

THE SALVATION ARMY

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Colonel R. Holz,
CHIEF SECRETARY.

Dear Colonel,

re: CAPTAIN X17

I confirm my telephoned message to you to the effect that the abovenamed has been suspended from his place as an officer on report from the Manager, Major Robert Riddell, that the Captain has been charged with offences against three boys in the Gill Home.

The information on which action was taken by the police was picked up at the Home by a photographer who regularly visits the Home and who relayed it to the Welfare Officer at Goulburn (Mr. Terry O'Mara) who in turn informed the police without any prior word to the Manager.

The Manager omitted to inform us until nearly 24 hours after he became acquainted with the facts and in the absence of a legal adviser the Captain made admissions to the police who proceeded to charge him.

Major X4 left last night, 20th inst., to confer with the police, provide bail and secure if possible an adjournment for a fortnight. Major X4 will if possible bring the Captain back to Sydney with him today.

I will keep you informed.

Yours sincerely,

SOCIAL SERVICES SECRETARY.