

S.—55A.

(April, 1904.)

Official No. if known

Space to be left vacant
if not known.

H.M.S.

Pyramus

A.N.J. 1389

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.

*John Messenger**Acting
E.R.A. 4th Cl.*

Date of Birth.

Place of Birth and where Registered.

(Vide Arts. 359A, 360, and 361 of the Regulations, 1906.)

*31 July 1887**Ballarat.**Victoria*

Personal Description at the date of this Document.

Height.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.	Trade or Occupation.
<i>5.5½</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>~ Nil ~</i>	<i>Fitter</i>

Commencing date of
Engagement*6th October 1909*

Period of Engagement...

*5 Years*Date of actually volun-
teering to engage
or re-engage*6th October 1909*In case of re-engagement,
date and period of pre-
vious engagement ...*✓*Length of residence in Australia immediately
preceeding this date*Native*

DECLARATION ON ENTRY FROM SHORE FOR SERVICE.

In accordance with Article 360 of the King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, 1906, 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 reasons 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.

*Religion: Presbyterian**Can swim: Yes*

OF THE NAVAL AGREEMENT OF 1903.

Date 6 - October 19 09

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.

Admiral Forester Captain
~~or~~
Commander.
Medical Officer.

I John T. Messenger 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 * 6th October 1909 provided my service should be so long required, as witness my hand this Sixth day of October 1909.

Witnesses to) John Messenger Man's Signature, in full, or Mark.
Signature or Mark } Thomas Lep: 2ND Writer

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.

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. 393, Cl. 3, of the Regulations, 1906.

Agreement Relative to Deferral 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 *bóna fide* dependent relatives, as witness my hand this.....*Sixth*.....day of
.....*October*.....190 *9*.

.....*John Messenger*.....

Man or Boy's Signature in full, or Mark.

Witness.....

.....*A. H. Hazard*.....
Staff Paymaster