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HIA REF: 354

Witness Name **HIA 354**

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

WITNESS STATEMENT OF **HIA 354****HIA 354** will say as follows:-Personal details

1. I was born on [REDACTED] in Omagh. My mother was called [REDACTED] and she was unmarried when I was born. I have a brother called **AU 98** who was born on [REDACTED] and a sister called **AU 99** who was born on [REDACTED]. We lived at home with our mother in a thatch cottage in [REDACTED] Omagh.
2. Around 1949 our mother contracted TB and became very ill. She died on [REDACTED] 1949 at thirty two years of age due to pulmonary tuberculosis. **AU 98** was fostered out to a lady called [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] County Londonderry. **AU 99** was fostered out to a lady called [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were sisters and [REDACTED] lived across the road from us.
3. I was taken to live with a Mr and Mrs [REDACTED] [REDACTED] outside Strabane. I do not know how long I stayed with them. They told me years later they wanted to adopt me but they were not allowed by the Welfare Authority. I was then placed in Coneywarren Children's Home. Years later I found out that my father was called [REDACTED]. He was a farmer in Omagh and he was cycling when

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an American Army ambulance knocked him down. He died from his injuries in October 1942 when I was five months old.

Coneywarren Children's Home (1949 / 1950 – November 1950)

4. I was placed in Coneywarren when I was seven or eight years old. At a meeting of the Tyrone County Welfare Committee on 18th July 1949 it was agreed that the Committee take over responsibility for the maintenance and boarding out of my sister **AU 99** and I. **AU 98** may have already been with **[REDACTED]** at this time. I knew that my mother had died but I do not remember who told me.
5. I have been shown Tyrone County Welfare Committee meeting minutes by the HIA which show that the issue of my migration to Australia under the Migration Scheme organised by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria was discussed during Committee meetings held in July, September and November 1950. In particular during a meeting on 17th July 1950 the minutes state that 'the County Welfare Officer suggested that **HIA 354** might be considered for emigration to Australia.' It was agreed by the Committee that the Officer pursue enquiries in relation to this. The Welfare Officer was called V C Jones. The Tyrone County Welfare Committee agreed to pay my medical fee and to pay for clothing for the journey and pocket money.
6. I recall being asked what I would like when I got to Australia and I replied that I wanted a brown and white horse. I think it was an official from the Welfare Department that asked me but I do not know his name.
7. Whilst at Coneywarren I recall having an operation on the glands on my neck. At the same time I was also circumcised without any explanation. I do not have many memories of being in Coneywarren. However I vividly recall the trauma and emotional turmoil I suffered at being separated from my brother and sister.
8. I recall being taken from Coneywarren to Manor House in Lisburn where I stayed for about a week. I remember being taught hymns and on one evening having a

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bath. We were given new clothes and we were taken by boat across the Irish Sea to Liverpool to board a ship to Australia. I recently found an article in the Tyrone Constitution newspaper about me going to Australia.

9. My medical certificate is dated 13th September 1950. I left on 7th November 1950 on the M V Cheshire when I was eight years old. On board a Minister called Reverend Andrew Boag was looking after us along with a Scottish lady called [REDACTED] who was moving to Australia with her son.
10. There was no duty of care shown to us whilst we were on the ship. After two or three days into the journey a boxing ring was set up and we were made to fight each other for the entertainment of the other passengers. This was a horrendous experience as I had never boxed before and I was one of the youngest boys on board. I didn't know what was happening to me.
11. When we crossed the equator we were made to sit in a chair and we were then tipped backwards into a tub of water. Apparently it was a tradition but I found it a very frightening experience and I hid on the ship for two days in case it happened again. I befriended a worker on the ship called [REDACTED] and he eventually found me. On the ship we docked at Port Said. Local men in rowing boats came over to the ship to barter for goods. I thought this was a good opportunity to get a treat so I sent down all my clothes on a rope and in return I received a box of Turkish delight. When I opened the box it was full weevils. I was only left with the clothes I was wearing.

Dhurringile Rural Training Farm, Victoria, Australia (15th December 1950 – 1951)

12. We arrived in Melbourne Port on 15th December 1950. We were taken on a bus to Dhurringile Training Farm which was about a hundred miles from Melbourne. It used to be a prisoner of war camp and when we arrived it still had barbed wire around the grounds.

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13. We were the first boys in the home and there was about nineteen of us. I was one of the youngest. We stayed in dormitories and there was between six and eight boys in each room. I was in the pipe band and the football team. Part of our job was to maintain the home. The home had civilian staff but I don't think they were trained to look after children.
14. A typical day consisted of getting breakfast once we got out of bed. We all had jobs in the kitchen – some made the porridge or toast and others washed the dishes. After this we got ready for school. We went to a school in the local district. After school we had to do chores such as polishing floors on our hands and knees and washing walls. We had our dinner before completing our homework in the dining room. We were not allowed to talk. If anyone spoke they had to do an hour of extra homework for every word spoken as punishment.
15. One day we were going to the Shepparton Agricultural Show. The Superintendent at the time was a man called **AU 43** and he asked me how much money I wanted to take with me. I said all of it and he took off my shirt and beat me with his strap across my back about thirty or forty times. The next day I couldn't get dressed because I was so sore. One of the female workers saw this and reported it to the Welfare Authority but I am not sure if anything happened as a result.
16. I suffered plenty of physical abuse at the hands of the Superintendants and staff in Dhurringile. **AU 44** was a civilian worker and one day when I spilt my porridge he told me 'the Irish sleep with their pigs' because I had made a mess. I replied that I would prefer that to being in Dhurringile. He then punched me in the face with both hands until I saw stars. When I came around I told him I would get him when I was bigger if he hit me again. Older boys also beat us in the home but that is what the older boys did to the younger ones. I think it was part of growing up.
17. When **AU 2, AU 45** was Superintendent he made us have showers every night in the shower room and he came and watched us. It was only years later that I

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realised he was doing it for his own pleasure. I found out years later that AU 2, AU 45 AU 2, AU 45 was being prosecuted for sexual offences.

18. When I first arrived in the home I had nightmares. I was traumatised at having to leave my family and come to a strange country. I used to sleep walk. Sometimes I walked into wardrobes and other beds. My bed was beside the window and one night I walked to the window and fell thirty feet to the ground. I fractured my pelvis amongst other injuries. I dragged myself to a door and cried for help. Eventually a member of staff found me and took me to hospital. This happened on 24th April in the mid 1950s. I cannot recall the exact year.
19. In September 1956 Mr McFadden the Children's Officer of Tyrone County Welfare Committee wrote to the Department of Social Services in Melbourne seeking an update on my progress in Dhurringile. The letter advises that my brother and sister wanted to be kept updated on my progress and welfare.
20. Tyrone County Welfare Committee meeting minutes of July 1957 state that the Superintendent of Dhurringile Training Farm AU 2, AU 45 sent a report back on my progress in Dhurringile which was received by the Committee on 30th July 1957. He informed the Committee that I was doing 'particularly well and is never any trouble and is liked by all who come in contact with him'. It noted that I was good with the other boys and was conscientious and tried hard at school. It also noted that I was having difficulty with school work but if I failed it would not be for the want of effort.
21. When I was about ten or eleven years of AU 2, AU 45 told me that I could look on him as a friend and confide in him. I told him that I didn't believe in God. As a punishment for saying this he made me stand naked in the greasy slops in the gully beside the kitchen every Sunday while the other boys went to Church. After a few months of this he made me take away the slop in a wheelbarrow and dump it.
22. When I was about fifteen years old I contracted TB of the spine. I was in hospital for two years from 1957 to 1959. I was in a special cast from my neck to my

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groin and I was kept in Mooroopna hospital. AU 2, AU 45 came to visit me and he sat close to my bed. He slipped his hands in under my bed sheets and interfered with me. I didn't know what was happening. He took advantage of me as I couldn't push him off. A nurse was in the room at the same time but she didn't see what he did. This was the only sexual abuse I suffered whilst I was a resident in Dhurringile.

23. Tyrone County Welfare Committee meeting minutes of February 1958 state that on 10th February 1958 the Committee received another letter from Superintendent AU 2, AU 45 advising that I had contacted TB and that my brother and sister be kept informed. The same letter stated that I had completed my third year at technical college and had gained my Junior Technical Certificate. My education was to continue by correspondence but this was never arranged. The letter from Dhurringile requested that my brother and sister keep in touch by correspondence and suggested they send photos of themselves to keep my spirits up. The Committee noted that AU 98 and AU 99 were advised of my illness and that they promised to write more often and send snaps.
24. The whole time I was in Dhurringile I wrote to my sister AU 99 and she replied. I think we exchanged letters every couple of months. I wrote to AU 98 once or twice but I don't think brothers are very good at keeping in contact with one another.
25. The Tyrone County Welfare Committee meeting minutes of August 1958, March 1959 and October 1959 state that it had received a health progress report about me from Dhurringile. In January 1960 the Committee discussed a health report from the new Superintendent at Dhurringile called AU 100. The report confirmed that I was out of hospital and had returned to the home and that I was doing well. I went back to Dhurringile for a short time and one day I was given a train ticket to Melbourne and I had to leave. I left Dhurringile in 1961 when I was seventeen years old. When I arrived at Spencer Street Station I didn't know where to go and by chance I saw a boy from the home called [REDACTED]. He along with a few other boys from the home were living with AU 2, AU 45 in [REDACTED] which is a suburb of Melbourne. AU 2, AU 45 had moved from

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Dhurringile to the Melbourne at that stage. I stayed for a few nights before finding other accommodation. I was weary of him ever since he abused me in the hospital and I only stayed as long as I had to as I was desperate.

Life after care

26. I stayed in the same French polishing firm for eleven years. The foreman was an English man and he was married with a son. From him I learned about family life. He was the first role model I ever had and he was a good influence on me. I stayed in the construction industry all my working career.
27. I married in 1969 and we had two children. Unfortunately the marriage did not work out and we separated. I looked after the children in the beginning but then their mother wanted them back. I have a good relationship with my children. I have been married to my second wife [REDACTED] for thirty three years. She has one child from a previous relationship. We have seven grandchildren and I enjoy a good relationship with all my family.
28. I returned to Ireland with my wife for the first time for my fiftieth birthday in 1992. I visited Coneywarren, [REDACTED] who was the son of [REDACTED] took us. As I went in I could remember where all the rooms were and I remembered the smell. It was a very emotional return.
29. On the trip I visited my sister [REDACTED] AU 99 who was ill with Huntington's disease. She recognised me and our brother sister bond was apparent. I got on well with [REDACTED] AU 98 and we had the same sense of humour and mannerisms. [REDACTED] AU 98 came to Australia with his wife and his two daughters in 2005 and stayed with us. Sadly [REDACTED] AU 99 passed away in the mid 1990's and [REDACTED] AU 98 passed away in 2008. I remain in contact with my nieces and nephews, particularly [REDACTED] AU 99 daughter [REDACTED] AU 98 and [REDACTED] AU 99 had good lives in foster care. I recall receiving one letter from [REDACTED] saying she would take good care of [REDACTED] AU 99 and that she would want for nothing.

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30. My wife and I visited Ireland for a second time on 27th May 2014. We visited Belfast, Derry, Omagh and the south. Both my visits were funded by the British Government and organised by the Child Migrant Trust. On the first visit I wanted to see everything in Ireland and absorb the culture however on my recent visit I just wanted to connect with my family. I visited my cousins, nephews and nieces and found my father's grave in [REDACTED] Cemetery.

31. I have worked hard all my life and I have kept active. I do not like to dwell on my past. However I feel that a big part of my life is missing. I can't let these feelings of longing and what might have been get to me otherwise I could become bitter and twisted like a lot of boys from institutions have become. Some of them turned to alcohol as a form of escape and had lots of problems so I stayed away from them as I didn't want to be reminded of my time in care. I believe being in care changed my personality. On the ship I was a scared eight year old boy who was made to fight another boy and that wasn't me. I was traumatised by having to leave my brother and sister. I wanted [REDACTED] AU 98 to join me in Dhurringile so I could be with him but once I realised what a horrific experience it was I didn't want him to come so he wouldn't have to endure it. I have created a good life for myself in Australia but I have lost out on having a life with my brother and sister which I will never get over.

Statement of Truth

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

Signature

HIA 354

Dated

1 / 7 / 2014

TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEECOUNTY WELFARE OFFICE,
OMAGH.

9th October, 1961.

Dear HIA 354

I was delighted to receive your letter some months ago, and apologise for not writing sooner. Like yourself, I just kept putting it off from day to day.

AU 99 often talks about you; she is a big girl now and doing very well at Omagh Technical School. I think she is much happier there than at the Academy.

We were all delighted to learn that your health has improved and that you are able to hold a job. From your last report it was gratifying to learn that your bank balance was in such a healthy condition!

HIA 354 are you aware that when you attain twenty-one years there is a small legacy for you left by your mother? Messrs. McConnell and Fyffe, John Street, Omagh, are the Solicitors who dealt with your mother's estate.

From our records I find that you, AU 98 and AU 99 came into the care of Tyrone County Welfare Committee on [REDACTED] 1949, when your mother became gravely ill. At that time you were placed in [REDACTED] Armagh, and remained there until [REDACTED] 1949 when you were transferred to Coneywarren Children's Home. You and AU 99 were among the first nine residents of Coneywarren!

On [REDACTED] 1950 you were boarded-out with a Mrs. [REDACTED] where you remained until you migrated with a party of other boys to Australia on 7th November from Liverpool.

We have had a very wet summer and now the leaves are falling fast; it will soon be winter again. I can understand your reluctance to leave the sunshine of Australia but perhaps one day you will pay a visit to the land of your birth. I know AU 99 and the [REDACTED] family would be happy to see you.

I do not see much of AU 98 as he lives with [REDACTED] (sister) in County Londonderry. I understand he is employed by a neighbouring farmer.

Do you remember Col. Jones? He left us in January, 1955 and we do not know his present whereabouts. Perhaps he is back in Australia now as that was his home country.

With best wishes for a successful future.

Yours sincerely,


Children's Officer

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TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE.

D. No. 2 Reg. No. 12
REPORT CARD
 Name HIA 354
 Address c/o [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 Old Person ☐
 Blind ☐
 B.O. Child ☐
 1908 Act Child ☐
 Other Case ☐

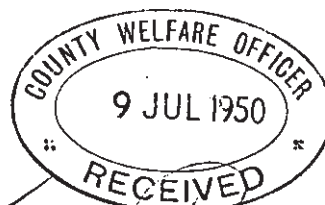
HIA 354 was out at play when I called to-day, and having seen him, I didn't trouble to call him away from his newly made friends.

