Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill

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Provide for the granting of pardons to soldiers of the British Empire Forces executed during the Great War of 1914 to 1919 following conviction for offences of cowardice, desertion or attempted desertion, disobedience, quitting post, violence, sleeping at post, throwing away arms or striking a superior officer; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Eligibility for pardon

(1) Any person (an "eligible person") who in the Great War of 1914 to 1919—

(a) served in the British Empire Forces,

(b) was convicted by a court martial of one or more of the offences set out in subsection (2) below or any of these offences together with any other offences,

(c) was judicially executed following such conviction, and

(d) is listed in Schedule 1 to this Act or is deemed to have been so listed in accordance with subsection (3) below,

shall be eligible for a pardon in accordance with the provisions of this Act in respect of any offence referred to in subsection (2) below.

(2) The offences referred to in subsection (1) above are cowardice, desertion, attempted desertion, disobedience, quitting post, violence, sleeping at post, throwing away arms and striking a superior officer.

(3) The Secretary of State may by order provide that any person not listed in Schedule 1 whom he believes on sufficient evidence otherwise to qualify as an eligible person shall be deemed to have been so listed and shall for all purposes be treated as if he was an eligible person within the meaning of this section.

2 Procedure for pardon

(1) An eligible person or a person so treated by virtue of subsection (3) of section 1 above shall be pardoned of any offence referred to in subsection (2) of section

1 above if the Secretary of State makes an order to that effect in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2) An order under subsection (1) above may be made—

(a) in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) below, or

(b) after the Secretary of State has submitted to each House of Parliament a statement under section 4(b) below that he intends to make such an order in a particular case.

(3) The Secretary of State shall, within three months of this Act coming into force, do one of the following, that is to say—

(a) make an order under subsection (1) above in respect of every eligible person and any person so treated by virtue of subsection (3) of section 1 above, or

(b) make an order referring the case of every eligible person and any persons so treated by virtue of subsection (3) of section 1 above to the tribunal established under section 3 below.

(4) If the Secretary of State has made an order under subsection (3) above and subsequently makes an order under subsection (3) of section 1 above, he shall within seven days of making that order—

(a) if he made an order under subsection (3)(a) above, make an order under subsection (1) above in respect of any person to whom the order under subsection (3) of section 1 above relates, or

(b) if he made an order under subsection (3)(b) above, make anorder referring the case of any person to whom the order under subsection (3) of section 1 above relates to the tribunal established under section 3 below.

3 The Pardons Tribunal

(1) Before making an order under section 2(3)(b) above, the Secretary of State shall appoint a tribunal, to be known as the Pardons Tribunal ("the Tribunal").

(2) The Tribunal shall consist of not less than three nor more than five persons who are serving, or have served as judges of the High Court, the High Court of Justiciary or of any higher Court, together with not more than two other persons appointed by the Secretary of State under subsection (3) below.

(3) The Secretary of State may by order appoint to the Tribunal not more than two persons who are serving or have served in the judiciary of Canada or New Zealand whose status is in the opinion of the Secretary of State equivalent to that of persons appointed under subsection (2) above.

(4) Before making any appointments to the Tribunal the Secretary of State shall consult the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Justice General and any other persons or bodies he considers appropriate in all the circumstances.

(5) The Tribunal shall review the case of each eligible person referred to it and shall submit to the Secretary of State—

(a) a report on each case, and

(b) a recommendation as to whether the person should be granted a pardon under the provisions of this Act.

(6) A report under subsection (5)(a) and a recommendation under subsection (5)(b) above shall each deal only with one case.

(7) Schedule 2 shall have effect in relation to the Tribunal.

4 Reports of Tribunal to be laid before Parliament

A copy of each report under section 3(5) above shall be laid before each House of Parliament by the Secretary of State within one month of its submission together with—

(a) any observations of the Secretary of State on the report,

(b) a statement as to whether the Secretary of State proposes to make an order under section 2(1) above, and

(c) if the statement referred to in subsection (l)(b) above is not in accordance with the recommendation of the Tribunal, the reasons why it is not so in accordance.

5 Effect of pardon

A pardon under section 2 above shall—

(a) unless this section otherwise requires, have similar effect to a pardon granted in exercise of the Royal Prerogative,

(b) be deemed to remove or, as the case may be, nullify any degradations and penalties imposed in connection with the relevant offences, and

(c) not have any effect on any existing financial rights or obligations of any dependant or of the Secretary of State.

6 Powers of the Secretary of State

(1) The Secretary of State may—

(a) take such reasonable steps as he considers appropriate in all the circumstances to promote the memory and esteem of any person granted a pardon under section 2 above, and

(b) *make such payments as he considers reasonable in all the circumstances to any dependant of any such person.*

(2) Before determining the amount of any payment to be made under subsection (1)(b) above, the Secretary of State may consult such persons as appear to him to be representative of ex-servicemen's organisations, or to have expertise in the law, history of the Great War, welfare services or the provision of pensions as he considers appropriate.

