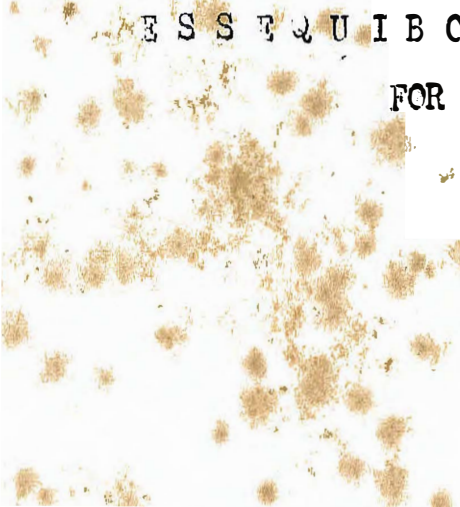

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WESSEQUIBO BOYS' SCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR

1958



ESSEQUIBO BOYS' SCHOOL,
Suddie,
31st January, 1959.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report on the work and the administration of the Essequibo Boys' School for the year 1958.

STAFF

On 1st January, 1958, the staff was as follows:-

Headmaster
Deputy Headmaster
Principal Teacher
Three Assistant Teachers
Clerk
Storekeeper
Assistant Storekeeper
Typist/Clerk
Matron
Dispenser
Four Washers
Watchman
Seventeen Officers.

2. Mr. J.W. Britton, Deputy Headmaster, Mrs. M. Kissoon, Matron, and Messrs. C. Abrahams and S.J. Morgan, Officers, were granted vacation leave during the year. Mr. H. Taite, Senior Officer, retired from the Service at the end of the year after twenty-seven years of service.

Miss Hellen Dover, Typist, relinquished her appointment in the School. She is now in the United Kingdom, pursuing a nursing career.

Assistant Teacher C.E. Lucas continued to act as Welfare Officer (Prisons), and Senior Officer E. Quintyn continued to act as an Assistant Teacher in the class-room in his stead.

ORGANISATION

3. There has been no change in the general organisation of the School. The two sections, namely Junior School and Senior School, remained the same, while the ages of the boys in attendance ranged from 11 years to 18 years.

The Minister of Community Development & Education,
Lot 6, Brickdam,
Georgetown.

/ There were

EDUCATION

4. There were 57 boys on the Class-room register on 1st January, 1958. During the year 63 boys were enrolled and 39 were withdrawn leaving 81 on the register on 31st December. The average daily attendance was 84.

In July 5 boys were presented for the Primary School Leaving Certificate Examination.

The Education Officer and the Assistant Education Officer visited the Class-room and inspected the work. The Assistant Education Officer also started to do some work with the very backward boys in the Preparatory Division.

The Library continued to function satisfactorily. Books were received from the Public Free Library at regular intervals and the Rural Librarian paid periodical visits.

Magazines, Bulletins and Periodicals were regularly received from the British Council and the Government Information Services.

The Cooperative Thrift Society had a successful year.

The membership at year end was 131 and the bank balance was \$615.36.

A 16 m.m. sound projector was acquired during the year, and educational and documentary films were shown. These films were loaned to the School by the Government Information Services and the British Council.

BUILDINGS AND COMPOUND

5. Most of the buildings were maintained in a fair state of repair during the year, and the grounds were kept in good order.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

6. The vocations pursued and the average number of boys daily engaged in each, were as follows:-

Woodwork	11
Metal Work.....	10
Leather Work.....	6
Tailoring	17
Cooking & Baking	5
Animal Husbandry	14
Agriculture	39

7. In the Woodwork shop, practical and theoretical instruction in the principles of the craft were given. Several models of furniture and other articles were made and minor repairs to the buildings and furniture were carried out.

/The Metal Work....

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8. The Metalwork Shop attended to the plumbing and guttering in the School and it also supplied utility articles such as watering cans, baking pans, saucepans, etc.

9. Fifty-two pairs of foot-wear were made in the Shoe Shop, and a great deal of repair work was also done for the public.

