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December

Thursday 20th Rode up to the Camp again got there by 9 a.m. got the men's signatures to the pay check code book went to the office & wrote out the salary & contingency forms they have requested to have them by the 22nd this month. Plotted my road & sent L. Smith his letter from the Chk. office. Gay transcribing work branch. Okeha ok.
Paid Mr. Shaw 4/6 for Camp butter - 4 6

Friday 21st Rode to the Camp & laid out road up the spine from my Trig pole. back to Timaru again at night with Gay -

Saturday 22nd Lk all night with Mr. Shaw who was very ill. had Dr. Butler & McLean to his aid all night. better this morning. Paid Mr. Shaw for attending Mr. S. & Annie - 1 8 6

Sunday 23rd Smith & I came in. Wet day. Staid at home got my clothes more or less clean. rain since 19th - . 10 0

Monday 24th At the office plotting my roads & cks with L. Smith. Gay at the Camp transcribing the middle branch Okeha ok. planting gum trees in the evening. J. Smith 20/- 1 0 0

Tuesday 25th Christmas day. At home all day messing about the house, had a walk round by the Lagoon & back with the children & L. Smith & his mother & J. Gay in the afternoon.

Wednesday 26th At the office in the morning getting out quantities of Brown's sec. above Forgan's & went down with the children to see the farm at Fitch's in the afternoon - Jack Smith ill or drunk Cor. & races at Fitch's 4/- - 4 0

Thursday 27th Went to the Camp with Gay, found both Martin & Jack absent without leave. Gay & myself laid out about 1 1/2 miles of the road to the camp. code book in the evening - Paid Mr. Brown for milk 1 5 0

Friday 28th Old Paok he had better knock off for a spell till he was better. he worked to day by pitching meat & cooking dinner - took Martin out with me & Gay & finished the length of the Camp road. Paid Mr. Gapes for nursing Mr. S. 7 0 0

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Saturday 29th at the office plotting the roads & sec. surveyed. Gay reading the lines of Brown's sec. Sent in my report of work. 1015 acres. 60 miles roads 3 1/2 miles traverse. Paid J. Smith - 5 0 0

Sunday 30th Went to church with Gay & Mary. In the afternoon went to Healing's & Le'Ceans Siggie Healing's very ill. English mails in. no letters for me. - 2 6

Monday 31st At the office working out quantities of new sections & plotting Gay's traverse by the craks -

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January
Tuesday 1st at home all day. Public holiday planting gum trees & writing letters to my land - sent Kay. 5 0 0
Wednesd. 2nd Paid Express of 2 Hags for Kay's feline 1 0 0
Thursday 2nd ~~at home~~ Finishing working out quantities of sec. & plotting craks. ~~at home~~ Gay paid his own & my bill by 10/-
Friday 3rd at Woods the saddle's - mine was 16/-
Thursday 3rd Went out to Camp with Gay. Chained Forgan's fence line & found it 50 Ck. more than Martin & Gay claimed it when we surveyed Forgan's sec. laid out boundary of adjoining sec.
Friday 4th laid sec. on Kitson's road S.W. of Forgan's found a water reserve mark after I had done - it is a 50 acre sec. - rode home at night -

Saturday 5th at the office with L. Smith all day replotting sections & roads on another sheet. getting out quantities. Gay laid out 20 acre sec. at the Camp. put out on the upper watershed. went down the town with Smith ordered 1/2 ton Ck. bought neck tie - got a bad finger

Sunday 6th A beautiful day, hot & westerly did nothing all day.

Monday 7th at the office all day finishing plan of new sections & roads. Gay at the Camp making some necessary alterations. Jack Smith started again today he has been away since Friday night been 23k. 4 6 8 0