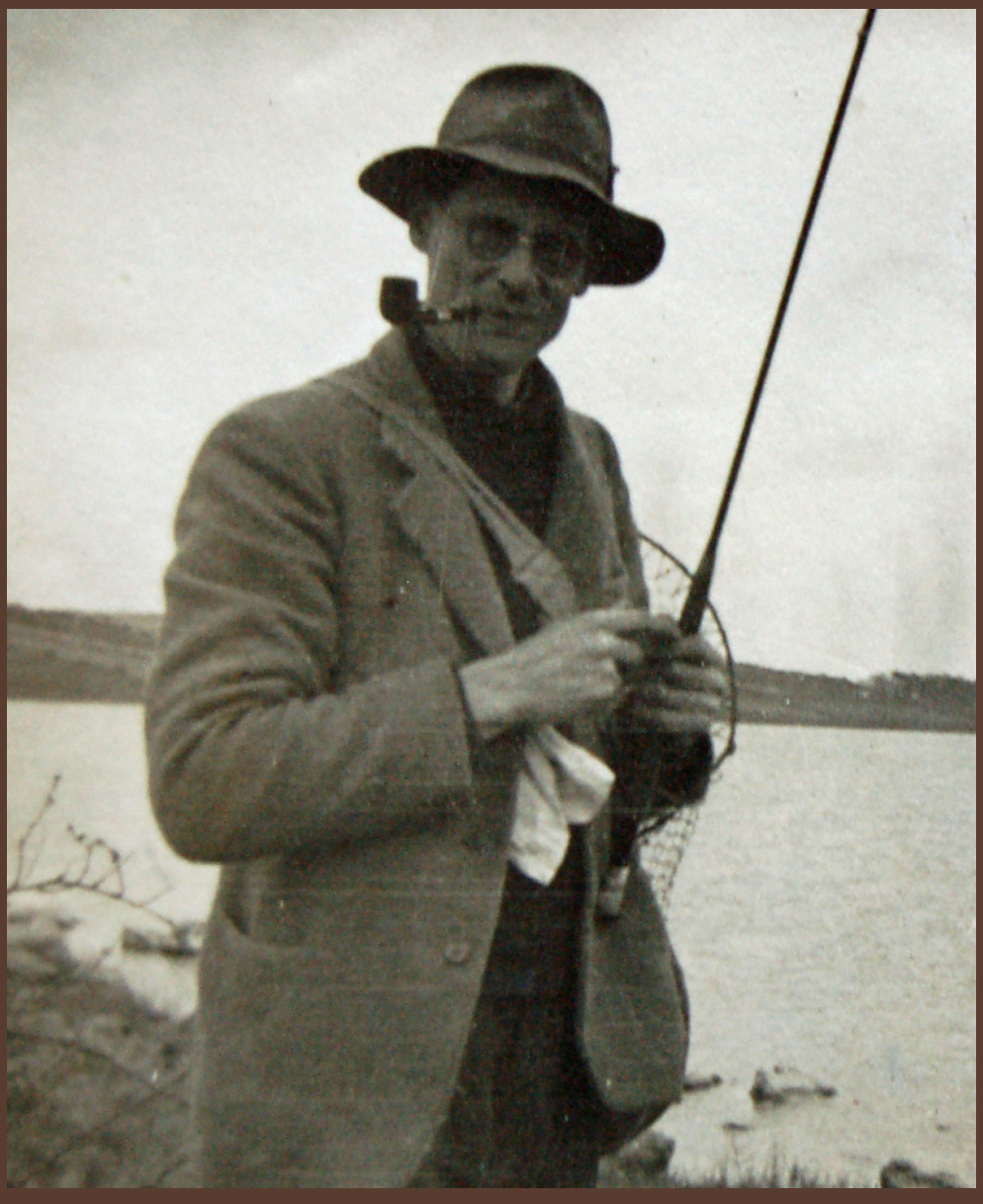
Fishing and shooting diary

W James Mc William

1932 - 1951



1932

				No.	lbs.	ozs.	
March		Blackwater	Seminary Reach	2		9	9
Apl	4		Keady Hole	1		6	
	5		do	3		10	
	6		"	3		11	
	15			5	2	5	6-6
	22			4	1	2	
	26			1		5	
	29			2		11	
	30			1		4	
May	3			1		8	
	5			1		7	
	6			1		8	
	15			1		4	
	20			1		4	10-1
	23	Magheraney	Mayflies	1		6	
	24	do.		1		9	
	26			1		7	
	27	Stonebridge	Rivers	2	1	8	
	28			1	1	0	
	29	Lough Ree	Daddy Mills waif Total 39	9	3	3	
	30	Stonebridge	Rivers	1	1	2	
	31st			1		11	
July	4th	Blackwater	Cargills Dam	1	1	0	
	5th		Largest Trout 2¼ lbs.	1	2	8	
August	6			1		15	
September	5	"	Falkland	3	1	3	
	6			1		8	
	10			1		6	
	12			1		8	
	13			1		11	
	16			1		8	
				55	26	16	

Total
74 Days fishing

1933

1933					No	lbs	ozs	Reference
March	13	Blackwater Falkland			1		7	4
April	11	" "			1		8	5
	12	" Keady Hole	Blue bottle Very cold	Daniel Mackenzie out with me he got 2 little ones	1		11	6
	18	" Keady Hole	Blue bottle Very cold		1	1	0	7
	25	Derrykaragh			9	1	6	8
May	24	Stonebridge	May fly up very early this year		1		10	15
June	20	hough Derg.	Sherman Ross Major Fitzgerald. First day thundery with a		10	4	4	16 17
	21	changing wind got a	Large Day Lead colum bright 8 lbs. Sherman gilse 10lbs weight.		2			18.
July	18	Scotland hough	Knichy Amulree Hotel	Afternoon calm later	3		12	A 8
	21		do	Rather calm and water low.	3		11	9
August	11	hough Derg.	Eulalie Bets Elizabeth. Nice fishing days wind afternoon		3	1	0	18
					35	11	5	

35 days.

Total 11 lbs 5 ozs.

Rotten year. Very little water and no good even when there was. Had four days middle of March when working for my final with the water right and only got one. Had some awfully pleasant days. Particularly on hough Derg. Very hot summer & lovely weather round May fly when had some most enjoyable days at Coultaus. Rose a trout on the Dry fly at Magheramey Fished practically every day April May as playing no golf. (Not allowed) Had a lot of experience this year and last.

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1934. Under 1lb quarter | No. | Weight.

5th Mar 5 Very dry winter. Bitterly cold showers this month. After lunch took car to Keady Hole where water dammed up. Went on down to Crumlin Br. got a nice trout 9 oz on Black & Silver. Came up cast flies over Keady Hole. Rather a heavy day. Fishing March Brown Yellow & Black & Silver. Am tying my flies exacts Scotch way for a trial — 1 — 9 ozs

16th Mar Crumlin 10.30 with Herbert. Bitterly cold. Rained & snowed heavily most of Wed. Water high & too much coloured. I went up to Keady Hole Rose touched a trout below the br. Had started to rain heavily and continued till three. H got one 6 oz. & rose two others after rain started. —

18th Mar (Su) Cappagh. Water splendid. Rain & snow showers yesterday & last night. Bitterly cold. Fished for ½ hr & then came home as too cold. —

19th Mar Keady Hole for an hour after lunch. Dirt coming down. Cold E. wind —

20th Mar Keady Hole do Everything right but rather cold —

24th Mar 5 Derrygooney with Daddy. Nice soft day and water splendid. Went up far bank and got one on the Black & Silver 12 ozs. Went down stream & had a little one that threw back. Came back to bridge and went up to Waterfall. Got 8 oz ^ above Yellow Partridge Milldam & threw back a couple more. Daddy got one 6 oz behind Connellys on Black & Silver. I rose & touched several — 2 — 1-4

25th Mar (Su) McGlones Mill. Dropped H at Falkland. Nice spring day, rather heavy. Walked an awful lot exploring. Rose one in each of pools at Mill when leaving. Met a man who gave me a good deal of information H. Nothing —

31st Mar 5 Derrygooney with Herbert. Water low & sun came out cool otherwise Fished from top and some of deep. 11.30 - 3.30. H got ¾ lb Pucks Pool. —

1st Apr. (Sun Day) Derrygooney with Daddy & Herbert. Cool no sun. Herbert went to the other river Daddy followed. Several rods out. I got ¼ lb opposite The Mill. 12 - 3.15. Fished whole river from bridge to bridge. — 1. — 4

Weather has at last broken & wind left N.E. Very late year plum blossom not yet out.

3rd Apr. Falkland after lunch with Bets. Water too high & coloured. Rose one small one. Rather chilly & high wind. More rain coming —

5th Apr. 5 Derrygooney Bets came with me. Thought was going to get a good bag. Mild lot of wind & water rather low. Got one small one on Priest "Daniels Dream" rose a couple about same time. Trout rising freely in this pool 1.30 but not elsewhere. Spent hr in meadows — 1 — 5

5. 1 4 2 —

1934			No	Weight
		Fwd.	1 4	2 6
Apr. 15 (Su)	McGlones Mill Water nice but rather high. Terrific gale S.W. Got a nice ¾ lb below bridge which Bets landed very well. March Brown lost this fly striking another. Got broke – after lunch		1	12
	Magherarney with Daddy who got two 5oz & 3oz. Three other rods out Wind made decent fishing impossible. Water rather dirty I rose one.			
Apr. 18	McGlones Mill before lunch. Splendid day though water rather low Got a very nice one on Black & Silver below bridge. Fishing a Hare Ear Black & Silver		1	15
Apr. 20	McGlones Mill left office 12. Water nice Got one below bridge, a rosean		1	14
Apr. 21 S	Derrykarrigh Took Bets who fished. Wate right but rather cold. Got three at top about 12. Rose about 9 others. Very heavy showers Home 2.45		3	8
(Su)	McGlones Mill 11.30 N.T. Cold N. wind bitter showers. Water right. Nothing		-	
	Went on to New Mills back to McGlones still nothing			
Apr. 25	McGlones Mill After lunch. Still very cold. Rained lightly all morning and again on way home. Water splendid. Rose two above bridge and got a beauty in pool below. Some difficulty getting him landed and broke Fly off (Black & Silver) afterwards. Glad to have a trout for Bets last day		1	1·6
27	McGlones Mill after lunch. Water nice. Cold N.E. Rose one below bridge		—	
28 S	McGlones Mill 11.45. N.E. wind water gone down. Lot of sun. No good. On to New Mills no good either back to McGlones. – after lunch			
	Magherarney more cloud not much wind water rather low. Fished to Kesh. Greenwell Yellow Partridge March Brown. Judkins Mrs there Fished from clump of trees got a ½lb and rose another. Walked back had tea with them. They had lovely dry fly rods Grangle? Walker. Rose three got a little one from Kesh down 6 - 6·30 (Greenwell)		1	4
30 (Su)	McGlones Mill. Gorgeous day. 11·15 - 1·15. Tried Mills Blue Fly water golden		-	
May 5th Sat	Lough Derg with Sydney Eshaw. Called for him 8 & arrived lake 10·30. S W wind good deal of it. Cold. Few drifts in boat house bay when got a couple. 11 o'clock dreadful shower of rain & sleet and put into shore at creek wet frozen. Fished round Islands around point wind up a good deal & put in about 2 and stayed for over an hour in rain trying to get warm Came back through the gap. Wind had gone W.			
		Fwd.	5 8	7lbs 1

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May	Did some more drifts in bay and crossed to bad bit. Had Fwd. to put in again. Left 6:30. After tea in Hotel spent ev. with Miles	5	8	7·1
			5	2·0
6th (Sun)	On water 10:30 wind E not too much down between Island and shore when got a couple. Wind S.W. trolled to S.W. corner & did a couple of drifts when we got a few. Drifted towards Tribarn bay and I got three quickly then nothing for an hour. 12·30 wind really got up. We rose about a doz but could not get any. Lunched 1:30 in rain great gale. Started again & awful shower put in at point of Tribarn. Terific gale luckily wind shifted west. Into bay where S got one over pound. Had to put in again. Started and fished back under shore. Cleared up about 4 stood some ten. Drifted down south shore rough but I got a couple. Home in eight. Left Pettigo 7.35 Monaghan 9:30. Very stormy wet drive back. Worst gale for May people remember. I got most of my trout on "Dog" insane on Big Claret. Nothing on middle Brown & gold Grouse purple olive. Was able to change them quite easily. Got 8 first day of 16 week. Quite enjoyed trip.		9	3·0
9th	McGlones Mill after lunch. Water high coloured. Fished all way down no good tried good pool lost my cast in one. Mills blue. Golden stave Priest			-
10th	Derrygooney with Uncle Herbert. Water on low side. Beautiful day lot of sun. I went to bridge & fished a bit. Golden Olive. Yellow Partridge & Greenwell. Tried Dry Fly for ahaff hour. Olive. No good. Spent upwards of two hours at lunch & tried Dry Fly again. Greenwell one of Dunne's midge. Nothing. Much improved as was able to continue fishing without drowning it by using some line. Real summer day shot. U.H. nothing			-
11th	McGlones Mill after dinner. Very hot stuffy day. Smuts of rain Golden Olive Greenwell Priest changed middle to a red spinner. Lost one in good pool 9:30. had him on for a min. but he gave a jumpteff			-
12th 5	Derrygooney 12.45-5. Heavy rain last night mooler. Fair amount of sun. Except for 5 mins at start Dry fly. Tried all the flies in my box & finally fixed on black midge with which caught one (foul hooked) after 2 hrs hard work. Spent most of time in field at upper bridge. Went to dark stretch for half an hour.		1	·6
		5	23	12 lbs 7

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1934			5	34 25 – 7
28 June	Raconnell Very hot and dry till middle of month. Since v. broken weather without any weight of rain. 8 to 10.30. Walked down to Conwary and only saw one rise which fished. Tried another place for practice. Very difficult as banks high & overgrown. On way back 9.30 rose one which did not touch and another which had on but reel line slipped through my fingers. Rose another further up. All small & on hackle olive with a little blue in it. Water v. low but slight fresh. Rather nice evening and looks settled. Dry Fly.	–		
29	Raconnell 8.15 – 10.30 Dull warm. Caught a little one at join pool down to corner & saw one rise which caught 8 ozs lit my pipe then caught another 7 ozs. My fly caught in bank a lot. Started up & practised some	2		15
30	Raconnell 8.45 – 11 Took Bobby Patton. Lost my good fly with second cast Practically no decent rises & anyway fishing badly.	–		
1st July	Raconnell 8.15 – 10.30. Very hot day. A few trout rising sparmodically. Tried practically all the flies in my box without result. Could not get the winged flies to sit the right way up.	–		
4th "	Raconnell 8.10.15. Water dead low. (After a spell of cloudless sky there was a thunderstorm off Armagh though we did not have much rain. The heat was great.) Took Bobby Patton out. My new line floated a rose fawn on the dark olive one of which touched dust fly in last. Also lost fly at start	–		
16th	Raconnell Showery windy & cool. B.P. got a ½lb at round pool. as matter of fact did not land him cleanly but picked him up after he had come off. Rose another 4 times before caught threw him back. Caught another little one above & spent 20 mins below bridge where rose one. Tied a new pt on cast on Sun with the proper knot.	1		5
17th	Raconnell above the br. fished a roving trout but it would not rise Thunder started & left about nine. Bobby got 2 little ones on a worm	–		
18th	Raconnell Daddy came with me. Acquitted myself satisfactorily. Cool & very little doing. Rose one on medium olive after dark olive failed	–		
21st	Raconnell Very thick & dark stuffy. Water up a bit but nothing rising	–		
22nd	Raconnell. Cool & bright wind. Very little moving. Rose a little one on med olive. Tried Tups indespensible without result. Cast quite well against wind	–		
23rd	Raconnell Nice evening. Went down to stretch just above br. Rising but I always chased them. After trying a lot of flies & much crawling eventually put med olive over one fishing downstream. It rose but when I struck fly came off a very nice fish & most sickening. No good putting cast over fish in [illegible] after	–		
		5	37	26 – 11

1934			5 37	26-11
25 July	Lough Oerg with Uncle H. Left Monaghan 8:20 on lake 11. Too much wind & heavy clouds on mountains. Some drizzle risen. N.W. Did a couple of drifts in boat house bay then started across Rougher than the boy thought. Fished between Trebarn Bay & Saints Is. Had lunch 1:30 fished round Is. when rose some I tried Black & Teal mended my cast with blood knot then tried Orange Crocese & caught one. Went past Tribarn & drifted down shore doing Kellys Island. Uncle H got one. Came back along bottom shore & got some I had two on one cast. Rather rough & drizzle started to came off lake 7. 6 trout each. Had tea at Floods saw Miles left 8.45. Pass 10-11 Home 11.		6	2-0
26	Raconnell Showery chilly. Fished four solitary rises. Cast quite well in a strong wind.			-
29	Braddragh Lake Manus took me out 7.30. Terrible road from Courtneys cross 5 mph. Cool lot of wind & continuous showers. I rose one on left then got one 11 ozs after mins later lost a very nice one. All on Butcher Manus nothing came home ill very chilled threw a cold.		1	-11
1st Aug	Blaneybane with Daddy Mills. Raining since 4 and nice flush at Cappagh. Still raining when got to lake. I got a 3/4 lb trout on 2nd drift & my seat wet. Worked to top of lake & then coming back rain eased & there came a mad rise for a bit but not to us. Mills got one & I struck another. Fished a good deal more there came another rise lasting about a min. I got one on Blue Silver. Soaked as water going down my sleeves beginning to get into my boots. Dark left shortly. Mills had some difficulty starting car owing to wet plug H.12.		2	1-4
7th	Blaneybane Mills Daddy. Take up a lot. Heavy cloud over lake no wind. Trout rising but no good. Heard a lot of fishing			-
8th	McGlones Mill after dinner. Water beautiful. Blue Silver (changed to ginger) Rolys Fly Sedge. Put up Dry Fly stayed till dark. Nothing doing.			-
9th	McGlones Mill showery 7:30-9:15 Cool. Nothing so cast a bit with dry fly			-
10th	Raconnell After dinner yellow flood. Water too high by far for Dry Fly			-
		Fish.	5 46	30·10

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11th Aug. Lough Derg Sydney Roly & Colthurst. Started before 8. I drove Sydney. Puncture outside Newtownbutler. Far too much wind on lake from West with showers & squally. Drifted about the bay a got one on a Fenian. Roly & Colthurst went to the river. Got another after Sydney nothing | 2 | 12

12th Lough Derg Stayed in Floods a damn dog barked during night heavy rain. Wind W. not too much but squally Started for head After Island I took an oar & went nearly to top. Difficulty of rowing in wind a revelation. Sydney got a couple on the troll. I missed six and only got one before lunch 5.6 other boat 6. After I missed another then got a nice one two more Derg dog claret Lost a good one on way down. Tribarn B. wind eased a lot Kellys Is. & home Just got car across border before 4. started 10.10 Killygowan 12. 5 & 1 12 & others 21 mostly on a big olive. I tried every fly on middle. | 4 | 2 · 0

17th Maghesarney 5-830 with Aunt Alice. Lovely ev. water right. Weeds have grown up in the river. There was a trout rising after the semi-circular bend eventually rose to Dunne midge then went down. Another rising further up but would not stir. Could not make out what fly so many | - |

18th Maghesarney 11:30 - 3 with Herbert. Except for a couple of solitary rises nothing doing. Not a nice day. looks like lots more rain. Bought in Murphys 2 pale watery duns two alders. Disappointing Blackberries ripe. | - |

22nd Blaneybane Herbert Aunt Alice. Left 6.30 When got to lake two big peals of thunder. However it cleared up and a lovely sunset. A.A got a 1lb on blue silver and rose a couple. Self nothing left lake 10 dark. | - |

25th Sa. Blaneybane After lunch H & B. Lake 3. Lovely day good SW. breeze & sunny intervals. Occasional trout rising. Olive March Brown. Green Olive & Blue Silver. No good so put on little Partridge Orange. Rose a couple took off Blue Silver put on Black then blue spider. Got another rise last drift slightly asleep. Left lake 6. gorgeous evening 1 hr home from shore | - |

5 52 33 - 6

Mar. 2 - 13.
Apr. 5 - 14. 5.
May 12 - 3 - 4
June 3 - 4
July 4 - 0
Aug

52 trout weighing — 33 lbs. 6 ozs.
5 avg lbs

63 days.

1935

			Under 4 ozs	Weight
		Very wet winter. Continuous high water since September and rivers well up all last month. Very open winter.		
March	1st	McGlones Mill 12–1.40. Water beautiful v. cold. Got a nice one 13 ozs half way down rd & little one at bottom. Down to Ford & back, anor little one 2nd pool. 1" on Hare's ear others Priest. The small ones diff must be the stock H out after lunch & got 3 weighing 13, 12 & 8 ozs on Hare's Ear Ready Hole to Crumlin.	2	1 1 · 4
"	2nd 5	McGlones Mill & Faulkland with H whom dropped at Crumlin. At Mill before 12. Bright sun after mist. No good went to Faulkland 2. Crichton Fitzgerald & Magee there. Rose one along lane. Smoked a pipe rose anor. Changed Priest to "Black Cold" and got 12 oz above Elm Tree pool on it. Caught my last bridge pool & had to go round. 1" garden left 4. H nothing. H Swan & Murphy out & Sydney at Crumlin	1	· 12
"	3rd (Sun.)	McGlones Mill 11:30 – 1 Beastly cold NW wind, showers. Got one 6 ozs half way down & anor little one - Black & Cold. Rose one below bridge. H got one 9 oz. Crumlin.	1	· 6
"	5th	Falkland 2.15–3.45. Got one 1 lb bottom third field Black & gold lost anor further down. Third field again rose one & lost anor same place as before through hurry. H Ready Hole nothing.	1	1 · 0
"	6th	Falkland & Crumlin Did three fields below br. one 14 oz bottom 2nd garden Black & gold (2.30–4) then Crumlin 10 oz br. pool. Lovely mild afternoon. Lot out 2nd on Hare's Ear.	2	1 · 8
"	9th 5	Derrygooney 11.30 – 3 Bitter E wind. H took cars on to Sillars & I was miserable & mad at being left. Got my rod up etc & redonned my gloves but had to leave Connollys owing to cold. Started six oz run & got one behind Mill 12.30. Got another Island pool 1 lb at end of long line. Started to warm up & got anor above bridge. Went up to Connolly's again but some man there. Got one in "six oz run & fished on down to deep when H picked me up 3. Had my tea which had had to leave in car. H nothing as water too high. Black & Silver (2) Yellow Partridge (1) Greenwell (1) 1 lb, 10 oz, 9 oz, 7 oz.	4	2 · 10
"	10th (Sun.)	Falkland 11–12.45. Bitter E. wind & drizzle. Water low. Dropped H. at Crumlin. Started new field & got a nice one at bottom. Fished two end pools in garden & was doing br. pool for 2nd time when H arrived - no good. Black & gold.	1	· 10
"	16th 5	Derrygooney 11.30 – 4 with H E. wind & continuous drip. Started at Old Mill & fished 1st pool from both sides. H already done it as people at Connollys. On down deep fished pool below dam. V. tired had my lunch when got back 2. Up to Connollys where H who had just got one. Fished "Daniels Cream" then put up dry Fly "Greenwell" No good though may have risen one that was splashing. 1st pool again & beginning of deep H 3 11, 9, 4 = 1½ lbs. There was an olive fly coming down with very few legs.	–	
			2	11 8 · 2

1935 (cont) Ford 2 11 8·2

March 18th Hol. Sillars (Hebburn R.) with H. strong S. wind I started at the lake met H. 7·30 just before Marsh. Changed from Greenwell Yellow Partridge March Brown to Grey Quill small Hares Ear March Brown having also tried "Priest" Got one 9 ozs just after parted from H in a v. bad temper as was obvious too early. Got anor 1¼ lbs below lane bridge, fought like anything a beautifully shaped fish. Disappointed when weighed him. Both on Hares Ear. H had got one 8 ozs at start on Greenwell. Two of them very silvery. Would probably be a splendid Dry fly river. Desperate hard work & a very cold place. Came back by Cootehill 11·10 — 3·50. On the whole a satisfactory day as Derrygooney crowded. 2 1·13

