

STATUTORY RULES.

1943. No. 287

REGULATION UNDER THE DEFENCE ACT 1903-1941.*

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulation under the *Defence Act* 1903-1941.

Dated this *first*
day of *December*, 1943.

Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

P. M. Toole
Minister of State for the Army.

AMENDMENT OF THE WAR FINANCIAL (MILITARY FORCES) REGULATIONS.†

Regulation 54 of the War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations is amended—^{Absence without leave.}

- (a) by inserting in sub-regulation (1.), after the word "Inquiry", the words "or by an investigating officer";
- (b) by omitting from that sub-regulation the words "Court's decision" and inserting in their stead the word "declaration";
- (c) by inserting in sub-regulation (3.), after the word "Inquiry", the words "or by an investigating officer"; and
- (d) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-regulation:—
" (4.) In this regulation 'an investigating officer' means an officer directed in pursuance of regulation 278A of the Australian Military Regulations to investigate the alleged absence without leave of a soldier."

* Notified in the *Commonwealth Gazette* on 1943.

† Statutory Rules 1941, No. 218, as amended by Statutory Rules 1942, Nos. 136 and 347.