

Hon. Mr. Allen.

DEFENCE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

Title. AN ACT to amend the Defence Act, 1909.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Defence Amendment Act, 1912, and shall be read together with and deemed to form part of the Defence Act, 1909 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Military Custody.

Person failing to pay fine imposed under principal Act may in certain cases be committed to military custody.

2. Every person who is convicted of any offence under the provisions of section fifty or section fifty-one of the principal Act or who, being a member of the Defence Forces or liable to be trained under Part VI of the principal Act, is convicted of any other offence against the principal Act or any amendment thereof or any regulations made thereunder, may, if he makes default in the payment of any fine or costs imposed upon him by such conviction, by a warrant issued by the convicting Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, or by any other Magistrate, in the prescribed form or to the like effect, be committed to military custody for such period as the Magistrate or Justice of the Peace thinks fit, not exceeding *twenty-eight* days.

Arrest and detention in pursuance of warrant of military custody.

3. On the issue of any such warrant of military custody, any constable may (whether such warrant has been delivered to him or not) arrest the offender against whom the warrant has been so issued, and such offender shall thereupon be detained for the period specified in the warrant at such place or places (other than a prison or police-gaol), and in the custody of such officer or officers of the Defence Forces, as may from time to time be appointed in that behalf by the Commandant of the Defence Forces, either generally or in respect of any particular case or classes of cases.

Commandant may discharge person detained in military custody under this Act.

4. The Commandant of the Defence Forces may at any time, by warrant under his hand, discharge from military custody any person so detained.

Detention in military custody need not be continuous.

5. (1.) Subject to regulations the detention of an offender in military custody at the place or places so appointed need not be continuous, but the offender may from time to time, at the discretion of any officer to whose custody he has been committed as aforesaid, be temporarily released from custody, to the intent that he may follow his usual occupation, or for other just or necessary purpose.

(2.) Every person so released from custody shall return thereto at the time and place appointed in that behalf by the officer by whom he is so released.

(3.) The period of any such temporary release shall in no case exceed *forty-eight* hours at any one time.

Escape from or failure to return to military custody.

6. (1.) If any person so in military custody escapes therefrom, or fails to return thereto at the time and place appointed after any period of temporary release, he may be arrested without warrant by any constable, and shall thereupon be returned to the place of

custody from which he so escaped or to which he so failed to return.

5 (2.) Every person who so escapes or so fails to return shall be guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction before a Magistrate, and may on such conviction be sentenced to a further period of military custody not exceeding *twenty-eight* days.

(3.) If at the time of such conviction any former period of military custody is still unexpired, the said further period shall commence on the expiry of the former period.

10 (4.) On any such conviction, the convicting Magistrate shall issue his warrant of military custody in the prescribed form, or to the like effect, and every such warrant shall have the same force and effect as a warrant issued in pursuance of the foregoing provisions of this Act on default in the payment of a fine.

15 (5.) In any prosecution under this section an appeal shall lie in the same manner as if military custody was imprisonment within the meaning of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908, and all the provisions of that Act as to appeals shall apply accordingly.

20 7. Except where otherwise provided, the period of military custody as specified in any warrant of military custody shall commence on the day on which the offender is arrested under the warrant, and shall include any period or periods of temporary release, but shall not include any period during which the offender has been free from actual custody because of his escape therefrom, or because of his failure to return thereto after a period of temporary release, or because of any appeal against his conviction.

Mode of computing period of military custody.

30 8. (1.) Every person who is in military custody as aforesaid shall be subject to such military training, discipline, and duties as the Commandant of the Defence Forces from time to time prescribes or appoints, either generally or in any particular case or classes of cases, and shall obey all lawful orders received by him in respect of such training, discipline, and duties from any officer or non-commissioned officer of the Defence Forces.

Person detained in military custody to be subject to military discipline, &c.

35 (2.) Every person who while in military custody as aforesaid fails or refuses to submit to or perform such military training, discipline, or duties, or to render obedience to any such orders, or is guilty of insolent, disorderly, or insubordinate conduct, shall be guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction before a Magistrate, and may on such conviction be sentenced to a further term of 40 military custody not exceeding *twenty-eight* days.

