

STATUTORY RULES.

1919. No. 50.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE DEFENCE ACT 1903-1918.

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* 1903-1918 to come into operation forthwith.

Dated this fifth day of March, 1919.

R. M. FERGUSON,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

E. J. RUSSELL,
Acting Minister of State for Defence.

AMENDMENT OF WAR FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

War Financial Regulations are amended as follows:—

(1) Regulation 29 is amended by inserting next after the word "proportion" the words "One Ship's Sergeant-Major (Warrant Officer, Class II.) for each transport."

(2) Regulations 33 and 34 are repealed and the following regulations made in lieu thereof, to take effect as from 1st November, 1918:—

"33. In the event of the death of a member of the Australian Imperial Force, payment of Allotment and Separation Allowance will be continued for one complete calendar month from the date of the District Paymaster's notification of casualty to the Pensions Office. The payment for the period subsequent to the date of death will not be a charge to the soldier's estate.

34. (1) If a member of the Australian Imperial Force be reported 'missing' payment of allotment to non-dependants shall be continued for one complete calendar month only from the date of notification from the Base Records that the member is 'missing.'

(2) Payment of Allotment and Separation Allowance to *bonâ fide* dependants of 'missing' members, shall be continued for two complete calendar months from the date of notification from the Base Records that the member is 'missing,' and if such member is still 'missing' at the expiration of such period of two months payment of Allotment and Separation Allowance will be continued for a further period of one calendar month.

(3) If at any time during the aforesaid periods the member is definitely ascertained to be dead, payment of Allotment and Separation Allowance will be further continued (if payable to a dependant) for one calendar month from the date of District Paymaster's notification of death to the Pensions Office or until the expiration of three months from the date of the notification from the Base Records that the member was 'missing' whichever first occurs.

(4) The payment of Allotment and/or Separation Allowance for the period subsequent to the date established to be the date of death will not be a charge to the member's estate."

(3) Regulation 56A is repealed and the following regulation made in lieu thereof, to take effect as from 1st March, 1918:—

"56A. The rates of pay and allowance for members of the Recruiting Staff will be as follows:—

Pay.

Organizing Secretaries.—At rates provided in terms of of appointment;

Recruiting Officers—Civil or Military.—£250 per annum;
Organizers.—£4 per week;

Clerical Assistance.—As per Civilian Staff Regulations.

The Minister may approve of higher rates of pay under special circumstances.

Travelling Allowance.

(When necessarily absent on duty from their Head Stations.)

Organizing Secretaries.—12s. 6d. per diem;

Recruiting Officers and Organizers.—10s. per diem;

Honorary Organizers and other persons voluntarily assisting Recruiting efforts.—12s. 6d. per diem.

Travelling Allowance in excess of the above rates may be granted on the special approval of the Minister."