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Confidential!

Lt. Colonel D. Hewitt,
Divisional Commander,
PERTH. W.A.

Dear Colonel,

re LIEUTENANT ALLAN SMITH,
KELLERBERRIN.

The Chief Secretary took up with the Territorial Commander your report on the Lieutenant's unseemly behaviour with Bandsman **REDACTED**.

The Commissioner feels that his case warrants firm action, and states that he should be given a strong reprimand by yourself, with the transfer to another appointment when such becomes possible.

Will you follow through the Commissioner's direction with stern measures to the Lieutenant? It does not seem possible to propose any move, at least until after the Self-Denial is completed; even then, I should think you would find it difficult to propose a replacement for the Lieutenant at Kellerberrin.

Personally, I feel in the present stringent position on the Field, it is both uneconomical and unwise to keep single lads at Kellerberrin and Merredin. A married couple, well-adjusted to themselves and country conditions, would be better at one or other of the two Centres, with the Mobile to cover need. I'm quite sure no

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other Church Agency would try to run self-contained units at such places, where each receives insufficient support. Perhaps you could present to us your feelings in this matter?

As regards your mention of Captain Penniment and Lieutenant Smith, the friendship broke down earlier because the Captain felt no response (nor capacity) for Field Work, and Lieutenant Smith desired same. Since then, he has had a Courtship with Captain M. Rowsell, but both seemed undecided, and left the matter in abeyance. I know Lieutenant Smith fairly well, having had close connection when he was a Cadet at Brigading Corps and later when he served his five-month practical Field Training period in the East Melbourne Division. He lacks firmness and decision of character.

I am sure you will give close attention to this matter. I would be glad to be kept informed.

Yours sincerely,



(Myrtle C. Watson)
Lt.Colonel.
FIELD SECRETARY