

STATUTORY RULES.

1923. No. 201.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE DEFENCE ACT 1903-1913.

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* 1903-1913, to come into operation forthwith unless otherwise specified herein.

Dated this eleventh day of December, 1923

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
E. K. BOWDEN,
Minister of State for Defence.

FINANCIAL AND ALLOWANCE REGULATIONS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES AND SENIOR CADETS, 1921.

Amendments.

A. Regulation 19 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

" 19. Excepting as provided in these Regulations regarding the disposal of surplus funds of Military Institutes being closed and excepting as may be necessary for the distribution of profit from temporary Military Institutes in camps, he shall not take charge of any Regimental or other similar funds or act on the Committee controlling such funds".

Add to Part XIV. the following heading and regulations:—

" 6. MILITARY INSTITUTES (CANTEENS, &c.).

Permanent Forces.

318. Upon the closing down of a Military Institute the assets will be realized and after payment of all liabilities the surplus, if any, will be paid to the District Finance Officer to be held in the Trust Fund. Upon the establishment subsequently of Military Institutes by the regiment or corps which has paid in surplus moneys as above, such portions of the above moneys as may be approved by the Military Board may be utilized for the purpose of establishing such Military Institutes.

319. The accounts of a Military Institute shall be audited by the District Finance Officer or one of his staff detailed by him. The audit above-mentioned will be free of charge to the Institute. In cases in which an Institute's office is located so far from the District Accounts Office as to render the expense of such audit disproportionate, other arrangements for audit recommended by the District Finance Officer may be approved by Army Head-quarters. Any payments thereby necessitated to ordinary commercial auditors or an auditor from another Government Department will be charged to the Institute.

Citizen Forces.

Deposits on
tenders,
contracts, &c.

320. All moneys received by way of deposits on tenders, contracts or agreements for the sale of groceries, for the establishment of booths, barber shops and other like institutions in Camps of Training or approved Schools or Courses of Instruction shall be forwarded immediately they are received to the District Finance Officer.

320A. All moneys derived as profits from a Military Institute Canteen, &c., conducted on the regimental system for the Citizen Forces or received in pursuance of contracts or agreements made in connexion with the sale of groceries, non-alcoholic liquors, &c., in a Camp of Continuous Training and at approved Schools or Courses of Instruction shall be divided between each regiment, corps or portion of same in camp in proportion to the members attending the Camp, School, or Course and will be disposed of as follows—

- (i) All such moneys shall be forwarded immediately they are received to the District Finance Officer.
- (ii) A certified statement showing in detail the amounts received and the proposed division in accordance with the above will be forwarded to the District Finance Officer immediately after the conclusion of the camp, &c. The District Finance Officer will then take action to make the amounts available to the respective units.
- (iii) The amounts received from the District Finance Officer will be paid into each Corps' Public Monies Banking Account, to be used at the discretion of the Commanding Officer in providing games for regimental recreation rooms or tents, or for expenditure for the benefit of the troops in camps such as extra messing, &c. The money will not be expended for the purchase of band instruments, furniture, gymnastic gear or other articles ordinarily provided from other sources.

General.

Responsibilities
of officers as
regards
Institute funds.

320B. Officers who are concerned in the control or custody of the above moneys or the moneys of any fund raised for the benefit of a unit will have the same responsibilities and duties in regard thereto as for Public Monies.

(To take effect as from 1st January, 1924.)

B. Regulation 38 is amended as follows:—

Opposite Grade 2B—£60.

In sub-column 4 under the heading "Fixed Machinery" delete—
"Staff Officers Universal Training and Instructional Group Commanders, 2nd and 3rd Districts."

Opposite Grade 3B—£40.

In sub-column 4 under the heading "Fixed Machinery" delete—
"Staff Officers, Universal Training and Instructional Group Commander, 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th Districts", and

"Staff Officers, 3rd Grade, 'A' Branch, 11th, 12th, and 13th Mixed Brigades".

C. Regulation 37.—At the end of sub-paragraph (iii) appearing under the heading "Remarks" and relating to increments of Lieutenants insert the following—

" Provided that at the discretion of the Military Board an officer undergoing special training or instruction may be exempted from the condition attaching to this increment of passing for Captain".

At the end of sub-paragraph (v) appearing under the heading "Remarks" and relating to increments of Lieutenants insert the following—

" Provided also that no officer shall be eligible for this increment who has not passed for Captain".

D. Regulation 103 is cancelled and the following substituted therefor:—

" 103. The rate of pay for all trainees during the first year of their service ending 30th June shall be as prescribed for Recruits and from the 1st July next following the first year for which he has been classified as efficient shall be at the rate for Trained Soldiers".

Provided that any trainee promoted to a rank higher than that of private, gunner, driver, lance-corporal, acting bombardier, &c., during his first year of training may be paid at the rate prescribed for the rank to which promoted".

E. Regulation 122—Sub-paragraph (c) is repealed.

F. Regulations 129 to 130 are repealed.

G. Regulation 101—Delete the item—

Brigade Bandmaster—£50.