" 24th (Su.) Derrygooney 11·30 - 2·30 Daddy H. Rain yesterday mice soft day S wind. I went to Connollys rowing to report of 8 bulls spent a disturbed morning Trout rising Daniels Dream which would not take so put up Dry fly. Hares ear which all wrong so tried March Brown immediately rose one with long line. Lost my fly in grass then down to trees where rose anor 2 cows came I left (hurriedly). Discovered that bulls other side of road so crossed river. Struck one and cast 4x Cranetts broke at knots - the other one did same when got home. The eye of the other March Brown choked so put on Hackle dark olive and got one. Punched then rain started. No further good Thought tried March Brown again (Hillsborough Water Supply. Daddy got 7 ozs) 1 ·11

" 26th McGlones an hour after lunch Nice day plenty of sun Water med but slightly dirty. Lost my cast in one below bridge. Dont know how many have lost here through bad gut. Got one on small Priest in Quarry Hole. Fished it from middle of river from above. The first have got in this pool. He jumped out of the small net the first time 1 1·11

" 27th McGlones After lunch. Bright warm water low. Got one pool below bridge on "Priest." Did no good in quarry hole which was disappointing 1 ·11

" 30th Derrygooney Dull slightly chilly west wind Water lowish. Entirely Dry Fly Connollys nothing doing. Caught in a tree Pucks pool crossed river. March Brown no good. Dark Olive. Lost my fly in one thecast had got frayed catching things. Tried Purple Quill (Hackle) and got one 9 ozs then tried a smaller one with wings & March Brown again on heavier cast. 3 trout looked at it went away. Fair rise now and put on Purple Quill again & got one fishing below bush 12 ozs then another 1 lb. which gave me a lot of bother as got into bank. My 4x cast very frayed by now - came down had my lunch then 3 2·5

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			Fred	2	19	15·5
April 6	5	Derrygooney H & B. Dreadful week Hail sleet. Bright morning warmer water low. Started with purple quill 11·30 – 4 then Dark Olive in run out of Daniels Dream & rose several without touching. Purple Quill & touched one was just starting to play him. Tried March Brown Midge & Olive again which a trout examined at back of Connollys. They may have objected to my green points. Rise over 2. Went down to deep nothing doing back up again Wind went S. H 3-1lb broke his rod				-
7th (Su)		Derrygooney Herbert, some doubt about starting as chilly drizzle Not of wind S.W. 11·30 – 4·30. H started Pucks Pool I got my rod up when discovered that left staff of net behind. Went watched H catching in things & then saw one in dark bit which got got Dark Olive. Nothing more till lunch & then down to Pucks Pool where one rising left stream. Got him standing level in right stream though bright sun. Up again & one rose pool out of Daniels Dream which took v. surprisingly. Took out a lot of line thought had one 1½ pounder only 8 ozs. Sat on bank at gorgeous afternoon. The points yesterday may have been too green as today 2 yds to 3x. 15 ozs 10 oz H 2-11 ozs. (All on dark olive hackle. Did not try anything else)		3	2·1
11th		McGlones 12·15 Old W. gale Water high yellow. One on Black & Silver halfway down B. landed		1	·15	
12th		McGlones 12·15 Bright sun E wind Water coloured. Tried Priest Olive Black & Gold Greenwell on large Hares Ear.		1	·8	
13th	5	Derrygooney H B & Kathleen 11·20 – 4·45. Wind SE. Water up a bit. Started to rain as starting. Put up Dry Fly and then wet & fished up dark stretch when a couple turned Cleared up put back Dry. Beastly cold half soaked. Lunch and rain started so put back wet flies fished down to Pucks - no good though trout rising. Put on Dark Olive and rose one three times from clear bit finally he took as taking cast out & water & jumped 2ft in air. Up lone rose at me under trees on to good spot but fly lost by this time put up one of Dunnes (Barge Dark Olive?) to which rose a couple. Tried anor which was very white immediately big rise but no good. Rain stopped sun did rise 3·30. Down to deep nothing doing back to Pucks Pool where got one on Dark Olive hackle foul hooked & lost a couple more solitary rises. More rain. The Minister got 2 little ones on wet flies before lunch H 6 - 21bs 3 above bridge		1	1·1	
14th (Su)		McGlones 11 – 1 N.T. Dropped H. Crumlin. Water low E wind good deal of sun Small one on Hares Ear rose anor. Tried Priest Mills Blue & Yellow Partridge March B.		1	·5	
17th		Crumlin 2·30 – 4 with B. Water low blustery N wind showers No good though rose about four. Down as far as the potatoe patch. March Brown Hares Ear (1) Blue & Silver		-		
				2	26	20·3

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		Fwd	2 26	20·3
April 19th Good Friday	Herberts River 11.15 – 3.15 Stiff E. wind Drizzle. Started bottom bridge wet fly then walked up came back saw a rise which could not mark by time Dry Fly up. saw another and got him (1·3) Fought like a devil jumped clean out of water. Dark Olive Quill & Hardy's casts which Mills got me 5/5 – 3x 2½yds Went up then right round back to bottom bridge. Looked at Derrygooney way back home 5.45. H. nothing Got a lot of information as to river. Too early nothing rising. Believe lot of trout		1	1·3
" 20th S	Derrygooney 11–4. Equally S. Wind practically continuous rain. Couple rose before lunch think one rose to Dark Olive. Went down to deep with wet flies got one 10oz Nice pool particularly heavy rain. Fished down to below Ford & up 3.30. Trout rising still stretch tried him with Medium Olive, Dark Olive, Knat, Dunne small yellow, Iron Blue. H 1 = 9 oz		1	·10
" 21st (Su)	Cruntlin 10.45 – 1 with H. I went down to Falkland fished to bottom of 2nd garden. Water lowish slightly yellow. Got one 1½ run down to br. pool on Priest (12). Saw nothing else. H lost a good one. He went to Raconnel after but no good.		1	1·8
22nd Easter Mon	Derrygooney 11.50. Rained all last night morning. Slight clearance which let me get Dry Fly up. Dunne Olive then March Brown when got one just under 1½ run out of Daniels Ream. Two men with Dry Fly at back of Connollys & torrents of rain came on. Tried one just where hedge begins & got a rise to Dark Olive. Rain terrible & put up another when got one in run after a lot of casting over 1·1. H joined me we went to his river. 2. Both to bottom but dreadful rain. I got back to car just before next squall picked H up middle br. Home 55 mins via Ballyboy. Bag 5=3·7		2	2·5
" 25th	McGlones 12.30 – 1.30. Water had been very high still bit muddy. Seemed a good day		–	
" 27th S	Derrygooney 11.30 – 6 Mist morning then bright. Li E wind water splendid. Rose one to Olive at start. A kind of rise came on but could not get fly though tried them all. Seemed to be a small brown one skittering across top of water Eventually rose one to Dunnes midge. Tried wet flies thr at back of Mill & splashed several		–	
" 28th (Su)	Lisglasson Br. with Sydney. Called for him 1.45. He had heard of the place but did not know. Half way between Cootehill Navan. Dull morning soon came out brilliant. I went below br. met two Clones men one of whom had two nice fish. Went above sat with Sydney eventually went further up fished then down met Sydney at stepping stones home 6.45. Nice water but a lot fished most of any practical use tho got a small one		–	
29th	Raconnell 8–9.15. Bright all day but wind went west milder. On down to good pool in gap which gentleman fishing canoe just below put up Dark Olive stuck him over a rise then moved up put on black gnat tied on which got me 7oz Gets away with net but got him in. Home as no lights on car. Water low but bed of r. covered.		1	7
			2 32	26·4

1935 (cont)

		Fwd	2	32	26·4
April 30th	Raconnell 8-9.15. Dull cool evening nothing rising			-	
May 3rd	Raconnell 8-9.45 Dull but mild. A few solitary rises & rose one to "Dunne" Midge			-	
" 4th 5	Derrygooney 11.30 Herberts R. 2.45-4.45. Occasional rises during morning but though tried all the flies could do no good. Beastly E wind but managed with the 5/5 -3x cast which was slightly cheering. After saw a trout rising below bridge Tried him with Dark Olive then "Pheasant Tail" which just got on Wed. 12.02. Went on up. The olives seem to be coming off the water large tried gradually turning Black as spinners. Stopped after crossing stream owing to cattle. Nothing more.		1		·12
" 5th (Su)	Herberts R. Brilliant day w.s. 11.30 -5.30. Down to low bridge & up a piece V. little fly only saw one rise all day what big one not feeding. Dreadfully disappointing			-	
" 6th	McClones 8.15-9.45 Bright day but no rises. Tried Dry Fly in parts			-	
" 11th 5	Derrygooney 11.30—9.45 Harvey Craffey. Bright sun E wind water dead low lunch 12.30 & to low bridge. He went up to broken mill with Dry fly it did Nina's pool & deep. Tea & down to join 7.30 to Foys Mill. A couple rising poorly above two over which he cast a bit then up but no good. Home via Cootehill. Will have to carry net in sling as other hand needed for line. Interesting day. Talked & smoked an awful lot & learnt good deal especially chasing broken water.			-	
" 14th	Coultons 5—9. Strong cold E wind. Bright sun Put up wet fly cast & 4th cast 1st loop into a good one which tore up into a bush in the stream Sat on the far side looked at me; finally pulled the line she got off Had to get in to salvage my cast & got. filthy. Armstrong gone cast flittered. Had anor Armstrong which put on end of Dry Fly cast Trout rising 2nd loop but would not take out a "Dunne" over him no good swirled it off. Spent an hr. On down 2nd field at end one rose & got him on Armstrong having put on red olive to balance cast. Back up but nothing more.		1	1·2	
" 15th	Coultons With Daddy - state visit 5-8. Slight rain morning dull strong N.E. wind which got very cold. Each had two casts. I had one on bottom of 2nd field which got off. Came up met Daddy. I fished up to Bridge where rose & struck a beauty on a good Phelps. The fly point came off & cast broke Tried other cast which broke same place had to soak an indifferent cast. Took off flies would not find two. Crawled about for long time & then mounted other cast rose trout in same place twice. Daddy came up she had lost cast He went down when I found my two flies spat Dry Fly over trout Bitterly cold. My casts were Cranmetts 2x unused & Daddy's Standish (Holy) new.		2	34	28·2

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		Fwd.	2	34	28·2
May 16th	Coultons 5-830 NE wind sun cold. No much fly. Fished down to the join where lot of fly coming in from Magherarney. Put Armstong over one & got him 100s arr under trees but bridge broken would not cross One rising where stream comes in but Armstrong put him down. Put up Dry Fly waited. Got him after about 10 mins. He rose beside it several times. On up nothing doing tried wet flies round Heath whome. Was quite cold without coat		2		1·5
17th	New Mills 5.15-6 Wicked day. Gale from NE snow this morning. Settling in for a wicked frost. Water dead low. Ev rather spoilt as discovered shortage of petrol went to Carlton				-
18th	Coultons 11.30-3 Not quite so cold wind NW. No fly nothing doing. Down to the join three times Got fed up & came home to a belated lunch.				
"	Magherarney left car at 2nd bridge. Trout rising below bottom Heath spent an hr with Dry Fly unsuccessfully Put up Armstrong etc immediately hooked the three of which lost 2 good ones & got one 5 ozs. Lot of wind started to rain. Rose a lot more some of which touched some struck too quick. Got one ¾ lb home. V. wet about legs		2		1·1
19th (Sun)	Magherarney 11-4.45 Rain last night alot of showers milder v. little wind. Started with wet flies no good dry fly then wet flies again Finally rose one fishing between bushes mixed the strike hooked me in bushes & cast frayed so put up "Dunne" & rose one. Down other side & rose some finally 2 lost my fly in one then put up a fly (Halford spent great make) & got one below hedge fishing down stream against wind Terrific shower tried Armstrong over one rising continuously no good. Rose a couple worse then started home. Casting the fly in could see little trout looking at it & in order to see why missing changed to 4x cast rose a better one with next cast got in strike alost fly. Put back 2x & gradually home without rising anything more. Would be a good place if could learn to strike through		1		·8
21st	Cargills Dam ev. Not a move or sign of fly. McClones. No fly but a couple of riser. Daddy out with me Nice evening though rather frosty. Rise of Yellow Sally				-
23rd	L. Sheelin Daddy & Sydney. Started 8.30 Over car Cavan thr. Through Killycleck lake 11. Wind & lot of cloud drifted straight down & 12.30 I got into a trout after ½ hr nothing doing still had not seen it thr Wash heavy Daddy getting wet eventually landed 1 hr 20 mins Boy could not get boat up so had to give a hand very stiff 40 mins lunch into head Sun came out I abandoned Crichtons bay rod V. pleasant Syd got amon over & 5.30 & I did Dry Fly one dist Rises Crafty Devil. Left lake 6.15 Big lot of fly lots few Bag 2 9½ lbs.				-
25th	McClones 3 Amused myself at bridge for an hr then down and amon while below br. Cargills Dam where no fly good wind so fried wet flies there 7.45 Very nice dam. No fly round the hawthorn which is loaded		-		
			2	39	31·0

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Fwd 2 39 31·0

May 28th L. Sheelin Paddy Uncle H. his car. Lake ll Bright sun E wind. Drifted down lake. Then back lunch v. pleasant took down Crichtons rod spun up Dry Fly which fished for rest of ev. without result. Two drifts tea 6·30 two more drifts home 8·30 Paddy got a good rise last drift, saw some rise. Pleasant day -

June 4th Ty. Blackwater beyond Glennan with Mills 7·30-10·45. Cold damp thundery. Nothing doing, only odd fly. Mills a pike on a spinner. I fished a rise in shallow at end -

" 9th Sun Herberts R. Nice early morning but turned chilly and damp. Water low and weedy Down to low br. walked up to rapids from where fished down. Splendid ripple Back to car lunch, got a little below top br. down to middle, fished up. Armstrong, Butcher, Hares Ear, Red Black Spider Golden Olive 11·30 1 4
11·30

Whit Monday 10th Blarney bane 11·30-7 Uncle H. Splendid starting. Swind little east, good ripple. Nothing doing. A drift at Clogher and I rose three to Olive March Brown wrong drift got me. Uncle H rose some. Rain started, we did not fish much more. Blue Silver, Green Olive, Sooty Olive, Partridge, Orange Spider, Olive, Black Silver 1 5

" 22nd McGlones Mill 8·30-10·30 R. grand order warm cloudy ev. Three strolled along road down when met Tyholland P.P. along round again when got another, rose one at very bottom. Olive March Brown (1) Partridge Orange (1) Black Silver (1) one middle or hand 3 7.6.5. Horrible string, wet fishing quarry hole. 4 1·14

" 27th McGlones Dull ev. water v. high, coloured fished down road Olive March Brown. Blue bottle priest. Cargills dam then below. Mill race empty 8-10. -

30th McGlones 7·45-10·15 Water nice for dry Fly. Bright shot. Tried wet flies above br. then to bottom with "Crafty" Saw a rise spot it boys fished on up exchanged to pale olive which put up over nice Grainger Quill spot a rise but lost top of cast later. Put back "Crafty" but no good. No rise only occasional rise 1 6

July 2nd McGlones 8·15-10·15. Paddy came out but did not fish. Dull water low. Occasional rises. Tried Medium Olive Black Conat without success finally rose one on Crafty but was not looking. Seen to be odd May fly, reports of some caught earlier -

8th Blarney bane with Mills 8·15-11·45. S.E. wind bright. Turned cool ev. Very little fishing till after tea when I rose some. More tea 9, spasmodic rise during which we each rose at least a dozen. Mills got two Sooty Olive. Very pleasant expedition -

16th Raconnell 8·30-9·30 Warm showery ev. odd rises above bridge. Med. Olive 4x long line got one pulled in slack when tangled myself in it. Net was away below once so lifted him out. Water dead low & no current. Came on heavy shower. 1 6

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July 19th **Lough Derg** Mr Ross 12 hot & wind NNW round boat house bay "Derg" Olive March Brown Big Claret Mallard (Limerick) No good though rose a few. Sharman came out at 6 and we fished round Bloody gap Sharman & I each got one mine on Fenian left lake & rather cool Total 2.

20th 10. Mr Ross & young Hugh Fished round Bloody gap & I got one trout sev. down outside Mr Ross got a couple. Left the boy on the Is. & picked him up & rowed up passed Saints Is where had lunch. Sharman had 3 nice ones up to head & fished round wind SW & light I got one then a good one 14 ozs later another lost good one Orange Grouse. Tried Blue Bottle no good nor Black Teal so back to Fenian lunch opp. Kilberry Is & fished down to Connolly's bay. Rowed back to gap fair cross wind 18 min Total 15. 7 3–3

Blaneybane with Sydney br. cool stiff N wind nothing rising. I rose one late Dry fly red quill -

27th **Raconnell** Drizzle afternoon. H trying dry fly. Nothing doing till 9.45 when nice rise just above br. Could not get fly perhaps Blue winged olive. Rose one on Ginger Quill one Red Quill -

31st **Blaneybane** 6.45 - 10.15 with H. nice ev. S. wind some rising when got there but stopped. I fished Dry fly & rose one ginger quill. red quill blue upright. H stuck in one Wickham? -

August 2nd **Raconnell** 8-10 Above br. nice ev. water dead low a few rising but no good. Rose one on blue winged olive below br. yanked one which was too small to hook. At end my line seemed growing to length of rod -

19th **Raconnell** 5.15 - 7 Some rain lately & v. slight fresh. Nothing moving no good. -

September 3rd **McGlones** 5.15 - 7 Dropped H at Falkland Water very nice coloured. Greenwell (t) Rolys Sedge Rose a couple down stretch and one splashed when pulling my flies up at bottom put on Priest tried again. Rose another. H got 3 = 1½, 9 oz 7. Big one on Sedge ors. Rolys -

7th S **Blaneybane** 3 - 6.40 with Bets. lovely afternoon. Good S wind & good deal of sun. Started with "Count" Partridge Orange Olive March Brown. Saw one rise put flies over him she took jumped a lot then went down & then another jump off. Rose a couple more & got one. All Olive March Brown. Tried Yellow Partridge Hardy Favourite & Orange Grouse & Teal & Silver on tail Tea 5.15 & after rose a couple more. Good exercise rowing boat against wind. Bets fished all the time but no luck. 1 6

28th S **Blaneybane** 2.45 - 5.45. Border in 20 mins. Lot of rain last night & this morning Wind west dull but not cold. Very dead I got one Bets rose one. Mine on "Count". Tried Olive March Brown Phelps Hares Ear Wickam; Fenian Blue & Silver. Saw 2 rises 1 8

Total 3 52 38 · 4

under 4 ozs

15 · 5 Mar.
10 · 15 Apr.
4 · 12 May
2 · 13 June
3 · 9 July
1 Sept.

55

52 trout weighing 38 lbs 4 ozs

17 Dry Fly

62 days 55 trout av. 11 · 1

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		Under 4 ozs	Weight
March 1st (Su)	Crumlin 11.30 having dropped Daddy Seminary Reach. Bitter N.E. wind water nice. Started with Priest (too large) Hares Ear Golden March Brown. Got one run below br. pool fishing middle of river. 5 ozs On down only fishing open places owing to wind Top pool Falkland changed to Black Gold Blue Silver, Mouse Silver Woodcock wing red hackle got one just hooked pool above Elm Tree. Had to hold him terrible hard could not get him up v. stream waded down. Terrible job. Rose one three times bridge pool spotted Blue Silver tangled he took next time went off with fly & point which had put on wrong this morning Fiddled about & home 2.	2	- 15
3rd	Falkland 2-3.30 Not quite so cold snow last night Beastly showers starting west sun. Started little field, got one on Woodcock Mouse on hand changed to large Hares Ear on tail instead of Greenwell, got another same place. On down. First garden all grown over Bottom of 2nd garden got a nice 1lb 02. Am far too severe playing them. Bridge pool again	3	2 . 5
4th	McGlones 5-6.15 Hard cold Mill working + good flow of water Fished along rd changed Hares Ear for Priest. Pool below br. got one on Woodcock Mouse. Put on tail halfway down again 550	1	. 13
6th	Falkland 5-6.45 Lot of water, bit too much coloured. Along lane changed Black Gold to Priest and on down to Elm Tree where changed cast soaked it, put blue bottle on middle. Bridge pool got one 15 ozs on small Hares Ear. Bottom of 2nd garden lost Hares Ear put up Woodcock & got a small one other end. Back to br. pool and another. 6.25 top pool again but dark & home	4	1 . 14
7th S	Derrygooney with Daddy 1-4 Rained last night, drizzle slight clearance. but showers Left Daddy Connolly's, started 6 oz run rose one other got one 5 ozs Hares Ear hard. On down without seeing anything till Is pool where got nice one on Blue Black tail. Down further & lunch 2 Daddy had one 1/4 lb. she went down I fished Connolly's hampered by bulls, came down, fished Ninas pool & so home after rather enjoyable day	2	1 . 1
8th (Su)	Raconnell 12-1.15 Nice warm day. Water v. high but clearing fished from Rafeenan to big pool. First went to Falkland then to McGlones where fished for a bit too coloured & v. high	-	
10th	Falkland 4.30-6.30. Water v. nice cool E wind. Rose one top pool, got one bottom garden 6.15. Jim Eastham out in front of me. Top of 2nd garden got into river, fished to head no good	1	. 7
11th	Falkland 2-3.30 Bright l. E wind. Rose one top pool. My cast was worn out at end & spent a lot of time changing flies etc finally discarded it. Little brat 2nd garden badly hooked	1	- -
14th S	Derrygooney 12.15-3.55 Nice day dull l. E wind. Started 6 oz. run. Got one back of mill on Blue Black. Put up Dry Fly 6 oz run on way back. no good. Lunch Daniels Drum, down to Schoolhouse. Ninas pool stretch of deep. Is pool & down. Home in 35 mins 15 to Rockcorry Match.	1	. 5
15th (Su)	With Daddy Derrygooney cars & across to head of other river. Took Daddy on to Lillan, I fished bottom 2 back to Derrygooney and down to bridge. Put up Blue jiggers from Sydney & rose one Ninas pool up to 6 oz run down again rose two more Home 6.45 Very nice day.	-	
		1 14	7lbs 12 ozs

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March 17th Herberts River with Mills 11.15 Fine dull warm v. l. W wind. Talked a bit & I went down to middle br & got one in run into pool 100 yds Greenwell hand. On down to Marsh back to bridge where met Mills chatted back to car for lunch sunny & warm. 2.15 I went to bottom br. and at end of run got into big one which came out from my own bank. Splashed on top for a bit then went down After 5 mins started for lake & passed the break. I followed with nearly all my 35 yds out. Had to engineer my line over the bushes at bend. Played about steadily for a bit and got him in did not get net near him played about in out for good while and then got him in clear head first. Left arm absolutely aching. Smoked. tried few casts last middle of cast including the worthy Hares Ear. In him 2 X out
Largest trout XXX roughly 30 mins. Weighed carefully at house 6 lbs 2 ozs 6 lbs when home after six Mills 2, 10 ozs each in splendid condition
The river seemed in good order have added to store of information. Pleasant lazy lucky day. 1 14 7. 12 2 6. 12

19th L. Braddan with Mills 3.30 - 6.30 Rained strong S.E. wind bitterly cold. Hands numb. I started past marsh against wind but had to give up. Mills got a couple near side Hung above then went right round Rose two & a third a finish lee side. Mills instructed me to jiggle flyfished 3. -

22nd (Su) Derrygooney 12.15 Started late as raining Gale from S. water low cloudy. Six oz run rose one rose and at Mill nothing did Ninas pool. Lunch & went to join and fished about till 4.30. Met Baldwin he had one. Took first to right & came back to school house & did Nina's pool from road when turned nice one over rose and. Is pool Nina's again -

28th Derrygooney 5-6 Nina's pool Is. pool 6 oz run. No good. Could not get out earlier.

