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

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
HOME OFFICE, (FIRE BRIGADES DIVISION),
CLELAND HOUSE,
PAGE STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.



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and the following number quoted:—

31st August, 1940.

F.B.Gen.176/17.

Sir,

Recruitment for whole-time service
in the Auxiliary Fire Service
F.B.Circular No.119/1940.

I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to refer to F.B.Circular No.114/1940 and previous circulars and announcements, on the subject of recruitment for whole-time service in the Auxiliary Fire Service, and to say that arrangements have been made with the Ministry of Labour and National Service whereby fire authorities whose Auxiliary Fire Service is below the authorised war establishment may be enabled to draw upon suitable men from other areas including men who express a desire to enrol in the Auxiliary Fire Service at the time of registration under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939.

Chief Officers who require additional whole-time auxiliaries should inform the Manager of the local Employment Exchange of the number of vacancies to be filled. If there are no suitable men on the register of that Exchange the latter will arrange for the vacancies to be circulated and for particulars of applicants to be sent to the Chief Officer, who will select those whom he desires to consider and arrange for them to be interviewed. In this connection it would be of material assistance if a preliminary interview could be undertaken by the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade of the area in which the applicant resides, and the Minister has no doubt that Chief Officers will be glad thus to co-operate with each other. Arrangements will then be made for applicants successful at the preliminary interview to be interviewed by an Officer of the Brigade in which the vacancy exists.

Any reasonable expenses incurred in arranging for officers to visit other areas for the purpose of interviewing applicants or for applicants to visit the Fire Brigade area in which the vacancy has arisen for the purpose of being interviewed may be included in the authority's grant claim.

The Clerk to the London County Council.
The Town Clerk.
The Clerk to the District Council.

The Ministry of Labour and National Service will supply non-recoverable travelling warrants for the initial journey to men appointed under these arrangements, and in the case of married men (or unmarried men with similar responsibilities) who continue to maintain a home in the place from which they are transferred lodging allowances will be payable by that Department at the rate of 3s. 6d. a night.

It is important to ensure that applicants for enrolment understand the effect of the Police and Firemen (Employment) Order, 1940, before they are appointed.

An additional copy of this Circular is enclosed for transmission to the Council's Chief Financial Officer.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

F. N. Smith

Issued to the Clerk of the London County Council and to all Fire Authorities in England and Wales.

Copies sent for information to:-

Chief Officers of Fire Brigades and Chief Constables
in England and Wales.