

ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD
BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE SUPERINTENDENT
TEL. BERRY 16



Training Farm for Boys and
School of Husbandry

Berry, 27th. January 1965.

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE QUOTE



Allegation of ill treatment by inmate REDACTED

On 10-1-65 the Chef, Mr. Mayhew advised that REDACTED was on the verandah crying and had informed him that Mr. Wilson (Housemaster), had hit him twice on the head.

A written statement was obtained from REDACTED and another from REDACTED, who was in the kitchen at the time REDACTED alleges he was struck (copies attached). Mr. Wilson was also asked for a statement in reply to the allegation (copy attached).

From enquiries made it would appear that the lad REDACTED was away from his appointed duties for some time and was reprimanded by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson strongly denies striking the boy and states that he escorted the lad into the pot room then pushed him toward the sink. REDACTED did not see any of the happenings in the pot room and can only relate his conversation with REDACTED after the incident.

It might be noted that REDACTED is a weak individual, prone to bursting into tears at the slightest provocation. There is a possibility that the allegation was made to save face with the other inmates. As can be seen in the statements made by the two lads, there is a discrepancy between REDACTED version and the one he related to REDACTED, which leaves doubt as to what did happen.

In summing up it might be said that although Mr. Wilson is, at times, immature in his attitude toward the handling of inmates and does admit to pushing the boy. There is no real evidence, that he did in fact, strike the lad.

Mr. Wilson's attention has been drawn to the regulations pertaining to the punishment of Wards in Establishments. It is felt that no further action is warranted.

REDACTED

W. J. Moyle,
D/Superintendent.

The A/Superintendent.

Copy of statement made by [REDACTED] regarding
alleged ill treatment.

I was on the rec when I remembered I had to do the Pots in the kitchen and I was plaing a game out on the side of the office and then I started to walk over to the kitchen and chef called me when I was on my way then a few seconds later Mr. Wilson came out and told me to go into the kitchen and he told [REDACTED] to stay outside for a minute and when I got into the Pot-room he said I'm getting sicken tide of you miking about the he hit me on the back of the head then he said something else then he bit me again and told me to get on with my pots then he went out and told hunt to get on with his work and thats all I heard.

Witness. E.J.Moyle. Signed. [REDACTED]

Copy of statement made by [REDACTED]

Chef called out to [REDACTED] to come up to the kitchen and then Mr. Wilson called both [REDACTED] and myself into the kitchen. He told me to stay in the servery and then took [REDACTED] into the Pot Room. [REDACTED] started crying then Mr Wilson came out and I told him I was in the kitchen all the time. I then asked [REDACTED] what happened and he said that Mr Wilson hit him across the face.

Witness. E.J.Moyle. Signed. [REDACTED]

Copy of statement made by Mr.L.Wilson,Housemaster.

At 11.45 am the Chef complained to me that the said boy had not been on duty since 10 am. Which I new due to him playing on the recreation paddock, under my supervision. (I thought he had completed his work) anyrate I brought [REDACTED] from the play ground and lead him to a pile of pots repremanded him and push him towards the sink. I did not officious striek him.

Witness. E.J.Moyle. Signed L.A.Wilson.