7 Financial provisions

There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament any expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in consequence of this Act.

8 Orders

(1) The power to make an order under any provision of this Act shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.

(2) A copy of an order made under subsections (1) or (3) of section 2 above shall be laid before each House of Parliament.

9 Commencement

(1) This Act shall come into force when the Secretary of State has made a statement to the effect that in his view the provisions of the Act are compatible with the Convention rights.

(2) In this section "Convention rights" has the meaning given in the Human Rights Act 1998 (c. 42).

10 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Act 2005.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Section 1

PERSONS REFERRED TO IN SECTION 1(1)(D)

Surname	*Forenames*	*Rank*	*Number*	*Unit*	*Offence(s)*	*Date of Death*
ABIGAIL	John Henry	Pte	9694	8/Norfolk	desertion	12/9/17
ADAMSON	James S.	Pte	S/17688	7/Cam Hi	cowardice	23/11/17
AINLEY	George	Pte	202893	1/4 KOYLI	desertion x 3	30/7/18
ALEXANDER	William	CQMS	20726	10/CEF	desertion	18/10/17
ALLSOP	Arthur E.	Rfn	R/28638	12/KRRC	desertion	15/6/17
ANDERSON	James Arthur	Pte	20062	12/K Liv	cowardice and disobedience	12/9/16
ANDERSON	William Edward	Pte	9828	5/Dorset	desertion and AWOL	31/3/17
ANSTED	Alfred Thomas	Pte	L/11710	4/R Fus	desertion	15/11/16
ARCHIBALD	James	Pte	25531	17/R Scots	desertion	4/6/16
ARNOLD	Frederick Stanley	L/Bdr	C/40124	1 Bde CFA	desertion	25/7/16
ASHTON	Harry	L/Sgt	13827	11/Cam (SR)	desertion	8/7/17
ATKINSON	Alfred	LCpl	8014	1/W Yorks	desertion	2/3/15
AUGER	Fortunat	Pte	23621	14/CEF	desertion	26/3/16
BAKER	William	Pte	22635	26/R Fus	desertion	14/8/18
BALL	Joseph	Pte	L/14232	2/Middx	attempting to desert	12/1/15
BARKER	Robert Loveless	Rfn	1731	6/London (City of Lond)	cowardice	4/11/16
BARNES	John Edward	Pte	G/4495	7/R Sussex	desertion	4/7/17
BARRATT	Frederick Martin	Rfn	10758	7/KRRC	desertion	10/7/17
BATEMAN	Frank	Pte	203313	1/4 Y and Lancs	desertion	10/9/18
BATEMAN	Joseph	Pte	200945	2/S Staffs	desertion	3/12/17
BEAUMONT	Ernest Alfred	Pte	8710	2/Leics	desertion	24/6/15
BEEBY	Ernest	Pnr	89173	212 Coy RE	desertion	9/12/16

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BELL	John	Dvr	70304	57 Bty 43 How. Bde RFA	desertion	25/4/15
BELLAMY	William	Rfn	5/3119	1/KRRC	cowardice	16/7/15
BENHAM	William	Pte	251797	1/3 London (RF)	desertion	12/7/17
BENNETT	John	Pte	3/4071	1/Hants	cowardice	28/8/16
BLACK	Peter	Pte	6744	1/4 B Watch	desertion	18/9/16
BLADEN	Francis Charles H.	Pte	14357	10/Y and Lancs	desertion	23/3/16
BLAKEMORE	Denis Jetson	Pte	40435	8/N Staffs	desertion	9/7/17
BOLTON	Joseph Edward	Pte	10263	1/Cheshire	desertion	14/4/16
BOTFIELD	Albert	Pte	12772	9/S Staffs	cowardice	18/10/16
BOWERMAN	William	Pte	G/12341	1/E Surrey	desertion	24/3/17
BRENNAN	Joseph	Pte	45671/8	K Liv	desertion	16/7/16
BRIGGS	Arthur	Pte	21801	9/Sher For	desertion	19/7/16
BRIGGS	James	Pte	5231	2/Border	desertion	6/3/15
BRIGHAM	Thomas	Pte	300199	1/10 Man	desertion	4/6/18
BRITTON	Charles	Pte	200757	1/5 Warwicks	desertion	12/9/17
BROADRICK	Frederick	Pte	17402	11/Warwicks	desertion	1/8/17
BROWN	Archibald	Pte	5470	10/B Watch	desertion	1/6/17
BROWN	Archibald	Pte	8278	2/Essex	desertion, plundering and escaping	19/12/14
BRYANT	Ernest	Pte	20101	10/Cheshire	desertion	27/10/17
BURDEN	Herbert Francis	Pte	3832	1/Northm'Fus	desertion	21/7/15
BURRELL	William Henry	Pte	L/10414	2/Sussex	desertion	22/5/16
BURTON	Robert	Pte	10912	6/S Lancs	sleeping at post	19/12/17
BUTCHER	Frederick Charles	Pte	G/18469	7/E Kent	desertion	27/8/18
BYERS	Joseph	Pte	15576	1/R Scots Fus	attempting to desert	6/2/15
CAIRNIE	William	Pte	40806	1/R Scots Fus	desertion	28/12/16
CAMERON	John	Pte	5/1791	1/5 Northm'Fus	desertion	4/12/16
CARD	Edward Arthur	Rfn	R/19333	20/KRRC	desertion	22/9/16
CAREY	Joseph	Pte	21373	7/R Irish Fusiliers	desertion	15/9/16
CARR	James Grist	Pte	10874	2/Welsh	desertion and escaping	7/2/16
CARTER	Henry	Pte	G/335	11/Middx	desertion	26/4/16
CARTER	Harold George	Pte	454482	73/CEF	desertion	20/4/17

