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Airwomen - Releases

1 Reference is made to the AFHQ memorandum, file S370-112 TD54 (AMP) dated 23 Feb 53, regarding additional information with respect to a number of airwomen released under the provisions of QR(Air) art 15:01 Item 2(c).

2 Treasury Board, in making reference to a number of airwomen released for alleged unsatisfactory conduct in a particular incident, are referring apparently to twelve airwomen released by the Air Officer Commanding, Training Command, following an investigation into incidents involving sex deviates at a number of the training units. The airwomen concerned, by their unsatisfactory conduct and unnatural tendencies, were responsible for a situation which was having an adverse effect upon the moral and conduct of other airwomen in the Service. Moreover, innocent airwomen were being influenced, and the prestige and respect enjoyed by all airwomen of the RCAF was being jeopardized.

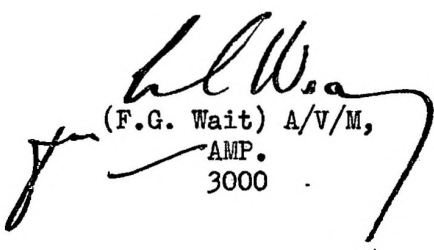
3 [REDACTED] was implicated in an incident at RCAF Station Trenton, Ontario, that was investigated during October 1952. The report on this investigation revealed that she was an associate of two admitted sex deviates. [REDACTED] lived with one of her associates for five years before enrolment, enrolled in the Regular Force with this girl friend, and when promoted to the rank of Acting Sergeant she continued to occupy the room in the barrack block adjoining the room of this girl friend. Her girl friend admitted to unnatural relations with the second associate, who attempted suicide when her girl friend terminated the relationship.

4 [REDACTED] was implicated in an incident at RCAF Station St Johns, PQ, that was investigated during November 1952. The report on this investigation included information that resulted in the release of [REDACTED] and four of her associates, one of whom admitted to unnatural relations with other airwomen, and three admitted that, while under the influence of alcohol, they may have had unnatural relations with other airwomen. Further, two airwomen trainees admitted to being protected by [REDACTED] and to receiving undeserved privileges. Both trainees admitted that [REDACTED] made improper advances.

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5 The policy that sex deviates be released, and that the Certificate of Service issued on release be annotated "Services Terminated", originated during World War II. Under the KR(Air) 1943, the phrase "Services no longer required-Service Terminated" was promulgated in unit DRO's to record the release. However, the QR(Air) 1951 includes one item only, with the annotation "Service Terminated" on the Certificate of Service, that is appropriate for releases of this nature. The unit DRO entry, recording releases authorized under this item, includes the phrase "Unsatisfactory Conduct".

6 It is recognized that the conduct of all personnel, implicated in incidents involving sex deviates, may not be unsatisfactory, and policy instructions in this respect are being re-written to conform with the provisions of the QR(Air) 1951. However, the information that implicates [redacted] and [redacted] supports the allegation regarding unsatisfactory conduct. Moreover, both airwomen held positions of a supervisory nature and, although aware of the unsatisfactory conduct among other airwomen, made no attempt the report these incidents to higher authority.

  
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