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Frank Hamilton Cowie, 1917

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

Reference HH30/18/4/36

Frank Hamilton Cowie, a 19 year old warehouseman in Glasgow, was exempted from military service due to conclusive evidence for serious hardship. Since one of his brothers had already died in the War, two were missing, and another seriously injured in France, Frank was 'practically the only support for his parents'.

A selection of images of documents on the appeal file (reference HH30/18/4/36) 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>).

11H 30/12/4/36 (1-3)

CITY OF EDINBURGH

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

Name of Local Tribunal

Number of Case 450

R-43

NOTICE OF APPEAL. No 3494

TO BE FILLED UP BY APPELLANT.

(The attached duplicate form must also be filled up and sent to the Local Tribunal with this form not later than three clear days after the decision of the Tribunal.)

1. Man in respect of whom appeal made.

- (a) Name (in full) Frank Hamilton Cowie
- (b) Address (in full) 129 North John St. Glasgow
- (c) Occupation, profession or business Warehouseman (Soldier)
- (d) Whether he is attested or not attested attested

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

Family Hardships - Our five Sons who joined up at the commencement of the war we have already lost three. The fourth has now gone to France for the third time having been twice previously wounded there. I appeal that Frank our fifth and youngest be put to some national service where he could be at home.

- (a) Signature of appellant If appeal not made by the man -
- (b) Address of appellant Glasie M Cowie (Mother) 129 North John St. Glasgow
- (c) Occupation, profession, or business. (If military representative, state so.) Housewife
- (d) If appellant is not the military representative, why appellant acts for the man

Date 27/3/17

An appeal from the decision of an Appeal Tribunal can be made to the Central Tribunal only by leave of the Appeal Tribunal. A form in which the appeal may be made can be obtained from the Appeal Tribunal. The form must be filled in and sent to the Appeal Tribunal not later than three clear days after the date of the decision of the Appeal Tribunal.

(S 8901) Wt. 27331-502 25W 11/16 H & B

[P.T.O.]

FOR LOCAL TRIBUNAL.

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

In this case exemption was granted to the man in question on 13th March, 1916 on the ground of his exceptional domestic position. He had four brothers serving in the Army. One has been killed, two are missing and the fourth has been seriously wounded. In terms of the recent A.C.I., No. 366a the certificate of exemption was reviewed by the Local Tribunal on 22nd inst., when they decided that the certificate should be withdrawn.

Thomas Hunter

Clerk.

31. 3. 17.

FOR APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

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

Edinburgh 10th May 1917
Case Continued Case die

Macintosh

Edinburgh 23rd August 1917. Grant Exemption for liability for service overseas, and Direct the Local Tribunal to issue a Certificate of Exemption to the man accordingly. Macintosh

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) *Private Frank Hamilton, Bowie No. 1893.*
 (b) Age *19 years.*
 (c) Address (in full) *D. Company, 9th Snd. Provisional Btl.*
(Home address, 129, North John St. Glasgow.) Kelso's Hall, Edinburgh.
 (d) Occupation, profession or business (Give full and exact details)

*Warehouseman, Clothing***2. If an employed person:—**

- (a) Name of employer *Miss Stuchan, Groat, & Jones*
 (b) Address (in full) *62, Miller Row, Glasgow*
 (c) Business *Wholesale Clothiers*

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.]**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.)***To be exempt from foreign service
or if possible to be discharged***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.)

Four brothers serving in His Majesty's Forces.
One killed, two missing, and one seriously wounded.
Now practically the only support of parents.
Have already signed Army Form E1624 but was
relieved of my obligation by authority of His
Majesty's War Council on the 18th of December 1916.

6. (a) Signature of person by whom application made Frank H. Lewis.

(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.) _____

(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 20th 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).

Grant Exemption for the period of the War;
on the ground that

That serious hardship would ensue, if he were called up for Army service, owing to his exceptional domestic position. Further, recommended that if practicable he be discharged on account of exceptional losses of his family.

Dated _____
Certificate

Com. Hunter
4 7067
22/3/17

13 MAR 1916

That the foregoing exemption be withdrawn.

John Stevenson
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

Pte Frank Hamulton Cowie

Number of case quoted on Application *750*

Date on which Notice of application received by Military Representative

3. 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.]

*assent to exemption to 1st June
on the ground that an exceptional
hardship would ensue under (d)
conditional on his showing evidence
that statements are correct*

Signature *J L Cooper*

Date *6. 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.

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