

S.-55A.

(April, 1904).

H.M.S.

Challenger

Official No. if known

Space to be left vacant
if not known.

A.N.T. 1581

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.	
Richard Benjamin Berfield				Ordinary Seaman	
Date of Birth. (Vide Arts. 359A, 360, and 361 King's Regulations, 1906.)			Place of Birth and where Registered.		
29 th October 1891			Kangaroo Point Brisbane Queensland.		
Personal Description at date of this Document.					
Height.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.	Trade or Occupation.
5.5	Brun	Brun	Dark	~ Wei ~	Farmer
Commencing date of Engagement.....		15 th August 1910		Period of Engagement...	5 years
Date of actually volun- teering to engage or re-engage.		15 th August 1910		In case of re-engagement, date and period of pre- vious engagement.....	
Length of residence in Australia immediately preceding 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: CofE
Can swim: Y
Next of kin: Father John Berfield: 137 Little George St Kangaroo Point Brisbane

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

Date 15th August 1910 .

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.

W. W. Cherry } Captain
or
Commander.
Staff Surgeon Medical Officer.

I *Richard Benjamin Birtfield* 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 * 15th August 1910 provided my service should be so long required, as witness my hand this 15th day of August 1910.

Richard Benjamin Birtfield Man's Signature in full or Mark.

Witnesses to
Signature or Mark. *Arthur Palmer Smith, Assistant Paymaster*
Thomas Hew 2nd Writer

2.—CERTIFICATE FOR BOYS.

.....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.

Witnesses to }
Signature, in full. }
.....Boy's 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.
.....19 .
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.

137. Little George Street
Kangaroo Point
Brisbane

Sir

My son Richard Benjamin Bexfield
wishing to join the Royal Navy, and being
under age, having been born on the
29th October 1891. I give him full
permission to do so.

Respectfully
John Bexfield

18.12.09.

(witness) W. J. Ford

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CAUTION.—Whosoever shall unlawfully destroy, deface, or injure any certified copy of an entry in any Register of Births, Marriages, or Deaths, is guilty of a CRIME, and liable to the punishment by law provided in that behalf. (Vide Section 488 of the Criminal Code.)

PRICE TWO SHILLINGS.

1891 . BIRTHS in the District of Brisbane

in the State of Queensland,

No. of Certificate. 20765

Registered by Charles James Whitley
Deputy Registrar General

No.	CHILD.			PARENTS.		INFORMANT.	WITNESSES.	REGISTRAR.	Name, if added after Registration of Birth.
	When and where Born.	Name, and whether present or not.	Sex.	FATHER.	MOTHER.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	(1) Accoucheur, (2) Nurse, or (3) Names of Witnesses.	(1) Signature of District Registrar, (2) Date, and (3) Where Registered.	
49513	29 October 1891 Short Street Kangaroo Point	Richard Benjamin present	Male	(1) ⁺ John Lyall (2) Laborer (3) 36 years (4) Nairn Nairnshire Scotland	(1) ⁺ 16 August 1884 Brisbane Queensland (2) Living years Mary Jane Redburn } 6 Margaret Clifford } 4 Dead 1 male	(1) ⁺ Mary formerly Wilson (2) 31 years (3) St. Andrews Fife Scotland	Certified in writing by Mary Lyall Mother ⁺⁺ Short Street Kangaroo Point	(1) Dr. Webb (2) Mr. Marshall (3) 28 December 1891 Brisbane	

I, Thornhill Weedon, Registrar General

do hereby Certify that the above is a true Copy of an Entry in a Register of Births kept in the General Registry Office, Brisbane.

Extracted this twelfth day of August 1910

Weedon

Registrar-General.

* In 5th column
for (1) John Lyall
(2) Laborer
(3) 36 years
(4) Nairn, Nairnshire
Scotland
read (1) John Bexfield
(2) Laborer
(3) 44 years
(4) Norwich
Norfolk
England
In 6th column omit
16 August 1884
Brisbane
Queensland
Living years
Mary Jane Redburn 6
Margaret Blifford 4
Dead 1 male and
insert "Illegitimate"
In 7th column for
Mary formerly Wilson
read
Mary now Lyall
formerly Wilson
and in 8th column
insert also by
John Bexfield
father
John Bexfield
father of child
26 February 1894
Rich^d B Howard
Dep Reg Genl
26/2/94

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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.....*Fifteenth*.....day of
.....*August*.....191*0*.

Benjamin
Richard Benfield.....Man or Boy's Signature in full, or Mark.

Witness.....*Arthur Gilmer Smith*.....
Assistant Paymaster

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