

These several sorts of troops are exposed to varying degrees of danger; still, of all arms, the infantry stands most in need of reinforcements. As ever, it remains the Queen of Battles, and pays for its honour with its blood. In some respects it is less attractive than other services—the actual labour involved in marching, for example, is severe—and under the voluntary system, especially in its later phases, there was a tendency for other services to get rather more recruits than were needed to fill vacancies, and for the infantry to obtain fewer than were needed.