(3.) The provisions of subsections *three, four, and five* of section *six* of this Act shall extend and apply to any such prosecution or conviction.

45 9. Every person who is arrested under a warrant of military custody in respect of default in the payment of a fine or costs shall be thereby discharged from all liability to pay such fine or costs or such part thereof as remains unpaid, but the Commandant of the Defence Forces may, as a condition of exercising the powers of discharge from military custody hereinbefore vested in him, require the 50 offender to pay such fine or costs or any part thereof; and all moneys so paid shall be accounted for and dealt with in the same manner as if no such arrest had taken place.

Detention in military custody to discharge liability to pay fine.

Foregoing provisions as to military custody not to affect other lawful methods of enforcing fine.

10. Nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to prevent any fine from being recovered or enforced in any manner which would have been competent or lawful if this Act was not in force.

Attachment-orders.

Fines under principal Act may be recovered by way of attachment of wages.

11. (1.) When any person is convicted after the commencement of this Act of any offence against the principal Act or any amendment thereof, or against any regulation made thereunder (whether such offence is committed before or after the commencement of this Act) and is sentenced to pay a fine, the convicting Magistrate or Justice or any other Magistrate may at the same or any subsequent time, and from time to time, on the application of any person, make an attachment-order in pursuance of this section. 5 10

(2.) Any such attachment-order may be made against any person who is proved to the satisfaction of the Magistrate or Justice making the same to be an employer of the offender so convicted. 15

Procedure as to attachment-orders under this section.

(3.) Any such attachment-order may be made *ex parte* without notice to the said offender or his employer, but a duplicate thereof shall be served upon the employer either personally or by leaving the same at his place of abode, or at his place of business, or at any of his places of business. 20

(4.) Any such attachment-order may declare that the said fine shall, by way of weekly payments of such amount as the Magistrate or Justice thinks fit and specifies in the attachment-order, be a charge on any salary or wages which from time to time, and at any time while the attachment-order remains in force, become due and payable by the employer to the offender. 25

(5.) The charge so created shall be deemed to accrue from week to week, and on such day of the week as is specified in that behalf in the attachment-order.

(6.) The charge so imposed shall attach to all wages or salary which becomes due by the employer to the offender at any time while the fine or any part thereof remains unpaid, whether the contract of employment in respect of which the wages or salary so becomes due existed at the date of the attachment-order or not. 30

(7.) Any such attachment-order may be at any time varied, suspended, or cancelled, on the application *ex parte* of any person, by the Magistrate or Justice making the same or by any other Magistrate, on good cause being shown to the satisfaction of that Magistrate or Justice why the order should be so varied, suspended, or cancelled; and every such variation, suspension, or cancellation shall take effect on notice thereof being served on the employer in manner aforesaid. 35 40

(8.) Every such attachment-order shall take effect on the service of a duplicate thereof on the employer in manner hereinbefore provided. 45

(9.) So long as the attachment-order remains in force the employer shall from time to time, so often as any moneys become due and payable by him to the offender by way of salary or wages, deduct therefrom such sum as is sufficient to satisfy the charge thereon, so far as the same has accrued on or before the day on 50

which the said wages or salary so becomes due and payable, and shall pay the amount so deducted to the person specified in that behalf in the attachment-order who may, as the Magistrate or Justice by whom the order is made thinks fit, be either the Clerk
5 for the time being of a Magistrate's Court or any other person.

(10.) All sums so deducted and paid shall be deemed to the extent thereof to have been paid by the employer in satisfaction of the wages or salary payable by him to the offender, and to have been paid by the offender in satisfaction of the said fine.

10 (11.) If and as often as the employer makes default in the payment of any money in satisfaction of any such charge, that money shall become a debt due by him to the Crown and recoverable by action accordingly in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

15 (12.) The charge created by any such attachment-order shall prevail over and have priority to any assignment made or charge created by the offender, whether before or after the making of the attachment-order, and the order shall have the same effect as if no such assignment or charge had been so made or created.

20 (13.) Section twenty-seven of the Wages Protection and Contractors' Liens Act, 1908, shall have no application to any attachment under this section.

