

HIA REF:

NAME: MZ 1

DATE: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

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Witness Statement of MZ 1 in reply to HIA 374

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Maze Prison

8. Although I cannot recall HIA 374 I deny this allegation made against me.
9. There are no allegations made against me in this paragraph.
10. I deny this allegation made against me. All prisoners were searched in the search area by the search team. I was not in the search team. Detainees were never searched in the block where I worked.
11. I deny this allegation made against me. The juvenile wing was visited every day by the assistant governor (who was in charge of the wing), a doctor and a social worker. There is therefore no way that I, or any other prison officer, would have risked acting in such a way.
12. I deny this allegation made against me. At no time did I serve food to prisoners. Food numbers required for each meal was given into the control room. Staff in the control room relayed this to kitchen. All food was delivered directly to dining room in bulk containers where prisoners only served same.  
  
Inmates did not scrub the floors. The asphalt floors were polished by electrical bumpers.
13. There are no allegations made against me in this paragraph.
14. There are no allegations made against me in this paragraph.

Conclusion

I was a prison officer for [redacted] years and not a single allegation was made against me. I was brought up as a devout Christian and I can honestly say that I never treated the prisoners with contempt nor did I abuse them in any way.

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Millisle Borstal (January 1979 to 07.01.1980)

4-7 Although there are no specific allegations made against me in these paragraphs I wish to confirm that I worked in an open borstal where there were no cells. Mr HIA 416 refers to incidents that took place in the closed borstal where I did not work and I therefore could not have been involved in the incidents that allegedly occurred.

20. I deny the allegation made against me. I worked in the control room and not in the dormitories where this was alleged to have taken place and I did not take part in any acts alleged.

Conclusion

I was a prison officer for [redacted] years and not a single allegation was made against me. I was brought up as a devout Christian and I can honestly say that I never treated the prisoners with contempt nor did I abuse them in any way.

Sig **MZ 1** .....

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I worked in the Maze during the Troubles. Many paramilitaries were housed in the prison at that time. If word had got out that a prison officer had abused juvenile inmates in the manner that **HIA 374** has alleged ~~they~~ not only would he be putting his life at risk but also the lives of his family. The Maze was a dangerous place to work and several prison guards had been injured and killed during the Troubles. It is unfathomable to think that I would have acted in such a way.

**MZ 1**

Signe

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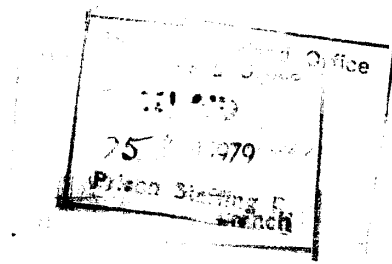
Date: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016

H.M. BORSTAL  
MILKISKE  
13TH June. 1979.

Sir  
I respectfully request to  
withdraw the half sheet  
I submitted on Monday 11-6-79.  
reference. Transfer as this  
was submitted with out  
thinking Due to a Personal Problem.  
I am sorry for any  
inconvenience I have caused.

I am Sir

**MZ 1**



Fr. Gov. *[Signature]*

V.I.O

I have made my comments  
on the application for transfer  
- They still apply

*[Signature]*  
17.6.79.

*[Handwritten signature]*

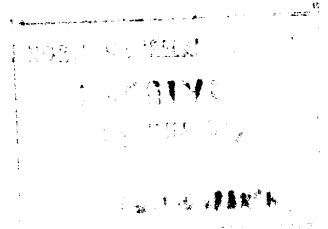
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Please B/F on file.

*[Handwritten signature]*

28/6/79

H.M. BORSTAL.  
MILLISLE  
11.6.79.



Sir  
I respectfully request to  
be transferred back to  
H.M.P. BELFAST. As I feel  
I am not suited to  
work with borstal trainees

I am Sir

**MZ 1**

THE GOVERNOR.

