

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.
and the following number quoted.

Form M.T.420.
War Office,

London, S.W.

(M.T.3.)

5 September 1914.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge your application for a commission in the Territorial Force and to inform you that it has been found impossible at present to allot one to you, owing to the very large number of applications and the fact that it has been decided that candidates nominated by commanding Officers of Territorial units have a prior claim to those who have not been so recommended.

You are, therefore, advised to approach the commanding officer of a Territorial unit in order that he may recommend your application and apply for you to fill a vacancy in his unit.

The enclosed Army Form E.536 should be endorsed with the Commanding Officer's recommendation and returned in the enclosed addressed envelope.

A considerable number of Reserve Units are being formed in the Territorial Force to take the place of those units which have volunteered for service abroad and there will consequently be a number of vacancies in the junior ranks.

Should you be unable to obtain a nomination from an officer commanding a Territorial Force unit, I am to request that you will inform me whether you desire to be considered for appointment to a temporary commission in the Regular Army.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

C T Atkinson *Captain*