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10th July, 1929.

Dear Sir,

**NOT**  
Mr. Hall has received your letter  
of the 9th of July on behalf of Edward Bennett,  
late Boy 2nd Class, of 2B 62, Charles Henry Street,  
Birmingham. **ATTEMPT**

Enquiries are being made into this  
matter and a reply will be sent to you as  
soon as possible.

**TO**  
Yours faithfully,

*(sgd) H. H. Carson*

**COPY**  
Private Secretary.

**THIS**

F. Longden, Esq., M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
Westminster,  
S.W.1.

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**THANK YOU**

C.L.26/29.

**DO** 9th August, 1929.

Dear Mr. Longden,

In reply to your letter of the 9th of July as to the case of Boy Edward Bennett who was invalided out of the Royal Navy on the 2nd of June, 1926, on account of mental inefficiency, Mr. Hall as a result of which no facts have been adduced which would lead the Admiralty to doubt the opinion expressed by the Medical Board in their certificate on the Boy's discharge, that his disability was not attributable to the Service. In these circumstances it is regretted that it is impossible to admit any claim on behalf of the Boy for pension or gratification.

Yours faithfully,

*(Sgd) A. E. Glynor Esq.*

**THIS**  
for Private Secretary.

F. Longden Esq., M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
London, S.W.1.

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**THANK YOU**

At: 103, Erdington Hall Road,  
Birmingham.

August 5th., 1929.

A. E. Lloyd Cox, Esq.,  
For The Private Secretary,  
The Admiralty,  
Whitehall,  
London.

**NOT**

Dear Mr. Cox,

I thank you for the reply of August 9th.,  
regarding the case of the boy Edward Bennett, under your  
Reference of C.L. 26/29.

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Frankly, though I am satisfied, of course, that  
your Departmental Heads have every wish to be quite fair to  
this boy, I am shocked at the stereotyped replies which I  
have received from both ~~from~~ and the preceding Ad-  
ministrations.

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I have interviewed the boy and his parents,  
again, and they, like their neighbours, bear out everything  
I said in my letter of February 22nd., 1929.

I cannot understand how the Medical Board came  
to the conclusion of "mental inefficiency" in a boy whom  
all acquaintances consider to be very much mentally alive.

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The fact that matters, over all, is that this boy  
went into the Navy sound and came out unsound in body.

The boy himself ~~claims~~ that this is the result  
of ill-usage whilst in the Service. ~~So~~ do his parents, and  
all who know him. And his condition has worsened.

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May I ask, therefore, whether another Medical Board  
is out of the question or is beyond your jurisdiction? Is  
a further mental and physical examination, taking everything  
into account, ~~not~~ impossible? The case cannot stay as it is.

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If, within your present powers, you are unable to do so much as a preliminary towards helping this poor boy, then public opinion must be informed in order to assist in bringing about the necessary legislative or administrative changes.

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Appreciating your kind attention,

Faithfully yours,

**TO**

*Fred Longden*

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103, Edington Hall Road,  
BIRMINGHAM.

C.L. 26/29.

6th September, 1929.

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Dear Mr. Longden,

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In reply to your letter of the 15th of August about the case of Boy Edward Bennett who was invalided out of the Royal Navy for mental inefficiency three years ago I all desires me to say that it is of course quite open to the boy's friends to produce any reliable medical evidence tending to show that his present illness is attributable to his naval service. The Admiralty have every wish to give the boy any benefit to which he may be shown to be entitled under the Regulations, but as yet we do not know from what disease he is said to be suffering. Again, you will appreciate that an illness which has developed since his naval service is not necessarily attributable to that service and that the question is a medical one on which something more is needed than the opinion of the boy and his parents.

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Yours very truly,  
*(Signature)*  
Private Secretary.

Eden, Esq., M.P.,  
103, Edington Hall Road,  
BIRMINGHAM.

**THANK YOU**

103, Erdington Hall Road,  
Birmingham

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Sept. 21st.,  
1929.

H. N. Morrison, Esq., M.P.,  
Private Secretary,  
Admiralty.

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Dear Mr. Morrison,

May I press the purpose of my last letter, regarding the case of H. Bennett, to which you were kind enough to reply on Sept. 6th., under your Reference of G.L. 26/29?

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The only point now at issue, it seems, is as to whether or not the boy's weaknesses are "attributable" to naval service.

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Truly, it would be difficult to give absolute proof in any such case, but there is no shadow of doubt in the minds of the boy himself, his parents, and their neighbours. All are at one in pointing out that the boy went into the navy in splendid fettle and came out of it a wreck! If that be accepted, it should be proof enough that his troubles came to him whilst he was on the strength".

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I am enclosing (un-edited) a further short note from the boy himself, a medical record, and three letters which give the opinions of reliable neighbours who knew the boy before and after the service period.

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Please give this case your generous attention, and oblige by returning the accompanying documents after use.

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Yours faithfully yours,

Yours sincerely,  
G. H. Bennett

M.P. for Warwick