddie went to meet the Lentala bus in Teels - as a new dog (2½ months) was expected from Pretoria. The bus was 2 hrs. late; but the puppy seemed none the worse - a Dobermann Pincher - very attractive & energetic.

16th: Sisters had a Victory pic-nic on the lawn - followed by an "Island competition."

17th: The mothers took the remaining boarders for a pic-nic to the cates. After supper they had a progressive game party arranged by Sr. D. Sr. J. H. returned from her rest in Greenland - met by Sr. M. M. in Teels.

18th: Sunday School Teachers' conference is being held at St. Cuthbert's 1. day. Special speakers: - Fr. Young ^{SS.J.C.} & Miss Irene. Miss Tillard was organizer ^{of the} Retreat ^{3:45 P.M.}

19th: Thanksgiving Masses for Peace & for Harvest.

20th: The Assistant Superior (Sr. Marjorie Gabriel) arrived in the a.m. from East London where she has been for part of her rest. Sr. M. M. fetched her from Teels. Great sales of water shortage at E. London.

22nd: Miss Puddie, the new Housecraft Inspector, visited the school and had lunch here.

23rd: Visitors at the Capital - names unknown - they had a.m. tea in the Parlour. Sr. F. M. & Dr. H. C. in Retreat.

24th: Talking tea

1965.

August 25 Afternoon pic-nic to Inyu "river crossing." V. hot there, some shade on our side of the river; but lots of red folk of all ages & both sexes, who showed great interest in us. On return, Sr. M. M. had a call to Esigunggini. Started in car & Sr. H. T. & S. Joseph's boy to shore the kraal; but before shale the lights failed. Drove back by light of torch for about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile; but V. slow proceeding, so abandoned car by wayside & walked back (low river) to hospital & fetched ambulance. Lately moonlight night. Got home again about 10.45 p.m. & partake of an excellent supper provided by Freddie.

Trinity XIII: Sr. M. M. talked to St. Joseph's boys after supper.

28th: St. Mary's gave a charming entertainment after supper - Morris Dancing & a fest song. The Assistant Superior went to p.m. tea at C.R.B. with Sr. Euphemia.

Bereavement of The Assistant was invited to a.m. tea at Key Cottage, after St. John the Baptist, which she sang round the Weaving School. In evening, entertainment at S. J.B. each hostel contributing items to the concert, as in former years.

30th: In afternoon Assistant went with Sr. M. M. in car to a sick call at Magulgata - via hogiyongtana. bld man installed in car - then gift of a live fowl from Makambo's kraal, then on to another kraal to fetch a sick child. The Ass. appreciated seeing native life in its own setting! The Holy Hour was kept. Sr. Euphemia in retreat.

September.

Sept. 1st: The Assistant went to a.m. tea with the Wrights, & made friends with Peter.

Call to Inuto farm in afternoon to fetch in patient. The Assistant enjoyed a bumpy drive in the ambulance with Sr. M. M.! Miss Rowe showed us the start of the scheme. Sr. D. in retreat.

3rd: The Assistant left for Irene via Unaba, being taken to Tsolo by car by Sr. M. M.

4th: Sr. M. M. had circuit court case (Unaba) so took Sr. Ku & Sr. D. H. for shopping. Pic-nic lunch. Sr. M. turned up by lorry from All Saints - so brought her back arrived here before supper.

1940.

- Sept. 5. S. Superior began her rest here to-day, sleeping in S. Anne, & withdrawing somewhat from public life!
6. S.S. to Tolo in the afternoon in the Ambulance, taking Freddie for the drive.
7. S.S. in retreat. Freddie went for her rest to Lotana, taking the puppy with her. S.D. went to Spang's - 8. Cuthbert Festival is being kept to-morrow, so all went to First Evensong at 4.30 p.m.
- for the 8. Cuthbert's Festival - Masses 5.30, 6.30 & 8.30 - (High) after Nativity of which there was a feast, singing & sports. A very happy day.
- Saturday. 9. Miss Wallace to tea. A little v. welcome rain in the p.m.
10. S.S. set off by the Torry, en route to E. London, where she is going to rest at the Y.W.C.A. !
11. Mother P. wires that she had had a cable from India to say that Mother General had sailed. S. Irene is travelling with her (but she didn't!)
- On the Nativity 15. Today was kept as the Children's Birthday. Sung mass in Chapel at 6.30 - Fr. Hey celebrated & Brother Ambrose assisted, & interpreted. All went over to the Dining Hall afterwards to greet the girls - see the cakes & presents which were delightful. In the evening they had an impromptu concert & refreshments - to which the Hospital Staff & 3 old girls working on the Mission, were invited.
18. S.M. in retreat. S.R.M. had M.O. meeting. Fr. Young gave address in Chapel at 4.15.
20. S.F.M. in retreat - S.H.C. to Umtata for dentistry, with Miss Hockinson who was also going for same purpose. Holy Hour was kept to-day -
- Fri. S. Matthew 21. Freddie &ini-Tin returned from their holiday at Lotana, both looking well.
22. S.R.M. in retreat -
24. S.D.H. & S.H.V. in retreat.
25. S.F.M. who has been unwell since Saturday, returned to bed after Mass. S.H.C. in retreat.
26. At 8.30. S.P. went to Tolo on business in a car going to Mbotswana, met S.S., returning from her rest, they came out about 10.30 in Sheppard's car.
27. S.Ev. in retreat - At 10. am. S.S. set out for Umtata for a meeting with Bishop, Dean etc about Hospital plans. S.M. went with her.
28. Schools closed - & all except ¹⁴ Housecraft girls went to their homes or visited. Miss Tillard returned to the Guest House to sleep.
- S. Michael & ²⁹ workers mass streeting. Visitors began to arrive for the European All Angels. Workers' retreat which begins to-morrow will be conducted by Fr. Dakers

