

# Memorable Order of Tin Hats

## The Emblem of Service

TRUE COMRADESHIP

MUTUAL HELP

SOUND MEMORY



NON-POLITICAL

NON-RACIAL

NON-SECTARIAN

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for membership of the M.O.T.H. should read the following particulars regarding the organisation carefully:

### OBJECTIVES

- The Memorable Order of Tin Hats is an independent brotherhood of serving and ex-Servicemen and women, which was created with the following objectives:
- To perpetuate True Comradeship in the spirit of the 'Front Line' by bringing ex-Servicemen together at monthly social gatherings, and thus, through Good Fellowship promote Good Will and Good Deeds. To make Mutual Help a live force amongst Moths, thereby spreading that principle in the interest of communal harmony. To preach and practice Sound Memory of all sacrifices on the fields of war by practical and not mere lip service.
- To safeguard and advance the interest of serving and ex-Servicemen and women.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

- While all comrades on active service in an operational area, and those who have seen Active Service in an operational area are cordially invited to seek membership in the Order. It is emphasised that membership in the M.O.T.H. is a privilege, and Active Service in an operational area does not necessarily give any man the right to such membership. The M.O.T.H., while desirous of maintaining and increasing its strength, does not seek a huge 'paper' membership. It invites only those serving and ex-Servicemen and woman who are prepared to follow up the ideals and objectives of the Order as sincere and active Moths. The M.O.T.H. wants 'Moths' and not 'members'.

### QUALIFICATION

- Membership shall be restricted to ex-servicemen and women who have seen Service in an operational area as laid down in the constitution, and who according to the ritual, which is repeated by all initiates .... **"That he who fought by my side is my comrade still, wherever he may be"**. 'On Active Service' as applied to a prospective member, refers to one who was engaged in active operations against the enemy.
- **(NOTE: The intention of this clause is to restrict membership to those who have been privileged to have had operational line service)**
- The good character and worthy motives of an applicant must be vouched for by one or more of the members of the unit concerned, and applicants must understand, that membership in the Memorable Order of Tin Hats demands service in the interest of serving and ex-Servicemen and women.
- It is always understood in a unit of the M.O.T.H. that members will not create discord, upsetting the harmony of a meeting.

Discussion of politics and religion are strictly taboo at meetings of any unit of the M.O.T.H.

*GHQ 5 form to be filled in once recruit is installed*

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