

S.—55 A.

(April, 1904.)

H.M.S. Melbora

Official No. if known.
Space to be left vacant
if not known.

A. N. F. 35.

Form of Engagement or Re-engagement in the Royal Navy under the terms of the Naval Agreement of 1903.

To be forwarded to the Accountant-General of the Navy with Form S.—52 (late S.—41).

Christian and Surname in full.	Present Rating.
<u>John Nicholson Hale</u>	<u>Boy 2nd class</u>

Date of Birth. <i>(Vide Arts. 343, 346, & 351 of the Regulations, 1899.)</i>	Place of Birth and where Registered.
<u>20 June 1888</u>	<u>Newcastle N.S.W.</u>

Personal Description at the date of this Document.

Height.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.	Trade or Occupation.
<u>5' 6 1/2</u>	<u>light Brown</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Nil.</u>	<u>Trapping</u>

Commencing date of Engagement.....	<u>20 June 1906</u>	Period of Engagement ...	<u>five years.</u>
Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage.....	<u>7 May 1904</u>	In case of re-engagement, date and period of previous engagement	<u>/</u>

Length of residence in Australia immediately preceding this date	<u>all his life</u>
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Declaration on Entry from Shore for Continuous Service.

In accordance with Article 346 of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, 1899, the following questions are to be put by the Captain to the person about to engage for C.S., whose answers are to be recorded hereon:—

- 1.—Are you a British subject? Yes
- 2.—Have you ever served in H.M. Navy, Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, or in His Majesty's Indian Military Forces, or in any Colonial Naval or Military Force? If so, state which * ... } No
- 3.—Do you now belong to any of the Forces enumerated above or the Naval Reserve? } No
- 4.—Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service, or discharged from it on that account? If so, state reason of rejection or discharge, and date } No
- 5.—Have you ever been dismissed from any of the Forces enumerated above } No

* Particulars of service in the Army, Army Reserve, Marines, Militia, or H.M. Indian Military Forces, or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded into Office with this Engagement.

[Handwritten signature]

Continuous Service Engagement or Re-engagement for Men in the Royal Navy, under the terms of the Naval Agreement of 1903.

Date _____ 19 .

This is to certify that we have examined the person named on the other side hereof, as to his fitness for His Majesty's Navy, and we find as follows:—He is of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, free from all physical malformation, active, and intelligent; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

 { Captain
 or
 Commander.

 Medical Officer.

I _____ do solemnly declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers to the foregoing questions are true, and I do hereby agree to serve honestly and faithfully in the Royal Navy for five years from* _____ provided my service should be so long required, as witness my hand this _____ day of _____ 19 .

 Man's Signature, in full, or Mark.

Witnesses to { _____
 Signature or Mark { _____

2.—CERTIFICATE FOR BOYS.

Date 9 May 19 04.

This is to certify, that we have examined the boy named on the other side hereof, as to his fitness for His Majesty's Navy, and we find as follows:—He is a well-grown, stout, intelligent lad; of perfectly sound and healthy constitution, and free from all physical malformation; and we consider him in all respects fit for His Majesty's Service.

The consent of his parents or friends has been obtained in writing,† and they are willing and desirous that the boy should be entered for five years' continuous service from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary till he attains that age; and the boy himself is willing and desirous to enter the Royal Navy under these conditions, as attested by his signature attached hereto, and declares that he is not indentured as an apprentice, and also that to the best of his knowledge and belief the answers to the questions on the other side hereof are true.

_____ Boy's Signature, in full.
 Witnesses to { Albert Greenwood
 Signature, in full { Alfred Brown 3rd Mate

 _____ Captain or Commander.
 _____ Lieutenant.
 _____ Medical Officer.

3.—RE-ENGAGEMENT FOR CONTINUOUS SERVICE.

To be executed by men who have not been out of the Service since the expiration of their first engagement.

The particulars indicated on the other side are also required when this Form is used

I _____, now serving as a _____
 on board H.M.S. _____ who on the _____
 of _____ 19 _____, engaged to serve in H.M. Navy for a period of Five Years, under the terms of the Naval Agreement of 1903, do hereby engage to serve for a further period of Five Years from † _____ provided my services should be so long required.

 Man's Signature in full, or Mark,

_____ 19 _____,

Witness, _____
 _____ Captain.

* Insert the date from which the Engagement actually commences.
 † The document conveying the consent to be attached to this paper.
 ‡ Insert the date of commencement of the re-engagement which must either be coincident with, or (when the re-engagement is antedated) earlier than the date of execution. Vide Art. 372, Cl. 4, of the Regulations, 1899.

31 Hobbs St
Surrey Hills
Sydney
New South Wales
May 2nd 1904

To the Captain
H.M.S. "Gildara"
Sydney, Australia

Sir:-

Our son
John Nicholson Harle - fifteen years of
age - applying for service in H.M. Navy
has our full consent and approval
to and of the step. It is his own choice
and only choice out of many proposals
we are Sir -

Yours faithfully
John N. Harle
M-a-Harle
Father }
Mother }

Subcaptain
H. M. S. Mildura
Sydney

Sir:

Accept our thanks
for the courtesy and consideration you
have shown in the matter of our son.

We have written the Registrar for copy of
certificate of Birth. He was born at
Newcastle N.S.W.. It will be posted
from there on Monday direct to you.

We have had nothing but "sea & fight" for
some years or more and deem it wisest
that a lad follows his bent and enthusiasm.

I sincerely hope he will prove a credit
to the Mildura, - the Service, and his
parents. Enclosed is a copy of our con-
sent.

Yours Sir

Yours faithfully & respectfully
John W. H. H. H.
& Wife