Record Nr. UNINA9910791732003321 Autore McDermott James <1956-> Titolo British military service tribunals, 1916-1918 [[electronic resource]]: 'a very much abused body of men' / / James McDermott Pubbl/distr/stampa Manchester;; New York,: Manchester University Press New York, : distributed exclusively in the USA by Palgrave Macmillan, 2011 **ISBN** 1-84779-793-8 1-78170-267-5 1-84779-418-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (263 p.) Disciplina 343.0122094109041 Soggetti Draft - Great Britain - History - 20th century Courts-martial and courts of inquiry - Great Britain - History - 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Based on a Ph. D. thesis--2009. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Appendix 2 Central and Middlesex AppealsTribunal files, minute books, registers etc.held at the National ArchivesReferences: Index Copyright; Contents; Acknowledgements; Note on the medical gradingof enlisted men; 1. Introduction; 2. The Tribunal system: provenance, characteristics and issues; 3. The matter of conscience; 4. Boot and shoe; 5. Agriculture; 6. Directing heads, sole tradersand the professions; 7. Rank, deference and empathy; 8. Fitness to serve; 9. The Tribunals and the Volunteer Training Corps; 10. Conclusion; Appendix 1 Appeals Tribunal files, minutes, register books held at the Northamptonshire Records Office Sommario/riassunto Military Service Tribunals were formed in 1916, to consider applications for exemption from men deemed by new legislation to have enlisted. To the military, they were obstructionist old duffers. To most who came before them, they were the unfeeling civilian arm of a remorseless machine. This work challenges both perspectives.