John and Hilary
The age of innocence

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John, Hilary and paternal cousin Roger before John left

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Feeding Pigeons at Trafalgar Square

Hilary feeding Pigeons at
Trafalgar Square

It is one of the memories I treasure

This photo was ripped on the left side,

like someone (my mother?)

had removed a person they didn't like.

Our Neighbourhood

Probably just before I left for Rhodesia

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Leaving Home

Group 20 - January 1953

Group 20 left on the Arundel Castle,
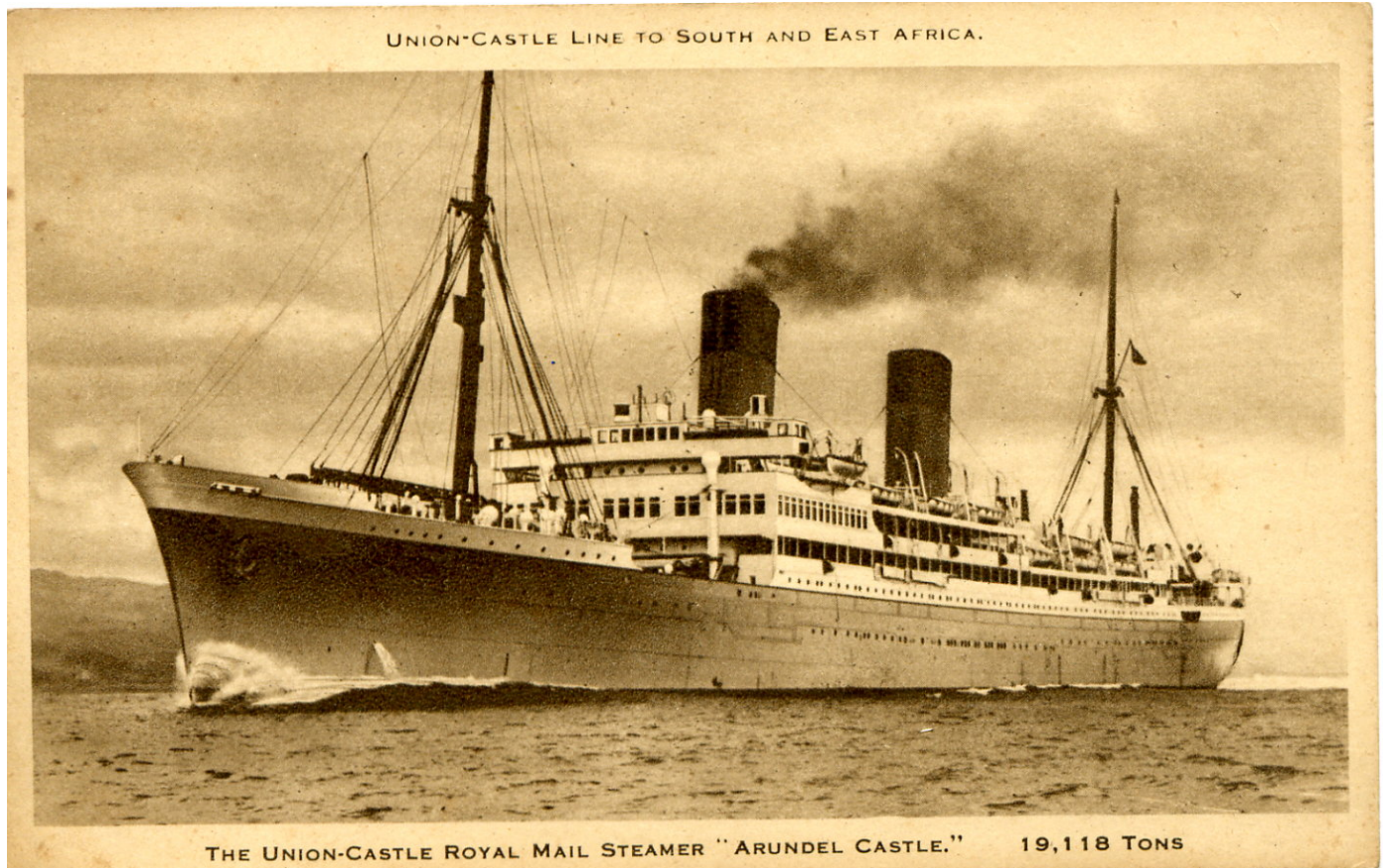accompanied by the Misses T & C Carlyle-Clarke

