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F.B. Gen. 176/1.

1st June, 1940.

Sir,

DEFERMENT OF CALLING-UP FOR MILITARY SERVICE OF AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL: 28 and 29 AGE-GROUPS.

F.B. Circular 66/1940.

1. With reference to the concluding sentence of paragraph 1 (2) of F.B. Circular No. 14/1940, I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to state that it has now been decided that the arrangements for deferment of calling-up of whole-time Auxiliary Fire Service personnel shall be extended to apply to men in the 28 and 29 age groups; but in the existing circumstances it is more than ever necessary to emphasize that fire authorities must make every endeavour to recruit older men to replace those liable for military service.

2. In view of the above decision I am to request that information may now be furnished concerning the whole-time personnel of the 28 and 29 age-groups in respect of whom deferment of calling-up is deemed to be necessary. These groups comprise men born in the years 1911 and 1910 respectively.

3. The accompanying Form F.B./M.S.8 should be completed as early as possible by fire authorities who propose to apply for deferment in respect of any of their personnel in these age groups. The completed form must reach this Department (Room 513) not later than the 8th June, the envelope being marked "Military Service." "Nil" returns are not required.

4. The general considerations outlined in F.B. Circular No.17/1940 apply equally of course in the case of men in the 28 and 29 age-groups, and particular attention is drawn to paragraphs 3,6,8, and 9 of that Circular.

5. The date by which the applications on Forms N.S.88(1) and the certificate on the appropriate half of the form enclosed, i.e:- F.B./M.S.9 in respect of the 28 age-group and F.B./M.S.10 in respect of the 29 age-group, must be received in this Department will be notified to you in due course.

6. Fire Authorities are reminded that no action as regards deferment of calling-up is necessary in the cases of men who are registered in the occupations specified in F.B. Circular No. 15/1940, i.e.:- heavy lorry drivers and motor mechanics.

The Clerk of the London County Council,
The Town Clerk,
The Clerk to the Council.

7. In any correspondence on the subject dealt with in this Circular the age-group in question should be clearly stated.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F N Lunell

Issued to:-

All Fire Authorities in
England and Wales.

Copies sent for information to:-
Chief Officers of Fire Brigades
Chief Constables in England and Wales.

F.B./M.S.9.

Certificate to be rendered to the Under Secretary of State, Home Office, Fire Brigades Division, when submitting (on Forms N.S.88 (1)) applications for the deferment of calling up for Military Service of whole-time members of the Auxiliary Fire Service.

28 AGE-GROUP (i.e: - Men born in the year 1911).

I certify that the .....* whole-time members of the Auxiliary Fire Service for whom deferment of military service is desired, and in respect of whom the accompanying forms N.S.88 (1) are submitted, cannot be released immediately for military service without serious detriment to the efficiency of the emergency fire brigade organisation and that efforts made to replace them have proved unsuccessful.

Signed .....Clerk to the Council.

(Date) ..... 1940.

* Insert number. If the number differs from the total shown in Col. 7 of Form F.B./M.S.8 already rendered in respect of this age group, an explanation of the variation should be given.

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F.B./M.S.10.

Certificate to be rendered to the Under Secretary of State, Home Office, Fire Brigades Division, when submitting (on Forms N.S.88(1)) applications for the deferment of calling up for Military Service of whole-time members of the Auxiliary Fire Service.

29 AGE-GROUP (i.e. - Men born in the year 1910).

I certify that the .....* whole-time members of the Auxiliary Fire Service for whom deferment of military service is desired, and in respect of whom the accompanying forms N.S.88(1) are submitted, cannot be released immediately for military service without serious detriment to the efficiency of the emergency fire brigade organisation and that efforts made to replace them have proved unsuccessful.

Signed .....Clerk to the Council.

Date ..... 1940.

* Insert number. If the number differs from the total shown in Col. 9 of Form F.B./M.S.8 already rendered in respect of this age group, an explanation of the variation should be given.

Form F.B./M.S.2

28 and 29 AGE-GROUPS

Deferment of Military Service of Personnel

of the Auxiliary Fire Service.

Name of Fire Authority .....

A. Whole-time Auxiliary Fire Service personnel (excluding youths and females).

	Approved War Establishment. ø	Present Whole-time Strength			Number of Whole-time Men				
		Total	Increase or Decrease since 31st Dec. 1939.		Age under 28	Age-Group 28 *		Age-Group 29 *	
			+	-		Deferment		Deferment	
						Desired	Not Desired	Desired	Not Desired
1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10.
(a) Officers. Commandant									
Divisional Officer									
Section Officer									
Patrol Officer									
Leading Fireman									
(b) Auxiliary Firemen Drivers.									
[illegible]chers									
(c) Other Whole-time men (Specify duties)									
TOTAL									

NOTES:- ø If separate establishments have not been fixed for officers, aggregate figures should be given in column 2.

* These age-groups comprise men born in 1911 and 1910 respectively.

OVER.

B. Estimated number of part-time members of the Auxiliary Fire Service whose services will be lost as a result of the calling-up of the 28 and 29 age-groups _____

C. Grounds of application for deferment of calling-up of men shown in columns 7 and 9 overleaf.
(In the case of any personnel in category (c) specific particulars should be given of the duties for which such men are required).

Signed .....Clerk to the Council.

Date .....