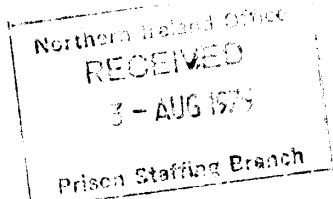
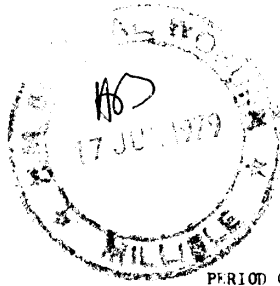
M.I.O.  
Prison Staffing Branch

This officer feels that he is not "cut out" for Borstal work - I am inclined to agree with him.

His general performance on duties has been satisfactory but his attitude and manner suggest that he is not fully able to carry on the more relaxed relationships one would hope for in a young offenders institution.

Transfer recommended

  
GOV



*See appended sheet*

FORM PO.2

2477 ✓

STAFF IN CONFIDENCE

NORTHERN IRELAND PRISON SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT

PERIOD OF REPORT: 14/8/78 to 13/8/79

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

Part I

Name: MZ 1 Establishment: H.M. BORSTAL MILLISLE Date of Birth: [Redacted] Rank: SENIOR OFFICER Established or Unestablished: ESTABLISHED Date of joining Prison Service: [Redacted] Date of appointment to present rank: 14.8.78 Date of posting to present Establishment: 19.2.79 Incremental Date: 14/8 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:-

Table with 5 columns: I applies, Tendency to I, Adequate, Tendency to Y, Y applies. Rows 1-16 list performance criteria with checkmarks in the 'Adequate' column.

Complete only those items which are applicable.

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

MZ 1 is inclined to over react in his dealings with Borstal Trainees, however one cannot fault him for lack of effort but to date his work bearing manner, and attitude, have prevented him from fully meeting the requirements of a Borstal regime.

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

ML 44 31/7/79 If YES by whom If NO give reasons

Signature ML 44 Rank CAPT Officer Date 25-7-79

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).

Senior Officer MZ 1 is trying to settle and accept his duties in the Borstal and to carry them out to the best of his ability. However he has neither the personality or the flexibility of attitude which is required to be a successful officer in the Borstal context. His unbecoming and demotivating work style has not helped him gain the confidence of staff or respect of trainees. He is not suited for work with young offenders. I hope he will learn from advice and by example of other senior members of staff.

I would be willing to retain him if promoted.

Signature ML 71 Governor, HM Prison/Borstal/TC Mullish Date 26th July 1979.

MZ 1 has made every effort to make a success of his postional tenure - he cannot however adjust to the demands made on staff in a more liberal institution. On his own admission he cannot make the necessary adjustments. I feel that his own interests would be best served in a more adult establishment.

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NORTHERN IRELAND PRISON SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT

PERIOD OF REPORT: 17/5/76 to 16/5/77

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

Part I

Name **MZ 1** Establishment Wm P Magee Date of Birth [REDACTED]  
 Rank Officer Established or Unestablished ESTABLISHED  
 Date of joining Prison Service [REDACTED] Date of appointment to present rank EST JULY 1977  
 Date of posting to present Establishment 26-11-73 Incremental Date 17/5  
 If a specialist, nature of specialist post and rate of specialist allowance No

Part II Assessment of present performance

Please tick the appropriate boxes below

	X applies	Tendency to X	Tendency to Y	Y applies
1. Hardworking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
2. Willing to learn		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3. Is quick to grasp a point		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4. Judgement sound		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
5. Imperturbable		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
6. Carries responsibility well	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
7. A good organiser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
8. Takes trouble over detail		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
9. Does well in new or difficult situations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
10. Expresses himself well on paper		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
11. Puts his points across well in discussion		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
12. Gets the best out of subordinates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
13. A good disciplinarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
14. Exercises good personal influence on inmates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
15. Good at assessing the character of inmates		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
16. Handles visitors and other members of the public well		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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

Complete 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:

At present Officer **MZ 1** is class officer of the Borstal unit in H4, he is a strict disciplinarian and carries his responsibility well, in my view the Borstal trainees respect him because he treats them fairly but firm, also a noticeable change in the conduct of the trainees since he was selected as class officer.

