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MILITARY TRIBUNAL

Arthur P. Biggs, 36, married, photographer and wholesale postcard factor, claimed exemption on business grounds. If he had to join up and go away he would lose the small connection that had taken him 15 years to work up. There was no one else to carry it on. He was not in good health. He was married and had eight children.-The Mayor: Oh! eight children. I should go if I were you.-The Military Representative: Do you know what you would get if you went.-Applicant: about 33/- a week sir, I think but that doesn't go far now-a-days.-The Mayor: You think you would be better off without it.-Applicant: Yes sir.- Military Representative: But they want men like you in the Army-men of your training.-Applicant: I tried to join the Engineers eighteen years ago and they wouldn't look at me then.-The Mayor: You think you have not improved since then.-Applicant: No sir, gone back.-Conditional exemption was granted.

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