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Any communication on the subject
of this letter should be addressed to:-

The Under Secretary of State,
and the following number quoted:-

F.B.176/21.

28th September, 1940.

Sir,

Release of men from the Army for
service in the Regular and
Auxiliary Fire Service.

F.B. Circular No.130/1940.

In view of the urgent need for maintaining the
strength of the Regular and Auxiliary Fire Services,
arrangements have been made, after consultation with
the War Office, for the release from the Home Forces
of men who have formerly served as regular or auxiliary
firemen and are willing to perform fire service duties,
provided that they are not included in the following
categories:-

- (a) Officer-cadets and men selected for O.C.T.Us.
- (b) N.C.Os. of the rank of corporal (acting, temporary or substantive), and above.
- (c) Men filling tradesmen's vacancies.
- (d) Specialists.
- (e) Men under orders for service overseas or serving in a unit which has been ordered to mobilize for service overseas.
- (f) Men serving in army fire brigades.
- (g) Men who are unwilling to be released.

An invitation was accordingly made recently to men in
the Home Forces to volunteer for fire service duties, either
with their former brigade or in any other local fire service,
on the understanding that men released under these
arrangements would be required to serve in a whole-time

The Clerk of the London County Council,
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The Clerk to the District Council.

capacity in any part of the country, and that such men would be subject to the provisions of the Police and Firemen (Employment) Order, 1940, and to immediate recall to military duty should they leave the Fire Service.

Names of applicants are already being received from the War Office, and if in any of these cases preference has been expressed for service in your brigade the names will be forwarded for your immediate consideration as to their acceptance.

If fire authorities should wish to initiate application in any particular cases for the release from the Home Forces of former members of their fire service personnel, they should furnish to this Department, at the earliest possible date, the full regimental particulars and military address of the men concerned, in order that the necessary action may be taken. The number of this circular should also be quoted.

The arrangements in this circular do not apply to men serving in the Royal Navy or the Royal Air Force.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A. L. Dixon

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and Chief Officers of Fire Brigades in England and Wales.