All members of the family seem quite pleased with HIA 354 who has shown no trace of longing to return to Coneywarren.

Earlsgift School, at which the boy will attend, is now closed for the Summer vacation. This means that HIA 354 has seven weeks' holiday in which to look around.

A number of outings have been arranged, by the Family, and there will be ample opportunity for the boy to meet new friends.

I believe he will settle down and feel happy in the present environment.



Signed [Signature]
 Date 5.7.50

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Reply by Air Mail. 11/XII/1950.

Mr. W. Fadden

B/O.
112.

Mediterranean

14-11-50.

Dear Miss M^{rs}. Fadden

I am having a nice -
voyage. There are a lot of boys here
and our cabins are all together on E deck.
We have P.T. every morning at 7 AM. on deck
and breakfast at 7-30. Then school for
two hours at 9-30. We get very good food
and lots of amusement a cinema too.
I have lots of boys to play with and
the passengers are all kind to us.
We saw a battleship at Gibraltar (Vanguard)
and ~~one~~ aeroplane and a destroyer at Malta.
We will be in Port Said on Friday.

The weather is warm and sunny now but
nearly all of us were seasick on the
second day out. We have all been
vaccinated. The Captain tells us all about the
interesting places the ship passes. I hope you
are all well at home. I will write again
soon to all.

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TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE

MINUTE RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING CHILDREN

A Meeting of the Welfare Committee of Tyrone County Council was held in the Courthouse, Omagh, on Monday, 18th July 1949.

Members present:- (1) Mr. J.P. Duff, presiding; (2) Mr. M. Busby, (3) Mr. A. Gallagher, (4) Mr. T. Houston, (5) Mr. M. Knox-Browne, (6) Mr. D.H. Martin, (7) Mr. H.C. McNulty, (8) Mr. W.A. Elliott, (9) Mr. T.J. McCaughey, (10) Mr. B. O'Reilly, (11) Mr. Wm. Stewart.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. S. Millar.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. McNulty and Mr. Elliott, two new members, both of whom suitably replied.

The following business was transacted as per Agenda:-

1.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th June 1949 were confirmed and signed.

8. APPOINTMENT OF MATRON, CONEYWARREN CHILDREN'S HOME

Nine applications were submitted for the position of Matron, Coneywarren Children's Home.

Mr. Busby proposed the appointment of Miss Humphries, former Matron of the Sanatorium at Dungannon. Mr. Stewart seconded.

Mr. O'Reilly proposed the appointment of Miss Rose Ann McNelis and Mr. McCaughey seconded.

After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Gallagher and seconded by Mr. Busby that the two applicants mentioned and Miss Adeline Flack, Ederney, Co. Fermanagh, be placed on a short list and interviewed at a special meeting of the Committee on 8th August 1949.

9.

BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN

Welfare

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

(f) that the Committee take over responsibility for the boarding-out of the children and that there were no satisfactory arrangements for their maintenance and care;

AU 99

HIA 354

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3rd July, 1950.

Dear Rev. Moore,

You probably are acquainted with the contents of the enclosed Circular. We are wondering if this would not be a good opportunity for **HIA 354**. We have just placed him in a Presbyterian home in **██████████** but do feel that if he were nominated for this scheme, he might have ultimately a greater opportunity.

I would like to have your comments also please return the enclosed circular.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Boyd Moore,
The Manse, Mountjoy, Omagh.

County Welfare Officer.

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Our Ref: B.O. 122.

10th July, 1950.

Dear Sir,

In response to your circular concerning the efforts of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria to give opportunity to orphan children at their Farm School in Dhurringile. We have a child in our care

HIA 354 date of birth 1942, an orphan whom I feel would benefit from this experience. Being an Australian myself and being intimately acquainted with the Fairbridge Farm School projects, I can appreciate what this opportunity might mean to an orphan boy.

At present he is in a Presbyterian foster home and after consultation with the Rev. J. Boyd Moore, B.A. we both agreed that we would like you to consider this child. No doubt, you will require further information and we will be only too happy to give you the complete case history.

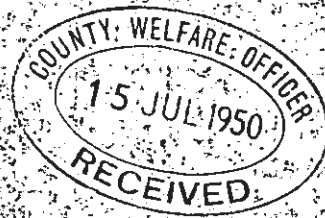
Yours faithfully,

County Welfare Officer

Rev. Andrew Boag,
11 Miller Terrace,
Maybole,
Ayrshire,
Scotland.

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11 Miller Terrace.
Maybole.
Ayrshire
Scotland.
July 13-1950.

Mr. Victor C. Jones, B. Sc.
County Welfare Officer.
Omagh.
Co. Tyrone.

Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your letter of July 10th. with reference **HIA 354**. I am enclosing nomination forms which must be filled in in Duplicate. Also required is a copy of the lad's birth certificate and an I.Q. certificate. The I.Q. may present difficulty--I do not know how you are situated in Ireland in such matters, usually the Welfare Department is well up in these things so I will not presume to give you any instructions as to how to go about procuring an I.Q. When the forms are completed return them to me with the birth certificate and I.Q.

Later Australia House will appoint a medical referee who will examine the boy, the fee for lads of his age is 7/6. When he has been approved Australia House will arrange date of sailing and forward a rail voucher to the port of embarkation.

The children will have to be conducted to the port--arrangements will be made about that at a later date--there are other children coming from Ireland so the lad will travel in a party. Australia House supplies conducting welfare officers for the voyage.

I would appreciate it if you could let me have a case history of the boy.

Having disposed of the business side of the matter permit me to send warmest greetings to a fellow Australian. I am sorry I did not meet you when I was over in that beautiful country. I was born here in Scotland myself but I keep on saying that I could not be tempted to come back here to live, but if I could it would be the Nth. of Ireland that would do it. I hope you will spread news of this Dhurringile venture through the Welfare Department as much as you can and assist me in getting a large number of boys. With all good wishes and many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Boag
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Name HIA 354 Examiner E. F. CROFT. H.B. C.A. 8 $\frac{2}{12}$
 Sex M Birthday 42 Date 27 7 50 M.A. 7 $\frac{6}{12}$
 School EARLSGIFT Class JUNIOR I.Q. 92
 Parent _____ Address c/o m. [redacted]

TEST BEHAVIOUR

Willingness	enthusiastic eagerness	enters actively into task	normal attitude because proper	disagreeable task	active objection
Self-confidence	extremely self-confident; relies on own ability	rather self-confident	neither distrustful nor entirely self-reliant	inclined to distrust own ability	extremely lacking in self-confidence; constantly distrustful of own ability
Social confidence	perfectly assured in personal contacts	rather confident	normal for age	rather shy	shy, reserved, reticent
Attention	completely absorbed by task	little interference from distracting stimuli	normal; attention to outside stimuli does not impair efficiency	easily distracted by extraneous stimuli or by own ideas, but returns readily to task	abstracted; difficult to get and hold attention

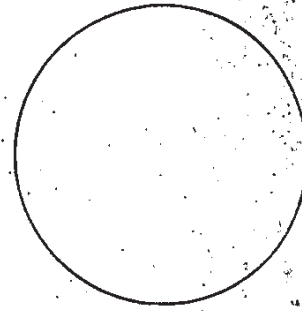
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III-6 _____	IX _____	S.A. I _____	
IV _____	X _____	S.A. II _____	
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V _____	XII _____		
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YEAR II (6 tests, 1 month each ; or 4 tests, 1½ months each)

- ☐ 1.*Three-hole form board (1+) a) b)
- ☐ 2. Identifying objects by name (4+) a) Pussy b) Button c) Thimble d) Cup e) Engine f) Spoon
- ☐ 3.*Identifying parts of the body (same as II-6, 2) (3+) a) Hair b) Mouth c) Ears d) Hands
- ☐ 4. Block building: Tower
- ☐ 5.*Picture vocabulary (same as II-6, 4; III, 2; III-6, 2; IV, 1) (2+)
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|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. Shoe | 4. Bed | 7. Table | 10. Basket | 13. Tree | 16. Pocket knife |
| 2. Clock | 5. Scissors | 8. Hand | 11. Glasses | 14. Cup | 17. Stool |
| 3. Chair | 6. House | 9. Fork | 12. Gun | 15. Umbrella | 18. Leaf |
- ☐ 6.*Word combinations

Alternate. Obeying simple commands (same as III-6, 1) (2+)

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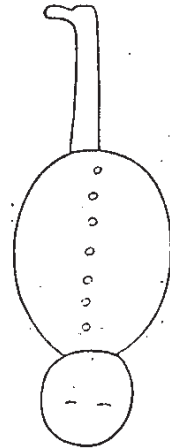
YEAR II-6 (6 tests, 1 month each ; or 4 tests, 1½ months each)

- ☐ 1.*Identifying objects by use (same as III-6, 5) (3+) a) Cup b) Shoe c) Penny d) Knife e) Motor-car f) Iron
- ☐ 2. Identifying parts of the body (same as II, 3) (4+)
- ☐ 3.*Naming objects (4+) a) Chair b) Motor-car c) Box d) Key e) Fork
- ☐ 4.*Picture vocabulary (same as II, 5; III, 2; III-6, 2; IV, 1) (9+)
- ☐ 5.*Repeating 2 digits (1+) a) 4-7 b) 6-3 c) 5-8
- ☐ 6. Three-hole form board: Rotated (II, 1 must precede) (1+) a) b)

Alternate. Identifying objects by name (same as II, 2) (5+)

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Note.—The tests marked with a * constitute an abbreviated scale, for use in case there is not time to give a complete test. See page 31 of "Measuring Intelligence."



YEAR III (6 tests, 1 month each ; or 4 tests, 1½ months each)

- ☐ 1. Stringing beads (4+) No. strung _____ Time _____
- ☐ 2.*Picture vocabulary (same as II, 5 ; II-6, 4 ; III-6, 2 ; IV, 1) (12+)
- ☐ 3.*Block building : Bridge
- ☐ 4.*Picture memories (1+) a) _____ b) _____
- ☐ 5. Copying a circle (1+) a) _____ b) _____ c) _____
- ☐ 6.*Repeating 3 digits (1+)
- a) 6-4-1 _____ b) 3-5-2 _____ c) 8-3-7 _____

Alternate. Three-hole form board : Rotated (same as II-6, 6) (2+)

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YEAR III-6 (6 tests, 1 month each ; or 4 tests, 1½ months each)

- ☐ 1.*Obeying simple commands (3+)
- a) _____ b) _____ c) _____
- ☐ 2.*Picture vocabulary (same as II, 5 ; II-6, 4 ; III, 2 ; IV, 1) (15+)
- ☐ 3. Comparison of sticks (3 of 3, or 5 of 6)
- a) _____ b) _____ c) _____ d) _____ e) _____ f) _____
- ☐ 4. Response to pictures I (2+)
- a) Dutch Home
- b) River Scene
- c) Post Office
- ☐ 5.*Identifying objects by use (same as II-6, 1) (5+)
- ☐ 6.*Comprehension I (1+)
- a) _____ b) _____

Alternate. Drawing a cross

Mos. _____

YEAR IV (6 tests, 1 month each ; or 4 tests, 1½ months each)

- ☐ 1.*Picture vocabulary (same as II, 5 ; II-6, 4 ; III, 2 ; III-6, 2) (16+)
- ☐ 2.*Naming objects from memory (2+) a) b) c)
- ☐ 3. Picture completion : Man (same as V, 1) (1 point)
- ☐ 4.*Pictorial identification (3+)
a) Stove b) Umbrella c) Cow d) Rabbit e) Moon f) Cat
- ☐ 5.*Discrimination of forms (8+) No. correct _____
- ☐ 6. Comprehension II (2+)
a) b)
- Alternate. Memory for sentences I (1+)
a) We are going to buy some toffee for mother.
b) Jack likes to feed the little puppies in the barn.

Mos. _____

YEAR IV-6 (6 tests, 1 month each ; or 4 tests, 1½ month each)

- ☐ 1. Aesthetic comparison. (3+) a) b) c)
- ☐ 2.*Repeating 4 digits (1+)
a) 4-7-2-9 b) 3-8-5-2 c) 7-2-6-1
- ☐ 3.*Pictorial likenesses and differences (same as VI, 5) (3+)
a) b) c) d) e)
- ☐ 4. Materials (2+) a) Chair b) Dress c) Shoe
- ☐ 5.*Three commissions (3+) a) b) c)
- ☐ 6.*Opposite analogies I (same as VII, 5) (2+)
a) b) c) d) e)
- Alternate. Pictorial identification (same as IV, 4) (4+)

Mos. _____

YEAR V (6 tests, 1 month each ; or 4 tests, 1½ months each)

- ☐ 1.*Picture completion : Man (same as IV, 3) (2 points)
- ☐ 2. Paper folding : Triangle
- ☐ 3.*Definitions (2+)
a) Ball b) Hat c) Stove
- ☐ 4. Copying a square (1+) a) b) c)
- ☐ 5.*Memory for sentences II (1+)
a) Jane wants to build a big castle in the playground.
b) Tom has lots of fun playing ball with his sister.
- ☐ 6.*Counting four objects (2+) a) b) c)

