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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 20 January 2025 requesting historical information about New Zealand Army personnel. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

I am investigating an incident at Sunnybank Boys Home in the late 1960's - early 1970 and would like to know if the army ever made visits to Sunnybank at Christmas time to visit the boys. Would this be documented anywhere in your archives / photographs etc?

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) is not aware of any files that exist related to this matter. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA because the requested information does not exist or cannot be found.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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