

Person applying for exemption

Application by

Role / Reason for Request

Result

These men, or their employers, applied for exemption from military service when called up

Dates given below are the Ely Standard publication in which the results appeared- the Tribunal would have taken place a day or two before. With approximately thirty cases being heard each day, individual hearings must have been short in most cases. While groups were being called up in 1916 the Tribunal was sitting once a fortnight. The turnover was such that by mid-1917 the Tribunal's clerk recorded that they had processed 733 applications and granted 220 exemptions, of which only 8 were men under the age of 31 (and only 4 of the 8 young men were general service men). Note: the age shown against the men below is as given in the newspaper when they first appeared before the Ely Urban Tribunal.

A conditional exemption meant a man was excused service for as long as he remained in his stated occupation. In the last stages of the War all earlier conditional exemptions were being challenged, but in many cases the Armistice would have been signed before the man joined up as instructed.

Six of the men below did not survive the War.

John Edmund Adu, aged 37	Messers G & J Peck, ironmongers	Clerk & secretary Originally from Maidenhead	16th June 1916- 6 months exemption 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Albert Edward Allen, aged 35	Mr Ernest Dingle, Market Street Grocer	Warehouseman in charge of the entire stock and despatcher for all orders to the surrounding villages. 18 years in this job.	20th October 1916 – exempted to 31 st December, no further application to be made. 2nd February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – the Military appealed against Albert's further exemption – this was allowed but he was not to be called before 1 st April.
Ephraim Allenby, aged 38	Mr Herbert Cross, Barton Farm	Milkman and yardman. B2	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
John Allensby, aged 33	Ely Co-operative Society	C2 assistant baker. Bakery being run with two men and a boy and producing 6000 loaves a week (largest bakery in the city).	23rd November 1917 – conditional exemption
Bertram T Allpress, aged 40	Self	Market Street, builder. C1	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Joseph Ambrose, aged 38	Father, farmer Josiah Ambrose	Milkman, only labourer left on the farm	7th July 1916 – exempted to 31 st

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	of Burrell Farm		December 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Samuels S Ambrose, aged 49	Self	Builder (formerly of Stretham). One of his sons wounded.	9th August 1918 – 6 months exemption
Stanley R Aspland, aged 25	Ely Gas Company	Sole clerk and general assistant at Gas Works	10th March 1916 – this was the second time exemption had been requested – given an additional month. Stanley did not survive the War
Frederick B Atkin, aged 35	Curry's Cycle Shop – employers based in Leicester	Engineer's turner and manager of Ely shop for 9 years. From Leicester.	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption for 14 days – Frederick to seek work of national importance
J W Audus	Farmer Mr Hiam of Prickwillow	General labourer Widowed mother	10th March 1916 – exemption refused
William Henry Bailey, aged 28	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	"groom for business purposes" William drove Mr Cole Ambrose and his customers around the farm	21 st April 1916 – exemption refused 16th June 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – William was exempted to 30 th June, but Mr Cole Ambrose could not appeal against this without the Tribunal's permission.
Arthur S Baker	Self	Provisions merchant with stores at Pymoor, Adelaide and Coveney	22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption 24th May 1918 – exempted for three months and to be medically graded.
James Ball of Fieldside, aged 30		Waiter in the refreshment room at Ely Station Dependant mother	24th March 1916 – James had already been put back several times when groups were called up; this time he was refused further exemption
(Martin) Thomas Bangley, aged 32	Father, Thomas Bangley Master baker aged 76.	Baker, Helped run the family bakery on Waterside for the last ten years. (The only son left at home as his brother worked in munitions which was a starred occupation) 1918 graded B1. Father argued that for	29th September 1916 – exempted to 31 st December. Join VTC 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption 24th May 1918 – exempted for four

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		Thomas to be taken would destroy the business.	months, necessity to attend VTC withdrawn.
Percy B Bangley, aged 29	Messers F E Chapman	Tractor driver and engine fitter 1918 Percy had a protection certificate from the Agricultural Ministry	23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption and star removed 24th May 1918 – the Tribunal cancelled Percy's certificate of protection.
John William Barber, aged 39	Farmer Mr Frank Bedlam	Horseman. Passed C1. Married with 3 children	17th November 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917 25th May 1917 – conditional exemption
E Barker	Self	Market gardener with 5 acres (inc. 2 acres of fruit trees). Passed fit for general service.	26 th January 1917 – exempted to 31 st March – military to appeal.
William Barker of Upherds Lane	Self	Market gardener, selling all his produce in the city Married	24th March 1916 – 3 months exemption 28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November and join the VTC
William Edward Barker, aged 29		Of Queen Adelaide	9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – Military appealed against his exemption, William exempted to 1 st May without further appeal.
Thomas Edwin Barnard, aged 32	Eagle Foundry Company	Iron moulder. Passed B2. Holds a protection certificate	23rd March 1917 – exempted for as long as engaged on government work 12th July 1918 – no exemption
William Barnett, aged 34	Messers A & B Hall Ltd, Brewery	Brewery accountant and ledger clerk. He not only balanced the books for Ely, but also those for Lincoln. On the second occasion the brewery argued he was necessary because the auditors were due. Over 30 men had joined up and the brewery now had a skeleton staff left	16th June 1916 – 3 months exemption 20th October 1916 – further exemption refused. 2nd February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – employers' appeal refused – not to be called before 1 st May
James Baulk, aged 21	Mr J L Luddington (a member of the Tribunal who had to withdraw)	Second Horsekeeper on Shippea Hill Farm	24th March 1916 – one month exemption James did not survive the War
Earnest Beavis aged 21	Mr H Maile, the manager of	Confidential clerk in engineer's office.	10th March 1916 – exemption refused

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	the Eagle Foundry requested absolute exemption	Had passed medical for home service only	
Albert Beazley	Middle Fen Commissioners (chair Mr Cole Ambrose)	Engineer at the pumping station	7th July 1916 – conditional exemption
Herbert Bedford	Farmer and breeder Fred Hiam of Prickwillow	Asked for exemption while Herbert was travelling with the shire stallion	16th June 1916- exempted until 1 st July
Ernest Albert Bell	Father	Managing the family's travelling showman business	28th July 1916 – exemption to 31 st October, no further application to be made. November 29th September 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – the military representative appealed against the Tribunal's decision, but withdrew when it was agreed that Ernest would voluntarily enlist on 1 st October.
Fred Bennett, Cambridge Road	Ernest Dingle – Grocer and provisions merchant	Fred was the manager of Dingles' retail department and left in complete charge of the whole store for three days of the week. 7 of the 9 male staff members had left. Fred had been with the Dingles for thirteen years, and was the only staff member that Mr Dingle had appealed to keep. <i>After the War was over and Fred had returned from the Front Mr Dingle retired and sold the business to Fred in May of 1919.</i>	24 th March 1916 – one month exemption 26th May 1916 – exempted until 19 th June 28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – further exemption refused
George A Benson of Fore Hill	Mother – Mrs Benson	He did all the work in the family bakery	10th March 1916 – 3 months exemption
Frederick Benton, aged 39	Middle Fen Commissioners	Bargeman and gaultman	24th May 1918 – 3 months exemption, join VTC 20th September 1918 – had a voucher – case dismissed
George Henry Benton of Putney Hill	Farmer Frederick Hiam of Prickwillow	Horseman	26th May 1916 – exempted until 24 th June

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James Benton, aged 32	Father Henry Benton (aged 70), farmer of 50 acres	Henry Benton had already lost his son Leonard, and his other sons William and Arthur were then serving – he needed James to keep the farm running. By the time of the second Tribunal William had also been killed.	10th March 1916 – 6 months exemption 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join the VTC
Joseph Benton of Witchford Road, aged 40	Farmer Mr Frank Beldam	Horsekeeper, thatcher, stacker, ploughman	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
Thomas Benton, aged 39	Middle Fen Commissioners	Bargeman with large garden – asked to be relieved of Volunteer duties	21st June 1918 – relieved of Volunteer duties.
Ernest Edward Bidwell, aged 18	John Fear of Waterside – basket maker	Only labourer in the rod yard. Had been with company 6 months	6th July 1917 – exemption refused 17th August 1917 Appeal Committee – appeal dismissed, not to be called before 1 st September
Robert Bidwell, aged 40	Mr G M Sindell of Prickwillow	Second horseman	7th July 1916 – exemption to 11 th October 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
Thomas Bidwell, aged 44	Mr G A Bowsher, plumber	Plumber. Graded 2	21st June 1918 – 3 months exemption 20th September 1918 – 6 months exemption
Arthur William Bix, aged 35	Mr Jones, Minster Hotel	Arthur had been a regular soldier and served for 12 years, including 2 years in France and Belgium. His time was now up and he had come back to Ely.	22nd December 1916 – decision postponed for production of classification certificate
Herbert Charles Blades, aged 21	Farmer Cole Ambrose	Teamster	9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – further exemption requested but not granted
Thomas W Blakeman, aged 30	Father Mr Thomas Walter Blakeman, Currier, Leather Merchant, Boots and Legging Manufacturer	Foreman, only currier left in Cambridgeshire, indispensable. Firm had lost 4 or 5 men, two of whom had been killed. Staff now 7 men and 10 women.	26 th January 1917 – exemption refused 25th October 1918 – conditional exemption withdrawn at the request of the Military Service representative

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		Protection certificate	
Thomas Samuel Bolton, aged 38	Self	Photographer and picture frame maker of Fore Hill. The business he had built up over several years would have to be closed without compensation.	16th June 1916- 6 months exemption 22nd December 1916 – exemption refused When Thomas left for the Front he left a notice and a poem on display in his shop window: “Closed for duration of war. Joined up. Open soon as returned.” “Gone to be a soldier; Back I hope this year; Gone to fight for justice; But do we get it here?”
William Bonnett, aged 40	Self	Farmer (44 acres) and proprietor of The Railway Tavern, Shippea Hill	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
James Boon of Downham Road, aged 39	Mr H T Luddington	Horsekeeper	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Fred Brown, aged 32	Frank G Coy, St John’s Farm	Horsekeeper at Head Fen	20th October 1916 – exemption to 31 st March 1917
William Brown, aged 32	Ely Fruit Preserving Company (but they didn’t send anyone to speak to the Tribunal)	Only carman left in the company. Packer. 4 of the company’s 8 eligible men were already at the Front.	16th June 1916 – case dismissed as there was no support from the company 4 th August 1916 – an appeal made to the Urban Tribunal (explaining why nobody had been there for the company previously as a mistake). Exemption to 1 st September to cover the busiest time in the factory.
James Chase Bruce, aged 38	Self	Boot repairer	20th October 1916 – exemption to 31 st January. Join VTC 16th February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – the Military appealed against the

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			exemption which was allowed, but no call up for a month.
Arthur Brunning, aged 41	Self	Tobacconist Originally from Bradford	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Robert James Butcher, aged 26	A G Edwards, Prickwillow Butcher, Baker and Post Office	Baker and butcher (did all the killing for the butcher's shop) Married The business had already lost three men to the Front	24th March 1916 – 3 months exemption
Walter Butcher of Prickwillow aged 24	Father - Philip Butcher	The two men farmed 40 acres between them. Walter was milkman, yardman and ploughman	10th March 1916 – one month exemption (this was the second exemption) 21 st April 1916 – exemption refused 16th June 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – Walter was exempted to 7 th September, but was not to make any further applications.
William "Willie" Butcher of Nutholt Lane, aged 39	Self	Had hairdressing business on High Street Passage (11 years, one-man business). He had been passed fit for garrison duty abroad B1, but had not yet received call-up papers (1916). Suffered from bad feet. Supporting widowed mother	16th June 1916 – William was dismissed as the Tribunal could not hear a case until call-up papers had been received. 25th May 1917 – one month exemption, no further appeal without leave. 6 th July 1917 – William asked leave to appeal, bringing a petition with 100 names (because so many hairdressers had already been called up). William was allowed to appeal and was also to medical re-examined. <i>This also led to a debate in the Tribunal about whether they should take note of petitions.</i> 23rd November 1917 – six month exemption. 21st June 1918 – adjourned for

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			examination by the Civilian Medical Board. 12 th July 1918 – Medical Board categorised him G3. Exempted to 1 st January 1919.
William J Bye of Chettisham, aged 26	Farmer Mr W H Saunders, Woodhouse	Horseman and general labourer	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – exemption refused 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – exempted to 1 st May with leave to appeal again.
Percy Carman of Chapel Street, aged 34	Self	Blacksmith who would have to close his business	21st April 1916 – 2 months exemption
John William Carter of Bull Lane, aged 30	Employer – Frank Beldam	Stallion man John had been exempted as medically unfit for service when he had originally tried to enlist. C2	10th March 1916 – 2 months exemption 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Robert Casey, aged 26	Ely Fruit Preserving company	Assistant jam boiler since June 1911	29th September 1916 – exempted to 31 st October, no further application allowed.
Alex T Cass, aged 40	Self	Cycle and motor agent, motor engineer	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Herbert Cater of Prickwillow, aged 28	Self	Smallholder, Willow Farm, Prickwillow Wife and five small children	7th July 1916 – exemption to 31 st December 23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption and to join VTC
Cyril H Caton	Self	Watch and clock maker of Fore Hill who also had a market garden at Waterbeach. Cyril told the Tribunal that if he had to close his only local competitors were Germans – this was denied in the next week's newspaper. Passed fit for Home Service.	26th May 1916 – 6 months exemption 22nd December 1916 – adjourned for production of a medical notice 26 th January 1917 – medical passed fit for general service. Exempted to 31 st March. Military gave notice of appeal

