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*Regulations as to Financial Assistance for Soldiers of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this eighteenth day of June, 1918.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

**I**, ARTHUR WILLIAM DE BRITO SAVILE, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, and in pursuance of the authority conferred upon me by the Military Service Act, 1916, the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in that behalf, do hereby revoke the Orders in Council relating to financial assistance for soldiers of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, made respectively on the sixteenth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, the sixteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and the thirtieth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and in lieu thereof do hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS.

1. EVERY Military Service Board established under the Military Service Act, 1916, is hereby constituted a Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1908, for the purposes of these regulations, and shall exercise the jurisdiction hereby conferred, in addition to the jurisdiction conferred by the Military Service Act, 1916.

2. In exercising the jurisdiction conferred by these regulations a Military Service Board shall act, so far as may be, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Military Service Act, 1916, and the regulations made thereunder, with respect to appeals by men called up for military service under that Act.

3. The term "recruit" as hereinafter used means any man who has voluntarily enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, whether before or after the date of these regulations, or who has become a member of that Force by being called up for service therein under the Military Service Act, 1916.

4. (1.) If the Minister of Defence has reason to believe, on application made to him by or on behalf of any recruit, that the service of such recruit in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force may be a cause of undue hardship to himself or to persons dependent on him, and that such hardship may be avoided by the grant of financial assistance under these regulations, the Minister may, if he thinks fit, refer the matter to a Military Service Board for inquiry and report.

(2.) The Board shall cause due notice of the time and place of any such inquiry to be given to the Commandant and to such other persons (if any) as the Board may think entitled to be heard.

(3.) A Military Service Board to which any matter has been referred by the Minister under these regulations may, if it thinks fit, refer the matter to any other Military Service Board, which shall thereupon have the same powers and jurisdiction as if the matter had been referred to it by the Minister in the first place.

5. (1.) It shall not be necessary for a Military Service Board to hear and determine judicially any matter referred to it by the Minister of Defence under these regulations, but the Board shall in all such cases deal with any such references in the first place as a matter of administrative discretion, and may report to the Minister the opinion of the Board accordingly.

(2.) If on any such investigation the Board is of opinion that a judicial inquiry is necessary or advisable, the Board shall thereupon proceed to hear and determine the matter judicially in accordance with these regulations, and shall report to the Minister of Defence whether in the opinion of the Board any such avoidable hardship as aforesaid exists, and shall recommend the grant to the recruit, in accordance with these regulations, of such financial assistance (if any) as the Board considers just and reasonable.

(3.) The Minister of Defence shall thereupon take such report and recommendation into consideration, and may, if he thinks fit, approve, either wholly or as to any part thereof, of the recommendation so made.

6. All financial assistance approved by the Minister of Defence under these regulations shall be afforded from the public revenues available for the pay of soldiers of the Expeditionary Force.

7. All moneys so payable under these regulations by way of financial assistance for a member of the Expeditionary Force shall be expended on his behalf under the authority of the Minister of Defence, and in such manner as that Minister from time to time thinks fit.

8. On the death of any member of the Expeditionary Force for whom financial assistance has been so provided, the like assistance may, if the Minister of Defence thinks fit, be continued, in whole or in part, in favour of the wife, children, or any dependant of the deceased for any period not exceeding twenty-six weeks after his death.

9. If at any time after financial assistance has been so provided for any member of the Expeditionary Force such assistance is considered by the Minister of Defence to have become unnecessary, he may refer the matter to a Military Service Board, and may, on the recommendation of that Board, discontinue, in whole or in part, the assistance so provided.

10. The assistance to be afforded to any member of the Expeditionary Force under these regulations shall be for the purpose of enabling him to meet the following obligations, that is to say:—

(a.) Rent;

(b.) Interest payable in respect of loans or mortgages or in respect of agreements for the purchase of a dwellinghouse or business premises;

(c.) Interest and instalments payable in respect of agreements for the purchase of furniture or other chattels;

(d.) Rates and taxes;

(e.) Insurance premiums;

(f.) Other necessary or reasonable expenses, not being expenses incurred in the purchase of property.

11. Such assistance shall be granted as from such date as the Minister approves in that behalf, not being more than three months earlier than the date of the application to the Minister for financial assistance, and not being earlier than the date at which the recruit first becomes entitled to receive continuous pay as a member of the Expeditionary Force.

12. Such assistance may be granted either by way of periodical payments or by way of lump sums, but so that in no case shall the aggregate

amount of the assistance so granted to any recruit exceed the sum of £156 in any year.

13. Financial obligations incurred by a reservist after the passing of the Military Service Act, 1916, by way of loans, mortgages, or agreements of purchase, or incurred by a reservist in respect of any business commenced by him after that date, shall not, except in circumstances which in the opinion of the Military Service Board are exceptional, be the subject of financial assistance under these regulations; nor, except as aforesaid, shall any appeal be allowed by a Military Service Board on the ground of the existence of any such obligations.

J. F. ANDREWS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Amending Regulations under the War Regulations Act, 1914.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this eighteenth day of June, 1918.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by the War Regulations Act, 1914, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby amend in the manner set forth in the Schedule hereto certain regulations (relating to prohibited publications) made under the said Act by Order in Council dated the eleventh day of October, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, and also certain regulations (relating to seditious utterances) made under the said Act by Order in Council dated the fourth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

SCHEDULE.

1. CLAUSE 2 of the hereinbefore-recited regulations of the 11th day of October, 1915, is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (a) the words "Minister of Defence," and substituting the words "Attorney-General."

2. All notices heretofore issued by the Minister of Defence under the authority of the said regulations and unrevoked on the making of this Order in Council shall hereafter be deemed to have been issued by the Attorney-General under the authority of the said regulations as hereby amended, and shall operate accordingly.

3. When any book or other publication is imported into New Zealand, and the Minister of Customs deems that the sale or distribution of that book or publication would or might be injurious to the public interest in respect of the present war, he may detain such book or publication, or cause the same to be detained by a Collector of Customs for such period as the said Minister thinks fit.

4. Clause 4 of the hereinbefore-recited regulations of the 4th day of December, 1916, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:—

(a.) To insult, offend, annoy, or discredit, whether in New Zealand or elsewhere, the subjects, or any class or classes of the subjects, of any State which is in alliance with His Majesty in the present war with Germany, or which is at peace with His Majesty.

J. F. ANDREWS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

