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Attendance note

Re: The Salvation Army re Claim by BML
Date: 7 December 2005
Reference: 2/15937

Telephone attendance upon Major Dorothy Hooper, phone: REDACTE

Dorothy Hooper stated that she was at Box Hill Boys' Home from January 1960 to January 1970.

She states as follows:

I am 84 years old and have been retired for 24 years.

I do not recall a BML. This is not surprising as there were three different Homes at Box Hill. I was in charge initially of the boys up to eight years of age. At the time, this was called Hayville.

Major Hewittson was the Major in charge of the three Homes at the time. Major Hewittson would have been there for a couple of years in the early 1960s. Major Hewittson was a wonderful, kind friendly man. He died a few years ago. I never saw him mistreating children in any way. I would not have a harsh word said against him. I strongly deny the assertion by BML that Major Hewittson was surly and cruel.

There was a Captain Sanders at the Home on the corner. He was a good person too. He passed away some time ago. I did not have much contact with him.

There was also a Major May who was in charge of the older boys.

When I was at the Home Major Hewittson introduced a policy of bringing brothers together. I thought it was a jolly good idea. I was in charge of Hayville for four years.



After that time I was appointed Matron of all three Homes. After that time I didn't look after the boys, I was engaged in more of an administrative position, buying supplies and the like.

I had a cottage at the Home and lived with my mother.

There was a bed wetters dorm initially as this was "the old style".

There was also an Officer who suffered from time to time from fits. That was a Tom McCintock. He too was a nice fellow.

I have no recollection of a man arriving to do shoe repairs or look after the bed wetters dorm.

I was aware of only one allegation of sexual abuse and this is what I was told by someone else. I was told that a Bill Willemson had been sacked on the spot by Colonel Darlow.