

RIVERVIEW, (41)

17th December, 19

REDACTED States:-

I was born on the REDACTED, and I have been here months at the end of the month. I have been treated not bad in

couple of weeks ago. After I had been here about a week I ran away with REDACTED. I had no particular reason for running away then. When I was brought back I received four cuts on the open hand and one on the seat. I had my trousers on. Capt. REDACTED punished me with a strap. From then up to my last absconding I received about four hiding from Capt. REDACTED and Adjutant REDACTED... They were all with the strap on the hand or the seat, (not bare.) I ran away on Sunday, the 6th instant, and was returned on Wednesday, the 9th inst. When I came back I was punished with the strap by Lieut Macdonald on the bare seat. I got six cuts. I have no marks on my body. I have never heard anyone calling out to the lassie officers when they were going to the bath or the lavatory. I have heard about no particular name was mentioned to me. I have never heard anything about clothes being torn. I am satisfied with my treatment here. I don't like having to sit near the Tabernacle since I came back from absconding. Sometimes the food is alright. I get plenty to eat but I do not like haricot beans.

Major Axon.

I have seen REDACTED beaten about three times at the cowyard. I have never been beaten until the last one. The boys can get extra food if they hold up their hands. Sometimes I do not get enough to eat. I have been hungry about six times NO officers here has been unkind to me. I deserved the punishments I received. Capt. Jeffries is kind to the boys and puts himself out for them. I consider that anyone beaten by an officer deserved it.

Signed by

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