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(April, 1904).

H.M.S. "Challenger"

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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
William Francis Rush	Ordinary Seaman

Date of Birth. (Vide Arts. 343, 346, and 351 of the Regulations, 1899).	Place of Birth and where Registered.
12 June 1886	Hobart Tasmania

Personal Description at the date of this Document.

Height.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.	Trade or Occupation.
5 9 1/2	Light Brown	Grey	Fair	— Nil —	Iron Factory.

Commencing date of Engagement.....	24 September 1904	Period of Engagement ...	5 Years.
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Date of actually volun- teering to engage or re-engage.....	24 September 1904	In case of re-engagement, date and period of pre- vious engagement	
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Length of residence in Australia immediately preceding this date.....	all his life
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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 O.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.

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

Date 24 September 1904

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.

F. C. J. Sudor Captain or Commander.
W. J. ... Medical Officer.

I William Francis Rush 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 24 September 1904 provided my service should be so long required, as witness my hand this 24 day of September 1904.

William Francis Rush Man's Signature, in full, or Mark.
Witnesses to Signature or Mark. Thos. M. FitzGerald George Short Clerk Second Writer

2.—CERTIFICATE FOR BOYS.

Date 190

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 Signature, in full
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.
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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.