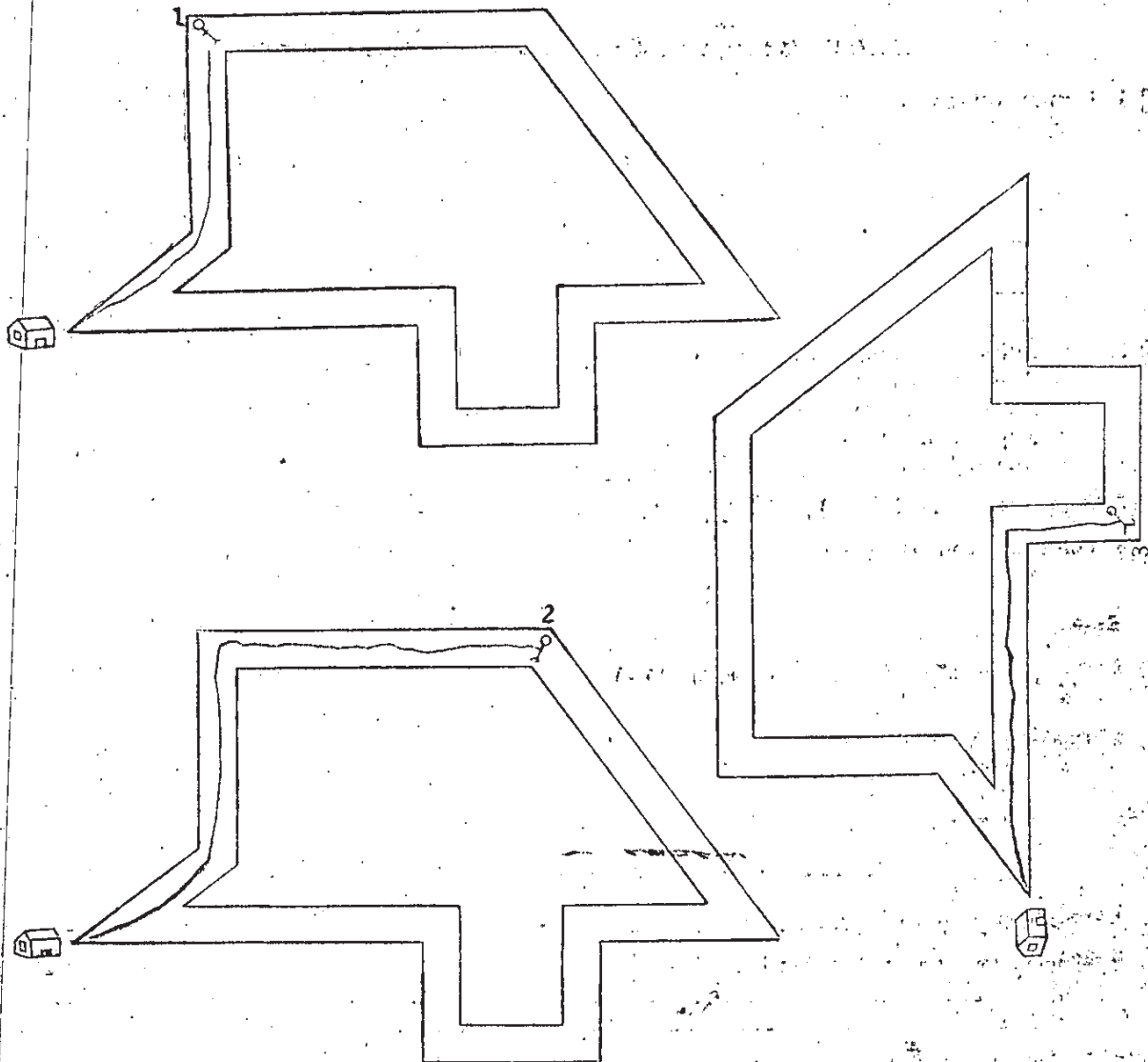
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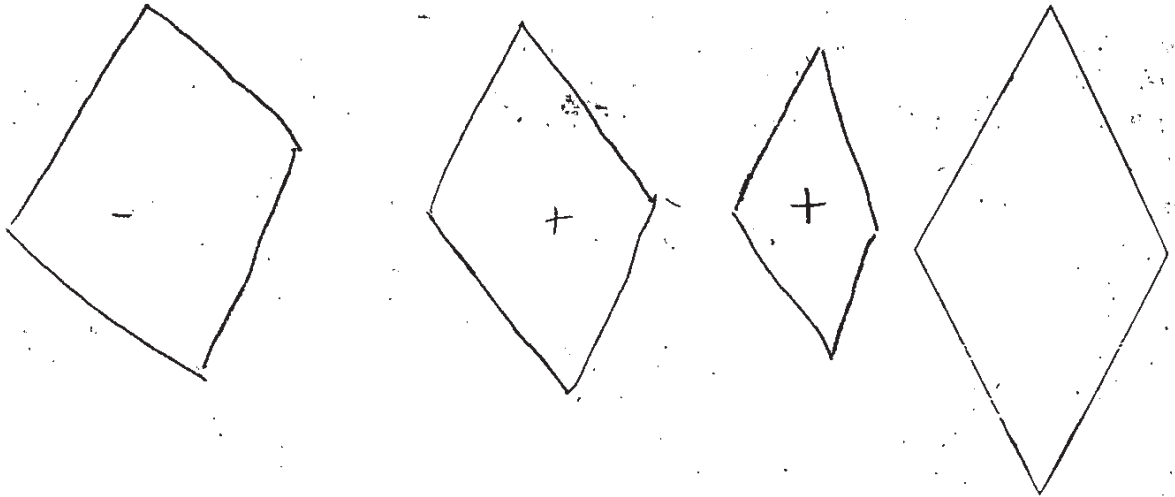
Mos. _____

(There is no heading V-6 and there are only six months of credit between the headings Year V and Year VI because each group of tests covers the period immediately preceding its age heading, in this case the period from Year IV-6 to Year V.)

YEAR VI (6 tests, 2 months each ; or 4 tests, 3 months each)

- ☒ 1. *Vocabulary (5+) No. words 6
☒ 2. *Copying a bead chain from memory I Time 1 min 30 sec
☒ 3. Mutilated pictures (4+)
 a) + b) + c) + d) + e) +
☒ 4. *Number concepts (3+) ~~a)~~ + b) + c) + d) +
☒ 5. *Pictorial likenesses and differences (same as IV-6, 3) (5+) 5
☒ 6. Maze tracing (2+) a) + b) + c) +

Mos. 6 yrs



YEAR VII (6 tests, 2 months each ; or 4 tests, 3 months each)

1. Picture absurdities I (3+)

a) —

b) +

c) —

d) —

2. *Similarities: Two things (2+)

a) Wood and coal —

d) Apple and orange +

c) Ship and motor-car —

d) Iron and silver —

3. *Copying a diamond (2+)

a) + b) + c) —

4. Comprehension III (2+)

a) +

b) —

c) —

5. *Opposite analogies I (same as IV-6, 6) (5+)

a) + b) + c) + d) + e) +

6. *Repeating 5 digits (1+)

a) 3-1-8-5-9 + b) 4-8-3-7-2 + c) 9-6-1-8-3 +

Mos. 6

YEAR VIII (6 tests, 2 months each ; or 4 tests, 3 months each)

1. *Vocabulary (8+) No. words 6

2. Memory for stories: The Wet Fall (5+)

a) — b) + c) + d) +
e) + f) +

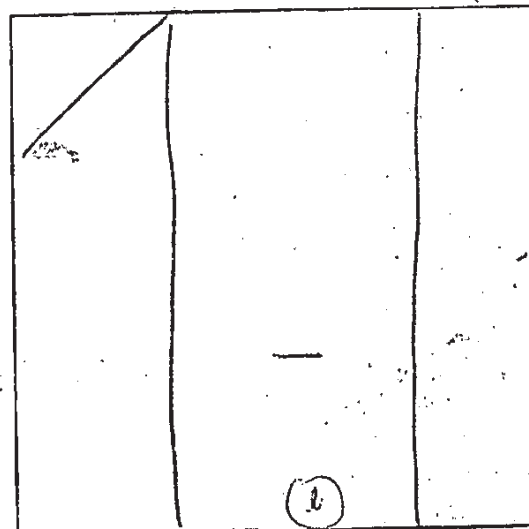
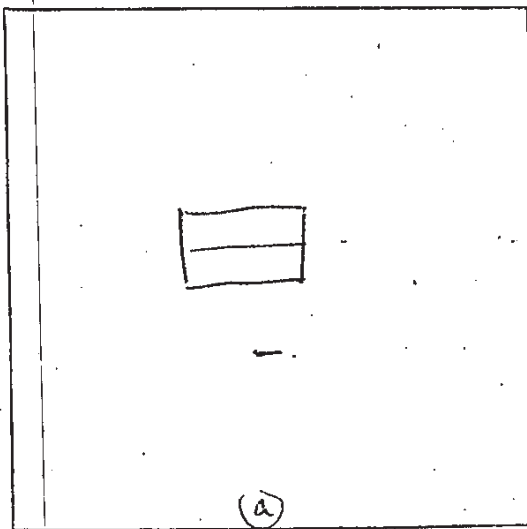
3. *Verbal absurdities I (3+)

a) —

b) +

c) —

d) +



YEAR VIII (Continued)

☒ 4. *Similarities and differences (3+)

- a) Cricket-ball — orange +
 b) Aeroplane — kite —
 c) Ocean — river +
 d) Penny — shilling +

☐ 5. *Comprehension IV (2+)

- a) +
 b) —
 c) —

☒ 6. Memory for sentences III (1+)

- a) Fred asked his father to take him to see the clowns in the circus. +
 b) Billy has made a beautiful boat out of wood with his sharp knife. —

Mos. 6

YEAR IX (6 tests, 2 months each ; or 4 tests, 3 months each)

☐ 1. Paper cutting I (same as XIII, 3) (1+)

a) — b) —

☐ 2. Verbal absurdities II (same as XII, 2) (3+)

- a) +
 b) —
 c) —
 d) —
 e) —

☐ 3. *Memory for designs (same as XI, 1) (1+ or 2 with $\frac{1}{2}$ credit each)

- a) — b) $\frac{1}{2}$

☐ 4. *Rhymes: New form (3+)

- a) — b) + c) — d) —

☒ 5. *Giving change (2+)

- a) 12-5 + b) 24-10 + c) 30-4 —

☐ 6. *Repeating 4 digits reversed (1+)

- a) 8-5-2-6 — b) 4-9-3-7 — c) 3-6-2-9 —

Mos. 2

YEAR X (6 tests, 2 months each; or 4 tests, 3 months each)

☒ 1. *Vocabulary (11+) No. words 6
☒ 2. Picture absurdities II—Frontier Days

☒ 3. *Reading and report (35 seconds, 2 errors, 10 memories)

Memories 6 Time for reading 65 sec Mistakes 18

Manchester | September | 5th. | A fire | last night | burned | several houses | near the centre | of the
city. | It took some time | to put it out. | The loss | was five thousand | pounds, | and seventeen
families | lost their homes. | In saving | a girl | who was asleep | in bed, | a fireman | was burned
on the hands.

☒ 4. *Finding reasons I (2+)
a) +b) —
☒ 5. *Word naming. (28 words in one minute) 13
☒ 6. Repeating 6 digits (1+)
a) 4-7-3-8-5-9 +b) 5-2-9-7-4-6 —c) 7-2-8-3-9-4 +Mos. 2

YEAR XI (6 tests, 2 months each; or 4 tests, 3 months each)

☒ 1. *Memory for designs (same as IX, 3) (1+)

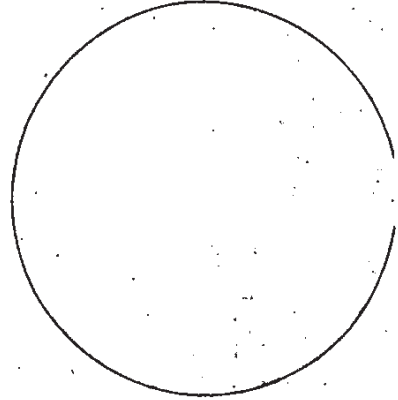
☒ 2. *Verbal absurdities III (2+)
a) —b) —c) —
☒ 3. *Abstract words I (3+)
a) Connection +b) Compare —c) Conquer —d) Obedience +e) Revenge —
☒ 4. Memory for sentences IV (1+)
a) At the summer camp the children get up early in the morning to go swimming. +b) Yesterday we went for a ride in our car along the road that crosses the bridge. —
☒ 5. Word naming. (30 words in one minute) 23
☒ 6. *Similarities: Three things (3+)
a) Snake—cow—sparrow +b) Rose—potato—tree —c) Wool—cotton—leather —d) Knife—blade—penny—piece of wire —e) Book—teacher—newspaper —Mos. 2

YEAR XII (6 tests, 2 months each ; or 4 tests, 3 months each)

- ☐ 1. *Vocabulary (14+) No. words 6
- ☐ 2. *Verbal absurdities II (same as IX, 2) (4+)
- ☐ 3. Response to pictures II: Telegraph Messenger Boy
- ☐ 4. Repeating 5 digits reversed (1+)
 a) 8-1-3-7-9 b) 6-9-5-8-2 c) 5-2-9-4-1
- ☐ 5. *Abstract words II (same as XIV, 6) (2+)
 a) Constant —
 b) Courage —
 c) Charity —
 d) Defend —
- ☐ 6. *Minkus completion (same as S.A. I, 3) (2+) Time 5 min
 Mos.

YEAR XIII (6 tests, 2 months each ; or 4 tests, 3 months each)

- ☐ 1. Plan of search
- ☐ 2. Memory for words (1+)
 a) Cow, sand, glass, chair, bell.
 b) Grace, truth, worth, peace, doubt.
- ☐ 3. *Paper cutting I (same as IX, 1) (2+)
- ☐ 4. *Problems of fact (2+)
 a)
 b)
 c)
- ☐ 5. *Dissected sentences (2+)
 a)
 b)
 c)
- ☐ 6. *Copying a bead chain from memory II Time
 Mos.



YEAR XIV (6 tests, 2 months each ; or 4 tests, 3 months each)

- ☐ 1. *Vocabulary (16+) No. words
- ☐ 2. *Induction a) b) c) d) e) f) Rule:
- ☐ 3. Picture absurdities III: The Shadow
- ☐ 4. *Ingenuity (same as A.A., 6) (1+)
 a)
 b)
 c)
- ☐ 5. Orientation: Direction I (3+) a) b) c) d) e)
 Time
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 Time
- ☐ 6. *Abstract words II (same as XII, 5) (3+)
 Mos.

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AVERAGE ADULT (3 tests, 2 months each ; or 4 tests, 4 months each)

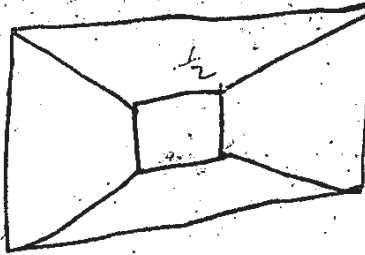
- ☐ 1.*Vocabulary (20+) No. words.....
- ☐ 2.*Codes (1½+) a) Time..... b) Time.....
- ☐ 2.*Differences between abstract words (2+)
- a) Laziness and idleness
- b) Poverty and misery
- c) Character and reputation
- ☐ 4. Arithmetical reasoning (2+) a) Time..... b) Time..... c) Time.....
- ☐ 5. Proverbs I (2+)
- a)
- b)
- c)
- ☐ 6.*Ingenuity (same as XIV, 4) (2+)
- ☐ 7. Memory for sentences V (1+)
- a) The red-headed woodpeckers made a terrible fuss as they tried to drive the young away from the nest.
- b) The early settlers had little idea of the great changes that were to take place in their country.
- ☐ 8. Reconciliation of opposites (same as S.A. II, 5) (3+)
- a) Heavy—light d) More—less
- b) Tall—short e) Outside—inside
- c) Sick—well f) Asleep—awake

Mos.