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CASSIDY	James	Pte	12396	1/R Inniskilling Fus	desertion	23/7/16
CHASE	Herbert Henry	Pte	2779	2/Lancs Fus	cowardice	12/6/15
CHEESEMAN	Frank William	Pte	R/24441	18/KRRC	desertion	20/10/17
CLARKE	Hubert A.	Pte	4881	2/Brit W Indies	striking at an S.O. x 2	11/8/17
CLARKE	Wilfred	Pte	11606	2/Durham LI	desertion	9/2/18
COLLINS	George Ernest	Pte	9618	1/Lincs	desertion	15/12/15
COMTE	Gustave	Pte	448160	22/CEF	desertion	3/7/17
CRAMPTON	James	Pte	34595	9/Y and Lancs	desertion	4/2/17
CRIMMINS	Herbert	Pte	18/313	18/W Yorks	desertion	5/9/16
CROZIER	James	Rfn	14218	9/R Irish Rifles	desertion	27/2/16
CUMMINGS	Thomas	Pte	2222	1/Irish Guards	desertion	28/1/15
CUNNINGTON	Samuel Henry	Pte	1529	2/Warwicks	desertion x 2	19/5/17
CUTHBERT	James	Pte	9/28719	9/Cheshire	disobedience	6/5/16
CUTMORE	George	Pte	S/13248	2/B Watch	desertion	25/7/17
DAGESSE	Arthure Charles	Pte	34453	22/CEF	desertion	15/3/18
DALANDE	Hector	Pte	S/9696	8/Seaforth Hi	desertion	9/3/18
DAVIES	Richard M.	Pte	73372	11/Sher For	desertion	15/11/17
DAVIS	Thomas	Pte	1/9804	1/R Munster Fus	quitting post	2/7/15
DELARGEY	Edward	Pte	335727	1/8 R Scots	desertion	6/9/17
DELISLE	Leopold	Pte	62218	22/CEF	desertion	21/5/18
DENNIS	John James	Pte	6807	1/Northants	desertion	30/1/16
DEPPER	Charles	Pte	5715	1/4 R Berks	desertion	13/9/16
DOCHERTY	John	Pte	S/9672	9/B Watch	desertion	15/2/16
DOCHERTY	Thomas	Pte	11559	2/KOSB	desertion	16/7/15
DONOVAN	Thomas	Rfn	A/ 201225	16/KRRC	desertion x 3	31/10/17
DOSSETT	Walter	Pte	45980	1/4 Y and Lancs	desertion	25/6/18
DOWNEY	Patrick Joseph	Pte	6/227	6/Leinster	disobedience	27/12/15
DOWNING	Thomas	Pte	10555	6/S Lancs	sleeping at post	19/12/17
DUNCAN	John	Pte	6584	1/Cam Hi	desertion	7/3/15
DYETT	Edwin Leopold Arthur	Sub/ Lt	—	Nelson Bn RND	desertion	5/1/17
EARL	William J.	Pte	41643	1/7 Lancs Fus	desertion	27/5/18