(14.) The employer in making any deduction or payment in pursuance of the attachment-order and in accordance with the terms thereof shall not be concerned to make inquiry as to whether any
25 moneys are due or payable in respect of the fine, or be affected by any notice to the contrary.

(15.) In this section the term "fine" includes costs payable by the offender under any such conviction as aforesaid.

30 (16.) An attachment-order under this section may be in the form prescribed by regulations or to the like effect, with such modification (if any) as the circumstances may require.

(17.) The making of an attachment-order under this section shall not so operate as to exclude any other remedy which would otherwise be available for the enforcement or recovery of the fine
35 payable by the offender.

Amendments of Principal Act.

12. Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended as from the coming of that Act into operation—

Section 2 of
principal Act
amended.

40 (a.) By inserting the words "the Permanent Staff" after the words "Permanent Force" in the definition of "Defence Forces":

(b.) By adding thereto the following words:—

"'Non-commissioned officer' includes a warrant-officer":

45 (c.) By adding thereto the following words:—

"'Military orders' means orders issued by the Commandant of the Defence Forces or issued by any officer of the Defence Forces with the authority of the Commandant."

(d.) By repealing the definition of "unit," and substituting the following:—

" 'Unit' means a regiment of mounted rifles, a battery of field artillery, a company of garrison artillery, a battalion of infantry, a company of engineers, a company of the army service corps, a company of the medical corps, a company or depot of the veterinary corps, a brigade signal company, or a company of senior cadets " : 5

(e.) By repealing the definition of "commanding officer" : 10

(f.) By repealing the definition of "commanding officer of corps" :

(g.) By repealing the definition of "corps" :

(h.) By repealing the definitions of "school" and "attending school," and substituting the following definitions:— 15

" 'School' means a public school under the control of an Education Board, but includes in the case of a district high school the primary department of such school only :

" 'Secondary school' means a secondary school as defined by section eighty-nine of the Education Act, 1908, and includes the secondary department of a district high school, and any other school recognized by the Minister of Defence as a secondary school for the purposes of this Act." 20

13. (1.) Section four of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs to subsection one thereof:— 25

" (k.) The organization, training, discipline, control, arms, appointments, and clothing of the Senior Cadets or General Training Section, and the pay and allowances of the General Training Section : 30

" (l.) Prescribing fines not exceeding *ten* pounds for the breach of any such regulation by any member of the Defence Forces, Senior Cadets, or General Training Section, and recoverable on summary conviction : 35

" (m.) Empowering officers of the Defence Forces to impose fines not exceeding *two* pounds for a breach of any such regulation committed by any member of the Defence Forces under the command of any such officer, and prescribing the procedure by which such fines shall be imposed." 40

(2.) Section four of the principal Act is hereby further amended by omitting from paragraph (c) thereof the word "punishment."

14. (1.) Every person on becoming a member of the Senior Cadets or the Defence Forces, or as soon thereafter as may be, shall take the oath of allegiance before a Justice of the Peace or a prescribed officer in the form set out in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect. 45

(2.) No person who has, whether before or after the passing of this Act, taken an oath of allegiance in respect of his service as a Senior Cadet shall be required again to take any such oath on becoming a member of the Defence Forces. 50

Section 4 of
principal Act
amended.

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principal Act
amended.

Oath of allegiance.

(3.) This section is substituted for section eleven of the principal Act, which section is hereby repealed accordingly. Repeal.

15. Section eighteen of the principal Act (relating to the estates of deceased members of the Permanent Force) is hereby repealed. Repeal.

5 16. Section nineteen of the principal Act is hereby amended as from the coming of that Act into operation by omitting all words after the words "consisting of," and substituting the words "thirty thousand men or such smaller number of men as the Governor from time to time deems sufficient." Section 19 of principal Act amended.

10 17. Section twenty of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection two thereof and the proviso. Repeal.

18. Every member of the Territorial Force who became such by virtue of section twenty of the principal Act (relating to the Volunteer Force) and who had attained the age of twenty-one years before the second day of November, nineteen hundred and ten (being the date of the coming into operation of the Defence Amendment Act, 1910), shall be entitled on application made by him at any time to the Commandant of the Defence Forces to be transferred from the Territorial Force to the Reserve. Transfer from Territorial Force to Reserve.

