

PRIVATE

Training School. I absconded from St Patrick's in 1978. I was out of the home for six months until I was caught by the police in February 1979 and sent to borstal in Millisle.

Millisle Borstal (February 1979)

12. I left St Pat's when I was 16 as far as I can remember and was sent to the Borstal in Millisle. I believe I was there for approximately a year but I cannot be certain. On my arrival I got assaulted by [LN 18], a Prison Officer in the Assessment Centre, and I started screaming. Other staff had to come in as well as the [REDACTED] to see what was happening. The [REDACTED] knew he hit me and he was called [ML 71] and was very nice to me.
13. After that first incident, there were a couple of angry Prison Officers that didn't like me and didn't make it easy for me but I had the Governors on my side. One of these officers was called [LN 20]. They slapped me in the face or put you in the punishment block and made things very difficult for me. [LN 21] was in charge of me and he was a kind man. He knew that I was getting assaulted and I think he told those doing it to stop.

Life after care

14. I suffer from depression and I have tried to commit suicide on a number of occasions. I have cut myself and have taken overdoses and I consider myself to be a troubled person. I went to see a psychiatrist in London but I didn't tell her about anything that happened to me during my time in St Pat's or Borstal even though she asked me about my background. I am taking tablets called Mirtazapine because they help me sleep and I don't sleep very well.
15. I would have to say I was a troubled young man. I was very afraid of things probably because my childhood wasn't so good. I think it now affects me in real life and I am trying to deal with it. I suffer from stress and I suppose anger and depression. I should have had counselling when I was younger but there was no one you could speak to about it at that time.

08 JAN 2016

HIA REF: []
NAME: LN 18]
DATE: [01/01/2016]

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

Witness Statement of

I, LN 18, will say as follows: -

1. I was transferred to Millisle Borstal on the [] March 1978 and after a while on general duties and a period of time as assistant class officer on the Assessment Wing I was then selected as class officer. My responsibilities were to instruct those Trainees in the routine, rules and regulations of the Closed Borstal on their committal. I also sat on the labour allocation board to report on the Trainees progress and those ready to move to other landings and work. Whilst in the Assessment Wing most of their time was taken up with cleaning duties and Physical Education.
2. I strongly deny this allegation made against me by HIA 320
3. Staff could not place any Borstal Trainee in the punishment block as alleged without instructions from the Governor or after adjudication and if the records could be checked it would show that the punishment block was seldom used. If the late ML 71 thought I had done something wrong I would have been charged and removed from the wing.

4. Many of the Borstal Trainees were anti-authority and did not like taking orders or instructions but the majority went on to become better individuals and make something of their life without reoffending.
5. I was promoted on the [REDACTED] to Senior Officer and then promoted to Principal Officer on the [REDACTED] and having served thirty two and a half years I retired on [REDACTED] and was awarded the Imperial Service Medal for Meritorious service.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signe

LN 18

Dated

01-01-16

REPORT ON OFFICER COMPLETING PERIOD OF PROBATION

H.M. B. STAC MUSC 4 5/ 19 79.

Rank

Name

LN 18

The above named Officer having served the (1) Usual {probation trial period} of 24 months, I have to report that in my opinion he is

an officer who has impressed all senior staff with his attitude and aptitude for his work. It is suitable to work with and to recommend that (2) promotions and has shown that he will improve his job knowledge. He will do well in the future and recommend that his appointment be confirmed.

(3) Reports from the Officers under whom the period of {probation trial} has been served, are appended, and the Record of Service and Medical History Sheet are enclosed.

ML 71

To

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- (1) Here insert "usual," "extended," or "special" as applicable.
- (2) Here state { "His appointment be confirmed," or, "He be placed on an extended {probation trial period} of," "His period of trial be regarded as ended" (naming the period.) or, "He revert to his former position," or "His engagement be terminated as having failed to pass a satisfactory probation," or, in the case of an Officer recommended for reversion to a lower rank, "He reverts to the rank of _____ from which he was promoted on trial." }
- (3) (a) Cooks and Bakers. A report from the Medical Officer should be enclosed with reference to the Officer's capabilities as regards kitchen management, cleanliness of the premises, preparation of food and supervision of kitchen staff.
- (d) Hospital Officers. A report from the Medical Officer should be submitted.
- (c) Trade Assistants. A report from the Foreman of Works should be submitted.

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FORM PO.2 6131
STAFF IN CONFIDENCE

NORTHERN IRELAND PRISON SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT

PERIOD OF REPORT: 2/5/79 TO 1/5/80

For Basic Grade Officers with 3 years' service, Senior Officers and Principal Officers including specialists
Clerks Class II and III
Trades Officers Class I, II and III

LN 18

Establishment H.M. BORSTAL MILLISLE Date of Birth [redacted]

Established or Unestablished E

Rank OFFICER Date of appointment to present rank 2.8.77

Date of joining Prison Service [redacted] Date of posting to present Establishment 3.78 Incremental Date 2/5

If a specialist, nature of specialist post and rate of specialist allowance N.A.

