

3rd May 1915  
4th May, 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction of my Council, to submit the name of Ralph John Dart, B. E., as a candidate for a position as an Engineer in the Royal Australian Navy. The date of Mr. Dart's birth is 7th December, 1890, so that he was 24 years of age in December, 1914. We note that the maximum age, except in special circumstances, is 24. In support of this nomination, I am directed to say that Mr. Dart completed the whole of the work, both theoretical and practical, prescribed for the degree of Bachelor of Engineering before the end of November last, but before he could have the degree conferred he was required to pass in one subject of the Senior Public examination. This he did in March last, and the degree was conferred upon him on the 14th ulto.

The Council trust that these circumstances may be considered as "Special" and that Mr. Dart's nomination may be entertained.

I am further directed to say that as there were no candidates in Mechanical Engineering the Council have ventured to nominate a candidate who is an Electrical Engineer.

Will you kindly inform me whether there are any official nomination forms to be filled in and whether you require any details in regard to the course taken by Mr. Dart for the degree.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

The Naval Secretary,  
Department of Defence,  
Naval Office,  
MELBOURNE.

Registrar.



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE,  
NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.

14 May, 1915.

In Reply Please Quote

No. 15/3358

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 4th May, 1915, nominating Mr. Ralph John Dart as a candidate for admission to the Royal Australian Navy as an Engineer, I am desired by the Naval Board to request that Mr. Dart may be asked to call on the District Naval Officer, Largs Bay, who will be instructed to arrange medical examination. Should Mr. Dart be found to conform to the physical standard for entry into the Royal Australian Navy, he will be provided with a railway pass to Melbourne to attend before a Committee of Naval Officers.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

  
Naval Secretary.

The Registrar,  
The University of Adelaide,  
ADELAIDE.