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HOME MR BARKER

VISITATION BY INSPECTORS

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REPORT ON:

Visit to Salvation Army Boys Home

M. Barber

on 13/7/70.

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The purpose of visiting the Home was firstly to report concerning licence renewal (due 13/7/70) and secondly, report on progress made in rectifying unsatisfactory conditions present when visited on 27/5/70. The Acting Director and I were accompanied by Brigadier Semmens, who has administrative responsibility for the Salvation Army Boys Homes in this State. The Home's Superintendent, Brigadier Lawler showed us over the Home.

Efforts had been made to re-arrange conditions in the following areas:-

1. The 15 boys previously sleeping in temporary accommodation in an annexe of the old building, had been moved. Six boys were sharing 2 rooms (3 in each) in the old building, while 9 were accommodated in one of the recreation rooms in the new wing; this room had been converted to a dormitory. These arrangements appeared satisfactory and were an improvement on the old annexe.
2. Staff duties and responsibilities have been clarified and documented as per attachment.
3. Brigadier Semmens indicated that he will ensure that closer contact will be maintained between the Home and the Salvation Army's central administration.
4. Measures have been taken to standardize disciplinary methods including the use of a "punishment book" in respect of corporal punishment.

In addition, I offered information about the "Child Care and Development Course" at the Adult Education Department of the University of Adelaide. Brigadier Semmens expressed his interest in this, stating that he would encourage staff members to participate.

Since assessment of problems at the Home, there is no doubt that the Administration has made every effort to improve the situation. I am also of the opinion that further improvements will be made when the present Superintendent retires at the end of this year.

Progress is evident and this will assist in creating a stable, secure environment for the emotionally disturbed and behaviour problem type of lad that comes to the Home. Accordingly, I would recommend that a licence be issued for the next 12 months.

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13/8/70.

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