Back row:
> Miss T Carlyle-Clarke, Beryl Preston, Hilary Boyce,and Miss C Carlyle-Clarke

Front row:
> Terrence French, Gary French, Timothy French, John Black, Keith Black,
> Peter Baker, Michael Davies, Michael Johnston, and Clive Driscoll

RMS Arundel Castle

UNION-CASTLE LINE TO SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA.

THE UNION-CASTLE ROYAL MAIL STEAMER "ARUNDEL CASTLE."   19,118 TONS

Arundel Castle was built for the British based Union Castle Line to be operated on the Southampton - Cape Town route. This ship should have been completed in 1916 under the name Amroth Castle. With the outcome of World War One not being settled until November 1918 and a shortage of materials in the following years, the Union Castle Line had to wait until 1921 for the delivery of their ship. By that time, they had taken the decision torename her Arundel Castle.

This was the largest ship built for the South Africa run so far. In an attempt to match the larger ships on the Atlantic run, Union Castle had her designed with four funnels. Although, with the delay in her building, ships with four funnels had become outdated by the time she entered service. Arundel Castle set out on her maiden voyage from Southampton - Cape Town April 22nd 1921. As that route took her through the warm West African climate, she was one of the first liners to be fitted with air conditioning and a pool.
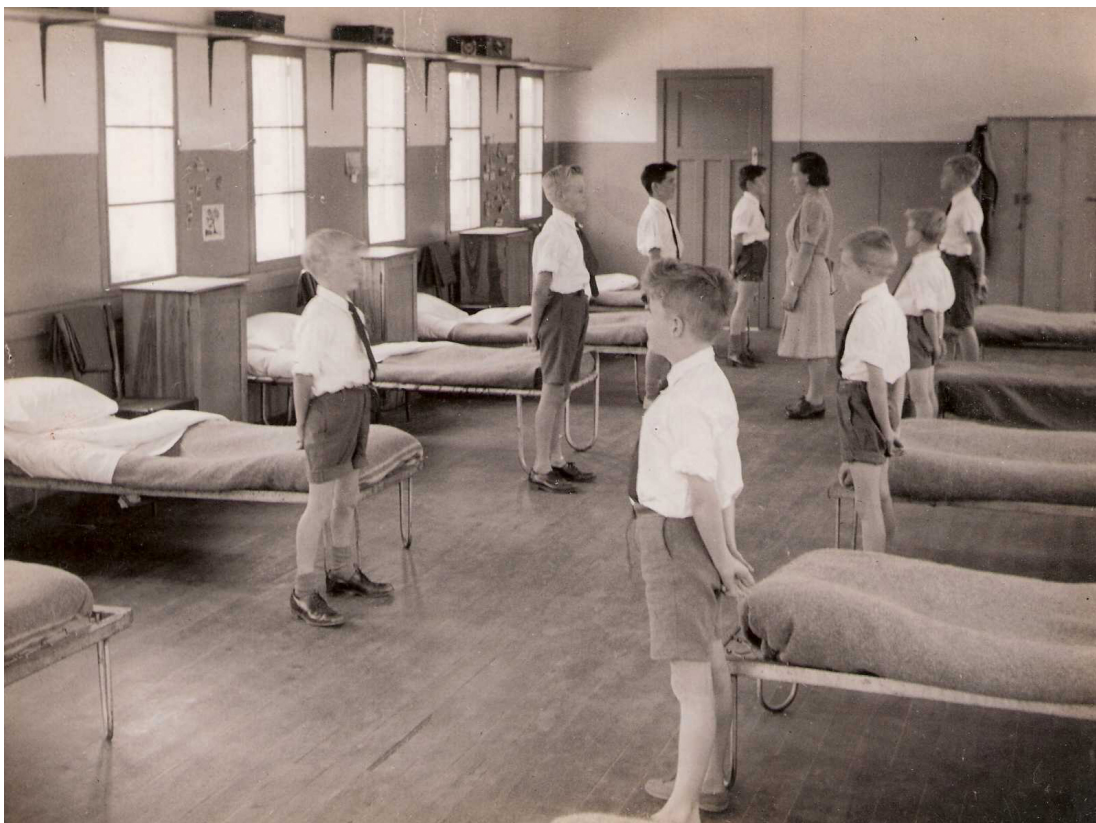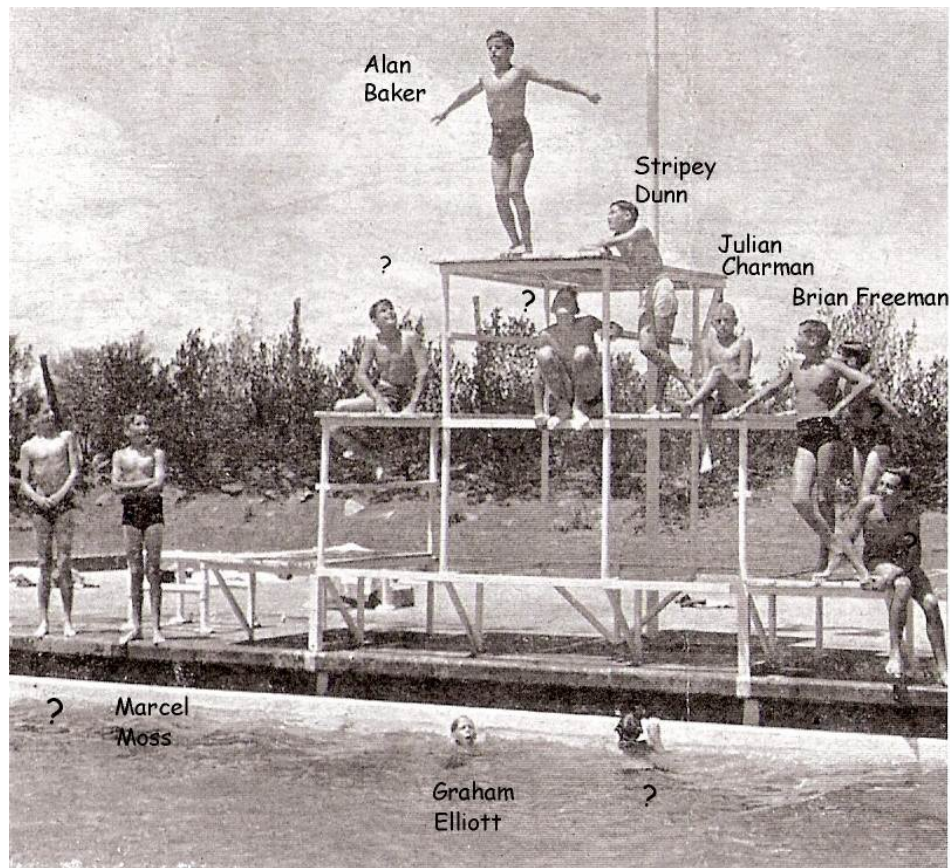
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Boys Dormitories
They were ex army barracks