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(Clarence) Frederick Chambers, aged 19	Father, Mr F W Chambers of Orwell Pits Farm	Milkman and dairyman on farm of 1500 acres (Mr Chambers' other sons were serving with the Canadian Dragoons and the Royal Fusiliers). 6 employees were with the Colours and only Fred and two boys were left. Fred died in February 1918 without ever serving.	21st April 1916 – 3 months exemption 29th September 1916 – exempted to 31 st December and given leave to appeal again. 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Harold Chapman, aged 18	Miss E Tuck, farmer High Barns	Milker	26th January 1917 – exemption refused but not to be called up until substitute found, join VTC
Herbert Chapman		Bricklayer	25th October 1918 – 3 months exemption
Jim Chapman of the Railway Inn, Station Road, aged 39	Self	Royal Mail contractor and driver / egg and poultry dealer / motor car driver. Landlord of the Railway Inn. Jim stated his working day lasted from 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. which included conveying soldiers home on leave to outlying villages as late as midnight. He also worked an allotment for a soldier. Graded C2.	16 th June 1916 – 3 months exemption 20th October 1916 – conditional exemption 24th May 1918 – Jim did not appear at the hearing and as a result his conditional exemption was withdrawn. 21 st June 1918 – case reviewed at the insistence of the National Service representative - further exemption was refused, not to be called up before 14 th August. 12th July 1918 Appeal Tribunal – no exemption
Robert Chapman, aged 45	Mr F W Edwards of Prickwillow	Graded G1. bricklayer	12th July 1918 – 3 months exemption
George Chase, aged 38	Dr F H Beckett	Dispenser and bookkeeper for 17 years to both Dr Beckett and his father	17 th November 1916 - Conditional exemption
Henry Churchyard, aged 40	Self	Tobacconist and general dealer. Also managed Ely Cinema with his wife. Market Street. Henry had been passed C1 for Home Service – he wanted to stay in	16th June 1916- one month exemption 18th August 1916 – three months exemption and join the VTC 22nd December 1916 – exemption

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		business, but was prepared to continue with the VTC	refused
Harry Clapham, aged 33		Horsekeeper	23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption and star removed
Edward B Clarke of Stuntney, aged 25	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose	Horseman and ploughman – joint worker with his father caring for 18 horses. Cole Ambrose had already lost 50 men to the Front, 23 of them from his farm at Stuntney.	24th March 1916 – exemption refused
William Frederick Claydon, aged 26	Joshua Tailor & Co, outfitters on Fore Hill	Only salesman left – not a job in which can employ women married	21st April 1916 – 2 months exemption 16 th June 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – the military authorities appealed against William being exempted. They were successful, but not allowed to take him before 19 th June.
Alfred Clements of Queen Adelaide, aged 37	Farmer, Mr H Rice of Padnal Bank	Toolworker	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 31 st October 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Herbert Cole of Willow Walk, aged 28	Father – farmer Charles Cole	Farmed 100 acres with his father. Brother Billy was already at the Front and in hospital (Billy did not survive the War)	10th March 1916 – 3 months exemption 7th July 1916 – conditional exemption to October 17th November 1916 – exemption refused 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – appeal adjourned until Herbert was called up.
Thomas Collin, aged 40	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Drillman, The farm at Stuntney had already lost 26 men – it needed 30 more men than at present just to run effectively	16th June 1916 – 4 months exemption 17 th November 1916 – conditional exemption
William Collin, aged 39	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Horseman, The farm at Stuntney had already lost 26	16th June 1916 – 4 months exemption 17 th November 1916 – exempted to 31 st

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		men – it needed 30 more men than at present just to run effectively	January 1917 23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption
Reuben Collins, aged 20, Putney Hill Farm	Farmer Fred Hiam of Prickwillow	Drives oil engine which drains the farm and farm foreman	10th March 1916 – one month exemption 26th May 1916 – exempted to 19 th November
Amos Constable of New Barns, aged 37	Farmer Mr Samuel Cross of New Barns	Head milkman and yardman	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
John Robert Convine of Prickwillow Road, Ely, aged 30	Farmer Mr Fred Hiam of Prickwillow	blacksmith	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November
Harold William Cooper, aged 23	Messers H & G L Archer, Solicitors	Solicitor's clerk. Previously rejected for service but now reassessed C3. His work was especially connected with fen drainage – Major Archer stated that Harold would serve better in his office than at the Front, and should be retained in case he himself was called back to a fighting battalion.	23rd November 1917 - Conditional exemption for so long as working on fen drainage.
Herbert James Coote, aged 27	Dr Beckett, High Street	Groom cum chauffeur. Dr Beckett said this was the 6 th man he had employed since the beginning of the War	16th June 1916 – 2 months exemption 29th September 1916 – one further month of exemption to give the doctor time to find a new driver. 26th January 1917 – exempted to 28 th February, no further application without leave. 23rd March 1917 – Dr Beckett had not found a suitable substitute and was given leave to appeal again 25th May 1917 – exemption to 1 st July 23rd November 1917 – further exemption refused, not to be called up before 20 th December
Ebenezer Cornwell of	Self	Builder and contractor	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th

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Annesdale, aged 35			November
John Cornwell, aged 28	Farmer Fred Hiam of Prickwillow	Shepherd	10th March 1916 – one month exemption
Robert Coulson, aged 39	Mr W Cutlack of Cutlack and Harlocks	Maltster – indispensable – the firm had already lost 14 men to the Front An old soldier who had already served Wife and six children	16th June 1916 – 6 months exemption
Lewis Covill of Downham Road, aged 34	Farmer Sidney Covill	Head engine driver on the farm (farm had lost 7 engine drivers already)	7th July 1916 – exempted to 31 st December 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Sidney E Covill	Self	Farmer and Hon. Chief engineer of Ely Fire Brigade	7th July 1916 – total exemption
John Robert Covine, aged 30	Farmer Frederick Hiam of Prickwillow	Blacksmith, Prickwillow Road John was passed fit for General Service after his medical examination Mr Hiam farmed 2100 acres and by this point had lost 42 hands and had 47 left – at the November 1916 tribunal he was appealing for 17 of his remaining men. He had supplied 3000 tons of potatoes to the Army that year.	17th November 1916 – decision adjourned for a medical examination 22 nd December 1916 - exemption refused
Joseph Cowley, aged 47	J T White of Spalding and Ely	Marine store foreman. Protection certificate from the Ministry of Munitions.	9th August 1918 – exempted
Alfred James Cox of Wicken, aged 38	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Fruit expert, orchard attendant and labourer	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
R A Cox, aged 30	Farmer Mr T W H Clarke	Teamster, Prickwillow	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Reginald C Cox of Prickwillow, aged 19	Farmer Mr T W H Clarke	Horsekeeper and stallion man Reginald had already volunteered at Cambridge but had been sent home after	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 26th January 1917 – exemption refused

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		three of four days as unfit to serve April 1917 Mr Clarke stated Reg was an essential worker as he had lost 12 out of 26 men and was required to double his output of potatoes.	6th April 1917 Appeals Tribunal sitting at Ely – exemption refused
Robert Charles Cox, aged 20	Farmer Mr T W H Clarke (Mr Clarke was on the Tribunal and had to withdraw from the discussion)	Horsekeeper Had earlier enlisted but been sent home after a few days as rejected as medically unfit (Farm had 24 horses and employed 12 men plus 6 women from Soham)	24th March 1916- 3 months exemption 26th January 1917 – exemption refused Robert did not survive the War
Albert James Cross, aged 50	Self	Graded B2. Coal merchant and farmer	9 th August 1918 – 6 months exemption
Arthur E Cross, aged 35	Mr Frank Green, farmer and dairyman	Horsekeeper etc. C3	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Arthur James Cross, aged 42	Self	Carpenter, builder and smallholder	12th July 1918 – exempted to 1 st January 1919
Charles H Cross, aged 40	Self	Farmer, Cresswell's Farm. B1	26th January 1917 – adjourned for production of medical classification certificate 23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption
Charles Nathan Cross, aged 40	Self	Farmer, Frowhall's Farm, Prickwillow	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22 nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
David Cross of Springhead Lane, aged 37	South Level Commissioners	Drainage labourer	7th July 1916 – conditional discharge for as long as working on the drainage of the Fens
Edward Henry Cross of Fieldside, aged 27	Arthur & Bertram Hall Ltd, brewery	Steam waggon driver – difficult to replace. Company had lost 20 men and had only 10 left (The brewery complained they had “lost more men than anyone there”)	21st April 1916 – 2 months exemption 28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 20th October 1916 – exemption refused

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Frederick Vernon Cross of Fore Hill, aged 21	Self	Baker and confectioner running business with one man and a boy since father's death 4 years ago.. Widowed mother	24th March 1916 – 3 months exemption 7th July 1916 – exemption to 31st July 11th August 1916 – Isle of Ely Appeals Committee- appeal dismissed
George Cross, aged 22	Mr S E Covill, Home Farm (400 acres)	Yardman	6th July 1917 – exemption refused 17th August 1917 Appeal Committee– case adjourned to the War Agricultural Executive Committee.
John William Cross, aged 18	Reuben Covill, Westfield Farm (250 acres)		6th July 1917 – exemption refused but no call up before 29 th September.
Robert James Cross of Prickwillow, aged 38	Self	Small farmer who worked his own land as horsekeeper, yardman and milkman Kept widowed mother. Passed fit for general service	24th March 1916 – 4 months exemption 29 th September 1916 – exemption extended to the end of the year. 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC. Medical required 23 rd March 1917 – conditional exemption confirmed 25th May 1917 – Robert was only attending VTC drill, not doing duties – summoned to explain himself to the Tribunal. 1st June 1917 – the Military representative requested the withdrawal of Robert's exemption because he had taken 3 months to go to VTC and so far had only attended 2 drills (one the previous week!). Robert appeared before the Tribunal to apologise and stated he was prepared to join the VTC but was very busy and tired. The exemption was allowed to stand as long as he did join the VTC as instructed.
Thomas Chapman Cross, aged	Ely Gas & Electricity Company	Gas stoker	10th March 1916 – 6 months exemption

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30	Ltd	Brother of casualty Herbert Chapman Cross The company had lost 8 men to the Front	6th July 1917 – exemption refused
Thomas J Cross, aged 39	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Thatcher	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
William Cross, aged 32	Self	Farmer, Common Road	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Walter Crouch, aged 38	A & B Hall Ltd Brewery Forehill	B2. Boilerman and nightman. Job meant keeping steam up in the boilers overnight so work at the brewery could begin immediately in the morning. (By May 1917 the brewery had lost 41 men to the Colours.) Badly ruptured and had been in hospital (two operations). Five children and wife with only one leg	20th October 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917 25th May 1917 – conditional exemption. Join the VTC 23rd November 1917 – Walter had been discharged from the VTC as unfit. His conditional exemption was confirmed without VTC service.
Ernest Culpin of Chettisham, aged 33	Mr F G Coy, St John's Farm	Shepherd	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
James Cutworth, aged 34	Messers Parren & Sons of Earith, builders and contractors	Bricklayer's labourer. Temporary exemption applied for until work was completed on the new isolation hospital in St John's Road, Ely	21st April 1916 – exemption refused
William Cutworth, aged 33	Messers Downie and Sons, fruitgrowers	Horsekeeper for 9 years. They had employed 30 men before the War, now had 20 (the Tribunal reminded the firm they were only entitled to 11). 108 acres of fruit and market garden land	26th January 1917 – exemption refused 6th April 1917 Appeals Tribunal sitting at Ely – exemption refused
Horace Dann, aged 18	Mr J P Tibbitt, High Street	Apprentice letterpress printer. Had been rejected.	23rd November 1917 – case adjourned until called up. Medical re-examination required.

