With regard to the lads' general allegations of being hit by the brothers, I asked the three boys in turn as to whether the brothers hit them and they all answered in the affirmative. Bro. Quilligan denied these allegations and stated that the method of punishment was administered by way of the strap.

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[Date] 14.5.04.
Reference abandonings from St. Joseph's
Trades & Farm School Bindacon - 1.5.34.

On the 6th instant I visited Bindacon and
discussed with the Principal, Bro. Guilligan, the
alleged complaints outlined in the attached statements.
Of his own initiative, Bro. Guilligan arranged for the
3 boys and Bro. TUPPIN to be present in the library for
the discussion.

1.

This lad alleged that he wrote plenty of
letters in his family and that the brothers did not send
them. He admitted to Bro. Guilligan that he had
only written one letter to his family in the last 12 weeks
and that was only after his father had written to Bro.
Guilligan complaining that he had not heard from the lad
and the brother had arranged for the boy to write that
particular letter. He had knowledge of only one parcel which
his family had told him had been forwarded and which he
had not received. He admitted that Bro. Guilligan had
already made inquiries regarding this matter. The lad
admitted that parcels were regularly received by the
other boys and had no definite knowledge that his own
particular parcel had arrived in Western Australia.

With reference to the missing pictures,
there had been no picture show that week.

2.

With reference to this lad's allegations that
Bro. Tuppin first hit him and then pushed his face into
lime whilst he was mixing mortar, Bro. Tuppin stated that
Tony had been spoken to on four or five occasions for not
doing his job properly. The brother admitted having
pushed the boy over and that he may have fallen into some
liquid, but certainly not into any lime or the mortar.
Both Bro. Guilligan and Bro. Tuppin stated that if the
boy's allegations were correct, he would have suffered
burns to his face and they pointed out that there was no

Bro. Guilligan stated that Tony was rather a
dull type of lad and not a very good worker.

3.

There is very little in this lad's complaint,
in that he stated that he had too much work to do at
the stage and that the amount of work he had to
do was quite reasonable. He also admitted that there was
no brother in charge of him.

Bro. Guilligan informed me that he had nominated
the boys finally from Walia and that they would be
arriving shortly.