

Sir,

With reference to the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to the Director of Naval Recruiting by the Deputy Governor of H.M. Institution, Brightons, Falkirk, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that whilst arrangements have been made with the Home Office in London and the Ministry of Home Affairs in Belfast, regarding the entry of ex-Borstal inmates into the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, no such arrangements have yet been made with your Department.

2. A copy of a letter dated 19th April, 1948, addressed to the Home Office, setting out the terms of the arrangements made with that Department, is enclosed for your information and I am to state that if similar terms and procedure are acceptable to your Department, and provided a similar assurance to that mentioned in paragraph 3 of the letter can be given, My Lords are prepared to adopt them forthwith.

3. The letter from the Deputy Governor has been acknowledged but no further action will be taken with regard to the recruitment of the youth pending your agreement to the proposed procedure.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,
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