

S.-55A.

(April, 1904).

H.M.S.

"Psyché"

Official No. if known

Space to be left vacant
if not known.

ANZ 1693

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.

Christian and Surname in full.

Present Rating.

Keith Malcolm Nicholls.

Boy 2nd class.

Date of Birth.

(Vide Arts. 359A, 360, and 361 King's Regulations, 1906.)

Place of Birth and where Registered.

28th February 1894.

Geelong

Personal Description at date of this Document.

Height.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.	Trade or Occupation.
5-11. Chest 34	Dark Brown	Hazel	Fresh	Figure of a woman with flag, sailing ship, K.N. blached hands over heart and Rising Sun tattooed on left fore arm. Figure of a sailor with crossed Union Jack & American flags above & hand. Right fore arm	Seaman
Commencing date of Engagement.....	28th February 1912			Period of Engagement...	Two years
Date of actually volun- teering to engage or re-engage.	14th November 1911			In case of re-engagement, date and period of pre- vious engagement.....	
Length of residence in Australia immediately preceding this date	Colonial Born				

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.

ENGAGEMENT OR RE-ENGAGEMENT FOR MEN IN THE ROYAL NAVY, UNDER THE TERMS
OF THE NAVAL AGREEMENT OF 1903.

Date 191

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.

14th November 191

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.

Keith Malcolm Nicholl Boy's Signature in full.

Charles Edward Joy First Writer
P. O'Connell Ship's Boy 1st class

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. 4, of the Regulations, 1906.

CONSENT PAPER.

(This Paper is required in all cases where the Candidate is under the age of 17 years, in addition to the Certificate of Birth or Declaration.)

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

I hereby certify that my son,* Keith M. Nicholls has my full consent (being himself willing) to enter His Majesty's Navy for a period of Five years ~~Twelve Years~~ Continuous and 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 an Industrial School or an Industrial School Ship.

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

I declare that he has never had fits.

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

The Date of the Boy's Birth is, † 25th February 1894

His Religious Persuasion is, Episcopalian

Witness my hand at

14 day of November 1911.

† Parent's Signature in full Elizabeth Nicholls
† Guardian's

† Parent's Address 550 William St Melbourne
† Guardian's

† 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 Keith M. Nicholls do consent to enter

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

§ Boy's Signature in full Keith Malcolm Nicholls

Signed by the said [Here write Boy's name] Keith M. Nicholls

And [Here write Parent or Guardian's name] Elizabeth Nicholls

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

In the presence of

Witness to signatures of Boy, and Parent or Guardian.

B. Gilbert Address.
380 William St
City

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.

† The asser-
tion of the boy
himself should
not be taken as
sufficient warrant
for this statement

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

Clergyman of the Parish,

or

Christina Gilbert
Domestic Duties

Resident Householder

Occupation.

380 William Address.

380 14/11 1911.

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.

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 *bona fide*
dependent relatives, as witness my hand this.....*Fourteenth*.....day of
.....*November*.....1911 .

.....*Keith Malcolm Nicholls*.....Man or Boy's Signature in full, or Mark.

Witness.....*W. B. Dowling* Staff Paymaster.

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Keith Malcolm Nicholls.....Man or Boy's Signature in full, or Mark.

Witness... *Mary Fowler*.....*Staff Paymaster*

VICTORIA (AUSTRALIA).

"EXTRACT" OF BIRTH-ENTRY.

Office of the Victorian Government Statist,

RECORDS OFFICE, QUEEN-STREET,

Melbourne, 13 11 1911

Re Application Vol. 577 Fol. 53 (or Corr.)

Memo.

According to the Registers in this Office

Keith Malcolm, son of
John Edward Nicholls
& Elizabeth "
née " Gilbert

was born at Geelong

on the 28th February 1894

The official reference to the entry is No. 12151

of the year 1894

A. M. LAUGHTON,

Government Statist.

M^r K. Nicholls

N.B.—The fee for a Search or Extract is 2/6 for Registrations made on or after 1st July, 1853, or 1/- for those made prior to that date. A Certificate of above entry will be supplied for an additional fee of 5/-. In all correspondence bearing on the entry, the Application No. (Vol. and Fol. or Corr.) must be quoted.

Uncertified "Extracts" of Birth are usually sufficient as proof of age for Assurance purposes, Examinations and Appointments (Commonwealth, State, and Private), requirements of the Factories' and Old-age Pensions' Acts, and for dealings in the Titles Office; but for Legal purposes and for transmission to places outside Australia and New Zealand "Certificates" are necessary.