Part II Assessment of present performance

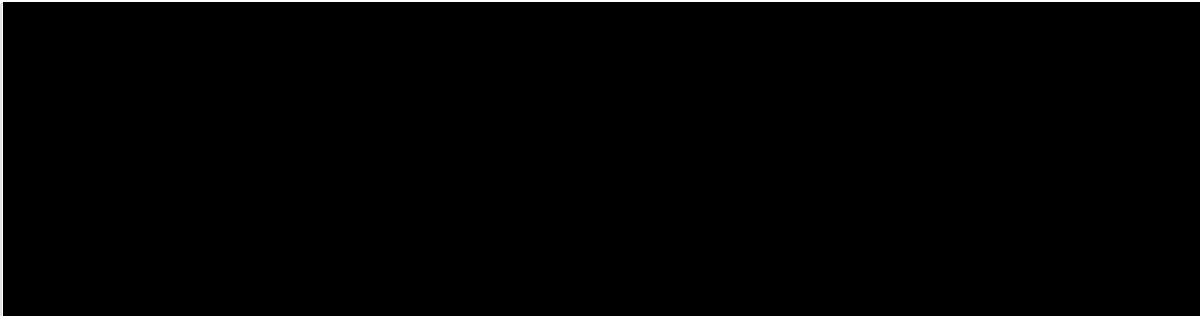
Please tick the appropriate boxes below:-

- X
- 1. Hardworking
- 2. Willing to learn
- 3. Is quick to grasp a point
- 4. Judgement sound
- 5. Imperturbable
- 6. Carries responsibility well
- 7. A good organiser
- 8. Takes trouble over detail
- 9. Does well in new or difficult situations
- 10. Expresses himself well on paper
- 11. Gets his points across well in discussion
- 12. Gets the best out of subordinates
- 13. Good disciplinarian
- 14. Exercises good personal influence on inmates
- 15. Is not at assessing the character of inmates
- 16. Deals well with visitors and members of the public

X applies	Tendency to X	Adequate	Tendency to Y	Y applies
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- Y
- Does not apply himself to his job
- Makes little effort to add to his knowledge of his work
- Slow to grasp the point
- Judgement unreliable
- Impulsive
- Inclined to worry
- Inclined to shirk responsibility
- Readily accepts responsibility but does not carry it well
- A poor organiser
- Neglects detail
- Fails to respond in new situation
- Weak on paper
- Ineffective in discussion
- Not good at controlling subordinates and securing their co-operation
- A poor disciplinarian
- Has little influence on inmates
- Poor at assessing the character of inmates
- Not good with visitors and other members of the public

Only those items which are applicable.



Part III Overall Assessment of present performance

The appropriate marking should be ringed and the reasons for a marking of 1, 5 or 6 should be noted below:

- 1. Outstanding.
- 2. Very Good.
- 3. Good.
- 4. Satisfactory.
- 5. Shows some serious failings.
- 6. Unsatisfactory.

Reasons for marking of 1, 5 or 6:

(a) Assessment of Official Conduct

The appropriate marking should be ringed:

- 1. Satisfactory.
- 2. Unsatisfactory.

If 2, please give reasons:

Part IV Fitness for Promotion

The appropriate marking should be ringed. It should be noted that whereas Parts II and III are directed to the Officer's performance in his present rank, Part IV is directed solely to the question whether the officer is suitable for promotion. The fact that an officer has not passed the promotion examination should not affect the marking in this section.

(a) Discipline Grade

- 1. Exceptionally well qualified.
- 2. Very well.
- 3. Qualified.
- 4. Not yet qualified.
- 5. Not suitable.

b) Specialist Grades (Catering, Physical Education, Hospital)

- 1. Exceptionally well qualified.
- 2. Very well.
- 3. Qualified.
- 4. Not yet qualified.
- 5. Not suitable.

c) Trades Staff

- 1. Exceptionally well qualified.
- 2. Very well.
- 3. Qualified.
- 4. Not yet qualified.
- 5. Not suitable.

d) Clerical Grades

- 1. Exceptionally well qualified.
- 2. Very well.
- 3. Qualified.
- 4. Not yet qualified.
- 5. Not suitable.

Observations

Part V Reporting Officer's Observations

These should include a brief pen picture of the officer and any additional relevant information, eg if ill-health has affected performance.

Officer **LN 18** over the past 12 months, has performed all his duties in the Closed Section of the Borstal, with a keen a responsible attitude. He is a good disciplinarian when required but with it also shows understanding to inmates with problems, good influence on inmates:

Keen interest in all aspects of the service, and a special personal interest in keep-fit, and with this has been able to substitute for the P.T. 1. can't occupational: good overall period of service.

Have the weaknesses in this report been brought to the attention of the officer and have they been discussed with him? YES/NO.

ML 19

If YES by whom _____ If NO give reasons _____

Signature

ML 19

Rank

Prison Officer

Date

24.4.80

Part VI Governor's Observations

I have considered this report and in general I agree with it. I have commented in ink of a distinctive colour where I considered further comment necessary and would add the following additional observations (if any).

A good sound member of staff

I would be willing to retain him if promoted.

Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

Governor, HM Prison/Borstal/TOC

[Handwritten Signature]

Date

30.6.80

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N.K.S