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The Presiding Magistrate,
Children's Court,
Irwin Street,
PERTH.

Dear Sir,

re : CAPTAIN CHARLES ALLAN SMITH - REDACTED,
RIVERVALE

Captain Smith has been an Officer of The Salvation Army for ten years during which time he has, to our knowledge, been of good character and applied himself to his responsibilities in a most commendable manner.

For the last three and a half years he has served The Salvation Army in the Rivervale area and for fourteen months of this time has been under my direct command. At all times he has shown himself to be a hard worker and because of his enthusiasm our work has greatly developed.

Whilst we do not condone what has happened in relation to the charges of aggravated assault, we feel very concerned about it. Nevertheless, I would like to bring to your notice the fact that the Captain's marital relationship with his wife has not been altogether as happy as it should have been and I feel that this may have been a contributing factor. In addition, he has been working hard to organize the building of a new citadel with the result that he has been overtired and at times, frustrated.

Throughout the community, irrespective of class, creed or colour, he has carried on a most worthy social work to the needy and has been of great assistance to the under-privileged.

In determining your decision on his actions, we would be most grateful for you to take the above into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hedley A. Preston
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DIVISIONAL COMMANDER