SUPERIOR ADULT I (6 tests, 4 months each ; or 4 tests, 6 months each)

- ☐ 1.*Vocabulary (23+) No. words.....
- ☐ 2. Enclosed box problem (3+) a) b) c) d)
- ☐ 3.*Minkus completion (same as XII, 6) (3+) Time.....
- ☐ 4.*Repeating 6 digits reversed (1+)
- a) 4-7-1-9-5-2 b) 6-8-3-6-9-4 c) 7-5-2-6-1-8
- ☐ 5.*Sentence building (2+)
- a) Benefactor—institution—contribution
- b) Civility—requirement—employee
- c) Attainment—fortune—misery
- ☐ 6. Essential similarities (2+)
- a) Farming and manufacturing
- b) Melting and burning
- c) An egg and a seed

Mos.



YEAR IX - 3

TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE

Mr C. Jones, B.S.
County Welfare Officer

Telephone No.
OMAGH 22-42

Our Ref: P.O. 112

COUNTY WELFARE OFFICE
OMAGH

1st August, 1950.

Dear Mr. Shanks,

Re: **HIA 354** Born **[REDACTED]**

This boy is in our care on account of being an orphan. We have been considering whether he should be nominated for the Migration Scheme to Australia conducted under auspices of the Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian Minister related to the **HIA 354** family is in agreement that this might be an opportunity for the boy.

I wonder if you would give me some indication as to whether the Ministry would approve of us recommending this boy for the Migration Scheme. You will find enclosed a Circular about the scheme, also a letter from Mr. Andrew Doug. Would you kindly return both to me when finished with.

Yours sincerely,

Walter J. Jones
County Welfare Officer

Mr. E. Shanks,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont,
BELFAST.
VDS/EMOM

** c.c. to Birmingham Post & Mercury
via Belfast,
London,
Australia*

Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont, Belfast.

Reference

T.47

HIA 354

A.S.E.

Please see the attached letter from Tyrone County Welfare Committee asking if the Ministry would approve arrangements for the emigration of this boy who is an orphan aged 8 years. Sections 94 and 111(5) of the Children and Young Persons Act refer.

The scheme under which the proposed emigration would take place is administered by the Presbyterian Church in Australia. The boy's prospects would probably be brighter if he were allowed to emigrate under this scheme than if he were to remain at home.

The proviso to Section 111(5) of the Act, however, debar the Minister from authorising the emigration of a child unless he is satisfied that the child consents, or, being too young to form or express an opinion on the matter, is to emigrate in company with a parent, guardian or relative or is to emigrate for the purpose of joining a parent, guardian, relative or friend.

A child of eight years of age is obviously too young to form or express a proper opinion on the advantages or disadvantages of emigration. In the circumstances the Section would appear to debar any prospect of emigration in this case for the present.

A representative of the Dhurringile Training Farm has recently approached the Welfare Authorities in Northern Ireland (having previously ascertained that no objection to this course would be raised by the Ministry) to inform them of the facilities for emigration which they could offer in the case of suitable boys. It is possible that other requests for information may be received from Welfare Authorities.

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Whilst it is difficult to say at what age any child may reach the stage of mental development at which he is capable of forming a proper judgment on such a question, it is unlikely that such a stage would be reached before the age of twelve years at the earliest. I think, therefore, that unless the conditions laid down in paragraph 111(5) are satisfied we should not agree to the emigration of any child under that age.

P. Shanks

9th August, 1960.

Note:

A.S.E. spoke to the Minister about this yesterday afternoon. The Minister agrees generally. As it would probably be in the interest of the child, if he could emigrate under a scheme sponsored by a responsible body such as the Presbyterian Church he would be prepared to approve if a responsible officer or agent of the managing body of the Farm could take over the responsibility of the child in other reasonable circumstances for travel and subsequent care.

T-47.

19th August, 1950.

Dear Mr. Jones,

I am sorry that I have not been able to reply to your letter of the 1st August (ref. B.O.112) sooner about the proposal that **HIA 354** should be allowed to emigrate to Australia under the scheme organised by the Presbyterian Church in Victoria. The position of orphan children who are too young to be able to form a proper opinion as to the advantages and disadvantages of emigration is one which has given some concern to the Ministry. Where, however, it is obviously in the interests of any child that he should be allowed to emigrate and satisfactory arrangements can be made for safeguarding the child's interests, the Ministry will not raise any objection to his emigrating under a scheme conducted by a reputable organisation.

Yours faithfully,

2/19/50
(Sd.) E. SHANKS

V.C. Jones, Esq., B.Sc.,
Tyrone County Welfare Office,
OMAGH.

ES/MNB.

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xx 381-2
Our Ref: B.O. 112.

8th August, 1950.

Dear Mr. Boag,

I am sorry for the delay in the case of HIA 354 My Committee has given me approval to pursue this inquiry. We have had him tested and he shows a very good I.Q. rating. I have also put up a letter to the Ministry of Home Affairs asking for permission to formerly nominate him for this scheme and just as soon as this is received, I will forward application forms direct to you. Sorry for the delay but the wheels of officialdom move slowly.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Andrew Boag,
11 Miller Terrace,
Maybole,
Ayrshire,
Scotland.

54082
County Welfare Officer

VCJ/EMCM

11 Miller Terrace

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Aug. 2, 1950

Mr. Victor L. Jones B.Sc.
 County Welfare Officer
 Omagh

Dear Mr. Jones

I am wondering how you are progressing with the nomination forms re respecting **HIA 354**

HIA 354

I am anxious to get all completed forms to Australia House as soon as possible. I am sorry if I appear to be rushing you but I am sure you will understand. If there is to be some further delay I wonder if you would let me know and I can possibly arrange to have the last interview and medically examined by Australia House referees when we are waiting for the forms.

Yours sincerely

Charles Boag

SC083

xx 381-2

26th August, 1950.

Our Ref: B.O. 112

Dear Sir,

re: **HIA 354**

Please find enclosed completed in duplicate Form L.E.M. 3.
in respect of the above, also copy of birth certificate and I.Q. form.
His I.Q. certificate is signed by our Divisional Medical Officer.

Yours faithfully,

The Chief Migration Officer,
Australia House,
Strand,
LONDON, W.C.2.

County Welfare Officer

VCJ/EMCM



11 Miller Terrace.
Maybole.
Ayrshire.
Scotland.
Aug. 24-1950.

County Welfare Officer.
Omagh.

Dear Sir,

Your's of Aug. 22nd. to hand today. I note that you have the papers re. .
HIA 354 completed with the exception C. and that you have secured all necessary
consents. We as the Approved Voluntary Organisation in the United Kingdom complete
Section C. and are held responsible for the return of financial assistance granted in
respect of an assisted passage if the boy returns within the period of two years.
If your Welfare Committee has approved the boy's application I would be glad if you
could let me have his papers at the earliest possible moment as I hope to be in London
next week and am presenting all nomination papers then.

Required papers are as follows. L.E.M. 3. in duplicate. Birth certificate
and I.Q. form.

Your's sincerely,

Andrew Boag

SC079

xxx 381-2

22nd August, 1950.

Our Ref: B.O. 112

Dear Mr. Boag,

re:

HIA 354

This boy has now been medically examined and we have obtained approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs for his application. He has also been mentally tested and has an I.Q. rating of 92. In order to complete Form L.E.M.3 Section (c) I must now have the official approval of Tyrone County Welfare Committee for only this Committee by resolution can assume financial liability.

Yours sincerely,

for County Welfare Officer

Rev. Andrew Boag,
11 Millar Terrace,
Maybole,
Ayrshire,
Scotland.

VCJ/EMcM

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MRS MC
II Miller Terrace.
Maybole.
Ayrshire.
Sept. 4-1950.

Mr. Victor C. Jones. B.A.
County Welfare Office.
Omagh.

Dear Mr Jones,

HIA 354 Many thanks for forwarding the papers relating to the homination of **HIA 354** to Australia House and for doing so so promptly. You may expect to hear from Australia House shortly re. medical examination and I hope that it will not now be long before arrangements will be made for my first party to sail.

If you should have any more boys for migration to Australia will you please communicate direct with the Rev. Walter V. Martin B.A. Presbyterian Church House, Belfast. Mr Martin has agreed to act as our representative in Nth. Ireland.

From time to time we will be communicating with you direct from Australia and will keep you in touch with the progress of our Farm School and also of the progress of **HIA 354**. Our address in Australia is)-- Assembly Hall, 156 Collins St. Melbourne. The address of the School is Dhurringile Rural Training Farm School, Via Tatura, Victoria, Australia., and my own private address is **HIA 354** Australia.

Many thanks for your interest and co-operation. It may be necessary for me to write to you again before I sail, but if not I hope we may have your co-operation in the future and that we may have many boys sent to us from your Local Authority.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Your's sincerely,

Andrew Boag

SC079

Phil

TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE

Dis. No. 3Reg. No. 112

REPORT CARD

Name HIA 354Address [REDACTED]

~~Old Person~~
~~Blind~~
 B.O. Child
~~1908 Act Child~~
 Other Case

As instructed by County Welfare Officer, I called with [REDACTED] this morning, and explained that we proposed sending this boy to Australia under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church as we felt he would have more opportunity there than in this country. I also informed him there was little hope of the three children being united in a family group owing to their health condition. [REDACTED] is quite agreeable to our suggestion, and I told him Rev J. Boyd Moore was also satisfied that all this was being done in the best interests of the boy.

I promised to advise [REDACTED] if HIA 354 was finally selected.

Date 10/9/50

Signed

Madeline G. W. Jackson

SLO 78

MRS MC
II Miller Terrace.
Maybole.
Ayrshire.
Sept. 4-1950.

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Your's sincerely,

Andrew Boag

SC079

Phil

DATE 13th September, 1950

SUMMARY OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION BY OWN DOCTOR
FOR AUSTRALIA HOUSENAME

HIA 354

WEIGHT

8 stone

HEIGHT

4'2"

HEART

Nothing abnormal detected

LUNGS

Normal

SIGHT

Normal

HEARING

Normal

PHYSIQUE

Very good

SKIN

Normal

TEETH

Good.

GENITO URINARY ORGANS

Normal

NERVOUS SYSTEM

Normal

MENTAL CONDITION

Normal

INTELLIGENCE

Normal

ANY SPECIAL REMARKSMother died as a result of T.B. -(see Certificate
attached)ADDITIONAL REMARKS APPEARING
ON BACK OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION
FORM

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TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE

MINUTE RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING CHILDREN

A Meeting of the Welfare Committee of Tyrone County Council was held in the Courthouse, Omagh, on Monday, 18th September 1950.

Members present:- (1) Mr. J.P. Duff, presiding; (2) Mr. S. Millar, (3) Major R.A. Orr, (4) Mr. D.H. Martin, (5) Mr. W.A. Elliott, (6) Mr. T.J. McCaughey.

11.

MINUTES OF CONEYWARREN HOME SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Coneywarren Home Sub-Committee were submitted and approved.

The County Welfare Officer stated that it would be desirable that employees in the Committee's Homes should be medically examined before taking up duty. He stated that he hoped to make voluntary arrangements for the examination of existing staff and that there might be some little expense involved in the matter in having X-Ray plates taken, etc. The County Welfare Officer was authorised to make appropriate arrangements and it was agreed to meet any expenses involved. It was suggested that one of the Medical Officers of the Health Authority be asked to conduct the examinations. It was agreed that future staff should be examined before employment.

12.

BOARDED-OUT CHILDREN

The County Welfare Officer made the following recommendations to the Committee:

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d) that final approval be given to the inclusion of **HIA 354** in the Migration Scheme organised by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria and that authority be granted to his departure to the Dhurringile Rural Training Farm for Migrant Orphan and Homeless Boys, subject to his being accepted under the scheme.

(e)

(f)

On the proposal of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. McCaughey, the recommendations were approved.

The County Welfare Officer reported that Desmond Hamilton had been discharged from Coneywarren Children's Home and returned to the care of Fermanagh County Welfare Committee with effect from 24/8/50.

It was agreed to grant standing authority to the County Welfare Officer to expend a sum not exceeding £10 in each case to provide a complete new outfit for any child leaving a primary school and entering a secondary or technical school.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA HOUSE
STRAND LONDON
W.C.2



PLEASE REPLY TO
THE CHIEF MIGRATION OFFICER
AND QUOTE

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"CROTONATE, ESTRAND, LONDON"
TELEPHONE: TEMPLE BAR 6611

DJC/EM
12/27/136 N

21st September 1950.

Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of the 5th September 1950, having reference to **HIA 354**, c/o Tyrone County Welfare Committee, High Street, Omagh, who is being considered for settlement at the Dhurringile Rural Training Farm, Victoria, Australia. I have to advise that arrangements have now been made for him to be seen by an Australian Selection Officer.

Mr. J. Hill, will be interviewing prospective migrants at the Employment Exchange, 10 Dublin Road, Omagh, on Thursday, 5th October 1950, and it will be appreciated if you can make arrangements for **HIA 354** to be taken along to see Mr. Hill at 11.00 a.m. on that day.

Yours faithfully,

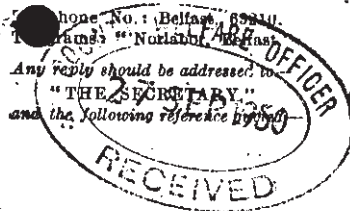
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(Noel W. Lamidey)
CHIEF MIGRATION OFFICER

V.C. Jones Esq., B.Sc.,
County Welfare Officer,
Tyrone County Welfare Committee,
County Welfare Office,
Omagh, Co. Tyrone,
Northern Ireland.

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C.O
GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND.



MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND
NATIONAL INSURANCE

STORMONT,
BELFAST.

