

seen equivalent service with the forces of the allied navies, and who is still in the service or has received an honourable discharge therefrom, shall be eligible for active membership.

Provided, however, in the case of a person who has seen active service in England and has failed to reach a belligerent front, he shall first show to the satisfaction of the branch of which he purposes to become a member, that such failure to reach a belligerent front was through no fault of his own.

And further provided, that nothing in this section shall be taken to affect in any wise the status of any member, active or associate, of the Association on the date of the coming into effect of these Letters Patent.

Application

Sec. 16.—Application for membership shall be in writing upon a form provided for that purpose, and shall give in detail the applicant's name, age, birthplace, residence, occupation, address where employed, date and rank on enlistment, his rank at the time of discharge, the unit or units to which he belonged, the date and reason of his discharge, the length of time he served, and if wounded when and in what engagement, and in what manner and degree. The application, accompanied by the initiation fee, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Local Branch within whose jurisdiction the applicant resides. The Secretary will make a preliminary investigation, and report the application and all information in his possession to the Branch Executive at its next meeting. The Executive may either complete the investigation itself and report to the next meeting of the Branch, or hand the case over to an Investigating Committee of the Branch, when such a Committee has been formed. The applicant shall declare that he has not been, or tried to become a member of any other Branch of the Association.

Sec. 17.—Every applicant must be proposed by a member and his or her application recommended by the body charged with the duty of investigation; otherwise such application will be deemed rejected.