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**Military Appeals Tribunals**

**Alexander Ramage Carrol, 1916**

**Military Service Appeal Tribunal Records  
(Lothians and Peebles)**

**Reference HH30/1/5/44**

Alexander Ramage Carrol, clerk to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, appealed against military service on grounds of conscientious objections. His appeal was declined, and he subsequently died in France on 9 October 1918, aged 26, while serving with 1st Scottish Company, Non Combatant Corps.

A selection of images of documents on the appeal file (reference HH30/1/5/55) follows.

Transcribed extracts from the case papers can be viewed at <http://www.nas.gov.uk/about/081103.asp>.

Images of the original documents can be consulted in the National Archives of Scotland search rooms (<http://www.nas.gov.uk>).

HH30/1/5/44(1-3)

N. 135

This form may be used by attested men and by men applying under the Military Service Act, 1916.

Name of Local Tribunal Leith

Number of Case \_\_\_\_\_

R.-43

### NOTICE OF APPEAL.

#### TO BE FILLED UP BY APPELLANT.

(The attached duplicate form must also be filled up and sent to the Local Tribunal with this form.)

1. Man in respect of whom appeal made.

- (a) Name (in full) Alexander Ranage Carrrol,
- (b) Address (in full) 213 Leith Walk, Leith.
- (c) Occupation, profession or business clerk + stenographer
- (d) Whether he is attested or not attested not attested

2. Grounds on which appeal made. (These should be fully stated.)

I appealed for absolute exemption on the ground of conscientious objection. I have always held strong conscientious objection to the taking of life. As my only means of proving that I honestly held these views before it became known there would be any concession given to those holding them I would refer you to the answer which I gave to the person who called upon me in connection with the Daily Recruiting Campaign in November last. I at that time stated I was on no account take up arms.

The following appeal although not made on my appeal form was submitted to the Local Tribunal and was considered. My only brother is sailing and I have no sisters but have both my father & mother. My father is over 71 years of age and is frequently unfit for work. At the present time he is confined to bed and if I were to go into the army there would be only 10/3 per week (being my brother's allowance) coming into the house. It would be absolutely impossible for my people to keep things going so long as my father is not working even if I also were to make an allowance of 10/3 and I suppose my allowance would be considerably less.

- 3. (a) Signature of appellant Alex. Carrrol.
- If appeal not made by the man —
- (b) Address of appellant —
- (c) Occupation, profession, or business. (If military representative, state so.) —
- (d) If appellant is not the military representative, why appellant acts for the man —

Date 14<sup>th</sup> March 1916.

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FOR LOCAL TRIBUNAL.

4. Reasons for the decision of the Local Tribunal. (To be signed and dated.)

Town Clerk's Office

Leith 18<sup>th</sup> March 1916

After hearing the Appellant, the Tribunal was of the opinion that the grounds on which the appeal was made were only sufficient to allow of exemption from combatant service only.

The Tribunal were further of opinion that no great financial hardship would ensue by the Appellant being called up.

*Macmillan*  
Clerk to the Tribunal

FOR APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

5. Decision. (To be signed and dated.)

Edinburgh 28<sup>th</sup> March 1916. Appeal  
Dismissed.

*Macmaster*  
Chairman

# MILITARY SERVICE ACT, 1916.

## APPLICATION AS TO EXEMPTION.

*(The attached duplicate must also be filled up by the Applicant.)*

**Any person making a false statement or false representation is liable to imprisonment.**

**1. Man in respect of whom application made:—**

(a) Name (in full) ... .. Alexander Ramage Carral

(b) Age ... .. 24

(c) Address (in full) ... .. 213 Leith Walk, Leith.

(d) Occupation, profession or business (Give full and exact details)

Clerk & Stenographer.

**2. If an employed person:—**

(a) Name of employer ... .. The Grand Lodge of Scotland (Freemasons)

(b) Address (in full) ... .. 96 George Street, Edinburgh.

(c) Business ... .. Headquarters of Scottish Freemasonry.

