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Recently there has been a spate of absconding from S.A.B. Reports on felo from P.O Perton state the boys give as their reasons

- 1) Bullying & [illegible] [illegible] by [redacted] [redacted]
- 2) Unfairness & severity by Capt. Saunders

Both these complaints I have heard but not recently from the boys I [illegible]

At one stage I did speak to **RED** himself about it.

There May be a relationship between the two.

Two separate incidents reported by boys (not involved) were (1) the illogical beating of a boy w. a piece of wood in the shower room (because he wore someone elses boots)

(2) the belting of **RE** [illegible] in the T.V room. (**RE** had shoved another boy for spoiling the show for others.

In each case the boys who reported it were very disturbed and on the first topic without prompting at least

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four mentioned it.

It was discussed w Major Sumsion and he said he was aware of it, had spoken to Capt Saunders. He said his job was most difficult because he had no say in the selection of his staff. He also mentioned that Capt Saunders rang Central Army Office in his absence and they ordered **RED** **REDA**'s immediate removal.

Discussing a boys problems I once suggested he might talk w. Major Capt Saunders. He said you couldn't tell anything to Cptn – he encourage confidences & then" flung them up in front of everyone later.

I have had very little to do with Capt Saunders personally. I have worked easily with Major Sumsion who seems to have the respect of most of the boys & the affection of many.

I do know that Mr & Mrs Smith (once cottage parents now supervisor & matron of St [illegible]) and Capt Saunders were antagonistic to the major. They discussed it freely in front of me at morning tea on one occasion, not to me but with each other.

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