

Letter under

Personnel w.v.

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Major Leah Davids,  
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Dear Major,

I am writing to you on a matter which I believe is your concern. We are having a most unhappy, and unfruitful spiritual time in this Corp. There is just so much hurt being inflicted on soldiers who are endeavouring to support our Corp Officer who is suspicious, arrogant, and money happy.

He speaks to women in vulnerable situations on ~~some~~ matters, which I believe are not his business; for example a single woman of ~~a~~ twenty five to thirty years he accused of being a lesbian, without any apparent reason, whatever, this woman is not a salvationist & I think not even a Christian - nor ever will be after that episode I shouldn't think.

But teenagers have so much & such deep contempt for him & any growing in them is close to dead, & staying plants that's the end, if it were a tree - or mature Christian - there would be hope.

A good kind Christian man came to our Corp & by arrangement with the Corp Officer he assisted with Pub collections, by carrying the heavy boxes, & accompanying a young woman recruit who was given & carried out this duty. The man said to the Corp Officer that he felt he could no longer do this thing, as it didn't look nice for an old man to be following a young girl around from Pub to Pub & (she wasn't always well dressed). The Corp Officer stated to him

that is properly covered on the clothing

that if he had that sort of trouble that was his problem, so now we have one less person who is even attending meetings. He no longer does League of Mercy work, which he deeply enjoyed.

I have been doing League of Mercy work but I have begun to feel I cannot make contacts with people in this way for the Salvation Army because I believe that our Corp with Captain Wilson in charge cannot operate truly in Christ's name. There has been great heart sorrow caused Christians by this name & how can one say come to the Army & meet God, when one never knows from one Sunday to the next what he will say which will misrepresent the Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray you will give this matter your prayerful consideration.

Yours in God's Service

Mrs. Audrey J. Gill