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ENLISTMENT of Peck, Willis Curtis.

on the 2nd day of December, 1915, as Apprentice Seaman.

I, Willis Curtis Peck.

desiring to enlist in the Navy of the United States, do declare that I am of the legal age to enlist, and believe myself physically qualified to perform the duties of the rating in which I may be enlisted; that I am of good habits and character in all respects; that I have never deserted from the United States Navy, Army, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service; that I have never been discharged from the United States service or any other service on account of disability through sentence of either civil or military court; and that I have never been discharged from any service, civil or military, except with good character and for the reasons given by me to the recruiting officer prior to enlistment.

My trade is Stater; Citizenship, U. S.; Place of birth Brockford, Vt.

Date of birth, Sept 24 1892; Home address, 21 Chestnut St Batavia N.Y.

Name and address of beneficiary or next of kin, (Father) Edwin W. Peck, 21 Chestnut St Batavia N.Y.

at the U. S. S. with discharge as of the United States Navy, in manner

I agree to and with Lieut. Comdr. J. Martin, Retired, of the United States Navy, in manner following, that is to say:

In the First Place, I agree for the considerations hereinafter mentioned to enter the service of the Navy of the United States, and in due and seasonable time to repair on board such vessel of the Navy or to such station as I may be ordered to join, and to the utmost of my power and ability discharge my several services or duties, and be in every way conformable and obedient to the several requirements and lawful commands of the officers who may from time to time be placed over me.

Secondly, I oblige and subject myself to serve four years from December 2nd, 1915, unless sooner discharged by proper authority, and on the conditions provided by the act of Congress "to amend Section 1422 of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the better government of the Navy," approved March 3, 1875, in the following words, to wit:

SEC. 1422. That it shall be the duty of the commanding officer of any fleet, squadron, or vessel acting singly, when on service, to send to an Atlantic or to a Pacific port of the United States any person who may have occurred on either the Atlantic or Pacific coast of the United States, in some public or other vessel, all petty officers and persons of inferior ratings desiring to go there at the expiration of their terms of enlistment, or as soon thereafter as may be, unless, in his opinion, the detention of such persons for a longer period should be essential to the public interests, in which case they may be detained until the vessel to which they belong shall return to such Atlantic or Pacific port. All persons enlisted without the limits of the United States may be discharged at any time, either in a foreign port or in a port of the United States, or they may be detained as above provided beyond the term of their enlistment; and that all persons so detained by a commanding officer, according to the provisions of this act, shall be subject in all respects to the laws and regulations for the government of the Navy until their return to an Atlantic or Pacific port and their regular discharge; and all persons so detained beyond their terms of enlistment, or who shall after the termination of their enlistment, voluntarily reenter to serve until their return to an Atlantic or Pacific port of the vessel to which they belong, and their regular discharge therefrom, shall receive for the time during which they are so detained, or shall so serve beyond their original terms of enlistment, an addition of one-fourth of their former pay: Provided, That the shipping articles shall hereafter contain the provisions of this section.

And I also oblige myself, during such service, to comply with, and be subject to, such laws, regulations, and discipline of the Navy as are or shall be established by the Congress of the United States or other competent authority. If discharged by sentence of General Court Martial, I agree to surrender uniform in exchange for civilian clothing.

Thirdly, The said Lieut. Comdr. J. Martin, Retired, for and in behalf of the United States hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Willis Curtis Peck, who has hereunto

his name, that he shall be paid, in consideration of such services, Seventeen \$17.00 dollars per month from the date of enlistment, or the wages due to the ratings which may, from time to time, be assigned to him during the continuance of his service aforesaid.

Willis Curtis Peck (Signature of recruit, in his own handwriting, surname to the right)

I CERTIFY to the foregoing signature; that I have inspected the above-named recruit; that he is not intoxicated; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is of lawful age, or, being under eighteen years of age, has lawful consent; and that, in accepting him, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the Recruiting Service.

J. Martin, LIEUT. COMDR. U.S.N., RET., U. S. N., Recruiting Station

Age, 23 years 2 months; Height, 5 feet 7 inches; Weight, 128 lbs.; Eyes, Pale Blue

Hair, Light brown; Complexion, Ruddy; Personal characteristics, marks, etc., Mole R.A. 1/2 "Scar Right brow, and on nasal, on riding little toe

I CERTIFY that I have carefully examined, agreeably to the Regulations of the Navy, the above-named recruit, and find that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and marks which would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of his ratings, and that he has stated to me that he has no disease concealed or likely to be inherited.

J.M. Quinn, Examining Surgeon

I, Willis Curtis Peck, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies present and future, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles for the government of the Navy.

Willis Curtis Peck (Signature of recruit, in his own handwriting, surname to the right)

and that I do further swear (or affirm) that all statements made by me as now given in this record are correct. 2nd day of December, A. D. 1915, and at

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
perfected.

*M. A. M. A. M.*

LIEUT. COMDR., U. S.

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\*CITIZENSHIP.—Native born, use initials U. S. Naturalized, N. U. S. Alien intentions declared, A. D. I. Alien intentions not declared (resident of U. S.), A. U. S. Alien intention (nonresident), A.