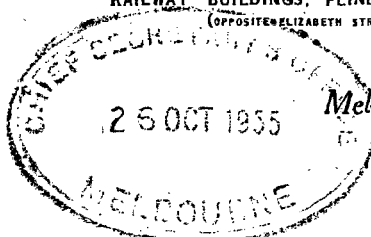


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Memorandum for the Under Secretary

re Application for Declaration of ^{the} Salvation Army
 Boys' Home, 310 Elgar Road, Box Hill, as an
 Approved Children's Home.

This institution, under the control and management of the Salvation Army, 69 Bourke Street, Melbourne, was established at Brunswick in 1897 but its location was changed to the above address on 12/12/1912 and was an approved institution under Division 8 Section 61 of the Children's Welfare Act 1928. It was originally approved by an Order in Council published in the Government Gazette of 22/12/37 and has functioned continuously since that date.

The applicant is Colonel Percival Dale, Territorial Men's Social Secretary at Salvation Army Headquarters and the present Manager is Senior Major Charles Stevenson. The latter was appointed in 24/10/51 and has had 25 years' previous experience in children's institutions. This included periods as Superintendent at Kentown and Mount Barker in South Australia and five years as Assistant Manager at Salvation Army Boys' Home, Bayswater. In addition to the Manager there is a staff of 15 to care for the 150 children, of whom 67 are wards of the Department.

There is a school conducted by the Education Department attached to the institution and the boys can undertake all their primary studies there. Lads requiring secondary or technical education attend the Box Hill Technical School. Their medical and dental requirements are adequately provided for. Dr. N. Chenhall, 9 Parkside Avenue, Box Hill, has for the past nine years been the Home's medical officer whilst the Health Department's Dental Unit visits annually. In urgent cases the facilities of the public hospitals are utilized whilst boys needing urgent dental attention are taken to Mr. J. Duckett, 23 Main Street, Box Hill.

As this institution has functioned satisfactorily over many years, it is recommended that the Salvation Army Boys' Home, 310 Elgar Road, Box Hill, be declared an Approved Children's Home.

J. B. Cow
 Director.