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EARP	Arthur Grove	Pte	2676	1/5 Warwicks	quitting post and sec 40	22/7/16
ELFORD	Lawrence D.	Pte	21654	7/8 KOSB	desertion	11/10/15
EVANS	Andrew	Pte	7177	1/R Scots Fus	attempting to desert	6/2/15
EVELEIGH	Alfred E.	Pte	L/8107	1/E Kent	desertion	24/2/16
EVERILL	George	Pte	8833	1/N Staffs	desertion	14/9/17
FAIRBURN	Edward	Pte	227098	18/CEF	desertion	2/3/18
FARR	Harry Thomas	Pte	8871	1/W Yorks	cowardice	18/10/16
FATOMA	A.	Pte	2479	West African Regt	cowardice x 2 and quitting	19/7/15
FELLOWS	Ernest	Pte	9722	3/Worcs	desertion	26/7/15
FERGUSON	Joseph	Pte	10930	1/R Scots Fus att. RE	desertion	20/4/17
FLYNN	Hugh	Pte	5323	18/Highland LI	desertion	15/11/16
FOULKES	Thomas	Pte	43499	1/10 Man	desertion	21/11/17
FOWLES	Stephen McDermott	Pte	718566	44/CEF	desertion	19/6/18
FOX	Joseph Stanley Victor	LCpl	8992	1/Wilts att. 3/ Div Cy Coy	desertion	20/4/15
FOX	J.	Pte	7711	2/Highland LI	striking an S.O.	12/5/16
FRAFRA	Aziberi	Pte	7560	Gold Coast	casting away his arms	28/9/16
FRASER	Evan	Pte	11653	2/R Scots	desertion x 3 and sec 40	2/8/15
FRYER	John William	Pte	16120	12/E Surrey	desertion	14/6/17
GAWLER	Robert William	Pte	L/10098	1/E Kent	desertion x 2	24/2/16
GIBSON	David	Pte	38332	12/R Scots	desertion	24/9/18
GILES	Peter	Pte	100018	14/ Northm'Fus	desertion	24/8/16
GLEADOW	George E.	Sgt	43359	1/W Yorks	desertion	6/4/17
GOGGINS	Peter	LCpl	19/158	19/Durham LI	quitting post	18/1/17
GORE	Frederick Coutts	Pte	G/15605	7/E Kent	desertion	16/10/17
GRAHAM	James	Pte	2/9948	2/R Munster Fus	desertion and fraud x 2	21/12/15
HADDOCK	James A.	Pte	7595	12/Y and Lancs	desertion	16/9/16
HAMILTON	Arthur	Pte	39213	14/Durham LI	desertion	27/3/17
HAMILTON	Thomas Grant	Dvr	67440	72 Bty 38 Bde RFA	striking an S.O.	3/10/16
HANNA	George	Pte	12609	1/R Irish Fusiliers	desertion	6/11/17

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HARDING	Frederick	Pte	11528	1/KKRC	desertion	29/6/16
HARRIS	Ernest Walter/ Jack/James	Pte	23992	10/Lancs Fus	desertion	3/2/17
HARRIS	Louis	Pte	43055	10/W Yorks	desertion	7/11/18
HARRIS	Thomas	Pte	L/10132	1/R W Kent	desertion	21/6/15
HARRIS/ BEVERSTEIN	Abraham	Pte	11/1799	11/Middx	desertion	20/3/16
HART	Benjamin Albert	Pte	1763	1/4 Suffolk	desertion	6/2/17
HARTELLS	Bert	Pte	8164	3/Worcs	desertion	26/7/15
HASEMORE	John William	Dvr	L/36251	180 Bde RFA	disobedience, threatening insubordination	12/5/16
HAWKINS	Thomas	Pte	G/1533	7/R W Surrey	desertion	22/11/17
HAWTHORNE	Frederick	LCpl	9541	1/5 S Staffs	cowardice and sec 5.6	1/8/16
HENDRICKS	Henry	Pte	4519	2/Leinster	desertion	23/8/18
HEPPLE/HOPE	Robert	Pte	23726	1/R Inniskilling Fus	desertion	5/7/17
HIGGINS	James	Pte	2057	1/9 Argyll and Suther	desertion	26/8/16
HIGGINS	John Maurice	Pte	177753	1/CEF	desertion	7/12/16
HIGHGATE	Thomas James	Pte	L/10061	1/R W Kent	desertion	8/9/14
HODGETTS	Oliver William	Pte	8662	1/Worcs	desertion	4/6/15
HOLLAND	James	LCpl	13857	10/Cheshire	cowardice and quitting	30/5/16
HOLMES	Albert	Pte	18143	8/KOR Lancs	desertion	22/4/18
HOLT	Ellis	Pte	26685	19/Man	desertion	4/3/17
HOPE	Thomas	Pte	9689	2/Leinster	desertion/ drunk	2/3/15
HOPKINS	Thomas	Pte	307350	1/S Lancs Fus	leaving his post	13/2/18
HORLER	Ernest	Pte	46127	12/W Yorks	desertion	17/2/18
HUGHES	Frank	Pte	24/2008	2/Cant (NZ)	desertion	25/8/16
HUGHES	George E.	LCpl	11257	7/KOR Lancs	desertion	23/11/16
HUGHES	Henry	Pte	242904	1/5 Y and Lancs	desertion	10/4/18
HUNT	William George	Pte	1957	18/Man	desertion	14/11/16
HUNTER	George	Pte	4/9170	2/Durham LI	desertion and AWOL	2/7/16
HUNTER	William	Pte	10710	1/L N Lancs	desertion and escaping x 2	21/2/16
HYDE	John J.	Rfn	R/27615	10/KRRC	desertion	5/9/17