(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

(e) 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.

MZ 1 is a married man with [redacted] he recently purchased his own home, has approx 14 yrs service also seems to enjoy his work as a Prison Officer. He is a good time keeper, has had 3 wks sick since joining the service the reason being he injured his neck in an accident, always willing to work overtime when required if an emergency arises, does not shy off unpleasant duties, he is respectful to his superiors. tries to keep up a good appearance.

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

If Yes by whom \_\_\_\_\_ If no give reasons \_\_\_\_\_

Signature [redacted] Rank Principal Officer Date 23.3.77.

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).

Perhaps a slightly over generous report, but in the main I would not disagree with PC Hutton's observations

I would be willing to retain him if promoted. *yes*

Signature [Signature] Governor, HM Prison/Borstal/TOC Maze Date 29/4/77

*well 28/4/77*

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had spent in St Patrick's and because I was attending college. I believe now that I received a custodial sentence because the person I fought with was an off duty soldier. I do not believe two ordinary people fighting in the street would have been treated in the same manner.

7. I was taken from court and transported to Crumlin Road Gaol in Belfast. I was placed in a cell with a man who was serving a sentence of fourteen years for explosives offences. I remained in Crumlin Road for two or three days before being taken to the H Blocks at the Maze Prison. This was a complete and total shock to my system. I had been given a Borstal sentence and was being taken to a maximum security prison housing paramilitaries.

### Maze Prison

8. When I arrived at the Maze, I was taken to the H Block. I was asked my name by a Prison Officer called **MZ 1**. He was around six feet tall, well built, short sandy and grey hair and in his late thirties or early forties. He was a Class Officer in charge of the wing. I told him my name and he immediately hit me and I fell over. He grabbed me on the back of the neck and lifted me up and shouted into my face "you call me 'sir'". I was petrified. I was subjected to a torrent of constant abuse of sectarian, sexual and physical nature during the entire time I was in H Block.
9. I recall going to a visit to see my mother and I had a black eye. This was caused by one of the Prison Officers who punched me for no reason at all. I remember it well because I did not receive many visits as my parents lived in [REDACTED] and it was not easy to get to the Maze. I was threatened that if I breathed a word about happened on the wing that the visit would be stopped immediately and I would never receive another visit. I also remember a time when the Visiting Board was due to arrive to inspect the wing. It was supposed to be an unannounced visit but the prison authorities knew all about it. I was threatened along with the other boys to make sure that we had no complaints otherwise we would be kept in Borstal for a longer period. I was living under abject fear and

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terror of the Prison Officers. [REDACTED] never visited me because he resided in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] since the bomb blast and my mother would not allow my brothers to visit. I was glad about that because I did not want them to see me in that place. It was no place for children.

10. I remember returning from a visit and [REDACTED] MZ 1 bent me over and stuck his fingers up my backside. He was laughing and asking what I was hiding. He was not worried at all and did this in the presence of other Prison Officers. He was trying to humiliate me by treating me this way. The other Prison Officers just stood around laughing and did not even attempt to intervene. I was a child and was being treated like a convicted paramilitary.
11. I felt sick continually, began to wet my bed and I lived in a state of total fear. I was physically assaulted and mentally worn down by the behaviour of staff. I believe this was a deliberate campaign of humiliation. Staff often messed up my cell, made me tidy it up then immediately mess it up again. I was forced to stand still like a statue and if I moved I was beaten. [REDACTED] MZ 1 came into the cell on one occasion and took his penis out. I was sitting in a chair and he rubbed his penis over my face. I always remember another officer coming in and encouraging [REDACTED] MZ 1 to abuse me. I cannot remember his name. I remember another officer who was called [REDACTED] MZ 2 doing the same thing. He was a vicious man and was small with a hook nose. The staff in the other wings knew what was going on but they did nothing to prevent it. The prisoners in the other wings could not see what was going on because wood was put up in the Juvenile wing to block any line of vision.
12. I was forced to drill march until I was sick and I had to scrub floors on my hands and knees. I saw [REDACTED] MZ 1 force people to beg for food as if they were vultures. I saw him rub his penis over the faces of other people. Other Prison Officers were always present but they stood back and did not stop him. I was living in total absolute fear every day. I truly believe that they thought I was going to become a terrorist because of what happened to [REDACTED] and treated me even more harshly.