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Ernest Edward Day, aged 36	Self	Farmer at Bedwell Hay	16th June 1916 – 6 months exemption 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
George Day of Back Drove, Queen Adelaide, aged 29	Father – Tom Day, farming 50 acres	Horseman and yardman, father aged 70 – George running the farm. Brother of Tom and Joseph Day (below)	10th March 1916 – 3 months exemption 28 th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 26th January 1917 - originally given a further 6 months exemption, but once Tribunal heard his brother Tom's case George was then refused exemption as Tom could help their father! 6 th April 1917 Appeals Tribunal sitting at Ely – appeal refused, George to join up on 15 th May
Horace Percy Day, aged 29	Self	Chef at the Lamb Hotel Stated he came from a family of conscientious objectors	24th March 1916- exemption refused
Joseph Day, aged 34	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Yardman. Brother of George and Tom.	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – exemption until substitute found 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – farm claimed could not find suitable substitute, but it was reiterated that Joseph was only exempted until a suitable substitute was found.
Percy Watson Day of Queen Adelaide, aged 21	Mother Ruth Day, Bank Farm	Horsekeeper and ploughman 122 acres farm. His two brothers - one was framing on his own account, the other in Canada (although he had 5 sisters)	18 th August 1916 – exemption to 31 st October 17th November 1916 – exemption refused
Thomas W Day, aged 29	Self	Dairy farmer, Queen Adelaide	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Tom Day, aged 35	Self	Farmer Quanaea Drove. Brother of George	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th

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		and Joseph Day (above)	November 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption
Henry Dean, aged 21 of Waterside	Tom H Wood, Chiefs Lane	Class A, gardener and labourer but now fruit packing. Employer asked to keep him to the end of the season as there was still land to dig and pruning.	23 rd November 1917 - exemption refused
Charles Dennis of Prickwillow, aged 37	Farmer Mr Aaron Watson of Littleport	Milkman and drum feeder	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
Horace Dennis of West End, aged 23	Employer Mr S Covill	Horsekeeper Mr Covill had already lost about 17 men from his farm (by the time of the appeal he said he had lost 25-30 men and only had elderly workers left)	10th March 1916 – exemption refused 14th April 1916 – Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – exempted to 1 st May Horace did not survive the War
James Denston, aged 31	Eagle Foundry	1916 Wheelwright and pattern maker in foundry. General service man. 1918 James had the highest form of protection certificate from the Ministry of Munitions.	22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption, join the VTC 24th May 1918 – the Tribunal cancelled James' certificate of exemption.
George Dilley, aged 36	Mr T W H Clarke	Yardman , Prickwillow	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Arthur Joseph Dix, aged 29	Self	Carpenter and joiner at the Royal Flying Corps; Distribution Stores. C2 but already rejected twice for service because of defective eyesight	6th July 1917 – exemption refused
William Dobbs, aged 44	Ely Fruit Preserving Company	Manager. Graded G1.	12th July 1918 – 3 months exemption 25th October 1918 – 3 months exemption
Frederick Dobson, aged 26	Self	Hairdressing business which would have to close married	11th August 1916 – Isle of Ely Appeals Committee- appeal dismissed and unstarred
Samuel Dockray	Messers James Foreshaw and	Had been called up, but was currently	26th May 1916 – case adjourned to 7 th

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	Sons	travelling around the district with the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely shire stallion	July
George Dolby, aged 33		Whitesmith	23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption
Charles Dorling of Burnt Fen, aged 25	Farmer James Tylor	Second horsekeeper	28 th July 1916 - ?
Henry Downie (Junior), aged 41	Self	Farmer and fruit grower	23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption 6th July 1917 – conditional exemption.
Harry Dring, aged 43	Messers Bendall & Sons (Newmarket)	Graded B2. Solicitors' managing clerk	21 st June 1918 – case adjourned for a recommendation from the Law Society 12th July 1918 – Law Society recommends 3 months exemption 25th October 1918 – 3 months exemption
Robert Driver, aged 38	Self	Farmer and miller, Ely Fields Farm Passed B1	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th October 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
Bertram A Edwards, aged 40	Self	Farmer, Mile End Prickwillow	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Ernest Walter Edwards, aged 35	Self	Carpenter, wheelwright and builder; the only bricklayer in Prickwillow with two bricklayers and a labourer working for him. Ernest also had letters of support from local farmers. (Four of his brothers had enlisted – one had been lost and another was seriously ill.) By 1918 seven brothers had enlisted (2 died of fever and one killed)	16th June 1916 – 6 months exemption 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join the VTC 24th May 1918 – 6 month exemption
Arthur Ellingham of Clayway, aged 38	Farmer Mr Samuel Cross of New Barns	Thatcher, stockman and toolman	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
John Ellingham, aged 46	Messers A & B Hall	G1	12th July 1918 – had gained employment in connection with the RAF, but still no

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			exemption
Thomas Frederick Ellis, aged 32	Mr D C Murfitt, Downham Road Mill	Miller. C2. Was ex-Army and had lost an eye	6th July 1917 – exempted to 1 st October
Robert Elsegood of Chettisham, aged 39	Farmer Mr W H Saunders, Woodhouse	Horsekeeper	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption, join the VTC
Charles Estlin, aged 49	Self	Graded B2. High Street draper	9th August 1918 – case adjourned so Charles could find work of national importance. 20th September 1918 – Charles to find work of national importance for two days a week 25th October 1918 – 6 months exemption and to do 2 days a week agricultural work.
Ernest Robert Evans, aged 44	Self	Graded B1. Solicitor	12th July 1918 – 3 months exemption on the recommendation of the Law Society 25th October 1918 – 3 months exemption
Scarlett Everett, aged 49		Graded B2. Cathedral worker and smallholder	20th September 1918 – to enrol as an agricultural volunteer 25th October 1918 – Scarlett was now working his own 8 acres in West Fen and assisting other smallholders – 3 months exemption.
Richard Farrow of Annesdale, aged 27	Mr A W Morris of Fore Hill	Tailor (men's outfitters), manager of all departments in the store Sole support of widowed mother	10th March 1916 – 3 months exemption – this was the second postponement 21 st April 1916 – third application for exemption refused 16th June 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – appeal dismissed
Alfred William Faux of Waterside, aged 25	Self	Baker for Mrs F T Cross Widowed mother	21st April 1916 – exemption refused

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George F Feetham, aged 35	Saunders' family farm	Horseman	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
J W Fincham, aged 35	Farmer Mr J L Luddington	Farm bailiff in sole charge of Shippea Hill Farm, passed B2	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
R H Fincham, aged 33	Farmer Mr J L Luddington	Horsekeeper etc	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Charles Fitch, aged 20	Cole Ambrose	Horseman, Queen Adelaide	23rd March 1917 – star removed
Ebenezer Harold Fitch	Messers Chapman & Co, Broad Street	horizontal frame sawyer	22nd December 1916 – exemption refused. (Had been debadged and Mr Chapman did not want to keep him if a substitute could be found.)
James William Fitch of Fieldside, aged 32	Farmer Mr J E Hamey	Scavenger and horsekeeper	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November
Walter Fleet, aged 45	Ely Urban District Council	Graded 2. Lived at The Pits in Isleham. Stoker	9th August 1918 – 6 months exemption
Arthur Fletcher of Soham Fen,	Farmer Mr Hiam of Prickwillow	horseman	26th May 1916 – one month exemption
Jack Fletcher, aged 18	Farmer Mr T W H Clarke, Prickwillow	Engine and motor plough driver. Brother William had been killed in January.	29th September 1916 – exempted to 31 st December with leave to appeal again. 23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption
Reginald Norman Fortescue of Barton Square, aged 31	Self	Cashier at the Capital and Counties Bank Widowed mother Reginald refused to take the oath, but said he wanted to serve his country and actually saw his work at the bank as of national importance. His objections were on religious grounds and he had a supporting letter from Rev'd J T Kirkland stating that he was known to have voiced conscientious objections for several years.	24 th March 1916 - Recommended for non-combatant service as a conscientious objector
Robert Freeman, aged 35	Self	Fruit and potato grower and auctioneer	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC

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			6th April 1917 Appeals Tribunal sitting at Ely – the Military appealed against Robert's exemption but withdrew when realised the business was to lose another worker.
Arthur Fretwell, aged 31	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Horsekeeper	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – exemption until substitute found 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – The farm argued that they could not find a suitable substitute
Ernest W Fretwell, aged 18	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Horsekeeper Cousin of Harold	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 11 th October, no further appeals November 29th September 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – appeal dismissed as the applicant did not appear
Harold Fretwell, aged 18	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Horsekeeper Cousin of Ernest Passed for General Service Only son of widowed mother	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 11 th October, no further appeals 29th September 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – appeal dismissed as the applicant did not appear 17 th November - exemption refused 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – appeal dismissed, not to be called until a suitable substitute found
John Fretwell, aged 18	Father, Thomas Fretwell of Dunstalls, Stuntney	Smallholding. John's 4 brothers already serving	29th September 1916 – exempted to 30 th November. Enrol VTC 22nd December 1916 – exempted until substitute found
George Fryatt of Prickwillow aged 23	Charles Pope of Elm Farm, Prickwillow	Horsekeeper – five working horses. Elm Farm was 90 acres and being farmed by just one elderly man and Fryatt	10th March 1916 – 3 months exemption 26th January 1917 – exempted until substitute found, join VTC

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Thomas W Fulcher, aged 42	Ely Gas & Electricity Company Ltd	Stoker The company had already lost 8 men to the Front	6th July 1917 – conditional exemption
Samuel Fullcher, aged 40	Messers A & B Hall Ltd, Brewery	Brewery traveller who did a round every day. Classified C1. Over 32 men had joined up and the brewery now had a skeleton staff left	16th June 1916 – exemption refused 10 th November 1916 – Appeal Tribunal – appeal dismissed.
John William Furness, aged 19	Father, farmer Clayway Farm	The Tribunal commented that this was “a most disgraceful case” which had caused bad feeling locally, and that John should have volunteered earlier.	26th January 1917 – exemption refused 23rd March 1917 – refused right to appeal again
David Adam Fyfe of Lynn Road, aged 40	Self	Manager and engineer of chaff factory, forage manufacturer. Graded C2.	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 24th May 1918 – case adjourned for medical grading 21st June 1918 – case reviewed at the insistence of the National Service representative – 6 months exemption
James William Fyson, aged 44	A & B Hall Ltd, Forehill Brewery	Plumber and painter. Married with 6 children	21st June 1918 – 3 months exemption 20th September 1918 – 6 months exemption
George Herbert Gage, aged 27	Ernest H Day, Bedwell Hay Farm	Resided on the farm. One of 5 men for 230 acres. Employed for 3 months	6th July 1917 – conditional exemption
John Alan Gardiner, aged 18	Father Mr J A Gardiner, High Street, chemist	Chemist’s assistant, dispensing under the National Insurance Act	22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
Samuel Gaskin, aged 32		Draper’s assistant (with Frances Holtham, milliner, Ely High Street)	2nd February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – exempted to 1 st March
William Gathercole, aged 29 (39?)	Mr J H Taylor	Blacksmith, Prickwillow	23rd March 1917 – star removed 6th July 1917 – conditional exemption
Harry Gay, aged 27	Mr Edward Day, Swaisdale Farm	Horsekeeper and teamster	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption

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John Charles Giddens, aged 31	Mr G A Bowsher, High Street, painter and decorator	Painter. Classified B1. Employer would be left with only 2 men out of a workforce of 8.	17th November 1916 – exemption refused
Ernest Giles of Parade Lane, aged 37	Ely Fruit Preserving Company	Packer. The company had lost 4 men to the Front and were now working with 11 men, 31 women and 60 casuals	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November. Join the VTC 25th October 1918 – conditional exemption withdrawn at the request of the Military Service representative – not to be called up for a month
George James Game of Chettisham, aged 24	Farmer Mr W H Saunders of Woodhouse	Milkman	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
John Alan Gardiner of High Street, aged 17	Father, family business	Chemist and National Insurance dispenser	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November and join VTC
Samuel Gaskin, aged 32	Messers J M Harvey and Sons	Only man left to do heavy work	20 th October 1916 – exemption refused
Ernest Giles, aged 37	Ely Fruit Preserving Company	Passed B2	22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
George Gipp, aged 21	Farmer Mr T W H Clarke of Denmark House	Carter. Mr Clarke had lost 9 men and stated he did not have a sufficient number to work the farm	26th May 1916 – 3 months exemption
Thomas Gooch, aged 22	Farmer Mr T W H Clarke (Mr Clarke was on the Tribunal and had to withdraw from the discussion)	Ploughman and teamster Had earlier been rejected as medically unfit (Farm had 24 horses and employed 12 men plus 6 women from Soham)	24th March 1916- one month exemption 26th May 1916 – second request for exemption refused
William Gooch of Prickwillow, aged 28	Farmer Mr T W H Clarke	Agricultural engine attendant and horseman. Had earlier been declared medically unfit for service. In April 1917 Mr Clarke stated he had lost 12 out of 26 workers to the War and was now required to double his output of potatoes.	21 st April 1916 – 6 months exemption 26th January 1917 – exemption refused 6th April 1917 Appeals Tribunal sitting at Ely – conditional exemption
John Gotobed of Broad Street,	Self	Carter and contractor to Isle of Ely County	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th

