

A Holiday at Wyong

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On Tuesday, 6th June, I went for a holiday to Wyong. I left home at six o'clock with Mr. Shaw in his car. He took me up to the station to catch the 6.45 a.m. train.

There were twelve girls from Nowra and two from Bateman's Bay in the party. When the train started I met some girl friends and we talked. We picked up some more girls from Kiama, Dapto, and Gerringong, and I made some more friends. They talked and asked where I came from and where I was going, and I told them.

We stopped at Central to change to another train to go to Wyong.

When we arrived at Wyong, we took our cases and got into a 'bus to go to the camp.

When we arrived at the camp we went down to the lodges and made our beds, and when we finished we went up to the mess hall to have our tea.

After tea we washed our plates, cup, fork, knife, and spoon and went back to our lodge to get ready for a shower.

When we had finished our shower we put on our nightdresses or pyjamas and got into bed. I was a bit lonely for home and started to cry, but they soon cheered me up.

The next day we played games and walked through the bush and down to the lake where we found some pretty shells.

When we finished looking for shells we went back up to the mess hall and had morning fruit and played some more games. We played basketball, softball and vigoro, and jumping on the spring board.

We all ran when we heard the dinner bell and went down to get our dilly bags for dinner. We lined up in front of the mess hall till Mac came up and then we went in and had our dinner.

After dinner we went down to the lake at two o'clock and we made a fire and cooked some golden boys with syrup in them and ate them with a mug of tea.

When the next day came we got up when the rising bell rang and cleaned our lodges up before we went up to the mess hall for breakfast and had our photographs taken.

On Thursday Miss Harrington taught us how to pitch a tent.

Anytime we had nothing to do I wrote some letters home to Mum or kept my diary up to date.

One day after dinner we all went for a 3 mile walk in the bush to see the old coal mine.

We saw Newcastle from a big hill and then we walked back to the camp around the lake.

I came home on June 15th. We left up there at 1.45 p.m., on the 'bus which took us to Wyong where we waited for the train. When the train did come we got in with Miss Bell, Miss Harrington, Brownie and Mac.

It was good sitting in the big shiny train. We went under tunnels. When we reached Central we changed to another train to go to Nowra. This train started to go as soon as we got in, and Miss Bell gave us our tea to eat.

The train stopped for the children to get off at Dapto, Kiama and Gerringong. When the children got off at Gerringong I waved at my friends and then we set off for Nowra. When we arrived at Nowra I got off the train with my case and went to see if I could find Mr. and Mrs. Shaw.

I was home!



Pauline Daley with Lorna and Rachael Mundine, of Baryulgil