

RECREATION:

The field is in good shape. The credit must be given in a large measure to the boys themselves, and to an officer who put in much work.

More organized play is needed. An officer should supervise some games at regular periods. It is not enough to turn the boys loose with a bat and ball.

Swimming should always be attended by an officer. Bathing should not take place immediately after work, play, or meals without a cooling off period.

Lack of supervision has been the cause of several accidents at the school.

OCCUPATIONS:

Boys must be usefully employed during working hours, and occupied with organized games during off-hours. One half-day a week, usually Thursday, the boys should be able to choose their own method of relaxation.

In the absence of any technical training, the Headmaster should take any opportunity to use the boys in any skilled work which presents itself, e.g. painting the houses which is periodically necessary. The Department of Works supplies the material for any work done on the buildings. (The inmates have undertaken this duty both at Mensor and Pagot Islands.)

One officer and at least two boys can be gainfully employed in and on the Fort during morning working hours. Plumbing can always be maintained. Tools for this work are available in the workshop. All this and other maintenance work is valuable instruction.

A certain amount of land clearing is necessary, but it is a very monotonous job and should not be used only as a means to occupy the boys, it should be interspersed with more interesting activities.

During this occupation, care should be taken not to let users of tools such as axes, mattocks, and pitchforks, get closer than ten feet apart. Several bad accidents have occurred through neglect in this.