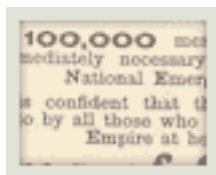


## Case study: RECRUIT & CONSCRIPT

When war broke out in 1914 Britain had a relatively small army. The government immediately called for volunteers and hundreds of thousands joined up. By late 1915, however, more troops were needed. In January 1916 the government introduced compulsory military service (conscriptio) for single men. It was then extended to married men in April. In this case study you will be looking at why the government introduced conscription and how people reacted to this measure.

### SOURCES:

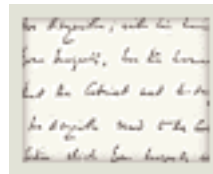
Recruitment posters, 1914



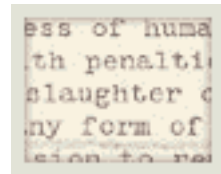
Lord Kitchener's inspection of troops, 1914



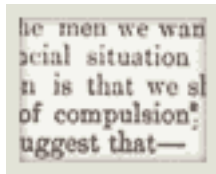
Report of a Cabinet meeting, 1915



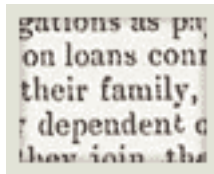
Letter from No Conscriptio Fellowship, 1915



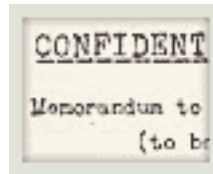
Report on recruiting, October 1915



Report on problems with recruiting, 1915



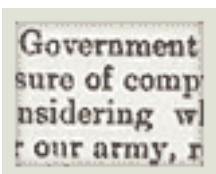
Memo on treatment of conscientious objectors



Cartoon on conscriptio, 1916



Report on conscripting married men, 1916



### HOW TO USE THE SOURCES IN THIS CASE STUDY :

You can use these case study sources in two ways:

#### THE BIG QUESTION

The sources in this case study can help you by providing information you can use in your presentation. Study each source carefully. Note down anything which tells you about:

- The powers which the Defence of the Realm Act gave to the government
- How DORA was enforced
- How DORA affected people's everyday lives
- How people reacted to the restrictions which DORA placed on their lives

#### EXAM PRACTICE

If you want to get some practice on examination type questions, just go to or download the Practice Questions.

Don't forget – if there are words or phrases in the sources which you cannot understand, try the glossary!