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Dear

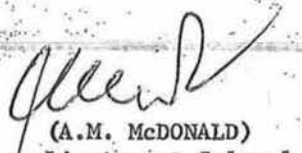
It is with regret that I have to inform you of some unhappy news about your son REDACTE

On the night of 6th March 1974, whilst in the Senior Apprentices Club, REDACT made plans to settle a grudge against another apprentice whom he didn't know. Later that night at approximately 10 pm, he found the other Apprentice and in a most unmanly manner he assaulted him by kicking the lad about the head and chest, rendering him unconscious. Even when REDACT realised that the other lad was unconscious, he didn't bother to seek assistance but just walked away. The victim is now in hospital and is treated as seriously ill.

As a result of this attack, I had no choice but to recommend to higher authority that REDACT be discharged forthwith. This request was approved and REDACT is being marched out of the School today to Watsonia Personnel Depot for discharge procedure.

I am indeed sorry to have to pass on to you such disturbing news, but I'm sure you will realise that the course adopted by REDACT could not be tolerated and I had to take firm action.

Yours


(A.M. McDONALD)
Lieutenant Colonel
Commanding Officer.