10. In the Tailor shop, among other things made were 322 pairs of pants, 351 shirts, 46 tropical suits, 246 pyjama pants, 272 pyjama jackets, and 435 pairs of working pants. The usual mending and patching of the boys' clothing and bedding were also done.

11. The Bakery supplied all the bread used in the School and it also supplied bread to the Public Hospital at Suddie during the first 9 months of the year. Because of the condition of the ovens the amount of baking had to be curtailed from 20th October, and so no bread was supplied to the Hospital from that date.

The four small steel clad ovens cannot stand up to the work and they would have to be replaced.

The amount of bread baked was 69772 pounds valued at \$11163.53, and 121 pounds of cakes valued at \$96.80 were also baked.

12. In the Livestock Farm some little progress was made. At the beginning of the year there were 3 bulls, 4 steers, and 49 heifers and cows. During the year 29 calves were born, 3 animals died, 9 were sold, and 18 were transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

The farm produced 92913 pints of milk during the year.

In the Piggery 45 piglets were born. There were 39 deaths and 15 pigs were slaughtered for use in the School.

For the first time in the history of the Stock-farm thieves visited the pig styes on two occasions and carried away one pig on each occasion.

In the Poultry run 4607 eggs were collected. This was a bad year for the chickens. Diseases were responsible for a number of deaths among the hens.

From the fish-pond 793 pounds of fish were harvested and many fingerlings were supplied to owners of fish ponds on the Essequibo Coast.

/ From the provision..

13. From the provision farm the School obtained all the ground provisions it needed. Thieves continued to prey upon the produce and many bunches of plantains and roots of cassava along with other vegetables, were stolen during the year.

SPIRITUAL WELFARE

14. Church parades took place on Sundays. Both the Anglican Priest and the Roman Catholic Priest visited the School weekly and ministered to the boys, whilst religious teachers of other denominations paid occasional visits and conducted services.

RECREATION

15. Cricket, foot-ball, and volley-ball, were the principal out-door games played, and table-tennis, dominoes and draughts the main indoor ones. Matches against teams from the neighbourhood were played regularly and the School teams had a fair measure of success. The Volley Ball Team took part in an open competition and emerged winners. The team won all its matches. The Annual Inter-House Athletic meet took place on 10th Nov. and "A" House won the Senior Championship Shield and "C" House the Junior Championship Shield. "B" House won the Cricket, Volley-ball and Table-tennis trophies and "C" House the Foot-ball trophy. The Scout Troop had a fairly successful year. Twelve boys attended the Annual Scouts' Rally which was held at Aitkinson Field. Scoutmaster A. Cummings was successful in obtaining the Wood Badge. The Troop held a Camp Fire on the School ground and the attendance was very good.

The Brass Band that was formed during 1957, continued to progress under the batons of the Rev: A.S. Mc Donald and Officer C. Abrahams who continued to give voluntary service. In July the Band gave a public concert and in September it was invited to render items at the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition that was organised by the Essequibo Union of Local Authorities. The Band also played at the Annual Inter-School Athletic Sports which were held at Anna Regina.

ROLL

16. During the year 63 boys were admitted. The youngest was 11 years, 4 months old and the oldest 16 years, 6 mths. old. The average enrollment for the year was 129, whilst the actual number on books on 31st December, was 132. Only 9 of the 63 boys admitted had no previous convictions and 43 of them were convicted of dishonesty.

/ Fifty boys ...

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Fifty boys were discharged during the year. Three of these were granted absolute discharges by His Excellency, the Governor and the others completed their terms.

DISCIPLINE

17. The general conduct of the boys in the School was fairly satisfactory.

AFTER - CARE

18. The after-care of boys discharged from the School is undertaken by the Salvation Army, and one Officer is in charge of this. He is assisted by the Probation Officers who are stationed in the districts. These Officers have all given valuable and whole hearted services in supervising the lads, each of whom has to be under supervision for two years from the date of his discharge from the School.

The After-Care Officer paid regular monthly visits to the School and he maintained contact between many of the boys in the School and their homes.

