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Your reference

Our reference
CS (RM) 2a/1069/93/CBM

Date 7 June 1993

Dear Mr Stone

RE: W P STONE

Thank you for completing our questionnaire pertaining to your above named father's service in the Royal Navy.

We are pleased to inform you that we have successfully traced his Royal Navy record of service and disclose this to you below:

FULL NAME: William Percy STONE

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 30 January 1888 Plymouth, Devon
(ACCORDING TO NAVAL RECORDS)

OCCUPATION PRIOR TO ENTRY: Horse Driver

OFFICIAL SERVICE NUMBER: DEVONPORT SS103547 (29 Jul 06 - 09 Aug 11)
DEVONPORT K12021 (10 Aug 11 - 28 Jul 28)
DEVONPORT KX81021 (19 Jun 31 - 13 Aug 45)

DATE & PERIOD OF ENGAGEMENTS:

29 July 1906 - for 12 years continuous service
29 July 1918 - to serve for 22 years to qualify for a naval pension
19 June 1931 - Re-entered for non continuous service

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:	<u>ON ENTRY</u>	<u>ON RE-ENTRY (19 JUN 31)</u>
Height:	5ft 4ins	5ft 5 1/2ins
Chest:	35ins	36 1/2ins
Hair:	Brown	Brown
Eyes:	Brown	Brown
Complexion:	Fresh	Fresh
Wounds/Scars:	1. Scar on right shoulder	1. As on entry 2. Scar right inguinal hernia 3. Operation scar on left shoulder 4. Scar left side of face

SHIPS/SHORE ESTABLISHMENTS SERVED ON:

HMS VIVID	Royal Naval Barracks, Devonport	29 Jul 06 - 12 Jan 07
HMS DUKE OF EDINBURGH	Cruiser	13 Jan 07 - 21 Jun 07
HMS ESSEX	Cruiser	22 Jun 07 - 11 Jul 07
HMS DUKE OF EDINBURGH		12 Jul 07 - 09 Mar 08
HMS VIVID		10 Mar 08 - 29 Mar 08
HMS LEVIATHAN	Cruiser	30 Mar 08 - 15 May 11
HMS VIVID		16 May 11 - 01 Jan 12
HMS MAJESTIC	Battleship	02 Jan 12 - 25 Feb 13
HMS VIVID		26 Feb 13 - 10 Mar 13
HMS DUBLIN	Cruiser	11 Mar 13 - 05 Feb 16
HMS VIVID		06 Feb 16 - 11 Jul 16
HMS TIGER	Battlecruiser	12 Jul 16 - 15 Apr 17
HMS VIVID		16 Apr 17 - 13 Feb 18
HMS CHRYSANTHEMUM	Fleet Sweeping Sloop	14 Feb 18 - 01 Aug 19
HMS VIVID		02 Aug 19 - 22 May 21
HMS HOOD	Battlecruiser	23 May 21 - 14 May 23
HMS VIVID		15 May 23 - 05 Jun 24
HMS VOYAGER	Destroyer	06 Jun 24 - 17 Jan 27
HMS VIVID		18 Jan 27 - 19 Apr 27
HMS IMPREGNABLE	Boys Training Establishment, Devonport	20 Apr 27 - 10 May 28
HMS VIVID		11 May 28 - 28 Jul 28

On 28 July 1928 your father was discharged from the Royal Navy upon completion of his 22 years pensionable service. He entered the Royal Fleet Reserve (RFR) on 29 July 1929, under the service number DEVONPORT A/8706. Members of the RFR maintained their civilian occupations whilst undertaking regular periods of training. On 19 June 1931, your father re-entered the Royal Navy to serve for non continuous service. The Ships/Shore Establishments on which he served during this period are listed below:

HMS COMUS	Cruiser	17 Jun 31 - 30 Nov 33
HMS CALEDON	Cruiser	01 Dec 33 - 03 Nov 36
HMS COLOMBO	Auxiliary Vessels Depot Ship, Plymouth	04 Nov 36 - 12 May 38
HMS HERMES	Aircraft Carrier	13 May 38 - 18 Jul 38
HMS CALYPSO	Cruiser	19 Jul 38 - 12 Jun 40
HMS NILE	Base Depot Ship, Alexandria	13 Jun 40 - 13 Aug 40
HMS DRAKE	Royal Naval Barracks, Devonport	14 Aug 40 - 01 Sep 41
HMS DEFIANCE	Torpedo School, Plymouth	02 Sep 41 - 13 Nov 41
HMS DRAKE		14 Nov 41 - 24 Oct 44
HMS SCOTIA	Wireless/Telegraphy Training Establishment, Ayr	25 Oct 44 - 13 Aug 45

Your father was discharged from the Royal Navy on 13 August 1945 on the cease of hostilities in the Second World War.

ADDRESS ON DISCHARGE: 47 Neswick Street
Plymouth

RATINGS HELD:	Stoker 2nd Class	29 Jul 06 - 15 May 07
	Stoker 1st Class	16 May 07 - 02 Dec 14
	Acting Leading Stoker	03 Dec 14 - 15 Dec 15
	Leading Stoker	16 Dec 15 - 07 Mar 17
	Acting Stoker Petty Officer	08 May 17 - 31 Mar 19
	Stoker Petty Officer	01 Apr 19 - 28 Jul 28
	Stoker 1st Class	19 Jun 31 - 03 May 38
	Stoker Petty Officer	04 May 38 - 13 Aug 45

CHARACTER: Very Good Throughout

During his naval service, he was awarded three Good Conduct Badges and a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. These were issued to him on the following dates:

1st Received	28 July 1909
2nd Received	27 July 1914
3rd Received	26 July 1919

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal 11 August 1921

Medal entitlement for his service during the Great War may be obtained by the next of kin from the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Surrey TW9 4DW by quoting Medal Roll reference number ADM171/116. The PRO is open to members of the public who wish to carry out their own research, although you may choose to employ the services of a professional researcher. Names of these are available from the Search Department at Kew.

We understand that our medal section at HMS Centurion, Gosport, has already furnished you with details of the campaign medals your father was awarded for his service during the Second World War.

We hope that you have found the aforementioned information of interest.

Yours sincerely

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C B METCALFE
for Departmental Record Officer

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