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CONTINUOUS
CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

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MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1894

Section 128.—(1.) The master shall sign and give to a seaman discharged from his ship, either on his discharge or on payment of his wages, a certificate of his discharge in a form approved by the Board of Trade, specifying the period of his service and the time and place of his discharge, and if the master fails so to do he shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

(2.) The master shall also, upon the discharge of every certificated officer whose certificate of competency has been delivered to and retained by him, return the certificate to the officer, and, if without reasonable cause he fails so to do he shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

Section 129.—(1.) Where a seaman is discharged before a superintendent, the master shall make and sign in a form approved



by the Board of Trade, a report of the conduct, character and qualifications of the seaman discharged, or may state in the said form that he declines to give any opinion upon such particulars, or upon

any of them, and the superintendent before whom the discharge is made shall, if the seaman desires, give to him or endorse on his certificate of discharge a copy of such report (in this Act referred to as the report of character).

(2.) The superintendent shall transmit the reports to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen, or to such other person as the Board of Trade may direct, to be recorded.

130.—If any person—

(a) makes a false report of character under this Act, knowing the same to be false; or

(b) forges or fraudulently alters any certificate of discharge or report of character or copy of a report of character; or

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(c) assists in committing, or procures to be committed, any of such offences as aforesaid; or

(d) fraudulently uses any certificate of discharge or report of character or copy of a report of character which is forged or altered or does not belong to him,

he shall in respect of each offence be guilty of a misdemeanor.

NOTICE TO SEAMEN.

(1.) Seamen are informed that this continuous certificate should be produced and handed to the Superintendent or Consul when signing Articles of Agreement, so that the engagement column may be filled in and the certificate given into the safe keeping of the Master.

(2.) Should the Seaman desert or fail to join, his book will be deposited with the Superintendent or Consul at the port where he left the ship, who will retain it for a fortnight from the date of the vessel leaving, at the end of which time it will be forwarded to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen, London. Upon the

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columns that the voyage was not completed; but if the seaman has wilfully, or through misconduct, failed to join his ship, the Board of Trade may, 65 (2) of the Shipping withhold the such period

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think fit, and may refuse to furnish copies of his certificates of discharge or certified extracts of any particulars of service and character.

(3.) A seaman losing his book otherwise than by wreck will not obtain a new one until his next discharge, and a fee will be chargeable; but he can obtain at once, by applying on form Dis. O3 to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen, and forwarding the office fee, an extract from the Agreements and Official Log Books of the vessels on which he served, showing service and character.

(4.) For instructions as to National Health Insurance, see page 25.

NOTE.—Should this Certificate come into the possession of any person to whom it does not belong, it should be handed to the Superintendent of the nearest Mercantile Marine Office, or be transmitted to the Registrar-General of Shipping and Seamen, Tower Hill, London, E. 1, postage unpaid.

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ISSUED BY
THE BOARD OF TRADE.

CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY AS
LIFE BOATMAN, NO. 1153, ISSUED
AT BOMBAY.

Date 18.10.1925 Supervisor
Capt. R. I. M.
Port Officer of Bombay.

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of the MASTER'S

Name of Seaman, in full.		Year of Birth.	
Eric William Middleton		1904	
Height.		Colour of	
Feet.	Inches.	(1) Eyes.	(2) Hair.
5	9 1/2	(1) Blue	(2) Fair
		Complexion.	
		Fresh	

Signature of

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No. 1106550

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Issue
Charge 2/6
22 JUL 1924
VICTORIA
DOCK 8 E.

FICATE OF DISCHARGE,

desired by the Seaman
REPORT OF CHARACTER.

Place of Birth and Nationality.	Officer's Certificate, if any.	
	Grade.	Number.
London	2nd Date SS. 00175.13.	1st Date SS. 23311
Tattoo or other distinguishing Marks.		

Seaman Eric W. Middleton

5 **CERTIFICATE**
Of Certified Extract from List
and copy of Report of Character

OF DISCHARGE 6
of Crew and Official Log Book.
If desired by the Seaman.

No.	*Name of Ship and Official number, and tonnage†	Date and place of		*Rating	Description of voyage	Report of Character		Signature of (1) Master; and of (2) officer and official stamp
		Engagement*	Discharge			For ability	For general conduct	
1	S.S. "BALRANALD" GREENOCK O/N. 145597. N.H.P. 2700. NETT TONS 7925.	12-3-24.	19. 7. 24. LDN. (Vict. Docks.)	4 th Officer	Australia	VERY 178 GOOD	VERY 178 GOOD	(1) EXTRACT FROM AGREEMENT. B. J. Olson (2) 2 JUL 1924 VICTORIA DOCK
2	S.S. "BALRANALD" GREENOCK O/N. 145597. N.H.P. 2700. NETT TONS 7925.	20 AUG 1924 VICTORIA DOCK, E.	9 DEC 1924 VICTORIA DOCK	4 th Offi	Australia	VERY B 48 GOOD	VERY B 48 GOOD	(1) B. J. Olson (2) 31 DEC 1924 VICTORIA DOCK
3	S.S. "BALRANALD" GREENOCK O/N. 145597. N.H.P. 2700. NETT TONS 7925.	29 JAN 1925 VICTORIA DOCK, E.	16 JUN 1925 VICTORIA DOCK	4 th Offi	Australia	VERY B 48 GOOD	VERY B 48 GOOD	(1) B. J. Olson (2) 05 JUN 1925 VICTORIA DOCK
4	S.S. "RANCHI" 148130 Newcastle 9316 Tons N.H.P. 2403	5 AUG 1925 TILBURY.	7 SEP 1925 TILBURY.	4 th mate	Cruising	VERY B 17 GOOD	VERY B 17 GOOD	(1) Cecil Brooks. (2) 7 SEP 1925 TILBURY
5	S.S. "BENALLA" 135322 GREENOCK 8088 TONS—2500 N.H.P.	6 FEB. 1926 LONDON.	3 MAR. 1926	3 rd mate.	Cruising	V. G. V. G.	V. G. V. G.	(1) E. Shorrock (2)
6	S.S. "KARMALA" 135,590. LIVERPOOL, 5687 TONS. 2500 H.P.	6.4.26 Tilbury	27.4.26 Inningham	3 rd mate	China & Japan	V. G. V.	V. G. V.	(1) B. J. Olson (2) 7 APR 1926 IMMINGHAM

