

98. Officers of the N.Z. Medical Corps will not be entitled to the presidency of courts-martial. They will not exercise military command outside their service, except over such officers and soldiers as may be—

- (a.) Attached thereto for duty;
- (b.) Detailed for duty under their orders;
- (c.) Specially placed under their command;
- (d.) Patients in military hospitals;
- (e.) On the sick-list and under their professional care in quarters or elsewhere;

99. Officers of the N.Z. Veterinary Corps and the N.Z. Dental Corps will not be entitled to the presidency of Courts-martial. They will not exercise military command outside their services, except over such officers or soldiers as may be attached thereto for duty.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

##### Appointments to First Commissions in the N.Z. Permanent Forces.

100. Appointments to commissions in the Permanent Forces, excepting the N.Z. Army Pay Corps, will normally be made from New Zealand graduates of one of the Royal Military Colleges, and will be in the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

All appointments to commissions in the Permanent Forces will be subject to the candidates passing the medical examination set out in Appendix I (I).

101. A limited number of appointments to commissions in the Permanent Forces may be made from specially selected candidates holding warrant or non-commissioned rank in the N.Z. Permanent Forces who have passed the prescribed qualifying examination.

102. Appointments to commissions in the N.Z. Army Pay Corps will be granted in the rank of 2nd Lieutenant (on probation) on the recommendation of the General Officer Commanding. Candidates must hold the certificate of the N.Z. University for commercial accountants, or its equivalent.

Appointments will be confirmed on the completion of twelve months' service, provided the probationary officers have been satisfactorily reported upon by the O.C. Command under whom they have been serving and by the Director of Financial Services, and provided further that they have passed the prescribed examination in military subjects.

##### Appointments to First Commissions in Territorial Force.

103. Except as hereinafter provided, first appointments to commissions in the Territorial Force will normally be made in the rank of 2nd Lieutenant from candidates who have passed the prescribed examination and course of instruction.

104. Candidates who have held commissions in the Military Forces of any part of the Empire, and whose record of service is satisfactory, may be recommended for appointment in any rank not above that which they held in such Force, without examination, and may be given such seniority as the General Officer Commanding considers equitable.

105. A candidate for commission in any of the combatant branches must, except in cases specially authorized by the General Officer Commanding, be between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five, be in possession of a Sixth Standard public-school proficiency or an equivalent certificate, must have served for not less than one year as a sergeant in the Cadets or corporal in the Territorial Force, and be recommended by his commanding officer as in every way fitted to hold His Majesty's commission. He must also attend a course of instruction of six continuous days prior to sitting for the examination, and secure a satisfactory report thereat.

106. Qualification at an approved voluntary course of the same duration will count for the purposes of para. 105.

107. Recommendation for the appointment of officers will be made by officers commanding units, through the Staff Officers i/c Regimental Districts, and Brigade Commander to the O.C. Command, as required.

108. Supernumerary 2nd Lieutenants may be appointed to regiments and corps, not exceeding in number 25 per cent. of the authorized total establishment of subalterns.

109. Candidates who have passed the examination for first appointment will be allotted to units by the O.C. Command as required, and will be tested in such units as officers for a period of three months. On the completion of this period the officer commanding unit will render a confidential report on the candidates attached to his unit, together with the form of application for appointment to a commission (N.Z. 128) through the Staff Officer i/c Regimental District and Brigade Commander to the O.C. Command. The O.C. Command will then make his recommendations to the General Officer Commanding.

110. Candidates who pass the examination but are not appointed to commissions within one year of the date of passing will be required to requalify before again being eligible for such appointment.

111. Masters of secondary schools who are candidates for commissions in the Cadet unit of their school may be appointed to a commission on probation without examination. Such appointments will be confirmed on the officer passing the prescribed

examination (Examination A) and gaining a satisfactory report at a course of instruction (*vide* para. 105), but otherwise will lapse at the expiration of twelve months, unless extended by the General Officer Commanding.

112. In special cases the General Officer Commanding may approve of first appointment in a higher rank than 2nd Lieutenant, irrespective of the passing of the prescribed examination.

113. A commission as Quartermaster may be given without examination to an officer, warrant officer, or non-commissioned officer who possesses the necessary qualifications. Rank on first appointment will be in the rank of Lieutenant.

If an officer already holding higher rank is appointed to a commission as Quartermaster he will retain such higher rank.

114. Appointments to commissions in the N.Z. Medical Corps, the N.Z. Dental Corps, and the N.Z. Veterinary Corps will normally be made in the rank of Lieutenant, by selection, and without examination, from registered practitioners who are below the age of forty years.

115. Subject to the provisions of para. 105, appointments to commissions in the N.Z. Air Force will normally be made in the rank of 2nd Lieutenant on probation, without examination, on the recommendation of a Selection Board appointed by the General Officer Commanding from gentlemen holding special qualifications as mentioned in para. 116. Probationary appointments will be confirmed on the completion of twelve months if the officers concerned have attended a course at an aerodrome and have obtained a satisfactory report.

In exceptional cases the General Officer Commanding may take into consideration the high qualifications of a candidate and recommend him for higher rank.

116. Officers of the N.Z. Air Force will be classified as follows:—

Class A: Officers for flying duties.

Class B: Officers for technical duties which necessitate an up-to-date knowledge of aircraft.

Class C: Officers for technical and other duties not included in Class B, and not requiring up-to-date technical knowledge of aircraft.

Officers may be appointed or transferred to any class, at the discretion of the General Officer Commanding, according to their physical fitness and professional qualifications.

Class A.—Officers in Class A will be drawn from the following sources:—

(a.) From members of the Territorial Force who undergo the course of training laid down, and who have been awarded a certificate showing that they have qualified for flying duties.

(b.) From officers of the N.Z. Permanent Air Force who have been permitted to resign or relinquish their commissions.

(c.) From ex-officers of the Royal Air Force or of the Air Force of other Dominions who are qualified in flying duties.

(d.) From other candidates qualified as civilian pilots who satisfy a Selection Board appointed by the General Officer Commanding as to their general fitness to hold a commission. They must be prepared to fulfil such tests of flying capability as may be prescribed from time to time, and, if not in possession of a current "B" license as a Civil pilot, must pass the prescribed medical test.

Class B.—Officers in Class B are required for technical duties in connection with the following:—

- (a.) Engines and rigging;
- (b.) Wireless telegraphy and signals;
- (c.) Photography;
- (d.) Armament;
- (e.) Stores;
- (f.) Miscellaneous duties;

and will be drawn from the following sources:—

(a.) By transfer from Class A:

(b.) From ex-officers of the Royal Air Force, or of the Air Forces of other Dominions, who have had service in one of the above technical branches:

(c.) From other candidates who have the necessary technical qualifications for one of the specialist branches of the N.Z. Air Force. Candidates must satisfy a Selection Board that their technical qualifications are of the standard required, and must be passed by a Medical Board as fit for general service.

Class C.—Officers in Class C will be drawn from the following sources:—

(a.) From approved officers in Class A or B.

(b.) From ex-officers of the Royal Air Force or of the Air Forces of other Dominions.

(c.) From other candidates who have the necessary technical qualifications for one of the specialist branches of the N.Z. Air Force. Candidates must satisfy a Selection Board that their technical qualifications are of the standard required, and must be passed by a Medical Board as fit for general service.

117. An officer on first appointment to Class A, B, or C will not be granted higher rank than the substantive rank held by him at the end of his period of service on the Active List of an Air Force.