

FY [REDACTED] V SALVATION ARMY & ANOR

SYNOPSIS/OVERVIEW

PLAINTIFF: FY [REDACTED]

D.O.B: REDACTED

Background

- Born in Sydney NSW.
- Has one older brother and sister and 4 younger brothers – all step-siblings.
- Mother moved around a lot to premises which were not suitable to raise children – e.g. no running water etc.
- Children were taken from the mother and placed in the home due to neglect.

Reason for entering Gill Memorial Home

Due to neglect by the mother. Child welfare intervened and removed the children from the mother.

Period of time in Gill Memorial Home

March 1966 – September 1974.

Allegations of Abuse: Physical and Psychological.

- Repeatedly caned for such minor offences as apparently sleeping in church. This caning was contrary to the law in force at the time both as to the number of strokes of the cane administered and the absence of an offence sufficiently severe to warrant a caning.
- Made to clean toilets using his own toothbrush.
- Made to stand outside in a Goulburn winter in bare feet or alternatively, on the bitumen playground which was extremely hot.
- Punished for trying to bring attention to the sexual misconduct of Captain X17 with other boys at the home.
- Generally being treated as if he were a delinquent rather than a child whose circumstances were so unfortunate that he could not be cared for by his parents.

Sequela

- Psychological trauma from experiencing and witnessing physical and psychological abuse.
- Emotional trauma from being placed in a position where Plaintiff could not defend himself.
- Bruisings, cuts and abrasions. Perforated ear drum.
- Psychological trauma.
- Post traumatic stress disorder.
- Personality disorder.
- Depression.
- Loss of earning capacity by being forced into an environment that was not conducive to study.

ACT Supreme Court Originating Application and Statement of Claim filed and served.