29th (Su) Derrygooney 11.30 - 4 with Daddy. Heavy rain last night & river coloured. Nina's pool the "Ford" 1 run. Rain back to car. Daddy nil after lunch the Ford and on down to dam Saw nothing. Tried priest Butler Greenwell Bleak finished with Hares Ear Yellow Partridge & Blue Black. Should have gone on but thought rain might have brought a change. Met a man using thread line. They have been getting pike. Glad of day as doing Ballyboy -

31st Raconnell 5-6.45 Water coloured above br. to double bend. On woodcock mouse Tried Greenwell Priest large Hares Ear. Contagious spring ev. 1 4

April 1st Falkland 4.45 - 6.50 Chilly E wind. Saw one rise bend above br pool and one bottom 2nd garden. Rose one splashy rise bottom 1st garden. Greenwell, March Brown - Woodcock mouse Priest Hardy Favourite -

5th (Su) New Mills 11.30 Left H. Crumlin lot of people Falkland so down. Bright hard day & wind water low. Worked up then thought saw a trout rise put up Dry Fly and did a stretch no good on up past bend. Then Hutchens where did two pools lot of fly ev. pleasant. Back to Falkland upst dry Fly up pool for 15 mins House 2. -

Herbert out since thrust has been rising afternoons but he has done no good still bright chard but warm except for frost nights. 1 17 14 - 12

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April 9th Easter Thurs to Easter Mon **Corrib** Jim Kershaw started 10.45 lunch on road Roscommon. Arrived Philbins on shore of lake 5 after pleasant journey Jim's car. I drove 60 miles. Tea then down to lake and fished from shore till 7.30 I nil one rise Jim two. Dinner Roly & Tomlinson arrived 9.45. 1 17 14-12

Fri. Sun nice breeze on lake 11 & fished till lunch I rose one & got one over 1lb. Jim rose one lunch on Is. wind dropped and after long interval trolled till 7 Roly got 2 cool by now. Bed late 1 1 6

Sat Bright Sun and dead calm. Trolled till 12 then on to far big Is. where sat Trout rising round Is and I tried dry Flies Olive Dark Olive Baigents Black without result trout rose round but did not take. Played cards till 5 then trolled. Played switch again ev. Lay on Is only shirts & trousers so warm Sun Cold & breeze Trolled Jim got one before lunch rowed up to Harbour had lunch in a shower nice spell after then trolled more round further Is shone by far side. Squally. Jim got one. All on a black & gold bait including Roly. Got quite rough. Finished in front of house with flies but no good.

Mon Beastly cold I left boat 12 and fished from shore until two when had lunch near top of lake Roly had two & had lost a fish he never saw. We went over to far side and I got two runs. Squall came up & I got a wave down my neck. Boatman started for home & I got into a fish which took out a good deal of my backing. Boatman rowed on & I got in some of my line squall eased & let boat drift. Fished jumped and turned out to be a salmon. Very sulky & kept boat steady did not do much for good while & boatman decided to row up to keep out of weeds. Fisher seemed to be tiring and stopped but could not get it near. Squall came up again & decided to go for shelter of rock when there decided to go on to shore. Towards end took out a lot of line and then we got him in Nervy moment while landing as nearly got out of net (mine) but safely managed. Jim & I got out & walked up road as frozen stiff Boatman followed. Salmon in good condition weighed 17½ lbs on Orange & Gold bait. Fish him almost 1 hr. others joined us with five trout Tomlinson 2 Dinner 5.30 & for home 6.25 arriving 12.25. I drove from Longford journey 160 miles. Hail or snow lying on fields Claremorris. Very pleasant trip indeed and would be good for fly decent weather

Salmon 17½ lbs.

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April 19th (Su) Herberts R. Douglas H & B. 11:30 N.T. Chilly N.E. wind. Started middle br & got one end of pool on Greenwell. Water low good breeze. Down to marsh & fished up. Lunch I had a rotten cold. Down to low br & did bits to marsh. Back to & fished lake till 4:45 ors nil. Started home & just after broken br. car made a row & stopped. Trouble diagnosed between gear box & differential. H started for B'bay. Car came along sent message for car to fetch us. H. came back & we sat in car till after 7. Walked into B'bay 1 hr 35 mins 5 or 6 miles & got car home. Drizzly cold ev. Family v. worried. 1 18 16-2

N.B. 21/4/36. Driving shaft gone. Still beastly weather. Sleet this afternoon. 1 12

26th (Su) Herberts R 11:30 Some rain & heavy shower. Gale from S.W. water low. Middle br. & got a couple of trouts. Shower lunch & then to bottom br. No good & tried Dry Hares Ear top br. ~~with~~ & rose one & down to middle br. 4:30 to Derrygooney & put Dry Fly up river from Connolly's v. wind & also Daniels Stream Lovely ev -

27th Falkland 5:30-7 Showery river nice but low mild. Did not see a thing & on way back got one foot of 1" garden. Thought would have done something Greenwell (Hy) 1 10

28th Falkland 10.15-11.30. Water away got nice one that fought like anything pool below new field. Tried Dry Flies but no good. 1 15

30th Raconnell 8.15-9.15 Mild ev. water low not dead nothing doing. Hares Ear Dark Olive & Dunne Midge at double bend. -

May 1st Raconnell 7.45-9.15 Tried Midge Red Spinner Dark Olive but no good. Odd rises -

2nd (Sa) Falkland 10.30-1.30. Water dead low bright sun. Medium Olive up Br. pool then below br. I saw one in run just below Med. Olive no good & put up one of Dicks. Hares Ear body olive hackle large & got one 5 ors. to bottom of 2nd garden & fished up in any little runs & got anor. stretch before road. Rest of way up to 3rd above br. V. hot and did not see anything more. 2 10

7th Raconnell 8.30-9.30 with Daddy. Nice flush wet flies one rod. Really a stroll -

10th (Su) Falkland 10.15-1.15. Bright some water nothing doing. 5.30-9.30 with Baldwin Murphy slight drizzle. Mostly at Bridge pool where occasional rise but could do no good. -

13th Raconnell 8.15-10 with Herbert. Lovely ev. water nice for Dry fly. Couple rising stretch below double bend. Fished down with Pheasant Tail. Went below & they stopped crossed to far side & they started again. Tried Ginger Quill Black Coat Dark Olive & eventually got one on Baigents Red Spinner. Dark & after few more each home 1 5

15th Raconnell Left Dry Flies at home. Not much doing. Tried single wet fly -

16th Raconnell 8-10 with Daddy. Poor rise. Rose four on Baigent Spinner without touching. Was not getting fly out well -

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May 17(Su)	Raconnell 8-10·15. Magherarney morning. Bright water low nothing doing saw no fly. Thovely ev. Good rise. Had left my casts at home & had to manage with wet fly cast. Tried Red Spinner, Pheasant Tail, Dunne Midge, Med Olive, Baigent Black, Orange Quill, eventually rose one on March Brown. Best rise yet		-
18th	Raconnell Still could not get the fly		-
20th	McGlones Georgeous ev. May fly up but only trout I saw not taking it		-
25th	Coultons 7·30-10·15 Very little fly good deal of spent gnat. Up Magherarney where some rises & got a fingerling. No one seems to have done anything. Fished wet flies up		-
June 1st Wht Mon	Lough Derg Daddy Herbert started & lake 10·30 pouring dead calm eased and fished round gap till lunch occasional light breeze. I got 6 Olive March Brown Claret & Connemara others 3. Lunched boat house when wind got up N.W. cold. Tribarn bay Daddy & each got a good one & I missed some. Fished on down stiff wind & swell had a stiff pull back up low shore. Left lake 7·30 I was wet in bow. Supper 8·15 when I found had not my coat went back to lake arriving Pettigo 9·25 Closes 10·45 Ford Bag 18 8½ lbs.	8	2 · 8
14th	Braddragh With Marcus. Rain left 7·15 Fishing 8·15 - 10·15 Cold showery & stiff N.W. wind. Had to make up a cast. Marcus trying thread line. I went left rose one when from high bank got one Butcher & one Olive March Brown. Rose several without touching & got one then lost my cast on strike. Poor gut. Made up one with 2 flies touched one & rose a couple more. Marcus got two. He also lost a cast & line	3	1 · 2
24th	Braddragh with Mills. Heavy rain last night. Calm I fished off high bank but wind died. Rose two. Mills other side got one Nice ev. turned settled		23 -
July 3rd	Derrygooney with Daddy 7·35-10. Thundery damp weather past fortnight heavy rain yesterday. Walked up from Connollys where river dredged lake lowered 2 ft. Back of Connolly rd. side saw a tiny rise threw in fly & missed strike threw in again when saw trout examining again & got one 1¼ lbs. The reeds very high & was just throwing fly across Orange Quill. Other side rose one when not looking got a little wheel & then broke back. Tried one & no good Evening ev.	1	1 · 4
4th	Falkland 8 Water nice bit much colour bright sun. Terribly overgrown thistles etc. Golden Olive Rdg Brat no good. Raconnell. Rose one on Orange Quill & one on pale olive but neither touched. Daddy did not fish.		-
5th	Raconnell 8-10 Gordons. Got one Greenwell. Nothing more rising. Water nice colour Daddy tried wet flies & dapped with moth "Daddy" with no result. Pleasant bank	1	6
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1936 July 16	Lough Derg with Armstrong. Arrived 12 Started Station Is & I got one on to Trebarn & round Saints Is etc. Gusty SW wind with showers Bag 11 4#		4	1-12
17th	Started 10.15 same kind of day. Saints Is Gravel ridge rocky Is & down to Connolly where had lunch on down part river. Wind dropped 5 had tea & rowed up to Bloody Crap then drifted down Armstrong got 3 round bay I tried dry fly & rose one on large Blue Hares Ear Bag 11		2	1-0
18th	Strong E wind v. dull wol showery. Rowed along Corcreevy & started bottom Armstrong one on troll & I got one at start drifted up shore to Trebarn when had lunch Armstrong had 12 fishing small light claret. Lunch stiff breeze & rowed to point drifted to Saints Crap & I got one on small claret lent by Armstrong through gap & down Armstrong doing well several drifts round Saints Is I getting very bored About six started across stiff pull then wind got up Round bay Armstrong got 3 or 4 left 7 pouring Other boat 7 Bag 30 Total for 3 days 52 of which Armstrong 44		2	12
	Left Pettigo 8.30 pouring Car stopped with rain beyond Kesh. After Newtownbutler terrific lightning rain car choked outside Clones & stopped twice before home where had had Inspector			
23rd	Blaneybarn H.q Terrible rain last night wet morning Gale Water just into boathouse. I did a couple of drifts Mills rowing Then vice versa. Tea & waited for a shower which passed couple more drifts each other poured. Soaked getting in car			-
26th	Lough Derg with Daddy continuous rain since Th lake over landing stage Terrible floods everywhere. Nice SW. Kellys Is. Trebarn I got a couple one on Sooty Olive & Mor on small bright Claret along top shore I got 2 more on Claret & got three pulls After lunch did rocks I got one Trebarn & down shore but nothing doing Nice ew nice breeze Crossed to Kellys Is & I got a little one. Crap I got Mor other bay I got one at end left 7.15 home 10.30 Daddy 8		8	3-8
August 1st	Raconnell 8-10 Dull wol slight rain Water nice. Nothing rising Wet flies rose one			-
3rd (Hol)	Lough Derg Pettigo last night to take Sydneys place. Gale NW heavy showers. Rose one beside sunk boat lost Sooty Olive. Pulled to Bloody Crap and I got one Connemara Black Few more drifts lunch then drove to Connollys bay where I got 2 others none more rain back. Roly had a puncture left Pettigo 8.10 Four rods 4 trout		3	1-1
5th	McGlones 8-15 with Daddy water nice little dirty no good on to other bridge. Saw one rise which tried dry fly pleasant evening			-
6th	Falkland 6.30-7 Water nice but did no good tried many flies			-
			1 56	32-11

fwd 1 56 32-11

1936
August 6 Blaneybar 4.30 with Mills Stiff NW wind eased q. Did no good till q o'clock when I lost one then got one in ors. Good rise but could not stick in any. wind changed for a few mins 10.30 & fishing into the light we each got a good one mine just over 1½ lbs his ¾lb. Mine on Sydneys purple bug. Mills rose a 20 2 2·6

7th Falkland 5-6 River slightly too high and very thick stuffy evening -

9th (Su) Falkland 11.30 Stuffy water nice Left H. Crumlin. Fished to first garden seat on bridge & did bridge pool again. Got a good one which was full of grub. H one 10 oz 1 1·5
Blaneybar with Mills. Wind light trout rising. Lost 3 on dry fly before 7 Blue Hares Ear & purple quill. Mills one. Dead calm after & did not have dry fly up. Dusk we each got one at edge of weeds Bag 6 over 4 lbs. Dott Braddan got 4. 4 2·9
38 15

10th Rafeenan 8·10 above br. one rising tried Greenwell then put down nothing more till 9.30 when notice couple rising under road which got on Orange Quill 2 ·11

16th (Su) Blaneybar with Mills 3.30 Nice afternoon S.E warm. Tried Dry Fly Purple Quill rose one Hares Ear got one then Wickan rose two Hares Ear got anor. Midges were coming on to lake & got one on Baigents Black one on Dunne Midge. Ev. changed after tea thickened like rain no right rise. Mills did not get anything. 4 1·12

18th Blaneybar 8 with Daddy & Mills Daddy rowing. Tried Dry fly but poor evening & put up wet flies on which rose several. Mills got two. No rise -

20th Loughmore 3.30 with Mills. Nice enough starting but chilly wet & black later I got one before tea on Orange Grouse. Nothing doing till dark when there was a rise off bank. Mills 2 anor later I lost my cast in one Left 10.45 1 ·12

21st Rafeenan 8 with Daddy. Fished rising trout Orange Quill Greenwell Ginger Quill (huckle) & rose him then nice little Ginger Quill with wings & rose him again. Occasional trout making solitary rises. Very nice sunny cool ev. - 42' 2

22nd Rafeenan 8 Nice ev. Fished a couple of poor rises -

23rd Blaneybar 3.30 with H. Lot of wind otherwise nice. I got one road side at start and then rowed H along boathouse H got one top bay. Some rising and we fooled round changing flies dry fly. After tea we each got one out of weeds road side. Nothing doing like rain stormy thereq. Bag 4 2 lbs 2 ·14

26th Blaneybar 8 Mills Daddy. Lovely ev. calm some rising tried Dry Fly rose two green Sooty Olive. Looks like fine spell -

P.T.O.

cJ

1 72 43lb

1936 (cont)

1 72 HH.0

1936
Sept

Corrib (Outward) Started with Mills in his car 12.30 for Interpro Angling Competition. I took over Cavan puncture Cavan and Edgeworthstown spent 2½ hours having rotten tyres patched. Oughterard 10.

Sat. Bright hard day, 48 rods I was with quite a decent bloke from Dublin. Fished very hard and tried all my flies but could do no good. Partner got 1 little one. Pleasant day if had not been for competition. Connect won. 75 rods got nothing including Mills. The proper flies are sort of Invicta Green Claret (i.e. bit of gay hackle) Dinner after Mills shooted round for information for next day

Sun Fished a little lake along main road to Maam. Frightful showers clear snow Mills got 8 I got 3 nice little trout Went back to same lake ~~Ah Beauty~~ "head Maam". Mills got a good one 1½ lbs and I missed a terrific one. Flies Bright Claret + Connemara Black 3 1.0

Mon Home arrived 4 I drove all the way and made good time

1 75 HH.0

Season 1936

1 Salmon 17½ lbs
75 Trout HH lbs av. 9.4 ozs.
14 Any fly.

Best trout 6 lbs 2 ozs wet fly Sillan River.

March 14.12
April 3.11
May 15
June 3.10
July 8.8=10
Aug 11.6
Sept 1.0

67 days

1937

1937 Wet winter. Three big floods two in February with snow & gales V. cold.

March 3rd Falkland 4.45 Water nice little high light N.wind Started new field March Brown; Blue & Silver; Woodcock & mouse. Got one bridge pool before tree. Quite a nice evening, though cool left six. 1 1·1

7th (Su) Falkland 11-12.45 Bitter E. wind trying to snow. Snow Friday night. Father started br pool went down right bank. I fished down from big field. Changed Blue & Silver to priest. Got one v. long bottom of second garden. Along after lunch just as cold did whole stretch without result 2.15–4.30 Woodcock 1 1·13

17th St Patrick's Day Derrygooney 11-3.45 Nice day S.E. wind. Water far too high coloured also snow. Weather has been dreadful. Snowed last Th Fri wet had to go to B.b by train. V. heavy rain yesterday Started 6 oz run and down to Br. Father had got one 4 oz just below from road side & I got one on Yellow Partridge. Lunch uther to Connollys. Believe bull gone; went up dredged bit 6 oz run & Is pool abv again hopeless whome. Pleasant day after weather been having a in house so much added to a lot of work. 1 6

21st (Su) Falkland 11-1.30 with father N.E. wind cold. Started br pool got one very long at start then did both gardens met father at bridge up to top. Water too high after lunch McGlones Mill bright wind water high. Lost Greenwell on hand probably in fish below br down to bottom and below br again when rose one to "Priest" on far side but the stream caused too much slack. On down to "Ford" 1 1·2

25th (M) Derrygooney 2·6 Nice day N.E. wind water high. Started below dam and got one Is pool from road side. Up to 6 oz run and Is pool again when lost whole cast in what must have been a good one. Schoolhouse did Ninas pool Is pool again around Connollys Is again above br and Ninas from other side. Got it on "bug", last years better than this seemed to be blue over red 1 10

26th Good Friday Falkland 11-1.15 Snow shower after breakfast then bright & v. cold N.E. dropped father Beesmount utt. Crumlin. Nothing and after br pool changed Priest to Black Cold top pool of 2nd garden got one 14 oz at turn further down than usually get first have got there since bushes grown up. after doing 3rd garden did this pool again & got one 15 oz Mouse & Woodcock. H father nothing after lunch Maghcrerney 3·4·30 I went up. Still bright very cold fished as far as 5 gaps got one 6 ozs on blue bug. Not very pleasant as too much wind ors nil 3 2·3

28th (Su) Derrygooney with H sholto Bright after bitter frost. I stayed at Connollys all day. Lost my cast in tree No fly. Tried Dry fly on spec. & 4 o'c put up wet again fished to below school apart of deep left 5.30 Pleasant enough day 1 one 6 ozs 8 6·3

1937 (cont)

1937 (cont) fwd. 8 6-3

March 29th Easter Mon. Falkland H. Sholto Bitter frost water low cloud morning then bright cold. I left H. Crumlin went to McClones fished quarry. Oil or something coming from Mill & chucked fished quarry up carefully then to Falkland. Fished top of 2nd garden then to far side ran down. Back up opposite Wallaces rose a little one then bottom of 2nd garden rose another then top Church. After lunch to Crumlin & fished on down to big field when chucked. Others nil 3 or. roads -

April 1st Falkland 2.30 after District Court bright water low Had been a nice morning -

4th (Su) Derrygooney 11.45 with H. Dull practically no wind mild. Fished Daniels Dream & pool after then down to Pucks where some rising would not take put up Dry Dark Olive got one first cast then another. then rose one and again across stream - nice fish - he may have hit the fly. Up to open field where one rising but no luck then rise of fly stopped so did fish except for an occasional rise. lunch 2 then below & down to Ninas. Put Dry fly up over Mill dam Hunter Marsh & Daniels Dream with seeing any chance 5.15. H nil. 2 -12.

11th (Su) Derrygooney 11.30 Rain last week mild & dull. Started Pucks Pool & got one 9 12 on Dark Olive then one 11 oz on Purple Quill which caught in weed then went through net. Went below & tried wet flies to Is pool. Back to Pucks Pool had three rises to Purple Quill tried lot of other flies. lunch 2.15. & back to Pucks Pool then down & talked with Baldwin & down to Is with wet flies. One rose tried him with red bug then dry fly on spec. Up to Connollys 5 & after a little Pucks pool again & got one on spec 6 oz purple quill 3 1.11

15th (Th) Falkland 2.15 Water nice dull chilly. Started third field down to bridge & then first garden where got little one which put back. Started to rain top of 2nd garden touched one & got one bottom Blue Silver. Did it again then touched one opposite Wallaces down to double bend & then bridge pool 5.15. Rain stopped still cold 1 4

18th (Su) Derrygooney 11.30 N.T. Bright water over marsh E wind dull later milder. Started Daniels Dream & fished to Deep. Rose one Pucks Pool. Up to 6oz run where saw a rise. Changed to Dry tried Olive no good put up Pheasant Tail. Lost fly on strike. Pucks pool one rising under tree in hole crossed from road side to Is & tightened on him but long line. lunch 2 & down to 6 oz Trout rising but Eardley arrived simultaneously. after little ors up & I tried Pheasant Tail then Hare's Ear Olive when got him Bets landed after good run lightly hooked. Tried ano with Olive then Pheasant Tail & got into him. He went down. too big a hurry to land Bets missed cast caught in net shake. Some other solitary rises. & Put up wet fly and fished lonely 1 1.6

15 10-4

1937 cont | fwd | 15 | 10-4

April 22(Th) Derrygooney 1.15-6.15 lot of rain all week. Showers as starting. Water about 2 ins up SW gale mild. Fished from Connollys to School then from "Ford" up. No good turned bright v. warm. Did not see a stir | -

23rd Raleenan 8.15-9.15 Nice mild ev. Water slightly high. Fished down to bridge & then rose one under hedge | -

24th Derrygooney 5.30-6.30 East wind Fished back of Connollys no good Raleenan 8-9.15 Nice and mild rose one below hedge | -

25th (Su) Falkland 11 B. Murphy there. Gorgeous day everything right. Started 1st gar & rose one & anor top of 2nd gar. Got one 13 ozs bottom. Up to Crumlin & fished half way down when met Baldwin followed by two ors. Started again 3rd field. Got one straight before bridge pool 1.14 in place when Uncle H used to get them. On down to Wallaces ground following anor man. lunch 2 & called at house Magherarney started 2nd br. & got one 6ozs on blue bug. Rose one in stream at Kesh on down to 2nd Kesh back when rose him again Above little br got one 5 then above school & fished to Egans. Very tired & glad to find Kinkaevans Canal 7oz | 4 | 3-6

26th Falkland 6.15-8 Bright sun warm nothing doing

28th Falkland 6-7.30 Dull warm misty rain came on. Rose one 3rd field & two top of 2nd garden one of which touched. Very disappointing | -

29th (Th) Falkland 10.30-1.30 Water lowish. Heavy weather & dead nothing doing & tried a lot of flies without seeing anything. Evening went to Crumlin. No rise | -

May 1st Falkland 8-9.30 Gorgeous evening No rise tried wet flies for bit & Dry Fly over one that showed in Br. pool Midge Olive & Hares Ear | -

2nd (Su) Derrygooney + Herberts R 11.30-6 Bright sunny day light E wind Saw one mild rise Pucks Pool & put Dry Fly up runs from 1s to 6 oz through gorge lunch & later to other river. Started bottom & tried pools to top without seeing anything. | -

6th Derrygooney + Herberts R. 2-8 Drizzle + showers mild. Put up wet flies which put over a rise back of Connollys. Raining & put up Dry Fly Bargenti Black which put over a rising trout also Blue Pheasant Tail midges Hackle Blue Hares Ear etc. Move rain on to other river which fished good spots from top to bottom without result. Tried Golden Olive Yellow Partridge Greenwell Blue Silver Olive Hares Ear etc. Back to Derrygooney where still rising tried all Dry Flies again also sunk Pheasant Tail wunk Tups. Thunder shower on way home. Now sure they were nymphing as did not break water or cause bubbles | - | 19 | 13-10

1937 1937 (cont) prev 19 13·10

May 4th Raconnell 8-430 Water v. low. Couple of trout at Gordons. Missed one on Black Gnat. –

12th Derrygooney 3·30-6·15 Mild dull. Broke cast in one Daniels Dream Blue Pheasant Tail & later got a rise in round part of Pucks March Brown –

9th (Su) Blaneyban 4-6 Cold lot of wind S.E. Went up with Mills to look at boat. I rose about 6 on hand the four. Only one rod. –

13th (Tu) Derrygooney 1-4 Nice cold trout rising. Rose one below Pucks on Orange Black & one Daniels Ginger Quill and on twice in ~~shore~~ marsh first to a Hardy Hackle Harrs Ear then Pheasant Tail. Turned bright home for tennis –

16th (Su) Blaneyban 4-9 with Mills. Very hot morning but turned thundery looking. Mills got one in a squall & I rose in calm on Silver Hares Ear large small & hooked one Bargents got one on Blue Pheasant Tail After tea nothing till 7·30 looked like storm when I rose a couple on Mills rod then two to Orange Black. Any one of which but Mills got four one after taking his own rod from me I then rose four along tops of Shrubs on 2 ·15

