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DATE: 1 Mar 66

REPORT

COMMAND Western Security Investigation Unit Base, Alberta

UNIT Security Investigation Detachment Vancouver, BC

SUBJECT ACTUAL OFFICERS - homosexuality (suspected) INCIDENT REPORTED
 RCAF Bta Puntzi Mountain BC TO AIR FORCE POLICE
 BQ Bta Puntzi Mtn - Detachment Case ON (Date):

FILE REF.
 AFHQ DS-110-17-65
 CHQ
 Gp
 Sln
 SIU 81110-3-65
 SID 81110-2-65

DISPOSITION

Amount of Loss or
Damage to Property

PUBLIC N/A
 NON-PUBLIC N/A
 PRIVATE N/A

Amount Recovered

PUBLIC N/A
 NON-PUBLIC N/A
 PRIVATE N/A

ADM DEDUCTION

Charges

SERVICE N/A
 CIVIL N/A

Result

Report

LAST Initial
 NEXT Pending

RCAF D22 (1955 Rev.)

1 At 1615 hrs, 2 Feb 66, [redacted] A/P, RCAF Bta Puntzi Mountain, telephoned this detachment and advised that assistance was required by that unit to investigate a matter in accordance with CFAC 019.00/17 (2)(a). [redacted] stated that this request would be confirmed by message forwarded to this detachment.

2 As this office was not in receipt of this message by the 4 Feb, WOP Ed Odell, WO 1/c SID Vancouver, contacted 42456 F/L WJ Holland, CAGD, Puntzi Mtn, by telephone. F/L Holland assured WO Odell that the message had been sent. The message was received later in the day and read as follows:

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 TO STA PUNTZI MTN
 TO SID VANCOUVER

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URGENT TELCOOP CFI 80710 511 WHITE
 2 FEBRUARY 1966 AIR FORCE POLICE INVESTIGATION
 42456 F/L WJ HOLLAND WJA 000 80395
 ACT PARALLEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFAC
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3 On the instructions of the WO 1/c this detachment, the writer proceeded to Bta Puntzi Mtn on the 6 Feb and reported to the CAGD this unit on the 7 Feb 66. F/L Holland requested investigation of an incident that had occurred prior to his arrival at this unit. A file that contained a copy of an A/P memorandum dated 30 Dec 65 with statements from witnesses attached was then produced for the writer to read. This memorandum was signed by [redacted] A/P, and it stated that at approximately 0600 hrs, 23 Dec 65, he had observed an [redacted] in the Airman Mess and this airman was unsteady on his feet and he swelt strongly of alcohol. [redacted] escorted [redacted] to his room in ED 7 and instructed him to go to bed. [redacted] had remained in the barracks for about twenty-five minutes and during this period, [redacted] left his room on three occasions and went to an upstairs room in the barracks. On seeing that [redacted] had not intended to stay in bed, an [redacted] who was visiting friends in ED 7, volunteered to look after this airman and ensure that he caused no trouble. [redacted] had noted at this time that although [redacted] had been drinking, he was in control of his faculties. At approximately 0330 hrs, 23 Dec, [redacted] and [redacted] informed [redacted] that [redacted] was causing a disturbance in ED 7 and that the airman present were unable to control him. He was also advised that [redacted] had taken [redacted] to room 102 of ED 7 and was looking after him pending [redacted]'s arrival. The three airman proceeded to room 102 and when they attempted to enter the room, the door was found to be locked. [redacted] knocked on the door but he received no answer. A master key was used to unlock the door and on entering the room, [redacted] saw

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and [redacted] lying together on the bed. The light was not on in the room, but from the light in the hallway he saw that [redacted] was laying with his head towards the door and that [redacted] was laying with his head towards the wall away from the door. Both airmen were embracing each other and the head of each airman was close to the genital area of the other airman. [redacted] was dressed only in a T-shirt and [redacted] was wearing a T-shirt and underpants. The airmen separated from their embrace when they realized that other persons were present and [redacted] got off the bed and proceeded to the upper floor of BR 7. [redacted] stayed in bed and would not answer when [redacted] spoke to him. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was intoxicated at the time of the incident while [redacted] appeared to have sufficient possession of his faculties to be aware of the nature of the incident. The incident was reported to the SGO i/c AFP and on receipt of this information, [redacted]'s room was placed under casual observation and no further incidents were revealed. A copy of this memorandum is attached to this report as appendix A.

4 The two airmen involved in this matter are [redacted] employed as a steward at this unit and [redacted] Clerk Admin. A preliminary check of records revealed that [redacted] was TOS this unit on the 7 Nov 65 and he was cleared to confidential effective 17 Jan 64. [redacted] was TOS 14 Oct 65 and he was security cleared to confidential effective 4 Mar 65. This airman was employed in the Telecommunications Orderly Room at the Operations site prior to the date of this incident.

5 There were three statements attached to this memorandum that had been obtained from airmen who were present at the time the incident was discovered. The witnesses were [redacted], Clerk Admin; [redacted], Radar Tech, and [redacted], AFP.

