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Any communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to :—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
HOME OFFICE, (FIRE BRIGADES DIVISION),
CLELAND HOUSE,
PAGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

and the following number quoted :—

F.B.Gen.176/1.

HOME OFFICE,
CLELAND HOUSE,
PAGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.

22nd June, 1940.

VERY URGENT.

Sir,

LIABILITY OF PART-TIME AUXILIARY FIREMEN FOR MILITARY SERVICE.
F.B.Circular 83/1940.

I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to say that it has been decided, in consultation with the Minister of Labour and National Service, that in districts where it appears that in the immediate future the operation of the local emergency fire precautions scheme may be seriously affected by the calling up for military duty of trained part-time auxiliary firemen, a deferment of military service until the 1st October, 1940, may be secured for trained part-time auxiliary firemen who (a) were 25 years of age and over on 31st December, 1939, (b) have not received a calling up notice, (c) have completed a minimum period of three months' service, and (d) undertake to perform each week a minimum of 12 hours duty at the Fire Station or Auxiliary Fire Station to which they are attached, or as the Chief Officer may direct and otherwise to come up for service with the Brigade as may be required.

Councils who wish to secure deferment in the calling up of part-time auxiliary firemen in pursuance of these arrangements should send the attached form, completed to show the required particulars, to Room 513, Home Office (Fire Brigades Division), Cleland House, Page Street, London, S.W.1., as soon as possible and in no case later than 28th June, 1940.

Clerks to Councils for the districts in which the Minister sanctions the operation of these arrangements will in due course receive forms which will enable them to secure deferment until the 1st October next in the calling up of part-time auxiliary firemen up to a number approved by the Minister. When these forms have been received they should be completed and forwarded to the local office of the Ministry of Labour, in accordance with the instructions which will be issued with them.

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

I am, in particular, to emphasize that it is a condition of these arrangements that part-time auxiliary firemen whose military service is deferred in this way must undertake to perform each week a minimum period of 12 hours duty at the Fire Station or Auxiliary Fire Station to which they are attached, or as the Chief Officer may direct. In the event of any part-time auxiliary fireman not fulfilling this obligation, the local office of the Ministry of Labour should be requested to cancel the deferment.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. L. Wilson

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To The Under-Secretary of State,
Home Office (Fire Brigades Division),
Room 513,
Cleland House,
Page Street,
London, S.W.1.

From the

_____ Council.

Date _____ 1940.

APPLICATION FOR THE TEMPORARY DEFERMENT OF MILITARY SERVICE OF PART-TIME AUXILIARY FIREMEN.

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Ultimate allocation of Emergency Fire Brigade Pump Equipment) Heavy_____ Large_____ Light_____

Whole-time Auxiliary Firemen: Approved Establishment_____
Number enrolled: (a) Trained _____
(b) Untrained or Partly-trained _____

Part-Time Auxiliary Firemen: Estimated number required_____
Number enrolled: (a) Trained _____
(b) Untrained _____

Number for which temporary deferment of military service is sought_____ *

(Signed) _____
Clerk to the Fire Authority.

* This number should include all part-time auxiliary firemen not already reserved by virtue of their occupation, who

(a) were between the ages of twenty-five and fifty on 31st December 1939;

(b) have not yet received a calling-up notice;

(c) have completed a minimum period of three months' service, and

(d) undertake to perform each week a minimum period of 12 hours' duty at the Fire Station or Auxiliary Fire Station to which they are attached, or as the Chief Officer may direct,

and in respect of whom deferment of military service is sought.