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Military Tribunals: Records of Voluntarily Attested Men, Leigh 1915-1917

These records were created by the Military Tribunal system, which under the Military Service Act, 1916, established the terms for compulsory military enrolment.

The new Military Service Act required all adult males, aged 18-41, to register for military service unless they possessed a certificate of exemption. By April 1918, the age range was extended, so that men aged from 17 to 55 could be called up, and exemptions were further restricted.

From 1916, men seeking exemption from military service could apply to various tribunals: Local Tribunals, Appeal Tribunals and a Central Tribunal based in London.

Local Tribunals were appointed by the Local Registration Authorities designated under the National Registration Act 1915. They dealt with attested (voluntary servicemen) and non-attested (conscripted) applications. Recruiting officers or other military representatives were also entitled to attend any hearing and to question applicants.

The reasons provided by applicants for exemption are varied, with applications made on moral grounds (conscientious objectors), on medical grounds (disability), on family grounds (looking after dependents) and on economic grounds (preserving a business). The vast majority of cases relate to the impact of war on a man's family or their business interests, and the p

Due to the sensitive issues that surrounded compulsory military service during and after the First World War, nationally, only a small minority of the tribunal papers survive. In the years that f

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Number	Forename(s)	Surname	Address	Occupation	Outcome of Tribunal	
1	Dick	Collier	41 Bradshawgate, Leigh	Fish, Rabbit and Poultry Salesman, English and foreign fruiterer, army contractors, wholesale and retail	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-23
2	Thomas Sumner	Alty	90 Railway Road, Leigh	Self actor, Minder (Spinning) for J & J Hayes	Temporary Exemption	Unti 1917-08-23

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3	John	Woods	29 Henry St, Leigh	Coal bagger for George Brunt, 23 Noble St, Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-08-23
4	Harry	Page	5 George St, Tyldesley	Grocer's Manager, Leigh Friendly Co-op Society	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
5	William	Battersby	99 Bradshawgate, Leigh	Plumber, (Partner in Firm) Stationer	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-23
6	Finlay Edward	Pugh	113 Bradshawgate, Leigh	Tailor and Costumier	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-11-15
7	James	Ormslow	432 St Helens rd, Leigh	Clerk, Leigh Friendly Co-op Society	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-10-15
8	Harry	Atkinson	34 Gordon St, Leigh	Clerk, Leigh Friendly Co-op Society, Munition Making at Weekends	Man Already in Army	1917-08-08
9	Roland Charles	Franklin	25 Church St, Leigh	Fishmonger, Game & Poultry Dealer (Master)	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-23

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10	George	Jones	460[?] St Helens Rd, Leigh	Minder, Pennington Spinning Co, Buckleys Ltd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-09-06
11	Joseph	Dumble	145 Gordon St, Leigh	Carter, Peter Heald, Butcher Bradshawgate, Leigh	Conditional Exemption	1917-06-06 Man in Army 1918-06-19
12	Harold	Rowbottom	112 New Platt St, Leigh	Manager, Retail Butchers Shop Market St, Leigh For Argenta Meat Co Ltd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-06 and To be Medically Examined
13	William	Hughes	127 Wargrave Rd, Earlestown	Pawn Broker 40 Chapel St, Leigh	Disallowed Temporary Exemption	1917-05-23 To 1917-07-21 No Further Appeal without Leave
14	James Alfred	Robinson	83 Henry St, Leigh	Carter and Salesman for Ed Rigg, 85 Henry St, Leigh	Temporary Exemption Disallowed	Until 1917-08-06 1917-06-21 (Appeal Tribunal)
15	Simpson	Bailey	86 Selwyn St, Leigh	Steam Wagon Stoker Conveying, Munitions for William Hesford, Chapel St, Leigh	Disallowed	1917-06-06
16	Ernest	Knowles	106 Nel Pan Lane, Leigh	Part Time clothing Club Agent for Leigh and District Clothing Ltd	Man Rejected	1917-07-05

