

24-12-81

The final leave list was completed, [redacted] being last to go to everyone's relief. H/P had a word or two with him before he left for Otago. Very busy day finishing off the last bits and pieces, getting boys out etc. [redacted] managed to get to Don last before going on leave. G. Zinnel was at His Aunt's funeral (this was the Aunt who had brought him up for his first few years) all staff on leave except the Duty Christmas Team, Taylor, WELSH, FOABER. All boys brought to R/H 5 in all G. Zinnel [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

25-12-81

CHRISTMAS
DAY

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[redacted] all fine boys. Boys awakened to gifts in stockings each boy received a watch, a leather cube and many sweets. Team worked well on duties. Mr & Mrs Neil with their daughter [redacted] joined the boys for lunch. They may as well not have bothered. The five boys were very boorish taking away any pleasure from the visit by their thoughtless selfish ways. Mr Neil did not mention this to them not wanting to spoil this holiday mainly through their thoughtlessness. They did all feature matters well and were no trouble to staff; just thoughtlessness. Routine established! - Rev 9.00 AM Breakfast 9.30/10.00 AM Lunch 12.30/1.00 PM TEA 5/6 PM.

26-12-81

Routine morning, Mr Neil spent some time after lunch phoning around those who had not phoned in to say they were home. Most now located, Mr Neil had a word or two to say to boys about their thoughtless behaviour which was still continuing.