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AN APOLOGY

On November 6th, within two days of the promised date of publication, we learnt that the Printers could not execute our order for another two weeks owing to labour difficulties and illness.

Our choice lay between postponing the appearance of a printed "Nabsford News", or producing it ourselves inside the Establishment, and we have chosen the latter course so that our public would not be disappointed. Several articles have had to be omitted from this issue, and paper shortage has restricted the number of copies. Nevertheless, we hope you will understand the situation and accept our first offering-----

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## EDITORIAL.

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NOVEMBER 1ST, 1945.

SCHOOL OFFICE,  
H.M.S. "NABSFORD".

The Editor of a magazine making its first appearance feels as apprehensive as a man about to become a father. Anxious days and sleepless nights give place to an ominous calm immediately preceding the "event", during which he wonders if any complications will attend its arrival. But at that point the resemblance ends, for whereas the proud parent can show his offspring to everyone, knowing it will be praised by all and sundry, no such courtesy is accorded the humble Editor, who must perforce remain disturbed in mind until he is assured that his "child" has proved acceptable to a critical world at large.

Behold, then, for your consideration, "Nabsford News" Number One. It will appear fortnightly and can be enlarged in size if sufficient support is forthcoming. Send in your articles, poems, cartoons and sketches to the School Office, and do not hesitate to shower criticism or suggestion upon the Editor - he can take it!

When Flag Officer, Naval Air ~~Pacific~~ Rear Admiral R.H. Portal, D.S.C., R.N., addressed the entire Ship's Company at Kerry Road during the forenoon of Monday, 22nd October, he outlined the future of this Establishment, stating that although many R.N. Units in Australia would be paying-off and dispersing in the near future, TAMY I would continue to operate until about the middle of next year. Nevertheless the complement of TAMY would be progressively reduced.

This policy was implemented earlier than many ratings anticipated, for exactly one week later, 500 ratings left H.M.S. "Nabsford" and embarked at Hamilton Wharf on the Brisbane River, bound for the United Kingdom. In addition to this draft en masse, ratings leave us almost every day in twos and threes for Sydney, under the Scheme of Release by Age and Service Groups, so that our numbers are constantly changing, and will tend to diminish as the Australian summer wears on.

Meanwhile those of us who remain must carry on, and it is for you that "Nabsford News" has been produced. It is your paper, so give it your support. Several new features will be incorporated in Number 2, on sale about November 21st., so make sure you get your copy!

L. J. JAY.

EDITOR

# F O R E W O R D

by

CAPTAIN B.J. L.W. ROGERS-TILLSTONE.

The "Magazine" hitherto displayed in the Information Room has often had contributions of considerable merit: a humorous article, a good drawing, helpful reviews of books and films, even a sort of Tourists' Guide through that happy land of faith and hope, the Release and Resettlement Scheme. But the method of publication adopted, by displaying the original contributions only on a wall board, has obvious defects. Many people never see the "Magazine" at all, either because they do not know of its existence, or because they prefer to read sitting down, or maybe for other reasons. Other people who do see the "Magazine" must often wish they could have a copy of some particular picture or article, either to keep, or to send home or to a friend. All these advantages, and others, are gained by publishing in newspaper form; and I am sure that the "Nabsford News" will have a wide appeal.

Success will of course, as ever, depend chiefly on merit; and the merit of the items published will, in turn, depend on the editors getting sufficient contributions to be able to make a selection for publication. So I hope that everyone who has any talent of the kind needed will not hesitate to send in his efforts.

Good luck to the "Nabsford News".

It is the little things in life that count, as the father of triplets was heard to remark, and the same might be said of all events, whether "happy" or otherwise.....

We are fortunate to be stationed in a country where the natives speak and write English (even though they may live in places as foreign sounding as Woolloomooloo or Woolloongabba). We are thus enabled to read their daily papers and get the trend of world affairs. But the Brisbane "Courier Mail" and "Telegraph" rarely offer more than the main items of news from Britian, as we should expect, and the minor events are not heard of until English newspapers reach us by sea mail - months later.