20 19. Every member of the Territorial Force who became such by virtue of section twenty of the principal Act (relating to the Volunteer Force), and who became on the commencement of the principal Act or has since become liable to be trained in the General Training Section, shall be deemed to have been lawfully transferred from the General Training Section to the Territorial Force within the meaning and for the purposes of the principal Act and its amendments. Transfer of Volunteers from General Training Section to Territorial Force.

20. Section twenty-one of the principal Act is hereby repealed as from the coming of that Act into operation. Repeal.

30 21. (1.) Section twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended as from the coming of that Act into operation— Section 23 of principal Act amended.

(a.) By omitting from subsection one thereof the words "or any part thereof, is below that provided for by Parliament," and substituting the words "is below that provided for by section nineteen of this Act"; and

35 (b.) By repealing subsection two thereof, and substituting therefor the following:—
“(2.) The men so transferred shall thereupon become members of the Territorial Force.”

40 (2.) Subsection three of section four of the Defence Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby repealed. Repeal.

22. (1.) When any person becomes liable to be drafted from the Senior Cadets into the General Training Section or otherwise becomes liable to be trained in the General Training Section, he may at any time while the establishment of the Territorial Force is below that provided for by section nineteen of the principal Act, be drafted directly into the Territorial Force instead of into the General Training Section, and shall thereupon become a member of the Territorial Force accordingly, and shall be deemed for the purposes and within the meaning of the principal Act to have been transferred from the General Training Section to the Territorial Force. Transfer of Senior Cadets and others directly into the Territorial Force.

- (2.) This section shall be deemed to have been included in the principal Act as from the date of the coming of that Act into operation.
- Section 25 of principal Act amended. 23. Section twenty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended as from the coming of that Act into operation by omitting the word "February," and substituting the word "May." 5
- Section 35 of principal Act amended. 24. (1.) Section thirty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (a) thereof.
- Repeals. (2.) Sections thirty-six and thirty-seven of the principal Act are hereby repealed. 10
- (3.) Section seven of the Defence Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby repealed.
- Section 40 of principal Act amended. 25. Section forty of the principal Act is hereby amended as from the coming of that Act into operation—
- (a.) By omitting from subsection one thereof the words "in the case of those who are drafted into it from the Junior Cadets as aforesaid, shall begin as from the date of their being so drafted, and in all other cases": 15
- (b.) By inserting after the words "attain the age of fourteen years" the words "or on any later date on which they cease to attend school": 20
- (c.) By substituting the word "June" for the word "March" wherever that word occurs in subsection one:
- (d.) By omitting from subsection seven thereof the words "in the manner prescribed." 25
- Repeal. 26. Section eight of the Defence Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby repealed.
- Section 41 of principal Act amended. 27. Section forty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended as from the coming of that Act into operation—
- (a.) By substituting the word "June" for the word "March" wherever that word occurs in subsection one: 30
- (b.) By omitting from subsection five thereof the words "in the prescribed manner."
- Section 41 of principal Act further amended. 28. (1.) Section forty-one of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing subsection two thereof, and substituting the following:— 35
- "(2.) The training in the General Training Section shall be as prescribed."
- Repeal. (2.) Section nine of the Defence Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (a) thereof. 40
- Repeal. 29. Section forty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the proviso to subsection two thereof, and by adding the following subsection:—
- "(3.) No member of the Territorial Force shall be capable of becoming or remaining a member of a Defence Rifle Club." 45
- Repeal. 30. Section forty-four of the principal Act is hereby repealed.
- Section 45 of principal Act amended. 31. Section forty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended:—
- (a.) By omitting the words "in the month of January in the year in which," and substituting the words "so soon as." 50
- (b.) By adding thereto the following words:—
- "Provided also that such application or registration shall not be a condition precedent to the enrolment, drafting, or transfer of any person in or to the Senior Cadets, General Training Section, or Territorial Force."