September, 1950.

26 SEP '50

Dear Sir/~~Madam~~

In connection with your application for free passage to Australia, would you please attend the Local Office of this Ministry at 10, Dublin Road, Omagh, on 5th October, 1950, at 11.00 a.m. for interview with Mr. Hill, a representative of the Australian Government. ~~It is desired that your wife and~~ should accompany you.

No travelling or other expenses are allowable in connection with this interview.

Yours faithfully,

E. J. WARD

Master **HIA 354**

SC069

55/6/500/10/48.

D.O.2: Admin
W. J. Fadden
29/9/50.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

PLEASE REPLY TO
THE CHIEF MIGRATION OFFICER
AND QUOTE

AUSTRALIA HOUSE
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"CROTONATE, ESTRAND, LONDON"

GFG/JMW

Telephone: TEMple Bar 2435.



30th October, 1950.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the party of children proceeding under the sponsorship of the Dhurringile Rural Training Farm Organisation, sailing in the M.V. "CHESHIRE" from Liverpool on or about the 7th November, 1950, I have pleasure in enclosing herewith a railway warrant No. 31043 for the undermentioned child.

HIA 354

A Document of Identity in lieu of a passport for the above named child will be handed to the Reverend A. Boag who is the Senior Escort to this Party.

Yours faithfully,

Noel W. Lamidey
(Noel W. Lamidey)
CHIEF MIGRATION OFFICER.

Mr. V.C. Jones, Esq.,
County Welfare Officer,
Tyrone County Welfare Committee,
County Welfare Office, Omagh,
Co. Tyrone. N. Ireland.

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TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE.

D. No. 2 Reg. No. 12
REPORT CARD
 Name HIA 354
 Address c/o [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 Old Person ☐
 Blind ☐
 B.O. Child ☐
 1908 Act Child ☐
 Other Case ☐

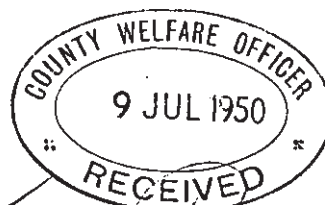
HIA 354 was out at play when I called to-day, and having seen him, I didn't trouble to call him away from his newly made friends.

All members of the family seem quite pleased with HIA 354 who has shown no trace of longing to return to Coneywarren.

Earlsgift School, at which the boy will attend, is now closed for the Summer vacation. This means that HIA 354 has seven weeks' holiday in which to look around.

A number of outings have been arranged, by the Family, and there will be ample opportunity for the boy to meet new friends.

I believe he will settle down and feel happy in the present environment.



Signed [Signature]
 Date 5.7.50

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FORM NO. W.25

TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Dist. No. 2

Reg. No. 112

REPORT CARD

Name Mrs. [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

Old Person
 Blind
 B. O. Child ☒
 1908 Act Child
 Other Case ☒

At the request of the Children's Officer, I visited [REDACTED] this morning, and collected clothing and other articles belonging to the B. O. Child, HIA 354 [REDACTED] HIA 354. These have been left at Greenfield for conveyance to Coneywarren to-morrow.

There was an air of depression and deep resentment in the [REDACTED] home, at the removal of the boy, and all I could say, was that the decision to send the boy abroad was taken, after long and most careful consideration.

The decision would prove to be the right one, while the opportunity, from the point of view of the boy's future was too good to be overlooked.

C. W. O.	
Date Received	8 NOV 1950
D. O. 1.	
D. O. 2.	
D. O. 3.	
C. O.	
SECY	
Signed	[Signature]
C. M. G.	

Date 1.11.50.

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TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE

Form W/31

(Report on Foster Home)



Type of application:
 (For Adoption)
 (1908 Act Child)
 (For Boarding Out)

Particulars of Foster Parents:-

1. Full Name(a) Foster Father [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted]
 (b) Foster Mother [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted]
2. Address.. [redacted] 3. Religious Creed. *Protestant*
4. Church attended *St. Mary's*
5. Rent Paid. *3/6 weekly*
6. Is the house in an isolated spot? *No*
7. If applicant is a farmer give details of land, P.L.V. etc. *No*
8. Near bus route? *Yes* 9. How far is the nearest school and type? *1 mile*
10. Occupation of Foster Father and/or Foster Mother (and approximate weekly earnings) *Labourer* *Standard*
11. Is he/she in regular full time work? *Yes*
12. Are they suitable persons for receiving children as far as you can judge? *Yes*
13. If not, give reasons, i.e. old age, infirmity, ill-health, ignorance or other reasons.
14. Give number and ages of foster parents' own children indicating by a bracket those not now living at home:
 Male..... *1 (1)* Female..... *3 (1)*
15. State number of foster children required..... *1 boys (ages)*
girls (ages)
16. Have any foster children been received previously? *No*
17. Are there any now? *No* 16. By whom placed? *—*
18. How many foster children could be accommodated without overcrowding? *One*
19. Are there lodgers or any other persons sharing accommodation? *No*
20. Are any of the occupants of the dwelling suffering from tuberculosis or any other condition which might make the home unsuitable for foster children? *No*
21. Names and addresses of two persons who would give a reference.
 [redacted] [redacted]
22. Name and address of doctor with whom child will be registered
Dr. Jameson *Dr. Macdonald* *Dr. —*
23. Are the adoptors married? If so, give date and place of marriage
Yes *Dr. Macdonald* *Protestant Church* *1927*

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FORM NO. W.23

TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE.

L. No. 2

Reg. No.

REPORT CARD

Name Mr. [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

Old Person
 Blind
 B. O. Child
 1908 Act Child
 Other Cause ☒

Mr. [REDACTED] called here yesterday, and asked if arrangements for the Adoption of [REDACTED] HIA 354 could be arranged.

Mr. Greer, Presbyterian Minister of Donemana, and [REDACTED] were to visit County Office, and talk the matter over with the C.W.O.

I have been requested by Mr. [REDACTED] to call at his house to-day but I prefer to wait until this matter blows over.

C. W. O.	
Date Received	8 NOV 1950
D. O. 1.	
D. O. 2.	
D. O. 3.	
C. O.	
SECY.	
C. M. O.	

Signed

Amul Robman

Date....3.11.50....

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25th October 1950

V.C. Jones Esq.,
Tyrone County Welfare Committee,
County Welfare Office,
Omagh,
Co. Tyrone,
N. Ireland
Dear Sir,

The Chief Migration Officer, Commonwealth of Australia,
Australia House, has requested us to reserve accommodation for
Mr. HIA 354

to Australia in M.V. "CHESHIRE" sailing from Liverpool on ~~1st~~ 7th
November 1950. We enclose herewith

Passage ticket
Insurance Proposal Form
Preliminary Embarkation Notice
Customs Declaration Form
Supply of Baggage Labels

Please note that any baggage sent in advance must bear the
shipping company's labels, showing name of passenger and ship
and must reach Liverpool not later than noon, ~~28th October.~~
3rd November

Final Embarkation details giving time of special train
etc. will be sent to you in due course.

Please advise us immediately of any change of address.

The Chief Migration Officer, Commonwealth of Australia,
Australia House, London, will issue you with the following:-

- (a) Documents of Identity, in lieu of passports.
- (b) Rail Warrants to Port of Embarkation

Yours faithfully,
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11 Miller Terrace.
Maybole.
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Oct. 26-1950.

C/o. Tyrone Welfare Committee.
High Street.
Omagh.

Dear Sirs,

By letter from Australia House this morning I have been advised that **HIA 354** has been finally approved as a migrant under our Dhurringile Rural Training School scheme.

By post also this morning I received my own sailing ticket and labels from the Orient Shipping Line. You will receive tickets and labels for this lad in due course. The sailing date is Nov. 7th. The ship is the M.V. Cheshire and the port of departure is Liverpool.

There will be a party of boys travelling with me. Some of them are coming from the Manor House Home Lisburn and I have made arrangements for them to be escorted by either the Rev. H.V. Martin of Belfast or the Matron of the Manor House Home. **HIA 354** will travel with this party and when final times are known I will communicate with you again and I hope it will be possible for you to arrange to have this boy join the rest of the party at Belfast.

SECRETARY	
C. M. O.	
C. W. O.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C. D. O.	
C. N. O.	
C. S. O.	
RECORDS	

Your's sincerely,

Andrew Boag

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6th November, 1950.

Our Ref: B/O 112

Dear Mr. Boag,

This will serve to introduce **HIA 354** to you and also I wish to enclose a few papers which are better left in your care. You will find:-

- (a) His boat-ticket from Liverpool to Melbourne.
- (b) His National Identity Card.
- (c) £1 for Pocket Money.
- (d) A letter from McConnell & Fyffe, Solicitors, indicating that **HIA 354** is a beneficiary under his mother's Will. You might keep this on file and when he becomes of age, he should be advised to collect it.
- (e) Keys of suit-case.

We have had **HIA 354** medically examined yesterday to check up and he is the pink of condition.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of my Committee for the splendid opportunity you are providing for this boy. We hope that he turns out as we expect and that he will become well established in his new life. We also wish you success in your excellent efforts on behalf of such boys,

Yours sincerely,

County Welfare Officer

Rev. Andrew Boag,
Senior Escort.

VCJ/EMcM

SC054

11th June, .

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Re. **AU 98** born **144**

Dear Mr. Martin;

In November, 1950 **HIA 354** brother of above named migrated to Australia under you Presbyterian Church Scheme. **AU 98** has now attained 8 years, and it was always our hope that he would one day join his brother at Dhurringile Rural Training Farm School.

AU 98 Would you please let us know if it would be possible to nominate for migration?.

Yours sincerely,



Rev. Walter V. Martin, B.A.,
Presbyterian Church House,
DUBLIN.

MEMCF/BD.

36052

11th June,

52.

Dear Sir,

Re. [redacted] AU 98 [redacted] born [redacted] 1944.
B/O. Mrs. [redacted] [redacted] Cross.

In November, 1950 [redacted] HIA 354 brother of above named, migrated to Australia under the Presbyterian Church of Victoria Scheme. It was our intention that when [redacted] AU 98 attained 8 years, he should if possible, join his brother at Dhurringile Training Farm school.

We have to-day written to Rev. W.V. Martin, re. possibility of having [redacted] AU 98 nominated. It would be appreciated if you could arrange to have [redacted] AU 98 tested and let us have an I.Q. certificate for submission to the Presbyterian Church Authorities. We would also like a report from the Chest Specialist, at St. Columbs on his health condition.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



For County Welfare Officer.

The County Welfare Officer, & Secretary,
County Londonderry County Council Welfare Committee,
1, Strand Road,
Coleraine,
CO. DERRY.

MEMCF/BD.

JL051

Copy 15 D.O. 3 for information
W.F.

20th June,

52.

Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for your letter of 16th instant, re. **AU 98**
We look forward to hearing from you when the Rev. Mr. Bell arrives from Australia.

We have also another boy who we are anxious to nominate for migration. He is **[REDACTED]**, born **[REDACTED]** 1939, Church of Ireland. This boy has been in the care of Omagh Board of Guardians since birth, and was duly transferred to the Care of Tyrone County Welfare Committee in November, 1947. The mother is dead, and the putative father not known.

If there are any further particulars you require re. these two boys, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. W.V. Martin, B.A.,
Church House,
BELFAST.

MEMCF/BD.

W.V. Martin

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File **AU 98**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
COLONIAL AND COMMONWEALTH MISSION



CHURCH HOUSE,
BELFAST

Telephone 24696

16 - 6 - 52.

Dear Mr. Madden,

In reply to your letter of June 11th,
AU 98
enquiring re the possibility of
joining his brother at Derringale Rural Training
Farm, I am expecting a visit from the Rev. Bell
an Australian minister who is due here in a few
weeks & is recruiting boys for this Farm. I will
bring your request to his notice & I feel confident
that we will be able to arrange a nomination
for **AU 98**.

Sincerely yours,
Walter Martin.

JL 049

AU 98

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA."DHURRINGILE" RURAL TRAINING FARM for Migrant Orphan and Homeless Boys.

Tatura,
Victoria,
AUSTRALIA.

June, 1952.

Dear *Mrs Jones,*

You will no doubt readily recall that during the year 1950 when I was home in Britain, I contacted you in the interests of the above Farm School and promised then that when I returned to Australia, I would keep in touch with you from time to time in the hope that boys might become available to us from your Home.

The school is owned and operated by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. It is situated about 100 miles from the City of Melbourne and twelve miles from the City of Shepparton. It is designed to accommodate about 100 boys. At present there are 32 in residence so we can cater for another seventy.

We promise these boys a splendid opportunity in a young, flourishing and fast-developing country. They will be brought from Britain free of cost, given a home at "Dhurringile" under ideal conditions and in the care of trained experts in Social Service work. They will receive their education at local state schools, high schools and technical schools. When they have completed the ordinary courses of education they will live on at "Dhurringile" and be trained in farming and later, placed with chosen farmers in the state of Victoria. If, however, any boy desires to enter a trade or profession, the Church will provide him with every facility to do so and will sponsor him through his apprenticeship or course. The only limits that will be placed on boys that come to us will be the limits of their own capacity and their willingness to work.

"Dhurringile" has 120 acres of splendid land all under irrigation. Later, and as opportunity affords, this area will be increased to one square mile.

The boys must be orphan or homeless, be healthy in body, bright and intelligent and of good moral character and be within the age group of 8-14 years. If you have any such boys in your care and you think they would be benefited by migration to Australia we will be delighted to hear from you.

Our Representatives in Britain are the Revs. L. Cameron, 121 George Street, Edinburgh and Walter V. Martin, Church House, Belfast. The Rev. A. A. Bell, a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, is at present in Britain - he is a member of our "Dhurringile" Committee and has power to act for us. He may be contacted by reference to the Rev. L. Cameron at the Church Offices in Edinburgh.

*The boys you let me have are Yours sincerely,
doing excellently. I hope you may
have some more* *Andrew Boag*
A Boag

REV. A. BOAG,
Convener.

JC 048

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COUNTY LONDONDERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

WELFARE COMMITTEE

County Welfare Officer and Secretary

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A.—BROWN.

Telephone No. 649

1 STRAND ROAD,

COLERAINE,

9th July, 1952.

County Welfare Officer,
Tyrone County Welfare Office,
High Street,
O M A G H.



Dear Sir,

re AU 98 (born 44)
B/O with Mrs. [REDACTED] Cross.

