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Bennett was invalided on the 2nd June, 1926, on account of "Mental Insufficiency," certified by the Medical Board of Survey to be not suitable 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 Pension Regulations.

A copy of the Form B.510 (Certificate of Final Medical Examination on Entry) relating to Bennett is attached.

In addition, the following customary certificate appears on his record:

This is to certify that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof, and to his fitness for His Majesty's Navy, and we find it follows:—He is a well grown, stout, intelligent lad; of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation; and we consider him to be respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

(Sgd.) R. E. Noble
Captain.

9th October, 1926.

(Sgd.) J. W. Reid.
September 28th, 1926.
Captain.

[Signature]

No Pension.

THANK YOU
Certificate of Final Medical Examination for the Entry of Men and Boys for the Royal Navy.

216 (late S. 271a). (Established—February, 1903)
(Retired—September, 1917.)

This Certificate is to be attached immediately after the first entry of the Candidate in the Medical History Book. No alteration or addition can be made by the Candidate. If he is found fit, his form can be detached from the Medical History Book and returned to the Office.

I, the undersigned, have examined Edward Bennett.

Date for entry as

BY HAND

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I believe him to be in all respects fit for the Officer's Service. He has signed the Certificates below in my presence.

Date as

Re. Rec. Recruiting Office, 5th September

Medical Officer.

SUSSEX H. G. Macdonald

(Station)

This Examination has been made in accordance with the Instructions for Recruiting.

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CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE.

I hereby certify that to the best of our belief I have, never suffered from the following sickness or accident or disease of any kind; nor have I at any time been subject to any complaint which has caused or may cause me to be rejected.

I am willing to undergo, after entry, such medical treatment as may be found necessary.

(Signed) Edward Bennett

Signature of Candidate.

In case a Candidate is passed, non-essential condition of disability, the following Certificate is to be filled up:

This Candidate is the subject of

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The following notes are taken from the record of Edward Bennett while in Chatham Hospital in April 1916:

"His general state is dull and heavy. He is mentally dull, slow, and contradictory in answering questions. He is below the average in his movements and actions, and is below the average in intelligence and is mentally dull."

No physical abnormalities were present except a slight weakness in a group of muscles of the left leg, which he stated always been present.
The following extract from a letter written by him to his mother on 24th April 1926 is of interest:

"Dear Mum, it is fine out and if I am lucky I may get my ticket as I am trying my luck.

Bennett was considered to be mentally inefficient and below the standard required for service in the Navy.

There is no history of any injury to the arm or leg or muscles of articulation while in hospital, and no claim was made by him that his condition was the result of injury, or that he had suffered from any injuries while at Shoal Bay.

The report of his condition shows that except for the signs described, he was physically fit when discharged from hospital.

Bennett’s medical report on entry is not available. Medical History Sheet is attached.

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It appears that this boy had been under observation both in hospital and on ship or attending lists, practically the whole of his time in the Service at Shotley.

It is reported (1) that he frequented the Sick bay with minor or imaginary complaints almost daily when not undergoing punishment for various offences, (2) that neither medical nor disciplinary treatment had any effect on him, (3) that he was a poor writer, being afraid of the water and generally of no use to himself or to any one else in the Navy.

His divisional officer reported on him to the effect that he was considered to be of subnormal mentality, his natural state being one of dirtiness and his manner peculiar; demented and dull from instruction.

The head schoolmaster reported as follows:—

This boy was classified as P.S. 2 in school but as he did the whole of his twelve weeks in this class and, on passing out, obtained only 2%, even this class was above his capabilities.

He was discharged from hospital with a view to survey as being undoubtedly below the standard required by recruiting regulations and was invalided for mental inefficiency 4th May, 1925.
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SUBJECT:
Edward Bennett, late Boy 2nd Class.

Requesting compensation under the Disability, Pah功劳sive Co. Regulation.

The enclosed is referred for draft reply.

If this cannot be furnished WITHIN 7 DAYS, the
Civil Lord would be glad to be notified in order that an
interim reply can be sent.

H.N. Morris-
Civil Lord's Office.
10/7/29.
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THANK YOU

The force before me attached for the information.

It seems to me it might be prudent (from interest at the complaint) to have the case medically reported on. If the Royal Medical Officer of that could give an opinion on mental condition. About it the 6th is hinted at but his exact age in due to coming or illness of did not.

127. [Signature]

If considered desirable this boy can be examined by the Royal Medical Officer at the Birmingham Headquarters.

Birmingham

[Signature]

Submitted for consideration. The case it appears is not enigmatic. Father's friends seek to be of assistance. Father's health is fairly good. This is an incurable condition. He was unable to see both parents insomma. If readers consider it as blind get all the medical evidence possible.

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N.L. In view of the omission of the question of non-attenuability of the service, and the fact that the personnel medical exam. possibly might be invalidating, but is not fortuitous would result in a false impression of the net result of the parental attitude. 26th.
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