A few copies of English papers flown out by air-mail are received in "Nabsford" and from these we have taken the following snippets of news:

The Ministry of War Transport stated on September 25th that, in order to avoid the use of the Panama Canal, dues for which have to be paid in dollars, the Ministry has given instructions for the re-routing of ships from New Zealand and Australia. Ships from New Zealand to Britian will normally travel via Cape Horn, although in certain cases they may be routed via Suez. Ships from Australia will be routed as follows:- Coal burners via the Cape of Good Hope; oil burners via Suez.

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One of Coventry's shadow factories, taken over from the Government by the Standard Motor Company, is to go into production on farm tractors of a new type. First deliveries will be made next year. The factory will provide employment for more than 6000 people.

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A new company, under the title "Lloyd George (No. 1 Film of Great Britons) Limited", has been formed to carry on the business of producers, directors, distributors and exhibitors of a film relating to the life of the late Earl Lloyd George.

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Life Guards and Royal Horse Guards, home from Wars, rode again on black horses across the Horse Guards Parade on the morning of October 5th, to mount the Household Cavalry's traditional daily guard at the Whitehall gate for the first time in six long years.

The weather was of October's best, with the air still and the sun coming through a faint mist. An interested crowd stood to watch the ceremony in the forecourt of the old Horse Guards building. The time-honoured ceremonial was done with no apparent fault, and by 11.15 am the two mounted sentries were standing half in and half out of their stone boxes, as of old. Londoners and London's visitors had one of their best-loved institutions back again.

SMALL FRY (Continued)

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, now permanently back in London, is to move from the West End to the East this winter, and give a series of fortnightly Sunday concerts at the People's Palace in the Mile End Road. The first, on Sunday 21st October, was conducted by Sir Adrian Boult, and Moiseiwitsch was the soloist in Rachmaninow's Second Concerto. These concerts will be broadcast.

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In his first Commons speech as Minister of Health on Wednesday, October 17th, Mr. Aneurin Bevan announced that the needs of the lower income groups would be met first, mainly through the local authorities, and that the emphasis would be upon houses to let. He refused to give promises about the number of houses which would be built within any given time, although he was hopeful that the stringency would be relieved in four years, but he undertook to issue monthly progress reports from the beginning of next year.

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From a leader in the "Manchester Guardian Weekly" 19th October, commenting on the trouble in Palestine:-

"There are two phenomena that can never fail to rouse the wonder of all students of foreign affairs: the infinite capacity of the British for putting themselves in the wrong and the infinite zest of the Americans for pointing it out....."

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TAMY TATTLE.

(Wherein you may find "Careless Talk" but no "Vital Secrets"!)

There's a long long trail O'Winding for quite a few ratings now that Brisbane Tramway Company has decided that the R.N. is a dead loss along Compo Road. Pay up or double up!

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Congratulations to L.A.F. Ron Devanney on his engagement to Miss Pamela Marie Martin, announced at a party held recently in Miss Martin's home. There were several of the lads at the party, and the Ship's Company Band provided the music. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

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There was much wailing and gnashing of teeth in the locality of Hamilton Wharf recently, when the first contingent of ratings from H.M.S. "Nabsford" went aboard a transport bound for old Blighty's shore. Was it joy or sorrow that made these hardened Matelots (?) weep on each others shoulders or was it the tang of the salt that revived old memories? If it was true, as appeared in the local press, that some of the Service men on the same troopship was going home after periods of from five to ten years abroad, then our lads must have felt that their trip to Australia was in the nature of "Long Weekend Leave"! However, bon voyage to them all, and a speedy return to Civvy Street (with exception of Ex-Apps).

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Who took his second whiskey with a knife and fork in the Sergeants' Mess after no more than two bottles of beer? Oh Chief, how could you!

