

S.—55 A.

(April, 1904.)

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Official No. if known

Space to be left vacant if not known.

A.N.# 1245

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>Frederick George Lester.</i>		<i>Boy 2 class.</i>
Date of Birth. <small>(Vide Arts. 343, 346, and 351 of the Regulations, 1899.)</small>	Place of Birth and where Registered.	
<i>2. August. 1891.</i>	<i>Port Melbourne. Victoria.</i>	

Personal Description at the date of this Document.

Height.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.	Trade or Occupation.
<i>5.5 1/2</i>	<i>Dark Brown.</i>	<i>Grey-Blue.</i>	<i>Fair.</i>	<i>F.L. Scars across the sea and part of flowers on R. forearm. Anchor left forearm. Bracelet left wrist.</i>	<i>X</i>

Commencing date of Engagement	<i>2. August. '09.</i>	Period of Engagement ...	<i>5 years.</i>
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Date of actually volunteering to engage or re-engage	<i>7. April. '09.</i>	In case of re-engagement, date and period of previous engagement ...	
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Length of residence in Australia immediately preceding this date...	<i>Since birth.</i>
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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 objection 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. C.4934.

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 7. April. 1909.

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.

Frederick George Lester Boy's Signature in full.
Leut. Shipl.

Witnesses to
 Signature, in full { _____

Loon. Brown W.

W. Bobbe Captain or Commander.

M. Baka Lieutenant.

Cleaves Ripps Medical Officer,
Surgeon.

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.

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 States Savings Bank, except such amounts as shall be approved by my Commanding Officer to be withdrawn for the benefit of *bonâ fide* dependent relatives, as

witness my hand this Seventh day of April 1909

Frederick George Lester Man or Boy's Signature in full, or Mark.

Witness

P. H. Turner
Staff Paymaster

I *Fredrick George Lester*
of *Port Melbourne 388 Ross St.*

in the State of Victoria

do solemnly and

sincerely declare

THAT *My age Seventeen (17) and Seven (7)*
months. I was born on the second 2nd
of August 1891.

AND I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria rendering Persons making a False Declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

DECLARED at *Port Melbourne* in the
State of Victoria this *seventh*
day of *April* One thousand
nine hundred *& nine*

Before me

Francis J.P.

Fredrick George Lester

CONSENT PAPER.

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

1. Strike out "my son" or "ward" as the case may be. I hereby certify that my ^{son,} ~~ward~~ Frederick George Lester has my full consent (being himself willing) to enter His Majesty's Navy for a period of Five Years' General Service, from the age of 18, in addition to whatever period may be necessary until he attains that age, agreeably to the Admiralty Regulations.

Boys from Industrial Schools, and Industrial School Ships, are entered in exceptional cases, on special submission by the Superintendent of the School. My ~~son~~ ^{ward} ~~has~~ not been an inmate of one of these Institutions.

He has not been in a reformatory, nor sentenced to imprisonment.

I declare that he has never had fits.

2. No alteration or erasure is to be made in the date of birth given.

The Date of the Boy's Birth is, ² 2. August. 1891.

His Religious Persuasion is, Church of England.

Witness my hand at Port Melbourne.

7 day of April 1909..

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

³ Parent's ~~Guardian's~~ Signature in full Henry Brown Lester

³ Parent's Guardian's Address 388 Ross St, Port Melbourne

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 Frederick George Lester do consent to enter

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

4. The boy and Parent or Guardian must sign in the presence of the witness to their signatures.

⁴ Boy's Signature in full Frederick George Lester

Signed by the said [Here write Boy's name] Frederick George Lester

And [Here write Parent or Guardian's name] Henry Brown Lester

In the presence of A Mc Donald
 Witness to signatures of Boy, and Parent or Guardian.
63 Hanover Street Brunswick Address.

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

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(This paper is printed in the Registrar-General's Office, London)

- 5. Strike out "Parent" or "Guardian" as the case may be.
- 6. The assertion of the boy himself should not be taken as sufficient warrant for this statement.
- 7. Strike out "he" or "she" according to sex of Parent or Guardian.

I certify that I am personally acquainted with this Boy's ⁵ Parent, and ~~Guardian~~, and am ⁶ aware ⁷ ~~she~~ 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 Murdoch Cribbes Resident Householder }
Butcher Occupation. }
67 Evans & Ingles Sts Pat Melb Address.
17 April 1909.

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

Date of the Father's death _____

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 _____

Place of death _____

Date of Mother's death _____

Place of Mother's death _____

(Signed) _____ Guardian.