**3. Ground on which application is made. [See footnote. It will be sufficient if the letter (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) (whichever is appropriate), is entered.]**

(f)

**4. Nature of application. (A certificate of exemption may be absolute, conditional or temporary. Also, a certificate granted on conscientious grounds may be for exemption from combatant service only, or may be conditional on the applicant being engaged in some work which, in the opinion of the Tribunal, is of national importance.)**

Absolute exemption

**Application may be made:—**

- (a) On the ground that it is expedient in the national interests that the man should, instead of being employed in military service, be engaged in other work in which he is habitually engaged; or
- (b) On the ground that it is expedient in the national interests that the man should, instead of being employed in military service, be engaged in other work in which he wishes to be engaged; or
- (c) If he is being educated or trained for any work, on the ground that it is expedient in the national interests that, instead of being employed in military service, he should continue to be so educated or trained; or
- (d) On the ground that serious hardship would ensue, if the man were called up for Army service, owing to his exceptional financial or business obligations or domestic position; or
- (e) On the ground of ill-health or infirmity; or
- (f) On the ground of a conscientious objection to the undertaking of combatant service.

**Application may also be made for exemption:—**

- (g) On the ground that the principal and usual occupation of the man is one of those included in the list of occupations certified by Government Departments for exemption. The official list of the certified occupations may be consulted at the office of the Local Tribunal or of the recruiting officer.

An application may be made for the withdrawal or variation of any certificate of exemption by the holder of the certificate or by a military representative.

An appeal from the decision of the Local Tribunal lies to the Appeal Tribunal for the area.

[P.T.O.]

5. Reasons in support of the application. (These should be fully stated, and any documentary evidence in support of the application should be forwarded herewith.)

I have always held strong conscientious objection to the taking of life. As my only means of proving that I have honestly entertained these feelings prior to it becoming known that there would be any concession given to those entertaining them I would refer you to my answer to the person who called upon me in connection with the Derby Recruiting Campaign in November last. At that time I said I would on no account take up arms. My own opinion is that going into a non-combatant section of the Army or Navy does not get over the difficulty, and consequently I now appeal for total exemption.

6. (a) Signature of person by whom application made *Alfred Carroll.*
- (b) Address (if not already stated) ... —
- (c) Occupation, profession or business. (If not already stated. If applicant is the military representative, this should be stated.)  
*Applicant has no military representative*
- (d) If application not made by the man or his employer, or by the military representative, brief statement why application made by applicant for the man.
- (e) Date of application *29<sup>th</sup> February 1916.*
- The form and the duplicate, when filled up, should be sent to the appropriate Local Tribunal. This will be—
- (a) the Local Tribunal for the area in which the place of employment or business is situated if the application is made on grounds wholly or mainly connected with the man's employment or business;
- (b) in other cases, the Local Tribunal for the area in which the man resides.

#### FOR LOCAL TRIBUNAL.

7. Decision of the Tribunal. *To be signed and dated.* If exemption is granted it should be stated whether it is to be absolute, conditional (in which case the conditions to be entered on the certificate should be stated) or temporary (in which case the time for which the exemption is granted should be stated).

*Concord Chamber  
Sith 15<sup>th</sup> March 1916  
Not assented to, but recommended that applicant  
be sent to a non-combatant corps.  
W. Macdonald Smith  
Chairman*

**MILITARY SERVICE ACT, 1916.**

**Form to be sent by Military Representative to  
Local Tribunal.**

Name (in full) of man in respect of whom application made to Tribunal

*Alexander Ramage Carroll*

Number of case quoted on Application

*128*

Date on which Notice of application received by Military Representative

*6-3-16*

**OBSERVATIONS OF MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE.**

[NOTE.—In cases to which Military Representative assents, he should write "I assent to the application." Where he objects to the application he should state briefly the reasons for his objection. If an absolute Certificate is applied for and the Military Representative considers that only a conditional or temporary Certificate should be granted he should state his reasons.]

*Not assented to.*

Signature

*Richd. Ross Major  
Kulibay, Rep.*

Date

*10/3/16*

The Military Representative must send this form duly filled in to the Tribunal within the time required by the Regulations under the Act.