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Thomas Keir, 1916

Military Service Appeal Tribunal Records (Lothians and Peebles)

Reference HH30/21/3/16

Thomas Keir, cabinetmaker and upholsterer from Edinburgh, appealed for exemption for military service on grounds of serious hardship. His appeal was granted by the Appeal Tribunal.

A selection of images of documents on the appeal file (reference HH30/21/2/16) 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>).

Claim No. 8338

HH30/21/3/16 (1-6)

R-52.

VOLUNTARILY ATTESTED MEN.

Name of Tribunal Perth

Number of Case 4532

APPLICATION AS TO EXEMPTION.

(The attached duplicate must also be filled up by the Applicant and should not be detached.)

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) Thomas Keir.
 - (b) Age last birthday 32 Date of birthday
 - (c) Medical Classification as shown on Army Form W. 3291 C2.
 - (d) Married or single Married. If married, date of marriage
 - (e) Address (in full) 16, St . Leonards Hill, Edinburgh.
 - (f) Address at date of National Registration (15th August, 1915)
 - (g) Where attested Cockburn Street, Edinburgh. Date of attestation
 - (h) No. of group 38 No. on group card 758
 - (j) Occupation, profession or business. (Give full and exact details.)
Cabinetmaker & Upholsterer.
 - (k) Address (in full) of place of employment
 2. Whether engaged in the same or a similar occupation before 15th August, 1915.
If so engaged, (a) The precise occupation
 - (b) How long employed in the occupation before 15th August, 1915
 - (c) Name and address of last employer when so employed before that date
 3. (a) Name of present employer, if any
 - (b) Address (in full)
 - (c) Business
 4. Ground on which application is made. (See footnote on back of duplicate. It will be sufficient if the letter (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) (whichever is appropriate), is entered.)
 5. Nature of application. (A certificate of exemption may be absolute, conditional or temporary)
- Application for withdrawal of Exemption Certificate dated. 22/3/17.

6. Reasons in support of the application. (*These should be fully stated; if they are continued on a separate sheet, a copy should be provided. Any documentary evidence in support of the application should be forwarded herewith.*)

This man received Exemption on condition of doing work of National Importance. Having in view the increasing demand for men for the Army this exemption is no longer advisable.

7. Whether any previous application has been made by or in respect of the man, and, if so, (a) when, (b) by whom, (c) to what Tribunal, and (d) with what result. (*Application for a certificate of exemption should not be made in respect of a man to more than one Tribunal.*)

8. (a) Signature of person by whom application made *J. E. Crabbie*
(b) Address (*if not already stated*).. *5, Ainalie Place, Edinburgh.*
(c) Occupation, profession or business. (*If not already stated. If applicant is the military representative, this should be stated.*)
National Service 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

(For notes, see end of duplicate form.)

FOR USE OF TRIBUNAL.

9. 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).*

Edinburgh, 15th November 1917. Sustain application and direct the Local Tribunal to withdraw the Certificate of Exemption granted to the man.

C. Macmillan
Chairman.

13/11/17.

16 St Leonards Hill
Edinburgh

Dear Sir.

Re. notice sent for
me to attend the Court on
Thursday 15th Nov. for hearing
Review of Conditional Exemption
granted me on 22/3/17. I hold
a Army Reserve. Scheduled
Occupation Certificate No 1001.
from the M. A. R. O. Carlton Hotel
and the Firm with whom I have
been engaged this last 8 months
is a Protected Firm. My Occupation
is a aeroplane Propeller Shaper, with
(Clarrison & Co.) Invercastle Works, and
as I am only Class CII owing to
my Physical condition. I consider I am
doing my best for National Interest
by being employed on such work.

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I am Sir yours Respectively
Thos Heir.

R-52.

VOLUNTARILY ATTESTED MEN.

No 3081
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Name of Tribunal Lothiana & Peebles

Number of Case 1499

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) Thomas Keir

(b) Age last birthday 32 Date of birthday

(c) Married or single Married If married, date of marriage

(d) Address (in full) 16 St. Leonards Hill, Edinburgh

(e) Address at date of National Registration
(15th August, 1915)

(f) Where attested Date of attestation

(g) No. of group 38 No. on group card

(h) Occupation, profession or business. *(Give full and exact details.)*

Cabinetmaker & Upholsterer

2. Whether engaged in the same or a similar occupation before 15th August, 1915.
If so engaged, (a) The precise occupation

(b) How long employed in the occupation before 15th August, 1915

(c) Name and address of last employer when so employed before that date

3. (a) Name of present employer, if any

(b) Address (in full)

(c) Business

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

5. Nature of application. *(A certificate of exemption may be absolute, conditional or temporary.)*

Review by Mil. Rep.

(7994) Wt. 3027/453. 100m 10/16. M. S. S. Ltd. (E. 452).

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6. Reasons in support of the application. (These should be fully stated; if they are continued on a separate sheet, a copy should be provided. Any documentary evidence in support of the application should be forwarded herewith.)

It is no longer expedient in the National Interest
that this man should remain in his present employment.
It is thought he should be in the Army.

7. Whether any previous application has been made in respect of the man, and, if so, (a) when, (b) by whom, (c) to what Tribunal, and (d) with what result. (Application for a certificate of exemption should not be made in respect of a man to more than one Tribunal.)

5th Sept. 1916. Absolute Exemption granted.