17th Whit Mon. Blaneyban 3-7 H & B. Nice N. breeze warm hazy sun. All three fishes I working boat. A got one at top & missed three to Blue Spider. Nothing for some time then H a nice one. I tried Dry Fly then & Bets got a good one at stream and I put back wet flies got one 10 ozs Olive March Brown Tea 5·30 then cloudy. Fished along W side nicely & got one as did I on Spider & Bets into one. A couple more rises & back to stream H got one out of weed on Hares Ear & one on down & missed two beside boat house. Glorious day 3 1·5

Bag 8 weight 14 lbs

20th (Tu) Blaneyban 12·30-3·30 H Heavy clouds light wind S. fished along W side & H got a small one & I rose four. V. heavy shower 1·15-2 Had lunch no matches & chilly. Started before rain stopped & I got one 10 Top E. Sun & wind S.W. went to road side where I got one or 2 then along W again then across when I got one 1·1 on Blue Spider. Had to play golf at Blaney left Bag 4 2lb 11 oz 3 2·6

22nd Coultons 7·30 with Marcus. Cool and no fly. Did not put up my rod –

23rd (Su) L. Sheelin Sydney and Marcus. Strong S wind to start which later eased & went S.E. Sydney got one first drift 1½ & Marcus one 2nd drift 3½ Nothing rest of day. Left lake about 9. Herbert Daddy on Melvin where they had bad weather –

25th Loughmore Marcus & Mother 9·30-11 Came on a rise to midges & could not stir any then Marcus got a little one and I lost one. I rose several but most of them only splashes –

27 18·4

1937 May 1937 cont

		fwd	27	18·4
May 26th	Coultons 8-930 Fly up saw one rise heavy black clouds and came on to rain. Fished Wet flies. Coulton said fly not up yet. Hawthorne not out		–	
27th (Th)	Magheraorney 11-1·30 Water v. low sun cloud. Fished casually to below Kesh where got one q on Armstrong. Two more to Canal one on Phelps + a fourth above little br. Coming to hurgan afternoon anyway getting brighter		4	1·12
28th	Coultons 7·30-10 Dull ev. Saw one rise below br put wet flies over him she came with a bow wave. hooked silvery in water was probably a pike. Coulton got a pike later + other a small perch. On down to Magheraorney nothing doing about + on to Quarry Hole where saw a couple of solitary rises		–	
29th	Blaneybarn 7·30-10·30 with Father stiff breeze along road rose several. Father lost a nice one while being rowed along boathouse rotten cast Few middle drifts + then father took me along boathouse side + I got two 8+5. Rising at top + tried a few in calm back along boat house side + two more one 10 oz. missed a couple. ~~Cold~~ Cool Bag 5 2lbs 4 ozs.		4	1·13
30th (Su)	L. Sheelin 11-5·30 chilly + rough Spent 2 hrs crossing lake long drift lunch + two more long drifts. I rose one. Back gradually along bottom shore. Squally not art an enjoyable day. Marcus + father		–	
June 5th	Blaneybarn 7-10·30 Wet week Rain wind light. not of trout rising to a midge. Tried black + white midge Dry for a drift. Rose a couple towards end of evening + caught a small one father nil. Stopped by Customs on way home			21·13
6th (Su)	Lough Derg Marcus + Mattie 11-6·30 Wind light. I got one Bloody gap. Up to Saints Is + Mattie one on troll. Calm. Marcus rose several + got a small one. Lunch + other Is. + top of Blackwater where they lost about four gravel ridge + I got a tiny one then a couple on light Orange. Crowed up to top + I rose + missed a couple of good ones. Mattie got a nice one then I got one rose a couple. Wind went back to South + stiffened + home they got eight on way. Came on rain left. Rained all way Bag 14		4	1·11
14th (Th)	Blaneybarn Cloudy chilly + strong NW wind. Three drifts + rose about 6 Could not manage the boat. Mills then arrived + rowed me round got one 1·3 W side + lost anor. I took him + she rose 7 + 8 + ~~one~~ got one + then two more Tea and I got 3 next round + then he rose several + got one. All his + one of mine on Connemara Black. Left 9·30 wind up again + cold. Bag 8.		4	2·12
20th (Su)	Blaneybarn 3·30-8 with father calm I lost one Dry-Fly she got one Sea,		–	
			43	26·4

1937 (cont)

1937 43 26·4

July 3rd (Sa) Blaneybar 4-9 with Mills. Chilly & squally Nothing rising. He got one 12 ozs & I rose some. Twice each round lake only one fishing —

22nd (Th) Falkland 3·30-5·30 Damp. Water right but too coloured. Fished all the Pools to Wallaces but did not see anything bar of thistles etc. Tried Olive March Brown Orange Grouse Rolyi Priest Golden Olive Rained off on & since beginning of month & heavy rain all week without floods —

August 2nd (Mon.) Blaneybar 12-5 with Hester & Marjorie Hamilton Hot hazy & v. light wind I bet a Dry Fly in one Hares Ear, dun hackle & rose a couple. Others nothing —

28th Lough Salt Donegal Picnic dark windy & cold. Got 3 little ones along shore as did Denis Pringle. Olive March Brown Sooty Olive Claret anything small 3

Sept 23rd (Th) Blaneybar 2·45-6·30 with Herbert mild strong S.W. wind lake high & rather muddy. Not much rising. Each got one before tea between Boathouse & stream & I rose four. Sooty Olive & H a red fly sort of Sooty Olive. He got one after on a Purple Fly the only rise a very enjoyable afternoon but clouds rather dark. Bag 3 1:10 1 9

26th (Su) Blaneybar 12-4·30 Cloud right on lake for an hour. Got a small one & missed anor. Cleared & wind blew from S. missed a nice one at boathouse. Wind got v. strong & after lunch got one fishing from weeds at top. Got anor at bottom both on small blue bottle. Too much wind had cold unpleasant threat of rain 3 12

Season 1937 47 27-9

47 Trout 27 lbs 9 ozs av 9-4 ozs

Best. 1 lb 14 ozs Falkland.

7 or 8 Dry Fly.

March	6 - 3
April	7 - 7
May	8 - 3
June	4 - 7
July	—
Aug.	—
Sept.	1 · 5

48 days

1938

1938

Mar 24 Derrygooney 2.15-3.45 Showers stiff S.W Wind. Started Connollys got one on yellow partridge tree pool. Back to car & down to Mill at back of which missed one. Took car down to bridge. Took things very easily as playing Final Badminton Jun. Cup v. Ballinagh. Won 6-2 — 1 -12

April Derrygooney with Sheehan bright water low —

May Derrygooney Fished a couple of rtg risers & rose one to March Brown —

Blaneybar with Mills He got one —

June 5th (Whit) Lough Derg with father & Herbert spend morning in gap s/s side of boathouse shore. After lunch to Tribarn & Kelly's Is. etc Trout very slow. I was in middle. Bag 17 — 4 2-0

6th Very stormy got across boathouse bay other landed & fished from shore after lunch down other side H. of 2 each cliff mil. Stayed in new hotel which very comfortable. —

- McGlones (May) May Fly not up anything doing. No rise this year though up early on Sheelin —

16th Rafeenan No good Hardly fished at all. —

July 2nd McGlones water in good order got one on mouse on tail 1 8

3rd (Su) Blaneybar 4-10 with Mills cold showery & stormy. Nothing before tea. I got two after on Purple Blue bottle on tail he got nothing though rose several 2 1-12

10th (Su) Blaneybar 4-9 Terrific rain since Thurs. & lake into boathouse warm then cold, gale. Each round once before tea and he got one. After, he got one at stream & I got one at road side. He got one then I got one at stream Did not do any good with large Count on hand & a Blue Silver other on Brown Hackle with stuff body. 15 & 14 2 1-13

17th (Su) Blaneybar 3-8 with father misty rain then cold strong N.W. wind. Each rose a couple but nothing doing —

24th (Su) Blaneybar 6-9 with father & Mills S.W. wind mild rose a couple shower then cold more rain left. —

28th (Th) Blaneybar 4.30-9.15 alone. Strong S.W wind fished S.W shore then W. shore with difficulty tried middle ds. again after tea about 7 rose 3 got on W shore rose one S shore got into one middle 1 -9

Wind dropped rise came on but could not do anything bleed & again left. Water high into boathouse 11 7-6

1938

1938 cont

		11	7-6
Aug. 2nd Holiday.	Blaneybar 11-3 with Bets. Rained heavily Thur night fri eve night lake had been up to top roller + still nearly up to 2nd bight Swind calm spells bright sun, very hot. Odd trout rising. After lunch got one at point W. side + later anor E. weeds. Very small black Orange + ordy Hares Ear. Did not try Red Fly. Cast well burnt. Bets did not really fish. Trout in splendid condn	2	1-2
Sept. 15th	Blaneybar 3.30-6.30 Nothing stirring Waters very thick	-	
		13	8-8

Av. 10½ ozs.

16 days.

March - 12
April 6-12

May 2-0
June av. 10.
July 1-2.

Aug
Sept

1939

1939

Mar. 13 Falkland 3-5.30. Water high & rather coloured. Started 3rd field. Rose several small ones 2nd field & got 2. ~~lost~~ hooked one bridge pool & end of long line & never got it under control. Fished both gardens in bright sun. Greenwell(6) Mouse & Priest. Very wet cold winter & yesterday & today first decent days. 2 10

May 9th Derrygooney 2.30-5.15 with Sheehan. Nice warm dull afternoon Fishing rising pool below Daniels Dream & spent afternoon there without stirring any of them. Probably blackmidge if anything & certainly nymph -

28th (Su) Stonebridge R. 2.30-10 with Marcus Killen bright sun water dead low. Viaduct (river dredged) Few rises plenty of fly no good Went up to Rosslea border no good back to Annalove caught a couple of fingerlings above br. Scarva Bridge. Spent the ev. over good trout rising in bursts & spent gnat. Rose him & hit him once. Probably did not leave fly long enough (Beaten Rossmore Cup 5¼ lb. heavy & finest) -

June 3rd (Sa) Blaneybar 4-10.30 with Mills. Good E wind bright sun Fished v. little nothing rising. After tea he got one in shadow of bush & I rose on Large Hares Ear Dry. No rises turned cold. -

10th (Sa) Blaneybar 3.30-9.30 Mills & Meredith Strong v. cold N.W. wind water warm none rising. Rose a good many small ones. Bitter shower about 5.30 & v. cold. Got one at end & lost hooked on butches Meredith got 4 v. small ones two of which put back. 1 5

July 5th McGlones Mill 8.30 Nice little flow in river but no rises except tiny things Saw one nice rise above bridge. On to Cargills Dam but Wallace taking all water down the race Falkland water nice nothing moving -

16th (Su) Blaneybar 4.15 with Mills. Hot & thunder since Thur & late well up. Storm came up 5.30 over Cullamore but did not quite reach us. Left 6.15 & travelled home behind it. Had been v. bad about Bragan. -

18th Falkland 9-10.45 Water nice coloured Dull. Rose one top pool & saw some rise but only tried Dry fly in bridge pool & had left bag in car -

19th Falkland 8.30-10.30 Dull water lowish. Started 2nd field with large hackle hares ear (Moodys) & hit one. Got one top pool. None rising Tyholland priest arrived & as leaving fishing plain dark brown sedge dry 1 12

20th (Th) Blaneybar 5.30-9.30 with Sydney. Lovely afternoon turning cool when sun went down Each rose several (he most) after tea he got one about 5¼ lb -

4 1.11

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July 21 Falkland 8.15-10.15 Rained for bit. Got little one large Harvey ear, Dry top of 2nd field
+ another top of 2nd garden ~~bottom~~ above stones on Gaffeys + missed one, top pool same fly 2 .10

Aug 8 Falkland 8.15-9.45 Water nice lowish. Got one top of straight to bridge
pool, hackle harvey ear, small rise (having tried Gaffeys) Missed one Elm tree pool
crooked line rose over which touched. Lot of ~~water~~ rain since last out. 1 .12

Sept 5 Blaneybar 11.45-5.45 Heavy S.W. wind blowing up for rain. Herbert
spent most of day rowing one only fished 5 rises mostly Olive March Brown -

12th Blaneybar 11.15-5.15 with H N.W. wind nice. Not a rise I got one
on Olive March Brown 4 rose 2 Cool. Heavy rain later. Poor Condition 1 12

8 3.13

4 Dry flies
161 days.

1940

1940
Mar 22 Falkland 11-2 N.T. with Father S.W. wind water high & rather
Good Friday. dirty. I started 3rd field. Saw one rise Br pool & changed tail from
large Hares Ear to Priest. 12-30 got one top 2nd garden Greenwell & put
on Blue & Silver & got two more bottom. Up again & down to br. no
good. Father worked down to New Mills & got one just under 10 Bag 4 1/8 lbs. 3 1-0

26th Falkland 12-15-3-45. Cycled to Crumlin with Herbert water slightly
Easter Tuesday light & dirty Bitter N.E. wind & sun. Started 3rd field & fished to top 2nd garden
where saw a rise. Lunched with Hathern in 3rd field above rose one.
switched blue & silver to middle & mouse to tail & in a cloud got one 12 oz
on Blue & Silver & 3 casts further anor 6 oz on "mouse" fished next field
again without result. Herbert did not see anything. Tried Black & Gold for about 1½ hr. 2 1-2

31st (Sun) Falkland 11.45-1.15. Heavy drizzle. Water dark. Started 3rd field above
br. & did 2nd garden. 3 rises just above elm tree pool probably blue & silver.
tried Priest & March Brown as well as Hares Ear & Greenwell. One man got two. Wickham -

April 4th (Th) Derrygooney 3-6 N.W. gale bright with squalls water over banks
Fished 2nd Mill & above 2nd br. could barely cast. Stretch above top
br. got 4 & put one back & rose several 3 Priest 2 yellow partridge. Hares
ear & March Brown on hand. Tried top field & above again for ½ hr. max 4 1-3

14th (Sun) McGlones Mill 11-1.15 Cold half gale from N.W. water low. Rose
one twice below br Blue & Silver at start. Later anor just above br. The
point was worn & white. Tried Mouse & Black & Gold tail March Brown Wickham hand -

18th (Th) Falkland 11.30-1.15. Hard bright sun water slightly low but coloured
Fished two gardens & rose one to Blue & Silver middle. Tried Medium
Olive then changed B & S to tail Yellow Partridge middle got small one
in cloud after two rises in sun. Above br. (3rd field) got one Wickam hand in cloud. 1 .6

25th (Th) Falkland 11-1.50 Heavy rain Tuesday Water right well coloured
Mild S.W. wind. Started 3rd field above br. & saw one rise. Tried whole
series of flies incl. Blue & Silver Tail. Met Hanley 2nd field 11.30 & he had 4.
Gave me a large long hackle olive pigeon wing for hand. Went to
top 2nd garden & got one Blue & Silver (old) on middle. Bottom & back again
with Med Olive Quill tail & got anor bottom 1st garden anor & anor br.
pool. 1st garden again, nil & top 2nd garden 3rd time got large one 1½
Olive Tail then hooked anor which lost. After getting fly from 5 4·9
Hanley fished on top instead of deep. 1·9, 1, 11, 11 & 10. fwd. 15 8·4

1940 (cont)

		fwd.	15 8-4
May 9th (Th)	Falkland 11.30-1.30 Mild dark heavy water low Tried top pool 2nd garden wet flies other to br where saw one rising. Tried large Hares Ear Dry, up & over rise at top break other Miss Thorntons copy of Baigents Black & 4th cast one 1½lbs. Rose one middle pool 2nd garden & anor on med. olive same spot as got big one. Too much of a hurry	1	1-10
16th (Th)	Blaneybar 11.30-4 Herbert. Strong chilly N. wind. Fished boat house side, road other far side, where H got two & rose two. I then did first two sides & missed some. Lunch. I did far side & hooked & missed about a doz. H then top & both far side again. I got one on & Hanley's wore blue & silver	2	14
17th	Keady Hole 8-9 Bright & hard. River dirty & foul & water run off	-	
23rd	New Mills 7.30 With father Started McGlones nothing doing. Some small ones rising below br shallow water. Eventually hooked nice ½ pounder on grey & silver speckled May fly on long line in shadow of bank which lost. Home via Cargills & Falkland. Mild evening	-	
30th (Th)	Falkland 12-1.30 Water coloured, lowish. Warm thundery weather Nice rise when started Tried spent knat and all ordinary flies & Armstrong wet up stretch. Could not see any fly on water except midges	-	
June 3rd	Raconnell 8.30-10.30 after Hot bright heavy day. Fished an occasional rise above br. Lot of yellow sally about which tried & orange quill & ors. Tried rise below br. with midge & several others but did not stir anything.	-	
4th	Raconnell 8.15-10.45 Below br. unsatisfactory rise as short burst & then nothing for 20 mins. Rise to yellow olive & baigents spent gnat Finally got 3 rises certain to small red quill. Think one good trout cruising	-	
7th	Raconnell 8.45-10.45 Still blazing weather. Brought father. Good rise above br & rose 4 from road bank Alder Baigents Black Med. Olive & late big Hares Ear. Tried Red Quill & Baigents spinner Trout good but water v. dead.	-	
8th	Raconnell 8.30-10 With father blew up like thunder left odd rises	-	
9th	Raconnell 8.15-11 with father big storm broke somewhere & clearing & freshening. Nothing doing. Dropped March Brown & saw trout turn away then with Hackle Hares (Hardys) & rose one which touched. Continued without result. Rise started 10.15 & fishing from 1st gap covered with Hackle Hares Ear (Hardys) Baigents Black & Tups & finally put up Gaffeys with which about 10.40 dusk hooked one dark fly first cast. Trout very shy & even dapping put them down	-	
		18	10.12

1940 (cont)

		Jwd	18	10.12
June 20th	Lough More 5-8-30 with Sydney. Lake very low after continuous dry weather. Rather like thunder & dead Sydney rose one at weeds.		-	
30th (Sun)	Blaneybar 4.30-11.30 with Mills. Dull getting like rain. Each rose two before tea. Calm after and I put up Dry Fly lost a Baigents Black in one bad 4x gut. Got one along weeds March Brown, Getting dark got two on butcher wet but Mills did no good. Not a good rise	(Waters breeding fish reported ok)	3	1.4
July 7th	Raconnell 9-11. Good rise for about ½ hour before dark Water v. dead though coloured. Got a rise to hackle blue upright.		-	12-0
10th	Raconnell 8-11. Strong cold N. wind Water slightly up. Rose one to hackle Greenwell 0" fishing down & got anor same fly. Did not fish 6 casts		1	.10
13th	Raconnell 8.30-10.15 Good deal of rain Water well up & coloured V. odd rise Nice evening. Put down one just above br by standing house side. Rained all day following		-	
15th	Falkland 8.30-10.45 Water ~~slightly~~ coloured lowish. Rose small one top br. pool large hackle Hares Ear. Up & got small one foot of 3rd ~~garden~~ field from below tree 10" Turned v. dark. One rising well br. pool which got first cast. Large Hackle Hares Ear. Put up anor fly with difficulty but nothing doing.	(3 light impossible)	2	.14
18th (Th)	Falkland 10.30-12.30 Water coloured nice for Dry Fly fresh but lot of sun. Got one straight to br. pool, foul hooked, blue pheasant tail, "00" after lot of work, 4x, cloudy spell by putting fly in rings of rise.		1	.12
20th	Falkland 8.30-10.45 Showery, cool, water dead low shopeless except br. pool. Rose two in straight at start then rise stopped Later got one small which fought v. hard. All large Hackle Hares Ear.		1	.6
25th (Th)	Falkland 10.30-1 Water well up but too coloured. Touched one on large Hares Ear but line was caught in eddy. On up nothing. V. heavy shower then rose one same fly br. pool later lost ~~fly~~ Blue Pheasant Tail, in one, 4x cast, which had put up. V. tiresome heavy day.		-	
			26	14.10

1940 Season

(7 Dry fly)

26 trout 14 lbs 10 ozs.

26 days. av. 9 oz.

Mar	2. 2	8	
Apr	6. 2		
May	2. 8		
June	1. 4	6	
July	2. 10		

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March 6th (Th.) Falkland 4 N.T. Two to three inches of snow morning & so to Bb. train N.W. wind, water nice, cold but sun after bit. New rod. Touched one middle 2nd field on Priest & got one 5.35 bottom 2nd garden Greenwell hand Pleasant afternoon left 6.35. Bicycle out 20 mins. hot of flax last year. 1 5

13th (Th.) Derrygooney 2-6 N.T. with Sheehan. Cycled to Ballybay she took me on. Very strong & bitter S.E. wind & sun. Started dredged stretch other Connollys other to 2nd Mill. After fishing Is pool saw one rise & after three more casts changed Blue black tail, to Greenwell & got him. 4 oz. On down & got into a nice one at top of Nina's pool which lost. Back S. had two about 13 & 9. (Wickam & lemon partridge spider) & fished Connollys again without result. Priest Hares Ear Partridge & Wickam. 1 7

17th St. Patrick's Day Derrygooney 11.45-6.15 Mills & father E. wind bright sun water lowish. Tried Dry fly for while after lunch. Spent most of time Connollys & dredged bit. 5.30 fished down to Is pool where got one 6 oz on Black. others nil father touched one. 1 5

23rd (Su) Derrygooney 12-6.30 father Mills Rain Sat, water lowish gorgeous day but practically no cloud. Fished Connollys & put up Dry Dark Olive over Pucks pool before lunch. After, father & Mills went below & I put Large Hares Ear up Is pool 6 oz run Pucks & changed & put Hackle Blue Upright over 3rd pool field & up dredged bit & Dark Olive. Wet flies again rose one twice corner pool & then put dark olive dry over him. Father a little one which cat subsequently ate Mills one 10 ozs rose two Nina's pool after 6 on Cairns fancy. like a May day. –

26th Edenmore 4.20-6.30. Heavy rain all yesterday water right. Rose 6 & got a little one on Greenwell (h) Yellow Partridge & Blue Spider which lost. Heavy shower & nothing more. 2 other rods. Too long a line. V. unlucky season so far. 1 –
Blackwater too heavy for tomorrow.
[NOTE. Father got 5=1¾ Milltown 29th & 30th & said they were rising to fly 30th. Black & Gold]

April 10th (Th.) Falkland 11.15-2. Bright clouding after hard frost. Cold S wind. Two other rods. Started 1st garden other fooled about till after 12 & put back wet flies Got one Greenwell (h) top 2nd garden after missing one 1st garden. Rose little ones bottom of field & changed tail from Mouse to Olive Quill & which got one top of field again. Most of pool can now be fished from bank but have to get in to do tail properly in low water. Odd rises in br pool but no good. 2 1-1

11th Good Friday Falkland 11.15-2.10 Better day, dull, wind S.W. though water very low. Started top & saw one rise br pool. Bottom of 2nd garden rose little ones & then back to top of field. Saw one rise & fishing from river & pulled back to br. where Armstrong & Bradley. There was a heavy smur & came home. – 5 2.2
[NOTE. Bradley reported got 4 later lower down.]

April 15th (Easter Tuesday) Falkland 11.30 Water coloured but low. Fished 5 fields rising one 1st garden. Lot of sun & things going wrong. On to Cargills with bicycle doing a couple of bits. Dam other to Mill. Rose one below flax holes. Lunch 3 and fooled with casts. Put up large Hares Ear & Silver & Blue Bottle & Orange Grouse & did heavy water above dam. Back to Falkland 5.30 air shower did two gardens left side v. tired across. Lot out yesterday getting 1-3 each. 5 2-2 -

24th (Th) Raconnell 11.45 & on up to Cappagh bicycle. Put up rod at head at road when came back & then taking down when saw a rise. About 6 solitary rises altogether 1-1.30 left 2. Hard bright sun cold N.E. wind. Water about right for Dy. -

May 22nd (Th) Raconnell 10.45 Some rain after long dry spell. Milltown & on to Falkland where water grey & filthy back to Raconnell 12.30. Just saw sufficient rises to put up rod -

29th (Th) New Mills. Falkland 11.15 lot of rain lately river nice. Put witch over a rise from road side to which splashed & went down New Mills 12.30 & 2 rising freely above br. Waded in other lost fly in tree. Again got a splashy rise to Witch & ditto to a similar fly with brown hackle. Later when soaking a 4x in mouth put up large Hares Ear & got good one. It got into bushes & was lucky to land. Only solitary risers later. On to McClones aback. Left 5. Falkland, two rising but good tried Hares Ear but no good other again a rise to Witch & they stopped. Dull, cold E wind. 1 1-11

30th Raconnell 8.30-10.30. Gorgeous ev. stayed at br & nothing doing Swift got 2 above. One on Black midge var. on yellow sally (May fly out dam) -

June 1st Bundrowse Staying G.N.R. went down to Hamilton who asked me out to look at river. Went to Kareen - good blue suit slightest shoes. Several rods & watched. Later he gave me his. Did no good though rose several other as getting quite dark got one amissed & one nice one The party got about 6 of 1lb or better and 3 small. Back to G.N.R. 10 p.m. 1 1-2 River has to be fished up with waist waders & a short line.