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17	John William	Ashton	20 Organ St, Leigh	Pawn Broker's Manager for James Brooks, 6 Raiway Rd, Leigh	Disallowed	1917-06-06
18	Walter	Holt	54 Twist Lane, Leigh	Master PawnBroker	Temporary Exemption	1917-07-21 After Appeal
19	James Harris	Prescott	198 Leigh Rd, Leigh	Stopre Keeper, Anchor Cable, Works	Disallowed	1917-06-06, To Report 1917-07-16
20	John William	Howcroft	31 Railway Rd, Leigh	Green Grocer	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-20
21	Wilfred	Green	29 Sidney St, Leigh	Warehouseman, Courtaulds Ltd Brook Mill, Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-10-05
22	John	Prescott	23 Eyet St, Leigh	Butcher's Clerk Leigh Friendly Co-op Society Ltd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-11-08
23	Harry	Page	5 George St, Tyldesley	Grocery Shop Manager, Leigh Friendly Co-op	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30

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24	John	Hamblett	362 Wigan Rd, Atherton	Grocery Shop Manager, Leigh Friendly Co-op	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
25	Joseph	Ratcliffe	102 Oxford St, Leigh	Clogger, Leigh Friendly Co-op Society Ltd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-11-08
26	John	Hill	Bond St, Leigh	Manager of Boot Shoe, 8 Clogging Business, Leigh Friendly Society Co-op	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-11-08
27	Walter	Brabbin	33 Widdows St, Leigh	Slaughter & Manager of Butcher's Shop, Leigh Friendly Co-operative Society Ltd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-11-08
28	Herbert William	Taylor	39 Leigh Rd, Leigh	Dairyman, Retailer of Milk, Butter, Cream, Dairy Produce Etc. Bread, Groceries	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-06
29	Robert William	Bennett Gleave	83 Castle St, Tyldesley, Lancashire	Pork Butcher's Salesman & Distributor for James Yates & Sons Bengal St. Leigh	Conditional Exemption	Until 1917-06-27
30	George	Jones	460 St Helens Rd, Leigh	Mule Minder for Pennington Spinning Co (Buckleys) Ltd	Dismissed - See No. 10 (2749)	

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31	James	Pomfret	14 Small Brook Lane	Farm Labourer on Farm of Father (Richard Pomfret)	Disallowed - to Report	Until 1917-07-16
32	Ewilliam	Linley	108 Selwyn Street, Leigh	Linotype operator for Leigh Chronicle Ltd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-06-23
33	Ernest	Smith	29 Gordon St, Leigh	Sawyer for T.Vickerstate & Co Ltd Prescott St, Leigh	Dissalowed	1917-06-13
34	Alfred	Winstanley	25 Lightbourne Avenue, Leigh	Manager, Grocery Dept of Fairclough Bros, King St, Leigh	Conditional Exemption	1917-06-20
35	George	Hall	66 Mather Lane, Leigh	Wholesale head Saleman & Slaughterman for William Darbyshire	Conditional Exemption	Until 1917-06-13
36	John Willie	Darbyshire	14 Twist Lane, Leigh	Butcher's Salesman & Book-Keeper for William Darbyshire (Father)	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-11-15
37	Ralph	Platt	34 Guest St, Leigh	Brick Burner for John Speakman & Sons Ltd, Bedford Colliery	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-11-15

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38	George	Ormesher	102 Etherstone St, Leigh	Wages clerk for John Speakman & Sons Ltd, bedford Colliery	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-09-17
39	William	Fletcher	5 Elliot st, Tyldesley	Chief Wages Clerk & Cashier for John Speakman & Sons Ltd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-09-20
40	George	Randle	1 Leigh Rd, Leigh	General Foreman for A.E. Prescott, Building Contractor, 70 Platt St, Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
41	Charles	Blackshaw	34 A Leigh Rd, Leigh	Gents outfitter at 34a General & Fancy draper at 36a Leigh Rd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
42	Fred	Nield	54 Findlay St, Leigh	Cylinder Packer, Cable cure for Anchor Cable co. Leigh	Withdrawn	Until 1917-06-13
43	John James	Leather	4 Orchard Lane, Leigh	Warehouseman, Spool Paacker & Book-Keeper for Carrington Mills, Kirkhal Lane, Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-31 and Not to appeal again without leave
44	Simeon	Sims	Bedford Conservative Club, 4 Battersby St, Leigh	Cable works hand for Anchor cable co. Bridgewater St, Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30

