

STATUTORY RULES

1914. No. 96.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE DEFENCE ACT 1903-1912.

REGULATIONS FOR THE MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH—
REGULATIONS 2, 3, 4, 11, 57, 78b, 114a, 134, 237, 544, AND 558.

I THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Defence Act* 1903-1912 to come into operation forthwith. Such Regulations shall supersede the Provisional Regulations, Statutory Rules Nos. 312, 313, 322, 323 of 1913, and Nos. 3, 13, 37, 29, 31 of 1914.

Dated this thirtieth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
E. D. MILLEN.

REGULATIONS FOR THE MILITARY FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

AMENDMENTS.

The Military Board.

Regulation 2—The paragraph which reads as follows:—

"The Military Board will refer all matters in connexion with the appointments of Commandants and Officers of the District Head-Quarters Staffs, and the appointments of Officers to command for regiments and corps to the Inspector-General for his advice and recommendation."

is cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

The Military Board will consider and make recommendations with regard to all promotions in the Military Forces to ranks above the rank of Major as well as the appointment of Officers to be Commandants and to command regiments and corps."

Promotion Board.

Regulation 3, which reads as follows:—

"The Promotion Board consists of—The Inspector-General, President; the Adjutant-General and the Senior District Commandant doing duty with troops, members. The Chief of Ordnance will attend the meetings of the Board to advise on all promotions of Artillery and Engineer officers.

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The Promotion Board will consider and make recommendations with regard to all promotions in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth to ranks above the rank of Major, as well as the appointment of Officers to be Commandants and to command regiments and corps.

The recommendations of the Promotion Board will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Defence for submission to the Minister."

is cancelled.

The Department of the Inspector-General.

Regulation 4—The paragraph which reads—

"The Inspector-General will be President of the Promotion Board."

is cancelled.

Regulation 11—After the second paragraph, which reads—

"In the case of a District Commandant being temporarily absent from his district, or unable for temporary reasons to perform his duties, the functions of his command may be administered by the senior or other Staff Officer present, subject to the approval of the Military Board."

insert—

"In the event of the office of District Commandant becoming vacant the senior or other Staff Officer in the district may be appointed by the Governor-General to temporarily administer the functions of command pending the appointment of a successor to the District Commandant."

Officers—First Appointment.

Regulation 57, which reads—

"First appointments will, as a rule, be made to the rank of Second Lieutenant (but to rank of Captain in the case of the Australian Army Medical Corps, and to the rank of Lieutenant in the case of the Australian Intelligence Corps and Australian Army Veterinary Corps)."

is cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

"57. First appointments will, as a rule, be made to the rank of Second Lieutenant (but to rank of Captain in the case of the Australian Army Medical Corps, and of the Army Veterinary Corps (Citizen Force), and to the rank of Lieutenant in the case of the Australian Intelligence Corps)."

The following heading be inserted before Regulation 78b:—

"APPOINTMENTS TO THE AVIATION INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF."

Regulation 114A is cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

"114A. A Senior Chaplain for each of the denominations referred to in Regulation 114 shall be appointed in each Military District to administer the Chaplains of his own denomination in the district.

Such Senior Chaplain shall either be—

- (a) The head of the denomination in the Military District, or if he is unable to so act—
- (b) Such other clergyman as he, or the recognised denominational governing or consultative body may recommend."

Ages for Retirement.

Regulation 134—

For—

Officers of the Army Medical Corps (Citizen Forces).

Read—

Officers of Army Medical Corps.

Regulation 237, sub-paragraphs (6) and (7), which read—

"(6) A Non-commissioned Officer sentenced by court martial or Civil Court to imprisonment or detention shall be deemed to be reduced to the ranks."

"(7) In addition to or without any other punishment in respect of any offence, a Non-commissioned Officer convicted by court martial may be reduced to any lower grade or to the ranks."

is amended to read as follows:—

"(6) A Non-commissioned Officer sentenced by court martial or Civil Court to imprisonment or detention or to a fine of Five pounds or more shall be deemed to be reduced to the ranks."

"(7) In addition to or without any other punishment in respect of any offence, a Non-commissioned Officer convicted by court martial or Civil Court may be reduced to any lower grade or to the ranks."

Regulation 544 which reads:—

"Every active member classified as a marksman shall be entitled to receive a certificate for the year in which he becomes a marksman. The best shot of the whole of the Rifle Clubs in each Military District, and the best shot of each Rifle Club District in each Military District shall receive and be entitled to wear a badge (worked in gold) similar to that worn by the best shot in a regiment and company respectively."

is cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

"Every active member classified as a marksman shall be entitled to receive a certificate for the year in which he becomes a marksman. The best shot of the whole of the Rifle Clubs in each Military District, and the best shot of each Rifle Club District in each Military District, shall receive and be entitled to wear a badge similar to that worn by the best shot in a regiment and company respectively."

State Rifle Associations.

Regulation 558 is cancelled, and the following substituted therefor:—

"558. In each Military District there shall be a State Rifle Association which shall be governed by a Council consisting of a President, and representatives of the Naval Forces nominated by the

District Naval Officer, the authorized number of representatives of District Rifle Club Unions, such number of elected members as shall be provided by the rules of the Association, and a number of members equal to the number of elected members, to be appointed annually by the District Commandant.

The Council shall be charged with the conduct of all rifle matches (other than those laid down by the Military Regulations) and the promotion of rifle shooting generally.

The District Commandant shall be the President *ex officio*, and shall preside at all meetings of the Council at which he may be present, but may if he so desires at any such meeting delegate such duty to the Chairman elected by the Council.

The Council will, as a consultative body, also assist the Commandant in all matters affecting the interests of rifle shooting in the Military District, or portion of the Military District, allotted to such Association."