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INGHAM	Albert	Pte	10495	18/Man	desertion	1/12/16
IRVINE	William J.	LCpl	2710	1/KOR Lancs	desertion	20/4/15
IVES	Frederick	Cpl	12295	3/Worcs	desertion	12/7/15
JACKSON	Ernest	Pte	G/46730	24/R Fus	desertion	7/11/18
JEFFERIES	Alfred Leonard	Pte	9970	6/Som LI	desertion	1/11/16
JENNINGS	John	Pte	8037	2/S Lancs	desertion	26/6/16
JOHNSON	Frederick	Pte	20035	2/Border	desertion	1/8/18
JONES	John T.	Pte	9840	1/Northants	desertion and escaping	24/2/16
JONES	Richard M.	Pte	10764	6/S Lancs	desertion	21/2/17
JONES/FOX	William	Gne	62971	43 Bty RFA	desertion	20/4/15
JONES	William	Pte	15954	9/R Welsh Fus	desertion	25/10/17
KERR	Henry Hesey	Pte	457241	7/CEF	desertion	21/11/16
KERSHAW	James	Pte	8136	1/KOR Lancs	desertion and AWOL	26/4/15
KING	John	Pte	6/1598	1/Cant (NZ)	desertion	19/8/17
KIRK	Ernest	Pte	7981	1/W Yorks	desertion	6/3/15
KIRMAN	Charles Henry	Pte	7423	7/Lincs	desertion	23/9/17
KNIGHT	Henry James	Pte	G/6565	1/R W Surrey	desertion	6/10/18
LALANCETTE	Joseph	Pte	672604	22/CEF	desertion	3/7/17
LALIBERTE	Come	Pte	416874	3/CEF	desertion	4/8/16
LAMB	Alexander	Dvr	29219	21 Bty 2 Bde RFA	desertion	2/10/15
LATHAM	George William	Cpl	2267	2/Lancs Fus	desertion and AWOL	22/1/15
LAWRENCE	Ernest	Pte	3/20279	2/Devon	desertion	22/11/17
LAWTON	George Henry	Pte	15251	17/Sher For	cowardice and wilful defiance	30/7/16
LEE/IRISH	George Arthur	Rfn	S/9560	2/Rifle Bde	desertion	3/10/15
LEWIS	C.	Cpl	B/21000	12/Highland LI	desertion	11/3/16
LEWIS	Griffith	Pte	549	2/S Lancs	desertion	26/6/16
LEWIS	John	Pte	15094	5/Dorset	desertion	19/4/17
LING	Wilson	Pte	454610	2/CEF	desertion	12/8/18
LOADER	Frederick	Pte	683458	1/22 London (The Queens)	desertion	19/8/17
LODGE	Harold Edward James	Pte	2095	19/CEF	desertion	13/3/18
LONGSHAW	Alfred	Pte	10502	18/Man	desertion	1/12/16

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MACDONALD	Harry	Pte	43665	12/W Yorks	desertion	4/11/16
MACKNESS	Ernest	Pte	11225	1/Cam (SR)	desertion	1/10/17
MALYON	Frederick	Spr	13224	12 Coy RE att. RFA	desertion	4/4/17
MAMPRUSI	Allassan	LCpl	5538	Gold Coast	desertion	28/4/17
MARTIN	Harry	Pte	21161	9/Essex	desertion	20/3/16
MAYERS	James	Pte	492050	1/13 London (Kens'ton)	desertion	16/6/17
McBRIDE	Samuel	Rfn	5009	2/R Irish Rifles	desertion	7/12/16
McCLAIR	Harry	Pte	20037	2/Border	desertion	1/8/18
McCOLL	Charles Frederick	Pte	11/81	1/4 E Yorks	desertion	28/12/17
McCRACKEN	John E.	Rfn	15/13211	15/R Irish Rifles	desertion	19/3/16
McCUBBIN	Bertie	Pte	31821	17/Sher For	cowardice and wilful defiance	30/7/16
McDONALD	John	LCpl	19/420	19/Durham LI	quitting post	18/1/17
McFARLANE	John	Pte	265427	4/K Liv	desertion	22/5/18
McGEEHAM	Bernard	Pte	2974	1/8 K Liv	desertion	2/11/16
McQUADE	John	Pte	5626	18/Highland LI	desertion	6/11/16
MICHAEL	James S.	Pte	23686	10/Cam (SR)	desertion	24/8/17
MILBURN	John B.	Pte	45688	24/27 Northm'Fus	desertion	8/11/17
MILLIGAN	Charles Myatt	Pte	43619	10/Cam (SR)	desertion	3/6/17
MILLS	George	Pte	18603	2/Duke Corn LI	desertion, stealing, forgery	29/9/15
MITCHELL	Arthur	Pte	240678	1/6 Lancs Fus	desertion	20/8/17
MITCHELL	Leonard	Pte	31184	8/Y and Lancs	desertion	19/9/17
MOLES	Thomas Lionel	Pte	443288	54/CEF	desertion	22/10/17
MOLYNEAUX	James	Pte	10161	1/L M Lancs	desertion	15/6/16
MONAGHAN/ BYRNE	Stephen	Pte	40422	1/R Dublin Fus	desertion	28/10/17
MOON	William Alfred	LCpl	17790	11/Cheshire	desertion	21/11/16
MORRIS	Herbert	Pte	7429	6/Brit W Indies	desertion	20/9/17
MULLANY	James	Dvr	64987	72 Bty 38 Bde RFA	striking an S.O.	3/10/16
MURPHY	William	Rfn	251482	5/6 R Scots	desertion	7/12/17
MURPHY	Allan	Pte	12182	9/Cam (SR)	desertion	17/8/16
MURPHY	Patrick	Pte	15161	47 Bn HGC	desertion	12/9/18

