

ABORIGINE CENSUS FIGURES

There are now 15,440 people of Aboriginal blood living in New South Wales, according to a census undertaken recently by field officers of the Aborigines Welfare Board.

This number includes 127 full bloods, 6,807 half castes, and 8,506 lesser castes (people with some admixture of Aboriginal blood).

Of the 15,440 total, only 5,888 live on Aboriginal Stations and Reserves; the total does not include Aboriginal or part Aboriginal people living in the metropolitan area of Sydney.

WHO WANTS A PEN-FRIEND?

Three girls have written to *Dawn* hoping that they will get letters from pen-friends. The girls live in Sydney.

Having a pen-friend can be a lot of fun, so why not write a letter and start up a friendship with one of the girls?

Helen Waters would like a pen-friend from the Kinchela Boys' Training Home. She would like him to be 15 years old, or older. Helen is a 15-year-old Aboriginal whose interests are swimming and basketball; and she likes watching football. Write to her at 21 Stingers Avenue, Curl Curl, Sydney.

The other girls are sisters—Sylvia and Dianne Moore. They are white and would like to write to Aboriginal girls or boys their own age. Sylvia is 15 years old, and Dianne is 13.

Sylvia wants to work among Aborigines when she leaves school. She is in fourth form at school; her interests are swimming, tennis, athletics, reading, stamp collecting, and she likes classical and folk music.

Dianne writes to friends in India and England, but she would like a real Australian pen-friend.

Write to Sylvia and Dianne at 10 Hampton Court Road, Carlton, Sydney.