In reply to your letter of 11th June informing us of your intention to nominate AU 98 for the Dhurringhile Training Farm School and requesting various certificates, this question was discussed with Mrs. [REDACTED] as we took it for granted that you would have told her of your intention before placing AU 98 with her.

We were however concerned to find that she knew nothing about it and was extremely upset at the thought of parting with the child and stated that if she had known it was only for a temporary period she would never have taken him as she would have known how hard it would be to part with him.

In our opinion, it would prove harmful to the child to remove him from a house in which he has settled down so well and now regards as a permanent home, particularly as he is of a gentle quiet disposition unsuited to institutional life.

We realise that families should be kept together if possible, but AU 98 is at present near his sister who cannot go to Dhurringhile.

We would be interested to know if it is your intention to continue with this arrangement, or, if you would care to have a further discussion with ourselves or Mrs. [REDACTED] we would be pleased to arrange it.

Yours faithfully,
U. Macauland
County Welfare Officer,
and Secretary.

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Y.E.O. Please speak
VM/NCW

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIADepartment of Social Services

Assembly Hall,
156 Collins Street,
Melbourne, C.I.
AUSTRALIA.

18th July, 1952.



The Children's Officer,
County Welfare Office,
OMAGH, COUNTY TYRONE,
NORTHERN IRELAND.

Dear Mrs McFadden,

Thank you for your letter of 8th inst., copy of which I have sent to the Chairman of the Committee.

I will post, under separate cover, photographs of Dhurringile and some of the boys. I might state that the Rev. A. A. Bell is at present in Britain and has been authorised by us to visit Ireland and Scotland - his address is C/o Bank of New South Wales, Berkeley Square, London.

Mr. Bell has a complete set of photographs and a film-strip for projection on a screen. This film-strip will give you a far better idea of the boys and the work than can be obtained from photographs. Mr. Bell knows Dhurringile and the district extremely well and I am asking him to get into touch with you.

HIA 354 is doing very well in every way and seems to be happy at Dhurringile.

All the boys have grown tremendously since coming to Dhurringile which, of course, is to be expected as the climate is one of the best in this State.

We received 5 boys from Britain this morning and we will be very pleased to have AU 98 and

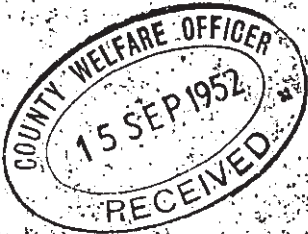
Thanking you for your enquiry,

Yours sincerely,

JL040
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(Supt. of Social Services.)



[REDACTED]
 Tatura
 Victoria
 Australia.
 August 1st. 1952.

Mrs M.E. McFadden.
 Children's Officer.
 County Welfare Office
 Omagh

Dear Mrs McFadden,

Many thanks for your letter dated 11th. of June last.

I have asked the Superintendent of Social Services, the Rev. AU 43 [REDACTED] to arrange for an official report on HIA 354 [REDACTED] to be sent to you from his office and have also asked that a photo of HIA 354 be included. I herewith send you my own personal report as Convener of Dhurringile.

HIA 354 holds a place in my affection that is all his own. I liked him when I saw him and that liking has grown with time. He is a dear little lad. Everybody reacts to him in the same way and I feel he will have a very successful life in Australia. He is happy here and is doing well at school. We have not said anything to him about the possibility of his brother coming out and will not until that possibility becomes a certainty but I know how thrilled he will be when he does hear. He is in perfect health and is a favourite with the boys. I shall arrange with the Superintendent of Dhurringile to send you a report at stated intervals.

I hope that it will be possible for your committee to migrate a large number of boys of HIA 354 type. You may rest assured that we will do all in our power for them if you do.

With kindest regards from Australia,

Your's sincerely,

Yours
 Andrew Boag

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(5) That AU 98 be proposed for migration to Australia under the Presbyterian Church of Victoria Scheme for training at "Dhurringile".

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The County Welfare Officer indicated that [redacted] decided to make tentative arrangements for [redacted] to rejoin his brother [redacted] at the Dhurringile Farm Training Centre in Australia but that since then, by indirect manner, he had learned of rather disquieting reports concerning the unhappiness of the boys there. He stated that he had written to the Supervisor of the Centre and also to some personal contacts in Australia and that he awaited replies. In the circumstances, it was decided to defer further arrangements in regard to the migration of [redacted] AU 98

Reference was made to the low salary scales prevailing in the case of Nursery Nurses and it was agreed to recommend the Welfare Committee to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs with a view to suitable review.

M. H. Slingsby
Chairman

ROBERT PARKE
Secretary

Dated this day of 1952.
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Dear

AU 98

To let you know
Australia now at
home again be a
dumb we a inn
do any thing a
shouting at you
be long here a
out of here I
and go to the
would be better
tell us that a
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of the country
one, that we
get home to
Welfare that I

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here of Tysons and he hates it
 how is [redacted] and [redacted] doing
 I hope they ~~are~~ have got all the
~~and~~ hay and turf saved how is
 Jack the hound puppy doing is
 his mouth all right after the lead
 in it, I am sure there is plenty of
 rabbits about now you should make
 a wee fortune at them did you get
 a new gun yet and I am sure you
 have a bag of ferrets now and
 the rabbits will do the work now
 tell your father that I was asking
 about him and working with him
 again I would like you to send
 me a few photographs of the whole
 family and one or two of
 the house we landed in Melbourne
 on the 17th July and stayed in
 a hostel that night and then
 went to the farm by train
 the next morning at 7^{am} we
 were at the farm at 12 o'clock noon
 all we get for Breakfast is
 flakes every morning it is not

(3)

He is at home a fry every morning, [REDACTED] is like a whipper because he can not go to the pantry, like at home and take what he wants. He gets three meals a day; the just took us out here to go to the [REDACTED] then knew what they were doing, I am a fool. If nothing more to say, so good by.

write soon

National Committee
 Y.M.C.A.'s. of Australia,
 Cr. Sturt St. & City Rd: STH. MELB.
 AUSTRALIA. 9th October, 1952.
 Jones, B.Sc.,
 Welfare Office,
 OMAGH. IRELAND.
 Dear Vic,

What a welcome surprise yours of August 14 was. You will see by the above that I am still on the job, but only in an honorary capacity as I am attached to the Commonwealth Government assisting in the assimilation of migrants. My job is to coordinate work of churches and voluntary organizations throughout Australia - a challenging and exacting privilege. It entails a lot of travelling but the results, speaking in general, are so far rather encouraging. Seven-hundred-thousand migrants take a lot of blending into a community in five years in a small population such as Australia's. We have not had experience of "foreigners", nor indeed very much of the post-war Britisher who seems to be somewhat different from those who came out many years before.

The economic situation in Australia is not good and so the number of migrants coming has had to be drastically cut, but everyone looks forward to renewal later.

I am doing an appreciable amount of Y.M.C.A. work and still occupy my old office, because although I am at present on Government payroll I am still only an "attachment" and not looked upon as a public servant. This has very many advantages as I deal with churches and other independent bodies.

Re Dhurringile Farm School. I have been absent and so have delayed reply to your enquiry. I know the place and have been there but have not first-hand knowledge of the existing school management. It is in a delightful part of Victoria and from that point of view I do not think it could be faulted. I was hoping I might be able to pay a personal visit but find this impossible at present. I have, however, made some judicious enquiries in various quarters and in the absence of a personal inspection, my impression is that the conditions compare quite favourably with other similar institutions being run by various churches. My impression is that it is not as far advanced as some others, e.g. Methodist Church Tally-Ho Scheme, but I know of no reason why a boy should not have a great opportunity as result of attending the school. I will not cease enquiries and if I should have opportunity of a visit, or securing some further valuable knowledge from reports I will let you know.

Football. I have only seen one senior match I am away so much, but I still have a responsive chord vibrating whenever I hear the sound of a football or hear a report with the yells of the crowd over the radio. What a long time it is since you and I met! Much water has flown under the bridge. I have been to Japan twice in connection with Australian YMCA service there. We now have only one representative in Korea and except in a supervisory way I have relinquished direct control to one of my colleagues.

One of our forward advances is the Opening of the YMCA College for Leadership Training at Homebush Sydney. Clive Smith, whom you will remember, from Perth and Springfield is Vice-Principal and doing a great job. It is going well after four years' experiment, but we have the old story, we need much more finance. I think we would require about £50,000 for buildings and establishment. The graduates are doing well in various jobs in churches and Y.M.s. and other youth leadership. I saw [redacted] recently. He has resigned from Perth and is now

Secretary of the Good Neighbour Council of W.A., which is my pidgeon so we are still colleagues. I had a letter from [redacted] this morning. He recently had an honorary degree from Springfield and seems to be doing a very good job. [redacted] is looking forward to retirement. [redacted] is doing a good job as General Secretary at Perth. Saw [redacted] recently in Sydney. He is well, but like the rest of us showing signs of age. [redacted] was out here last year and made a great impression. We have been trying to get him to come to take my place as General Sec. but the prospects are not good as it is quite unlikely that [redacted] can come. He is being made Asst. Secretary to the new World Secretary, [redacted] of Springfield who is taking over from [redacted] next year. [redacted] is visiting us next March.

[redacted] keeps well. She is interested in Y.W. and is busy and still the best wife I ever had.

Must away. All the best,

Yours sincerely,

Jack

(J. T. Massey)

National General Secretary.

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AIR LETTER

Mr. V. Jones, B.Sc.,
County Welfare Officer,
Tyrone County Welfare Committee,
OMAGH. IRELAND.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VICTORIA.

Department of Social Services,
Assembly Hall,
156 Collins Street,
Melbourne, C.1.
AUSTRALIA.

26th August, 1952.

The Welfare Officer,
County Tyrone Welfare Committee,
OMAGH, NORTHERN IRELAND.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 14th inst. with copy of [redacted] letter to [redacted]. I am very appreciative of your courtesy in advising me immediately.

I am quite at a loss to understand some of Robert's assertions, but I feel that you should know some facts.

1. Food. I regularly ate porridge when I was a boy in England but soon found that eating porridge in this warmer climate made me suffer from pimples and boils. Hence, porridge is not a popular breakfast food here. I still like it but it does not like me.

I have had mid-day and evening meals with the boys and eaten the same food and I have never heard the boys complain of lack of food. I will make full inquiries, however. A good breakfast is essential.

2. Our boys at 17 Or 18 years of age choose their own callings in life and we find accommodation for the boys in the Christian homes of our Church folk. Two of our senior boys have been placed and are working in towns of the Goulburn Valley.

3. All boys at 18 must undergo 6 months' National training in one of the Services. This is a Government directive and law. All other boys do this and very few boys in Australia take up the life in any of the Services as a Calling.

We are training the boys who leave school, and do not choose a trade or profession, in farming pursuits. Such senior boys receive wages plus keep, the two being worth £5 to £6 per week.

4. Our Superintendent, who is an Elder of the Church, has been intimately known to me for almost 20 years and he sacrificed a lucrative job to take up this position at a much reduced salary because of his love for work amongst boys and youth of the country.

Visitors to "Dhurringile" have all stated that there is a freedom and family happiness in "Dhurringile" which they have not met anywhere else in this State.

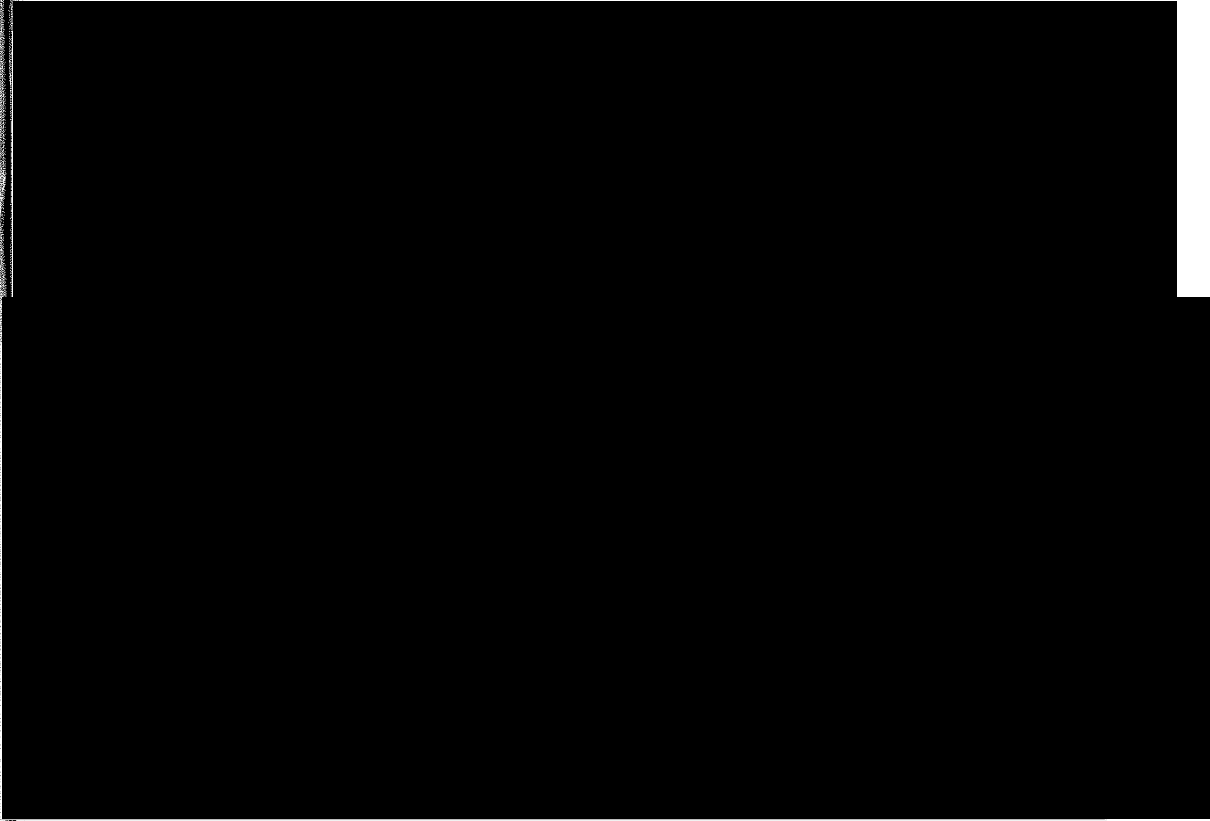
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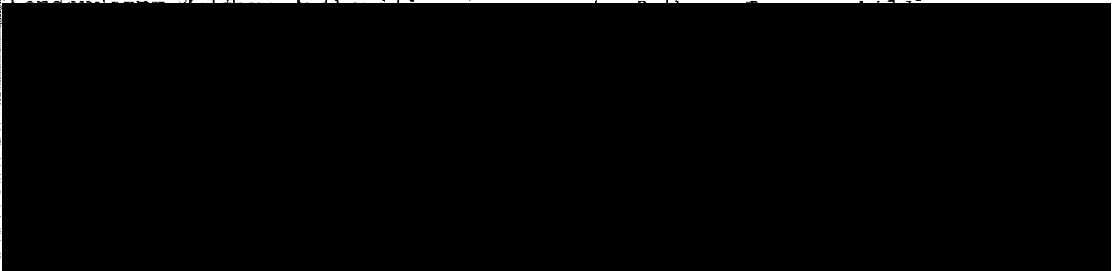
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It is felt that this gift should be officially acknowledged.