Dormitories 1959

Morning Inspection for first boys
So hated the inspections

Newpaper picture of the Diving boards
Only boys at the time

Happy moments at the Swimming Pool at Induna.
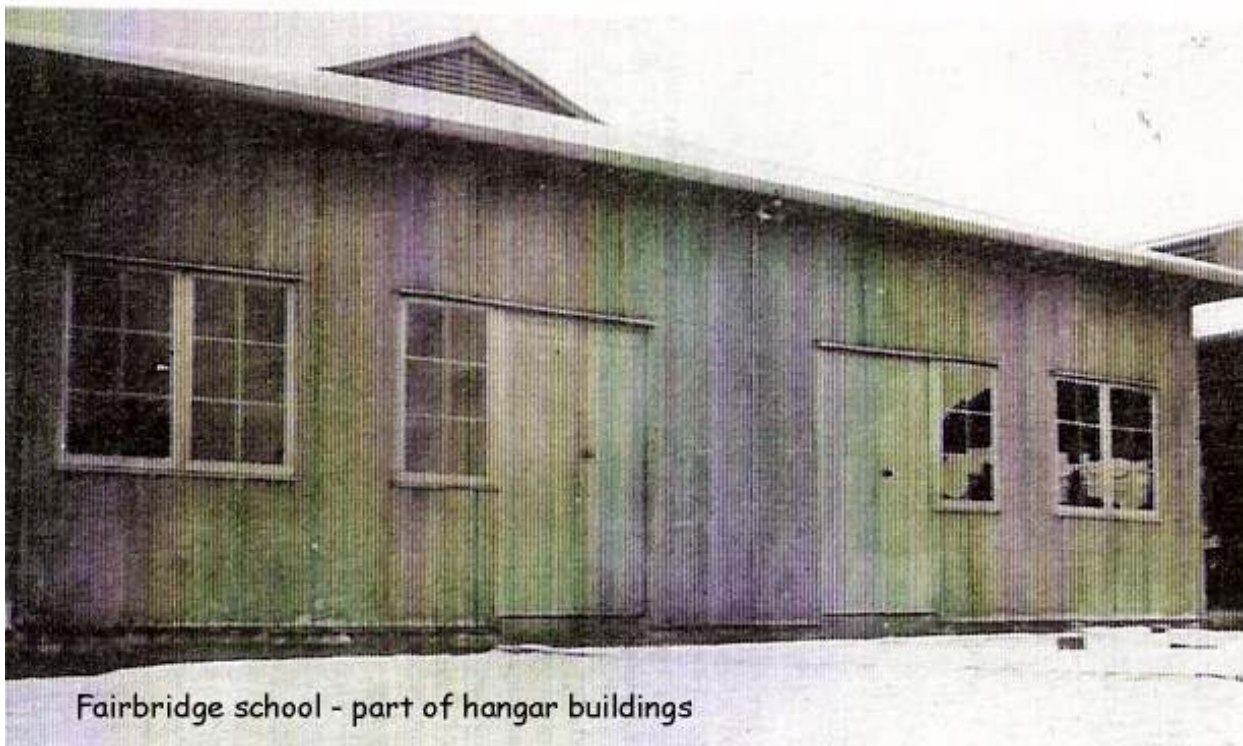
Anglican Church Fairbridge