5th Falkland. 8.45-10.30 Drip & mist water v. low. Only occasional rises. -

13th Raconnell 9.10-10.50 Water dead low. Blowing up for rain. Nothing moving at br. Couple rising at drain below round pool above. Rose one Blue (hackle) Mellow (body). Casting not good enough to cover them properly from far enough back. Rise stopped about 10. -

15th Rafeenan. 8.15-11.15 with M. Killen. Dull warm ev. v.l. wind N. Small ones rising at road of which rose one & hooked & var. on Yellow & Blue. Up & at beginning of deep little one & good one rising which may have come to me. Marcus got one 1.14 on Yellow Sally. Odd good fish rising occasionally through deep. - 7 4-15

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		1wd	7	4 - 15
June 16th	Rafeenan 8-11.15 with Marcus. Strong W. wind warm. Started at road rose one first cast with Yellow Sally bought morning. Rose a very nice one 1" pool of deep same fly. Had seen a May fly not looking. Up & down more rises at road then dark got one 1" pool deep Yellow Sally fishing off below tree Marcus one, over 1lb.		1	9
18th	Rafeenan 8.30-11.15 with Marcus & John. Bright warm evening. Started 1" pool deep most fly & end of 4th cast in trout. Caught a little one rose another all Yellow Sally. After a bit up. Nice trout rising v. freely at sl. bend before big bend pool which missed. Grand fish. Nothing more & others nil		1	4
24th	Rafeenan 8-10.15 with Marcus Water dead low. Strong W. wind like rain Nothing. Rose two 1" pool deep Yellow Sally & Yellow & Blue. Later put up Black & Silver & Heps wet with which rose one head of same pool.		–	
28th	Raconnell 9.30-10.30 Started round pool nil back to br where saw one rise. Got into river but no move. Tried fish further up with spent gnat. Like thunder – left. Was wrong.		–	
30th	Rafeenan 8.15-11. Dull had been slight shower. Saw two solitary rises in deep. No fly about till moths came at dark. Water still dead low		–	
July 10th (Th)	Falkland 10.45-1.45 Heavy rain over weekend water right for dry fly Gale blowing up for more rain. Only occasional rises. Rose one at bridge to Greenwell. Tried Hares Ear & Pheasant Tail first with other odd rises. Lost 2 flies & 1 pt.		–	
11th	Rafeenan 8.15-10.30 with Marcus Intermittent drizzle. Rose small one below 1" pool On up to Cappagh nothing other touched one middle shallow both Greenwell Marcus nil		–	
17th (Th)	Falkland 11.35-2 Stormy blowing up for rain. Nothing br. pool walked up to Crumlin without seeing a rise. Fished odd rise br. pool Greenwell & Hares Ear.		–	
			9	5 - 12

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9 trout 5 lbs. 12 ozs. Av. 10 ozs.

3 Oct Fly

24 days.

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March 12th (Th) Falkland 11·30 N.T. Heavy snow last week water right. Strongish S.E. wind cold v. dull. Started 3rd field above. Rise Elm Tree & changed Mouse to tail & put Blue & Silver middle & got one foul hooked. Bridge pool lost Blue & Silver in one & found points (1940 2x) rotten also weak spot ½" cast which broke up cursed for points. On down Cargills & then McGlones nil Missed one below New Mills br. & then 2nd gap above br. was in one for three & four mins 4-4·30. Back to Falkland & fished up & finally got anor ½ lb 3rd field above on Mouse 5·45. left town 11·15 back 6·15. 12 miles on bicycle. 2 1·0

NOTE Hanley got 3 yesterday, brightish, on Red Spinner. Bright sky Wickam Red Spinner Black & Gold.

15th (Sun) Falkland 11·20-1. Marvus. Mild. Started big field. Swift abv. pool & back to 3rd above. Changed cast & one Red spinner woodcock wing Elm. Rose one next gap & think touched big one middle br. pool. Black & Gold & Wickam. Tried Grey Quill Marvus Two 1 7

19th (Th) Falkland 12-6·30. Water nice. Cloud mist morning. Got one 1·3 on Cairns Fancy (middle) 3rd field. Came on a rise of fly & missed two bottom 2nd gap. & spent while trying flies. Hanley @ br. pool & one rising. Eventually got Dark Olive dry on to cast (2x) but no good & after flicked it off. Put up large Hares Ear from road side got him immediately. Stayed about & then 2nd gap. & back up but rise over. Armstrong had gone below where he got 6 v. nice trout. Sm. missed one br. pool from well & then got one top 2nd gap Red Spinner middle (Woodcock wing reddish tail hackle) & then anor. after doing bottom pool. Up again but Armstrong back. His on Black & Gold. Nice afternoon. 4 3·8

26th (Th) Raconnell 12-1·15 strong cold N.E. wind water low. Put dry fly over stretch No good. –

April 2nd (Th) Derrygooney 4·20-7·50 After Ons. Ct. NNW wind & some sun cool. Started Connollys & most of pools to Nina's back & then dredged stretch up, where got one on Cairn's Fancy & rose anor. Back to Laragh. 1 5 4-15

Good Friday 3rd Derrygooney 12·10-6·40. Rain last night & morning still cool. Started dredged o.t. At end of 1st field at bushes trout rose & put up Dry Olive & got it 13 ozs. One rose below bush dark stretch & crossed but no good although he rose several times & tried several flies. Changed to wet fly & got one on Yellow Partridge run into this stretch. Hanley & Chucks changed back to Dry & then down to Is where wet again & put Yellow Spider on tail. 6 oz run no good. Rose one below Connollys br. & one Chucks bunch H. Anor. man arrived & down whole way rising anor Chucks from Is. Turned bright & no good Tired. Back to Laragh. 17 miles & 2 1·15

10 7·3

1942 (cont.) fwd. 10 7 3

April 7th Easter Tuesday — Milltown N.W. wind heavy showers water too coloured & too high. Fished 11.15–1.15 & 3.15 after lunch. Got one below bridge lemon partridge spider (m) rose several. Went up to Rafeenan & Raconnell left 6.15. — 1 4

9th (Th) Foys Mill & Derrygooney with Marcus. Left 10.30 & started to rain after Ballybay. Floods already over the meadows. Water over banks at river. Went down to small river. Fished one pool. Lunch 2 Foys & on to Derrygooney still raining heavily. Started Pucks & pool below other marsh got one 15 ozs Yellow Partridge & lose one end Daniels Bream other dredged bit. Cleared & got two Tried Black Print, Olive Mayfly Brown fancy Ash Alexandra fancy one Yellow Partridge & lid Connolly's again. Left 6.30 Marcus 2 Gilbert — 2 1 8

12th (Su) Falkland 2.45–6.30 with Marcus. Water dirty. Strong S.W. dull rain overhead 3 fields above br & then down to New Mills. Lost Mouse (m) in one pool beginning of long straight & hooked anor. 5.30 fishing from river. Also McGlones. Marcus 1 oz 2. —

16th (Th) Falkland 12.20–2. Water nice. Gorgeous day. Fished couple of pools wet flies. Down to New Mills & tried Dry fly there & at Falkland on spec. —

19th (Su) Derrygooney 11.30–6.30. Father & Mills who fished below Connollys. E. wind dull patches, water right. Got a small one badly hooked below Connolly's br Yellow Partridge & 2 more there Dry Fly before lunch. Father got 4 on Blue Spider dredged bit. Mills went down to meadows after lunch. Father got anor. dredged bit & 2 below Connollys br keeping one. 5.45 tried wet fly again. V. pleasant day. Mills clutch was slipping & we stuck Man rd. he got it tightened & just got home. 8.45 He one 6 ozs. Father well 8 = 2.4 — 3 13

The two I kept were on Hardy's Hackle Hares Ear. ors Med Olive & Brown Witch. Rose one dredged bit on large Hares Ear.

30th (Th) Keady Hole 11.30–1 Str. E. wind bright water low. Tried large Hares Ear couple of pools & deep. Practically continuous gale from E. past 10 days. — 9–12

May 2nd Raconnell 8.30–10. Nice ev. Water dead low. Gordons 9.30 rose one March Brown. Couple of odd rises only, though saw fish moving about. —

4th Rafeenan 8.30–10.15. Thickening slightly. V. odd rises & rose one at road 9.30 large Hares Ear. Tried it on up but no good. Also Greenwell & Med. Olive earlier. —

14th (Th) Falkland 10.15–1.10. Still no rain. Hazy sun dulling. Couple of trout rising in bursts br. pool from start. Tried Bargents black Blue Pheasant Tail Med Olive with which may have got rise pool top 2nd garden fishing down. Large Hares Ear. Black & Orange (which put nicely over one) & Pheasant Tail to which got a splashy rise in middle of pool fishing from road side. — 16 9–12

1942 (cont)

		fwd	16	9-12
May 21	Rafeenan 8.15-10.15 Good deal of rain thunder this morning. Nothing rising		–	
22	Rafeenan 8.30-10.30. Fish rising well shallow stretch which hooked Brown Witch after trying Yellow Sally & Blackorange. Got one edge of deep same fly rise over 9.15		1	4
24 (Su)	Blaneyban. John Sides. Left after 11 & at boat 12.45. Strong S.W wind John fished first rose a couple then I got one amissed a couple. Got anor. my next drift Blue & Silver lost a v. nice one which came right out & took Olive March Brown on way down. Lunch terrific hail shower & after a gale. Each had a turn in again. Next time wind eased a bit & I rose some more as did John. Tried Butcher. Left 8.10.		2	15
25 Whit. Monday	Maghernarney Left bicycles little br. Cold str W. wind water slightly coloured. Went down to straight to Kesh & John fished a rise & I put wet flies over one then Dry & eventually rose him. One rising below Kesh which tried with wet flies then left to John (did not str him) & I went on down Saw nothing & fell in on my back above low Kesh. Back v. miserable & shared John's sandwiches as mine ruined 2.10 Heavy shower thunder & w. cold John fished a rise & then got one opposite round clump & I tried wet towards Kesh till lost cast on far bank. Then got one Lough Arrow May that saw rise earlier Went above cement Kesh & got one up about 12 times then back & above low Kesh thought saw one which got 2nd cast 1-2oz John at end had four & I went back & fished anor which got up 10 times without touching. Hooked & lost one above cement Kesh. Left 6.30 Bag 8-4lbs		2	1-12
28 (Th)	Maghernarney 11.30-6.30 with M. Killen. Train to Smithboro. Walked nearly to 2nd Kesh & I put up my rod she went on. Saw one rise & got two little ones Lough Arrow. Up & down couple of times nothing after shower. Tightened on one deep pool opposite clump. Lunch 2 M had one between 2 & 3 lbs. Up & rose one & M. got one. To other river & tried one, 1-2 whi then back to top Kesh without seeing any. Down big river & got one after lot of casting one Dunne between two big showers. 1-2 Lost small one at mouth of Maghery then got one 11 ozs foul hooked above high banks V stuffy after rain		4	2-7
29	Maghernarney 3.30-9.15. Thunderstorm coming up & after fishing little one to Lemons then to clump & back to little br. as anor coming up. Tea & waited then to low Kesh & back without seeing any. No fly & above little br. little one which would not rise & back to str to Kesh & when rose two. Lough Arrow & one Silver		– 25	15-2

1942 (cont.)

		fwd	25	15-2
May 30th	Falkland 8-30 - 10.15. Showery cool. Water low (held up). Couple rising br. pool but too shy. Got one foot of 3rd field above from river l. Hares Ear First two casts got tree behind & next fish. Shower 9.15 & rise ended.		1	-14
June 2nd	Falkland 8 - 10.30 Warm sun & cloud. Almost water for wet fly. Got one br. pool opp tree at start l. Hares Ear. Couple rising above break no good & then rose one top 2nd field. Back & rose one m. run to br. pool. Tried Brown Witch & Greenwell (Wooley) & up again & down to 2nd gar. Put back l. Hares Ear & 10.30 got two more m. str. to br. pool. 2nd one 15½ & played & hard others 14½. Str. SW wind at first		3	2-12
3rd	Falkland 8.15 - 10.45 Conditions same except bright hot day. Few feeding & rose one under tree l. Hares Ear. Others too shy & rise over 9. Up & down & saw nothing except one under tree which could not stir. Heard no rise above Millton		—	
4th	Falkland 8.20 - 10.50. Bright hot day. Water lower. Three rising well str. to br. pool. May have got rise to Hares Ear. Tried Ginger Quill, Red Quill, Midge, Med Olive &		—	
6th	Falkland 8.30 - 11 Cold water low. Practically no feeding fish & nothing outside br. pool. Sound of reel frightened them in run in. Few rises 10.30 & tried large Grey fly		—	
11th	Falkland 8 - 10.40 Wind W. & like rain but none. Water low. Host l. Hares Ear in grass. Got one 15½", hole top of 2nd field Hares Ear 0" Rising under road 2nd garden & waded in & spent 1 hr in water. Subsequently rose one from road side but not looking		1	1-0
15th	Falkland 8-10.30 Cool. Water low. No feeding fish every occasional rises. Rose one 2nd gar. fishing down & hooked one br. pool 10 on arm of Moodys 2 Peacock Brownell		—	
19th	Rafeenan 8.5-10.45. Cloudy after hot day. Water low. Two rising pool & deep & tried Hares Ear Phelps Mellow Sally. They stopped 9.45 & nothing more.		—	
27th	Falkland 8.10-10 Cloudy. Water dead low. Down to Wallaces & Gargills where river dry. Back & put Moodys 2 over a couple of runs. Nothing stirring		—	
July 4th	Rafeenan & Raconnell Bets & Betty. Rain yesterday. Water low & grey. Did not fish		—	19-12
6th	Falkland 8-10.15 Water nice but rising. Only saw one rise. Tried Large Hares Ear & Moodys 2 on spec. Nice ev. though showers & plenty of fly like Harvesters		—	
8th	Falkland 7.40-8.35 Water for wet fly. Rose one pool top 1" field above Hares Ear 2" & fished to 3rd field on spec. Marcus' pool 2nd field below & home to L.S. Fag		—	
9th (Th)	Blaneybar Bets & Betty Mogowan. Left Mon 10.30 on lake 12.30. N. wind & showers. After half drift put up Dry fly as trout rising to moths. Tried l. Hares Ear Graffeys & Moth. Shower & lunch & rise stopped. After tried Brown Witch & then Bets a rise & tried March Brown with which hit one. Got one Purple Hy wet 1 & rose couple. After tea last drift rose one & lost one after had it round boat. Left lake 6 home 7.55. The hard boiled eggs were forgotten & Bets not pleased.		1	-7
			31	20-3

1942 (cont)

		fwd	31	20-3
July 11th	Falkland 8-10.30 Dull water nice but nothing rising. Hooked one str. to br. pool 10.15 on large Claret but had long line. Fr. Gilmartin starting with single wet fly	—		
13th	Falkland 8.10-10.15 Dull water still nice but again nothing rising except for occasional fish in br. pool. Irwin Johnston out & did no good last night or up to I left	—		
16th (Th.)	Blaneybar Bets & Betty. Started 11.10 after light rain. Wind v. stiff. Boathouse 12.55 & had lunch. Wind N.W v. str. then heavy showers. Drifted boathouse side rose 3. Then far side. Bets rose one, & took her along road shore. Up with difficulty & boathouse shore again Caught a crab coming back to boathouse. Tea shortly after 4 & wind got worse & did not go out again till nearly 6. Far shore & rose several hitting one. Half same again & easier to row back & then boathouse shore when lost one chiefly as could not manage boat in gale. Left 7 & v. pleasant home as sun came out	—		
18th	Crumlin 8.15-9.30 Str. N. wind dropping. Sun Water nice. Sat on bridge & saw one rise & another lower. Put up rod but no further rises. Bets & Betty out too	—		
25th	Crumlin via Seminary 9.15-10. Water v. nice & tried pools above & below bridge with wet flies. There was a good rise of fly at Seminary - Blue winged olive	—		
August 4th	Falkland 8.5-9.30 Water nice. Tried Dry fly br pool & gap & then wet flies whole of pools above bridge. Olive March Brown, Blue & Silver Hares Ear Roly's	—		
6th (Th)	Falkland 10.15-1.45 Water nice for Dry Fly & did pools above & below with Garnetts Greenwell. Took down rod & then one rose about 3 times at intervals, str to pool & put up rod again 12 & till 1.45 tried with all flies & still had not stopped when left. Fair amount of an olive fly.	—		
10th	Pettigo Arrived Anglers Hotel 5. Went out to Brennans after meal & then fished pools little river Gale and wet Rose a lot & threw back 3 little ones. All on March Brown & about (3)			
11th	Gale & showers saw Brennan & then to Derg River which far too high. Fished ½ hr. Bannas after tea blowing full gale towards road fished left shore wading & got one Connemara Black Claret hackle. Put up Sooty Olive & lost a better one. V. cold standing in water came back & intending to go out again		1	7
12th	Lough Derg Showery & stormy, wind N.W. Drift in bay & then outside islands & in gap at old boat got one sooty olive. Far side & bottom of bay & lunch 2.15. After another drift in bay & outside again where did all round islands in heavy wash. Bets lost one & I got two & a couple of rises. Round bay again & then outside near island where hooked small one & lost nice one. Round small island but no good left 4.30.		3	1-0
	Betty Magowan did not fish.		35	21-10

1942 (cont.)

		fwd.	35	21–
August 13th	Lough Derg 11.30–7.30 Dull low cloud, warmer. Rowed to Kelly's Is & got 3 & Bets 1. Round it again. Misty rain started Rose one otherwise nil. To Trebann & drift near shore. Lunch 2.15 & then bottom of bay, Hugh D fishing she got one shit anor & I then got two. Along N. shore & I got two more. To 3 Islands & I got anor. & lost a good one which took after I "missing" To Kellys Is wind going to N.W. & I rose 3 & lost one Cleared & 6 I got one low bay Hugh got one shortly after along E. shore. Back past pier & then sunk Is with only a couple of rises. Wind had freshened a nice evening.		9	3	14
14th	Barnas 10.30 Calm. Fish rising road shore. Tried 1. Hares Ear & got a couple of rises & a small rudd. Put up Moody's small claret & then Hares Ear 0 & got a trout. Moved to left corner & missed a beauty same fly & caught a 6 oz rudd. Tried Iron Blue & Hardy Hares Ear & then small Hares Ear again & got two more rudd 6-8 ozs. Lot of sooty olive & brown fly about [Note most on Sooty Olive & then Connemara Black. Few on Derg Claret & Orange Grub] Bag 12 = 5.lb		1		8
September 10th	Falkland 11.30 Bright water right but dirty. On down to Cargills. Hooked one at bend pool 1.15. Down below br. lunch 2-3 Bend pool again & then garden pools at Falkland & above & below bridge Crumlin. Left 5.15 Still br. sun. Tired		–		
27th	Lough Derg Pettigo by train last night M. Killen & Ringle & B. Murphy & Potts. V. cold. Lake high & drizzle. I got one at start & anor S.E. corner Connemara Black with claret hackle & lost a good one. Up shore without doing any good & then Kelly's Is. Marcus two. lunch and back. I got three on Derg Claret. Potts & Murphy 17 Total 24 for five rods		5	1	12
28th	Lough Derg 10.45 Milder dull & light S.E. wind & Gradually to head. Lake... Marcus & Sandy each two before lunch. Wind stiffened & to North & cold. Anor blank spell & then I put up a Red Palmer on hand & rose one & got one. Changed to tail. Marcus also one & Sandy one 1½ lbs on troll. I got anor on large Claret & Mallard & trolling home one on Red Palmer hand & Sandy two one before Is. & other after. Potts & Murphy 9, one 1½ and a couple about 1lb. Marcus & Sandy several Greenwell hand 20 for five rods.		3	1	10
			53	29.	6

NOTE
4 days + 2 afternoons in May = 12 trout
2nd June 12 trout = 8¾ lbs

1942
53 trout 29 lbs 6 ozs av. 9 ozs.

18 dry fly & 3 rudd

1943

1943 (Wet autumn and winter. Very mild.)

March 4th (Th) Falkland 2:30 after District Court 43 mins to Mon. Water low. Nice day. Calm. Rose one foot of first garden. Got one br. pool, mouse on hand. Trout rising Elm tree pool & wasted lot of time. Hit one 3rd field above probably March Brown on tail. Rose anor. middle br. pool & anor pool 2nd garden perhaps Yellow Spider. Lost cast & flies in tree on strike. 1 · 13

11th (Th) Derrygooney 12·15-4·30 Bus to Rockcorry. V. cold str. N.W wind. Hail & snow showers. Water lowish. Started Connollys & got one above hedge on Priest foul hooked in squall. Landed portion of bush with it. Got anor. little over 5 ozs run above br. also priest. Rose one twice Daniels dream & anor which saw rise in marsh & hooked one which rose, probably on Dicksons fly. Rises Pucks but no good. Waters rose one these & anor in Daniels Dream. Tried Is pool & Ninas. Mostly bright. Snow showers after started home. 2 1·2

17th St. Patricks Day Derrygooney 11·30-5 from Lavagh. Mild rain & drip most of day Calm Started above br. Got one Pucks from gap Dicksons Olive 9 oz. & anor march from far side same fly. Put up Dark Olive dry & got small one couple refusing. Got into awful tangle & trout hung up. First fish caught cast in bank too. About and after 2 got anor 1·4½ from gap Connollys (Pucks) on Yellow Partridge. Fished on below br., marsh etop field & got one 1 lb. on Dicksons in Daniels Dream reeling in long line. Down to Is. pool & six oz. run up. Raining heavily. Pucks & marsh again where one rising, refused wet flies & put up Hares Ear "0" Moody's & got it after a terrific run back down. Stuck on bottom for at least two minutes 1·1½ & in beautiful condition. Grand day but everything v. wet & Tired 6 4·8

18th (Th.) Derrygooney 12-4·30 from Lavagh. Mist, cool S.E wind, clearing 12·30. Little one Greenwell (h) at start. 9 oz. Pucks from gap also Greenwell & anor little one below br. Did marsh top field & Pucks again & one 8 oz small hares ear dry. Six oz. run & Is pool. Daniels Dream church at Marsh & Pucks where warm. Sat for a bit & tried wet fly. Saw one rise which got on dry fly. One rose few times marsh but cast put him down for good. Up to lake, round other Is & Ninas Back to Mon. 3 1·8

25th (Th) Falkland 12 V. cold N.E wind Water dead low. One started to rise top of br pool which would not stir. Rivers rose & he stopped. Got one under bushes middle pool 2nd field Large Hares Ear. One rising well top pool. Water away and more rises. Left 3. Keady Hole Water dammed back wind not full on it. Left 4.30. 1 1·3

13 9·2

5 dry fly.