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MURPHY/ HOGAN	Thomas	Pte	17137	2/R Inniskilling Fus	desertion	14/5/17
MURRAY	Robert	Dvr	96498	81 Bde RFA	desertion	3/2/17
NEAVE	Walter	Pte	19445	10/W Yorks	desertion	30/8/17
NELSON	William Barry	Pte	14387	14/Durham LI	desertion	11/8/16
NICHOLSON	Charles Bain	Pte	32559	8/Y and Lancs	desertion	27/10/17
NISBET	Joseph	Pte	11682	1/Leics	desertion	23/8/18
O'CONNELL	Benjamin	Pte	10686	1/Irish Guards	desertion	8/8/18
O'NEILL	Anthony	Pte	1/15134	1/S Wales Bor	desertion	30/4/16
O'NEILL	Frank	Pte	13612	1/Sher For	desertion	16/5/18
PALMER	Henry	Pte	3057	1/5 Northm'Fus	desertion	27/10/16
PARKER	Albert Edward	Rfn	A/1579	7/KRRC	desertion	15/5/16
PARRY	Albert	Pte	42467	2/W Yorks	desertion	30/8/17
PATTISON	Robert Gillis	Pte	G/10474	7/E Surrey	desertion	4/7/17
PENN	Major	Pte	10958	1/R Welsh Fus	desertion and AWOL	22/4/15
PERRY	Eugene	Pte	416008	22/CEF	desertion	11/4/17
PHILLIPS	Louis Reginald	Pte	10315	6/Som LI	desertion	11/4/17
PHILLIPS	William Thomas Henry	Pte	9197	1/Coldstream Guards	desertion	30/5/16
PITTS	A.	Pte	8747	2/Warwicks	desertion	8/2/15
POOLE	Eric Skeffington	2/Lt	—	11/W Yorks	desertion	10/12/16
POOLE	Harry	Pte	8534	7/Yorks	desertion	9/12/16
POVEY	George Henry	Cpl	10459	1/Cheshire	leaving his post	11/2/15
RANDLE	William H.	Pte	13167	10/Sher For	desertion	25/11/16
REID	Isaac	Pte	8752	2/Scots Guards	desertion	9/4/15
REID	James	Cpl	7674	6/Cam Hi	desertion	11/5/18
REYNOLDS	Edward James	Pte	404436	3/CEF	desertion	23/8/16
RICHMOND	Malcolm Robertson	Pte	285031	1/6 Gordon Hi	desertion	25/5/18
RICKMAN	Albert	Pte	12923	1/R Dublin Fus	desertion	15/9/16
RIGBY	Thomas Henry Basil	Pte	11490	10/S Wales Bor	desertion	22/11/17
ROBERTS	John William	Pte	107526	2/Can Mount Ri	desertion and fraud	30/7/16
ROBERTS	William Wilfred	Pte	2408	4/R Fus	desertion and escaping	29/5/16
ROBINS	John	Sgt	9610	5/Wilts	disobedience sec 9(1)a	2/1/16