- Sept. 29. (contd.) trip Hubbuck ship Stantial arrived rare staying with us but we are also feeding all at the Guest House as here will be no Guest Mistress there till after the retreat. (Dip Thad, Dr. Nye, Dr. Rogers)
- 30th Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins arrived to-day: she is staying with us - also Mr. & Mrs. Hartley - who will be at the Guest House. Retreat began with 7.30 Chorus & Address. Dr. Irving & Miss Robertson are in retreat from our home.

October 1945.

- 1st. The Retreatants sat at one table in the Refectory - & we at ^{daily} the ladies' table. A very hot day. We had breakfast in the C.P. ^{& other meals in the Refectory}.
- 2nd. 2nd day of retreat. A grey drizzling morning & cool, real rain in the afternoon. S. Euphemia to Mbokotwana ^{and Rev. Mother General is} expected at home to-day.
- 3rd. 3rd day of retreat. Steady gentle rain all day.
- 4th. Retreat ended after breakfast. Miss Hubbuck left at 8.30, also Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins. A.M. overclouded: good thunderstorms in the afternoon, but in spite of this over 50 women were at supper for the beginning of the M.U. retreat.
- 5th. Mothers' Union Retreat (conductor G. Rumsey, S.S.T.B.) 8.30 a.m. S.S. went to Umtata at 8.30 a.m. for a Medical Board, Miss Stantial left at 8.30 a.m. & was taken to Umtata by Dr. Rogers who also took in S. Dorothy to meet S. Rosemary C.R. who is coming from Grahamstown to spend her rest with us. The train was late so that she & S.D. (S. Eu) did not arrive here till noon. S. R. went to bed on arrival.
- 6th. Mothers' Union retreat ended after breakfast. S. Rosemary spent the day in bed. All the holiday girls went to the V.J. celebrations at the Great Place.
- 7th. S.R.M. went by the lorry to Totlo, en route for Ngqulu from where she will go to Qikombana Ngqulu for M.U. meetings. Hospital Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. at the Mission House, chief agenda being Miss Robertson's resignation from S. Lucy's.
- 8th. S.R.M. returned by the lorry - which was very late. Boarders returned very well on the whole. S.S. had a call to Miywenka & took S. Rosemary.
- 9th. Schools opened. Miss Peddie on the Mission, marking work here & seeing out-station teachers other work.

Collection Number: AB1751

COMMUNITY OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN 1903-1976

PUBLISHER:

Publisher:- Historical Papers, University of the Witwatersrand

Location:- Johannesburg

©2012

LEGAL NOTICES:

Copyright Notice: All materials on the Historical Papers website are protected by South African copyright law and may not be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, displayed, or otherwise published in any format, without the prior written permission of the copyright owner.

Disclaimer and Terms of Use: Provided that you maintain all copyright and other notices contained therein, you may download material (one machine readable copy and one print copy per page) for your personal and/or educational non-commercial use only.

People using these records relating to the archives of Historical Papers, The Library, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, are reminded that such records sometimes contain material which is uncorroborated, inaccurate, distorted or untrue. While these digital records are true facsimiles of paper documents and the information contained herein is obtained from sources believed to be accurate and reliable, Historical Papers, University of the Witwatersrand has not independently verified their content. Consequently, the University is not responsible for any errors or omissions and excludes any and all liability for any errors in or omissions from the information on the website or any related information on third party websites accessible from this website.

This document is part of a private collection donated to the South African History Archives and Historical Papers at The University of the Witwatersrand.

DOCUMENT DETAILS:

Document ID:- AB1751-Ca1-1-3

Document Title:- Log Book: Sisters Vol.1 August 1940 - December 1945