1943 (cont)

			lwd.	
April 1st (Th)	Milltown 5.45-6.50. Water high but clearing. Str. N.W wind Saw nothing		13	9-2
8th (Th)	Falkland 11.30-4.30 Water v. low but let down from Milltown Dull, cool. Dry fly & then wet first flush. Putting up rod to go 3 when one rose top of run to br. pool. Tried sev. flies & started to rise fairly freely. Eventually got him after water rose, small hares ear dry. Rose one 2nd pool 2nd qar & struck one top pool 2nd field above br. V. bad cold all week & in poor form av. tired.		1	.12
15th (Th)	Magherarney 12.15-6 Water lowish Dull warm & rather heavy. Persuaded by Marcus to accompany him. Saw 3 trout rise two of which went down for good. 3rd above. Chump rose at intervals all day. Got him up to Iron Blue, March Brown & in ev. Large Hares Ear. Did Magherarney thoroughly & rose one far river. Down to Viaduct. Finally fell over a fence & tore my trousers. Very tired & cross & felt certain would have got a fish at Falkland	Marcus one about 9oz.	—	
18th (Su)	Falkland 10.45-1 Water low. Str. S.W. wind showers. Fished stretch wet & then 12 dry fly up br. pool & got one at top Large Hares Ear. Did pools to top of 2nd field & after some hesitation left for lunch. Marcus out & nothing		1	.11
22nd (Th)	Falkland 11.15 Dull clearing 12 into beautiful day. Warm. Grand rise of fly. Got one top of run to br pool large Hares Ear. Cleared & water away. Anor 1 above middle pool 2nd field & anor 3.15 top pool same field both small Hares Ear.		3	1.10
23rd Good Friday	Falkland 11.15. Heavy shower morning. S.W. gale. One rising top of run to br pool. ~~Tricked~~ Hooked off l. Hares Ear in wind. Covered with some "0" 4x cast, which could not manage & then put up 5/3x. Rose in bursts sev. times. Nothing elsewhere. Set in wet 2.		-	
26th Easter Mon.	Derrygooney 11.30 from Laragh. N.W gale after gale Sun. Water lowish, rising Cool. Got one 1.3½ Daniels Dream on Yellow Partridge 12 in sun. Hard to play with wind. Turned anor. Pools & 6 oz run. Lunch at Pucks & put up Dry Fly. Splashed two to Brown Witch & then hit two hard & tightened on Wooleys Med Olive on 3x artificial gut. Later saw a rise 2nd pool top field. Tried Med Olive & then Baigents Black same cast, struck & tightened on it (2nd cast) Wet flies again & one 1.1½ Daniels Dream from Is on Black reeling in long line 5. Rose anor & lost Yellow Partridge in one above br. & hit two more Daniels Dream. Left 5.45		2	2.5
27th Easter Tue	Derrygooney 11.45 from Laragh. Cool showery & stormy. Wet flies no good though rose a couple above br. 2 o'clock noticed fishing 6 oz run when one started to rise which got Baigents Black on 5/5-3x cast. 2nd fly. Saw one rise few times Marsh & just as got to it big shower came up & he stopped. Unpleasant though cleared later Left 4.30 Cool but no rain Mon 6.20	V. tired	1	1.13
			21	16-5

			1nd	21	16-5
April	29th	(Th) Falkland 2.5 Dull, drizzle at intervals Water nice at times Hanley out before me & Swift came. arrived shortly after. Rose one large Hares Ear, top of run to br. pool other whole stretch wet. Down to Cargills & rose one good pool but no water. Back & rose one Hares Ear Elm Tree. Put up 2" & waded in from below. No good other Wooley's Med. Olive which lost on strike. Net & rose one 2nd gar.		-	
May	4th	Raconnell 7.45 Nice ev. Nothing on at Rafeenan. Back & down to Gordons where couple of trout rising occasionally which tried without success. Large Brown fly about.		-	
	13th	(Th) Falkland 10.35. Gales rain & snow over weekend & rained yesterday. Out yesterday ev. water too high & too coloured. Same today but had flies with me. Fished whole stretch. Intended to do Magherarney afternoon but having started to rain ~~fished~~ Cargills & below house got one 12 ozs mouse hand. Bend pool no good. Lost one open str. below wall Hares Ear & Silver. New Mills & Mcclones Left 2 soaked. Rain stopped 4.30 but dull & back to Falkland via Milltown where Marcus fishing. 2nd garden no good & on down one 4 ozs mouse hand open str. below wall. Changed to Blue Bottle middle & Dicksons tail & got one below bend pool from far side 1.3½. Back up & fished intake of Millrace up & got one 1.13 also Dicksons. Thought 2 lbs. No ripple there. Left after, 7.15. Water beginning to clear.		4	4.0
	14th	Falkland 8 with Max Boyle. Water still too high. Started below house & down to New Mills He rose one top bend pool & I rose a good one below bend. Both pools 2nd garden she got a little one & bottom. B did br. pool. lovely ev.		-	
	15th	Falkland 7.30 Water nice Bright but cool. Br. pool & 2nd gar. Cargills & to Bend pool. Rose one at bend. Spent fair time & then both pools 2nd gar. 1st gar. & br. pool. Left 10.15		-	
	16th	(Su) Magherarney 3.45 with Marcus. Bright & warm. Light S.W. wind. Down to stretch below clump of trees & sat down for a nice tea when found thermos broken. Stayed on a/c of sun being across & saw one rise which got up 3 times on "Dunne May fly" Then got him first cast on Baigents Black on a very light Nylon cast. About ½ hr later & same place got on Dunne more or less on spec. Another Nylon cast slightly heavier. Sat about & then down & slowly home. Tried Armstrong. N. little fly left. 8.15 Marcus fly.		2	1.0
	17th	Falkland 7.45 Nice after bright day. Water right for Dry fly. One rising lip of Cargills Dam but put him down. Rose one wet fly below bend pool. 9.45 one rose nicely few times br pool Falkland but went down when I cast. Left 10.15		-	
	18th	Falkland 8.30 after Ballyalbany. Couple rising freely elm tree pool & spent ev. with them. Nothing moving else where. Nymphing part of time & lost couple of flies in tree		-	
	19th	Falkland 7.30. Dull day. Rose one on midge br. pool & then to Elm Tree where rising v. freely. Lost two more flies & 2 ft of cast. Think rose two to Wooleys dark Hackle Blue Tried from under left bank & a dark got one on Moodys large Claret.		1	1.4
				28	22-9

1943 (cont.)

		fwd	28	22 - 9
May 20th (Th)	Maghernarney 12. Warm dull. No fly & down to field before low Kesh where lunch. One rose which got on Garnetts Dunne 7½. Down to clump & then nearly to Viaduct & back to clump & up again. More food & beer & str. after clump & saw a couple of solitary rises. Got one 5 oz on Baigents Black 2nd last bend. Then rose one end of str from canal & got one 1·3 below on Spent gnat of which some about 5·30. Got up a couple more with this on spec & tightened on v. nice one under bush & also on one run at end of str just above. Got one up above top Kesh. No other rods. Left 7·45		3	1 - 15
24th	Falkland 8 Fresh after showery weekend. Two rising well br. pool. Rose one to Blue Pheasant Tail. Rise stopped 8·30. Wallaces McGlones & back 10. Nothing doing. No word of May fly		-	
25th	Milltown 8 Nice ev. Couple of odd rises bend below bathing pool & odd May fly about. Late one or two rose opp. house but did not stir them. Mist rose & left 10·45		-	
26th	Milltown 8·30 Nice ev. Couple rising at ash tree. Got small one Wooleys Greenwell & saw same fly shallow below bathing pool. 10·30 one 6 ozs Brown hackle		1	· 6
27th (Th)	Falkland 10·30 AM Water low & dirty. Windy & bright. Got one Elm Tree (white body) pool large Hares Ear getting into at middle of pool. Subsequently lost this fly. Left 12·50		1	· 14
29th	Milltown 8. Tried rise below br. Got a little fatheris pool above small Hares Ear chit a better one. Rose 3 to May fly 1st str. flat field but could not move them to anything else. Lot of little fish rising from br up 8-9. Left 10·45 & thunder at 11.		1	· 4
June 1st	Milltown 3. Heavy showers, heavy & cool. Only little ones rising of which caught two. Small Hares Ear & v. Dark Olive Did not try below br except 1st pool. Left 6·30.		-	26 - 0
8th	Falkland 8·50 Nice ev. Water for wet fly. Tried Moodys large Claret Elm Tree & Br. pools & then wet fly 2nd gar. Small one Cairns fancy. One 6½ 1st gar 10·30 after changing tail to Dicksons Olive. About three odd rises br pool 10·30 - 11. Continuous showers since 1st		1	6
9th	Falkland 7·30 Hot & heavy dull as if after thunder. Nothing stirring. Fished pools above on spec & got one break 1st pool 2nd gar on Gaffeys getting in left bank		1	8
10th	Falkland 8·15 Rain last night & morning. Gorgeous ev. Nothing stirring. Tried pools above on spec. 9·30 water came down filthy and yellow & to Rectory stretch where very nice but nothing moving except v. occasional rise. Left 10·30.		-	
14th (Whit Monday)	Falkland 10·30 AM Heavy showers & stormy. Little one 1st gar & after 2nd gar wet & dry to Cargills & did dam & below house with wet flies. Water enough but yellow Back to br pool & left 1. Ev round by Milltown Raconnell & Lappagh but water yellow & did not fish		-	
17th	Falkland 12 AM. V. nice day bright & water nice. Hooked & eventually lost one Elm Tree pool on Gaffeys on spec. Left 2. Lappagh (Drumgeshe) 8·15 with Marcus Rose one (3) to Wooleys red & brown & hooked & lost one Iron Blue. Smur & orange pool small one red & brown & then lost one same fly when nearly finished. Marcus 3 on wet fly & over 1lb 1½ lb & 1¼ all on small Locke y border after rain & tasted		1	4
22 Dry fly			37	27 - 2

1943 (cont.)

		fwd.	37 27-2
June 23rd	Drumreaske 8.15 with Marcus. Nice ev. cool. Rose one to Wooleys red brown at elbow first field which rising nicely. Nothing else though Marcus saw 3 odd rises.	-	
25th	Drumreaske 8.15. Nice ev. Cool looking settled. No rises & too bright for wet fly before	-	
26th	Drumreaske. V. nice day & ev. Rose on Iron Blue middle field & after 10 one came up to wool body olive after it sank. 10.45 put up wet flys and rose two one v. good one which had on for an instant. Either Rolys fly or a dark brown palmer Mallard wing.	-	
28th	Drumreaske 8.20. V. nice day & ev. Rose one low shallow on small Wooleys Greenwell having tried red quill. Lost both flies. Only odd rises. Hooked & splashed one wet flies after 11	-	
July 8th	Drumreaske 8.15 Mild & drip started. Wet flies rose two & touched two end of 1st "5" & rose anor below. Wooleys rough olive (tail) Rolys large & small & Rogans dark sedge. Think to Rolys. Water came dirty & nothing after 9.45. Went to Raconnell		27 - 2
Have now risen or hooked 15 here from one to 16	Mon 5th showery day but then came on v. heavy & was thoroughly soaked. Did not fish	-	
9th	Drumreaske 9.15-11.15 Cool fairly clear. Water flowing but low & clear. 10.30 at bend opp McLaques from far side on edge of water little one Armstrong small on tail Then one 1.1 lightly hooked one 1.3 one 15 & one 11 each a few steps further up but not round bend 1 1/3 Armstrong last Rolys small ov. lightly hooked. Fishing across into light.	4	3-13
11th	Drumreaske 8.40-10.40 Nice fresh ev. Water well up and coloured. Rose one end of 1st "5" & then got one str. to next "5" from McLaques side on Armstrong (Black Palmer red hackle) Fished 2nd "5" carefully and all the elbow bend. Rained night 9th & yest & last night at intervals	1	1-7
13th	Drumreaske Showery Water coloured. Got sev. little ones round shallows of 1st "5" & one 5 ozs Armstrong which lost black palmer hackle. One 6 ozs str between "5's" & late 10.15 one 12 ozs beginning of 1st "5" on Armstrong. Nothing in the pools. 2nd on Olive March Brown (h)	3	1-7
15th	Drumreaske Water v nice after high yellow flood yesterday. Clear rather hard ev. Odd rises but did not stir one. Tried light & claret Armstrongs. Left 10.35	-	
23rd	Drumreaske Beautiful weather since last out. Crossed river & to 2nd "5" coming back about 10 one rising well pool after 1st "5" lost wet fly cast in tree & then put up Wooleys sedge dry & hooked him. Barb gone off hook. Nothing else.	-	
26th	Drumreaske Fresh cloudy ev. shower last night. Lost small Wooleys sedge in one 1st "5" & then little later got one 9 ozs which rising well on same fly larger. To 2nd "5" & 10 one rose well for burst. Wet, no good & he stopped before dry fly up. Back to 1st "5" & one 15 ozs on dark sedge, wet, top 2nd pool & rose one 10.30 to Phelps & stuck cast in tree &	2	1-8
28th	Drumreaske 8-10 Water low but clean. Two men 1st "5" & down to middle shallow & far side. Put up wet fly & bend below 2nd "5" got one 1¾ Olive March Brown hard. He got in under own bank & lost bottom 3rd of cast. Had to slide backwards down 7ft bank to land him	1	1-12
23 dry fly		48	37-1

1943 (cont)

July 29th Blaneybar 1-6 with Bets. Dull but hot glare calm slight shifting 2nd wind Got 3 ozs at start then fooled with Dry fly also wet. Thickened suddenly after 5 & rose two at weeds small Hares Ear dry. Started to rain 6 but none rising no wind — 48 39-1

Aug 2nd (Holiday) Drumreaske morn. showery, water clear slow. After fishing 1" 5" home Ev. nice, fresh, water up, but dirty. Down to low shallow & put up wet fly. Tried one with Dry 1" pool & wet again. Saw four odd rises & turned one bend below 2nd 5" & hooked one 1" 5" probably Dicksons sedge at dark but held too tightly left no —

6th Drumreaske 8-15 Fresh Water a little up. 3 ors out with worms. Occasional single rises. Tried wet flies 9-30. Dicksons Sedge Dark sedge & Armstrong on tail without result 9-55 to good spot ors having left but no rise. Bullock stood M'Laquerbank —

9th Drumreaske 8-10-15 V. nice mild ev. Water v. nice after wet weekend. Got one 8-30 on Wooleys sedge dry which was rising well. Fished up from 2nd 5" wet trying various flies then from M'Laques side fished 1" part 1" 3" & hooked one in dark fishing down. Odd rises all ev. 1 1-1

10th Drumreaske 8-15 Water down. Dull poor ev. no rises. Got one from own sandbank 2" 3" long cast blown round corner. Small Armstrong. Rose one pool end 1" 5" from far side Olive March Brown. Fished rest of this V. dark & left 10. V. heavy shower later 1 1-0

14th Purt 6. Donegal morn alone Str. S. wind Drifts from Is towards bay Up to Mountain bay unchanged Blue & Silver to Wickam & Sooty Olive to Claret March Brown. Got one 3 ozs Olive March Brown & put Orange Grouse on tail Then got one 9 ozs Wickam & one 11 ozs on Orange Grouse near weeds which had to drag along with boat finally finishing on shore Later anor 5 ozs at weeds Orange Grouse. Ev. Kilcampbell with Armstrong & Mallveen lost one about 6 ozs 3 1-9

18th Purt after lunch with Bets. Stiff W. wind which freshened. Fished down mountain shore & got a little one after Is. Rafter then joined us & we fished drifts from Is to head of lake & I got anor on a Claret she lost a couple. Left 6-45 2 ·8

19th Purt morn. Light W wind which later freshened & went S.W. Lost one first cast & got a couple of rises along N. shore Then to weeds and missed several during drifts along that shore and into bay Got one Wickam & one Orange Grouse. Left 1 0-c rained from lunch till 5. S Thessiah ev. with Armstrong V. nice warm ev. wind rather light at first. Lot of trout rising. He got two about the Is on small Claret & Peter Ross about 6 ozs & 1 lb & then after a considerable interval during which wind became nice I got one 6 ozs Olive March Brown & then nearly dark anor about 12 ozs at road shore probably same fly. Anor. drift from Is. & rose one under the water. Left. 10 4 2-0

59 43-3

		59	43-3
Aug 21st	Purt Good S.W. wind and after rising one first bay to mountain & changed Butcher on tail to Golden Med. Olive and drifting across bay got one 8 ozs other anor. 13 ozs on it. Fixed cast which was frayed shortly after got one 4 ozs on Olive March Brown. Got sev. more rises & plucks but could not hook them left 12.50 as playing in golf competition. Shessiah after dinner joining Armstrong and McIlveen. Changed Wickan to Connemara Black. Got four rises other after McIlveen had got one 10 ozs I got two 6 ozs each Olive March Brown about 4.30 Got anor rise left 10. Ors nothing after	5	2-8
23rd	Purt 11.20 Cool N.W. wind. Joined Bruce Hamilton & did drift to small Is.: he getting one 4 ozs then along top weeds & drift to bottom of lake. Left 2.45 Shessiah 4.10 with McIlveen & drifted top right to past marks. Lost a small one rose & touched several. Only odd rises to natural fly. Small dark claret m.	-	
24th	Purt 10.45 Bright occasional cloud Str. S.W. wind, cool. Drifted from mountain to boat shore & got 3, each time at end of drift & knocked off nice one with net. Two Olive March Brown & one Olive wool body. Also a drift to N. shore between Is:. Tried sev. flies on tail including small March Brown. & Orange Grouse middle. Rose & missed a good many. Left 1.35. Shessiah 8 Armstrong and McIlveen. Str squally S.E wind & big boat Rose a couple along mountain & Armstrong one 8 ozs. Got v. tired. Started to pour on way home and rained most of night	3	1-2
25th	Shessiah with Armstrong 4. after losing in final of "club cup" 5-4 Heavy showers all day & only a v. odd rise Not much if any ev. but rose a couple & got one road shore foul hooked at tail which took out line	1	1.0
		68	47-13
Sept 25th	Lough Derg Cold squally N. wind and fished Bloody Gap. Stat Is etc. 4 before lunch & 3 at Is other (6) along E shore to little bay. Got one 1.6 between pier & boathouse at end. 11 and 2 small & threw back sev. Potts & Murphy 4.	11	5.6
26th	Lough Derg Colder. Ors to river & after trying Gap & stat Is. to Trebann. Fished sheltered shore & got one & anor at bottom. Squall & lunch & then nearly calm. Anor squall came up & Hugh thought easing. Across to Kellys Is but blew very hard Waited & across to bay where got one & then up to boathouse bay where got anor. Clear & v. cold. Fished there & then at end lost good one between pier & boathouse & Green Olive & claret. Ors 4 one 1.4. Fish claret gold band & jay hackle tail. Mostyn Palmer hand & couple Connemara 1st day one Green olive 2nd day.	4	2.2
	Total 1943 - 24 dry fly.	83	55-5
	60 days av 10.6		

1944

(Wet late summer and good water till middle of Feby which dry & cold)

A 1944

March 9th (Th) Falkland 3-5-30. No rain for past month. Water dead low. Dull after a hard frost. Couple rising opp. tree bridge pool. Tried large Hares Ear. Not of fly but I had only the one. Looked like the end of a rise. Up & down but no good though saw a couple 2nd gar. Tried Dicksons Olive & Woodcock & Mouse for pool before left. –

16th (Th.) Derrygooney 11.15 from Laragh. Bright sun, warm, water low. V. little fly; occasional single rises. Got 4 Pucks pool Wooleys Greenwell dry. One Daniels Dream & one above hedge same fly. Also one or two small Hares Ear after lunch. Clouded about 4 & one Daniels Dream dark Greenwell wet. Did Is pool Ninas & sketch of deep. Five before lunch. 4 Dry fly 8 3-1

17th (Holiday) Derrygooney 11.30 from Laragh. Dull mild. Rose & lost one Dry Greenwell Pucks & got one, Dicksons, Daniels Dream. Back to Pucks & got one 10½ Dry Greenwell. Up met man from Blaney. Is pool dam & 6 oz run. Back & saw man at Connollys. 1st man had a nice one Marsh fooled about & down to school 4, where Drum starting & then left for home slightly disgruntled 3 1-4

8 dry fly

24th Falkland 11.30. Dull water low but not hopeless till 1.30 and again some 3rd 4.30. Worked with Dry fly till 3 but no good; though small one I Hares Ear pool 2nd gar failed to with one these which rose well. Any rises run to br. pool unapproachable. Got five along wall 1st gar from right bank 3.15-4.30. Four Grey Quill one Red Spinner Touched one pool 2nd gar. Also tried br. pool. Not a pleasant day. 5 1-14

April 7th Good Friday Derrygooney 11.15 from Laragh. Water up a bit. Bright. Tried Dry fly Pucks & then wet & got one 8 ozs Greenwell. Got anor pool after Daniels Dream Yellow Partridge & one (Wicket) Daniels from far side. V. bright by now & Dry fly again. Could not stir one in pool below Daniels with Black Olive or Greenwell Got one head of Pucks large Hares Ear. Back to top field & got one (too small) with Nylon cast on Blue Pheasant Tail after failing with couple of other flies. Lunch and 3 Daniels Dream tried wet flies on Nylon cast. Changed to ordy cast & put Carrins fancy on tail. Slight dullness & got one 1.2 probably Yellow Partridge. Threw another back. To Pucks & got one in still part. Rose one marsh & touched one Daniels Dream. Down with bicycle, 4# did 6 oz run, Is & Ninas pools but very bright again & left 4.50. back to Monaghan via Rockcorry 6 3-0

22 9-3

1 Dry fly.

		fwd.	22	9-3
April 10th Easter Mon.	Derrygooney from Monaghan. Str. wind agst almost 2 hrs. Arrived 12.30. Two others at schoolhouse & anor Daniels Dream who did not see again. Started Pucks & got one 15 ozs. on Yellow Partridge. Crossed & tried pool other up Marsh to bush, having broken wetted cast. Down to bush & lost Yellow Partridge in one. Daniels Dream etc. Got small one run end of marsh & one over ¾ pool of Pucks ~~from~~ under bushes. Very heavy shower & down. 6 oz run Is from Lavan side & above br. small one. Ninas & back up 4.15. Anor small one below falls on Black. Man from Blaney at Marsh & after Pucks gave up. V. heavy shower & to Karagh.		5	3-0
11th Easter Tue.	Derrygooney 12. Nice morn & lost small one Pucks from Connollys. Heavy clouds passed with only a little hail & rain. Tried all pools up & down. Turned bright & fresh. Stiff swirly wind. All pools at backs of Connollys & below falls. Lunch 1.30 & after lost one still part of Pucks small March Brown tail. Did whole of stretch also 6 oz run Is & pool above br. Back up 4 & Pucks & Marsh. Anor shower. Couple of solitary rises Marsh but no good & left. Threw back some small ones. but nothing doing all day. Heavy rain & thunder at Karagh. Spent 10 mins at Shantragh stream on way back. [Caught in lot of places. - below Daniels Dream Pucks & Marsh & at Lavan]			–
13th	Falkland 11.30. No water. Cool. Gusty wind & lost 1. Hares Ear at br. pool in wind. Tried wet flies 1st & 2nd gar. & Cargills Dam & pond pool in shower & Cargills again Heady Hole 1.30 on way back. Wind v. strong. Lost one which hooked mouth of mill race 2.30 during squall & shower. Did not get proper strike & tried to land him too soon. Fished whole of dam from all round & part of race. Mill not worked today. Tried sev. flies. On Hares Ear & Silver.			–
20th	Derrygooney 11.35-4.35 from Monaghan. Rain yest. morn. Started Is pool & pool above br. V. stormy N.W. & showers. One 6 ozs pool after Daniels & rose good one Daniels & hooked a v. good one Pucks from Connollys. Little one pool end of Marsh & then saw nothing more. Did not try 6 oz run as wind awkward. 3. Took bicycle to pool below middle dam & fished to road. unsatisfactorily owing to wind. Back to Is pool again & above br, Ninas, too much wind & first pool of meadows. V. cool. Fish in grand condition (All on 1 lb Dicksons Olive)		2	-11
May 10th	Cappagh 8.30-10. Nice day. Water low. Several rising opp. McCagues mostly small. Touched one & rose one red spinner dry. 9.45 put up wet fly & got one Cairns fancy on tail after rise over.		1	-11
			30	13-9

1944 (cont.)

