

for the organization, training, and distribution of officers and non-commissioned Officers of the Corps; the calling-up of officers for service with the troops, abroad and in camps; advice as to an examination of all dental stores and equipment; miscellaneous professional questions, dental statistics; arrangements for accommodation, operating-rooms, and tents; the allocation of civilian dentists to recruiting centres; co-operation with the New Zealand Dental Association in adopting a uniform line of minimum treatment, and in correlating the link between the districts and the camps. He will occasionally inspect the work done in camps and districts.

694. Executive officers will be responsible for the completion of dental treatment begun prior to men going into camps or embarking on troopships, the treatment of fresh cases as they arise, and the repair of dentures.

The necessary accommodation will be provided, and all requisite materials supplied to dental officers in camps, who will receive no remuneration other than their salaries.

Executive officers appointed to camps will reside wholly in camp. In special cases only the Director of Dental Services may grant permission to reside wholly or partially out of camp.

695. Civilian dentists employed in districts for the examination of recruits: Recruiting dental officers will examine the teeth of all recruits, except those found to be permanently medically unfit, and will chart the teeth of each recruit found dentally deficient. They will hand each recruit a form, and refer him to the nearest branch of the Dental Association, which will allocate him to a dental practitioner for treatment.

696. Whenever possible treatment shall be completed before the recruit again reports at the recruiting centre for despatch to camp. Should this, however, be impossible through (a) exigencies of treatment, or (b) the inaccessible location of the recruit, the completion of treatment will be effected in camp.

697. If the circumstances of the recruit be such that he is unable to support himself whilst undergoing treatment prior to being attested, the Defence Department will endeavour to find work for him whilst he is under treatment. Every endeavour should be made by the dentists and employers of labour to co-operate so as to ensure that the hours of labour may be interfered with as little as possible.

698. When a dental surgeon concerned has treated the recruit he will fill in the forms as (1) dentally efficient; (2) requiring treatment; particulars of treatment to be specified.

The form (No. 3) will be returned by post to the Recruiting Office when the recruit is called up, and will be forwarded to the Senior Dental Officer in camp.

699. It is considered that recruits should, where possible, pay for their own treatment, but in the case of those unable to do so the fees charged, which will be at the ordinary hospital rates, will be forwarded by the dental surgeon concerned to the Director of Dental Services, who will certify the claim, and forward it to the Defence Department for payment.

700. The dental examination of a recruit will be made after the medical examination.

APPOINTMENTS.

701. Candidates for appointment to the New Zealand Dental Corps must be registered dental practitioners.

Appointments, except to the higher administrative ranks, will be made as follows:—

- (a.) All appointments will, in the first instance, be to the rank of Lieutenant. If the circumstances indicate that a Captain's commission is desirable, the Director of Dental Services shall have power to recommend a dental practitioner, of not less than three years' standing, to be Captain.
- (b.) Promotion from Lieutenant to Captain will be by merit, on the recommendation of the Director of Dental Services.

DRESS.

702. The uniform for officers of the New Zealand Dental Corps will be as laid down in the New Zealand Dress Regulations for officers of the Territorial Force. Staff officers will be entitled to similar distinctions to those worn by Staff officers of other professional corps.

DISCIPLINE.

703. Officers of the New Zealand Dental Corps will be subject to the regulations relating to discipline as prescribed for the Territorial Force.

PAY.

704. Officers of the New Zealand Dental Corps will draw pay at Territorial Force rates when employed with the Territorial Force.

They may be appointed to the Expeditionary Force or for duty in camps for the New Zealand Expeditionary Force Reinforcements, and will draw Expeditionary Force rates of pay.

Officers of the New Zealand Dental Corps who are dealing wholly or partially with organization and administration during the initiation of the corps, and the present emergency, will draw such pay as may be from time to time approved by the Hon. Minister of Defence.

Civilian dentists, with or without honorary military rank employed in the districts examining recruits, will receive remuneration at the rate of one shilling per head for each recruit examined.

CONTROL.

705. The New Zealand Dental Corps will be under the control of the Adjutant-General.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this sixteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, in the presence of—

J. ALLEN,
Minister of Defence.