It was a very great disappointment to Lee and I when we found that all the work & our chance of an attack on Elie's Reconnaissance was at an end & hope as the weather seemed so settled. Jack Cox is head man. Looking to God so we dressed & as best we could. He would certainly have had difficulty in using an axe round for a few days.

A disappointed party we left behind all we could & with light loads & heavy hearts set off at 8 o'clock. The others were most generous in never saying a word of complaint. We crossed the bridge again without having to clean the packs that day was much disgusted & we missed the rope which had first been before.

We then went up the spur keeping (found the old line & crossed fairly high up above the slip & got to the creek at 11.20 when we had food 11.20 – 12.30 got to the creek of West. Night at 1.20 & Jacks old camp at 2.30 & the creek at 3. We had a cup of tea & got off 3.50. We had a big climb up creek & up a ridge 4.20 & got to a place, at 5.40 where some one had camped as there was an old billy & plate. We got a shooting picnic just above the head & had a good night – that I felt one a little miserable. My tooth had been a bloody discomfort & a sharp pain every time I came down heavy on my foot & I had to hop with great care.

I was beginning to think that I had returned too unnecessarily.

Feb. 16. (Sat) We got off at 7.15 crossed Kea Pass at 8.15 – 8.20 & are camp of the first night out. We got down to the Little Beech at 10.50 where the others had the billy boiling & we had a meal. All three of ours & their daggers were off again good, also got a sheet & Percy got his. We left at 11.50 & got to the bridge at 1.35 & left at 1.45 & got to the hotel at 2.5. A hot bath & I did appointed first. I got to them & rang up Carlson & got him to send the tooth that night & had a bath & a change. Mr Copeland sent back for in 4 days some one had been fixed in my room. I got the necessary things & changed in Capt. Mercer's room. I was told that the aeroplane was going up to Hokitika for Capt. Mercer & could take me up & back again. As I was feeling very tired & the day I decided to

I was told I could have the room at the bakery so I had a few things there. I had seen Lee & Eggs. & got off at 8. It was my first flight & after the first minute I so enjoyed it immensely getting a wonderful view of the country & being able to locate every road & geographic many of the farms & see how the country had been developed.

Many places where I had been able to get work 30 years ago were now in streams running thro' paddocks. We were in Hokitika in 40 minutes (96 miles/road) & Parker piloted me to Carlson, I first saw Dr. Teichelmann for a minute. As it turned out the plaster Carlson had put in evening for the outside & said, if tooth had I could see the nerve is bleeding. I soon was able to get the plaster & he injected from the inside & in a few minutes pulled out the rest of the tooth. There was the nerve lying fully exposed except for the broken part which had been holed in practice by the chip of the plate. I could not understand why I had had comparatively so little pain & he said it was unusual. He then we had the aeroplane & mine serviced at 7.0 & we set off down again dropping the papers & mail at Waitara. We had dinner together & I found that I could leave Sheffield by an earlier train. I got to bed about 10.30.

Feb. 17. Sun. I took the 7.30 celebration, wrote up my diary, had a good sleep in the afternoon & took service at 5.30.

I could not help feeling what a wonderful thing our aeroplane was up & back in 2½ hours & the tooth removed. At all events when I saw the tooth I felt satisfied that I had done the right thing in coming up after Calvary that it had spoiled the trip. I think I must have cracked the tooth about a week ago & the cracks closed again the night filling & under the gum it was all been quite possible when Carlson examined the tooth the week before.

Feb. 18 Mon. I was moved back into my old room. At 12 o'clock Miss Thomson her niece, Miss Graham & I walked down the walk to the Telete bluff where we had first several glimpses of the Waiho to avoid the rough land. We then walked down to the end of the land between the Waiho & the Telete & then turned S.E. We walked up the Telete thro' the gorge & got back at 6.30. After dinner, (in) went into Mr. P. Graham's

Feb. 19 Tuesday A wet morning among my room, did some mending. Slept after lunch also with Mr. Glen. Slept most all day. Agnes & Grierson of the Rectory were in the hotel.