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32. Section forty-six of the principal Act is hereby repealed. Repeal.
33. Section forty-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "Junior Cadets or." Section 47 of principal Act amended.
34. Section forty-eight of the principal Act is hereby repealed. Repeal.
- 5 35. Section fifty-one of the principal Act is hereby amended as from the date of the coming of that Act into operation,— Section 51 of principal Act amended.
- (a.) By omitting all the words of subsection one thereof after the words "not exceeding five pounds";
- (b.) By omitting the words "that Part," and substituting the words "Part III or Part VI of this Act";
- 10 (c.) By adding thereto the following subsections:
- "(3.) Every person shall be deemed to have failed to render the personal service required of him by Part III or Part VI of this Act, as the case may be, if and as often as he fails to be present at any
- 15 camp, parade, or drill, or on any other lawful occasion of military training or exercise, with his prescribed arms, uniform, and equipment, at the place prescribed, and at and during the time prescribed, and there and then to undergo and perform with due diligence and subordination all military training, exercise, and duties lawfully required of him.
- 20 "(4.) A failure to make application for registration as aforesaid shall constitute a continuing offence."
36. (1.) When any person is convicted under subsection one of section fifty-one of the principal Act of any offence committed after the passing of this Act the convicting Magistrate or Justice of the Peace may, if he thinks fit, in addition to imposing a fine under
- 25 that section, order as part of the conviction that the offender shall be deprived of civil rights for any period not exceeding *ten* years.
- (2.) Any person so deprived of civil rights shall during the period of deprivation be incapable of being appointed to any office or
- 30 employment, whether permanent or temporary, in the Public Service, and shall not be entitled to be or remain registered on any electoral roll under the Legislature Act, 1908.
- (3.) Any Magistrate or Justice of the Peace who makes any such order of deprivation of civil rights shall forthwith transmit a
- 35 minute of the order to the Under-Secretary of Internal Affairs, and to the Chief Electoral Officer under the Legislature Act, 1908.
- (4.) The name of any person so deprived of civil rights shall be erased from any electoral roll in which it appears.
- (5.) No such deprivation of civil rights shall affect the obligation
- 40 of the offender to render personal service under the principal Act, and the Act shall continue to apply to him in all respects as if no such order of deprivation had been made.
37. (1.) Every person is liable to a fine not exceeding *twenty* pounds who prevents or attempts to prevent any person in his employment and required to serve in the Senior Cadets or General
- 45 Training Section or Territorial Force, from registering or taking the oath of allegiance or rendering the personal service required of him by Part III or Part VI of the principal Act, or in any way penalises such last-mentioned person for registering or taking the oath of
- 50 allegiance or rendering such service, whether by reducing his wages or deducting therefrom any money, or by dismissing him from the employment, or in any other manner whatsoever:

Certain offenders to be deprived of civil rights.

Employers not to prevent military service.

Provided that this section shall not be so construed as to require any person to pay any person in his employment any wages for the time when he is absent from work for the purpose of rendering such personal service as aforesaid.

(2.) In any proceedings for a breach of this section it shall lie on the employer to show that any employee who is proved to have been penalised as aforesaid was so penalized for some reason other than for having registered, or taken the oath of allegiance, or rendered the personal service required of him as aforesaid. 5

Repeal.

(3.) This section is substituted for section fifty-two of the principal Act, which section is hereby repealed accordingly. 10

Section 53 of principal Act amended.

38. Section fifty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection one thereof, after the word "Militia," the words "General Training Section, Territorial Force, or Senior Cadets"; and by substituting the words "Part VI" for the words "Part V." 15

Section 60 of principal Act amended.

39. Section sixty of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a.) By omitting from subsection one thereof the words "or in the Junior Cadets or for any honorary member of a Volunteer Corps"; 20

(b.) By omitting from subsection three thereof the words "or in the Junior Cadets."

Section 62 of principal Act amended.

40. Section sixty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "or by regulations hereunder."

Repeal.

41. Section sixty-five of the principal Act is hereby repealed. 25

Section 70 of principal Act amended.

42. Section seventy of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "commanding officer." and substituting the word "Commandant."

Repeal.

43. (1.) Section ninety-two of the principal Act is hereby repealed. 30

Exemption from military service on the ground of religious belief.

