

Conscription: the Second World War

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEXT

➤ **Definition:** The word "conscription" means...

volunteer enlistment in the armed forces compulsory enlistment in a national service optional military service

Part 1: Limited conscription of men

➤ **Read part 1 and tick the right answers**

In 1939, the Prime Minister of Britain was...

Neville Chamberlain Winston Churchill Rishi Sunak

In May 1939, ...

The International situation was worrying. Britain had been attacked by Nazi Germany.
 Britain had declared war to Nazi Germany. Britain was preparing for war with Germany.

➤ **Drag the right elements and complete:**

20 to 22 Military Training Act 240,000 May, 1939 single

In [redacted], the British Parliament approved the [redacted]. It led to the enrollment of [redacted] men aged [redacted]. Only [redacted] men were enrolled, not married ones.

➤ **Link the corresponding element:**

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| 6 months | • | • | entreprendre |
| required | • | • | s'inscrire |
| register | • | • | exiger |
| undertake | • | • | Military training |

Part 2: Full conscription of men

➤ **Drag the elements into the right box.**

non-combattant jobs doctors be medically unfit 3 September 1939 Farmers

1st National Service Act tribunal bakers engineers refuse to fight

all men aged 18 to 41

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Britain declares war on Germany | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| Motives of exemption: | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| Conscientious objectors | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |

Part 3: Conscription of women

➤ Link

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| National service | • | December 1941 |
| Military service | • | combattant job |
| 2nd National Service Act | • | non-combattant jobs |

➤ More people were required to register. Classify them in the chart:

| | aged 20 to 30 | unmarried | aged 51 to 60 | childless widows |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| under 51 years old | | | | |
| WOMEN | | | | |
| MEN: military service | | | | |
| MEN: national service service | | | | |

CONCLUSION

➤ Drag the information in the timeline.