On 1st January, 1958, there were 83 boys under supervision. Fifty were added to the list and 44 taken off. Of the 44 boys taken off, 19 or 43 per cent were failures, they having been convicted of various offences during their supervisory period. Of these failures 2 were readmitted into the School, 9 were imprisoned, and the others were dealt with in other ways. A further analysis of the 19 failures shows that 2 were once convicted for disorderly behaviour, 1 for vagrancy, 1 for a minor traffic offence, and the others for more serious crimes. Fifty-seven percent of the boys discharged in 1956 completed their supervision successfully.

FINANCE

19. Expenditure for the year amounted to \$91799.73 and Revenue to \$8738.62. After taking into account the value of the services rendered to and by other Departments, the net cost of running the School for the year was \$83061.11. The average therefore, of maintaining a boy for one year in the School was \$643.39.

VISITING COMMITTEE

20. The Visiting Committee held one meeting in the School during the year.

GENERAL

21. The Organisation and Methods Adviser was not consulted during the year under review.

Visitors:

VISITORS

22. Visitors to the School during the year included His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Patrick Muir Renison, K.C.M.G.

the Hon. B. Benn, Minister of Community Development and Education,

the Hon. E. Beharry, Minister of Natural Resources,

the Hon. Mrs. Janet Jagan, Minister of Labour Health and Housing and His Lordship, Sir Frank Holder, Chief Justice.

CONCLUSION

23. In conclusion I have to record my thanks for, and appreciation of the help and assistance given me by the members of the Staff and of the Visiting Committee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) H.J. Rohlehr
Headmaster.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

ESSEQUIBO BOYS' SCHOOL,
Suddie,
31st January, 1959.

The Director of Medical Services,
Medical Department,
Brickdam.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Boys and Staff of the Essequibo Boys' School for the year-ending 31st December, 1958.

There were forty-one (41) admissions to the Sick Bay and to the Suddie Hospital, among whom the following ailments were diagnosed:-

Abdominal Pains	...	...	1
Abscesses (General)	..	...	4
Abveolar Abscess	...	...	1
Avitaminosis	...	...	1
Bronchitis	...	...	1
Dislocations	...	...	1
Fractures	...	...	4
Fever	...	...	2
Filariasis	...	...	1
Jaundice	...	...	1
Persistent Backache	..	...	1
Lacerated Wounds	...	...	6
Punctured Wounds	...	...	1
Otitis Media	...	...	1
Chest Pains	...	...	1
Hydroceles	...	...	2
Chronic Ulcers	...	...
Measles	...	...	1
Sprains	...	...	2
Swollen legs	...	...	2
Morton's Disease	...	...	2

Casual attendances treated were for minor complaints e.g. Simple wounds, ulcers, coughs and colds, earache etc. etc.

These totalled 6647. One hundred and sixty-seven emergencies were treated. These injuries were sustained either at work or play.

/ Prophylactic ...

Prophylactic injections of A.T.S. were administered to 5 boys of the School and 2 staff members, and were given chiefly for Nail-sticks.

Twenty-two cases of Positive Filaria were discovered by Dr. W. Adams, Public Health Officer, and his staff, when they visited the School. They were all treated with Banocide Tablets, and it is gratifying to note that while sound immunity to the disease was established in these cases, no one suffered from any ill-effects of the drugs administered.

Personal hygiene among the boys was of the same high standard and regular issues of tooth-brushes and soap continue to be made in order that the high standard should be maintained.

Bed-bugs do not now present such a problem. This has been due mainly to the frequent scrubbing and boiling out of the canvas cots and also by regular scrubbing of the dormitory.

The physical condition of the boys remains at a fairly high standard, to this end the boys are encouraged to participate in out-door games and physical culture exercises.

The number of admissions to the School during the year totalled 63, while there were 50 discharges over the same period.

One hundred and nineteen prescriptions were dispensed to members of the Staff and their Families during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd). D.P. Wailling,

Medical Officer.