(2.) On the application of any person a Magistrate may grant to the applicant a certificate of exemption from military training and service, if the Magistrate is satisfied that the applicant objects in good faith to such training and service on the ground that it is contrary to the doctrines of his religion. 35

(3.) So long as any such certificate of exemption remains in force the holder thereof shall be exempt from the obligations of military training and service imposed by the principal Act, but shall be liable to perform in lieu thereof such non-military services as the Governor in Council may from time to time prescribe as equivalent thereto. 40

(4.) If any person so exempted fails without lawful excuse to perform any service so prescribed, he shall be deemed to have failed without lawful excuse to render the personal service required of him by Part III or Part VI of the principal Act, and shall be liable to be convicted under section fifty-one of the principal Act accordingly. 45

(5.) On any such conviction the certificate of exemption granted to the offender shall become null and void, and he shall be disqualified from receiving any further such certificate.

(6.) No certificate of exemption under this section shall exempt the holder thereof from the obligation to register under the principal Act. 50

(7.) This section shall apply to all persons, whether or not they are already members of the Senior Cadets, General Training Section, or Defence Forces at the commencement of this Act.

44. Section ninety-four of the principal Act is hereby amended—

Section 94 of principal Act amended.

5 (a.) By omitting the words "or prosecution" from subsection one thereof:

(b.) By repealing subsection two thereof.

10 45. Section one hundred and one of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "Defence rifle clubs," the words "or of the Reserve."

Section 101 of principal Act amended.

46. No regulation made under the principal Act or under any amendment thereof, creating any offence or imposing any penalty therefor, shall be invalid merely because the said offence is otherwise punishable under the principal Act or under any other Act.

Regulations not invalid merely because subject-matter dealt with by Act.

15 47. In any prosecution for an offence against the principal Act or any amendment thereof, or against any regulation made thereunder, a certificate under the hand of an officer of the Defence Forces stating that the accused or any other person is or was a member of the Territorial Force, or of the General Training
20 Section, or of the Reserve, or of the Senior Cadets, and stating the date on which he so became a member thereof, shall be received in all Courts (without proof of the signature or of the official position of the person signing the same) as sufficient proof of the facts so certified, unless the contrary is proved by the accused.

Certificate of officer of Defence Forces to be accepted in evidence in certain cases.

25 48. (1.) The Governor may, by Order in Council, from time to time—

Governor may exempt persons residing in specified areas from training under principal Act.

(a.) Exempt from the training required by Part VI of the principal Act all persons residing within any area specified in the Order in Council;

30 (b.) Vary, extend, or restrict any area so specified; or

(c.) Withdraw any exemption so granted.

(2.) This section shall be deemed to have been included in the principal Act from the date of the coming of that Act into operation.

35 49. (1.) The Governor may by Proclamation call out the Territorial Force or any part thereof for active service.

Territorial Force may be called out for active service in New Zealand.

(2.) The Territorial Force or any part thereof shall be liable to be employed on active service in New Zealand from the time of the publication of the Proclamation so calling out that Force, or that part thereof, until the publication of a Proclamation notifying that the
40 active service of that Force, or of that part thereof, is no longer required.

50. All officers and non-commissioned officers of the Imperial Forces who are for the time being employed in the Defence Forces of New Zealand shall, so long as they are so employed, be deemed
45 to be, without further commission or appointment, officers or non-commissioned officers respectively of the said Defence Forces.

Officers of Imperial Forces to be officers of New Zealand Defence Forces without further commission.

51. (1.) Whenever pursuant to regulations in that behalf a fine has been imposed by an officer of the Defence Forces upon a member of the Defence Forces under his command for the breach of any
50 regulation, the offender shall within fourteen days thereafter pay the amount of the fine to the officer by whom it was so imposed, or as he may direct; and if default is made in such payment the person so in default shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Enforcement of fines imposed by commanding officers.

(2.) In any prosecution for an offence against this section a certificate under the hand of the Commandant of the Defence Forces, the Officer Commanding the Permanent Force, or an officer commanding a district, stating that the fine has been lawfully imposed by an officer of the Defence Forces and that default has been made in payment thereof, shall be received by the Court (without proof of the signature or of the official position of the person signing the same) as sufficient proof of the facts so certified, unless the contrary is proved. 5

(3.) Section fourteen of the Defence Amendment Act, 1910, is hereby repealed. 10

Repeals.