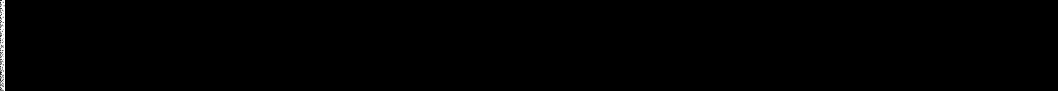
PROGRESS REPORTS.

Satisfactory progress reports have been received from County



AU 98 [redacted] AU 98 continues to be in good health. He has been attending the Physiotherapy Clinic in Londonderry. [redacted] is devoted to AU 98 and as a result of her care and the influence of his home life AU 98 has become much less reserved"

Satisfactory progress reports have also been received from Victoria Homes in respect of:-



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AVENUE AT CONEYWARREN

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VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVE OF DHURRINGILE TRAINING FARM

The Chairman extended a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Bell, Australian representative of the Dhurringile Rural Training Farm under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. Mr. Bell gave an interesting talk on child migration and presented a very favourable picture of what was being done for boys at the Dhurringile Training School. He asked the Committee to encourage migration of boys of suitable type and handed round for inspection numerous photographs indicative of the good work that was being done.

Mr. Gallagher moved a resolution of thanks to Mr. Bell for a most enlightening and interesting talk and this was seconded by Mr. O'Reilly and passed.

Chairman

ROBERT PARKE
Secretary

Dated this day of 1952.

/ss

P. O'Reilly
3/11/52

County Londonderry County Council

WELFARE COMMITTEECounty Welfare Officer ~~XXXXXXXX~~

1 Strand Road,

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Coleraine,

J. LOWERY WILDE

Telephone No. 649

Ref. VM/NCW

14th March, 1953.

Mrs. McFadden,
 Children's Officer,
 Tyrone Co. Welfare Committee,
 High Street,
O M A G H.

Dear Mrs. McFadden,

re **AU 98**

Thank you very much for your letter
 of 6th March telling us that **AU 98** will
 not be going to Australia. We are very
 glad to hear this as the [REDACTED] have
 become so fond of him.

He is rather backward, but has
 made some progress and Mrs. [REDACTED]
 handling of him is excellent.

Yours sincerely,

for 
COUNTY WELFARE OFFICER

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS:

Would the Committee consider spending a little more money on the older children this year?

Last year, great difficulty was experienced in purchasing gifts for the children over ten years old, at five shillings.

PROGRESS REPORTS.

Progress reports have been received from County Londonderry Welfare Authority, in respect of Tyrone children in that County:-

AI 98

boarded-out with

AU 98 is keeping in good health, he is generally quite well behaved, foster parent possibly spoils him. He attends school regularly, and is not in ill health.

EMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA.

We have received a letter from Rev. W. V. Martin, B.A., Convenor, Colonial & Commonwealth Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, with regard to the recruitment of boys, chiefly between the ages of 8-12 years, for their Rural Training Farm at Dhurringile, in Victoria.

I have informed Mr. Martin that we have no boys suitable, and if we had, I would be most reluctant to recommend the Committee to nominate them, in light of my experience with HIA 354

It has always been our policy to maintain family links, but I have had the utmost difficulty in obtaining any information as to HIA 354 progress in Australia. After considerable correspondence, I have at last, within the past month, received a report, and a snapshot from the Superintendent.

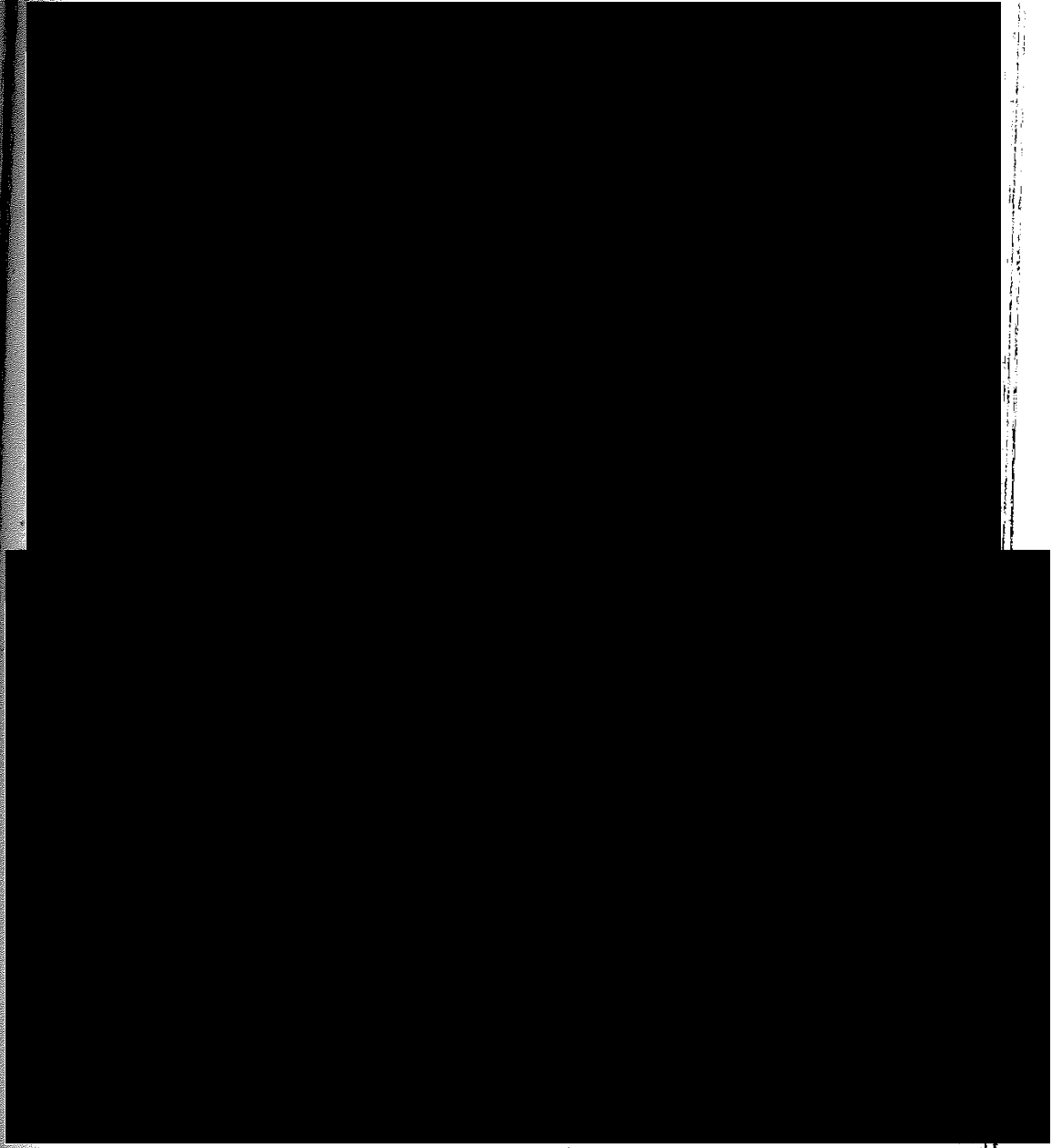
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From the report HIA 354 appears to be making quite good progress. He is attending Technical School, and hopes to become an electrician.

HIA 354 has £14 saved from his pocket money.

The present Superintendent at Dhurringila assures me that in future I will receive six monthly reports on HIA 354 progress.

I have passed the information received to HIA 354 brother, and sister. The snapshot was greatly appreciated by the sister.



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TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE

A. P. FIELDS,
County Welfare Officer

MRS. M. E. McFADDEN
Children's Officer.

Telephone No.
Omagh 381-2.



COUNTY WELFARE OFFICE,
OMAGH.

7th September 19 56.

Dear Sir/

Under the Presbyterian Church of Victoria scheme, one of our boarded out orphans, **HIA 354** born 1942, sailed for Australia on 6th November, 1950, and duly arrived at "Dhurringile" Rural Training Farm in December of that year.

On 5th September, 1951 we received from Rev. A.G. **AU 43** Supt. of Social Services a progressive report about **HIA 354**

On 11th June 1952 I wrote to Rev. Andrew Boag at 156 Collins St., Melbourne asking for a progress report, but no reply was ever received here. In that letter, it was pointed out that there was a possibility of **HIA 354** brother, **AU 98** born [redacted] being nominated. On 8th July 1952 I wrote to Rev. **AU 43** at the same address requesting a progress report, but that letter too was ignored. On 14th August, 1952 the County Welfare Officer wrote to **AU 43** - no reply received.

From time to time members of the Children's Committee inquire how **HIA 354** is getting on, but I can tell them nothing.

Apart from that, **HIA 354** has a sister **AU 99** who resides with a [redacted] at [redacted] Omagh and his brother **AU 98** resides with foster-parents in Co. Derry, and naturally they inquire about him, indeed **AU 99** is terribly disappointed at not receiving a letter from him since March, 1956.

You will appreciate that as a Welfare Officer I am most anxious that members of families should be kept in touch with each other, and I would respectfully ask you to be good enough to let me have by return, a full progress report on **HIA 354** and a photograph for his sister.

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TYRONE COUNTY WELFARE COMMITTEE

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COUNTY WELFARE OFFICE,
OMAGH.

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If I do not hear from you, I shall be forced to take the matter up with the High Commissioner.

Yours faithfully,

M. E. McFadden

Children's Officer.

Secretary,
Department of Social Service,
Assembly Hall,
156, Collins Street,
Melbourne, C.I.,
AUSTRALIA.

MEMCF/VG.

DHURRINGILE RURAL TRAINING FARM,
VIA MURCHISON RURAL DELIVERY,
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

20th. September. 1956.

W. J. J.
MRS. M. E. McFADDEN,
CHILDREN'S OFFICER,
COUNTY WELFARE OFFICE,
OMAGH,
NORTHERN IRELAND.

Dear Mrs. McFadden,

Your letter to the Secretary of the Presbyterian Department of Social Service, dated the 7th. September has been passed on to me to answer.

Firstly I greatly regret that you have recieved no replies to letters written in 1952 enquiring re **HIA 354** progress. I have only been in office as Superintendent of Dhurringile since 1954 so cannot explain the reason why no answers were sent; Rev. A. G.

AU 43 states that he passed the letters to the previous Superintendent to answer, he apparently neglected to do so.

I make six monthly reports on all our boys for our own Welfare Dept. and send copies to the respective organizations overseas; I will in future send copies to you regarding **HIA 354** if ever you have any enquiries it would be better and quicker to write to me direct at Dhurringile.

HIA 354 has written to his sister and I am enclosing a photograph which can be passed on to her, it was taken about six months ago and is a very good likeness.

HIA 354 is five feet tall and weighs just under eight stone; he wears glasses as he is rather short sighted, this is only for close work and his eyes should improve.

He has had two accidents since I have been here; he suffered concussion one time and early last year he fell from a 2nd storey window whilst sleep walking and fractured his pelvis; Apart from this he has had no illness of any consequence; he has also got over his sleep walking and now sleeps very soundly.

HIA 354 missed a great deal of school last year as a result of his accident but has made wonderful progress since; in the final exams last year he came 57th out of 130 and this year which is his second at Technical School he is doing even better.

It is **HIA 354**'s ambition to be an electrician and if he gains his Junior Technical Certificate at the end of next year, and I don't anticipate him having any trouble doing this, he will start on a five year apprenticeship in Jan. 1958.

HIA 354 is a very popular boy both with the staff and with the other boys; he is never the least trouble and appears to be very well adjusted to his life out here; he is not particularly good at sport but is a keen tryer; he is very fond of reading and is a keen stamp collector; he is very handy with his hands too, making all sorts of mechanical gadgets.

He has saved £ 14 from his pocket money and is always keen to put more into his bank.

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On 10th February I received a letter from [AU 2, AU 45] Superintendent in respect of [HIA 354] who emigrated in 1950:-

"I have some rather bad news concerning [HIA 354] and I thought it would be best if I wrote to you so that you could pass it on to his brother and sister.

[HIA 354] has contacted T.B. of the spine and will be in hospital for at least one year and perhaps two; fortunately it is in the early stages and there is no doubt about an eventual cure but it will mean complete rest of the affected part.

To ensure that his back is immobilised he has a special plaster cast; it is a blow to [HIA 354] but he is really taking it very well and sensibly.

I will include a general report in this letter:

He completed his third year at Technical School last year and gained his Junior Technical Certificate; this will enable him to be apprenticed to any trade later on; he will continue with his schooling now by correspondence.

[HIA 354] had an average of 72% and was 46th in a class of 80 pupils. Headmaster's remarks:- A very good years work from a student who always tries to do his best.

Bank Balance now stands at £20.

[HIA 354] is a very popular boy, he is keen on sport and was a member of both the football and the cricket teams; he is never the slightest trouble at home being always ready to help in any way; this year he would have been our senior school boy.

I can assure you that [HIA 354] is getting the very best attention and I will see that he has regular visitors as this will mean a great deal to him; letters too, will be a great help; perhaps his brother and sister could send him photos of themselves.

With kindest regards and best wishes and [HIA 354] remembrances [AU 99] and [AU 98]

[AU 99] and [AU 98] have been advised of [HIA 354] illness. They have promised to write more often, and send snaps.

CONEYWARREN CHILDREN'S HOME

On 12th and 28th February Children's Home was officially inspected. All appeared to be in order.