*These columns are to be filled in at time of engagement.

†In Engineers' Books insert Horse Power.

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7 **CERTIFICATE**
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of Crew and Official Log Book.
If desired by the Seaman.

No.	*Name of Ship and Official number, and tonnage †	Date and place of		*Rating	Description of voyage	Report of Character		Signature of (1) Master; and of (2) officer and official stamp
		Engagement*	Discharge			For ability	For general conduct	
7	S.S. "RANCHI" 148130 Newcastle 9316 Tons N.H.P. 2403	28-4-26	12-7-26 LONDON, TILBURY.	3rd Mate.	Foreign Cruising	VERY B 17 GOOD	VERY B 17 GOOD	(1) <i>Cecil Proobes.</i> (2) <i>[Signature]</i> 2 JUL 1926 TILBURY
8	S.S. "RANCHI" 148130 Newcastle 9316 Tons N.H.P. 2403	12-7-26	29-9-26 TILBURY, LONDON.	3rd Mate.	Foreign Cruising	VERY B 25 GOOD	VERY B 25 GOOD	(1) <i>Cecil Proobes.</i> (2) <i>[Signature]</i> 5 SEP 1926 TILBURY
9	S.S. "RANCHI" 148130 Newcastle 9316 Tons N.H.P. 2403	30/9/26	18 FEB 1927 TILBURY, LONDON.	3rd Mate	INDIAN MAIL	VERY B 48 GOOD	VERY B 48 GOOD	(1) <i>[Signature]</i> (2) <i>[Signature]</i> TILBURY
10	RAWALPINDI GREENOCK 147827 Gross 16618 Net 9416	14 MAY 1928 VICTORIA DOCK	24 AUG 1928 VICTORIA DOCK	3rd Mate.	China & Japan	VERY B 48 GOOD	VERY B 48 GOOD	(1) <i>C.M. Redhead.</i> (2) <i>[Signature]</i> AUG 1928 DOCK
11	RAWALPINDI GREENOCK 147827 Gross 16618 Net 9416	TILBURY. 25/8/28	TILBURY 9 NOV 1928	3rd Mate	INDIAN MAIL	VERY B 48 GOOD	VERY B 48 GOOD	(1) <i>C.M. Redhead.</i> (2) <i>[Signature]</i> 9 NOV 1928 DOCK
12	RAWALPINDI GREENOCK 147827 Gross 16618 Net 9416	10 NOV 1928	1 DEC 1928 TILBURY, BOMBAY.	3rd Mate	INDIAN MAIL	VERY B 48 GOOD	VERY B 48 GOOD	(1) <i>C.M. Redhead.</i> (2) <i>[Signature]</i> Shipping Master, Bombay.

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No.	*Name of Ship and Official number, and tonnage†	Date and place of		*Rating
		Engagement*	Discharge	
13	B.S. MALWA 127,548. GREENOCK. Tons 5935 N.H.P. 3,000.	22 DEC 1928 Bombay	11 JAN 1929 VICTORIA DOCK	Ref. 2nd mate
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of Crew and Official Log Book.
If desired by the Seaman.

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Description of voyage	Report of Character		Signature of (1) Master; and of (2) officer and official stamp
	For ability	For general conduct	
CHINA & JAPAN MAIL.	VERY B 48 GOOD	VERY B 48 GOOD	(1) <i>Gas. A. Donaldson</i> (2)
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NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE.

- (1). The name or identification number of your National Health Society and your Membership Number therein may be entered here:—

Name (or identification number) of Society }

Membership number

- (2). Let your National Health Society know your Discharge Book number.

- (3). When you receive a stamped card

(a) Enter the name of your National Health Society and your Membership Number on the front page of the card.

(b) See that the number of your Continuous Discharge Book and your name and home address are correctly entered on page 2 of the card.

(c) Send the card to your Society *without delay*.

HOME ADDRESS OF SEAMAN.
(To be entered by the Seaman.)

37, Derwentwater Rd.

Acton London W3

A carte-de-visite (head and shoulders) photograph must be affixed here whenever a photograph is required to be inserted in this Discharge Book. The length of the face must not be less than 1 inch.

The stamp of a Mercantile Marine Office must be impressed partly on the photograph and partly on this page.

The price of this book is 2s. 6d., but no charge will be made when the original has been lost through no fault of its owner, or for a continuation book when the original book has been filled.