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aged 35		Council and smallholder	November and join VTC 22nd December 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917, no further application 16th February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – Military appealed against the exemption – John had to enlist on 1 st March.
William Gotobed, aged 45	Self	Graded B2. Carrier's agent employed by Sutton & Co and the Post Office. Eldest son an invalid and other son who had been a bugler in the VTC had been called up on 21 st May 1918. He also had had typhoid fever, could not walk for more than two miles because of bad feet and had rheumatism in damp weather.	12th July 1918 – 3 months exemption. 25th October 1918 – 6 months exemption
William J Gouldstone, aged 44	Self	Graded B1. Grocer of St Mary's Street. Married with 3 children	21st June 1918 – 3 months exemption 20th September 1918 – 3 months exemption
James Greaves, aged 29	Ely Co-operative Society	Breadbaker and foreman in the bakery department which baked several thousand loaves per week. Had held post for 7 years. Requested absolute exemption for James as the only competent man in the department which baked 5,600 loaves a week.	16th June 1916 – 6 months exemption 17th November 1916 – conditional exemption to 17 th March 1917 23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption 23rd November 1917 – National Service representative asked for James' exemption to be rescinded, but it was upheld.
Thomas Hall, aged 23	Farmer Mr Flanders Hopkin of Prickwillow	Of Waterden Fen. Farm was 400 acres with five men to work it	22nd December 1916 – exemption until substitute found
William English Hall, aged 47		Graded G2. slaughterman	12th July 1918 – no exemption but not to be called for a month
William Saville Halstead, aged 35	Ely Fruit Preserving Company	Foreman and jam boiler. Had been with the company since April 1910 and was in charge of the female staff	29th September 1916 – conditional exemption, join VTC
James Thomas Hamey, aged 27	Messers A & B Hall Ltd,	Carpenter and joiner and yard foreman.	16th June 1916 – 3 months exemption

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	Brewery	Over 30 men had joined up and the brewery now had a skeleton staff left	20 th October 1916 – further exemption refused 2nd February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – James’ case was due to be heard at this Tribunal – but he had joined up in the interim James did not survive the War
Theodore Hamey of West Fen Road, aged 27	Father John Hamey, farmer and hackney carter	Ploughman and drillman for 50 acres farm. They had contracts with the Urban Council and County Council which had been in place since before the War.	18th August 1916 – one month exemption and no further applications to be made.
George John Hammond of High Barns, aged 46	Cutlack and Harlock	Graded B2, motor lorry driver. Brother of casualty Markham Hammond.	12th July 1918 – 3 months exemption 25 th October 1918 – 3 months exemption
James Harrison, aged 33	Farmer Mr T W H Clarke	Horsekeeper Shell Farm, Pickwillow	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Thomas Harrison, aged 35	Farmer, Mr William Marsh of Prickwillow	Horsekeeper, ploughman and general labourer	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22 nd December 1916 – exemption refused 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – given conditional exemption which would be subject to review if he was called up.
John Hawkes of Station Road, aged 33	Self	Coal merchant. The principal coal business in Ely District (120 years – 4 generations) father unable to manage business on medical grounds	7th July 1916 – exempted for one month and no further applications to be made 11 th August 1916 – Isle of Ely Appeals Committee- appeal dismissed
John M Haylett, aged 45	Cutlack and Harlock	Graded G2. Manufacture of mineral waters	12th July 1918 – ne exemption but not to be called up for a month
Arthur Henry Haywood of Prickwillow Road, aged 32	Home and Colonial Stores, High Street	Manager – had been with the company 17 years	7th July 1916 -? 23rd March 1917 – exemption refused
Arthur James Hibbitt,	Mr S Covill	Engine driver, Home Farm	23rd March 1917 – star removed
Thomas Joseph Hill, aged 27	Ely Fruit Preserving Company	Packer. C1. Blind in right eye and had been previously rejected for service. The firm had lost 6 men and all remaining	6th July 1917 – exempted to 1 st October 17th August 1917 Appeal Committee– the Military representative appealed

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		men had been on overtime for a year.	against Thomas' exemption and the exemption was withdrawn.
Jack Hills of Broad Street, aged 22	Mr John Fear of Waterside, basketmakers	Large contract of fruit baskets to complete in next three months (during which time Jack could make about a thousand baskets (the firm had lost seven men to the Front, one of whom had been killed)	28th July 1916 – exemption to 24 th September, but no further application to be made
Lacey Vincent Hills, aged 39	Self	Insurance broker, High Street. Secretary to Ely & District War Savings Committee and to Ely VTC. He also volunteered for special service with the Volunteers. June 1918 the National Service representative was of the opinion Lacey's job could be undertaken by a woman – he claimed the round was too large for any woman.	26th January 1917 – adjourned for production of medical classification certificate 23rd March 1917 - conditional exemption 24th May 1918- case adjourned for grading by the Civilian Board 21st June 1918 – case reviewed at the insistence of the National Service representative – 3 months exemption. 12th July 1918 Appeal Tribunal – case held over as Lacey was away from Ely for two or three months with the Volunteers.
Russell Hills of Hills Lane, aged 35	George Ashby, painter and decorator of St Mary's Street	Plumber. Russell had been 14 years in Mr Ashby's firm. The company had already lost six men to the Front. Hills had been rejected for service . Ashby asked for an extension to allow the firm to finish current contracts.	16 th June 1916 – 4 months exemption 17th November 1916 – exempted for 3 months and join VTC. No further application to be made 25th May 1917 – Mr Ashby given permission to appeal again for Russell as had now lost 6 workmen, including his own son. 6th July 1917 - conditional exemption 17th August 1917 Appeal Committee– the Military representative challenged Russell's exemption and his appeal was allowed – Russell was not to be called up before 1 st September.

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Alfred Hitch	Mr Reuben Covill	Horsekeeper, Westfield Farm	23rd March 1917 – star removed
Robert Hitch of Silver Street, aged 24	Miss Elizabeth Tuck, New Barns Farm	Indispensable horsekeeper, 5 years on the farm	16 th June 1916 – 6 months exemption 26th January 1917 – exemption refused 6th April 1917 Appeals Tribunal sitting at Ely – not to be called up until Miss Tuck had a suitable substitute
John Holland, aged 50	Self	Graded B1. Market Street, pork butcher. 3 ½ acres of land	9th August 1918 – exempted to 1 st November
Herbert James Holliday, aged 18	Cole Ambrose	Assistant shepherd at Bradford's Farm, Stuntney	29th September 1916 – exempted to 31 st October with a possibility of this being extended to the end of the year. 26th January 1917 – exempted to 30 th April, this to be the final exemption. Join the VTC 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – Military representative appealed. Exemption to 30 th April only confirmed.
George William Holmes, aged 36	Farmer Mr S E Covill	Agricultural engine driver, Home Farm, Ely	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
David Hood, aged 37	Mr W Teverson, farmer	Horsekeeper, Fuller's Farm, West Row	6th July 1917 – conditional exemption
Thomas Francis Hood, aged 48	Self	Graded B2. Proprietor of White Hart Inn and former professional golfer.	20th September 1918 – Thomas to obtain work of national importance 25th October 1918 – Thomas had obtained work of national importance and was advised to apply for the relevant protection certificate.
Victor Horsley of Folly Farm, Prickwillow, aged 34	Farmer Mr John Henry Stevens, Manor Farm, Little Downham	Horsekeeper. Farm 135 acres – the substitute man for Horsley was “not any good”	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 26 th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC 25 th May 1917 – Second Lieutenant L V

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			Daniels of the VTC had written that Victor refused to attend VTC saying he would rather join the Army (employer Mr John Stevens was in VTC but couldn't persuade Victor to attend). Victor summoned to explain his behaviour to the Tribunal. 1 st June 1917 – the Military representative requested the withdrawal of Victor's exemption because he had not joined the VTC – Victor wrote that he had to walk two miles a day to work with the horses and the drill hall was also 1 ½ miles away. The application was granted and Victor's conditional exemption was withdrawn.
Reginald Houghton, aged 20	Father – Jacob Houghton of Market Square	In charge of family business because of father's ill health. Reginald had also been declared medically unfit for service earlier.	10th March 1916 – one month exemption and go to see Major Griffiths
William Houghton, aged 21	Farmer Mr J L Luddington	Horseman, Shippea Hill Farm	26th January 1917- exemption refused but not to be called up until substitute found
Charles Robert Howard, aged 23	Messers Chapman & Co, Broad Street	Of West Fen. Tree feller	22nd December 1916 – exemption refused. (Had been debadged and Mr Chapman did not want to keep him if a substitute could be found.)
Edward Howard, aged 19	Messers Chapman & Co, Broad Street	Of West Fen. Horsekeeper and timber carter	22nd December 1916 – exemption refused. (Had been debadged and Mr Chapman did not want to keep him if a substitute could be found.)
Albert Ernest Howe, aged 18	Mr Herbert Lister of Lark Engine Farm	Horseman	6th July 1917 – exempted until a substitute found 17 th August 1917 – case adjourned for consideration by the War Agricultural Exemption Committee

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Ernest Howe of Prickwillow, aged 38	Mr Herbert Lister of Lark Engine Farm	Horsekeeper and machine feeder Married with 6 children	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
John Howe	Mr T W H Clarke	Essential worker – farm had lost 12 out of 26 workers and required to produce double its output of potatoes	6th April 1917 Appeals Tribunal sitting at Ely – conditional exemption.
Walter Howe, aged 37		Prickwillow, engine driver	23rd March 1917 – star removed
Charles Henry Howes of Deacons Lane, aged 30	South Level Commissioners	Drainage labourer 1918 Charles was now described as shipwright and carpenter	7th July 1916 – conditional discharge for as long as working on the drainage of the Fens 24th May 1918 – 6 month exemption and join VTC
Albert Walter Howlett, aged 28	Edwin Saunders, Nornea Farm	Horseman. Stuntney	20th October 1916 – exemption refused
David Howlett	Self	Small farmer at Stuntney	24th March 1916 – 3 months exemption
Albert Hunt, aged 32	Mrs Sayer, Brays Lane	Gardener. Passed C2	23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption
George H Hunt, aged 48	Mr John Fear of Waterside	Graded B2. Agricultural basket maker. The company had lost 5 out of 12 staff and output had been reduced already by 14,000 p.a. Family of 7.	9th August 1918 – 6 months exemption
Jack Otter Jackson, aged 20	Messers Chapman & Co, Broad Street	Tree feller	22nd December 1916 – exemption refused. (Had been debadged and Mr Chapman did not want to keep him if a substitute could be found.)
Arthur J Jolly, aged 38	Eagle Foundry Company	Smith	23rd March 1917 – star removed
Charles William Jones, aged 49	Mr Cole Ambrose	Graded 2. Formerly a domestic gardener, but now working as an agricultural labourer. Also Secretary of the North Star Lodge of the Shepherds with 180 insurance members and 200 ordinary members.	9th August 1918 – Charles promised to enrol as an agricultural volunteer. 20th September 1918 – Charles now had a War Agricultural Committee certificate
Francis Jones, aged 38	Mr F Tucker, builder and contractor	Horseman and carter, ten years with the company. Had 10 operations for internal	20th October 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917

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		trouble. Passed C1	25th May 1917 – conditional exemption
James Jones, aged 41	Self	Smallholder with 10 acres, hackney carter, and also working 3 days a week for GER loading cattle at St Ives and Kings Lynn. Passed B2	17th November 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917 25th May 1917 – conditional exemption if gave whole time to working on the land
Joseph Jones, aged 49	King's School	Graded B1. School porter and gardener. Had two sons in army (Henry had been wounded four times at this stage), one in a chemical works and one working on the land. His daughter was a cripple.	9th August 1918 – exempted to 1 st November 25th October 1918 – case adjourned
Thomas Jones, aged 36	Self & Mr Blakeman,	Confectioner of Broad Street and worked as a boot finisher(an edge setter and clicker) for Blakemans when needed.	16th June 1916 – 3 months exemption 20th October 1916 – exempted to 31 st January 1917. Join VTC 23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption 25th October 1918 – conditional exemption withdrawn at the request of the Military Service representative
Herbert Andrew Joselyn of The Range, aged 39	Messers A & B Hall, brewery	Motor driver and drayman	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Bertram E Jugg, aged 24	Executors of Woodbine Haylock	Horsekeeper and milkman. New Barns Road	23rd March 1917 – star removed 25th May 1917 – exemption refused 22nd June 1917 Appeal Tribunal – appeal dismissed, but no call up until a suitable substitute found.
James A Jugg, aged 27		Milkman	23rd March 1917 – temporary exemption until a substitute found
John E Jugg, aged 32		Cowman, Orwell Pits	23rd March 1917 – star removed
Percy Charles Jugg of Fieldside, aged 21	Self	Percy had been in the Army but had got himself discharged four years ago on his father's death. Two of his brothers were already at the Front and he was the eldest	24th March 1916- exemption refused

