



Local Tribunals

The Tribunal for the rural area held its sitting at the Town Hall, yesterday. Mr. W. R. Teacher presided and there were also present, Messrs. Lee, F. W. Pinging, H. P. Jeffery, E. W. Ships, and H. M. Godwin, Captain Morley and Mr. Jackson Lowe represented the military authorities.

Henry Bodman, Dugdale Farm, Compton Bassett, applied for the exemption of Harry Wilkins, cowman and milker. The farm was 360 acres, with 46 milking cows, and if this man went he must reduce his herd. He had only three other men, over 60 years of age. Exemption refused.

William Pitman, Catcomb Farm, Hilmarton, applied for Walter Rouse, the only man to take charge of the horses and go with the plough. Allowed one month, which carried two months grace. Mr. Pitman also applied for his son Archibald (10), who had charge of the sheep and did general work. Mr. Lane. A shepherd is a starred occupation, but an old man can be got. Appeal Allowed.

A.J. Goodenough, Compton Bassett, appealed for Jesse Gleed (19) agricultural wheelwright. He had four months work on order. Refused.

T. Tarry, of Cherhill, applied for Christopher Dolman, hay trusser, employed entirely in work for the Government. One month allowed, to apply for certificate as to be Government employ.

James Rumming (28), is the employee of Henry Dolman, Compton Bassett, farm labourer, who was allowed a fortnight by the military authorities to complete the rabbit season applied for exemption. He had three brothers in the Army and was the sole support for his parents. One month.

Frank Stevens (26), single, of Hilmarton, farmer, blacksmith and coal merchant, occupies 38 acres, 30 head of cattle, stated by Mr. Godwin to be of great service to the village. Three months, when he can appeal again.

G. A. Wiltshire of Studley, applied for his son, William Jabes, on the ground of ill health. No medical certificate, his doctor at Trowbridge having joined the Service. Combatant service was also against his son's religious conviction. His illness was not so much his body than his mind. Exempted from

combatant service.

Edward C. Long, of Glebe Farm, Bremhill, applied for Joseph Slade, miller, under carter, and ploughman. As Slade will not be called on till June, when he reaches the age of 19, exemption was refused.

Martin and John Bodman, Quemerford, farmers, applied for Tom Hillier (32) single of North Street, Calne, who works his sister's small holding and the remainder of his time the applicants cattle and harvest. Refused.

Herbert Hillier (26) married, employed by Mr. Shipp, Foxham, cowman, was refused. It was stated that the employer would appeal. Mr. Shipp retired during the hearing.

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Further information on WWI Military Service Exemption Tribunals may be found on the parish pages.