## ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 9th February 1918

## Ryde Tribunal.

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A sitting of the Ryde Military Tribunal was held on Monday, The Mayor (Alderman J. I. BARTON) presiding, others present being Alderman H. SWEETMAN, Councillors Arthur ANDREWS, E. J. WHEELER, E. HAYDEN, W. R. TAYLOR, Mr. A. HOLMES, the National Service Representative (Mr. G. W. COLENUTT) and the Deputy Clerk (Mr. C. H. COLLIS).

One of the cases was that of **George Robert SHACKLETON**, aged 35, a coachbuilder who had been exempted in June 1916 – Mr. COLENUTT said this was another A man and he asked for the withdrawal of the conditional exemption granted. – The Mayor said the man was certainly classified as A, but he was not in his right category. For the information of the Tribunal he might say that the man had tried to join the Volunteers, but the doctor would not pass him into the Volunteers even. After that he had gone to Parkhurst where they placed him in class A, and then he again went before a doctor to pass into the Volunteers, not the same doctor who had examined him previously – and was again rejected. How could the man be an A man? The Tribunal unanimously confirmed the Conditional exemption previously granted.

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