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Regulations as to Registers of Reservists under the Military Service Act, 1916.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this twenty-sixth day of September, 1916.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section six of the Military Service Act, 1916, it is enacted that after the enrolment of either division of the Expeditionary Force Reserve has been proclaimed and directed the Government Statistician shall prepare a register of that division in such manner as the Governor in Council directs:

And whereas by section thirty-two of the said Act it is enacted that the Minister of Defence may by order signed by him divide New Zealand into such recruiting districts as he thinks fit, and that while any such order remains in force the register of any division of the Reserve shall be divided into as many district registers as there are recruiting districts:

And whereas by Proclamation made and gazetted on the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, the enrolment of the First Division of the Reserve was proclaimed and directed:

And whereas by Proclamation made with the approval of the Executive Council, and gazetted on the second day of September, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, the enrolment of the Second Division of the Reserve was proclaimed and directed:

And whereas by order made and signed by the Minister of Defence, and dated the twenty-fifth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, the said Minister divided New Zealand into twenty-one recruiting districts, and the said order is still in force:

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, do hereby, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon me by section six of the Military Service Act, 1916, direct that the Register of the First and Second Divisions of the Expeditionary Force Reserve and the district registers thereof for the purposes of the aforesaid recruiting districts shall, until further order made in that behalf, be prepared by the Government Statistician in manner set out in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

1. THERE shall be a Register of the First Division and a Register of the Second Division.

2. The Register of the First Division shall be divided into twenty-one district registers, each such district register relating to one of the recruiting districts hereinbefore referred to.

3. The Register of the Second Division shall also be divided into twenty-one district registers, each such district register relating to one of the recruiting districts hereinbefore referred to.

4. Each register or district register shall be kept in accordance with the card system, the cards to be arranged in the alphabetical order of the surnames of the reservists, and to be kept in cabinets containing drawers numbered consecutively.

5. The cards shall consist of the original personal schedules furnished by the reservists under the National Registration Act, 1915. In cases where no such personal schedule has been furnished the cards shall consist of the original enrolment cards furnished by applicants for enrolment under the regulations made in that behalf under the Military Service Act, 1916, on the 28th day of August, 1916. In cases where no such personal schedules or enrolment cards have been furnished the cards shall be prepared by the Government Statistician, and shall contain such material particulars with respect to the reservists so enrolled as is possessed by such Statistician.

6. Each drawer shall contain 500 cards, including such number of blank cards as the Government Statistician thinks necessary.

7. The card of every reservist shall be marked with the distinguishing number of the recruiting district to which the reservist has been allotted.

8. Duplicate cards shall not be prepared both for the general register of a division and also for the district registers of that division, but the same card shall be used for both purposes, so that the district register of either division shall consist of the cards so marked with the number of the recruiting district to which the district register relates, all other cards being deemed to be blanks for the purposes of that district register.

9. Whenever additions or withdrawals of cards are made in any drawer, the number of 500 cards in each drawer shall be maintained by the withdrawal or insertion of a blank card, and every new card added shall be inserted in its proper place according to the alphabetical order of the registers.

10. Cards placed in any drawer shall not, after the registers and district registers have been constituted, be transferred to any other drawer to make room for the addition of new cards in alphabetical order, but all cards which are added to the register and for which there is no room in the drawer to which they would otherwise be allotted in accordance with their alphabetical order shall be placed in supplementary drawers, and there arranged in alphabetical order separately from the residue of the register. Each such supplementary drawer shall contain 500 cards, including blanks, in the same manner as hereinbefore provided.

11. The registers and district registers shall be deemed to have been constituted so soon as the Government Statistician certifies in writing to the Minister of Defence to that effect.

J. F. ANDREWS,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Regulations as to the Selection by Lot of Reservists under the Military Service Act, 1916.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this first day of November, 1916.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section nine of the Military Service Act, 1916, it is enacted that the selection by lot of Reservists to be called up for service with the Expeditionary Force shall be made by the Government Statistician in such manner as the Governor in Council directs: And whereas by section six of the said Act it is enacted that the Register of Reservists shall be prepared by the Government Statistician in such manner as the Governor in Council directs: And whereas by Order in Council made on the twenty-sixth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, certain regulations were made prescribing and directing the manner in which the said Register should be prepared :

Now, therefore, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, do hereby, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon me by section nine of the Military Service Act, 1916, direct that the selection by lot of Reservists to be called up for service with the Expeditionary Force shall, until further order is made in that behalf, be made in accordance with the provisions contained in the Schedule hereto.

SCHEDULE.

