

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE NSW POLICE SERVICE

Call Record

Record Number:	p.0528
Time:	21/5/96 10:49 AM
R C Staff Member:	

Caller: EP	REDACTED
Telephone:	REDACTED
Address:	REDACTED
Person(s) complained of:	Captain WILSON, X15, Mr. X12
Details of Call:	<p>Caller was seven and a half when he was taken from his family by the Court and placed into The Salvation Army Boys' Home at Bexley. The home was opened in 1912 and closed in 1978. The caller was sexually abused from 1973-1976 by the person in charge of the home, Captain Wilson and also employees X15 and Mr.X12 (Not sure of the spelling of these surnames). He was also sexually abused by other boys in the boys home as there was a mixture of the ages of the boys in the dormitory he was sharing. The older boys would physically assault him and then sexually assault him. Captain Wilson was previously in charge of a Salvation Army Boys' Home in Goulburn and then moved to Sydney. The caller believes that sexual abuse of boys also took place at the Goulburn boys home. He was allocated "House Parents" at the age of eight. He recalls that the house was near the</p>

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	<p>water, possibly in the Cronulla area. He was allocated to a husband and wife. The husband would anally penetrate him, whilst the wife watched. He also claims that the dormitory had fire escapes and that men he did not know would come in during the night and that they were required to "service" these men. Stated that he suffered severe physical abuse at the home, as did many of the other boys. He tried to commit suicide when he was eight and a half years old, by setting fire to one of the buildings and standing in the centre of the fire. He was dragged from the fire by other boys at the home. He ran away from the home about 6 times and remembers that one boy hung himself because he couldn't live with being sexually abused and knows of two other boys who tried to kill themselves after leaving the home. On leaving the home at 17 years of age he stated that he was angry at the fact that he had no one to turn to, in that the people who were supposed to take care of him were abusing him, physically and sexually. He did not receive any counselling or any support from The Salvation Army. He then committed a violent armed robbery in that he bound, gagged and beat the victim for three days and then fled to South Australia. He was apprehended in S.A. and extradited to NSW. He has made a statement relating to the physical and sexual abuse which occurred and The Salvation Army have agreed to pay for his psychiatric counselling, which commences next week. I advised him of several counselling services (as per RC list) in the event that he needed to talk to someone sooner. He stated "I did what I did to survive." He complained that he has never been able to hold a job and becomes violent and cannot understand several events which have occurred in his life. Claims that there must be hundreds of boys who were abused at the hands of employees of The Salvation Army. Does not know what happened to or the present whereabouts of persons who molested him. Stated that he corresponded with a ET serving time at Ararat Correctional Facility in Victoria, but ceased when he learned that ET had been a victim who had</p>
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	turned offender. ET has apparently compiled a large amount of information on the sexual abuse which occurred in the The Salvation Army run homes.
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