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Dear

Further to my telegram of 11 October 1974, I regret to advise you that your son REDAC has been discharged from the Army as a result of his misconduct.

On the night of 2 October 1974, REDAC went to see two junior Apprentices in separate buildings and in turn assaulted each of them. One of the Apprentices concerned was asleep at the time of the assault. This lad was subsequently hospitalised for two days for treatment for the head injuries he received, the other lad received facial lacerations but was not hospitalised.

This type of behaviour cannot be tolerated at a place such as the Apprentices School and I am sure you will understand the reason for our action.

Incidentally, all of the boys have been warned on a number of occasions, that any acts of violence may result in an application to a higher authority for their discharge. As I have now obtained this authority, REDAC has now left the Army Apprentices School and will be sent to the 1st Military District Personnel Depot in Brisbane, where he will undergo his discharge procedures such as final medical board, finalisation of pay and so forth. Nevertheless, may I take this opportunity of wishing REDAC success in whatever career he now turns to.

Yours

(W.R.K. KNIGHTBRIDGE)
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