Mr Robinson's house
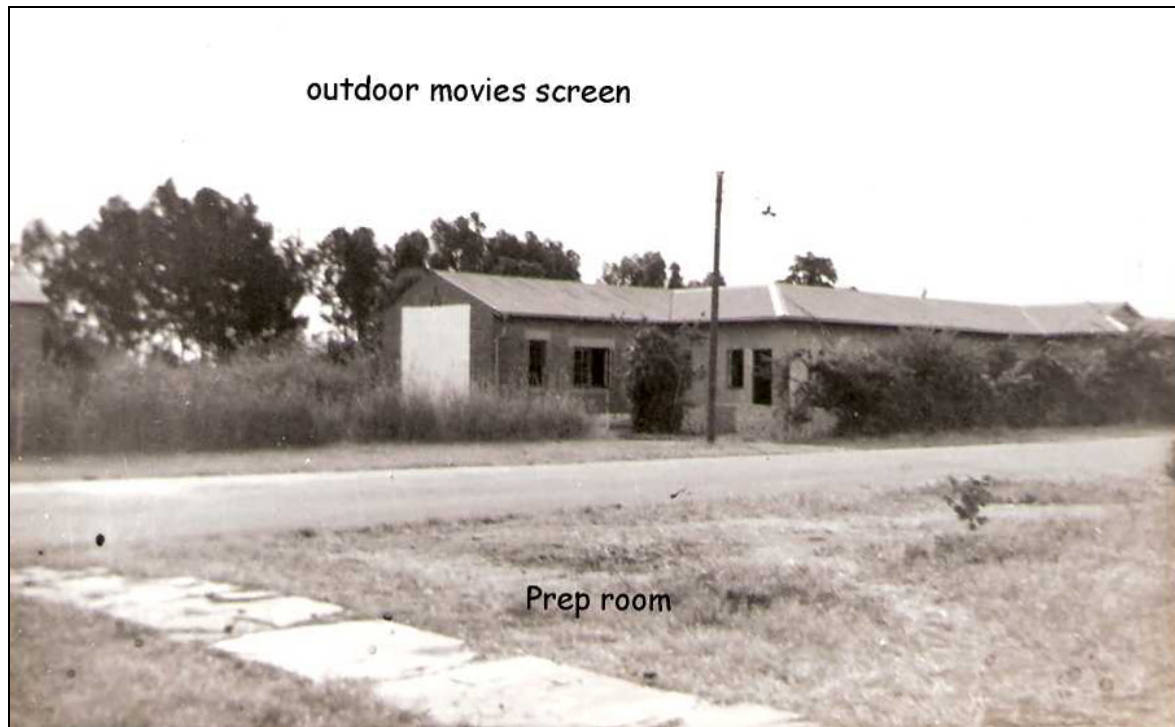We didn't go there very often

Robbies House

School building

Fairbridge school - part of hangar buildings

Outdoor movie screen painted on the end of the prep room
Films were shown with a 16 mm Bell & Howell projector
When the reels needed changing, or if it broke down, it was usually when it was at its
most exciting moment

outdoor movies screen

Prep room

Girls dormitory
The Mosquito nets help to soften the starkness

Some of my pictures

Hilary on a horse ride
Not sure where this is

Lifebuoy Carbolic Soap
This smells so gross

Receiving Diving Cup from
Matron Raitt,
Jackson behind her
I was in Standard 5

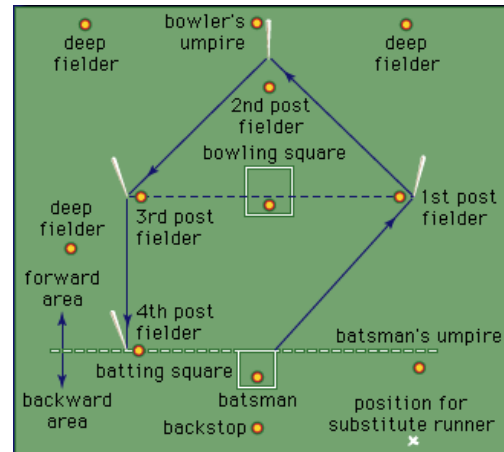

Brownies - I am on the left

I am on the right

Pictures like these were sent to our parents to make them think everything was fine with us.

More pictures

I loved playing Rounders

My first blazor
Not sure where this photo was taken

It is popular amongst Irish and British school children (even some adults). It is one handed, underarm bowling, and you have to run whether you hit the ball or not, unlike American Baseball.

It's been played in England since Tudor times, with the earliest reference being in 1744 in 'A Little Pretty Pocket-Book' where it was called 'base-ball' by John Newbery. In 1828, William Clarke in London published the second edition of 'The Boy's Own Book', which included the rules of rounders and contained the first printed description in English of a bat and ball base-running game played on a diamond.

The following year, the book was published in Boston, Massachusetts. So you could say that the Americans got the idea from the British.

In Uniform having tea

John, Hilary and Mother (Margaret) having tea somewhere
Winter Uniforms Hilary 11 1/2 Fairbridge School, John 13 High School

Visiting the Osteloh farm

Not sure why we're in uniform - John Osteloh behind

Year end picture

These would have been taken to send to parents.

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