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ROBINSON	Arthur Harold	Pte	15469	9/Northm' Fus	desertion	10/5/16
ROBINSON	John	Pte	7377	3/Worcs	desertion	26/7/15
ROBINSON	William	Pte	70715	1/Sher For	desertion	10/4/17
ROE	George	Pte	3/1433	2/KOYLI	desertion	10/6/15
ROGERS	John	Pte	26028	2/S Lancs	desertion	9/3/17
ROSE	Frederick	Dmr	9552	2/Yorks	desertion	4/3/17
SABONGIDDA	Samuel	Pte	3972	3/Nigerian	violence	27/7/17
SALTER	Harry	Pte	16734	6/E Lancs	desertion	11/12/15
SANDS	Peter	LCpl	8225	1/R Irish Rifles	desertion	15/9/15
SCHOLES	William	Pte	44174	2/S Wales Bor	desertion	10/8/18
SCOTTON	William	Pte	S/6922	4/Middx	desertion	3/2/15
SEYMOUR	John	Pte	10603	2/R Inniskilling Fus	desertion	24/1/18
SHEFFIELD	Frederick	Pte	L/14164	2/Middx	attempting to desert	12/1/15
SIMS	Robert W	Pte	20808	2/R Scots	desertion	19/5/18
SIMMONDS	William Henry	Pte	G/11296	23/Middx	desertion	1/12/16
SIMIZKI	Dimitro	Pte	830020	52/CEF	cowardice	9/10/17
SKILTON	Charles Walter F.	Pte	SR/9629	22/R Fus	desertion	26/12/16
SLADE	Frederick William	Rfn	322497	2/6 London	disobedience	14/12/17
SLOANE	John	Pte	3563	1/4 KOR Lancs	desertion	16/7/16
SMITH	John	Pte	2506	1/L M Lancs	desertion	2/7/16
SMITH	James	Pte	52929	17/K Liv	desertion	5/9/17
SMITH	William	Pte	204455	3/5 Lancs Fus	desertion	14/11/17
SMITH	William	Rfn	S/9405	2/Rifle Bde	desertion	3/10/15
SMYTHE	Albert	Pte	3379	1/Irish Guards	desertion	28/1/15
SPENCER	James	Dvr	71502	65 Bty 8 Bde RFA	desertion	29/9/15
SPENCER	Victor Manson	Pte	8/2733	1/Otago (NZ)	desertion	24/2/18
SPRY	William Thomas	Pte	305	2/R Fus	desertion	14/6/18
STEAD	Frederick	Pte	3/10390	2/Duke of Wellington's	desertion	12/2/17
STEADMAN/ STEDMAN	Joseph	Pte	88378	117 Coy MGC	desertion	5/9/17
STEVENSON	David	Pte	G/521228	13/Middx	desertion	18/7/18
STEVENSON	Richard	Pte	2554	1/4 L M Lancs	desertion	25/10/16
STEWART	Stanley	Pte	A/6730	2/R Scots Fus	desertion	29/8/17

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STONES	Joseph William	L/Sgt	19/647	19/Durham LI	casting away his arms	18/1/17
SWAIN	John	Pte	39463	5/R Berks	desertion	11/8/18
SWAINE	James W	Dvr	86872	54 Bty 39 Bde RFA	desertion	9/6/16
SWEENEY	John Joseph	Pte	S/1384	1/Otago (NZ)	desertion	2/10/16
TANNER	Edward	Pte	5919	1/Wilts	desertion	27/10/14
TAYLOR	John	Pte	27555	15/Lancs Fus	desertion	27/1/17
TAYLOR	John	Pte	8793	2/S Staffs	desertion	6/11/17
TAYSUM	Norman Henry	Pte	S/15954	9/B Watch	desertion	16/10/17
TEMPLETON	J.	Rfn	15/890	15/R Irish rifles	desertion	19/3/16
THOMAS	John	Pte	12727	2/Welsh	desertion	20/5/16
THOMPSON	Alfred Dennis	Pte	7625	3/Worcs	desertion	26/7/15
THOMPSON	William Landreth	Pte	G/7547	6/E Kent	desertion	22/4/16
TITE	Reginald Thomas	Pte	SD/4242	13/Sussex	cowardice	25/11/16
TONGUE	Joseph or James	Pte	11850	1/K Liv	desertion	8/1/17
TROUGHTON	Albert	Pte	10853	1/R Welsh Fus	desertion and AWOL	22/4/15
TURNER	Frederick	Pte	266120	1/6 Northm' Fus	desertion	23/10/17
TURPIE	William John	Pte	G/7171	2/E Surrey	desertion	1/7/15
WALL	John Thomas	Sgt	13216	3/Worcs	desertion	6/9/17
WALTON	William	L/Sgt	7552	2/KRRC	desertion	23/3/15
WARD	George	Pte	9641	1/R Berks	cowardice	26/9/14
WARD	Thomas	Pte	S/15240	8/10 Gordon Hi	desertion	16/10/17
WATKINS	George	Pte	8139	13/Welsh	desertion	15/5/17
WATTS	Thomas William	Pte	14813	7/E Yorks	desertion	30/8/17
WATTS	William	Pte	1214	1/L M Lancs	desertion	5/5/16
WEBB	Henry J.	Pte	11046	2/KOYLI	desertion	31/10/17
WELSH	Charles	Pte	A/38119	8/CEF	desertion	6/3/18
WESTWOOD	Arthur H.	Pte	L/1161	8/Queen's	desertion	23/11/17
WILD	Arthur	Pte	18/313	18/W Yorks	desertion	5/9/16
WILLIAMS	Harold	Rfn	393923	1/9 Royal Fus	desertion	28/12/17
WILSON	James H.	Pte	10701	4/CEF	desertion	9/7/16
WILTON	Jesse	Cpl	23972	15/Sher For	quitting post	17/8/16
WISHART	J.	Pte	26248	7/R Inniskilling Fus	desertion	15/6/17

