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“THE TERRITORIAL FORCE NON-EFFICIENT MEMBERS FINED

At Kingston yesterday WILLIAM J. WOOLGAR, of Hook, and ALBERT E. REMINGTON , of Kingston, were summoned for failing to put in the requisite number of drills as members of the 6th Batt. East Surrey Territorials.

It was stated by Maj. Merrick, who prosecuted, that Woolgar put in only one drill last year and Remington nine, the regulation number being ten. Both had been struck off the strength, which meant a financial loss to the County Association.

Remington said when he joined the Territorials first he worked in a shop and was able to put in the drills. Now he worked on the river, and was working night and day, his hours of labour depending on the tides.

Maj. Merrick said if the defendant found he could not put in his drills he could get his discharge on payment of 10s.

Remington replied that he could not pay that as he had to support his mother.

The defendant Woolgar said it was impossible for him also to get away from his employment to attend drills.

Maj. Merrick said the defendants had 150 chances in the year of putting in their ten drills. If they attended only five route marches they counted ten drills, and if they moved into another district they could join another corps. Everything was done by the County Association to assist the men.

The Bench convicted and imposed a fine of 10s. and 5s. costs.”