

# TO KILL REFUSING

## BRISTOL'S WORLD WAR 1 CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

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The Guard Room.  
Westham Bank  
Weymouth

Dear Father + Mother

I received your letter this morning. My Court-Martial is now over + yesterday was the first day of my sentence served. Of course I do not <sup>know</sup> what the sentence is what I am read out. The 4 first B.O.s will probably be read out to-day. I had a most interesting chat with some Australians + they say that practically all of them will vote against conscription. They said much more but I must leave that till another time. Jim's address is - Mans Laundry, Hyde Rd, Gorton. I should not write to the other. I quite enjoyed the walk to the Barracks yesterday + the weather was A1. A ~~minister~~ minister of Christ visited us the other day + explained the righteousness of this war. He was distressed at our views + advised reading "Prophets" + more prayer! We pointed out that German ministers were telling their people the same tale but he replied that God knew what was best for us all!

There's a legion that never was listed.  
It carries no colors or crest.

It's split in a thousand detachments  
It's paving the way for the rest.

I do not know the poet who wrote the above lines but they are A1 I reckon.

Your Affec: Son  
Eric