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WOODHOUSE	John	Rfn	R/15325	12/KRRC	desertion	4/10/17
WORSLEY	Ernest	Pte	G/8857	2/Middx	desertion	22/10/17
WRIGHT	Frederick	Pte	S/6778	1/R W Surrey	desertion	28/1/17
WYCHERLEY	William	Pte	2064	2/Man	desertion	12/9/17
YEOMAN	Walter	Rfn	474371	1/12 R Fus	desertion	3/7/17
YOUNG	Elsworth	Pte	67882	25/CEF	desertion	29/10/16
YOUNG	Robert	Pte	204232	11/Worcs	desertion	

SCHEDULE 2

Section 3

THE PARDONS TRIBUNAL

Chairman

1 The Secretary of State shall appoint one of the members of the Tribunal to be chairman.

Tenure of office

2 (1) A person appointed to be a member of the Tribunal shall hold and vacate office under the terms of the instrument by which that member is appointed.

(2) A member may at any time resign office by notice in writing to the Secretary of State.

(3) The Secretary of State may remove a person from office on the ground that—

(a) that person has been absent from meetings of the Tribunal for a period longer than three consecutive months without the Tribunal's consent,

(b) a bankruptcy order has been made against that person or that person's estate has been sequestrated or that person has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, that person's creditors, or

(c) that person is unable or unfit to discharge the functions of a member.

(4) If the person appointed to take the chair ceases to be a member that person shall also cease to occupy the chair.

(5) A person who ceases to hold office as a member of the Tribunal, otherwise than by virtue of sub-paragraph (3), or ceases to be chairman shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Staff

3 (1) The Tribunal may appoint such staff as they determine with the Secretary of State's approval as to numbers and terms and conditions of service.

(2) *The Tribunal may in the application of funds provided by the Secretary of State and with the Secretary of State's approval—*

(a) *pay such remuneration, pensions, allowances or gratuities to or in respect of any persons who have been or are members of their staff as they may determine;*

(b) *provide and maintain such schemes as they may determine (whether contributory or not) for the payment of pensions, allowances or gratuities, to or in respect of any such persons.*

(3) The Secretary of State shall not give an approval under this paragraph without the Treasury's consent.

Remuneration and allowances

4 (1) There shall be paid out of funds provided by the Secretary of State to the members of the Tribunal such remuneration, travelling and other allowances as the Secretary of State may determine.

(2) *Where the Secretary of State so determines in the case of a holder of the office of occupant of the chair or of member of the Tribunal, the Tribunal shall—*

(a) *pay to or in respect of that person such pension, allowances or gratuities, or*

(b) *make such payments towards the provision of a pension, allowances or gratuities in respect of that person,*

as the Secretary of State may determine.

(3) *A determination under this paragraph shall not have effect unless it has been approved by the Treasury.*

Proceedings and evidence

5 (1) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule and of section 3 above, the Tribunal may regulate their own procedure, except that the quorum for meetings of the Tribunal shall be two.

(2) The validity of any proceedings of the Tribunal shall not be affected by any vacancy among their members, or by any defect in the appointment of any person to the chair or as a member.

6 A document purporting to be duly signed on behalf of the Tribunal shall be received in evidence and, unless the contrary is proved, be taken to be so signed.

Status of the Board

7 The Board shall not be regarded as the servant or agent of the Crown or as enjoying any status, immunity or privilege of the Crown.

Parliamentary disqualification

8 (1) In the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24), in Part III of Schedule 1 (other disqualifying offices), the following entry shall be inserted at the appropriate place—

"Member of the Pardons Tribunal".

(2) The same entry shall be inserted at the appropriate place in Part III of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25).

Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill

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To provide for the granting of pardons to soldiers of the British Empire Forces executed during the Great War of 1914 to 1919 following conviction for offences of cowardice, desertion or attempted desertion, disobedience, quitting post, violence, sleeping at post, throwing away arms or striking a superior officer; and for connected purposes.

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