

ployed) is not granted temporary rank, though his juniors are selected for it, is not to be regarded as supersession.

30. Commanding Officers will be held responsible for notifying the G.O.C., New Zealand Expeditionary Force, through the usual channels, weekly, on the prescribed forms, when an officer ceases to perform the duties for which he was granted temporary rank, or to which he was temporarily appointed.

Transfers.

31. No officer shall be transferred from one unit or corps to another without the sanction of the G.O.C., New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and publication in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force orders.

32. Officers so transferred will be posted to their new unit in accordance with their seniority in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

PART IV.

REGULATIONS REGARDING STRIKING OFF STRENGTH AND RESTORATION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICERS SO STRUCK OFF.

33. Any officer who either—

(1.) Returns to New Zealand otherwise than on duty; or

(2.) Who is absent and off duty from any cause for a continuous period of six months—

shall be struck off the strength of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. The date of such striking off shall in the case of (1) be the date of his embarkation, and in the case of (2) the termination of his six months' continuous absence.

34. If an officer or non-commissioned officer struck off the strength of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force on account of wounds or sickness caused by active service in the field subsequently returns to duty in the same corps or department, he shall, for precedence in his rank, revert to the original position in relation to the officers, or non-commissioned officers of his corps or department held by him at the date he was struck off the strength; provided, however, that he shall not be entitled to supersede any officer or non-commissioned officer who may have been promoted during his absence, nor have any right himself to promotion, unless such procedure is specially recommended in the interests of the service.

35. If an officer who has been struck off the strength of his unit returns and is *in the interests of the service* promoted, he shall be placed in that higher rank in the order in which he would have been had he not been so struck off the strength, and *not* at the bottom of the list of those in the rank to which he has been promoted.

PART V.

TRAINING UNITS AND DEPOTS.

36. The personnel required for the establishments of training squadrons, battalions, and depots will be seconded from and borne as supernumerary to establishment of mounted rifles and infantry brigades and divisional units for whom they are formed.

Transfers from the training cadre back to parent units will be made on the principle that, after a period of service in the training cadre, officers and men should be given an opportunity of service with the parent unit. In the interests of units, only efficient officers and non-commissioned officers should be posted to a training unit or depot. A specially selected officer and staff have been appointed to exercise general control over all New Zealand Expeditionary Force training units and depots, and to assist the G.O.C. New Zealand Expeditionary Force in giving effect to the above principles.

With regard to promotion, should a vacancy or vacancies occur in a parent unit which would cause an officer in a training unit or depot to be eligible for promotion had he remained in such parent unit, he will, in the ordinary course of events, be promoted to fill the vacancy, and will rejoin the parent unit, another officer being appointed to his place in the training unit.

NOTE 1.—All concerned must clearly understand that their rank and status in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force do not in any way affect their rank and status in the New Zealand Permanent or Territorial Force, and that their promotion goes on in the Permanent or Territorial Force to which they belong, in turn and according to establishment, irrespective of any promotion or otherwise in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, and that on ceasing to belong to the New Zealand Expedi-