6 [redacted] mentioned that he had not discussed the matter with the airmen involved. He advised that both airmen accompanied by [redacted] Radar Tech (reference our report 807110-1-65 dated 23 Jul 65) were sent to HCS Haden in Jan 66 for psychiatric examination. [redacted] stated that the psychiatrist reports received by this unit indicated that both airmen were not homosexuals and they were fit to undergo punishment that may be awarded to them.

7 It was the opinion of Major Gunning, Officer in charge of the Psychiatric Clinic, HCS Haden, that examination of both airmen revealed no major psychiatric abnormality and psychiatric treatment was not required or recommended. It is understood that both airmen claimed they were intoxicated three hours before the incident.

8 Cpl Rogers was responsible for submission of the AFP report on this incident but other than obtaining statements from witnesses, he had no personal knowledge of this matter and was not directly involved.

9 On the 13 Jan 66, the Medical Officer from Stn Comox arrived at Puntzi Stn and was informed of this incident. He had taken the airmen's records with him when he returned to Comox and after completing his reports, the records were returned to Puntzi Stn. 41159 Sgt M Belaschuk (YOM 22), SGO i/c BR 13, then sent the records to HCS Haden and arranged for an examination date for these airmen as well as [redacted] reference paragraph six of this report. Sgt Belaschuk mentioned that he had heard from his assistant, [redacted] what had taken place in the barracks during the night in question.

10 This investigation revealed that [redacted] and [redacted] had left for Haden on the 25 Jan and when they arrived at Williams Lake they apparently missed their bus. As they were required to wait for the next bus, they went to a hotel and drank beer. They departed Williams Lake on the next

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bus and arrived at H-45 Haden at approximately 1920 hrs 26 Jan, some 10 hours and 20 minutes late for their appointment and were charged and awarded ten days CC.

11 Information was received from [redacted] [redacted] AFF, that one morning at approximately 0630 hrs, exact date unknown but believed to be sometime prior to the Christmas holidays, he had gone to the room of [redacted] AFF, in 88 4 to call him for work. While he was in the barracks, someone telephoned for [redacted] WSO, who was the duty driver. [redacted] went to [redacted]'s room, which was also located in this barrack block, to inform this airman that there was a telephone call for him. [redacted] found the door to the room locked and when he knocked, he had received no answer. He then reached through an air vent on the lower part of the door and unlocked it. When he entered the room he saw [redacted] and [redacted] laying together on top of the mass bed asleep. He awoke [redacted] and told him of the telephone call then left the room. [redacted] stated that both airmen were completely dressed and he had not reported the incident as [redacted] had attended a party during the previous evening and he felt that they were intoxicated and had fallen asleep. Morrison had not turned the light on in the room and his observation was made with the aid of the light from the hallway. [redacted] saw [redacted] after he got up to go to work and this airman appeared to be suffering from the effects of his drinking the night before.

12 [redacted] acting NCO i/c SID Vancouver, was contacted and advised of the suspect airmen's particulars for a check through VBIU and GPM records to ascertain if [redacted] or [redacted] were ever involved in similar activities.

13 On the 8 Feb, [redacted] [redacted] were interviewed and statements obtained. These statements are attached to this report as appendices B, C, D, E and generally corroborate the circumstances already outlined except that [redacted] believed [redacted] was fully dressed. Cpl [redacted]'s statement (app J) indicates that [redacted] put on his trousers immediately he got off the bed. [redacted]'s statement, taken by [redacted] in late Dec, states [redacted] was fully dressed but had to button and zip - up his pants when told to leave the room (see para 22).

14 [redacted] omitted to show the exact date of the incident in his statement and although he does not mention himself in the first part through paraphrasing, he was present in the Airmens Club during the evening of 22 Dec 65. The word 'gear box' mentioned in the statements made by [redacted] and [redacted] is a phrase used to describe a homosexual.

15 [redacted] was in 88 7 during the evening of 22 - 23 Dec 65. He stated that [redacted]'s room was located next to his room and he had observed this airman's movements for several hours. [redacted] had put [redacted] to bed after he had fallen on the stairs and had covered him with a blanket. His shoes were removed and he was completely dressed. [redacted] verbally stated that [redacted] had offered to stay with [redacted] and when he left the room, [redacted] asked him to turn the light out. [redacted] then closed the door but had not locked it and went to his own room. He heard no noise from [redacted]'s room after he left and he estimated that approximately forty-five minutes had elapsed before [redacted] had arrived at [redacted]'s room. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been drinking but he had complete control of his faculties and he was rational in his speech.