APPENDIX

TABLE - I - HISTORY OF ADMISSIONS

JUDICIAL DISTRICT	No: Admitted	No: Previously Convicted	Ages On Admission	Detention Period	Charges for which convicted										
			11 years 12 " " " " " " " "	1 year plus 2 years plus 2 years plus 3 years plus 3 years plus 4 years plus 4 years plus	Breach of Cr. Probation der	Larceny	Break & Enter & Larceny	Trespass	Disorderly Be- haviour	Wounding & Assault	Escaping from Custody	Robbery with violence	Wandering & Vagrancy	Fraudulent Conversation	Carrying Of- fensive Weapon
GEORGETOWN	34	29	- 7 7 8 12 -	- 3 12 13 6 - -	1	18	4	-	1	1	1	2	4	1	1
E. DEMERARA	14	13	- 1 1 6 4 2	1 4 3 5 - 1 -	4	5	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
W. DEMERARA	6	4	- 1 - 3 2 -	3 - 2 - 1 - -	-	-	2	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
BERBICE	7	7	2 - 2 - 2 1	- 1 4 - - - 2	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ESSEQUIBO	1	1	- - - - 1 -	- - 1 - - - -	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NORTH WEST DISTRICT	1	-	- - - - 1 -	- 1 - - - - -	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	63	54	2 9 10 17 22 -	4 9 22 18 7 1 2	6	27	13	2	2	4	1	2	4	1	1

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TABLE II-A.. REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF BOYS ON ROLL
at 31.12.58

COUNTY	DISTRICTS	No:
DEMERARA	Georgetown	56
	East Coast	37
	West Coast	3
	East Bank	8
	West Bank	3
BERBICE	New Amsterdam	5
	East Bank	4
	West Bank	1
	West Coast	-
	Corentyne	8
ESSEQUIBO	Western Essequibo	2
	Eastern Essequibo	-
	Bartica	4
	N.W. District	1
	Essequibo Islands	-
TOTAL		132

TABLE II-B.. ENROLMENT

No. on Roll at 1.1.58	119
No. Admitted during 1958	63
No. Discharged during 1958.....	50
No. on Roll at 31.12.58	132

TABLE II- C.. AGE DISTRIBUTION AT 31.12.58

Age in Years	10+	11	11+	12	12+	13	13+	14	14+	15	15+	16	16+	17	17+
No. of Boys	-	-	1	1	5	2	23	1	24	3	33	3	22	1	13

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TABLE II-D... OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION

OCCUPATIONS	TOTAL DISTRIBU- TION	AVERAGE DAILY DISTRIBU- TION	NOTES
Cooking & Baking	1841	5.4	No: of working days = 300
Tailoring	5015	16.7	
Shoemaking	1898	6.3	
Woodworking	3304	11.0	
Metal Working	2896	9.7	
Livestock Farming	4177	13.9	
Provision Farming	11689	39.0	
General Labouring	7317	24.4	
Sick	805	2.7	
TOTAL	38742	129.1	

TABLE III-A... VOCATIONS OF DISCHARGED BOYS

VOCATIONAL TRAINING RECEIVED	BOYS DISCHARGED
Woodwork	7
Baking	5
Tailoring	8
Metal Working	6
Shoemaking	7
Farming	17
TOTAL	50

TABLE III-B... BOYS CONVICTED WITHIN TWO YEARS OF DISCHARGE

YEAR OF DISCHARGE	No: DIS- CHARGED	No: CONVICTED IN			
		1956	1957	1958	Total
1956	44	5	8	6	19

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TABLE III -C... BOYS IMPRISONED WITHIN TWO YEARS
OF DISCHARGE

YEARS OF DISCHARGE	NO. DIS- CHARGED	NO: IMPRISONED
1954	50	7
1955	45	12
1956	44	9

TABLE IV... ARABLE FARM PRODUCE

PRODUCE	1956	1957	1958
Plantains	12187 lbs	9256 lbs	11885 lbs
Sweet Cassava	1257 "	2276 "	5454 "
Borah	16 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	212 "	125 "
Boulangers	403 "	1048 "	1501 "
Ochroes	1095 "	2044 "	752 "
Papaws	2969 "	1496 "	3414 "
Bananas	6286 "	6938 "	11886 "
Calaloo	3433 "	2257 "	2048 "
Pumpkins	4 "	69 "	2282 "
Tomatoes	....	436 "	16 "
Cabbage	....	298 "	- "
Cucumbers.	....	794 "	234 "
Sweet Potatoes	2501	2465 "	1303 "

TABLE V-A.. LIVESTOCK FARM -.MILK

PRODUCTION	pts.	DISTRIBUTION	pts.
Produced during 1958..	92913	Fed to Calves.....	22806 $\frac{3}{4}$
		Used in School Dietary..	36513 $\frac{1}{4}$
		Sold for Cash	22052
		Supplied to Public - Hospital	11541
	<u>92913</u>		<u>92913</u>

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TABLE V-B... LIVESTOCK FARM - EGGS.