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		at home, supporting his mother and four siblings.	
Charles Ernest Kemp, aged 26	J C Laxton of the Bell Hotel	Motor driver. Mr Laxton complained he had already lost four men from the hotel and Charles was looking after 6 horses and 3 motors. This was not considered suitable work for a woman, as Mr Laxton did not want to send them into the Fen. The case was taken to the Appeals Committee, by which time the Bell Hotel's other driver (Reeves, who also drove the Ely fire engine) had been called up. It was argued that Charles drove Mr Beldam who was engaged in buying up horses for the government.	24 th March 1916 - one month exemption 26 th May 1916 – further exemption refused 30 th June 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee - 2 months exemption but Mr Laxton urged to spare Kemp if possible. 29 th September 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – further exemption refused.
Herbert Henry Kempton, aged 45	Self	Market Place fruiterer and greengrocer. Classified G2 and had ruptured spleen through lifting heavy weights.	12 th July 1918 – 3 months exemption. The Tribunal commenting that there had been several Ely conscripts who had been called up despite medical conditions and who had been hospitalised after only a few weeks service. 25 th October 1918 – 6 months exemption
Ernest Kent, aged 38	Mr H H Kempton, greengrocer, Market Place	Greengrocer's assistant. Had originally been rejected for service on medical grounds, but then re-examined at Bury St Edmunds and passed fit for garrison duty,	29 th September 1916 – exemption refused
John King, aged 46	Messers A & B Hall	Drayman	12 th July 1918 – 3 months exemption 25 th October 1918 – 3 months exemption
George King, aged 34		Horseman, Swaisdale Farm	23 rd March 1917 – star removed
Horace Clement King, aged 29	Self	Master butcher	6 th July 1917 - at the same time the Tribunal revisited the case of his slaughterman Lenton. Conditional

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			exemption for Horace. Meanwhile all Ely slaughtermen to go before the Appeals Committee.
Robert King, aged 29	Mr Edward Day, Swaisedale Farm	Cowman, milkman and general labourer	23rd March 1917 – star removed 6th July 1917 – exempted until substitute found
Sidney King, aged 28	Father, Ellis King, blacksmith	Shoeing smith. Without Sidney the business would close as two brothers were at the Front, one in munitions work, and the other ran his own business. C1	20th October 1916 – exemption to 31 st January 1917 2nd February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – Military appealed against his exemption but withdrew appeal.
Albert E Knight, aged 30	Requested temporary exemption while employer Mr Frederick Wells (draper and fitter) was ill		10th March 1916 – exemption refused
Fred Lambert of Bull Lane, aged 24	Self	Brewer's clerk	10th March 1916 – exemption refused 14th April 1916 – Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – appeal dismissed (Fred didn't turn up for the hearing)
William Charles Lane, aged 39	Mr J P Tibbits, High Street Printers	Letterpress printer in charge of the printing office which would probably have to close if he was taken – employed for many years by the company. It was argued that without William the city of Ely Red Book would not get printed. By 1918 the only compositor left in the business and was training up a lad and two girls. Married with 4 children	26th May 1916 – exempted until 19 th August 29th September 1916 – exempted to 31 st December. Enrol in VTC 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC 24th May 1918 – 3 months exemption 20th September 1918 – 3 months exemption
Thomas W Larkins of St Mary's Street, aged 34	R E Smith	Employed by now deceased Abraham Smith as a horsekeeper. The Smiths wish to retain Thomas' services until the estate is settled.	21 st April 1916 – exemption extended until May 6 th
George Lawrence of Adelaide	Mr T W H Clarke of Denmark	Stacker and drumfeeder	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th

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Bridge, aged 31	House and Green Farm, Prickwillow		November 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Henry Lawrence, aged 38	Mr Alexander Cass – cycle and motor agents	Motor driver and engineer's labourer. Henry had been 14 months with the company and was an important worker because he was able to do car repairs. He was the only male motor driver left, although Mr Cass was training up a woman. Henry also had a medical certificate from Dr Curl (his former employer) and a letter of support from Mr S Covill because of his role in the Ely Fire Brigade. Passed C1. 1918 – now engaged in mending agricultural tractors	20th October 1916 – hearing adjourned for applicant to have another medical examination. 17th November 1916 – conditional exemption to 17 th February 1917 and to join the VTC. No further application without permission. 23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption 24th May 1918 – 4 months exemption
William Lawrence of The Plough, Queen Adelaide, aged 37	Self In May 1917 Edward Day (300 acres) appealed for him	Smallholder (7 acres) and publican Passed fit for General service	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – the Military appeal against exemption was allowed, but not to be called up before 2 nd April. 25th May 1917 – conditional exemption for as long as employed in agriculture
Frederick "Frank" Layton of Broad Street, aged 38	Mr F W Chambers of Orwell Pits Farm	Horsekeeper on farm of 1500 acres and only qualified assistant left (Mr Chambers sons were serving with the Canadian Dragoons and the Royal Fusiliers)	21st April 1916 – 6 months exemption 17th November 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917
Ben Lee of Queen Adelaide, aged 35	Mrs Elizabeth Lee, farmer Padnal Bank	Farm manager and horsekeeper	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November
Bertram Lee of Clayway, aged	Farmer Mr James Baker of	Bert had a smallholding of 6 acres but was	7 th July 1916 – conditional exemption to

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30	Clayway	actually willing to serve. However, he also worked for Mr Baker as a stockman on his farm at Queen Adelaide and Mr Baker wished to keep him.	11 th October 17th November 1916 – exemption refused
George H Lee of Prickwillow, aged 32	Farmer Mr Fred Hiam of Prickwillow	Smallholder and general labourer Passed fit for General Service	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
Horace Lee of Queen Adelaide, aged 18	Mother Mrs Elizabeth Lee, farm Second Drove 60 acres	General farm worker, milkman	28th July 1916 – exemption to 31 st December 26th January 1917 – exemption refused but not to be called up until substitute found 24th May 1918 Appeal Tribunal at Ely-exempted to 1 st November
James Lee (junior) of Padnal Bank, aged 21	By father James Lee (73 years old)	Does all the work on the family farm 1918 – James Lee Senior had died and James was now working for his widowed mother Sarah. Has War Agricultural Committee Certificate of Protection.	26th May 1916 – one month exemption 28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – temporary exemption until a substitute found 24th May 1918 Appeal Tribunal at Ely-exempted to 1 st October
Christopher H G Legge	Self	Christopher had run a boot and shoe business in Ely High Street for 9 years and only had one other man with him in the shop. He was repairing boots for about 50 VTC. Christopher stated his wife could not run the business as his wife and mother had not lived with him for five years.	26th May 1916 – 6 months exemption 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption. The chairman of the Tribunal told Christopher “you are very lucky”. 16th February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – Military appealed against exemption which was allowed, but Christopher was not to be called up before 31 st March.
Frederick Leggett of Prickwillow, aged 36	Farmer Thomas Frohock of Shippea Hill	Farmer’s working foreman and potato merchant. Farmer Frohock stated he would not be able to plant so many	21st April 1916 –exemption refused

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		potatoes as usual this year without Frederick	
Herbert Leggett, aged 39	Farmer, Mr William Marsh of Prickwillow	Thatcher, drillman and toolman	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22 nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
George Lemon, aged 34	Messers Parren & Sons of Earith, builders and contractors	Bricklayer's labourer. Temporary exemption applied for until work was completed on the new isolation hospital in St John's Road, Ely	21st April 1916 – exemption refused
Arthur C Lemmon, aged 50	Self	Graded B1. Forehill butcher	20th September 1918 – Arthur did not appear because he was “too busy”. This was seen as an insulting act of defiance by the Tribunal – especially as they had agreed to hear the case despite the fact the application had been put in late. A “stiff letter” was sent about this and the case adjourned. 25th October 1918 – This time Arthur appeared before the Tribunal and stated he didn't mind either way whether he was exempted from service, but did have a large business to run. Eventually he asked for exemption and was given 6 months.
Thomas Knightall Lenton aged 40	Mrs Briggs, High Street butcher	Butcher and slaughterman for 20 years. Only man in the shop.	10th March 1916 – 3 months exemption 16th June 1916 – 6 months exemption 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption 25th May 1917 – the Tribunal attempted to assess how many slaughtermen were needed in Ely, and whether Thomas Lenton or Robert Tolmen should service

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			<p>Mrs Briggs' and Mr King's shops. Thomas was given conditional exemption as long as he also slaughtered for Mr King.</p> <p>22nd June 1917 Appeal Tribunal – Mr King complained that Mrs Briggs had not allowed Lenton to work for him and so Lenton's case is to be reviewed.</p> <p>17th August 1917 Appeals Tribunal – the Tribunal decided they must hear the case of the three Ely slaughtermen together (Lenton, Ray, Solomon). It was confirmed that Solomon would be taken for the Army and Lenton must slaughter for Mr King (including carrying the meat to the shop). Ray's appeal for exemption was also dismissed.</p>
Herbert Lister	Lark Engine Farm, Prickwillow	Horsekeeper	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
William George Lister, aged 35	Ely Gas Company	Gas fitter	25th October 1918 – conditional exemption withdrawn at the request of the Military Service representative – 3 months exemption
William Lock, aged 32	Mr Herbert Pope, America Farm	Horsekeeper	22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
George Samuel Lockwood, aged 35	Farmer, Mr Cole Ambrose	Drove the motor car / expert in gathering, sorting and carting fruit /seed merchant. 7 years on farms and vital worker	16th June 1916 – 6 months exemption 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption
George H Long, aged 32	Mrs Granger of the Vineyards	Market gardener	23rd March 1917 - conditional exemption 24 th May 1918 – George was summoned back to the Tribunal as he had not joined the VTC – he was reminded his exemption depended on this.
John Lupson of Waterside, aged	South Level Commissioners	Drainage labourer	7th July 1916 – conditional discharge for

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33		1918 bargeman and gaultman with Middle Fen Commisioners	as long as working on the drainage of the Fens 24th May 1918 – 3 months exemption, join VTC 20th September 1918 – had a voucher – case dismissed
Arthur Maddison, aged 34	Mr Frederick Hiam	Head horsekeeper Married with 6 children	1st June 1917 – conditional exemption
Jonathan J Maile, aged 40	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Engine driver	22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
William Henry Maile, aged 40	Eagle Foundry	Manager in sole charge of Eagle Foundry in Downham Road	22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption, join the VTC
(Reginald) Charles Manning of Annesdale, aged 26	Self	Marine store dealer	21 st April 1916 – exemption refused Charles did not survive the War
Alfred Marshall, aged 40	Messers W Hawke and Sons, coal merchants	Foreman with entire management of the wharf and doing most of the weighing – employers claimed he was indispensable. Grade 1 June 1918 employer argued Alfred was necessary due to unsatisfactory state of his own health. Supporting letter from the Coal Mines Department about the quality of Alfred's service.	16th June 1916 – 4 months exemption 20th October 1916 – conditional exemption 24th May 1918 – 2 months exemption 21 st June 1918 Appeal Tribunal at Ely - further exemption refused.
Edward Martin, aged 36	Farmer Mr T W H Clarke	Labourer	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Ernest John William Martin, aged 29	Farmer Mr T W H Clarke	Gardener, chauffeur and feeds cattle	16th June 1916- 4 months exemption conditional on being employed on the Prickwillow Farm
Henry Martin, aged 24	Edwin Saunders, Nornea Farm	Horsekeeper	20th October 1916 – conditional exemption
Thomas Arthur Martin, aged 40	A & B Hall, brewery	Cellar foreman – only cellarman left. Over 24 men had joined up and the brewery now had a skeleton staff left.	16th June 1916 – 6 months exemption 26th January 1917 – exemption refused

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George William Matthews, aged 35	Father James Matthews, Market Street, watchmaker	George had been a Territorial and had mobilised for 9 months. Now passed fit for general service. Father had stroke and depended on George to keep the business running. Stated when was previously in the army he used to collapse on parade and be unfit for several days. Two brothers were already in the Army. <i>It was claimed that if George was taken it would help the nearby German watchmaking business (in fact the German workers had already been interned).</i>	26th January 1917 - exempted to 31 st March 25th May 1917 – two months exemption, no further application without leave 23rd November 1917 – asked for leave to make a further application – refused.
Geoffrey G Mayle, aged 40	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Engine driver	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November
William Henry Mayle, aged 42	Employed Mr E Rose	Now at Wisbech. Protection certificate	25th October 1918 – conditional exemption withdrawn at the request of the Military Service representative -
Edward Parker McGee, aged 28	Cole Ambrose	Farm labourer. Stuntney	20th October 1916 – exemption refused 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – appeal dismissed
Joseph Parker Mc Gee, aged 28	Cole Ambrose	Farm labourer. Stuntney	20th October 1916 – exemption refused 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – conditional exemption
Samuel McGee, aged 33	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Labourer and publican of “The Archer” Stuntney	7th July 1916 – exempted to 11 th October 17 th November 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917 25th May 1917 – conditional exemption
Arthur Meadows	Self	Passed C1	2 nd February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – the Military appealed against exemption – this upheld, but not to be called before 1 st March.
Robert Geoffrey Mews, aged 36	Messers G & J Peck Ironmongers	Ironmonger’s assistant (manager of Pecks). The firm had already lost 8 of its 10 men to	20th October 1916 – exempted to 15 th January 1917. Join VTC

