

For the attention of W J Kerr Esq OBE

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*Mr Mitchell
To see + PA with other
papers on injuries.*

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14/10/83

Pa - Allegation of Bostability

ALLEGED INJURIES SUSTAINED BY INMATES OF H 7 ON 25 SEPTEMBER 1983

An examination of the IMR.12 reports submitted by the Medical Officers at this establishment reveals that the following inmates allege they were bitten by dogs on 25 September 1983 either in H 7 or when being moved to H 8.

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| 1412/77 G F Devine | - | Alleged he was bitten but would make no further statement. |
| 493/ G O McDade | - | Alleged he was bitten but would make no further statement. |
| 533/77 S M McKenna | - | Alleged he was bitten on way between H 7 and H 8. |
| 183/80 D F Fields | - | Alleged he was bitten whilst being moved from H 7 to H 8. |
| 27/79 J N Devine | - | Alleged he was bitten but would make no further statement. |
| 185/81 H B McKee | - | Alleged he was bitten whilst being transferred from H 7 to H 8. |
| 871/78 G A Murphy | - | Alleged that whilst being moved from H 7 to H 8 he had to run through between Officers and dogs and was bitten on the leg. |
| 227/79 T G McAllister | - | Alleged he was bitten but would make no further statement. |
| 1216/77 B R Pettigrew | - | Alleged he was bitten whilst being transferred from H 7 to H 8. |
| 503/78 P G Redden | - | Alleged he was bitten but refused to make any further statement. |
| 369/ Quinn | - | I understand that this inmate is also alleging he was bitten by a dog but as yet the IMR.12 has not come forward. |

The IMR.12's do not specifically refer to dog bites but list abrasions, etc.

I have spoken at length to Principal Officer Hegarty and Senior Officer Coates - Dog Section - and they are adamant that none of the Dog Handlers made any report to them regarding the dogs biting anyone. I have asked for reports from all the Dog Handlers who were sent across to this prison on 25 September, and I will forward these as soon as I receive them.

A number of other prisoners allege they were assaulted by staff on 25 September but they refuse to elaborate on this statement

All these allegations regarding dog bites and assaults have been made to medical

staff only. No inmate has made any complaint to any member of the Governor grades despite having had every opportunity to do so.



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