			1st	30	13-9
May 12th	Drumreaske 8.15-10 Odd rises in bursts. Hooked a small one red spinner dry rose one. Wet flies 9.15 & turned one. Water touched one rose anor. Dicksons Olive hand or Red Spinner middle. All opp. McCagues.			-	
17th	Drumreaske 8.30-10 Cool N.E wind. No water coming down. Nothing moving. 9.30 put up wet flies opp. McCagues & got one 4 oz Dicksons on hand which changed to tail then 10 got one Wickam on hand. Odd rises 9.30-10 but could not fish as man standing with me. He had 2 pike.			2	-9
18th	Magherarney 11.45-2 with Marcus. Down to last straight. No water & no fly & nothing moving. Tried Dry on spec. then wet in bits to above cement kesh. Back & little one Armstrong @ stream then last pool of straight v. nice fish Phelps hand after a rise & a pull fishing down covered by reeds. Marcus to main river & got 4. I had to leave for golf			1	-14
22nd	Drumreaske 8.15-10 Cool & clear. Odd rises opp. McCagues. Got one 4 ozs Red Spinner wet. 2nd "5" nice one rose. Got one 11 ozs above little stream from left bank about 9.30 Dicksons. Clear & frosty and all except for one at next bend saw nothing else.			2	15
23rd	Drumreaske 8.15-10.15. Dull. Wind round & mild. Little ones rising 1"5" & eventually got one to look at a small iron blue dry. 9.15 fished stretch opp. stream wet then 2nd "5" where one started to rise which got Dicksons 10 ozs. To 1"5" fingerling Wickam then one 4 oz Red Spinner & anor 5 ozs.			3	1·3
28th (Su.)	Magherarney 12.15-6.15. With Marcus. Rain last night. Heavy & warm some sun. Wet flies till lunch 2 at main river. After got one 6 ozs on Lough Arrow which saw rise. Above wooden kesh saw a rise & after trying with Lough Arrow & Dunne got him on Baigents Black. Got anor. immediately after 9 ozs same fly 3.30. Nothing more tried May fly on spec also wet flies. M. one 6 ozs.			3	1·5
29th (Visit. Mon.)	Falkland 12 Water nice for dry fly. Bright shot. Got one 6 ozs bend 2nd gar. Baigents Black having put down nice ones without casting. Some rising 3rd field above on which spent 1½ hrs. One looked at I. Hares Ear & anor took small red quill. Down to Cargills where lunch & home 4. Drumreaske. Sev. rising freely top 1"5" & got one I. hares Ear & anor Red Quill foul hooked. Threw both back. Rose one spent May fly below stream & put a couple down bend above. Left 9.45 but nothing stirring			1	·6
30th	Drumreaske 8.30-10.45 Hazy after bright day. Sev. rising well at top of 1"5" but did not move them with any fly. Couple of touches 10.30 to wet flies. Quite a number of spent gnat at stream 9 or but no rises			-	
				42	18-13

1944 (cont)

		fwd. 42	18 - 13
June 2nd	Drumreaske 8·30-10·30. Weather broken water nice. Stormy. Started 1"3" with wet flies. Two others at stream aback. Tried wet dry & wet. Touched one date hooked v lost small one probably Wickam. Tried Dicksons, Hares Ear & Green Olive	–	
6th	Drumreaske 8·15-10·15. Water nice for wet fly after heavy flood. Stormy Got one Black & Silver start 1"3" after changing from Grey Quill. Later changed again to Wickam after fishing over a couple of rises & got a small one.	1	-6
7th	Drumreaske 8·15-10·15. Water nice. Dull like rain. Rose one & lost one Thorntons Blue Upright Top pool 1"3". Few fish rose about 9 once each other nothing	–	
10th	Drumreaske 8-11 Heavy like thunder till 10. Nothing doing v lost 2 flies fishing small one without stirring him. 10 started 2nd 3" with wet flies & did 1st 3" from far side getting one on Wickam tail. 10·30. No rises or fly	1	-12
12th	Drumreaske 9-10·40. Clear & cool after heavy showers. Rose one to small red quill under trees 1"3" & 1" pool got one med. olive (Hardys). Tried wet flies str of 1"3" & little one on Rolys. Nothing else though a few single rises	1	-5
15th	Drumreaske 8·15-10. Water v. high & coloured. Stormy & like more rain. Got one McLaques bend Wickam middle. Rose anor below ford. Fished top field too	1	-11
16th	Drumreaske 8·30-10·45. Water nice. Str. N.W. wind cold & clearing. Wet flies & got little one below ford Grey Quill. Others rising well which could not str. Touched one start of 2nd 3". One rising bend above stream which tried with wet, dry Med. Olive & Moodys & wet again. Part of time not breaking surface. Grand fish.	–	
18th	Drumreaske 8·45-10·30. Lovely ev. after dull day. Nothing moving 1"3". Odd little ones below stream but could not get near them. Mist 10 & back up & did 1"3" with wet flies. Saw some fly like Hackle Blue Upright	–	
19th	Falkland 8·30-10. Bright; str cool E wind. No rises Tried large Hares Ear & Gafleys on spec. No one seems to have been getting any	–	
24th	Drumreaske 9·30-10·40 Water dead low Wind west. dull Nothing doing	–	
28th	Drumreaske 8·30-10·45 Water nice. Dull warm evening. Fished from 1" bend to below long shallow. 10·30 one rose few times bend above stream which tried with wet large Hares Ear.	–	
29th	Falkland 11·30-1 Warm & heavy. Nothing rising. Tried large Hares Ear on spec. also Garnetts Greenwell.	–	
July 3rd	Drumreaske 8-10·30 Water v. high & coloured. Dull & mild. Fished 1"3" & changed tail to large Dark Armstrong & got one between 3s. Did 2nd 3" & then hooked good one pool above elbow pool & shortly after broke Armstrong point in anor. same date. Fished to end of pool with small Armstrong.	1	-7
	14 dry fly.	47	21 - 6

1944 (cont)

		1wd.		
July 4th	Drumreaske 8-11. Water right & v. nice fishing ev. till 10. Hooked small one small dark Armstrong 1"5 down to "elbow" fishing bits & crossed river & then up. Got one 10 above 1"5 & late failed to stir one with Dry fly opp. McLaques	1	47	21-6
5th	Drumreaske 8.30-11 Got a little one top of low shallow Wooleys Greenwell dry. Fished 1"5 from opp side 10.35-10.40 & then took down rod. After crossing river put rod up again & to top of 5 where couple of rises & got one Wickam middle. Just as cast in again an otter passed down the river so home.	1		6
7th	Drumreaske 8.20-11 Nothing doing except that trout at bend above stream rising but could not get up on him with Dry fly. Later covered him with wet flies while he was "bulging" but he then moved up.	-		.8
11th	Drumreaske 8-10.45 Dull; water still v. nice. Tried fish at bend above stream on way down & again from other side. Did not get Dry fly over him, and doubtful if wet either. Two small ones Wickam & Armstrong.	-		
24th	Drumreaske 8.30-9.45 Water v. low. Dull & v. heavy. One rising dully bend above low shallow for a while. Tried wet flies 1"5 & saw one rise	-		
27th	Drumreaske 8.45-10.15. Water up but filthy with choves. Nice evening. Little one pool below 1"5 Fished elbow pool below & above & 1"5 again	1		.4
29th	Drumreaske 8.15-10.15. Water v. nice & v. nice ev. warm but not stuffy Started with wet flies below 1"5 & on down. Pool above elbow twice.	-		
August 3rd	Blaneyban with Mattie Lardner. On lake 1.15 light S wind. Drift before lunch & as odd rises tried Dry Greenwell. After lunch drift from road down lake & got two Baigents Black near Nth. end, in hazy sun. Up again calm & then wind right round. After tea 5.30 freshened & now dull but though rose several as did Mattie they were not taking. Left 7.30 & wind with home 1.30	2	-	22-8 .12
22nd	Purt-Dunfanaghy Morning. Str. E wind Bright. Rose a couple wet flies & then 12 o'c put up 1. Hares Ear dry & got one at weeds under mountain. Next drift over Wooleys Greenwell & then following drift one Haverty Shessiah & Armstrong & McIlveen clouding from E. & some rain. Armstrong one 10 ozs & then I got one 9 ozs. Fished till dark but no good.	4		1.9
23rd	Shessiah ev. after wet afternoon. Fished from shore for an hour.	-		
24th	Purt morn. Very gusty wind. Fished mountain bay wet, dry & then wet again when got 3 along weeds 12.30-1. Best on Orange Partridge Spider small with heavy body. Shessiah ev. Armstrong & McIlveen & Colin Bradley who rose one on "Duddy"	1		.7
		57		25-10

1944 (cont.)

		fwd.	57	25 - 10
August 25th	Purt morn. Bright & warm Bets out. Got one & 02s Greenwell rocky pt mountain bay. Later lost this fly in one at weeds put up Brown Witch & immediately rose one & then got one. Couple more rises but nothing further		2	1 - 0
26th	Purt morn. V. calm & bright except for ± hr when tried wet flies & hooked one Phelps. Tried sev. dry flies & got one on small Hares Ear.		1	- 4
28th	Rye River 4 - 7.30 Armstrong & R.S. Magee. Water nice. Fished from Br. right down but saw nothing except 4 fingerlings. Others nil.		-	
29th	Purt morn. Dull strong steady S.W wind. Drifted to Is & rose & touched sev at left one. Got one after passed it left shore & anch near bottom of lake. Drifts all round Islands where got 5 more without missing or losing any. 5 on Phelps one Hares Ear & silver one Green Olive		7	2 - 0
31st	Purt 12.35 - 1.15. Variable light wind. Fished Is. & eventually got one Green Olive dry. 5.30 - 7.30. Light wind heavy clouds & rain over Muckish. One Hares Ear & silver at neck beside S. Is. on down S shore. Calm & put up 1 Hares Ear dry & rose one. Rose two more along shore mountain bay & then put up wet & got one in bay Partridge Spider. Bright & cool N. wind		3	1 - 2
			70	30 - 0
23 dry 14 wet				
September 7th	Blaneybar. Alone. Fishing 12.45. V. str. N wind cold & bright intervals. Lake into boathouse & v. muddy. Was able to row boat on to shore & had lunch in shelter of boat house where pleasant. Rose one to Phelps hand at start otherwise nothing doing. 1 hr 10 mins up 1 hr home. Left 5.20		-	
21st	Blaneybar V. nice day. Bright with some cloud S.W. wind mild lake rather thick. Fishing 1.15. Saw some rises & tried large Hares Ear Dry & then Baigents Black & got a splashy rise Lunch 2.15 & after Dry again but wind freshening at intervals. Net flies & about four got one at N.E. corner which rose, on mouse. Missed a couple along W shore from bushes & last two drifts lightened on fish. Left 5.45 & home 4		1	8
			71	30 - 8

1945

(V. wet autumn and winter. Flax water killed a lot of fish in Blackwater in August when river low. March very dry.)

March 29th Keady Hole 2.45 River lowish rising and dirty. V. strong W wind Heavy showers. Crossed dam which fished also mill race. Up rose one pool opposite lockkeepers house. Fished parts to dam Crumlin pool. left - 6

30th Derrygooney 11.50 bus to Rockcorry. River low. Str. W. wind. Started Good Friday Daniels Dream changed flies. Next pool one on Greenwell (h) [Yellowish body woodcock wing] Anor Pucks on Dicksons amissed one Crossed rose on round part. One Greenwell bottom of March anor. nice one Dicksons Rough & dark. Crossed & in terrific squall wind chair one over 1lb on Dicksons. Had to wait to net him till squall passed Now 1.30. Did parts again & then rose one 6 oz run Back tried rises in Marsh beginning of anor squall. Got anor Daniels from under far bank while raining clast, pool below on Grey Quill. Rose a couple in Marsh. 4.30 down to Ninas which too low & did stretch of deepish rifle. 7 4-8

April 3rd Drumreaske 3. Cold str NW wind & squalls. Water too high coloured Fished down. to middle shallow ethen to Milltown. Home 5.45 -

" 12th Derrygooney 11.55 from Monaghan. Clearing after wet night Warm water nice. Couple of rises below Daniels but no good & at Daniels making double change dropped clost Dicksons. Prolonged search ethen bright sun. Tried Dry on spec. Small one below Connelly's br on Yellow body black legs. 4.30 to school br. & turned one above from ~~left~~ right. To Is. (left) Rose one in pool anor calm & got one on Black after divide. Duller. left 5.30 Home 1.25 up 1.35. 2 : 14

May 21st Drumreaske 8.30-10 Fresh after thunder over mountains. Water high. No good. V few caught on Blackwater. May fly up elsewhere 2nd wk. May -

" 24th Falkland 8.45-10.15 Clouding after hot day Water nice but dirty. One rising str. to br. pool 9.30 to 10 but no good. May have risen to spent gnat. -

Sept Lough Neagh with Baldwin Messrs Mills 1 day did not get out or late 2nd day with Baldwin about caught fished otaken 10 & near shore Baldwin & Messrs Mills up to Trebane Mills in Messrs 4 - - -

Total 9 5 2

1946.

April 18 Derrygooney About 2.15. Water v. low bright sun N. wind some clouds One rising pool after Daniels which hooked on Baigents Black nylon cast. Rose anor on same fly. To Rucks where odd rises but no good. Tried wet flies Daniels b & r.r. & above br. & dry again. -

Good Friday 19th Laragh. Str. west wind. Bright morn. Played tennis. After lunch below flax mill with worm Mullaghdoo & Shanlonagh lake also with fly. Tried worm at burnt Mill on way back. -

June 10th Whit Mon. Blaneybar. with Marcus after lunch. V. str. NNW wind cold and bring sun. He rose some, losing one 1st drift & rose 4 or 5 after & same drift to boathouse. I rose one & lost a small one otherwise nothing doing. Too cold to be v. pleasant. -

11th Drumreaske & bicycle. Stayed a 1"5" small flow odd rises Rose one & later got one small Armstrong hand. 1 4

15th Milltown 9. Odd rises. Rose two l. Hares Ear below br. late. -

17th Raconnell 8.30. Down to Gordons where v. odd rises. Tried Hackle blue upright, small dark olive to which rose one Baigents Black. -

22nd Rafeenan after warm day. Nothing rising except small ones -

25th Rafeenan 9. Nothing doing. Tried wet fly other back to Milltown 10.30 where started rising above br. Tried l & small Hares Ear other l. Claret & brown & rose two other lost fly in a very good one. Pleasant half hour & getting fly out well. Synthetic gut. -

26th Milltown. Children in pool above br. Up to bend. Got a small one on Grafteys & fished sev. ors Got anor. which returned. Rise stopped 10.0 1 1 4

July 6th Milltown 9. Water nice after heavy rain 4". V. odd rises. Walked up to Conowary. Late got one Armstrong wet pool above br. 1 4

7th Milltown 9 After v. nice day. Fished odd rises fathers pool & then pool above br. rose and hooked sev. getting one Orange Quill 1 -

8th Milltown Nice ev. Odd fish rising at intervals. 10, got 3 little ones fathers pool Orange Quill winged & last Wooleys dark spinner. 3. -

9th Raconnell 9.30. Odd rises above br. & rose one on Dun Blue Winged Olive. Rose anor 1" deep below br on same fly fishing down to 10.30 got one small Armstrong wet. Fished on till 11.30 no good though rising above br. where practically overgrown 1 11

4 1-7

1946 (cont.)

July (cont)		fwd	4 1-7.
10th	Raconnell q. V. close. Did not cover any rising fish though went to Gordons. Tried wet fly without success.		
12th	Foys Mill 8.30 Baldwin Murphy & Marcus. Fair water. I stayed at pool below br where some rising in bursts. Eventually after trying many flies got one 1-q on small Hares Ear. About 10.30 got anor. large Hares Ear about 1lb which Murphy's cat later removed from the car. Baldwin went down to Maudabawn. Marcus & anor man also stayed on str below br. but got nothing. The stranger (Hoolican) had been out the previous ev. & said they could not be caught.	2	2-9
15th	Milltown 8.30-10. Water low. Fished occasional rises above br. no good.		-
22nd	Raconnell Drizzle. One rising beginning of deep below br. which tried with Blue Pheasant Tail. Heavy rain tried wet fly without success		-
29th	Raconnell q-10.30 Dull & damp. Water well up coloured. From road side got one head of deep Mouse & silver tail fishing up in an eddy	1	12
Aug 3rd	Raconnell Warm heavy ev. Water nice. Above br from road side & above trees several rising. Rose one 1. Hares Ear at end of cast later broke in one on Graffeys. Spent ev. catching in trees grass etc.		-
6th	Raconnell 8.45-10.15, Cool, grand water for wet fly. Hooked one small Armstrong above br. fishing down rose anor.		-
9th	Corafin b. Clare with Baldwin evening. I fished above br & got a couple of small ones on hares ear. Cool nothing doing.		-
15th	Corafin latish as watched Final Burke v. Carr. Grand evening v. Warm Big rise of fly. I fished mostly above br. trying all flies. Baldwin got 2 over 2lbs. each, late.		-
14th	Corafin after lunch. Cool str N.W. wind. Went up to next br back. After tea almost down to lake. V. odd rises. I came on two rising freely but cruising just above 1st bend below br which fished from right bank till got too dark, too see. Plenty of water		-
		7	4-12

1947.

1947 March (Very wet late summer & autumn. Very severe weather from end of Janr Heavy snow till 17th March then terrific floods. Still some ice on lakes

23rd (Su) Stonebridge with Marcus & Desmond after lunch. Water too high. Fished round bridge & fixed up cast. Down to Coultons & I tried a worm for a little then wet flies above Kesh. No sign of anything. Heavy shower. Thunderysky. -

25 (Tu) Milltown 2.15-3.45 N.T. Water rather high. Mouse in Yellow Partridge; Dickson Blue Silver Priest tail. Did not see anything. Str. S. wind, rain threatening -

April 3rd (Th) Derrygooney 12.15 N.T. River far too high. V. str. E wind & v. cold. Tried pool below Daniels then Mill & waded to run into the Is. Above br. could not get to Nina's Canal then lunch & after got one Canal at fence. March Brown wool body pronounced yellow stripe. Later broke point off Rose anor. Tried run to Shantonagh Lake then got one 13 oz pool Δ field above Carrick Road Popes Nondescript on tail 5.45. Went to Mill & back. 2 1-3

4th Good Friday Shantonagh R. Tried pool in Δ then up to field beyond Mill & back. V. nice odd fly. Got little one on Black pool Δ. Run to lake. Derrygooney 1.30 Daniels Bream, pool below & Canal. Nice some sun & odd fly. Lunch then changed. Same again & back to Shantonagh Lake then up to where stream comes out of hill. Fished back to Mill -

7th Easter Monday Crumlin 2 (via millgun black road) V. str. N.W. wind. Water high, clearing. Lost Mouse in one just below br. (h) & spent considerable time changing flies. Got one ½ lb. mouse tail on way to Falkland. Anor. pool at head of 2nd field same fly & one 6 ozs. possibly Dicksons (h) above middle pool. Br. pool too high. Got one Dickson's (h) foot of top pool 2nd gap from right bank after 5. Sun came out & worked back without seeing any. Tired. Home 6.30. 4 2-6

8th (Tu) Falkland. 2.15 Heavy shower after nice morning. Started run to br. pool. Rising in pool, & lost orange red fly rail wing in one. Got two small on Mouse tail. Sun v. warm. Up & back. Rose & lost a nice one foot of first gap from r. bank & got a small one Mouse during cloud. Heavy shower & br. pool lost Dickson's (h) & got one Grey Quill (Lan) anor. Mouse tail. Using Nylon points. 4th tried Popes, Priest & large Yellow. 4.30. 5 2-8

10th (Th) Cargills 2.45. Swift Marcus at Falkland. Water lowish. Hooked one pool below flax holes from left. Hooked one Grey Quill & rose several Mudlones, pool below br. Back to Falkland & tried dry & wet flies br. pool. Back 5. Unsatisfactory afternoon -

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1947 (cont.)

13th (Su.)	Derrygooney 12-6.15 Bets flat. Str. harsh S.W. wind. Water still a little high. Fished Connollys, pool in gorge ahead of canal getting 2 little ones below Connollys br. Popes & Dicksons. Lunch 2 fished to school. Good deal of sun. Back others at Connollys & did b.o2, Is ahr. in cloud. None	twd	11	6-1
15th (Tu.)	Falkland 2.15-3.45. Water low, stormy. Br. pool. First & 2nd garden ahr. pool again. Saw a couple rise but none to me. Tried all flies	raught here except 2 on spinner	1	-4
29th (Tu.)	New Mills 4.45-7.15 via Falkland. Water high & colouring. Fished bend pool in terrific rain. Cleared & at 6 got one above br. on Mouse on hand Fished as much of str. as could & below br. Anor. shower & wind went north bitterly cold. McGlones too high. Dam at this Mill broken.		1	1-7
May 1st (Th.)	New Mills 2.30-6 via McGlones where rose two in slight cloud fishing pool below br. 3rd time. Possibly Yellow Partridge. Rose anor. about 4.30 bend pool from r. bank having previously tried from other bank (W. NE) & rose a 4th middle pool to br. Cleared completely. Water good. Fair amt. of fly		-	
8th	Raconnell 5.30-7.30 V. str. wind. Bright, water lowish. Saw v. odd rises Tried wet fly, dry on spec & wet again. Rose some to Yellow Partridge?, Gordons		-	
11th (Su.)	Bessmount 3-5. Warm some cloud clearing completely. Water high. Started below plantation. Changed Popes to Armstrong & after rise to small Red Olive, Pr. wing & got one on it & 2nd pool after bend fishing from river, over ½lb. Got anor. same place. Rose small before corner. Down to deep Gorgeous day		2	1-12
13th	Bessmount 7.45-10.15. Nice ev. water nice. Started foot br. Anor. between on str. & went below canal bend. Tried dry & wet again. Saw odd rises of small things.		-	
18th (Su.)	Magheraarney 5-7.30 Bright & fresh. River high & coloured after stream Rose one above. Did not see anything else or May fly. Plenty of small fly		-	
19th	Bessmount 7.30-10 V. nice warm ev. Water right. Wet flies down to Ready Hole. Splashed one. Dry on spec rose on twice to Graffeys.		-	9-8
20th	Bessmount 5.30-6.45. Warm & dull. Tried wet fly & then dry on spec. Did not see a rise except above footbridge at start		-	
21st	Falkland. 8-9.30. Tried dry on spec. two fields above br. No rises		-	
25th (Su.)	Sillan 4 via Derrygooney which crowded. Middle br. Stormy & wet. I went below McLoughlin above. Pool after run got one Red Olive, hit anor & rose a third twice stretch to marsh. Back to car 6 & back to Derrygooney where marsh, Pucks Is. Ninas str. of deep. Bill lost small one above school br. left 9.		1	-13
			16	10-5

May (out) 26 whit Mon.	Bessmount 11-1 Very stormy. Water low. Rose small one at bend. To Keady Hole where tried large flies. No rises.	fwd	16 –	10-5
Aug.	Lahinch. Tried river above estuary & amused myself with small nes about 3 025.		–	

Did not fish 1948.

1949

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Mar 17 Falkland 11 with Patricia. Water low'ish. Started bridge pool and got one 9 ozs on Mouse. Tried Elm pool then head of 2nd garden. Got 3, ¼ lb under wall Dickson's, Hares Ear and fly. Swift arrived behind. Rose one br. pool then 1 to Cargills where lunch. Strong wind down. Touched one bend pool. Down to Wallaces cup got one 7 ozs. Finished at Mellones 4.15. 5 1-12

May-12 ½ Falkland 8-9.30 Weather fine. No water. Odd rise above br. but did not stir anything. Yellow Sally up. –

17 ½ Annalea - Ballynacargy with Marcus. Arrived 6. Rose one below foot bridge. Got one 1¼ just above shallow above br. on inis Dunn. Up to deep where rising got one ¾ on Dunne. Had been rising well going off. Nothing further till 9.30 when touched one on Spent gnat but line had sunk. Water dead low, odd sl. showers. Plenty of fly Marcus one ¾. 2 2-0

19th (Th) Annareagh. 6. Showers. Went in at Henry's. Trout rising but could not get near them. Yellow Sally. No May fly. On up to Falkland. –

20th Coulsons. Cold bright. Some fly. Trout rising half way down which covered easily but looking at cattle as rose to my spent gnat. Odd rises Magheaurney not to may fly. Two rising below. –

22nd (Sun) Annalea Ballynallon br. with Marcus 4. Thundery showers. Went below br. Had tea six then to Weir where had an hours fishing without success. Odd rising fish only after. Marcus one ¾ lb. lost two one large above Weir 8.30 –

26th Raconnell 8 with Patricia. Rising well above br. for an hour but did not stir them fishing from river. Good rise of Yellow Sally. Went below & only saw couple of rises. Ev. changed. –

27th Aughnacloy, 1 mile above with Marcus 8.15. Water nice V. cold & showery. No fly. I got one Red Spinner wet. Mark rose a couple. Fly about returning to thicr. 1 -5

Out two or three other evenings at Raconnell without success tried Harper's steel fly rod but less powerful than own.