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A popular tune around the Camp lately is "Don't Fence Me In". Two lads were inspired by this song to "file away smartly", it would seem.

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The recent draft to the U.K. broke up the Ship's Company Dance Band, most of whom are now on their way home. For several months the Band have been performing at many functions in and around Brisbane, at the City Hall for Ship's Company Dances, at Navy House, and with the Concert Party, not to mention functions sponsored by Charitable organizations. Their performances were much appreciated by a wide number of people and we are grateful to them for helping to put H.M.S. "Nabsford" on the map of Brisbane.

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A new word has been coined. Anyone who stays with H.M.S. "Nabsford" long enough to "catch the fever" is said to be "TAMYNATED".

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Some people enjoy the limelight, but the headlamps of a car can be too bright - especially if it is a police car! Ask the C.P.O. who was caught thus with his "Sheila" on the banks of the Brisbane River one evening.

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The departure from out midst of the Senior Test Pilot, Lieutenant Willis, R.C.N.V.R., for his native Canada, has left a "gap" that will be very difficult to fill. His genial good nature made him a popular man with officers and ratings, and we wish him good luck.

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It is rumoured that one L.A.F. at present working (?) at Benedict will upset his stomach, if by some chance, he "manages up" to the Dining Hall for breakfast. Take it easy, son, we need men like you to work for the peace.

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A certain Irish Killick who paid us a "flying" visit is now on his way home. We were glad of his cheery company, and sorry his stay was so short. Good luck to him, and UP SPIRITS, IRELAND! (With emphasis on the Spirits.)

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The Editor will be pleased to receive authentic news of births, marriages, or any other adversities affecting members of the Ship's Company, suitable for inclusion in "Tamy Tattle."

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HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD.

I'm stationed here in Brisbane  
and everything's O.K.  
There's lots of fun and laughter  
The sun shines every day.

The food in town is lovely  
The girls a perfect treat  
A nod, a smile, a friendly word  
You find in every street.

The diggers are our coppers  
The grandest chaps I've seen  
You could not wish for better pals  
Than the lads in Jungle Green.

We've "Homers" by the dozen  
They treat us well - "I'll say"  
You have to have a good excuse  
If you would bid them "Nay".

No, there's nothing wrong with Brisbane  
And Australia is fine  
But the place for me to settle in  
Is ENGLAND every time.

NAVAL AIRMAN STIRLAND

"NABSFORD" NOTABILITIES.

NO. I:

C.P.O. A.M. STEPHENS

C.P.O. Stephens was born in Burnley and attended the local Grammar School. Afterwards he entered the Merchant Navy as a Cadet and started "globe-trotting".

He left the Merchant Navy ten years ago and joined the Royal Navy. He visited both Germany and Japan before the War, and knows quite a lot about Hamburg and Bremen. ('Nuff said!) Since the outbreak of War he has served on the "Furious" and other ships and had been to Norway and the Middle East before coming to Australia. He has, therefore, qualified for the Atlantic 1939-45, and Africa Stars, but professes no desire to receive the Pacific award. His main grouse is that he has not been lucky enough to get a good "loaf" in the United States.

C.P.O. Stephens is fond of sport and likes tennis and swimming. He likes dancing, too, although he admitted somewhat reluctantly that he prefers the straight ballroom type of dancing as opposed to the Australian brand. Reading occupies his leisure moments and his favourite authors are Farnol and Sabatini. He does not care for "thrillers" or Western novels.

He is not sure of his moves when his present engagement ends, but he hopes to work with Q.U.A.N.T.A.S. or A.N.A. for a time. He has married a Brisbane girl and intends to stay in Aussie-land. He would like to see the present licensing laws revised and the English method of serving taken up in hotels. (English beer is still best, in his opinion, and his mouth watered at the mention of draught Bass Bitter). Southport could be made much better, he thinks, if Blackpool Town Council could be persuaded to come over and bring it up to date. When pressed for further comment and criticism of Australia he shyly refused to talk, muttering something about "Careless Talk Costs Lives"..... Perhaps Mrs. Stephens would have something to say to him!

