

From ... Commanding Officer, <http://www.joefrey.lykes.info>, *Malwich*

Date ... 1st March 1929. No. 105/20  
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To ... The Commander-in-Chief, The Navy.

Subject ... Edward Bennett, Late Boy 2nd Class, JX.125040.

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# ATTEMPT

With reference to the attached copy of a letter, it is submitted that I may be informed of the nature of the reply which the Admiralty consider should be made. I have acknowledged the letter and told the writer that the matter has been referred to the Admiralty for further information.

**TO**

2.- Boy Edward Bennett, J.X.125040, entered "Ganges" on 6th October, 1925, and was sent to R.N. Hospital, Chatham, on 23rd April 1926, from where he was invalided on 5th May, 1926. From the attached extract from the Conduct Book and report from the records in Sick Quarters, it appears that the boy was an undesirable type who would probably have been discharged from the Service as unsuitable or Services no longer required if he had not been invalided.

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*W. W. W.*



2. This boy ... at  
R.N. Hospital, Chatham ...  
(Sore letter 1582/10/24/28 at ... 1926)

3. No reply has been received from Captain ...  
Lobster's letter

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EDWARD BENNETT, LATE BOY 2ND CLASS, JX.125040.

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No. 318/m 142/29. **NOT**  
THE SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY.

Forwarded.

2. This boy was invalided on 5th May, 1926, at R.N. Hospital, Chatham, on account of Inefficiency. (Nore letter 58/M 347/26 of 5th May, 1926).

3. No reply has been sent by me to Mr. Longden's letter.

**TO**

*J. S. Alexander Smiles*

The Nore.  
3rd March, 1929

**COPY** ADMIRAL.

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17th April,

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Sir,

17th April,

With reference to your letter of the 22nd February, addressed to the Director, Naval School, Shotley, Harwich, relative to Edward Bennett, late Boy 2nd Class, Official Number J.X.125040, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that Bennett was invalided out of the Royal Navy on the 2nd June, 1926, on account of Mental Inefficiency certified by the Medical Board of Survey to be not attributable to the Service. As he was discharged prior to attaining the age of 18 years he is ineligible for the award of any compensation under the Disability Pensions etc. Regulations.

I am to inform Your Lordships, while regretting to hear that the boy is now a physical wreck, repudiate the suggestion that this condition is due to any ill-treatment or lack of care during the period October, 1925, to May, 1926, when he was at Shotley.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Gen. Em.  
103, Erdington Hall Rd.  
BIRMINGHAM.

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