

( Enclosure to H.M.S. GANGES' No. 870/22 of 16th February, 1954. )

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BLAKE DIVISIONAL OFFICE,

H.M.S. GANGES.

B.3186 Boy Wilson

19th January, 1953.

Dear Mr. Wilson,

Your son has seen me about the possibility of his discharge from the Service. He states that his main worry is the lack of cash at home, and he wishes to help as much as he can.

To be quite frank, I consider that he has insufficient grounds for an application for discharge to be forwarded, particularly as the situation at home is the same as when he joined. However, if there are any points to be considered apart from financial hardship, perhaps you could let me know.

You have my full sympathy as regards your financial difficulties, particularly as I understand that you are disabled. I was wondering whether you would like your case raised with the Royal Naval Benevolent Fund, who might consider giving you a grant to tide you over until your son is able to contribute more to the family purse. I understand that you have asked him not to send you an allotment at present, but before a grant from the Benevolent Fund could be considered, he would have to allot five shillings a week home. I would suggest that you should allow him to do this, especially as he is so keen to help out.

I think that your youngster is a little unsettled at present in the Navy. Some settle down more quickly than others, and his prospects are good. It would be a pity for him to leave a fine career, particularly without giving it a fair trial. I feel that if we could put his mind at rest as regards his home affairs, he would enjoy his naval life more.

Yours sincerely,

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