

Stage B, April to May, 1912.

Registration of those liable for last year who have not yet registered will continue. Efforts to be made in all Areas to locate and register those who may not yet have registered.

Preliminary arrangements to be made in each district for transfer or posting from the Senior Cadets to Territorial Force of all those youths who have attained or will attain the age of eighteen on or before the 31st May, 1912, also to register and post any who may have escaped last year's registration as per notice quoted in Stage A. O.C. districts will, through their Group and Medical Officers, also arrange convenient times and places for medical examination of Territorial Force and Senior Cadet quotas at drill centres throughout their district. The experience gained last year should minimize any complaints as to recruits having to travel too far or be kept away from their homes overnight when being examined.

Registration of youths who reach the age of fourteen during May will take place as follows:—

(a.) Through the school.

(b.) If left primary school, usual registration form is to be procured by the youth from the nearest military office, post, or police office, to be filled in and signed and handed or posted to the nearest Military Area Officer to his place of residence.

Stage C, June, 1912.

Medical examination and posting to units of the Territorial Force (see General Regulations, paragraphs 167, 168, 169, 170, &c.) of all youths who have attained their eighteenth birthday on or before the 31st of May, 1912, as required in Stage B to be carried out.

As far as possible recruits should be posted to the branch of the service and the drill centre they desire to be trained in. Tradesmen and artificers such as mechanics, shoeing-smiths, blacksmiths, wheelwrights, bakers, butchers, shoemakers, &c., should be posted to ensure a proportion being trained in units requiring tradesmen, artificers, and mechanics.

Care should be taken as far as possible not to post to the same unit more persons out of the same business concern than the employer can spare at the one time.

Senior Cadets to be posted to convenient companies same as for last year.

Those who may object to be medically examined should at this stage be posted without examination and dealt with as in last year's postings.

All exemptions and temporary exemptions on medical grounds to be granted and issued. All transfers and discharges from the Territorial Force of those qualified under regulations should be made during June each year.

The balance of the 1912 quota not required for the Territorial Force to be posted to existing Rifle Clubs. This will not be retrospective and will only apply to those liable for service in the Territorial Force on the 1st June, 1912, or the nucleus of clubs formed under conditions hereafter prescribed.

In cases of objection to take the oath an affirmation may be accepted. Should a person state his willingness to attend drills and exercises, he is to be permitted to do so, even if at the time he has not taken the oath.

The medical standard below stated will be taken as a guide for posting to the Territorial Force for 1912. Medical standard for Senior Cadets will be same as for last year.

1. Medical examination of cadets. The standard is to be the same as that laid down in 1911, only the absolutely medically unfit are to be rejected.

2. In the medical examination of recruits (*i.e.*, those eighteen years and over), examiners will bear in mind that recruits are in three categories:—

(a.) Those absolutely unfit.

(b.) Those sound and fit for service in the Territorials.

(c.) Those fit to serve in a Rifle Club.

3. Causes for total rejection of recruits will be—Any acute or chronic disease pointing to an impaired constitution, bad spinal curvature or other bad bone deformities, loss of limbs, hernia, bad eyesight, loss of one eye. All such recruits will be entered as totally unfit.

4. For actual service in the Territorials, the recruit must be in good mental and bodily health, and free from any physical defect likely to interfere with the efficient performance of military duty. The attention of the medical examiner will be directed to the following points: that correlation of age, height, weight, and chest-girth is not less than that which is given in the following table. Abnormally built men should not be posted to the Territorial Force.

Measurement of height and chest-girth to be as follows: The recruit will be placed against the standard with his feet together, the weight thrown on the heels. He will stand without rigidity, the heels calves, buttocks, and shoulders touching the standard. The chin will be depressed to bring the vertex of the head level under the horizontal bar, and the height will be noted in parts of an inch to eighths.

Measurement of Chest.—The recruit to stand erect, feet together, arms raised over the head. The tape to be carefully adjusted round the chest, the posterior upper edge touching the inferior angles of the shoulder-blades, and its anterior lower edge the upper part of the nipples. The arms will then be lowered to hang loosely by the side, care being taken that the shoulders are not thrown upwards and backwards to displace the tape. The recruit will then be directed to take a deep inspiration several times, and the maximum expansion of the chest carefully noted.

Table of Height, Weight, and Girth Measurement.

Age Last Birthday.	Height without Shoes.		Minimum Weight without Clothes.		Girth fully expanded.	Range of Expansion.
	in.	in.	lb.	lb.	in.	in.
18	62 and under	65	111 to	117	34½	2
	65	68	117	124	35	2
	68	72	124	136	35½	2
	72 and upwards		136		36	2½