



SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA
TERRITORY
69 BOURKE STREET
MELBOURNE

* INTERVIEW *

BY.....Lt. Colonel D. Hewitt.....

WITH.....Lieut. Alan Smith.....

ON.....26th April, 1964.....

On Sunday 26th April it was reported to me that Lieut. Alan Smith of Kellerberin had acted in an improper manner to **REDACTED**, a young Bandsman about 18 years of age, who is working at a Bank in Kellerberin.

I interviewed **REDACTED** who was spending the week-end at his parents home. ^{now} He told me that on two occasions the Lieutenant had acted in what he felt was an improper way in the Quarters. Then there came a third occasion when Smith removed his (Smith's) clothes and made improper gestures to **RED**. No physical contact was made but **RED** said that he felt a strange drawing of himself toward Smith, but that he kept his presence of mind and he was able to rebuke Smith for his misconduct. This caused Smith to regain his proper senses and he apologised to **RED**.

On Sunday Night at 7pm I interviewed Lieut. Smith at my Quarters. His mother was in some serious difficulty and needed his help. Lieut Smith phoned me on Friday seeking permission to come to Perth to help his mother. As he had made arrangements for his meetings at the Corps I gave him permission. It seemed to be all in the providence of God that this arrangement was made as it gave me the opportunity to interview him. When I charged him with improper behaviour he at first tried to hedge around it, but then admitted that it was true. He said that he cannot account for his behaviour only that he was down in the dumps at the time and Leith was home sick. They got to skylarking about and one thing led on to another. I asked him whether he ~~had~~ ever indulged in any homo-sexual practices. He assured me that he had not. I ^{came} back at the question in different ways and I feel that we can be assured that he is speaking the truth. I have forbidden him to take **REDACTED** into the quarters and also warned him against having any women folk about the Quarters when he and they are alone. He told me that he does not have any trouble with women folk staying about the Quarters. You may decide some disciplinary action should be taken. A question arises, should he be brought to a suburban Corps? I told him that marriage was an urgent question that he must soon resolve for his own good. In further conversation I gathered that he has strong feelings towards Captain Val. Pontinent of the Nedlands Boys Home, but he is uncertain as to her response.

Signed.....

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