

Amending Financial Instructions and Allowance Regulations.

LIVERPOOL, GOVERNOR.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authority conferred on me by the Defence Act, 1909, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, the Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, do hereby make the following regulations under that Act; and I do hereby declare that such regulations shall come into force as from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

REGULATIONS.

PART I.

NEW ZEALAND ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT.

Establishment.

1. THE New Zealand Army Pay Department is hereby constituted and established as part of the Permanent Staff of the Defence Forces, and shall consist of the following officers:—

The Director of Financial Services.

The Accountant.

Four Command Paymasters (one in each military district).

2. Officers of the New Zealand Army Pay Department shall be granted the following substantive ranks:—

Director of Financial Services: Colonel, Lieut.-Colonel, or Major.

Accountant and Command Paymasters,—

On appointment: Lieutenant.

After two years' service: Captain.

3. Previous service in the above appointments, whether in a civil capacity or not, prior to the coming into force of these regulations shall count towards promotion.

Duties.

4. The Director of Financial Services is responsible to the Quartermaster-General for the general supervision and control of the personnel and organization of all pay offices; for seeing that all public moneys are promptly brought into account; for the consideration of parliamentary estimates; for financial advice, the administration of the N.Z.A.P.D., and for appointments to and promotions of members of the N.Z.A.P.C. below the rank of Warrant Officer.

5. The Accountant is responsible to the Director of Financial Services for keeping a correct record of expenditure incurred under the annual appropriations as laid down by the Public Revenues Act and Treasury Regulations, and such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time. He may be deputed by the Director of Financial Services to carry out any inspections of pay offices. In the absence of the Director of Financial Services he shall act for that officer.

6. A Command Paymaster is responsible to the A.Q.M.G. of the district for the issue of all pay and allowances to the troops within the command. He is responsible to the Director of Financial Services for keeping an accurate record of all financial transactions in accordance with instructions issued from time to time, the checking of maintenance-grant accounts, and such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time.

Pay.

7. Officers of the said Department shall draw the pay laid down for equivalent ranks of the New Zealand Staff Corps in Section II of the Financial Instructions and Allowance Regulations of the 11th day of March, 1913.

Allowances.

8. Officers of the said Department will draw the same allowances as are laid down for equivalent ranks in the New Zealand Staff Corps in accordance with the said regulations.

9. On first appointment an officer shall be granted a free outfit.

Appointments.

10. All officers appointed to the said Department will serve for six months on probation.

Retirement.

11. An officer of the said Department may, if the General Officer Commanding considers it desirable in the interests of the service, be retained beyond the age of fifty-five; an officer so retained shall retire at such age as may be determined, but such age shall not exceed sixty-five years.

Temporary Appointments.

12. During the present war officers may be temporarily attached to the New Zealand Army Pay Department in accordance with the special establishment laid down therefor in General Orders, and shall draw such rates of pay and allowances as may be approved by the Minister of Defence. All such extra staffs will come under the direction of the Director of Financial Services.

PART II.

NEW ZEALAND ARMY PAY CORPS.

Establishment.

13. The New Zealand Army Pay Corps is hereby constituted and established as part of the Permanent Force.

14. The New Zealand Army Pay Corps shall be officered and commanded by officers of the New Zealand Army Pay Department. The Director of Financial Services commands the said corps at Headquarters, and the Command Paymaster commands all members of the said corps within his district.