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		the Front. Passed C1	23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption
George Mickleborough, aged 30	Bell Hotel	Hotel servant	20th October 1916 – exempted to 30 th November. No further application without leave
Walter Mobbs, aged 37	Shell Company	Foreman oil carman employed by the company for 12 years and covering a radius of 12 miles. Married with 5 children Had lost two brothers at the Front Protection certificate <i>Walter died September 1921.</i>	16th June 1916 – 4 months exemption 17th November 1916 – conditional exemption 25th October 1918 – conditional exemption withdrawn at the request of the Military Service representative -
Heber Charles Morley, aged 33	Eagle Foundry Company	Iron furnace charger	20th October 1916 – exemption refused
Frank Archibald Morriss, aged 25	L & H Morriss, West End	C2. Carpenter. Four young men in this family firm were serving and Frank's cousins Roland and Thomas had already died. Had had leg broken in two places so "would not be much use to the Army".	23rd November 1917 – Frank was refused exemption as the National Service representative insisted the army needed carpenters. He was not to be called up before 1 st January 1918 by which time his uncle Clifford would have returned from the Front to take his place in the firm. 22 nd February 1918 Appeals Committee at Ely – Clifford had returned to the firm and was "a shadow to what he used to be" so the firm appealed for Frank – the committee pointed out that the army required carpenters and again refused exemption. To join up by 1 st May.
Fred Clarence Morton, aged 19	Father, Mr John Morton , farmer at Quanea	Horsekeeper and ploughman on family farm of 5,000 acres. A brother was also working on the farm and another brother was farming independently. Because of this the Tribunal agreed that at least one of the Morton brothers ought to fight.	17th November 1916 – exemption refused.
William Moss of Prickwillow,	Middle Fen Commissioners	Pumping Engine attendant – essential work	21st April 1916 – exemption refused

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aged 27		Married	
Percy William Mott, aged 19	Farmer Mr Robert Wade Cole, Prickwillow	Head horsekeeper	16th June 1916- 4 months exemption, but no further application to be made
John Moulton, aged 28	Messers A & B Hall Ltd, Brewery	Cooper Over 24 men had joined up and the brewery now had a skeleton staff left	16th June 1916 – 3 months exemption
Douglas Claude Murfitt of Downham Road, aged 23	Self	Master miller who also had to do his own carting Wife in hospital and could not run business 1918 – Douglas (who had lost his only workman) had not been attending VTC and so was recalled. Graded A1	24th March 1916 – 3 months exemption 28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November and join VTC 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption 24th May 1918 – exemption upheld but had to join Section B of VTC.
George Alfred Murfitt of Chettisham, aged 38	Self	Farmer of 50 acres. Passed fit for General Service	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
William Murfitt, aged 41	Mr S E Covill, Home Farm (400 acres)	Engine driver	6th July 1917 – conditional exemption
George Murrell, aged 29	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Horsekeeper	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – temporary exemption until substitute found 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – farm claimed could not find suitable substitute, but it was reiterated that George was only exempted until a suitable substitute was found.
John Murrell, aged 32	Farmer Frederick Hiam	Horsekeeper, Prickwillow Putney Hill Farm	23rd March 1917 – star removed 6th July 1917 – conditional exemption. Join the VTC.
William Murrell of Wades Farm, Middle Fen, aged 32	Farmer Mr Samuel Cross of New Barns	Horsekeeper	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November

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			22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
Alfred George Negus, aged 36	Messers A & B Hall Ltd Brewery	Wheelwright	23rd March 1917 – star removed 6th July 1917 – exemption refused 17th August 1917 Appeal Committee – case adjourned for three months because of his domestic position.
Walter John Negus, aged 34	Messers A & B Hall Ltd, Brewery	Wheelwright and maltser Over 24 men had joined up and the brewery now had a skeleton staff left	16th June 1916 – exemption refused
Alfred Newman	Self	Basket maker	2nd February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – Military appealed against his exemption, exempt only to 1 st March.
John Newman, aged 35		Stoker for Middle Fen Commissioners, rejected for service by Medical Board	22nd December 1916 – application withdrawn following the Medical Board decision
Charles F Newson	Self	Graded B2. Broad Street, butcher.	9th August 1918 – exempted to 1 st November
Percy Charles Newstead, aged 39	Self	Market Square, fishmonger and curer May 1918 – Percy had just lost his son Jack (still officially “missing”) and his wife had died.	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC 24th May 1918 – case adjourned for grading by the Civilian Board 20th September 1918 – 6 months exemption
Frederick John Nicholas, aged 44	Messers Coote & Warren Ltd	Graded C1. Coal carter Widowed mother Lost only brother George in February 1917	21st June 1918 – 3 months exemption. 20th September 1918 – case referred to Household Fuel & Lighting Committee 25th October 1918 – The local Fuel and Lighting Committee wrote to the Tribunal recommending Frederick’s exemption – the committee was advised to obtain a certificate for him from the Coal Controller.

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Robert W Nicholas, aged 35	Mr A J Cross, Station Road coal merchant	Horsekeeper, coalman, and ploughman. Only man Mr Cross had left in the business and the only man he would ask for. Graded B2	16th June 1916 – 4 months exemption 17th November 1916 - conditional exemption to 31 st January 1917. Join VTC 23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption 12th July 1918 – case adjourned for consultation 9th August 1918 – the case had been adjourned for the opinion of the War Agricultural Committee and was further postponed until Robert was called up.
Joseph S Nightingale, aged 48	Self	Graded B2. Crown & Anchor, St Mary's Street. Prudential Insurance Agent with 400 State Members and 200 Ordinary Members. Working for Prudential four days a week. Lost his wife two years ago so argued a case of "domestic hardship".	9th August 1918 – case adjourned for Joseph to enrol as an agricultural worker. 20th September 1918 – case adjourned for Joseph to find work of national importance for two days of week. 25th October 1918 – had found work of national importance so given 6 months exemption
George M Norden	Farmer Cole Ambrose	Farm worker	9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – conditional exemption
George Marfleet Norman, aged 21	Farmer Cole Ambrose	Farm labourer. Stuntney	20th October 1916 – exemption refused
James Norman, aged 18	Father	Tom's Hole Farm. Prickwillow. Horseman. 140 acres. Eldest of three sons.	23rd March 1917 – to be examined by the medical board 25th May 1917 – exemption refused
John Norman of Prickwillow, aged 35	Self	Stoker Middle Fen pumping engine	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November
Walter Northrop, aged 34	Lamb Hotel	Married with 3 children. Graded C2. Waiter etc doing the work of 4 hotel servants.	21st June 1918 – 3 months 12 th July 1918 Appeal Tribunal – the exemption was appealed by the National Service representative. Walter had enrolled for land work but no exemption was give.

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Arthur Nunn, aged 33	Mr R Driver, Lay Clerks' Farm, Stuntney	Horsekeeper	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Charles William Nunn, aged 36	Mr W Gay / A & B Hall Ltd Brewery	Cowman	23rd March 1917 – star removed 6th July 1917 – conditional exemption
Albert Oakey of Chettisham, aged 18	Father, farmer G W Oakey	Only horsekeeper and drove steam water engine which drained their farm and Mr Saunders farm. Two Oakey sons were already in the army, one of whom now has smashed eye.	7th July 1916 – exemption to 31 st December
Frederick Emmanuel Oakey, aged 28	Messers H & J Cutlack	Ironmonger's assistant. Cutlacks asked for a 6 month exemption – they had already lost 9 employees and this would leave them with two unqualified boys in the shop and two men in the workroom – Fred was the only qualified man left. Four brothers already serving Frederick had been a Territorial but had completed his term of service in February 1914	26th May 1916 – exempted to 19 th July 18th August 1916 – exemption to 31 st October and no further applications to be made. 17th November 1916 – exemption refused 16th February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – case adjourned until the Military called up (C3)
Henry William Onion of Prickwillow Road,	Self	Agricultural builder (only one in the district) – nobody to carry on business	26th May 1916 – 6 months exemption 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
Reginald Oxer of Witchford Road, aged 30	Mr Frank Bedlam, farmer	Smallholder and second horseman, teamster	16th June 1916 – 4 months exemption 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption, join VTC
William Robert Page, aged 42	Mr Frederick Tucker, builder	Journeyman bricklayer with invalid wife. Graded C2	21st June 1918 – 3 months exemption 20th September 1918 – 3 months exemption
Arthur William Palmer of Queen Adelaide, aged 34	Farmer Mr H Palmer of Middle Fen	Horsekeeper and ploughman	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
George T Palmer, aged 32	Mr Luddington	Cowman, Prickwillow	23rd March 1917 – star removed

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Harry Palmer, aged 40	Messers Hawkes and Son, coal merchants		20th October 1916 – Harry was refused exemption as he was understood to be leaving his job.
Edward George Parker, aged 38	self	Landlord of the George and Dragon	20th October 1916 – exemption refused 2nd February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – case adjourned for medical examination
William Pattenden, aged 32	Guardians of Ely Union	Workhouse porter & Master's clerk. Had been 8 years in the Army (6 years on foreign service) and discharged 1914 as physically unfit. B1	6th July 1917 – conditional exemption 24th May 1918 – certificate of exemption withdrawn.
Arthur Patterson, aged 44	Singer Sewing Machine Company	G2	12th July 1918 – joining up 10 th August, therefore no exemption
James Payton, aged 22	Farmer, Mr Cole Ambrose	Horsekeeper at Thorney Farm, Stuntney	26th January 1917 – exemption refused 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – appeal dismissed
Albert Peachey of Prickwillow, aged 39	Mr John Hopkin		28th July 1916 – exempted to 11 th October, no further application to be made
George Edward Peachey, aged 26	Mr J L Luddington (a member of the Tribunal who had to withdraw)	Horsekeeper on Shippea Hill Farm Married	24th March 1916 – one month exemption
Russell Peachey of Prickwillow, aged 23	G A Edwards of Prickwillow Post Office	Horsekeeper and assistant butcher	21 st April 1916 – exemption refused Russell did not survive the War
Percy Peacock, aged 19	Mr Cole Ambrose	Stuntney. Mr Cole Ambrose was short-handed but could not proceed with the appeal – under the new regulations for 1918 it had to go to the War Agricultural Committee first.	24 th May 1918 – appeal refused
George Arthur Peel, aged 46	Cutlack & Harlock brewery	Maltser	20th September 1918 – 3 months exemption
Herbert Robert Perry, aged 24	Robert Driver of Ely Fields	Horsekeeper on a farm of 120 acres, Mr Driver's only other employee left was over 70.	29th September 1916 – exemption to 31 st December, no further appeal without permission.

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			23rd March 1917 – temporary exemption until a substitute found
Harold Peters of Barton Road, aged 27	Mr F G Coy, St John's Farm	Engine driver	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
William Philips of Prickwillow, aged 27	Father, farmer H Philips	Horsekeeper – this was the second request to the Tribunal	21st April 1916 – further exemption refused
Reginald Phyphers of Chapel Street aged 26	Self	Clerk in the land revenue office. Applied for exemption on religious grounds but admitted he was not a churchgoer. Against killing but no objection to continuing in his current role which included collecting money for the war.	10 th March 1916 – Reginald was advised to enlist in a unit which did not kill e.g. Army service Corps. He was refused exemption, but refused to enlist. 14th April 1916 – Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – appeal as conscientious objector dismissed
George Eric Pledger, Market Street, aged 27	Father, Arthur D Pledger, draper and outfitter	Buyer and assistant manager in the drapery, furnishing and undertaking departments of the family firm. There was still one brother at home running the outfitting department, but youngest brother Percy had been killed and the other brother was at the Front, as were all the employees who did all the heavy work.	24th March 1916 – one month exemption 21 st April 1916 – further exemption refused conditional exemption, join the VTC
George Henry Pledger, aged 40	Mr A S Baker of Pymoor	Grocer's manager at the Stores, Queen Adelaide	28 th July 1916 – exempted to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption, join VTC 12th July 1918 – 3 months exemption 25th October 1918 – 3 months exemption
John Robert Pollyn, aged 36	Middle Fen Commissioners (chaired by Mr Cole Ambrose)	Molecatcher covering an area of 10,000 acres in the district (it was said the district was "smothered with moles" so that machines could not work in some fields. It	7th July 1916 – exempted to 31 st December 26th January 1917 – exempted to 30 th April, join the VTC

