

S.—55 A.

(April, 1904.)

H.M.S.

Pioneer

Official No. if known

Space to be left vacant
if not known.

AM 7988

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.
<i>William Peter Bentley.</i>		<i>Boy II. Class.</i>
Date of Birth. (Vide Arts. 343, 346, and 351 of the Regulations, 1899.)	Place of Birth and where Registered.	
<i>28. August. 1891</i>	<i>Wellington. New Zealand.</i>	

Personal Description at the date of this Document.

Height.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.	Trade or Occupation.
<i>5' 4 1/2"</i>	<i>bark</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Fresh</i>	<i>Scars, ring & anchor tattooed on left wrist.</i>	<i>Telegraph messenger.</i>
Commencing date of Engagement		<i>28 see date of birth.</i>		Period of Engagement ...	<i>5 years.</i>
Date of actually volun- teering to engage or re-engage		<i>29. Jan. 1908</i>		In case of re-engagement, date and period of pre- vious engagement	<i>—</i>
Length of residence in Australia immediately preceding this date				<i>Since Birth.</i>	

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 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 29 January 1908.

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.

Witnesses to
Signature, in full.

William Peter Bentley Boy's Signature, in full.
1st Lieut.
2nd Writer
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.

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
"my son" or
"ward" as the
case may be.

I hereby certify that my son, * William Peter Bentley has my full consent (being himself willing) to enter Her Majesty's Navy for a period of Five Years' Continuous and General Service, ^{from date of entry 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 alteration or erasure is to be made in the date of birth given.

The Date of the Boy's Birth is, † 28 August 1891

His Religious Persuasion is, Baptist

Witness my hand at Brooklyn Wellington

30th day of January 1898.

† Parent's Signature in full John William Bentley

† Guardian's Address Adam St Brooklyn

† Must be signed by the Father, if alive, or satisfactory explanation made.

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 William Peter Bentley do consent to enter

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

§ Boy's Signature in full William Peter Bentley

Signed by the said [Here write Boy's name] William Peter Bentley

And [Here write Parent or Guardian's name] John William Bentley

In the presence of

Witness to signatures of Boy,
and Parent or Guardian.

Jens Petersen Brae 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, and am aware** he has consented to the Boy's entry as above, and I believe the particulars stated herein to be true.

Clergyman of the Parish,

or Brooklyn Resident Householder }
Builder Occupation.

Jens Petersen Brae Jackson St Brooklyn Address.

January 30 1898

NEW ZEALAND, 1906.

[R.G. No. 3]

CERTIFIED COPY of ENTRY in the REGISTER-BOOK of BIRTHS in the District of **WELLINGTON.**

No.	CHILD.			PARENTS.			INFORMANT.	REGISTRAR.	CHILD.
	When and where born.	Name of Child, and whether present or not.	Sex.	FATHER. 1. Name and Surname. 2. Rank or Profession. 3. Age. 4. Birthplace.	When and where married.	MOTHER. 1. Name and Maiden Surname. 2. Age. 3. Birthplace.	1. Signature. 2. Description. 3. Residence. 4. If entry a correction of a former entry, Signatures of Witnesses attesting the same.	1. When registered. 2. Signature of Registrar.	Name, if added or altered after Registration of Birth.
1057	28 August 1891 Wallace Street Wellington	William Peter Present	Male	John William Bentley Laborer 28 England	16 November 1885 Wellington	Frances Elizabeth Bentley formerly Hanning 24 England	Frances Elizabeth Bentley Mother Wellington	16 October 1891 W. J. Wyatt	

I, Gilbert Graham Hodgkins. Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths in the District of **WELLINGTON.**, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the entry of the birth of William Peter Bentley, in the Register-book in my office.

Given under my hand at **WELLINGTON.**, this 8 day of June, 1906.

Gilbert Graham Hodgkins
Deputy Registrar

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 *bóna fide* dependent relatives, as

witness my hand this.....*29th*..... day of*January*.....190*8*

.....*William Peter Bentley*..... Man or Boy's Signature in full, or Mark.

Witness.....*L. N. Brown*.....

3rd Writer

REFERENCE SHEET.



From THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL

OF THE NAVY.

To THE COMMANDING OFFICER,

H.M.S. *"Pioneer"*Dated *14 April* 190*8*.

Information required, or notified

A.G.—No. *NP.¹⁰/3850 CS**William Peter Bentley, Boyet, Ano. ANT 988.*

The commanding Officer is informed that the commencing date of this boy's engagement, which was erroneously shown on his entry papers as 21 August 1909, has been altered in Office to 28 August 1909, the date he attains the age of 18.

It is requested that Bentley's service certificate may be similarly amended and that this memo. may be returned into Office, stating the action taken, as early as practicable.

C. Gray
 Accountant General
 of the Navy

The Account General

Service Certificate amended.

The date of birth, which was also shown
as 21st August 1891 has been similarly
amended.

Charles Miller.

Commander

Pioneer

25 May 1908