Admissions during February

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Rev R P Linnons
 Dep Lenses Pt.
 Dear Sir,
 Wicklow
 Australia

LONDON DERRY

N. Ireland.

Feb. 15th 1958

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I wonder could you help me to
 get some information about a boy named
 HIA 354 who is seriously ill in Australia.

The address is -

HIA 354

Dhurringle

R. T. F.

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Marchison, Australia.

He is an orphan boy who went out a few years
 ago from this part of Ireland and a younger brother
 AU 98 who lives in my parish is very anxious
 to have some news about him. Would it be

possible for the nearest Presbyterian Minister to
 visit HIA 354 who is in hospital. I would be
 very grateful to you if you could inform the
 nearest Minister about HIA 354 and if he could

write to me at the above address. I am
 sorry to trouble you and I am aware that
 you may be many miles away from Dhurringle
 Training Farm but you may be able to help.

Yours sincerely

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[REDACTED]

HIA 354 born [REDACTED] "Dhurringile"
Rural Training Farm, Victoria, Australia.

On 25th August a progress report was received from
AU 2, AU 45 in respect of HIA 354 who emigrated in 1950:-

Medical History.

Still in hospital with T.B. of the spine. HIA 354 is not yet allowed to sit up but his X-rays show steady improvement, his Doctor is particularly pleased. He has grown a great deal in hospital.

General Remarks

Although he is getting very tired of being inactive, HIA 354 always looks on the bright side of things: he has a happy bright disposition which has helped him no end.

He is a popular boy with all in the hospital and never complains.

Was allowed to attend the Dhurringile Old Boys Re-Union on a stretcher which was a good break for him."

[REDACTED]

CONYWARREN CHILDREN'S HOME

The Children's Home was officially inspected on 11th and 28th August. All appeared to be in order.

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PROGRESS REPORT

HIA 354 [redacted] 'Dhurringile', Rural
Training Farm, Victoria, Australia.

On 10th March a progress report was received from AU 2, AU 45
AU 2, AU 45 in respect of HIA 354 who emigrated in 1950;-

"MEDICAL HISTORY: Still in hospital with spinal T.B. The Dr.
reports steady progress but it will be some time before HIA 354 can
get up. The Dr. expects HIA 354 to make a complete recovery but an
operation will be necessary early this year.

BANK BALANCE: £135.

GENERAL REMARKS: HIA 354 is now receiving the Invalid Pension of
£8. 15. 0. per fortnight. This will also enable him to have
re-habilitation treatment later on.

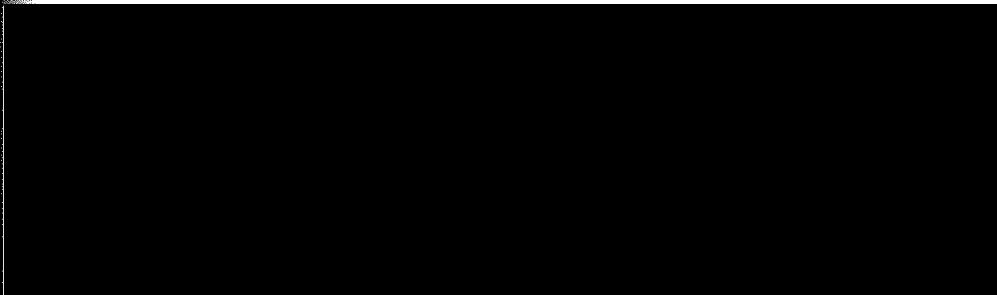
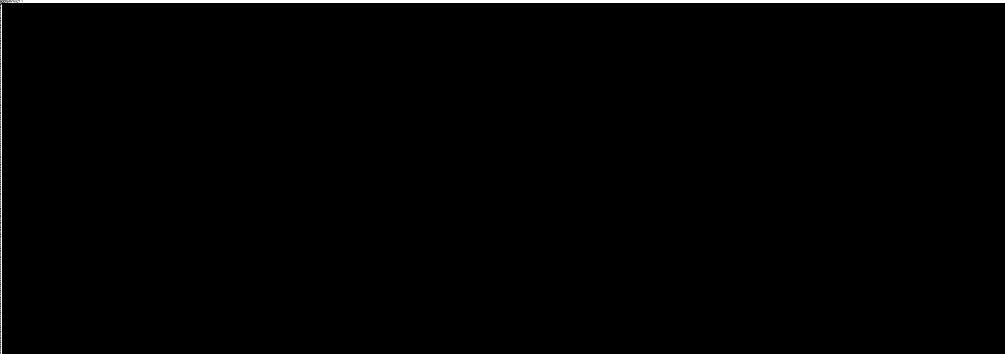
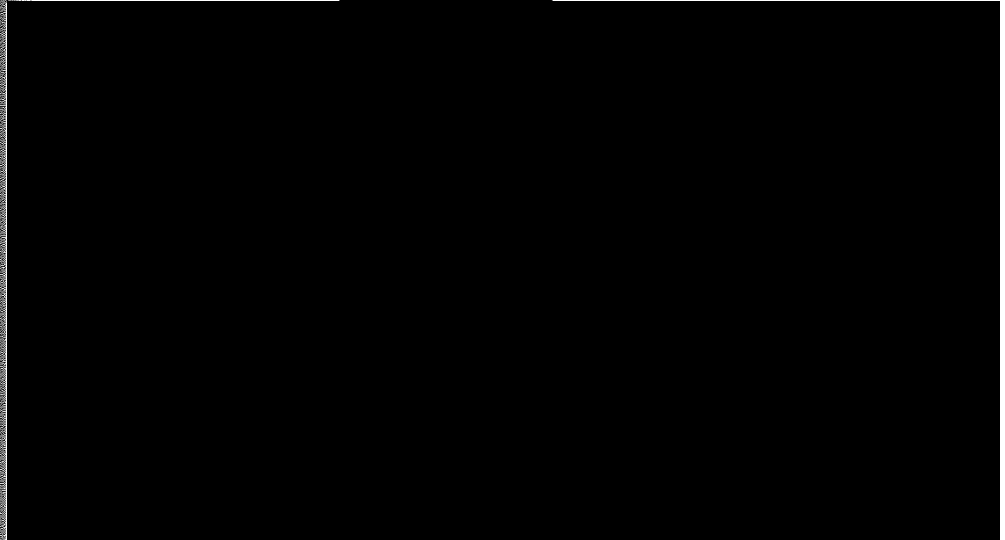
HIA 354 outlook to his hospitalisation is particularly good and
he is an excellent patient, very popular with all at the hospital."

EASTER VISIT

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RECOMMENDATIONSPROGRESS REPORTS

HIA 354 born [redacted] "Dhurringile" Rural Training Farm, Victoria, Australia.

On 5th October a progress report was received in respect of HIA 354 who emigrated in 1950:-

"Medical History:- Still in hospital and is progressing slowly.

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General Remarks:- Have found HIA 354 to be quite bright despite the time in hospital, he is quite cheerful and is very busy passing a lot of the time away making reading lamps, such are great, and I have purchased one. He is very popular with the Nurses, etc.



Bank Balance:- £142. 11. 8."

CONEYWARREN CHILDREN'S HOME


Admissions during October:-

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payable by Belfast Borough Welfare Authority:-



PROGRESS REPORT

HIA 354 born  "Dhurringile" Rural Training Farm, Victoria, Australia.

On 26th January a progress report was received from **AU 100** Superintendent, in respect of **HIA 354** who emigrated in 1950.

"Many thanks for your continued interest in **HIA 354** I received your letter today.

You will be pleased to know that **HIA 354** is back Home at the above and has been for the past fortnight, he is very well indeed, but has to refrain from playing football, tennis and cricket, he is allowed to swim but has to be careful not to catch cold. Whilst in Hospital, where he was so popular and well-liked, he took upon himself a hobby-making reading lamps and also T.V. lamps, he made quite a few and my word, they are wonderfully made and so neat.

I have **HIA 354** doing jobs in the Home and nothing is too much

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trouble, he is such a grand boy, well mannered and clean, I would like a lot of his type, it certainly makes the job easier.

I don't allow him to work all day, yet he would do. I tell him to finish and carry on with his lamps, it means extra money for him and his bank, the latter is growing very nicely and it will be a great help in the future. **HIA 354** is not a spend-thrift, he is most sensible and ever-ready to listen to advice. I like him very much.

As regards his future, I am awaiting a report from the Rehabilitation Section on Melbourne, he is interested in becoming an upholsterer, which is a very good trade and will suit him as it won't be heavy work, I shall try to get him in a Government Department, he will be set for life, he is quite happy about the idea and I am hoping it will eventuate.

I showed **HIA 354** your letter and he said 'I was thinking of writing to Mrs. McFadden', so I told him it was a nice thought and not to forget, so you can expect to hear from him soon.

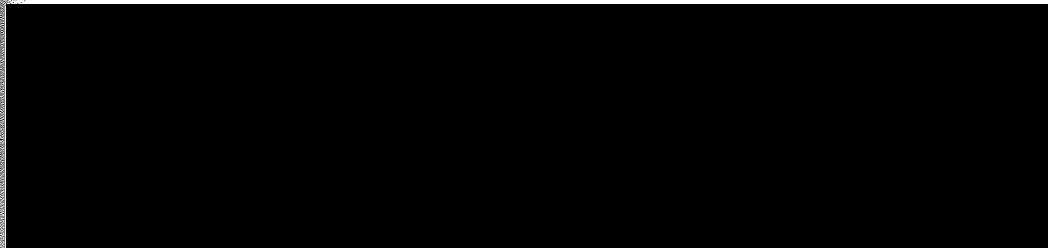
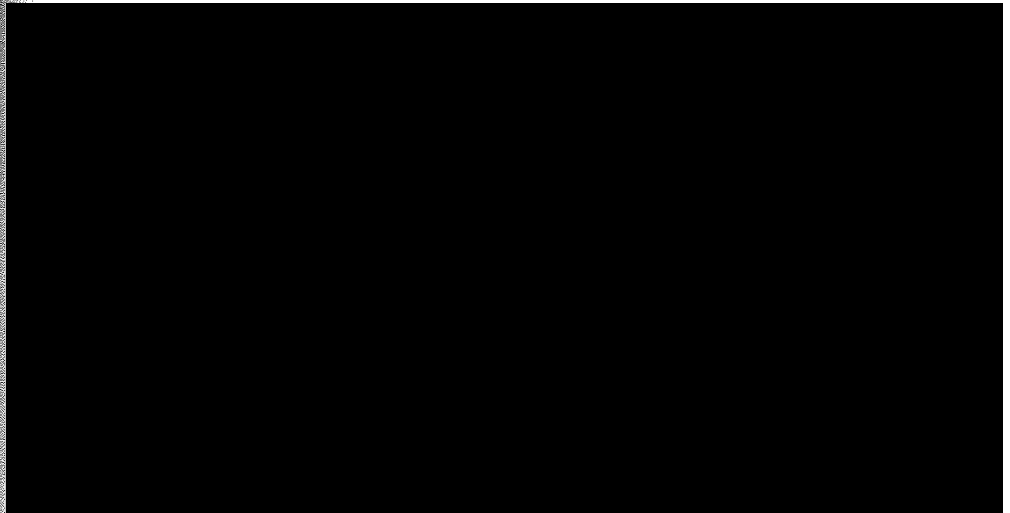
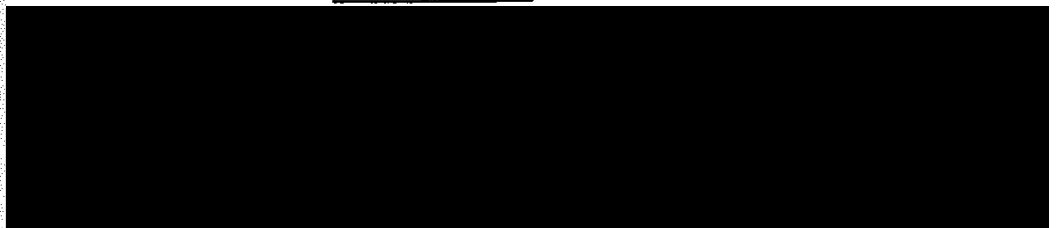
Again, many thanks for your letter and also your good wishes for him. also please accept my very best Christmas and New Year's Greetings".

I am very pleased to state, that by the same mail, I received a letter from **HIA 354**

CONEYWARREN CHILDREN'S HOME

Admissions during the month:-

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RECOMMENDATIONS contd.PROGRESS REPORTS.

HIA 354 born [redacted] "Dhurringile" Rural Training Farm, Victoria, Australia.

On 3rd August a progress report was received in respect of **HIA 354** who emigrated in 1950:-

"Medical History. 1955 - Fractured Pelvis. 1957-59 - T.B. of spine; now fully recovered and active. **HIA 354** has had no pain or other after effects since leaving hospital.

"Employment Record. Employed as Apprentice French Polisher with [redacted] Canterbury. Very good reports of work.

"General Remarks. **HIA 354** recently got into trouble with the police and he is at present on probation; this is quite out of character for **HIA 354** and I can only attribute it to the fact that he virtually lost the two most formative years of his life (15-17) in hospital, thus failing to "have his fling" as the saying goes. Since his trouble **HIA 354** has been his usual self, quiet, well mannered, clean and good living; he is a very popular boy at the Boys' Hostel and I don't anticipate any further trouble."

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RECOMMENDATIONS (contd.)

International Social Service of Great Britain.

The following letter was received on 28th May:-

The Committee's directions are sought.

PROGRESS REPORT.

HIA 354 born [REDACTED] "Dhurringilp" Rural Training
Farm, Victoria, Australia.

On 6th May a final progress report was received in respect of HIA 354
who emigrated in 1950:-

" Medical History:-

Appears a complete recovery has been gained from
his past illness. Now tall, well built and very
athletic.

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PROGRESS REPORT (Contd.)" Employment Record:-

Excellent. Model apprentice in French Polishing. Extremely highly thought of by his employer. One year to go before completion of his apprenticeship.

" General Remarks: -

His past little trouble with the Police is now well behind him. No likelihood of any similar occurrence. Now boxing at Melbourne Stadium with certain amount of success. Future prospects look bright. Last report."

GENERAL.

Blackburn House, 34, Annadale Avenue, Belfast.

CONYWARREN CHILDREN'S HOME.Admissions during the Month:-