## CAN YOU READ?

Well, we hope so, for otherwise you have wasted a penny on "Nabsford News". But if you can read, the next question is, what do you read? Did you know that there are over fifteen hundred books in the Ship's library, and that you can borrow these free of charge?

To help you in your choice of reading matter, two books of a widely different nature which have been taken from the shelves of the Ship's Library, will be reviewed in this column each fortnight.

The books chosen for this week are:-

"The Mask of Dimitrios" by Eric Ambler and  
"Hard Boiled Sperling" by Charles W. Saunders.

### "THE MASK OF DIMITRIOS" -

This is the story of a professor turned author. On holiday in Turkey he meets by accident at a party the man who sends him through most of the European capitals. This man, Colonel Maki of the Turkish Secret Police, introduces Mr. Latimer, the author, to the story of Dimitrios. The macabre nature of this introduction - in the morgue - does not deter Latimer from wanting to know more about the dead man. His adventures in following up and piecing together bit by bit the life story of Dimitrios form the action of the book.

The fact that Dimitrios Makropoulos or Thalut has been engaged in nearly every type of villainy brings Latimer into contact with several strange people, including a master spy, the owner of a brothel, and, of course that strange contradiction to all our concepts of men, Mr. Peters. The climax when Latimer finds that Dimitrios is not dead, and he and Mr. Peters come face to face with the master criminal gives plenty of excitement to the closing pages of this excellent novel.

This book is good reading for the lover of mystery stories.

### "HARD BOILED SPERLING" -

This is the story of a cowboy whose attempts to help the victims of a land-hog, one ECKHOLM, land him in some rough waters. The manner in which the young man gets himself out of trouble and defeats Eckholm at his own game, is a masterpiece from the pen of Charles Wesley Saunders. The romantic interest is in just the right proportion of this essentially outdoors story, and of course the hero gets his girl.

For the lover of Western stories there could not be a better sample of the kind than "Hard Boiled Sperling".

"THE BOOKWORM"

ASK PROFESSOR ALLBULL!

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At tremendous expense (it took seven men to carry away the empties) we have secured for readers of "Nabsford News" the services of the eminent PROFESSOR ALLBULL, who has consented to answer any problem or heart-ache which may be worrying you.

It is now many years since Professor Allbull took his Doc. Om. (Doctor of Omniscience) and since then he has made a life-long study of his fellow men and women. He has tasted the whole range of human emotions from A to B and can talk with experience about financial "flaps", business bothers, or matrimonial maladjustments. (It will be recalled that he solved the Eternal Triangle whilst in his second year at College, and thus gave a new twist to the theories of Archimedes.) Professor Allbull has helped himself to the pleasures of this life - let him help you!

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Dear Professor Allbull, -

I have discovered the finest thing yet, for peeling potatoes quickly and efficiently. What should I do with it?

Bernard Chora.

Dear Bernard Chora, -

Marry her at once before she gets away.

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Dear Professor Allbull, -

I have served five years in the Navy, mostly at sea, and am worried at being away from my wife for so long. Can you help me?

"Anxious Albert"

Dear "Anxious Albert", -

This problem should cease to worry you when your Release number comes along, and that is a matter for the Minister of Labour. Meanwhile take comfort in the knowledge that your problem is not unique. Many another man is wasting the best years of his wife in the Navy.

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Dear Professor Allbull, -

Some weeks ago I bought an expensive gold wrist-watch in Brisbane, which I intended taking home to my girl friend. It is a beautiful piece of work (the watch, I mean), but it won't go. Should I return it to the Jewellers?

J. Dunne.

Dear J. Dunne, -

No, I suggest a better plan. If you place the watch in the Canteen or Cafeteria and leave it unattended for 5 minutes, it will soon go.

