

83 Forrest Street,
Kalgoorlie, W. A.

2nd November, 1960.

The Native Welfare Officer,
Kalgoorlie, W. A.

Dear Sir,

re : NORMAN BILSON

Norman Bilson tells me he was a stockman working on Old McComish's cattle station for many years; he was working there when Mr Schenk came to Laverton the first time (in 1920). Mr Schenk was riding a motor bike. McComish's cattle Station was Mt Weld. They were all cattle stations then; there were no sheep stations. When Old McComish died Norman Bilson went droving cattle north a long way passing Nullagine; he was droving for Billy Hill a long time; Norman stayed with him till he died. Afterwards he was pulling sandalwood for Martin Cable at Laverton for some years. The squatters began putting sheep on the stations. Jasper and Billy Bright have cattle, sheep and horses on Kookynie Station. Norman Bilson drove the Brights' cattle to the railway at Kookynie and put them on the train - four full trucks. He has done work with cattle, sheep and horses all his life and stayed on the same station. He was working at Kookynie Station last wintertime till about a month ago, but he could not see very well. He has had trouble with his sight the whole of this year. The Doctor told me to-day he has cataract. When Norman finished his work Jasper Bright told him to be ready for the truck, and he would leave him in Kalgoorlie. He told him he was too old to work and to ask Native Affairs for a pension.

Yours faithfully,

M. M. Bennett.