

The enclosed letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Stormont, Belfast, is referred.

2. The proposal that youths who have served or are serving a Borstal sentence in Northern Ireland should be considered for entry into the Royal Navy or Royal Marines in the same way as their counterparts in this country, would appear to be reasonable.
3. If concurred in, it is suggested that the procedure to effect acceptance of such youths should be on the lines laid down in M1/P.O.28348/48 of 19th April, 1948, (subsequently re-numbered N.4474/48), amended to meet local conditions. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Belfast should forward recommendations to D.N.R. of likely candidates two or three months before they are due for release on licence, in order that consideration may be given to the applications and for arrangements to be made for medical examination and interview of those considered by D.N.R. as "possibles".
4. In the case of ex-Borstal candidates from Northern Ireland applying to enter the Royal Navy or Royal Marines (i.e. those already released on licence) - if the applicant applies through the Belfast or some other R.N. and R.M. Recruiting Office, details of the candidate would be forwarded to D.N.R. who would then communicate with the Ministry in Belfast with a view to obtaining the necessary report as to the candidate's Borstal training and pre-Borstal record. For those who wish to enter the R.N. or R.M.'s known to the Borstal After-Care Committee, that body should forward their recommendations to D.N.R. through the Ministry of Home Affairs, Belfast, who would then deal with the candidate as though he were still serving a period of Borstal training.
5. The letter has been acknowledged by D.N.R. and the Ministry informed that a reply will be sent by the Secretary of the Admiralty.

T. Woodroffe.

for Director of Naval Recruiting,
23rd April, 1953.

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P.O. 28348/48 re-numbered N.4474/48 has unfortunately been lost but a copy of the out letter is attached for information.

2. It is proposed to seek approval for recommended boys in Northern Ireland to be considered for entry in the R.N. or R.M. if suitable, under the general conditions laid down in that letter.

E.M. Swanson

for Head of N.I.

28/5/53.

to meet with Head of N.I.

Subjunct