1. THE following provisions are applicable to every case in which Reservists of the First Division are to be selected by lot from those enrolled in the register of a recruiting district in pursuance of section 32 of the Military Service Act, 1916.
2. When the Minister of Defence has authorized the calling-up at the same time of Reservists from two or more recruiting districts, the selection may be made in accordance with the following provisions either separately in respect of each district or concurrently in respect of all or any of those districts.
3. The selection shall take place in the presence of the Government Statistician, a Stipendiary Magistrate (to be nominated for that purpose by the Minister of Defence), and such attendants as the Government Statistician may deem necessary.
4. The drawers hereinafter referred to are the drawers containing the cards which constitute the Register of the First Division of the Reserve as constituted in accordance with the aforesaid Order in Council of the 26th day of September, 1916.
5. There shall be two drums of marbles, distinguished as the drawer-drum and the card-drum.
6. The drawer-drum shall contain a number of marbles equal to the number of the drawers, each marble being marked with the number of a different drawer.
7. The card-drum shall contain five hundred marbles numbered consecutively from 1 to 500.
8. When the selection is to be made, all of the marbles in the drawer-drum shall, after the drum has been revolved, be drawn out one by one and recorded in the order in which they are so drawn. This order shall be deemed to be the order of the drawers, so that the drawer whose number is first so drawn from the drawer-drum shall be first in the order of the drawers, and so on with all other drawers.

9. The whole of the drawers shall be withdrawn from their cabinets and arranged in the aforesaid order of the drawers and in charge of such attendants as may be deemed necessary by the Government Statistician, the drawers being reversed so that the backs of the cards contained therein are towards the attendants.

10. The card-drum shall then be revolved and a single marble shall be drawn from it, and the number of that marble shall be called out and recorded.

11. The marble so drawn from the card-drum shall represent a card in each of the drawers. The card so represented shall be determined by the number of the marble, so that if the number of the marble is 25 the card represented thereby shall be the twenty-fifth card in the drawer, counting from the back of the drawer next to the attendant, and similarly in the case of all other numbers. In so counting the cards, blank cards shall be counted as well as the cards of Reservists, but guide-cards shall not be counted.

12. When the marble has been drawn from the card-drum and the number of that marble has been called out, the attendant of each drawer shall count the cards in that drawer in manner aforesaid, remaining always at the back of the drawer so that he cannot see the face of any card. He shall thereupon take hold of the card represented by the number of the marble and stand the same upright in its place in the drawer so that the number of the recruiting district marked on the back of that card shall become visible, but he shall not lift the card out of its place in the drawer or disclose the face of the card.

13. When a card has been so selected in each drawer the Stipendiary Magistrate shall remove from each drawer in the order of the drawers such of those cards as bear the number of the recruiting district or of any of the recruiting districts from which the selection of Reservists is being made. He shall at the same time restore to its former position in each drawer every card which is marked with the number of any other recruiting district, or which is a blank. Every card so withdrawn from a drawer shall at the same time be replaced by a blank card. In so withdrawing or restoring cards the Magistrate shall not disclose or look upon the face of any card, until he has wholly withdrawn it from the drawer.

14. If any error is made in counting the cards in a drawer the error may be corrected before the card has been so withdrawn by the Magistrate, but not afterwards.

15. The Reservists whose cards are so withdrawn from the drawers shall be the Reservists upon whom the lot has fallen, and their names shall be thereupon recorded in respect of the appropriate recruiting district in the order of the drawers from which their cards were taken.

16. When a card has been withdrawn from or restored to every drawer in manner aforesaid, the process hereinbefore prescribed shall, if necessary, be repeated from time to time until the selection has been completed, save that the order of the drawers as established by the first drawing of marbles from the drawer-drum shall be retained until the selection has been completed.

17. Marbles so drawn from the card-drum shall not be restored thereto until the selection has been completed.

18. If, after the lot has fallen in manner aforesaid on the full number of cards required for any recruiting district, the lot falls on any further card marked with the number of that recruiting district, such card shall be deemed to be a blank and shall be dealt with accordingly.

19. The selection shall be deemed to be completed so soon as a number of cards has been so withdrawn from the drawers equal to the number of Reservists to be selected from the recruiting district or from each of the recruiting districts as the case may be.

20. The cards of all Reservists on whom the lot so falls shall be kept separate from the Register, and shall not be deemed to form part thereof, but shall thereafter be returned to their proper place in the Register if the Reservist by way of appeal or otherwise comes back into the Reserve.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Military Service Act, 1916.—Regulations for Medical Examination.

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this first day of November, 1916.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

I, ARTHUR WILLIAM DE BRITO SAVILE, Earl of Liverpool, Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, do hereby, in pursuance of the authority conferred upon me by the Military Service Act, 1916, and of all other authorities enabling me in that behalf, make the following regulations regarding medical examination for the purposes of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

REGULATIONS.

MEDICAL BOARDS.

1. THERE shall be established by the Minister of Defence such Medical Boards as he from time to time thinks necessary for the medical examination of reservists called up for service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

2. Each such Board shall consist of such number of persons, being two or more, as the said Minister thinks necessary, all of whom shall be officers of the New Zealand Medical Corps.

3. The members of each such Board shall be appointed and may be removed by the Minister of Defence, and the same person may be appointed as a member of two or more Boards.

4. Every Medical Board shall exercise its functions in such military district or districts as may be specified in that behalf by the Minister of Defence on the establishment of the Board.