July 21 Drumreaske 8-10. Water very nice after a very long dry spell. Fished parts wet from Mellones to the shallow, tried dry fly over one which rose several times. Saw odd single rises. – 7 4-1

Aug 8th (Holiday)	Blaneybarn 3.30-10 with Mills. V. str. N.W. w. wind. Cool. Fished a round and got five rises mostly mouse on hand. Mills three a few rises. After a shower very bright & wind dropped Mills got one 8 02s rood and. Both fish upper and several rises & I one mouse tail. Changed to Olive Mach Bromley & Holgi in middle. To other end. I lost two one probably Holgi got small one on Holgi We each missed several. Very pleasant afternoon though cold late	2	-10
14th (Sat)	Blaneybarn 3.30-11 with Mills. Dull S.W. wind. Nothing before tea though some rises. I then got one on small Popes on tail & late Mills got 2 along W. weeds in calm. Rise started & I hit several. lost one through hole in net & lost Mouse(th) in anw. Got one on Mills cast (His small Hardy's favourite)	2	-10
21st (Sat)	Blaneybarn 3.30-10 with Mills. Nice day. Light S.W. wind nothing doing before tea. After black cloud & squally. In calm moment at dusk Mills got one foul hooked & I rose two.	-	-
Sept 7th	Falkland 5-7 Good water coloured. Saw two rises br pool one pool to one to mouse on hand. Nothing else. Tried numerous flies	-	
8th (Th)	Falkland. 2-4. Heavy showers windy dull. Got one at very end of pool below road & large Hares Ear & Silver Tail. Saw nothing else	1	- 7
11th (Sat)	New Mills 5-7.45. Dull clearing E wind. Hooked lost one Bend pool from left & rose anw. McGlones Rose nice one below br. Water very nice lot of fly. Saw small one rise at foot of stretch.	-	-
20th	Purt Dunfanaghy 5-7.30 Str. E. wind. Threw back 3 rose sev. Woodcock & Mouse	1	5 7
21	Purt 5-7 with Simpson V str. SE wind. I mostly rowed		
	Bag 4 & 1 12	1	5
22	Kilcampbell 11.30-1 after looking at New Lake v. str S.E. wind rain coming. 5 along mount. shore 3 Orange Grouse 1 woodcock(th) & 1 Pipit.	5	1-10
23	Purt 10.30-1 Dead calm one Orange Quill dry.	1	- 6
24th	Purt 2.30-6. Light E. wind after wet night. No good. Got 3 rises only all to Woodcock mouse Over Mole Lake. Patricia stayed in car where had tea.	-	
		20	8.13

March-April 1-12 × 3 = 3.4
May-June-July 2-7 × = 7.5
Aug-Sept 4-12 = 4.3
15.0

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Mar 2nd (Th) Falkland 1.45-3.30. Water right but grey. Blustery wind. Started Br pool. Got one 8 ozs foot of pool at wall. Hares Ear & Silver. Up to Plantation got one Elm Tree pool own side v. long line small popes on middle. 2 1-2.

17th Patrick's Day. Sillan 12-4.30 with Mills. V. stormy & showers. Fished from middle br to marsh lunch. Mills rose one pool below upper br & said they rose well for ½ hr. After lunch I got one pool below M. br. Greenwell hand. Down to marsh. Fair amount of fly. Mills nothing. 1 1-4.

19th (Su) Cargills 3-5 with Patricia. Fair water v. bright sun all the time. Rose small below cottage, below wall, another bend pool another pool straight. After tea tried to wade under wall lost my cast & finished. -

April 7th Good Friday Magheramey 11-5 with Mills. V. stormy from west. Started Kesh & fished a little down rose one March Brown (h.) below clump & saw two rise & hooked one. Further down & back. Dreadful shower & then lunch. Mills 3 herring size. After stretch to Kesh down & then walked to below clump & touched one which saw rise. Not of fly. Should have tried the Black. Tried one or else. Water coloured as left. -

8th Sillan 12-3.30. N.W. gale v. cold. Fished to marsh & pool below br. lunch & pool below br again & then to Derrygooney & fished Canal above br. Saw nothing. Had loan of 9ft steel rod -

10th Easter Monday Derrygooney 2.30-4.45. Brutal day N gale showers of hail snow & sleet. Blackwater flooded. Fished from lake to br. Rose several little ones & two at top and a bit after narrow losing one about 5 ozs. V. cold. & no one else out. -

13th (Th) Falkland 2-3.45 Water rather high but nice. Got one 1.7 Elm pool at start Priest & one 12½ run to br pool dark Greenwell (h). Nothing pool below road small one 6½ foot of 2nd field. Two other rises. Steel rod v. satisfactory & cast v. well 3 2-10

20th (Th) Falkland (N.T.) 2-3. Water low & slightly dirty. Drizzle which turned heavy -

23rd (Su) Cargills 3-5 Water highish & yellow in the pools. Cold & drip. One 11½ flat after wall. Down to below br where rose small ones. On way back over pool after wall 5 ozs. possibly Cairns. First mouse tail. 2 1-0

8 6.0

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		8	6-0
May 2nd Tu.	Falkland 2-3 Water coloured a too high	-	
3rd	Milltown 6.15-7.15 Water coloured, probably from dredging Nice evening but nothing doing	-	
4th (Th)	Falkland 3.15-6.45. Water v. nice on low side. Saw couple of single rises bv. pool. Lost one & pool below wall med olive quill tail. Cargills. Got into a good below wall & rose small no bend pool & anor pool above house. Using my Milward rod.	-	
21st (Su)	Finn Ballymacniff Br. 3.15-5.30. E. gale. Water v. low. Plenty of fly caught a couple of little ones wet. Then coming up fishing Phelps dry on hand hooked one on Armstrong & got one Phelps at little river	1	·6
22nd	Annamacniff Br. 7.15-9.30. Shower last night, nice ev, but little fly. Down to 5 bend with O'Callaghan. He further down & b got one there on spent gnat. We each also rose one there. Nothing elsewhere.	1	·8
23rd	Annamacniff Br. 7.15-9.45. Nice ev. Harpers steel rod. Hooked a nice trout that saw rise once with first cast lost it. To 5 bend odd rises & got a small one also spent gnat. Whipped off a fly & at middle shallow on way back rose sev. lost two more flies.	1	·5
24th	Annamacniff Br. 7.30-9.30 with Patricia. Cold. No fly. Saw one rise at hedge rose him 3 times. Nothing elsewhere Caught two fingerlings middle shallow on Baigents Black	-	
28th (Su)	Bollynacarvy 1.15-7.30. with McLoughlin & John Keenan. Str N.W wind. I went above br. No rises & not much fly. Saw one definite rise and hooked one Phelps wet long line. After six below br at back of house one rising which covered but no good.	-	
29th	Ballymakiff 3-6.30 Heavy showers stormy Tried wet flies and rose one along hedge to small red olive. Down to bend pool which being cleaned and rose anor. Mills nil.	-	
Whit Mon.			
June 18th (Su)	Blaneydan with Mills 3.30-8.30. New steel boat. Strong N w. I got one Greenwell middle 1st r. & Mills rose sev. after tea I got 2 at head me Greenwell tail & large Hares Ear. Mills rose a considerable number at 5 corner. Heather moth came but wind got up.	3	1-0
30th	Raconnell 8-9.30. Nice little flush after long dry spell Got one 9 ozs mouse on hand middle pool & a couple of little ones.	1	9
		15	8.12

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July 1	Raconnell 8·9·30 Heavy showers & drip. Rose on mouse hand other to S pool where saw one rise. Rose to large Hares Ear & got one 5 ozs Wooleys summer Hares Ear & hooked clost anor on large Pheasant Tail.	1	5
3	Raconnell 8-10 Water light. Fine ev. Rose one below br. idd rises low pool which fished with all flies except Orange Quill.	-	
9th (Sun)	Blaneybane. 3.30-9.30. with Mills. Str. W west clearing. Rose a considerable no. each. After tea each one 1/2 9 ozs. I smallish flies & Mills large flies after tea with same result trout just plucking	1	4
10th	McGlones 9.15-10.15 after Falkland where O'Callaghan anything doing Nice little flow. Tried wet fly other to well dry up. Got one 4 ozs clost anor other one 9 anor same under bushes. All slate pool above well on Wooleys summer Hares Ear. They were rising occasionally to natural	3	1-6
12	Raconnell 8.30-10 Dull after heavy showers turning wet. Rose one 1st pool to Mouse. Got one 4½ 2nd pool from far side Rolys clost mouse (h) in small one head of 3rd pool & got one on Dicksons dark hackle	2	-13
17th	Cargills 7.30 V. heavy rain since 12th. Water chocolate too high. Got two in broken water at flax holes on Priest with Gaffeys m. Also did McGlones	2	- 9
18th	Cargills 8-10 Same as last night. Small one Hares Ear silver.	1	- 4
21st	Raconnell 8-10. Water still too high. Fished wet to wood but saw nothing. Plenty of fly. Also tried pool at Drumbenagh.	-	
22nd	Cargills 8.45 -10.30 after McGlones where Sydney. Fished pools up chooked one rose sev. smooth pool below wall. Changed to Rolys larger size black hackle & got two str. above h. & then above bend pool lost one got one same fly	2	-10
23rd (Sun)	Cargills 4-15-7. Got one mouse clost one Rolys above house. Anor mouse top of rapid below cone 1·5 (not good con.) in broad shallow on Rolys. Had to wade in across to play & land. Caught fly crossed at bend waded down rose little one shallow but saw nothing more. Two flies only	3	2-0
25th	Cargills 9-10.30. Water lowish. Rose some clost one at flax holes. Got one bend pool Rolys. Fished McGlones where lost cast above br.	1	- 9
27th	Cargills & McGlones 8.30-10 Water away except for dry. Nothing rising Reverted to the cast flies	-	
29th	Raconnell 8.30-10.30. Water v. nice. Rose on middle pool. Got small one clost one next pool from far side on small dark Rolys.	-	
		31	15·8

1950 (cont.) 9 = 4½ = 20 lbs

6 on fly.

		Swd.	31	15-8
July 30th (Su)	Blaneybar. 4-9.30 with Mills. Clearing after rain & str. wind Wind W.N.W. Got one on Butcher & lost one mouse in weeds N.E. corner and anor mouse S.W. corner. Mills one before tea. After wind light & odd fish rising but not to us. Each anor mine Mouse his Greenwell.		3	1-1
August 2nd	Cargills Dam with Patricia 8.30-9.30. Water far too high. Tried race in parts. On home by Tyholland & br at dam being rebuilt & could not turn		-	
6th (Su)	Blaneybar 3.45-10.30. with Mills N.S.W. Lost one & got 3 S.W. at start, Mouse tail & Hackle Greenwell (h). Sun & calmer when Mills no good. V. good rise in lake for ½ hr. After tea bright w. light wind Had Dry fly rod up & got 2 lost 3 good ones Wooleys Greenwell splashed one to small Hares Ear & lost very good one large Pheasant Tail V. good rise & sun off Mills started to rise them wet. Two more (my 2. post 9 ozs each.) Wooleys Greenwell dry (all top of lake) & 2 on wet, indy. cast Bag 14.		9	3-5
11th	Raconnell with Patricia. Rose a couple each 2nd & 3rd pools & saw a couple rise above 3rd pool but could not cover. Frightened A good one		-	
24th (Th)	Blaneybane 6-8.30 with Dan. NW. Thundery weather. Light wind at start & Dan rose a couple then dead calm. I went back to car for Dry fly reel & on returning distant thunderstorm. But after a bit but dead calm & only odd rises. Lost good Greenwell in air.		-	
27th (Su)	Blaneybar 4-8.30 with Daniel. Nice SW wind & got one S. side showers Dan. He rose a couple. Wind changed to N.W. & got one dry W side. Then calm & showers. Tea & dead calm. Rose a couple to Hardy's Hackle Hare Ear. but no good & turned cool with mist. Still single rises when left.		2	1/0
Sept 3rd (Su)	Blaneybar 4-7 with Mills. Water still v. high & v. stormy. Mills rowed in weeds W. side & I lost one & got one Gannetts Greenwell (my) I rowed him when tea. Wind still too high & we rose some from shore & drain.		1	5
12th (Tu)	Wee Grivy (Glengarnock) 4-6. V. heavy rain Seen. Main rd. br. V. stormy & bright intervals Small fish rising but wet put them down got a couple of small ones. Down below dam & back. Fished dam dry & got me 4 ozs on Greenwell (Wooleys).		1	4
13th	Macoskin 3.30-5.30 Garage on main road & west below bridge. Gale & v. heavy showers. Rose few pool below br. Got a small one down stream. & anor above br. Rose to Yellow Partridge & Mouse hand. Lot of weed coming down		-	
		Total for year	47	21-1

May & Apr 6.0
May June July 10.9 2.12
July Aug Sept 4.8 12.5

42 days.

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Mar 3rd (Th) Falkland 1.45-3.30. Water light v. dull. Got one ½ elm pool mouse on hand. Br pool changed Greenwell to Yellow Partridge other to Dickson and middle wall pool to Blue Dun got 2 small ones & anor round bend pool below all Blue Dun. Two flies only. Tried bottom of field 4 1-8

4th (Su.) Cargills 2.45-3.45. Water too light. Touched one bend pool got one touched anor. Mouse. Patricia & Elizabeth with me. 1 -4

17th Sillan 11.30-4 with Mills. Cool N.E. wind, dull. I started middle br & worked down to lake & round. Mills got one about ¼ ors above little br hares ear. Sev. others out. Lunch & I fished to marsh again did not see anything. Mills rose anor. I saw flies he did not & on to Derrygooney 4.30 - 5.45 I fished from Is. to br. & he did Nina's pool. got one 1¼ ors hooked one & rose one. 6 or 7 cars at Connolly's out apparently fishing for pike in the lakes. -

Holiday.

18th (Su.) Annamakiff 3-5.30. Cold. E wind & some rain. Uncle His rod to try before repairing. Rose one head of 5th pool anor above broken water & got a little one. All Greenwell. Three others out Threadline. Some fly —

23rd Derrygooney 12.15 with Mills. After two wet days clearing with gale, turning v. cold & hail showers. I fished from Connolly's br. Got 2 little ones Bucks & anor pool below on Priest(t). One rose twice Daniels but wet fly up str. put him down. Tried gorge 1st pool Mills fished from lake without seeing anything. 3 other rods arrived after lunch. Sillan I fished from middle br. to marsh. V. stormy cold. Mills got one above upper br. & I tried the stretch without result. Home 4.45. -

End Friday

26th Falkland 12. Wet morning cold stormy. Water slightly grey. Rose a couple below wall with I. hares ear silver on tail after Priest. Small one Mouse (H) & one 5 ozs Greenwell Woodcock w. on tail. & rose anor. Rose one 3rd field above & anor just below. Changed tail several times & fished down to wall pool again. Two strangers arrived & lunch Cargills. Fished down to bend pool Greenwell tail & that pool again I. Hares Ear on tail and turned one. Pool below hit two changed mouse to tail altering dropper. Down to below mouth br & up again. Put hares ear back on tail got little one on it pool after wall. Home 6.30 with a flood coming down. 2 -9.

Holiday.

4 2-5

1951 (cont.)

April 1 (Sun) Cargills 3–6 Nice afternoon bright good water but snow twice last week. Rose a couple pool head of long straight. Tried pool opp. Wallaces below then down again — fwd 7 2-5

8th (Sun) Cargills 3-6.15 Water v. nice but rained heavily at times. Two 4 ozs first pool on Greenwell gold body fail. Bend pool changed cast Greenwell (h) got one 9 ozs then with Dicksons fail. anor. Rose one head of six under bushes from right then below from left rose 3 or 4 under bushes. Changed to Yellow Partridge fail. got one short anor Greenwell (h) then caught cast & got wet retrieving. Up to Wallaces. — —

15th (Sun) Cargills 2.45 - 6-15 N.T. Water right after being too coloured (Th) & snow on Friday. Gale. Rose 3 or 4 pool above house but saw nothing else though fished stretch twice. Had rod from Parsons 11 Lt. Wind west to east & veering to south again 5 1-14

May 6th (Sun) Cargills. 3.15 - 5.15 with P. McLiz. Bright v cold E.W. & no water over dam. exchanged for Perfection bought 1932. — New Berwick rod tried up stream. Saw nothing but Rod v. nice & not as snappy as Harpers & lost no flies. Caught in tree at dam broke my line retrieving.

14th (Whit. Monday) Bragan 3.30-5. Father mother PcLiz. Bright but str. E wind & no water. Father inspected spot where caught his 1" trout. Rose sev. little ones above but hooked one on small Hares Ear. Tea & trip a success. —

24th (Th) Raconnell 2-3.30 Slight flow water. dirty str. S.W. wet fly below bend small one on small olive silver rose sev pheasant tail on hand. —

26th Raconnell 7.30 - 9.30 Water v. low but flowing. Str. E.W. rose some wet fly at bend below. Rose one Baigents & anor above str & hooked one same fly dry. 4 -4

27th (Sun) Annamakiff 3.30-7.30 N.E. gale & raining. Lost cast in tree at hedge back to car tried the fish again wet & dry. Down to Scotts ford & got one 10 ozs Phelps hand above shallow & anor Armstrong at head of run. Noticed that top broken above ferule etc to car. Two others had heard of rises & coming back down. Tea & Berwick rise at hedge & got 6 ozs Armstrong a small perch. Scotts nothing doing but anor above shallow One rose in the str above tried wet & rose to dry. Up & pool below & saw two rise & after wet fly rose one on dry. Wet at start then misty rain. —

28 Annamakiff 7-9.30 Str E wind Bright v. cold No fly & nothing doing 4 1-13

June 1st Annamakiff 8.15-10 with Father. Bright but warmer. Some fly first since Sun. Rose a couple Scotts shallows & hooked, one small Baigents Black & also hooked a nice one in pool on Dunne May fly. — —

17=6-4

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		Jwd 17	6-4
June 2nd	Annamakiff 8-9.45. No fly. Fished rises at Scotts ford but nothing doing		
3rd (Su)	Ballynacargy 4-10 with Marcus McLoughlin. 8 cars. V. heavy thundery. Settled down below house & fished odd rises. Tea 5.30 & got two 5 oz fish on spent gnat. Bright after shower & good fall of spent gnat. The fish turned out to be an educated cruiser which chased & tried different flies. Finally as finishing he took a fly below mine a mile 2 lbs. One other fish caught about 4½ & one 1lb but nothing else. Had steel rod & Baldwins No 2 kingfisher very satisfactory. all week.	3	2-10
17th (Su)	Derrykanigh with Mills 7-9.15 [after Blaneyban 4-7 but too rough & did not put boat out]. Water clearing a nice. I went down & Mills up. He got several, keeping 2, on bloody bulcher. I kept 3, small carrins fancy tail, & one 5 ozs above br. yellow partridge. Kept 5 = 1-1. Bright with shower	3	·10
19th	Raconnell 8.30-9.30. Had slather. Water fresh but dead low. Rose one small Carrins fancy & tried an odd rise with dry	—	
26th	Raconnell 8-9.30. Some water fished the 3 pools. Did not see a rise but a Priest got one 1-2 lbs & 2 ors probably opp island. local!	—	9-8
July 8th (Su)	Blaneyban with Mills & V. heavy rain showers. Blackwater yellow last night. Bright & N.W. wind. One ½ lb on Dark Greenwell at start & Mills rose a few little ones Connemara Black. After tea to Derrykanigh Water too coloured. Mills 2 & I one His Wickam mine Armstrong. that we kept!	2	·11
9th	Drumreaske 8.30 to 9.30 Water too high, chocolate & dirty. Rose one to Pheasant Tail. Clearing after rain. Impossible to judge water owing to local thunder showers.	—	
12th	Cargills 2-3.30 Water too high & coloured. Fished to bend pool Met Dr Glass who was at McClones. Tried bridge pool Falkland	—	
15th (Su)	Blaneyban 4.30-9 Mills Cecil Wilson. Dull with cloud mist & cool V. few rises. I got one each of three rounds 2 dark greenwell & one Rolys Rose & splashed some to Olive March Brown. Wilson one on Greenwell.	3	1·2
16th	Drumreaske 8-9.45 Water nice weather settling. Got one pool 2nd elbow dark Greenwell. Late a couple rose str. below ford. Wet fly put down	1	·8
19th (Th)	Blaneyban 5.30-9. Patricia & I fished a bit while Henderson & Hester went up Tullamore. Wind a bit strong. After tea dull cloud mist & nothing rising. Henderson rose a couple & got one Dark Greenwell N.E. corner	1	·5
23rd	Drumreaske 8.30-9.30. Water v. low. Rose 2 "5" from right. Using Berwick. Olive Rolys Dark Greenwell. Saw odd rises. Tried dry on spec.	—	
		30	12·2

1951 (cont.)

			fwd. 30	12-2
July 28th	Drumreaske 8.30-10 Water v. nice. Fine Got one M'Laques "5" at tree on Dicksons Olive. Odd rises. Fished top of S down splashed & turned a couple. Using a long rod & ·24 cast.		1	1-0
29th	Blaneybarr 4-9.30 with Mills. Calm changeable puffs N E & S E V. few rises. Rose one Baigents chooked one Hardy's favourite. Ev. rose a couple I. Pheasant Tail Wooley's Greenwell small. Mills 2 Greenwell & Count.		-	-
Aug 5th (Su)	Derrygooney 4-6 with P. Peklz. Showers Mon. Bright sun & fresh E. wind. Tried a fish rising in marsh and then walked up to lake & fished a rise probably a pike. Plenty of little fish. Water low.			13.2
6th	Drumreaske 8-9.30. Odd rises. Tried dry & then got one wet fishing "5" down. Dark sedge. Water low but fresh.		- 1	5
9th	Drumreaske 7.30-9.30 Water v. low str wind & misty drizzle. Nothing moving. One on dark Greenwell foot of "5". Fished also 2nd "5"		1	7
13th	Givy Garvagh 10.30-12.30. Water low. Odd rises above br which tried with dry. Got a couple of little ones below br. 5 Hares Ear dry. Hill one little one.		-	
14th	Givy. Dam above Garvagh 11.30-2. Str wind. Odd rises. Few rises to small Yellow Partridge & a couple on Dark Greenwell. Then Dicksons on Tail Greenwell middle. Got about 15-20 Kept 10 best 4 ozs. Mouse no good. One Olive March Brown. Hill nil after lunch to Collins Br. Water dead low & only saw fingerlings up Macosquin at Garage & school water a 2ft. Saw nothing		10	1-10
19th (Su)	Blaneybarr 4-9 with Mills Str N.W. & W wind, showers cold No rises. Each one 8.30 Greenwell hand & rose a couple.		1	·7
26th (Su)	Cargills 5-7.30 Water v. nice. Got a little one head of rapid Dark Greenwell & hit anor. Fished on down without seeing anything and then got one bend pool on Butcher during a cloud 4 ozs.		2	·13
Sept 2nd (Su)	Cargills 5-6.30 Water too high as all week. Got one bend pool on large Priest again Berwick rod. Saw nothing else.		1	·14
6th	Falkland & Cargills 4.15-7.30 Water right but weather settling W. E. Rose one pool under road. Small one Bend pool on I. Yellow Partridge touched another. Saw nothing rise.		1	·4
			48	17·14

1951 (cont.) fwd 48 17-14

Sept 9th (Su) Cargills 3.30 Patricia Eliz other. Water low. Nice afternoon. Fished couple of bits to bend pool other tea home 5.30 –

16th (Su) Cargills 3.30 - 6.30 V. heavy flood during week. Water exactly right but bright sun practically all the time. Fished to bend pool then tea back to bend. Got one 4 ozs blue & silver run at head of straight canoe same fly pool above brood stretch. 2 12

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