

TRADE CERTIFICATE

SEAMAN BRANCH

Name William N. BISHINGRating (in full) Chief Petty Officer.

The above-named has been employed as a Seaman rating in the Royal Navy from 5th March 1954 to 15th June 1956 in the following categories:—

1½ years **Boy and Ordinary Seaman**

Training for the rating of Able Seaman

2 years **Able Seaman**

Experienced in all duties of a Seaman in the Royal Navy, including the handling of wire and hemp hawsers, boatwork and simple fire-fighting procedure.

2 years **Leading Seaman**

Capable of taking charge of junior ratings and organising working parties. Competent to take charge of a boat under power, sail and oars. Has a knowledge of the use of fire-fighting equipment in H.M. Ships. Has a thorough knowledge and practical experience in working with wire and hemp hawsers and of rigging found in H.M. Ships, including the use of sheers and derricks. Thorough knowledge of knots, splices, bends and hitches. Has been responsible for discipline and conduct in a Mess of junior ratings.

5½ years **Petty Officer**

Similar to Leading Seaman but with more experience of organisation and of taking charge of men, and of instructing junior ratings in the above subjects. Accustomed to being in a position of trust without supervision.

11 years **Chief Petty Officer**

Must have served at least 3 years as Petty Officer, with very good conduct for three years preceding date of advancement, and must have obtained a commendation from his Commanding Officer. Must be a man with a sense of trust and responsibility.

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He has completed 13 years' service in sea-going ships.He has taken the wheel of a ship of 100 gross tons or more for at least N.K. hours.†His character during service was † Very GoodHis general efficiency in carrying out his duties was SatisfactoryHis efficiency on discharge was assessed as † Satisfactory

SPECIAL REMARKS §

Has a long record of reliability & efficiency throughout his service career. A good power of organisation.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE CONSTITUTES A TRUE RECORD TO DATE.

H.M.S. DrakeDate 7th May 1956

[Signature]
Captain.

NOTES TO COMPILING OFFICERS.

† To be completed whenever possible.

‡ The regulations for assessing character and efficiency on discharge are contained in Q.R. & A.I., Appendix 11, Part 2.

§ Include power of Command, intelligence, initiative, energy, seaman-like qualities, and any qualification not otherwise recorded.

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