& I soon was able to get the hood down. I did not go under fairly
steady. The road rises steadily thro' the top of this Manuka Hill 235 miles
alt. There was a certain amount of heat but not much at the West Coast
there was nothing to trouble about. Then the road became perfectly
awful potholes full of water all over the road. I have seen been
an end of bad road. & it continued to Tokaroa, 10 miles of perfect misery
It improved a bit, & after Cambridge it was fair good. I heard that
Hamilton I had broken one of the famous caravans. I stopped at
the Alexandra Private Hotel, & after tea went out to see Doris Dyson. 68 miles
from Rotorua.

April 26 Fri. I got up at 6.30 & was all ready for breakfast at 8. After breakfast
I went to the garage & cleaned the car & packed all luggage got off
at 8.30. Part of the road was fairly bumpy & part of it better.
But after Hamilton it improved. The road follows the Waikato
River for a bit. At Rangariri I got out to look at the trenches
of the Maori War. I stopped for tea at Ravensdale
a very comfortable tea house & camp between Pokeno
& Rewa Rewa. The road along here has been made
Auckland by the Soldiers in the Maori War. Near Drury I got into
Cornwall road & got along well. I saw a little Officially
in purity "Strathmore". It was a very comfortable Private
Hotel. I got all my luggage into my rooms, took the
car down to the Museum Garage & had a new
Sprocket fitted. Left my my alarm watch at Stewart
& Dawson – called at Whitcombe & Tombs & took I had
dinned. Had a cup of tea, came back & carried up
my luggage. Met D. by the Strand – a member of the N.Z. A.C.
I had held Ch. Ch. 82 miles

I had driven 2,200 miles in S. Island apart from little runs
& 530 in N. Island. Getting 3,000 miles in all.

April 27. Sat. I went down to the town & got my watch from Stewart & Dawson, & then went on my bicycle & arranged about my

money, as I had transferred the balance of my account to Auckland.
It rained fairly steadily. I got my car from the Museum Garage where
they had fitted a new sprocket & found a garage near the hotel
I did some packing, went out to find Lundegaw – who was
Cornish & Fugard, Invercargill. Then to see Stewart –
whom Aunt Annie knew in Tollenpiece Hospital. He is
a very cheerful man, in spite of his loss of a leg & the
fact that he has been crippled as an artificial
limb maker. Government had helped him to a
farm & supply all the artificial limbs to ex-soldiers.
After dinner went out to see Lundegaw & found him in
& had a very pleasant evening.

April 28 Sun Sunday. Went to St Pebbles, & to the Sunny Auditorium
at 11 at St Paul's. Packed after lunch. Received
the Ladies Orchestra after tea, but the garage was
shut up. Went in evening at 7. & met Collins.

April 29 After breakfast went down in town, bought a fishing rod at Vidal's
saw Nottingham Cup in car. After lunch started in Cobb,
called in Mrs Talbot, Dorothy Gibson's nurse. Had tea with
Archbishop Cowie, met the Dean of Ch. Ch. & then went to see
Ladies Orchestra, saw Howard at the Addison & had.

April 30 S. Mark (Lion feast) And Up Cowie 25th anniversary of
Consecration. Went to St Paul's at 7. after breakfast finished
my washing had arrived went down & saw it in Ward
book to get A.A badge from Wright. Sailed at 11.
Cohen with 2 others. Nice view up the harbour & offshore
Coast of N.Z. receding fast. Saw some porpoise.

May 1 Wed Called & had bath 6.15 said Matins at 6 before breakfast
saw big fish port. a black fish just breaking the water. A fine
day, very pleasant; got a book from library & read. Life belt
drill in morning. Wonderful tropical clouds at sunset & after
391 M. & after dark, the light of the stars – one Upset & one to starboard
reflected in the water