5. If any member of a Medical Board is in the opinion of the Minister of Defence temporarily incapacitated by illness or otherwise from performing his duties, the Minister may appoint some other qualified person to act in the place of that member during the period of his incapacity. Every such appointment shall, unless sooner cancelled by the Minister, continue in force until the member so incapacitated returns to duty.

6. One of the members of each such Board shall be appointed as the President thereof by the Minister of Defence.

7. Every such Board shall meet at such times and places as may be determined by the President.

8. There shall be associated with each such Board, as the expert adviser thereof in dental matters, an officer of the New Zealand Dental Corps to be detailed for such duty by the Commandant.

EXAMINATION OF RESERVISTS CALLED UP.

9. (1.) When a reservist has been called up for service with the Expeditionary Force, an authorized officer may by written notice delivered or posted to that reservist require him to report at a specified time and place for examination or re-examination before a Medical Board.

(2.) The place to be so specified shall be at or near the headquarters of the military district in which the reservist is for the time being resident, or at such other place as the Commandant may in any case or class of case direct.

(3.) If any man so summoned before a Medical Board is incapacitated by illness or other unavoidable impediment from presenting himself for examination at the time and place notified, he shall, not later than twenty-four hours before the time so notified, post to the authorized officer from whom the notice was so received a registered letter stating the reason for his absence and the probable date at which he will be able to present himself before a Medical Board.

(4.) The authorized officer will thereupon take steps to satisfy himself of the truth and sufficiency of the matters set forth in the letter, and shall act accordingly.

10. The examination of a recruit by a Medical Board shall take place in the presence of all of the members of the Board.

11. There shall be in attendance at such examination an officer of the New Zealand Defence Forces, together with such warrant officer or non-commissioned officer belonging to the Permanent Staff, or holding the appointment of a subarea sergeant-major, as may be detailed for that purpose by the Commandant.

12. No indication shall under any circumstances be given to the members of the Board as to the name, identity, or residence of the recruit under examination.

13. The form of report on any such examination shall be filled in by the warrant officer or non-commissioned officer in attendance as aforesaid at the dictation of the examiners. The report shall be signed by the members of the Board, and all alterations, erasures, or interlineations shall be initialled by one at least of the members, but so that the name, identity, or residence of the recruit is not thereby disclosed to any member of the Board.

14. The report of a Medical Board on any case submitted to it shall be in accordance with the opinion of the majority of the members, but any dissenting member shall indicate his dissent and the grounds thereof in a separate report. If the members are equally divided in opinion they shall make separate reports.

15. Every report of a Medical Board shall classify the recruit in one or other of the following four classes:—

- A. Men fit for active service beyond the seas:
- B. Men fit for active service beyond the seas, if they undergo specified medical, surgical, or dental treatment:
- C. Men permanently unfit for active service beyond the seas, but fit for service in New Zealand in connection with or for the purposes of the present war:
- D. Men permanently unfit either for active service beyond the seas or for any service in New Zealand in connection with or for the purposes of the present war.

16. Every report which classifies any man as belonging either to Class C or Class D shall set out fully the reasons of that classification.

17. Every recruit shall before the making of the report of the Medical Board be examined by the associated officer of the New Zealand Dental Corps, who shall advise the Board as to the dental condition of the recruit and as to the necessity of any dental treatment.

18. The report of the Medical Board shall be forthwith transmitted to the Commandant, who shall take the same into consideration and take thereon such action as he may think fit, having regard to the powers conferred upon him by section 14 of the Military Service Act. The Commandant may, if he thinks fit, require the recruit to be re-examined before the same or any other Board.

19. The Board may give to a recruit such information (if any) as in its discretion it thinks fit with respect to the result of his examination and the nature of the report.

EXAMINATION UNDER SECTION 35 OF THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT.

20. Every reference to a Medical Board in the regulations made under the Military Service Act on the 10th day of October, 1916, relative to appeals to Military Service Boards shall be deemed to be a reference to a Medical Board as constituted under these present regulations.

21. When a Medical Board is required in pursuance of the said regulations of the 10th day of October, 1916, to examine any person for the purposes of an appeal under section 35 of the Military Service Act, the present regulations shall so far as applicable apply to that examination and to the report made in pursuance thereof, in the same manner as if the person examined had been called up for service.

EXAMINATION ON DISCHARGE FROM EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

22. No member of the Expeditionary Force, whether he has been called up for service or has voluntarily enlisted therein, shall at any time be discharged therefrom in New Zealand as medically unfit until he has been examined by a Medical Board in accordance with these regulations, and reported by that Board to be permanently unfit for active service beyond the seas.

EXAMINATION OF VOLUNTARY RECRUITS ON ENLISTMENT.

23. The medical examination of voluntary recruits prior to their enlistment in the Expeditionary Force may, as the Commandant from time to time directs, be made either by a Medical Officer or by a Medical Board, and in the latter case the foregoing regulations as to medical examination shall, so far as applicable, apply in the same manner as if the recruit had been called up for service.

J. F. ANDREWS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.