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45	Samuel	Brocklehurst	184 Chapel St, Leigh	Monumental Mason (Master)	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30 and To Volunteer for National Service
46	Thomas Sumner	Watson	84 Kirkhal Lane, Leigh	Pawn Brooker's Manager & Salesman for Joseph Welsby Barlow Ltd 13/15 King St, Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
47	John	Mcdonnell	38 Bond St, Leigh	Buyer, Salesman, Wholesale Provision Merchant for Anthony Mcdonnell (Father)	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-08-13
48	John	Lee	5 Ullswater St, Leigh	Clerk for T. Vickerstaff & Co Ltd, Prescott St, Leigh	Disallowed	Until 1917-06-13
49	Peter Ernest	Hilton	80 Edale Rd	Manager of Furnishing Establishment for George Hunter, The Avenue, Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-08-13
50	Ernest	Hulme	21 Leigh Rd , Leigh	Master Pork Butchers & (Ham & Bacon Curing, Lard Refining) Stores	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
51	Joseph Parkinson	Topping	15 Lightburn Avenue, Leigh	House & Ships Painter for John W Hollows, 51 Twist Lane, Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-09-04

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52	Frederick	Dixon	94 Chapel St, Leigh	Baker, Confectioner, Pastry Cook & Cable Labourer	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-08-20
53	James	Darbyshire	11 Reeves St, Leigh	Cotton Spinner for J & J Hayes Leigh Victoria Mills	Disallowed to Report on	Until 1917-07-20
54	Samuel	Hough	69 Twist Lane, Leigh	Caretaker & Fire Attendant for the Grand Cinema, Leigh Rd. Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
55	Joseph	Johnson	12 Brown St, Leigh	Master Plumber	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-08-30
56	Alfred	Sumner	70 Selwyn St, Leigh	Cop Packer for J.J. Hayes, Victoria Mills	Disallowed to Report on	1917-09-03
57	Harry	Critchley	229 Kirkhall Lane	Operative Cotton Spinner for JJ. Hayes	Conditional Exemption	Until 1917-12-05
58	Walter	Park	220 Warrington Rd, Glazebury	Manager of Grocery Shop for Leigh Friendly Co-op Society Ltd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30

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59	Arthur	Rawland	57 Findlay St, Leigh	Slaughterman & Manager of Butcher's Shop for Leigh Friendly co-op	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
60	Henry	Kellitt	29 Bond St, Leigh	Tailor's Cutter for Leigh Friendly Co-operative Society Ltd	Temporary Exemptions	Until 1917-11-30 and 1918-02-11. Then to report for Service 1918-03-12
61	Daniel	Smith	144 Leigh Rd, Leigh	Master Butcher	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
62	Simeon	Slater	2 Jaffery St	Contractor for Thomas Salter (Father)	Conditional Exemption	Until 1917-06-20
63	Peter Ernest Whittaker	Lythgoe	89 Manchester Rd, Leigh	Acting, Secretary, Foreign Correspondence & Office Manager for Mather Lane Spinning Co Ltd, Leigh	Conditional Exemption	Until 1917-06-20
64	Charles Ernest	Howarth	6 Lately Common, Glazebury	Warehouseman for Butts Spinning Co Ltd & Farmer	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-09-20
65	George	Sample	23 Wigan Rd, Leigh	Master Clogger	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-08-30