Dear Professor Allbull, -

I suffer from insomnia. Do you think it would cure me if I married the beautiful blonde I am engaged to?

"Earnest".

Dear "Earnest",-

It may not cure you, but you would have less objection to remaining awake.

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Dear Professor Allbull, -

I have been going with a boy for a year now and during that time he has often proposed to me. What should I do, as I am only eighteen?

"Innocent."

Dear "Innocent", -

You have not stated your problem fully enough. I cannot really help you as I don't know what your boy-friend proposes.

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Dear Professor Allbull, -

I have read several novels concerning criminals and murderers, and I find that the majority of these before going to the gallows or electric chair always eat a good hearty meal. Could you tell me why they do this?

"Little Audrey"

Dear "Little Audrey", -

Probably because they would find it very difficult to eat one afterwards.

### SHIP'S CONCERT PARTY.

Future activities of the ship's Concert Party were discussed at a meeting held on Tuesday, 30th October, 1945.

The recent draft of "Nabsford" ratings has depleted the small band of Concert Party stalwarts, and there is urgent need for more people who can perform. There is a chorus of eight attractive young ladies, and they are ably supported by several solo artists, but more men are required. Surely, from the hundreds of ratings in T.A.M.Y. I, there are at least twenty or thirty who can help out? Singers, dancers, jugglers, contortionists, ventriloquists - roll up! Hand in your names to S.B.A. EATON at Kerry Road Sick Bay, or to Stoker SHARMAN at the Maintenance Shop, Factory Site.

Members of the Concert Party are excused Duty Watch on rehearsal and concert evenings, and are royally entertained wherever they perform. Already a large sum of money has been raised for Anzac House appeals. "Miss Australia" shows etc. by performances of "Nabsford" Concert Party, but there is scope for a bigger and better show.

It is your Concert Party. What are you doing to support it?

## AROUND THE PLAYING-FIELDS.

Hello to sportsmen of all codes!

In each number of "Nabsford News" we hope to give you a review of sporting events concerning the Unit. If you have any suggestions for improving the games amenities on the Establishment, or any "drips", let us have them! Constructive ideas will be passed on to the appropriate quarter.

L.A.F. BAXTER

Sports Editor.

Mess 21B - 14.

### CRICKET NOTES.

By "TWELFTH MAN"

H.M.S. "Nabsford" has two teams competing in the Army Amenities "B" grade, one in the North and another in the South Division. Up to the time of writing neither team has been at top strength, partly through lack of practice and in part because duties have prevented the appearance of certain ratings.

Sub-Lieutenant Sherwell has obtained the highest score for "A" team, with 87, whilst the best in "B" team is 33 by S.B.A. Eaton. Early in the season A.F.A. Thomas, playing for "B" team, bowled 17 overs and took 8 wickets at a cost of 46 runs. Then it is noted that the other side scored a total of 219 runs, it can be appreciated what a fine performance Thomas put up. He has now been drafted to U.K., his record for 6 games being 26 wickets for 277 runs.

Another loss through drafting to U.K. is P.O. Day, who has bowled consistently for "A" team.

### TAMY "B" V. 2ND AUST. R.S.D.

In this game, played at Victoria Park on October 28th, "B" team gave their best performance of the season, and at one time in the match seemed to be in a strong position for a first innings victory. But it could not be done, although they deserve congratulations for robbing R.S.D. of full points. The Australian team has won every game outright up to time of going to press.

#### DETAILS OF SCORES:

R.S.D.: 162 runs. (Darbyshire 5 for 46, Whitehead 3 for 27, Kilbride 2 for 36, Jones 0 for 15, Schofield 0 for 15).

TAMY "B" Darbyshire 30; Kilbride 25; Eaton 24; Schofield 10; Harrison 4; Whitehead 4; Stainton 13 not out; Jones 0; Baxter 8; Best 3; Grimster 0; Extras 9; total 129.

