

I should be neglecting a plain duty of the office which I hold if I failed to take the opportunity of most respectfully urging upon the Army Council that were it possible for music to be employed when bodies of troops are on the march, the effect upon recruiting could not fail to be most salutary, and those who have willingly given their services at this time of national emergency would be much encouraged. They would be enabled to disregard, with even more philosophy than they already do, the unavoidable difficulties as to clothing and equipment which not only inflict many discomforts upon them, but also deprive them of much of the more attractive aspect of military life. From my experience as a Recruiting Officer during August and September I am well aware of the uniformly patriotic motives which led these men to come forward, and I humbly suggest that such recognition as our Art can afford should be extended to them.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant

(Signed) A. C. Chamier

Master,

Worshipful Company of Musicians.

Sir H. H. Brade K.C.B.

Secretary to the Army Council

War Office. S.W.

War Office, London S.W.

15th December 1914

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo, on the subject of the provision of Bands for the new formations, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that the matter will receive due consideration.

The Master,

The Worshipful Company of Musicians
16 Berners St. W.

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Your obedient servant,

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