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66	Robert henry	Gerrard	85 Leigh Rd, Leigh	Coffin Maker & Undertaker for Henry Gerrard & Son 65 Leigh Rd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-10-05
67	Albert	Allred	Endsleigh Villa Hope St, Leigh	Dental Mechanic for Brown Bros, 14 King St, Leigh	Disallowed to Report on	Until 1917-08-01
68	William	Holland	16 Union St, Leigh	Scrap Metal Sorted & Breaker & Metal Broker	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-10-05
69	Ernest Roger	KirkPatrick	45 St Helens Rd, Leigh	NewsAgent, Stationer & Subposter Master	Temporary Exemption	Until 1918-01-04
70	Harry	Smith	57 Etherstone St, leigh	Warehouseman & Bookkeeper for Pennington Mill Co. Leigh	Disallowed to Report on	Until 1917-08-01
71	Benjamin	Vaughan	34 Fairhurst St, Leigh	Munition Worker for Sutcliffe & Speakman Guest St	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-09-20
72	Fred	Unsworth	8 Charles St, Leigh	Master Painter, Partner in Collier Bros	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30

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73	Joseph	Houghton	178 Newton Rd, Lowton	Mule Minder for Pennington Spinning Co. Buckleys Ltd	Disallowed	1917-06-20
74	Ernest William	Walton	11 Seeton St, Leigh	Yarn Warehouseman for Gamble & Smith Ltd, Brookside Mill	Object to Stated No outcome	
75	Edwin	Andrews	25A Leigh Rd, Leigh	Haidresser	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
76	William	Barton	102 Selwyn St, Leigh	Covering Lead Cables for Anchor Cable Co, Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-07-30
77	John Ernest	Walton	74 Windermere Rd, Leigh	Roller Coverer for Bedford Spinning Co Ltd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-11-15
78	Joseph	Melling	40 Duck St, Leigh	Wheelwright & Coffin Maker for John Monks, 94 Railway Rd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-08-20
79	Walter	Bratt	44 Manchester Rd, Leigh	Monumental Sculptor for Thomas Bratt 62 Bond St, Leigh (Father)	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-08-04

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80	William	Law	36 Bond St, Leigh	Boot Maker & repairer for D. Winkley? 106 Bradshawgate	Conditional Exemption	1917-06-20
81	Alfred	Sumner	70 Selwyn St, Leigh	Cop Packer for J.J. Hayes LtdVictoria Mills Leigh	Disallowed	1917-07-04
82	Tom	Wilson	15 Milton St, Leigh	Plumbing Apprentice for Arthur Robertshaw Wild's passage, Leigh Lane	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-09-27
83	John Edward	Hayes	20 Twist Lane, Leigh	Cotton Mill Warehouse for Tunncliffe & Hampson, Firs Mills Leigh	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-10-08
84	John William	Unsworth	135 Chapel St, Leigh	Coffin Maker, undertaker & Embalmer	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-08-20
85	George	Hewitt	56 Organ St, Leigh	Master Painter & Contractor with Business at 30 Twist Lane Leigh & 226 Warrington Rd, Glazebury	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-08-04 Then to report for Service on 1917-08-05
86	Stephen Saxton?	Stewart	62 Twist Lane, Leigh	Joiners Apprentice for Charles Stewart (Father)	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-10-04

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87	Joseph	Prescott	51 Firs Lane	Funeral Undertaker	Dismissed - To Report	1917-09-03
88	William	Dixon	93 Bradshawgate, Leigh	Boot,Shoe Dealer & Managing Director of Borough Clothing & General Supply Co. Ltd	Temporary Exemption	Until 1918-10-04
89	Arthur	Tellwright	75 Charles St, Leigh	Clother, Outfitter & General Draper	Temporary Exemption	Until 1917-10-04
90	Joseph Swainson	Simpson	14 Charles St, Leigh	Plumner & Glazier for Leonard Ewan & Co. 43 Railway Rd, Leigh	Temporary Exemptpion	Until 1917-09-27