PRODUCTION		DISTRIBUTION	
B/F from 1957	108	Used in School Dietary.	4385
Produced in 1958....	4607	Sold	84
		Incubated	150
		On hand at 31.12.58..	96
	4715		4715

TABLE V-C.. LIVESTOCK FARM... CHICKS.

PRODUCED		DISTRIBUTION	
B/F from 1957 ...	86	Died	18
Hatched during 1958	22	Transferred as grown birds..	84
		On hand at 31.12.58	6
	108		108

TABLE V-D.. LIVESTOCK FARM.. FOWLS

PRODUCTION			
B/F from 1957 ...	64	Died	72
Added to Stock during 1958..	84	Used in School Dietary	25
		Sold	2
		On hand at 31.12.58...	49
	148		148

TABLE V-E.. LIVESTOCK FARM .. PIGS

PRODUCTION		DISTRIBUTION	
B/F from 1957...	39	Died.....	39
Farrowed during 1958..	45	Stolen	2
		Slaughtered.....	15
		On hand at 31.12.58..	28
	84		84

TABLE V - F... LIVESTOCK FARM .. CATTLE

	Bulls	Steers	Heifers & Milch Cows	Total
B/F From 1957....	3	4	49	56
Births during 1958....	12	-	17	29
Total	15	4	66	85
Sold....	8	-	1	9
Died....	-	-	3	3
Transferred to Agriculture Department	2	-	16	18
On hand @ 31.12.58	5	4	46	55

TABLE VI...REVENUE EARNED DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS

HEAD OF REVENUE	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Maintenance Fees..	566 .85	620.25	862.90	705.12	549.31
Sale of Products..	4773. 37	6589.41	7234.09	6620.34	3653.19
Value of Goods Sold } & Services rendered } to other Institu- } tions }	3734. 52	4022.20	4009.24	4535.90	4536.12
TOTAL	9074. 74	11231.86	12106.23	11861.36	8738.62

TABLE VII.. EXPENDITURE & REVENUE STATEMENT.

EXPENDITURE	\$	REVENUE	\$
Personal Emoluments	5620 3.65	Maintenance Fees	549.31
Travelling & Transport	114 6.30	Sale of Products	3653.19
Dietary	785 4.95	Goods Sold & Services rendered to other Departments	
Fuel & Light	37 9.96	(a) Public Hospital Suddie	4334.32
Clothing & Bedding	322 0.56	(b) Belfield Girls' School	201.80
Workshop-Tools & Appliances	260 3.81	To Balance Being Net Cost of School	83061.11
Earnings, Gratuities, Pocket Money & Tools to Discharged Boys	185 7.51		
Bakery	657 8.65		
Sanitation & Drainage	72 5.76		
Arable Farm	130 8.73		
Miscellaneous	117 9.97		
Maintenance of Koker	44 7.94		
Maintenance of Farm	608 8.63		
Purchase of Projector	109 1.61		
Services Rec'd from other Departments:-			
(a) Electric Current	111 0.00		
(b) Birth Certificates	1.70		
	9179 9.73		91799.73

TABLE VIII.. NETT COST OF SCHOOL DURING THE FIVE YEARS

YEAR	AVERAGE DAILY ROLL	NETT COST PER YEAR \$	NETT COST PER BOY PER YEAR \$	NETT COST PER BOY PER \$ DAY
1954	142.8	71,193.89	498.56	1.37
1955	132.8	72,617.61	546.74	1.50
1956	123.1	80,436.31	653.42	1.79
1957	127.0	79,585.50	626.66	1.72
1958	129.1	83,061.11	643.39	1.76