16 [redacted]'s statement indicates that he had found [redacted] laying on his bed in Oct 65, and later that night aroused to discover [redacted] fondling [redacted]'s genitals. This date is inaccurate as [redacted] had not reported to this unit until approximately 7 Nov 65. [redacted] was unable to state if [redacted] had left the room during the night or if he was asleep in the room the next morning. This airman had been drinking heavily and he was vague about certain points because of his condition. He believes that the door to his room was open for

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ventilation and when he was awakened by [redacted], he had observed him from the light in the hallway. He had no knowledge of the telephone call and does not remember [redacted] being in his room. [redacted] had not reported the incident as he felt that [redacted] was intoxicated and was not responsible for his actions.

17 On the 8 Feb, [redacted] A/CO, discussed the matter with the writer and was informed of the progress of the investigation up to this date.

18 [redacted] was interviewed and he was cautioned in accordance with QMSO 101.12. A statement was obtained and is attached to this report as appendix F. [redacted] apparently cannot recall the incident mentioned in [redacted]'s statement or the incident that occurred on the 23 Dec 65. [redacted] denied that he was a homosexual.

19 [redacted] was interviewed and after he was cautioned, a statement was obtained and is attached as appendix G. [redacted] apparently was not intoxicated prior to the incident although he claims that he had passed out while sitting on [redacted]'s bed. He stated that he then heard a knock on the door and when he awoke, [redacted] was playing with his genitals with his hands. There was no light on in the room and [redacted] was unable to observe [redacted]'s position on the bed or how he was dressed. He claimed that he had not undressed [redacted] and he does not know who had locked the door. [redacted] stated that he was completely dressed and he had adjusted his trousers and shirt when he got up off the bed. [redacted] stated that he was not a homosexual and that he had never experienced a homosexual act.

20 P/L RA Canning, Med/CO, Stn Comox, arrived at Puntzi Mtn on the 9 Feb 66 and this matter was briefly discussed. He concurred that an investigation should be made and advised that he would arrange to have the airmen involved moved to another unit.

21 [redacted] was not available for an interview as he was on leave at this date. The APT contacted him at North Bay and it was arranged for the writer to meet this NCO at Kamloops, BC, during the weekend of 19 - 20 Feb 66.

22 [redacted] could not be interviewed as he was SOW Puntzi Mtn on transfer to W66 Sqn, Stn North Bay, effective [redacted]. A copy of a statement made by this airmen to [redacted] was obtained and is attached as appendix H. [redacted]'s statement corroborates [redacted]'s statement, appendix J, to a point. There appears to be a discrepancy in the statements made by [redacted] and [redacted] as to suspect airmen's dress at the time the incident was discovered. [redacted] in his statement claims that Lelièvre was wearing only a T-shirt and Kamack was dressed in a T-shirt and white jockey shorts. [redacted] states that [redacted] only had a T-shirt on and that [redacted] was fully clothed.

23 On the 14 Feb, WSIU lettergram A8397L dated 9 Feb advised that a records and indices check by CWS on [redacted] had proved negative.

24 On the 17 Feb, WSIV Masao was requested to make a name check of records to ascertain if [redacted] had been previously involved in a similar incident. On the 18 Feb, WSIU advised their records negative and on the 21 Feb Comforched reported no information held in their records against Pinder.

25 At approximately 0600 hrs, 20 Feb, [redacted] APT, Stn Puntzi Mtn, arrived at Kamloops by train and was transported to Stn Kamloops by the writer. He was interviewed at this unit and a statement was obtained and is attached as appendix I. [redacted]'s statement is more detailed than the memorandum was as reported in paragraphs three of this report. He states that when he went to room 102, RD 7, he had

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found the door locked. He knocked on the door three times and when he received no response, he opened the door with a master key. He then entered the room and saw from the light in the hallway that both Caracle and [redacted] were laying on the same bed. [redacted] was laying with his head on the pillow and was on his left side, slightly inclined away from the wall. [redacted] was laying on his left side with his head towards the foot of the bed, and he was leaning towards [redacted]. [redacted] observed that both airmen had their heads very close to the genital area of each other. [redacted] had his arms around [redacted]'s buttocks while Caracle's arms were on [redacted]'s legs. The time between [redacted] opening the door and turning the light on was only a few seconds. When the light was turned on, [redacted] moved away from [redacted] and laid close to the wall. Caracle moved to the edge of the bed and laid on his back with his eyes closed. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was wearing only a T-shirt and [redacted] was dressed in a T-shirt and white jockey shorts. [redacted] told [redacted] to get off the bed and leave the room. [redacted] swung his feet off the bed and put on his trousers which were on the floor by the bed. He left the room and [redacted] remained on the bed. [redacted] made periodic checks during the night and no other incidents were observed.

26 The airmen interviewed found it difficult to be more specific with certain details of this matter because of the time that had elapsed since the incident had occurred and the date that this investigation was commenced.

27 This investigation has revealed that [redacted] was involved in two similar incidents within a period of approximately six weeks and this appears to be most significant.

28 This file is being kept open pending the results of enquiries by S19 North Bay. Should information be obtained that will assist this investigation, further interviews may have to be conducted at Montreal Stn.

29 Held in abeyance.


(in white) Sgt
Air Force Police