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13. I was there for approximately four or five months and I class it as months of torture. I was not sentenced by the Court to torture but that was what took place. I was brought up in a good household where my parents taught me right from wrong. I did not deserve to be treated in that way particularly when I was still a child. I should not have been in a maximum security prison. It was wrong to put a child into that environment.
14. I was then moved to Magilligan Prison and it was a relief to be there compared to the Maze. I can only speak for myself but I never saw a Prison Officer there touch anyone. There was no physical abuse, no sectarian abuse and no sexual abuse. The prison officer in control of the wing I was on was called [REDACTED] and he was a proper gentleman. He sat down and talked to me as if I was a normal person. The other Prison Officers were good people as well. I was there for around five months and was then moved to Millisle Borstal.

#### Millisle Borstal

15. I was sent to Millisle and for the majority of my time there it was fine. I had been an apprentice bricklayer before I was sentenced and there was a bricklaying shop at the Borstal. I spent my time laying bricks and I did not have to do anything if I did not want to. I only had a problem with one member of staff while I was there. I cannot remember his name but his nickname was "Punchy". He was a small man, stout and with big lips. I will always remember his face. He worked in the laundry and once a week I had to bring my laundry down to be washed. He used to put his arms round me and try to kiss me. I could feel his erection against my body and he bent me over the washing machines and simulated sex with me. This was not a joke to him and he meant everything that he was doing.
16. On one occasion I plucked up the courage to tell a senior member of staff what was taking place. This man was sharp dressed, very presentable looking and had black hair and a black moustache. He simply dismissed what I told him and nothing was done. The other boys in the laundry knew what was going on but

I can remember that one of these boys was called **ML 9**. He always wanted to fight. There was a prison officer called **MZ 1** who punched and slapped me. He was a very big man and I knew not to report anything to him as if I did, I would end up having to serve the full three years of a sentence. I think that **ML 9** was in cohorts with **MZ 1** and they both wanted me to lose my special privileges. It was brutal.

21. I had to continue to make my bed each morning. I was in the canteen one morning when an Officer came in and told me that I had not made my bed. He told me that I would be put on report. The next morning the same thing happened. I would walk into my room and it was always the same two boys, **ML 13** and **ML 9**, standing there. They wanted to kill me and they would batter me and beat me up. They were both bullies. I knew that whoever was doing this to me was trying to get to me. I lay in bed at night crying. I then started to make sure that I was the last person to leave the dormitory so that my bed wouldn't be destroyed. Even then it was still wrecked. I felt as though I couldn't confide in anyone. **ML 9** slept in the room facing me and at night time he would look over and tell me that he would beat me. There was nothing I could do. I just lay there waiting on it happening.

22. I was watching television in the common room and it came on the news that soldiers were blown up. **ML 10** from [REDACTED] let out a roar and a prison officers' came into the room and started to shout at us and he called us fenian bastards. The abuse was worse after this incident because we were from [REDACTED]. I received word that I was going to be beaten up in the changing rooms. The man that ran the Work shop used to let me stay there to avoid this. He let me sit on a bench as he knew that my back was bad because I couldn't stand during lessons. He was a lovely man. I tried to keep to myself and hide. All I wanted to do was to go home and see my family.

23. Everyone wanted to receive special privileges as once you received these, you only had twelve weeks until you were allowed to go home. I can recall