

Force becoming vacant, the vacancy will be filled by selection. This will also apply to squadrons and companies.

17. No commanding or other officer is permitted to promote officers, even provisionally. In the event of any casualty occurring, the next senior assumes temporary command, as a matter of course, without promotion, and in the rank which he already holds. The name of the officer selected and recommended to fill the vacancy will be forwarded to Headquarters and published in New Zealand Expeditionary Force orders. The promotion will then take effect retrospectively and from the date of the vacancy.

18. Officers reported "missing" are not eligible for promotion. Those sick or wounded will be considered in their proper turn.

19. Officers taken prisoner are eligible for promotion up to the rank of Captain only.

20. Officers seconded are eligible for promotion and to remain seconded.

21. For the purposes of determining the establishment of a unit, reinforcements will be held to form part of the unit immediately on joining it.

22. Recommendations for promotions or appointments must be submitted on the authorized form.

23. Units for the purposes of promotion in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force are:—

- A Regiment of Mounted Rifles.
- The Divisional Squadron of Mounted Rifles.
- The Cyclist Company.
- The New Zealand Field Artillery.
- The New Zealand Engineers—Field Units.
- The New Zealand Engineers—Signal Units.
- A Regiment of Infantry.
- The New Zealand Rifle Brigade.
- The Pioneer Battalion.
- The New Zealand Army Service Corps.
- The New Zealand Medical Corps.
- The New Zealand Veterinary Corps.
- The New Zealand Chaplains Department.
- The New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps.
- The New Zealand Army Pay Department.
- The New Zealand Army Postal Service.
- The New Zealand Tunnelling Company.

24. In the case of first appointments to commissioned rank to fill vacancies (substantive or temporary), such appointments will be substantive.

Warrant officers or non-commissioned officers of the New Zealand Permanent Staff or Royal New Zealand Artillery, who have been granted commissions in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, will, on ceasing to be members of the Expeditionary Force, revert to their permanent rank in the New Zealand Military Forces.

25. In making recommendations for first appointment to commissions, officers commanding brigades, corps, or departments will certify that they have seen the person recommended and have satisfied themselves that he is in every respect fit to hold a commission.

26. An officer appointed to a regimental or corps staff is not entitled to higher temporary or substantive rank than his substantive rank.

Temporary Rank or Appointment.

27. Temporary rank or temporary appointments will carry the pay and allowance of substantive rank, or appointment. Warrant officers or non-commissioned officers of the New Zealand Permanent Staff or Royal New Zealand Artillery, who are granted commissions in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, may draw the pay of their commissioned rank in the Expeditionary Force, or Permanent Staff, or Royal New Zealand Artillery pay, whichever may be the higher.

This order will take effect from the 21st October, 1915.

28. An officer granted temporary rank can only retain that rank for the period during which he is actually performing the duties for which it was granted; or, if he is the junior officer holding the temporary rank, so long as the number of officers with the unit does not exceed the establishment for that particular rank.

In the same manner an officer temporarily appointed to any specified duty will relinquish the appointment as soon as he ceases to perform that duty.

29. The grant of temporary rank in no way affects regimental seniority, and the fact that an officer who is absent (or otherwise em-