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		was particularly important to keep the river banks free of infestation).	25th May 1917 – exemption refused 2nd November 1917 Appeals Tribunal at Cambridge – appeal dismissed, not to be called up before 1 st December
George Harvey Pope of Soham Fen, aged 29	Farmer, Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Labourer	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 11 th October
Herbert Pope, aged 41	Self	Farmer – America Farm	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
James Albert Pope of Hills Lane aged 27	Self	Coal contractor. All the coal used by the Ely Gas Company was carted by him from the railway station. He also farmed 9 acres. Widowed mother and his brother already serving.	10th March 1916 – one month exemption 21 st April 1916 – upon reapplication, a further 6 months exemption 16th June 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – the military authorities appealed against James' exemption; the exemption stood, but James himself would need permission to appeal again to the Tribunal when it ran out.
Frederick William Pryke, aged 41		Married with 8 children. Previously had worked for Mr Tucker but was now working on an aerodrome. Graded B1. He had been rejected by the VTC because of his poor eyesight.	24th May 1918 – certificate of exemption withdrawn
Daniel George Purrell of Waterside, aged 18	Farmer Mr W H Saunders of Woodhouse	Horseman and milkman. Mr Saunders had a large dairy herd and only another three men beside Daniel, which left teams of horses standing idle.	28 th July 1916 – exemption to 11 th October 17th November 1916 – exemption refused as long as a substitute could be found
Arthur Ray of Willow Walk, aged 32	Mr A C Lemon of Fore Hill, butcher	Slaughterman	26th May 1916 – 4 months exemption 20th October 1916 – exemption to 31 st January 1917 2nd February 1917 Appeals Tribunal –

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			<p>case adjourned, to be reviewed in the light of number of slaughtermen left in Ely.</p> <p>22nd June 1917 Appeal Tribunal – appeal adjourned as Arthur was in hospital.</p> <p>2nd November 1917 Appeals Tribunal at Cambridge – appeal adjourned for medical examination</p> <p>17th August 1917 Appeals Tribunal – the Tribunal decided they must hear the case of the three Ely slaughtermen together (Lenton, Ray, Solomon). It was confirmed that Solomon would be taken for the Army and Lenton must slaughter for Mr King (including carrying the meat to the shop). Ray’s appeal for exemption was also dismissed.</p>
William Raynor of Bernard Street, aged 38	Dr Henly Frank Curl, St Mary’s Street Surgery	Chauffeur William had volunteered earlier and been rejected as unfit. Dr Curl himself expected imminent call-up and wanted his replacement to have a reliable driver who knew his patients.	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption, join VTC
William Henry Rayment of St Mary’s Street, aged 28	Messers Eastman Ltd, Butchers	A butcher’s roundsman working out of the Ely branch and responsible for a rural round of about 300 families. Nationally the firm had lost 1,500 men and had to close several establishments.	26th May 1916 – exemption refused 30th June 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – exempted to 31 st August, conditional on no further appeals being made without permission.
Alfred John Redditt of Back Hill, aged 32	Mr H C Kempton of Silver Street, Baker	Dough maker and bread delivery man	26th May 1916 – exempted to 19 th June, but not to be given anything further
Edward J Redditt, aged 27	Mr H C King	Slaughterman	23rd March 1917 – star removed
William John Reeves of	Mr J C Laxton, Bell Hotel	Boots, ostler and motor driver. Passed B1.	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th

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Newnham Street, aged 36		<i>Reeves also drove the local fire engine for Ely Urban Council, and when he was finally called up in mid-1918 Mr Laxton informed the council he could no longer supply drivers for the engine. Fire chief Mr S Covill supported William's exemption by sending a letter.</i>	November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
Ralph Palmer Rice, aged 18	Father Herbert Rice, farm 120 acres, Padnal	Horseman – 6 working horses	25th May 1917 – application refused 22nd June 1917 Appeal Tribunal – appeal dismissed
Albert Richardson of Cambridge Road, aged 35	Farmer Mr Frank Beldam	Head stockman and yardman Albert had served with the old militia	7 th July 1916 – exempted until 11 th October 25th May 1917 -- conditional exemption. Join the VTC
Albert William Rix of Chapel Street, aged 34	Mr H J J Jones, Minster Hotel	Motor Driver Albert had been a regular soldier but his time had expired, he had actually done 20 months at the Front	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November, join the VTC 16th February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – exempted to 1 st March
William Charles Roberson, aged 18	Mr G Tyndall		24th May 1918 – by the time the Tribunal met William had already been in the Army for two weeks – did not proceed with case.
Alfred William Robinson, aged 39	Mr W S Kempton, cabinet makers	Cabinet maker and French polisher	20th October 1916 – exemption refused
John Rolph of Burnt Fen, aged 39	Mr J Tylor, Willow Farm	Horsekeeper	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November
Albert Benjamin Rose		G1 employed by King's School	12th July 1918 – stated to be joining up shortly therefore no exemption
Herbert A Roythorne, aged 35	A & B Hall, brewery	Clerk, passed C3 By this stage the brewery had lost 36 men to the Colours	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, already a member of the VTC 25th October 1918 – conditional exemption withdrawn at the request of the Military Service representative – 6

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			months exemption
Robert Sheldon Runcieman, aged 33	Self	Farmer and dealer of Lynn Road with 60 acres. C1	17th November 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917. Join VTC 25th May 1917 – conditional exemption
Herbert Oscar Saberton, aged 20	John P Tibbets, printer, compositor and stationer	Apprentice letterpress printer in his 4 th year of apprenticeship. The firm had already lost two men and Herbert was the only one left who could work the machines.	24th March 1916 – one month exemption
James Sanders, aged 43	Self	Graded 1. Adelaide Bridge. Farmer and coal merchant.	21st June 1918 – case to be adjourned to War Agricultural Executive Committee
John Percy Saunders, aged 40	Self	Farmer of Chettisham. When younger had served in the Suffolk Yeomanry and been discharged. Was farming 174 acres, farming Nornea Farm for his uncle who was ill (498 acres) and also assisting his own father.	16th June 1916 – 4 months exemption 17th November 1916 – conditional exemption
Charles Scott of Padnal Bank, aged 27	Middle Fen Commissioners	Pumping Engine attendant – essential work married	21st April 1916 – 3 months exemption as long as he continued working on draining the Fens
Etherington Scott, aged 37	Self	Farmer, West Fen Road	23rd March 1917 – star removed 6th July 1917 – conditional exemption
Walter James Sennitt, aged 22	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Farm labourer	7th July 1916 – exempted to 30 th September, no further applications to be made 20 th October 1916 – exemption refused 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – conditional exemption
Harry E Seth of Fore Hill, aged 18	Father, Frederick Seth	Employed at Freeman, Hardy and Willis. Request exemption because of serious illness of mother – only child	24th March 1916 – one month exemption 21 st April 1916 – another one month exemption

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Alfred Seymour, aged 43	Messers H & J Cutlack Ltd	Graded 1. Agricultural implement mechanic	21st June 1918 – the company is advised to approach the War Agricultural Executive Committee for a ruling.
George Seymour, aged 31	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Horsekeeper The farm at Stuntney had already lost 26 men – it needed 30 more men than at present just to run effectively	16th June 1916 – 4 months exemption 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – conditional exemption
Walter Seymour, aged 36	Messers A & B Hall Ltd, Brewery	Motor driver and collector Over 30 men had joined up and the brewery now had a skeleton staff left 1918 Walter was the only man left who could drive the brewery's petrol lorries.	16th June 1916 – 3 months exemption 20th October 1916 – conditional exemption given 24th May 1918 – further exemption refused – not to be called up before 1 st July.
Robert James Sharman	Joseph Brand of Silver Street	Shoeing and general smith Brands was a large shoeing smith business and Joseph's sons were already at the Front	16th June 1916 – 6 months exemption 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC 24th May 1918 - Robert had not attended the VTC. Exemption now 3 months and to join Section B of VTC.
Frank Sharp, aged 18	Mr John Morton, farmer 500 acres, Quanaea	Back Drove, Middle Fen	6th July 1917 – exemption refused but not to be called up before 29 th September.
Albert John Sheffield, aged 27	Ely Cinema Company	Electrician and took care of the dynamos - irreplaceable	20th October 1916 – exemption refused
Charles Henry Siddell of Deacons Lane, aged 33	South Level Commissioners	Drainage labourer 1918 Charles was now a foreman	7th July 1916 – conditional discharge for as long as working on the drainage of the Fens 24th May 1918 – 6 month exemption join the VTC
Charles J Simpkins of Council Cottages, aged 34	Mr Ernest Dingle, grocery and provisions store	Collector and deliverer of foodstuffs – carman. Grade A. Charles had seen 16 months service in France as a regular soldier but had not signed-up again when	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November and join the VTC 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption

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		his term came up and he was discharged. 1918 – effectively doing two men’s work. Distributing margarine for Urban and Rural District Food Control Committee. Bayonet instructor for the VTC.	24th May 1918 – 3 months exemption 21st June 1918 Appeal Tribunal at Ely - exempted to 1 st August
Arthur Smith, aged 32	Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Machine attendant and drum feeder. Classed B1. Cole Ambrose farmed 2600 acres and employed 85 men – other members of the Tribunal felt he still had a better ratio of men to acreage than most other farmers had been left with.	17th November 1916 – exempted to 1 st January 1917 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join the VTC
Arthur Charles Smith, aged 35	Self	Beer and eating house keeper (Baron of Beef, Fore Hill), poultry dealer, small farm, orchard. Horsekeeper to Messers Bailey & Tebbitt. Passed B2 5 children	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 22nd December 1916 – exemption refused
Charles M Smith, aged 40	Self	Farmer and publican, Queen Adelaide	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
George Reginald Smith, aged 31 (may be Reginald George Smith)	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Ploughman and drum feeder The farm at Stuntney had already lost 26 men – it needed 30 more men than at present just to run effectively. Cole Ambrose farmed 2600 acres and employed 85 men – other members of the Tribunal felt he still had a better ratio of men to acreage than most other farmers had been left with.	16th June 1916 – 4 months exemption 17th November 1916 – exemption refused 9th March 1917 Appeals Tribunal – conditional exemption
George Richard Smith	Mr Walter Mudie, dental surgeon	Qualified dental surgeon (I.D.S., R.C.S., Ed.) Working in Mr Walter Mudie’s Fore Hill Surgery. Mr Mudie had surgeries in both Ely and Wells which were fully engaged in military work and needed a suitably	10th March 1916 – exemption refused 14 th April 1916 – Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – appeal dismissed

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		qualified assistant.	
John William Smith, aged 40	Self	Gardener, hackney carter and landlord of Three Blackbirds public house Broad Street classified C2 1918 John had just lost his son Abraham and had another son serving.	16th June 1916- 6 months exemption 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption, join VTC 24th May 1918 – 6 month exemption
Joseph Smith, aged 39	Lamb Hotel	Hotel servant	23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption
Robert Ernest Smith of Fieldside, aged 32	Self	Farmer with only one elderly man and a boy to help Married	21st April 1916 – 6 months exemption 17th November 1916 – conditional exemption
Joseph Smith, aged 39	Mr S Airey, Lamb Hotel	Ran the Lamb Tap	20th October 1916 – exempted to 31 st January 1917
Sidney Smith			14th April 1916 – Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – appeal dismissed (Sidney didn't show up for the appeal)
Bertram Arthur Snell, aged 27 Royal Nurseries, Broad Street	Self	Seedsman, nurseryman and fruit grower. C1. Bertram was the only man left at the nursery – the rest of the staff had joined up and been replaced by boys. The nursery was now chiefly use for food production.	6th July 1917 – conditional exemption.
Solomon		Slaughterman	17th August 1917 Appeals Tribunal – the Tribunal decided they must hear the case of the three Ely slaughtermen together (Lenton, Ray, Solomon). It was confirmed that Solomon would be taken for the Army and Lenton must slaughter for Mr King (including carrying the meat to the shop). Ray's appeal for exemption was also dismissed.
Herbert Southwell or Southerill, aged 45	H & J Cutlack	Graded B1. Mechanic chiefly working on agricultural machinery and work particularly heavy at harvest time. had been exempted from VTC as medically	12th July 1918 – 3 months exemption 25th October 1918 – 3 months exemption and excused Volunteer duty

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		unfit	
Randolph Stevens of Shippea Hill, aged 20	Father, farmer James Stevens	Family farm's ploughman, milkman and horseman Married Had already been passed as medically unfit	24th March 1916 - exemption refused
Harry Strawson, aged 18	Mr F W Chambers, Orwell Pits Farm	Ploughman etc 5 of Harry's brothers were already serving	6th July 1917 – exemption refused
Albert Edward Street, aged 36	Messers Woolston & Bell Ltd of Wellingborough	Hay trusser hay buyer and inspector, employed by the company since he left school. Passed B1. Defective sight.	20th October 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917 25th May 1917 – conditional exemption 24th May 1918 – case adjourned until actually called up. 25th October 1918 – Albert appealed by letter to be excused from further service with the VTC – agreed.
Walter James Street of Eagle Farm, aged 27	Woolston and Bull, Corn and Forage Merchants	Hay trusser, cutting for the railway companies married	21 st April 1916 – refused exemption
John Stubbings, aged 32	Newnham bakery – Messers Parker Bros. of Mildenhall	Baker and confectioner and shareholder in business. Managed Newnham Bakery 4 years. Classified B2. Trade at the bakery was increasing as Mr Nash and Mr Petit were no longer baking – John working 18-20 hours a day and making 1720 loaves a week. Married with 3 children.	20th October 1916 – exemption to 31 st March 1917 25th May 1917 – one month temporary exemption 6th July 1917 – conditional exemption
George Suckling, aged 47	A & B Hall Ltd Forehill Brewery	Graded 1. Maltser	9th August 1918 – case adjourned as George was in a certified trade. 20th September 1918 – 3 months exemption
George Sykes, aged 50	Mr Fred Tow, fishmonger	Graded B2. Fishmonger . George's employer had been ordered to join up at the end of the month and George's appearance before the debate began	9th August 1918 – 6 months exemption

