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MILITARY POLICE STATEMENT FORM - SERVICE PERSONNEL

CJC Annex D to File No. SIS/S/162/72
 N. Rank App Name in full. CJC
 Unit Army Apprentice School
 Corps/Service Appointment Apprentice Musician
 Home Address REDACTED
 Place of Birth GOSFORD N S W Date of Birth 21 May 54
 Date reposting or re-engagement due February 1979

Who states:

I am CJC Apprentice CJC an apprentice musician at the Apprentice School Balcombe. I have been an apprentice for the last nineteen months.

On Saturday the 15th of July 1972 about 2200 hours, I am not real sure of the time, I was in my room in M block when I heard voices calling my name. I am sure one of the voices belonged to REDACT. Someone also tried to get my door open but I stayed in my room and kept quiet. A short while later the people calling my name and trying to get into my room left. I then reported the matter to sergeant Livingstone.

On Sunday the 16th of July 1972 about 1500 hours I was in my room sweeping up when a male person came into my room. He said "Do you remember me?"

I said "From last year, A company?"

He said "How is your mouth?"

I said "It's OK?"

He said "Bad luck" or something like that.

This person then punched me in the face. He then said "Do you remember last year down at the RAP?"

I said "What happened down there" or something like that.

He then said that I had said "muso's are the best!"

I then said that I could not recall this.

The person then hit me again and said I had better remember but every time I told him that I could not remember he kept hitting me about the face with his fist. He also kicked me a couple of times.

At this time apprentice REDACT came into the room and the bloke told him to piss off and not to say anything. Apprentice REDACT then left the room.

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CJC

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A few minutes later apprentice [REDACTED] who was in the room all the time asked the bloke if he would leave. The bloke then grabbed [REDACTED] and told him to piss off and not to say anything about it to anyone. [REDACTED] then left the room.

I was then punched a few more times and forced into a built in wardrobe. The bloke then said "You are lucky you wern't in here last night" or something similar.

I think I was kicked again. The bloke then left the room. I don't know the blokes name but I could recognize him if I saw him again.

A few minutes later the bloke came in again and punched me a few more times and I think he kicked me in the stomach again. He then slammed the wardrobe door and left. I did not give anyone permission to hit, punch or kick me.

Signed CJC

Statement recorded and signature witnessed by us at Balcombe on the 17 Jul 72 at 1540 hrs.

Signed E J Stengelis

Other investigator present

Signed R F McMaster

Cpl