RESULT: 2ND AUST. R.S.D. won on first innings by  
33 runs.

Before the cricket season begun, about 80 names were given in to the Mail Office for a game. It has been difficult to give everybody a trial owing to limited facilities for practice but anyone interested will be welcome at the nets, in the Army Camp adjacent to the Factory, on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Volunteers for Umpire will be very welcome - please get in touch with P.O. Baker in the Mail Office.

## RELEASE AND RESETTLEMENT NEWS.

Now that the fighting is over every "H.O." rating looks forward with joyful anticipation to receiving that most distinguished decoration of services rendered in War time - the "Bowler Hat" emblem of civilian respectability and freedom. Release from the Forces and consequent Resettlement in a "civvy" job are, therefore, topics of paramount interest.

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So far as Release is concerned, the latest news (as we go to press) is the Government statement made in the House of Commons on October 2nd by the Minister of Labour and National Service, Mr. Isaacs. (This statement is posted up in the Information Centre for all to read.) The target for Navy releases by the end of the year is average Age and Service Group 31 - taking the average for the Navy as a whole. The popular press back home blithely ignored the crucial word "average" and the "Daily Mail", for example, stated categorically "The Navy will release up to the whole of Group 30 and part of Group 31." This might have been wishful reporting, but it was incorrect and, therefore, mischievous. The facts are that the dispersal of some rating groups will have proceeded beyond Age and Service Group 31, while other branches, in particular the Regulating, Engine Room, Sick Berth and Supply and Secretariat, will not reach this level.

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There has recently been mentioned in the English press of revised conditions for granting compassionate release for business purposes. Here are the details, as received in an Admiralty message:-

"Where an officer or rating can show that before the outbreak of war he was owner or partner in a business which has been carried on by relations or friends since his entry into the Service, and it can be proved that the health of these relatives or friends has deteriorated to such an extent that the business will have to close down unless the officer or rating is indefinitely released, applications for indefinite release will be favourably considered. To qualify for this concession the officer or rating must have been away from the business for a long period, say about three years, and a period of temporary release (say three months) has been insufficient to solve the problem of alternative arrangements.

Releases will not be granted to re-open businesses which have already closed down."

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The blue booklet "Release and Resettlement" describes in Chapter III how you can go along to your local Resettlement Advice Office in "Civvy Street". We have just received a list of the addresses and telephone numbers of these offices, which have been opened in towns up and down the country from Canberwell to Cleator Moor, Redruth to Rawtenstall. Any fellow who intends to have a chat with his local officer when he returns home can get the address from the School Office.

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On your release in Class "A" you will get a leaflet which explains how to claim reinstatement in your pre-war job under the "Reinstatement in Civil Employment Act, 1944."

Admiralty Fleet Order 5197/45, points out that foreign service leave in the Navy is part of a man's service even though it may be taken at the end of the man's service and after he has been dispersed. It, therefore, counts as service for the purpose of reinstatement and application for reinstatement should, accordingly, be made after the end of the foreign service leave and not later than the fifth Monday after that day.

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A.F.O. 4107 - Teachers - Emergency Recruitment and

Training of - Applications for Training.

The Ministry of Education has arranged a special intensive training scheme designed to meet the shortage of teachers in the post-primary, junior, infant and nursery schools of England and Wales. This scheme, which is open to men and women who have performed national service, provides for a course of training lasting one year, after which successful candidates will be qualified to teach in schools subject to a probation period of actual teaching.

Candidates in H.M. Forces must await their release in the ordinary course in Class "A" before taking up a course of training. Meanwhile, however, the Ministry of Education is prepared to receive applications and to deal with them so that men and women may know as soon as possible whether they are likely to be admitted to training, after their release from the Forces.

Applications are, therefore, now invited from serving members of H.M. Forces, and forms for this purpose can be obtained from the Education Officer, Information Centre. Similar arrangements are in force for Scotland, and forms can be obtained for ratings who wish to teach in Scottish schools.

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