



H.M. Institution,
Brightons, Falkirk.
14/9/53.

Sir,

Aged 17 yrs. 3 mos:

The above named inmate of this Institution has been recommended for liberation in November 1953, after serving a period of 17 months Borstal Training.

At this time, consideration of his liberation prospects is in hand, and in this respect has intimated his desire to be allowed to join the Royal Navy as a volunteer.

This lad was sentenced at Glasgow Sheriff Court on 30/6/52 to Borstal Training for two charges of theft, and in a report recently made to the After-Care Council for Scotland, the Governor of this Institution found it possible to say that he had a high opinion of ~~himself~~ who had both courage and character. He considered that enlistment in the Navy would be the ideal circumstances attending the lad's release, and particularly in view of the unsatisfactory home conditions, to which this lad must return if he is not allowed to enter the Armed Forces.

Housemaster describes him as an alert, trustworthy lad, with a most pleasing personality.

In the year between leaving school and incurring the conviction which led to Borstal Training, the lad had four jobs, including four months as an apprentice moulder. He was a member of the Boy Scouts as a leisure pursuit, and he had submitted an application to be allowed to attend the Nautical Sea Training Schools, to be told that at the time of his application he was under age.

His release from this Institution has been earned in under-average time, and from this fact can be deduced that has shown merit and industry of an exceptionally high order.

He has incurred no Institution punishments for misdemeanour.

In view of the foregoing I shall be grateful if you will consider enlistment into the Royal Navy, favouring/

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me with your observations in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Dep. Governor i/c.

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