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SOLDIERS' GUARANTEE

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to grant to Soldiers serving Abroad in the Present War with Germany and to the Dependants of such Soldiers Reasonable Conditions of Living on Return to New Zealand or on the Death of the Soldier, as the case may be.

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

- 10 **1.** This Act may be cited as the Soldiers' Guarantee Act, 1940. Title.
- 2.** For the purposes of this Act "soldier" means any member of His Majesty's Forces on active service whether on land, in the air, or on the sea. Short Title.
- 15 **3.** Every soldier prior to embarkation shall receive a bond issued under the authority of the New Zealand Government and granting to the soldier on his return or to his dependants on his death overseas the Interpretation.
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payments and other emoluments set out in the Schedule hereto, such payments or benefits being made or granted in accordance with the conditions also set out in the said Schedule.

Regulations.

4. The Governor-General may from time to time, 5
by Order in Council, make all such regulations as may be necessary for the effectual carrying-out of the objects of this Act.

Act to be read together with other Acts conferring pensions or benefits on soldiers or dependants.

5. This Act shall be read in conjunction with any other Act conferring pensions or other benefits on 10
soldiers who take part in the present war with Germany:

Provided that the provisions of this Act shall not be so construed as to prevent any soldier receiving any greater benefits which may be available to him 15
under any other Act.

Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

(i) The soldier shall be guaranteed employment for not less than five years after his return to New Zealand at standard rates of pay in the trade to which he was accustomed, or at not less than £5 per week.

(ii) The daily difference between the average adult income of men employed in New Zealand and the soldier's daily rate of pay (no additions to the soldier's rate of pay being made for food or uniform, and no reductions for rehabilitation gratuity) shall be computed and be credited to each soldier in proportion to his length of service with the Forces, and the said deferred credits shall be realizable in twenty equal quarterly amounts issued or credited to each soldier on his return to New Zealand.

(iii) The basic soldier's pension shall be subject to periodic and automatic review in consonance with—

(a) Any increase in the cost of living:

(b) Improvements in general living standards.

(iv) No disqualification for pension of a deceased or disabled soldier's wife or widow and children shall occur on account of the date of the soldier's marriage.

(v) Any soldier who is a Civil servant shall, on re-employment, be entitled to such increased emoluments as would have been added to his pre-war wage had he not been admitted for service overseas.