

BEFORE THIS FORM IS HANDED TO AN APPLICANT THE ADDRESS OF THE APPROPRIATE DIVISIONAL OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE AND THE DATE OF THE LAST DAY OF THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD MUST BE INSERTED IN DIRECTION (2) BELOW

For Official use.

NATIONAL SERVICE (ARMED FORCES) ACT, 1939

APPLICATION TO LOCAL TRIBUNAL BY A PERSON PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED IN THE REGISTER OF CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

Date of receipt of form. **11 May 1940**

(If the form is received at a Local Office the date of receipt should be entered and the form sent immediately to the Divisional Office.)

Case No. **W. 4057**

Cause List:—

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Directions to Applicant:—

- (1) The particulars asked for below must be given by the applicant.
- (2) When completed, the application must be forwarded to the Divisional Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service at **Sidney Sussex College, Sidney Street, Cambridge.**

The latest day for receipt of the application at the Divisional Office is **11/5/40.** (date).

(1) Name in full **BALLANTYNE, David Stamford.**
(Surname first in BLOCK CAPITALS)

(2) Address in full **33, Ninian Street, Treherbert, Rhondda.**
38, Doddington Road, Kellingborough, Northants.

Any statement you wish to submit in support of your application should be made below:—

I claim an award of unconditional exemption under the above act. Since November 1935 I have been a signatory to Dick Sheppard's Peace Pledge. "I renounce war and refuse to support or sanction another". I am prepared to stand by this pledge at whatever cost to myself, as a witness to my belief in the essential unity of mankind.

I am a moral being wherefore I submit my life to the law of personal morality, behind which is the sanction of conscience, and renounce collective authority behind which is the sanction of armed force. I reserve the right to oppose the collective morality of the state which assumes that it may be necessary to do evil for the ultimate achievement of a good purpose. My moral sense requires that my own actions shall correspond with the ultimate purpose towards which they are directed. If this is moral they must be moral also. By morality I understand the fulfilment of two essential requirements - the first, individual responsibility, and the second - respect for the value of human personality. War is a denial of these two values, since the former is the response to an inner not external command, and the latter, the basis of society, cherishes life, not takes it. In spite of my sympathy with all those who are victims of aggression and kindred afflictions, I am not prepared to countenance the use of any measures in which these values are not implicit.

I believe in God as the loving Father of all men, wherefore I cannot deny him by killing His children in order to bring nearer His Kingdom on Earth where men shall live together in the knowledge of their common Sonship.

I am a Christian, wherefore I am bound to hope and work for a world order based on Justice and freedom for all, but only where these values are the fruits of Love, not retribution. I can take up no arms but those of the spirit to establish these conditions. In order to do this, Christ demands of me a more hearty allegiance to a way of life.

I desire nevertheless to be of service to my community wherever the opportunity presents itself. I am a teacher of Art and believe I can do most good by continuing in that work where I may help in developing the finer sensibilities of future citizens. I am not prepared to do any work which would assist ~~the~~ the function of the war machine.

The latest day for receipt of the application at the Divisional Office is.....
(date).....

Any statement you wish to submit in support of your application should be made below:—

38. *Chittagong*

(2) Address in full.....
28, Chittagong, Chittagong

(1) Name in full.....
Suriname first in Block Capitals

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Strike out any
of the items (a),
(b), (c), which
does not apply

- and apply to the Local Tribunal to be registered accordingly.

Signature.....

Date.....Friday, 1987

NATIONAL SERVICE (ARMED FORCES) ACTS

NOTICE OF APPEAL AGAINST DECISION OF A LOCAL TRIBUNAL

Local Tribunal South Wales Case No. W.4052 Date of decision 5.9.40.

I Applicant's name BALLANTYNE, David Stamford.
Address "Sunnycroft", Reunds, Wellingborough, Northants.
38 Boddington Rd.
Note.—Section II of this form of appeal must be completed by the applicant and forwarded so as to reach the Divisional Office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service at Dominions House, Queen Street, Cardiff.
not later than 26th September, 1940.

II In accordance with Section 5 (4) of the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939, I hereby give notice of appeal to the Appellate Tribunal against the decision of the Local Tribunal that—

* Before issue complete (a), if appropriate, delete items which do not apply.

- * (a) ~~I should be conditionally registered in the Register of Conscientious Objectors until the end of the present emergency, the condition being that I—~~
- * (b) I should be registered as a person liable to be called up for service, but to be employed only in non-combatant duties. R.A.M.C. recommended.
- * (c) ~~my name should, without qualification, be removed from the Register of Conscientious Objectors.~~

on the following grounds :—

GROUND OF APPEAL.

The Tribunal misinterpreted my attitude to non-combatant service. They also failed to understand the nature of my conscientious objection. To this misunderstanding my admission about the R.A.M.C. was due. In my view there is no moral distinction between combatant and non-combatant service, so I cannot assist others in performing duties which I refuse to undertake. To take any part in the military machine would be a violation of the principles of war-resistance which are implicit in the Dick Sheppard Pledge as I understand it, and therefore a violation of my conscience.

Signature of Applicant David S. Ballantyne. Date 25.9.40.

III Date of receipt of completed form at D.O. 28th September, 1940.

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(5952-4888) Wt. 19386-4310 15,000 7/40 T.S. 677

Name of Applicant :—

BALLANTYNE, David Stamford.

Occupation :—

Teacher.

S.R.O. 30.

Case No.

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SECTION III

Report of proceedings of

CARDIFF.

Local Tribunal held on

5.9.40.

(date)

Constitution of Tribunal.

The applicant

*attended.

*did not attend.

His Honour Judge Frank Davies,

Name.

Representatives of the Parties :

Representing

J.H.Williams, Esq., J.P.

James Evans, Esq.,

Oliver Harris, Esq.,

Jonah Arnold, Esq., J.P.

Name.

Witnesses :

Description.

Further evidence obtained at the hearing

DAVID STAMFORD BALLANTYNE.

My school since May 1939 has been evacuated to Treherbert and I am there now. It is secondary school under private governors.

I am not willing to join R.A.M.C. I have no objection to work. My objection to military authority is because I want to be consistent. I have been doing work for refugees.

I have a conscientious objection to war.

Letters March 3 1940 and 4.9.40.

I agree it is not conscience which makes me refuse to join

R.A.M.C. It is question of principle.