

Please quote:- W. 2137.

W.5a.

CENTRAL TRIBUNAL,
Queen Anne's Chambers,
Tothill Street,
Westminster, S.W.

Nov 23rd 1916.

Sir,

I am desired by the Central Tribunal to inform you that your case has been sent to them by the Army Council in order that the Tribunal may determine, in the light of the information which may now be available, whether you have a conscientious objection to military service based on religious or moral grounds.

Members of the Central Tribunal will attend at ~~Normwood~~ *Scrubs Prison* at an early date when an opportunity will be given to you of being heard by them as to your conscientious objection.

If you do not avail yourself of the opportunity of being heard or if, after having been heard, the Central Tribunal are not satisfied that you have a conscientious objection to military service based on religious or moral grounds, the Central Tribunal are informed that after the completion of your sentence you will be returned to the control of the military authorities.

If, on the other hand, after consideration of your case the Tribunal are satisfied that you have a conscientious objection to military service based on religious or moral grounds, your case will be sent to the civil Committee which has been appointed by the Home Office, in order that you may be placed on civil work under civil control and under conditions to be determined by that Committee, and when you take up work you will be transferred to Section W of the Army Reserve, whereupon you will cease to be subject to military discipline and the Army Act, as also to draw pay from Army funds. You will be allowed to continue at civil work so long as your conduct is satisfactory to the Committee. If you should fail to comply with the conditions laid down by the Committee, you will be sent back to prison to undergo the remainder of your sentence and at the termination of the sentence you will be recalled from Section W of the Army Reserve and returned to your unit when you will again be fully subject to military discipline and the Army Act.

Yours faithfully,

E. W. Reading

for Central Tribunal.

Private *William Varley*

64/15-1738

H. M. Prison

WORMWOOD SCRUBS

28.11.

Wife

I am now in this Prison, and am in _____

behave well, I shall be allowed to write another letter

_____ and to receive a reply, but no reply

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I have accepted
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Signature—

William Varley

