

JOHN WATERS

Information from records of MARS Training Ship

No. 129/4592.

Date of Admission 26 July 1907. On entry to MARS, age 11 1/2, born 26 July 1895.

When, where and by whom ordered to be detained:

Dundee 19 February 1907. Sheriff Ogilvie.

With what charged:

Keeping Co (Company) of Rep Thieve (Reputed Thieves).

NOTE: On 1 August 2008 John Waters told me the family story was that John (his Grandfather) had been standing on a desk and was being scolded by the Bishop of the Parish school. The Bishop made John stand on a desk for his punishment and was waving a ruler and tapping John on the nose with the ruler and John then kicked the Bishop in the stomach.

That was why John was sent to the MARS Training Ship moored in River Tay.

Under what Section of Act:

14.

Sentence of Detention:

Age of sixteen.

Previous Character:

Fair.

State of "Illegitimate":

No.

Religious Persuasion:

R.C.

Health record:

December 31 1907: Height 4' 6"; Weight: 4 stone 12 pounds; Trade — Class.

December 31 1908: Height 4' 7" ; Weight: 5 stone 6 pounds; Trade — Class.

December 31 1909: Height 4' 11"; Weight: 6 stone 3 pounds; Trade — Boat.

December 31 1910: Height 5' 00"; Weight: 6 stone 11 pounds; Trade — Class.

Educational Report:

Entry: Standard 1; Conduct and abilities: Very Fair.

Dec. 1907: Standard 2; Conduct and abilities: Very Fair. Dec.

1908: Standard 3; Conduct and abilities: Fair 50/60. Dec.

1909: Standard 4; Conduct and abilities: Fair 52/60. Dec.

1910: Standard 5; Conduct and abilities: Fair 57/63.

Particulars of Discharge:

Address and nature of employment:

S.S. HINARI - Cardiff to St. Vincent. Deck Boy.

c/o Mrs. Simpson, 28 Arbroath Road, Dundee.

19 August (1911?)

Visited here and found the lad had returned to Dundee.

Employed by Fleming and Barry. Wood merchants. 9/- a week

Subsequent yearly Report:

1912, 1 June. 28 Arbroath Road, Dundee.

Employed in Dundee Cattle Market.

Behaviour Good.

1912, 17 September. Same address.

Millworker, Craigie Works.

1912, 26 November.

Wrote from Methil for assistance which was given.

1913, 22 November.

Driver J. Waters, 21 Company Army Service Corps.

New Granby Barracks, Devonport.

1914, 30 October, Driver J. Waters No. 32.260.

21<sup>st</sup> Company, Army Service Corps, 8th Infantry Brigade,  
British Expeditionary Force Headquarters.