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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 28 July 2015 requesting the following information:

'Whether you could be so kind as to send a copy of the T164 agreement.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Firstly, I need to correct a mistake; the form referred to in the letter you received on 21 July 2015 is a 'T124' and not 'T164' as you refer to it in your e-mail request.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you have requested. As the details of your father's service with the RN could not be traced from the information provided, I have obtained copies of the following blank forms for T124 variants and a derivative that were in use during World War II. T124X agreement is thought most likely to be the one used by your father..

T124X – Agreement Between Admiralty and A Mercantile Marine Officer or Rating for Service in His Majesty's Auxiliary War Vessel.

T124T – Agreement Between Admiralty and A Mercantile Marine Officer or Rating for Service in His Majesty's Commissioned Rescue Tugs.

CSP IX – Agreement Between Admiralty and A Mercantile Marine Officer or Rating for Service in Admiralty Cable Ships.

Please note that the T124 itself was only used during World War I.

Under section 16 of the Act I can also provide further assistance with this by referring you to the Merchant Navy records of the former Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen which are now held at The National Archives including records of the merchant seamen who served on RN ships under the T124X and T124T agreements which are to be found under the reference BT 390 and can be searched online from this Internet page:

<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/details/r/C478>

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Yours sincerely

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