52. (1.) Sections fifty-six to one hundred and two of the Defence Act, 1908 (relating to the Volunteer Force), are hereby repealed.

(2.) Sections eleven and twelve of the Defence Amendment Act, 1910, are hereby repealed. 15

Property and liabilities of Volunteer Force transferred to the Crown.

53. (1.) All drill-sheds, rifle ranges, lands, and other property whether real or personal, which at the passing of this Act are held by or in trust for any body of volunteers under the Defence Act, 1908, or for volunteer purposes under that Act, or which would have been so held if the Defence Act, 1908, was still in full force and effect, unaffected by the Defence Act, 1909, are hereby vested in His Majesty the King for the estate or interest for which they are or would have been so held, subject, however, to all charges, incumbrances, or other estates or interests affecting the same, and all trustees in whom any such property is vested shall vacate their office on the passing of this Act. 20 25

(2.) All drill-sheds, rifle ranges, and lands so vested in the Crown shall be deemed to be public reserves for the purposes of the principal Act, and shall be subject to the provisions of the Public Reserves and Domains Act, 1908, accordingly. 30

(3.) When the title to any such property is subject to the provisions of the Land Transfer Act, 1908, the District Land Registrar shall, on the application of the Minister of Defence, register His Majesty the King as the proprietor thereof for the estate and interest aforesaid, and for this purpose the certificate of the said Minister that any property is vested in the Crown by virtue of this section may be accepted by the District Land Registrar as sufficient evidence of the fact so certified. 35

(4.) All charges or incumbrances affecting any such property, and all debts and liabilities lawfully incurred in respect of any such property by the trustees thereof or lawfully incurred by or on behalf of any body of volunteers and existing at the passing of this Act, shall by virtue of this Act become charges, incumbrances, debts, and liabilities payable by the Crown, and shall be payable accordingly out of moneys appropriated by Parliament. 40 45

(5.) The Governor may from time to time in respect of any drill-shed, rifle range, or land vested in the Crown under this section appoint such persons as he thinks fit as a Board of Management thereof, to hold office during his pleasure, and to exercise in respect thereof such powers of management and control as may from time to time be prescribed by regulations made by the Governor in Council in that behalf. 50

(6.) The Governor may sell any drill-shed, rifle range, or land vested in the Crown under this section, but the proceeds of any such sale shall be expended in the purchase of land or in the erection of buildings for the purposes of the Territorial Force in the locality in which the property so sold was situated, and not otherwise.

(7.) Nothing in this section shall apply to any property which is or has been held in trust for any body of volunteers under any testamentary or other disposition whereby that property is subject to any limitation in favour of any other persons or in trust for any other purpose in the event of such body of Volunteers ceasing to exist, nor shall anything in this section apply to any charges or incumbrances on any such property or to any debts or liabilities incurred in respect thereof.

54. Wherever it is provided by this Act that the principal Act is hereby amended as from the coming of that Act into operation, the amendment shall for all purposes be deemed to have been made immediately after the commencement of the principal Act, and the operation of that Act, and the validity and effect of all things done thereunder since the commencement thereof, shall be determined accordingly.

Construction of retrospective amendments of principal Act.

55. The enrolment, drafting, or transfer of any person in or to the Senior Cadets, the General Training Section, the Territorial Force, or the Reserve, in pursuance of the principal Act or any amendment thereof, shall be effected by or under the direction or authority of the Commandant of the Defence Forces in such manner as he thinks fit.

Method of transfer to Senior Cadets, Territorial Force, &c.

56. All persons who before the commencement of this Act have been in any manner enrolled, drafted, or transferred in or to the Senior Cadets, the General Training Section, the Territorial Force, or the Reserve, at a time when they were liable by law to be so enrolled, drafted, or transferred, shall for all purposes be deemed to have been lawfully so enrolled, drafted, or transferred notwithstanding any error or irregularity of procedure.

Transfers heretofore made not to be invalidated by defects of procedure.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

I, A.B., do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lord the King, his heirs and successors, and that I will faithfully serve in the New Zealand Military Forces, according to my liability under the Defence Act, and that I will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, his heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over me, until I shall be lawfully discharged. So help me God.

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