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		another heated debate about this.	
Alfred Pumfret Taylor, Hole Farm, aged 31	Farmer Mr L G Saunders		28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November
Allen P Taylor			23rd March 1917 – case had been adjourned for production of medical certificate. Conditional exemption.
Josiah Taylor of Prickwillow, aged 37	Self	Farmer employing only one medically unfit man	7th July 1916 – 6 months exemption 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Leon Gillett Taylor, aged 41	Cutlack & Haylock, Quay Brewery	C3. Chief clerk and cashier.	23rd November 1917 – conditional exemption
Owen S Taylor of Prickwillow, aged 23	Mother Phoebe Taylor, Prickwillow Stores	Manager of the Stores in Prickwillow, grocer, butcher, coal carter Married 3 brothers serving	21st April 1916 – 3 months exemption 18th August 1916 – exempted to 31 st December 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Joseph William Tharby, St Bernard Street, aged 34	Father J Tharby	Running a family tailoring business Married. Had been passed for General Service. Father tried to get son exempted for reasons of “serious hardship”	24th March 1916 – 3 months exemption 28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November and join VTC 22nd December 1916 – exemption to 31 st March 1917 with no further applications permitted 16th February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – exemption to 31 st March confirmed and told to take case back to Ely Urban Tribunal 25th May 1917 – refused permission to appeal again
George Harvey Thorpe, aged 29	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Farm worker of Prickwillow. Passed C2	November 29th September 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – appeal dismissed as the applicant did not appear 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption

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Robert J Tolmen	Mr H C King, butcher	Slaughterman,	25th May 1917 – the Tribunal attempted to assess how many slaughtermen were needed in Ely, and whether Thomas Lenton or Robert Tolmen should service Mrs Briggs' and Mr King's shops. Robert was refused exemption.
George Thomas Topping, aged 28	Self	Tailor employed by Ely Board of Guardians. Had been rejected locally but then passed for General Service by the Medical Board	17th November 1916 – exemption refused
Richard Toombs, Market Place	Self	Hairdresser, one man business so would have to close down Supporting widowed mother Passed for General Service	24th March 1916 – 3 months exemption 28th July 1916 – further exemption to 30 th November – join the VTC 22nd December 1916 – further exemption refused
Bertie Touch, aged 31	Ely Co-operative Stores	Manager, passed C3	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Fred Tow, aged 38	Self	Fishmonger and fish curer who had already lost two employees to the Front, and would have to close business. His brother Philip had retired from the business on medical advice. Supporting an invalid mother.	10th March 1916 – one month exemption 21 st April 1916 – further 3 months exemption 18th August 1916 – exemption to 31 st December 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC 24th May 1918 – case adjourned for grading by the Civilian Board 21st June 1918 – case reviewed at the insistence of the National Service representative – 3 months exemption 20 th September 1918 - Fred's case was not due to come before the Tribunal as he was closing his shop on Saturday and joining up on 1 st October. However the members of the Tribunal expressed to

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			<p>National Service representative Lieutenant Ollard their extreme dissatisfaction with his insistence on Fred's enlisting – the Ely Food Control Committee believed the one remaining fishmonger in the city would not be able to cope as Tow's shop was handling over nine tons of fish a month and was important during a time of meat shortages. Lieut. Ollard was of the opinion that the fact both Ely fishmongers were Grade 1 meant that one of them should enlist, and refused to budge. The Tribunal determined to send a letter of protest to the Ministry of Food, which Ollard would not support.</p>
Charles H Trimmer, aged 43		Brewery manager and secretary	20th September 1918 – 6 months exemption and exempt Volunteer service
Frederick Reginald Trudgett of Prickwillow, aged 38	Prudential Insurance Company	<p>Assistant superintendent Prudential Insurance Society Passed as fit for home service In November 1916 he informed Tribunal he had taken over another district Passed C1. By May 1917 was working Downham Market and Thetford. He was one of two men supervising 5000 state insurance members.</p>	<p>28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November, join the VTC 18th August 1916 – The Urban Tribunal was informed by Mr Roberson of the VTC that Frederick had not yet joined the VTC for drill. The clerk of the Tribunal was told to warn him that if he did not join up his certificate of exemption would be instantly revoked. 17th November 1916 – exempted to 31st March 1917 25th May 1917 – exempted to 19th August. No further application allowed. 22nd June 1917 Appeal Tribunal – appeal dismissed on the grounds he was working</p>

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			for a private company which made huge profits and his place would soon be filled! To enlist on 19 th August. 23rd November 1917 – stated now C3 – permission to re-apply. 12th July 1918 Appeal Tribunal – exemption refused but not to be called up before 1 st September.
Fred Tucker of Newnham Street, aged 38	Self	Builder and contractor Applied for total exemption Grade 2 By June 1918 only four bricklayers were left in Ely and building repairs throughout the City were being neglected.	16th June 1916 – 6 months exemption with the possibility of renewal 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC 24th May 1918 – Fred did not appear so the case was adjourned. 21st June 1918 – case reviewed at the insistence of the National Service representative – 6 months exemption
James F Turner, aged 32	Farmer Mr J L Luddington	Horsekeeper Shippea Hill Farm	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Herbert Utteridge, aged 40	Farmer Mr Cole Ambrose of Stuntney	Stallion man and horsekeeper, stud groom	7th July 1916 – exemption to 31 st December 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join the VTC
Harry Jarvis Vail, aged 25	Self	Builder and undertaker. Had a contract with the Poor Law Guardians to make coffins. Helps support parents (father disabled) but so do his brothers. Appealed on the basis of severe hardship to his business.	29th September 1916 – exemption refused 17 th November 1916 Appeals Tribunal – exemption refused, but not to be called up before 1 st January 1917.
Henry Vail of Deacons Lane, aged 37	Mr G M Hall, County Registrar	County court bailiff	7 th July 1916 – conditional exemption 25th October 1918 – case adjourned
Harold Thomas Veney, aged 33	Cole Ambrose	Motor ploughman. Stuntney. Married with 5 children	20th October 1916 – exempted to 31 st March 1917

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			25th May 1917 – conditional exemption
Albert E Vince, aged 31		Wheelwright	23rd March 1917 – exempted for one month, no further application allowed.
James Vincent		Agricultural tractor driver	16th February 1917 Appeals Tribunal – Military appealed against his exemption so exempted only to 1 st May.
William E Wallis, aged 50	Self	Graded B2. Horse dealer from Waterside	9th August 1918 – exemption refused but given permission to appeal – meanwhile to be graded again by the medical board. 11 th October 1918 Appeal Tribunal at Ely– William had been regraded as a 3, so would not be called up.
Hugh Ward of Station Road, aged 36	Mary Webster, Station Road	Horse slaughterer	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November
William Ward of Lynn Road, aged 39	Messers Downie and Son, fruit growers and market gardeners	Foreman, superintending 60 women fruit picking. Market gardener. Passed C2	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November, join the VTC 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption, remain in VTC 24th May 1918 – William had not joined the VTC; his certificate of exemption was allowed to stand and he was discharged from the VTC.
Ben Watson, aged 39	Father, Arthur Watson, farmer of Prickwillow	Working on family farm	22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption
John Watson, aged 40	William Bowden Market gardener	Ran the Wheatsheaf in Downham Road and market gardener	29th September 1916 – exempted to 31 st October, no further appeal without permission
Roger Watson, aged 33	Father, Mr A Watson, Cross Bank Farm, Prickwillow	horsekeeper	29th September 1916 – exempted to 31 st December and leave to appeal again.
Thomas Watson, aged 40	Ely Gas & Electricity Company Ltd	Gas stoker The company had lost 8 men to the Front Protection certificate	10th March 1916 – 6 months exemption 6th July 1917 – conditional exemption 25th October 1918 – conditional exemption withdrawn at the request of

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			the Military Service representative
Edmund Gooden Wayman	Mr Arthur G W Snell, gardener and florist	gardener	20th October 1916 – exemption refused
George Webb, aged 38	Messers Cutlack & Harlock Ltd, brewery	Cellarman	20th October 1916 – exempted to 31 st January 1917. Join VTC
John Webb, aged 49	J T White, marine stores	Graded B2. Marine store dealer. Two sons had joined up – one had been killed.	9th August 1918 – case adjourned, advised to apply for a protection certificate. 20th September 1918 – case adjourned 25th October 1918 – 6 months exemption
David Webber, aged 30	Frederick Hiam	Cowman, Prickwillow	23rd March 1917 – star removed
Alfred V Webster, aged 29	Messers Sharman & Co, newspaper proprietors	Reporter and manager of City of Ely Standard. C3	26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
Fisher Gifford Webster of Victoria Street, aged 28	Brother, John E Webster of Station Road	Coachman and ostler working for his brother to buy up horses for the army.	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November 29th September 1916 Isle of Ely Appeals Committee – the military representative appealed against Fisher's exemption. The appeal was allowed, but Fisher was not to be called up for three weeks. Fisher did not survive the War
Harry Edward Webster, aged 18	John E Webster of Station Road	Fit for home service only	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30 th November and join the VTC
Albert Victor Wenn, aged 27	Mr G H Tyndall, bookseller and printer	Composer. Had been rejected as medically unfit to serve, but then re-examined at Bury St Edmunds and passed as fit for general service.	29th September 1916 – exempted to 31 st December. Join VTC 26th January 1917 – exemption refused
John Westley of Queen Adelaide, aged 33	Farmer Mr F Hopkin of Lots Farm	Shepherd and farm labourer	28th July 1916 – exemption to 30th November 22nd December 1916 – conditional exemption, join the VTC
Thomas S White, aged 25	Farmer Mr J L Luddington	Horsekeeper, Shippea Hill Farm	26th January 1917 – exemption refused,

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			but no call-up until substitute found
Frederick Willingham, aged 37	Farmer Herbert Rice of Padnal	Horseman	7th July 1916 – exemption to 1 st October 26th January 1917 – conditional exemption, join VTC
William Willson, aged 39	Messers Cutlack and Harlock Ltd, brewery	Brewers' foreman	20th October 1916 – exempted to 31 st January 1917. Join VTC
Arthur Wilson, aged 18	Father William Wilson. Farmer 34 acres Clayway, Queen Adelaide	Horsekeeper and milkman. A form had been sent in to the War Agricultural Committee	24th May 1918 – exemption refused
Ernest William Wilson, aged 47	Mr H J Jones	Graded G2. Manager of the Greyhound Vaults. Said to have opportunity of work at an aircraft works, but no proof of this	12th July 1918 – no exemption but not to be called up before 10 th August
George M Wilson of Prickwillow Road, aged 21	Self (related to Mr Buckle who was on the Tribunal and had to remove himself for this hearing)	Railway clerk Widowed mother	24th March 1916 – exemption refused
John Thomas Wilson, aged 32	Farmer Fred Hiam of Prickwillow	Carpenter and wheelwright	10th March 1916 – 3 months exemption
John William Wilson, aged 18		Milkman of Queen Adelaide	23rd March 1917 – John's appeal was withdrawn as his call-up papers had been returned on the instructions of the recruiting officer.
Arthur E Woodrow, aged 19	Messers Hall and Campbell	Solicitors' clerk. Passed B1	23rd March 1917 – conditional exemption
Charles Wright, aged 34	Mr S Cross, New Barns	Queen Adelaide Horsekeeper Clayway Farm	23rd March 1917 – star removed 6th July 1917 – exempted to 29 th September
Joseph Charles Wright of Earith Bridge	Bedford Level Commissioners	Drainage labourer	7th July 1916 – conditional discharge for as long as working on the drainage of the Fens
William H Wright, aged 24, Clayway, Queen Adelaide	Farmer Mr Samuel Cross, New Barns	Assistant shepherd (responsible for 300 ewes)	10th March 1916 – 2 months exemption to cover the lambing season
Harry Francis Wykes, aged 35	Self	1916 Architect and cathedral lay clerk 1918 woodworker, fitter and turner.	29th September 1916 – exempted to 30 th November, no further application without

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		Partner in firm of Bayliss, Wright & Co, now employed making component parts of aeroplanes and training unskilled local men. Harry had been previously exempted on condition of doing work of national importance. Now graded 3.	leave. 24th May 1918 – no further exemption permitted but could apply for a protection certificate for when Grade 3s called up.
? <i>damaged paper</i>	Father	20 years in family farming business	7th July 1916 – exemption to 31 st December