8. (a) Signature of person by whom application made *F. E. Crabbe Capt.*

(b) Address (if not already stated) ...

5 Athol Place, Edinburgh

(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. **Military Representative**

(e) Date of application 14th March 1917

(For notes, see end of duplicate form.)

FOR USE OF TRIBUNAL.

9. 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 date to which the exemption is granted should be stated.)

Edinb 22nd March 1917. Direct the Local Tribunal to withdraw Certificate of Exemption held by man and to grant a Certificate of Exemption on condition of the man being employed in work of national importance to the satisfaction of the Military Authorities.

C Macmahon

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

No 1499

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. *Thomas Hair.*
 - (a) Name (in full) *Thomas Hair*
 - (b) Address (in full) *16 St. Leonards Hill, Edinburgh.*
 - (c) Occupation, profession or business *Cabinetmakers Business*
 - (d) Whether he is attested or not attested *Attested.*

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

Sir,
As my appeal has not been granted by the Local Tribunal, I now appeal to you for Exemption on the grounds of Hardship. I am senior partner of the firm of Hair & Ogilvy Cabinetmakers Castle Wynd. My partner Mr. Ogilvy has been called up, and I am now left solely in charge of the Business in the meantime, I have a Wife and five young children solely depending on my Business to keep them, and since I put in my appeal to the Local Tribunal, I have been medically examined, but owing to a injury to my foot some years ago, I have only been found fit for Home Service C. II in the Workshops, now it is owing to my disabled foot that I started in Business as I cant work under a master at the trade owing to my foot troubling me, but by employing men, I can earn a fair living to keep my family going, so if I have to close up the shop, my partner and me will lose everything and it will be a decided hardship on my wife and family if I cant get work when I come back, and I cant see how it would be if I were in the Military Workshops as my foot would trouble me very much, I think it is surely fair that a small Business with a wife and family depending on it should get some consideration.

- 3. (a) Signature of appellant *Thomas Hair.*
 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 *August 12th*

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.

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FOR LOCAL TRIBUNAL.

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

The applicant is a partner in the Firm of Messrs Keir & Ogilvy, Cabinet Makers, his partner being in the Army. The shop rent is £9 and the value of the stock is £20. There is one employee who gets a wage of 20/- a week. The applicant takes 55/- a week from the business. His house rent is £11:10:-. He has a wife and five children (the eldest being six years of age).

After consideration, the Local Tribunal were of opinion that there would be no serious hardship in the event of the applicant joining the Colours.

Thomas Hunter

CLERK.

25:8:16.

FOR APPEAL TRIBUNAL.

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

Edinburgh 8. September 1916. Direct
the Local Tribunal to grant a full
fence of absolute exemption to the
man.

A MacKinnon

Voluntarily *Attested* 20
Thomas *Keir*
Claim N° 8838

NOT ASSENTED TO.

J. C. COUPER
29 JUL 1916

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14 JUN 1916

R-52.

FORM FOR VOLUNTARILY ATTESTED MEN.

Name of Local Tribunal CITY OF EDINBURGH

Number of Case 8838

APPLICATION AS TO EXEMPTION.

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

1. Man in respect of whom application made :-

- (a) Name (in full) Thomas Heir.
- (b) Age 32.
- (c) Address (in full) 16 St Leonards Hill, Edinburgh.
- (d) Where attested Bochum Street
- (e) No. of group 38.
- (f) No. on group card 758.
- (g) Occupation, profession or business. *(Give full and exact details.)*
Cabinetmaker and Upholsterer Business

2. If an employed person :-

- (a) Name of employer
- (b) Address (in full)
- (c) Business

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

4 Nature of application. *(A certificate of exemption may be absolute, conditional or temporary.)*

I appeal for 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.

Application may also be made for exemption :-

- (a) 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 a certificate or by a military representative.

An appeal from the decision of the Local Tribunal lies to the Appeal Tribunal for the area. A form in which the appeal may be made can be obtained from the Local Tribunal. The form must be filled up and sent to the Local Tribunal not later than three clear days after the date of the decision of the Local Tribunal.

(s 6251) Ws. 62103-305 60x 4/16 H & S

[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 appeal for absolute exemption on the ground of hardship. I am senior partner of the firm of Heir & Ogilby Cabinetmakers and Upholsters, Castle Street, City, Glasgow. My partner (old Mr. Ogilby) went into the Army some months ago and is now in France, and I am solely left in charge of the business in the meantime he went away with the idea that I would be left to keep the shop going till he came back. I have a wife and five of a family, and it is solely by the business that I keep things going. The Government allowance to my wife would not be sufficient to keep them and pay rent and Insurance, which are very heavy, so if I were compelled to shut up the business it would be a severe hardship as my partner and me would lose everything. I may also state here (although I have not been medically examined yet) that I have a disabled foot through an accident some years ago, and it is because of that I went into this business so that I could employ men and by doing a bit myself I can earn a fair living otherwise it would be very difficult for me to get a job under a master as I can't work as much as an ordinary cabinetmaker owing to my foot troubling me, so that it would be a severe hardship on my wife and family if I could not get work after the war is over as I would have no business to go back to if I have to close up. Hoping you will give me fair consideration.

6. (a) Signature of person by whom application made *Thomas Heir.*
- (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 *June 14th*

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 USE OF 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).

Dismissed

THAT THE APPLICATION BE NOT GRANTED

9 AUG 1916

Thomas Hunter