

Annie Whitworth

Singapore Dairy

July – September 1984

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### July 1984

#### Friday, 6<sup>th</sup>

Left home at 11-00. Caught coach at 11-15 to Heathrow. Went via Birmingham, Coventry, Milton Keynes and Luton. Arrived Heathrow 7-15 pm. Flight out was at 10-15 pm: one stop at Muscat, arrived Singapore at 8-15 Saturday.

#### Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup>

Temp at Muscat at 8-00am was 102 F Stop over about ½ hr. Good Flight. Arrived 8-15 in Singapore, dropped my duty free about 20 yds from passport control. Bought some more in Singapore duty free. David, Jennifer and the children waiting for me, children excited . They have grown a little . I now remember most of it . does not seem like 1 year since I was last here.

#### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup>

Did not sleep Sat night. Sunday morning went to Temasek Club swimming, lovely met Peter again. We all had lunch at the club, then back home. Had strawberry flan for tea. Watched Wimbledon Men's final. Mc??? Beat Connor easily.

#### Monday, 9<sup>th</sup>

Slept well Sunday night. Anna went to school Polly and I went to the shops in the morning. Went swimming with the children in the condominium pool – lovely

#### Tuesdays, 10<sup>th</sup>

Polly and I went to Clementi shops. Anna went to St John's Island on school picnic. In afternoon Polly and I went swimming in the Condominium Pool.

#### Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup>

Lovely morning. Went swimming with Polly. Anna had a party at the Brownies' this afternoon. I went with her. About 12 attended. They played games and had tea.

#### Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup>

Have not been out. Rained all day.

#### Friday, 13<sup>th</sup>

Lovely day today, took children to park, went swimming to Temasek and had Mah Mee for tea.

#### Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>

Lovely today. Went swimming in Condo pool

#### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup>

No rain again today. Went to Temasek for swimming and Lunch.

#### Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>

Took children to Clementi shops. Few drops of rain.

#### Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>

Rained all day with thunder and lightening. Did not go out.

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Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>

Rained again all day. Did not go out. Went to hawker centre for tea.

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>

Rained again all day. Did not go out. Jennifer came home at 3:45 went to Orchard Rd. Centre Point shopping and Holland Road. Still raining. Mc Donald's for tea.

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>

Fine so far 10:00 and remained so all day. Went to city, D & J bought me a new camera.

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>

Anna took me on a walk about West Coast Rd. Park. Went over to Clementi bought shorts.

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Went with David to Raffles Hotel in the morning. Afternoon went to Peter's. Tried snorkelling. Had party Peter's birthday.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Lovely day, went to Clementi teatime bought shorts.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Lovely day. Took children to tiger Balm on the bus.

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>

Children have sore throats. Nice day did not go out only to the park.

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup>

Children's throats still sore. Stay in.

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup>

Went to Clementi . Bought T shorts for swimming. Lovely again. David and Jennifer went to staff dinner.

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>

Jennifer's birthday, went to Clementi to buy J flowers for children. Bought J a plant. J, David and Peter went on Junk for dinner. I took the children to Clementi to look a festival for "Hungry ghost". They light candles and burn mock paper money. Anna, Polly and me had tea at Chicken Café.

Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>

Lovely Day, was ? today. My hand bag was stolen. Lost my passport, about 40 pound plus glasses. Reported to Tanglin Police station. Occurred at Mc Donald's Centre Point.

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup>

Went with Jennifer to the British high Commission for new passport. Will be ready Wed afternoon (for 1 year only) have to try for visas.

Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup>

Nice day, no rain. Did not go out, except after tea with J and children to Clementi to buy hand bag etc.

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## August 1984

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup>

Went to the British High Commission for passport and immigration for entry card to enable me to go to Malaysia. Had tea in hawker centre.

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lovely day until tea time, a little rain. Went to park 4:00

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thunder and storms in the morning. Did not go out.

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>

Going to the island of Rowa for 1 week. Arrived Mersing around lunch time Stayed at the government Rest House. Very Nice.

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>

Lovely morning. Sailed to Rowa at 11:15am arrived approx. 12:30pm. Beautiful tropic island in the South China Sea off the coast of Malaysia. White coral sandy beach. Coconut trees. Slept in huts on the beach, meals in the bar. Tried snorkelling, saw beautiful fish and coral.

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>

Very hot this morning, tried snorkelling again. David and Jennifer tried sail surfing. Had lunch, more swimming. Thunderstorm at about 4:00pm

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>

Dull today but still warm, thank goodness for clouds, quite a relief from the hot sun.

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>

Hot and sunny again today, have to watch out. Did some more snorkelling and swimming.

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>

Packed this morning ready for home. Boat leaves at 2:30pm. Arrived Mersing around 4:00p. Came straight back to Singapore, a very good Journey.

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>

Lazy morning. After lunch went over to Faber shopping. Went to Newton Circus for evening meal. Sweet and sour pak chou cashew nuts and fried rice.

Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>

Stayed in.

Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>

Stayed in.

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>

Stayed in for tape man

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Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup>

Hot day today. Went to the American Embassy for Visa. Left passport . Visa agreement between the UK and US 6 validity does not apply. Went to the pool in the afternoon. Went to Raffles at night with Peter and Andrew. There also had a gin sling, not bad. Was a meeting of the vintage car club. David is a member but only went to take photographs of cars. Went down Bugis Street. All kinds of stalls, cloths, food, etc

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>

Went to USA embassy. Picked up passport and visa. Then went to Orchard Road for passport photo, then went to the Australian Commission for Visa, to pick it up on Friday. Lovely inside.

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>

Rest day.

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup>

Hot again. Went to the Australian Commission to pick up passport and visa.

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>

Went to play park. In the afternoon went to Peters new flat. Had tea in the Hawker Centre at Bukit Tima. Not as good as the one next to David's

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>

Hot again, did not go out,

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup>

Took Anna and Polly to the Jurong Bird Park – VERY HOT

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup>

Rain all day.

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Went to immigration to pick up my form and children's school passes. Very hot today. Had tea at the hawker centre.

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Went to Botanic Gardens with anna and Polly. Very hot.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>

Very Hot. Took Anna to the dentist. D & J went to Daphne's for a meal.

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup>

Very hot, not been out.

Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup>

Hot day today. Went to raffles for curry lunch with David, Daphne and Richard and a friend of theirs. Went swimming in the condo pool.

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup>

Very hot today. Went to Clementi shops.

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Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>

Hot day again. Anna off to Brownie Group]

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>

Hot Today. Polly went to Dover Court for inspection. Went swimming with Polly and Ming in Condominium pool.

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup>

Rain today cooler. Visited Anna at Brownie Camp at the top of the island.

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>

Went swimming with Polly. Dull and cloudy. Anna came home today, enjoyed the camp.

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Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup>

Hot day today, took children swimming. J home for lunch. David went to Changi with Peter.

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Very hot today. Went to Jurong bird Park. Peter came for tea. Doreen and Richard back from Bali.

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rain and much cooler today. Sun in the afternoon. Mings mum came for pomegranate Branch for thanks giving for 1 month old son. Exchanged red gift envelope 2 dollars in, called (Ang Pow)

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup>

Hot today, not been out.

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup>

Another hot day. Had tea at hawker centre. David and Jennifer went to Welsh evening.

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>

Public holiday, (Hari Raya Haji) Went to beach. Peter went to the USA.

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup>

Cooler and dull. Went to Sentosa with David to see Musical Fountains. Beautiful music, Singapore and sound of Music.

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup>

Hot. Went to lantern festival at Ayah Rajah Road Community Centre. Children gave dancing display. There was also the Lion Dance.

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>

Hot today. Went to Ming Village to see pottery.

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>

Dull this morning and all day. Storm during evening and all night. Very cool like summer at home.

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Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>

Hot and cloudy. Went swimming.

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup>

Anna and Polly went to school. Anna Brownies in the afternoon. Hot and sultry. Sunny but hint of rain this morning.

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup>

Hot. Went swimming in the afternoon

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup>

Rain morning. Did nothing.

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>

Went swimming this morning with Anna and Polly. In the afternoon went shopping for mamasan(?) and went to Transit Road. Bought David an Atari game. 15 dollars.

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Zoo in the afternoon with David anna and Polly

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup>

Hot went swimming. Pm men came to fix the fan etc. Doreen and Rodger left for Ming Caut (?) are flying home Friday 21/984

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup>

David off work with sore throat. I wen to Holland Village, bought marbles for Marcus. Hot today.

Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup>

Thunderstorm, heavy rain., cleared when to Bukit Tima.

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup>

Very hot today, went to Orchard Road and Scotts.

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup>

Rain in the morning, cleared went to Holland Village. Lovely and cool today in the breeze.

Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Hot today, lovely breeze. Did not go out.

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Went to the Science Centre. Rain in the morning, fine afternoon.

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup>

Hot. Went to fort Canning and China towers.

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup>

Went to Bukit Tima shopping Bought Soccer Elect Game 18 dollars, Green Game (2) 27 dollars. Ver hot.

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Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup>

Tired today. Very hot went swimming in the morning. Took Ming and Polly in the afternoon.

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup>

Terrific thunderstorm early this morning. Torrential rain, 2-30 – 10-00am. Then cleared, rain until lunch dull with a little sun pm

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup>

Sunny this morning. Lovely day. Went to hairdressers

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>

Nice day, did not go out.

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>

Sad day. Lynn rang to say Kenneth had died. From a heart attack. David and Jennifer had gone to the airport to pick up Peter.

## October 1984

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup>

Lovely day. Everything packed. David, Anna and Polly took me to the airport. Did not want to leave them, but am looking forward to seeing Frank, Joyce. Flight delayed. Should have left at 7-25. Did not leave until 8-15. Stopped at Bali.