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FIELD BRANCH

REPORT ON VISIT TO INSTITUTION OR HOME.

NAME OF INSTITUTION OR HOME: The Salvation Army Boys Home – Mt Baker

NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT OR PERSON IN CHARGE: Brigadier Lawler

PERSON IN CHARGE AT TIME OF VISIT: Superintendent

MAXIMUM ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED FOR: 40.....DATE: 13/7/70

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE: 23

N.B. Field officers are requested to use the following headings as a guide when reporting on the facilities and care provided.

SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION (Type – suitability – age – groups provided for)

The accommodation is satisfactory. However 15 beds are utilising temporary accommodation; 9 in one of the recreation rooms in the new wing, 6 sharing 2 rooms in the old building. This arrangement should not continue for too lengthy a period.

KITCHEN & DINING FACILITIES (cooking – menu – amenities – supervision)

Adequate

ABLUTION, TOILET & LAUNDRY FACILITIES (Special toilets, baths etc. for younger children. Comment on laundry. Query if any done by children and facilities)

Plans are in hand for the erection of a new laundry to replace the present cramped facilities. Toilet, showering & washing facilities are good in the new wing, although [illegible] facilities may be somewhat [illegible] by the number of boys in [illegible] at [illegible]. The old toilets used by the boys when at school are adequate, but at the time of visiting an unpleasant odours.

RECREATION FACILITIES (indoor – outdoor)

Adequate, but once again [illegible] by the temporary [illegible] of one recreation room into a dormitory. The main recreation hall is cold & [illegible], but meets its demands of its use for more [illegible] – type situations

CLOTHING (Adequate, suitable)

Satisfactory

EDUCATION FACILITIES (within institution or home or attend outside school or kindergarten)

Arrangements have not changed from other years. The school building on this premises is to be re-decorated in the ...

MEDICAL & DENTAL CARE (how provided?)

Arrangements as in previous years

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION (by whom provided – Institution or attend outside Church etc.)

Arrangements as in previous years. Superintendent is [illegible] [illegible] religious training & I would suggest this would be [illegible] [illegible] on in the home.

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GENERAL APPEARANCE & UPKEEP OF INTITUTION OR HOME (Inside, outside, furnishings)

The home's appearance is [illegible] of a large [illegible] home in a rural setting. The gardens are tidy & reasonably well kept. Efforts we [illegible] [illegible] made to ensure the furnishings are as comfortable as possible for the boys.

STAFF

- 1) Number involved with care of children: 6
- 2) Number of domestics or handymen etc (with minimal contact with children): 3 + 2 P/T
- 3) Staff training (how and where provided): This matter is to be further considered . Details of [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] have been provided to [illegible] [illegible]
- 4) Voluntary Assistants: ---
- 5) Visiting specialists or consultants: ---

COMMENTS BY FIELD OFFICER: there are apparent limitations in its care that this Home can provide. But [illegible] are greatly [illegible] to the [illegible]. Superintendent insufficiently & "old-fashioned" attitude. With his retirement at the end of the year, its Home should be able to provide a better standard of care.

SIGNATURE.....FIELD OFFICER 14.8.70