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MURDER OF BOYS WHO RUN AWAY FROM H.M.S. GANGES

Reference: Commander-in-Chief, H.M.S. GANGES, No. 2047/14/7 of 24.10.54.

The following report is submitted in accordance with the reference. As the boys have started seasonal leave this report covers the whole quarter.

2. 32 boys run away from H.M.S. GANGES during the quarter ending 31st December, 1954. Of these 32 boys, 1 ran away twice making the total number of offences 36. All were reunited.

3. Of these 32 boys, 3 were Advance Class, 15 were General Class (1) and 4 were General Class (2).

4. The reasons given by the boys for running away are shown in the Appendix.

5. Although these figures show a satisfactory reduction on those for the previous quarters of 1954, they are still nearly double those of the equivalent quarter in 1953.

6. The increased scale of punishment introduced at the beginning of this term has now taken effect. There have been only ten offences since October 16th.

7. A further report will be submitted on 31st March, 1955.
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(a) Fed up with GANGES 14
(b) Dislike the Navy 4
(c) Did it for a laugh 3
(d) Homesick 2
(e) Fed up and homesick 2
(f) Worried, no letters from home 2
(g) Father ill, worried 1
(h) Fed up with instruction 1
(i) Couldn't understand Gunnery 1
(j) Wanted to get out of the Navy 1
(k) Wanted to get home for birthday and to see mother 1
(l) Didn't like GANGES and wanted to see girl friend 1
(m) Unpopular, no friends 1
(n) Didn't like being drilled 1
(o) Fed up and wanted to go and see his sister 1

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To the Secretary of the Admiralty,
(Copy to: The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. GANGES.)

Subject: Report of Number of Boys Who Ran Away From H.M.S. GANGES

References:
(b) Note No. 2420/114/7 of 21st October, 1954.

Enclosure: The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. GANGES' No. 120/5 of 13th December, 1954 and the enclosures thereto.

Forwards for the information of Their Lordships.

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