

*Regulations for the Military Forces of New Zealand amended.—Military Honours and Military Funerals.*

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on me by the Defence Act, 1909, and its amendments, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby revoke and amend, in the manner and to the extent set forth in the Schedule hereto, the regulations for the Military Forces of New Zealand made on the twenty-second day of December, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and published in the *New Zealand Gazette* of the twenty-third day of January, one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and do hereby make the additional regulations set out in the said Schedule; and I do hereby declare that such revocations and amendments shall take effect, and such additional regulations shall come into force, as from the date of publication thereof in the *Gazette*.

SCHEDULE.

SECTION XI.—MILITARY HONOURS AND MILITARY FUNERALS.

(1.) PARAGRAPHS 548, 549, and 550, *re* "military funerals," are hereby revoked, and the following substituted:—

MILITARY HONOURS.

548. Military honours may be accorded to—

- (a.) Veterans of former wars who, at the time of their death, were in possession of British War Medals;
- (b.) Ex-members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force who have returned from active service beyond the seas;
- (c.) Serving members of the New Zealand Permanent Forces;
- (d.) Serving members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (Foreign-service Section and Home-service Section);
- (e.) Serving members of the New Zealand Territorial Force.

549. Military honours will be given only where a firing party is conveniently available, within ten miles of the cemetery in which the deceased is to be buried. In such cases where the Officer Commanding the District considers the cemetery beyond marching distance, conveyance for the firing party and band will be provided by the Defence Department. The limitation of ten miles may be extended to twenty miles by the Officer Commanding the District, in cases where firing parties or bands are obtained from Military Camps. The gun-carriage and other appliances will be supplied when practicable.

(2.) After paragraph 556, add—

MILITARY FUNERALS.

*General.*

556. (a.) Except in the case of soldiers on indefinite leave without pay, or leave without pay in lieu of discharge, respecting whom special provisions are made in paragraph 556 (b) of these regulations, funerals will be provided by the Defence Department for all attested members of the Expeditionary Force (Foreign-service Section or Home-service Section), on application of next-of-kin, or instructions by the Adjutant-General.

*Soldiers on Leave without Pay.*

(b.) Funerals will be provided on application by next-of-kin, or on instructions by the Adjutant-General, for members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force who die while on indefinite leave without pay, or leave without pay in lieu of discharge, if their deaths are due to disabilities contracted in the service, or aggravated in the service so as to cause such deaths, provided such deaths occur within six months of such leave being granted. For this purpose the certificate of the Medical Superintendent of a hospital, or of the doctor attending the deceased, or of a Coroner, may be accepted.

*Ex-Members of the Expeditionary Force.*

(c.) Funerals will be provided on application of next-of-kin, or on instructions by the Adjutant-General, for ex-members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force who die within six months of their discharge, from disabilities contracted in the service, or so aggravated in the service as to cause their death. The certificates referred to in paragraph 556 (b) of these regulations may be accepted.

*Deserters and Others.*

(d.) Funerals will not be provided by the Defence Department in the case of deserters, nor where death occurred from contagious disease, except on special instructions by the Adjutant-General.