

S.—55 A.

(April, 1904.)

H.M.S.

Official No. if known

Space to be left vacant
if not known.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.
Ronald Edgar Kirkwood	Stoker 1st

Date of Birth. (Vide Arts. 343, 346, and 351 of the Regulations, 1899.)	Place of Birth and where Registered.
14 November 1889	Wellington N.Z.

Personal Description at the date of this Document.

Height.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.	Trade or Occupation.
5' 9"	Brown	Grey	Fair	Nil	Engineering

Commencing date of Engagement	23 January 1908	Period of Engagement ...	Five Years
Date of actually volun- teering to engage or re-engage	23 January 1908	In case of re-engagement, date and period of pre- vious engagement	✓
Length of residence in Australia immediately preceding this date.....	Since birth		

Declaration on Entry from Shore for 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, 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
- 6.—Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? ... Yes

* Particulars of service in any of these forces or in the Merchant Service should be forwarded into Office with this Engagement.

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

Date 23 January 19 08.

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.

Charles Miller { Captain
or
Commander.
St John Murphy Surgeon Medical Officer.
Ronald Edgar Kirkwood 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 23rd January 1908 provided my service should be so long required, as witness my hand this twenty three day of January 19 08.

Ronald Edgar Kirkwood Man's Signature, in full, or Mark.

Witnesses to { W. Ford W. White
Signature or Mark { W. A. K. Lane

2.—CERTIFICATE FOR BOYS.

Date _____ 19 ____.

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' 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 { _____
Signature, in full. { _____

Captain or Commander.

Lieutenant.

Medical Officer.

3.—RE-ENGAGEMENT FOR 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.

CONSENT PAPER.

(This Paper is required in all cases, in addition to the Declaration or Certificate of Birth.)

* Strike out
"son" or
"ward" as the
case may be.

I hereby certify that my ^{son,*}
ward Ronald Edgar Kirkwood has my full

from this date consent (being himself willing) to enter ~~His~~ Majesty's Navy for a period of ^{five}~~Twelve~~ Years'
Continuous and General Service, ^{or} from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be
necessary until he attains that age, agreeably to the Admiralty Regulations. And I
declare that he has never had fits, and that he has never been an inmate of an Industrial
School, Industrial School Ship, or Reformatory, nor sentenced to imprisonment.

† No altera-
tion or erasure is
to be made in
the date of birth
given.

The Date of the Boy's Birth is, † 14th Nov^r 1889.

His Religious Persuasion is, Born Anglican but generally attended Baptist

Witness my hand at Nelson

20th day of January 1908.

† Must be
signed by the
Father, if alive,
or satisfactory ex-
planation made.

† ~~Parent's~~
Guardian's Signature in full Matthias Emma Kedgegrave

† ~~Parent's~~
Guardian's Address Geordy St Nelson N Z

Strike out
"Parent's" or
"Guardian's" as
the case may be.

In the case of
a Guardian see
other side.

I, the above named Ronald Edgar Kirkwood do consent to enter

~~His~~ Majesty's Navy and do declare that I am not Indentured as an apprentice,

§ The Boy and
Parent or Guard-
ian must sign in
the presence of
the witness to
their signatures.

§ Boy's Signature in full Ronald Edgar Kirkwood

Signed by the said [Here write
Boy's name] Ronald Edgar Kirkwood

And [Here write Parent or
Guardian's name] M E Kedgegrave

(Rev) Stanley Jenkins

In the presence of } Witness to signatures of Boy,
and Parent or Guardian.

Maitai Bank Nelson Address.

N.B.—The Boy and Parent or Guardian must sign in the presence of the Witness to their signatures.

CERTIFICATE.

|| Strike out
"Parent" or
"Guardian" as
the case may be.

** Strike out
"he" or "she"
according to sex
of Parent or
Guardian.

I certify that I am personally acquainted with this Boy's || ~~Parent,~~
Guardian, and
am aware** ~~he~~
she has consented to the Boy's entry as above, and I believe the particulars
stated herein to be true.

Stanley Jenkins Clergyman of the Parish,

or Resident Householder }

Occupation.

Maitai Bank Nelson Address.

January 27th 1908.

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy
whose Father is dead.

Date of the Father's death Father deserted him some years ago

Place of death _____.

Signed _____ Mother.

Particulars to be stated, if possible, in the case of a Boy
whose Parents are both dead.

Date of Father's death Father deserted him some years ago

Place of death _____.

Date of Mother's death Aug. 1895.

Place of Mother's death Nelson N Z

Signed J. I. Hedgcock - Guardian.

AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO DEFERMENT OF COLONIAL ALLOWANCE.

To be signed by all Men and Boys entered under the Naval Agreement of 1903, and on Re-engagement, and to be attached to Form S. 55 A.

Until the expiration of my Engagement, or until I obtain my discharge, if previous to the expiration of that Engagement, I do hereby agree to defer the withdrawal of my Colonial Allowance from the State Savings Bank, except such amounts as shall be approved by my Commanding Officer to ~~be~~ withdrawn for the benefit of *bona fide* dependent relatives, as witness my hand this *twenty third* day of *January* 190*8*

Ronald Edgar Kirkwood Man or Boy's Signature in full, or Mark.

Witness.....

Deane
2nd Lieut