

(b.) When their services are lent to any other Department of State for more than one year:

(c.) For any special services approved by the General Officer Commanding:

(d.) Officers of the Territorial Force may be seconded for service with the Permanent Forces, or for service with the Cadets.

144. Except in special cases, an officer will not be seconded until he has passed for promotion to the next higher rank, and in the event of a seconded officer being promoted he will at once rejoin his unit unless the seconding is continued in the higher rank.

145. Officers of the Territorial Force who are granted leave of absence for a period of more than one year may be seconded from their units.

146. Cadet units will normally be officered by officers seconded from the Territorial unit to which the Cadet unit is affiliated.

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

147. Officers of the N.Z. Military Forces may, if eligible under para. 143, be transferred to the Reserve of Officers, where they will remain liable to be called out in case of national emergency.

148. The undermentioned officers are eligible to serve on the Reserve of Officers:—

(a.) Officers of the N.Z. Permanent Forces who have resigned or who have been retired from the service before reaching the retiring-age.

(b.) Officers who have served in the N.Z. Forces on active service and who have agreed to continue to serve on the Reserve of Officers.

(c.) Officers of the Territorial Force who have completed four years' commissioned service and whose ages do not exceed those as laid down for their respective ranks in para. 164.

149. No officer will be transferred to the Reserve of Officers unless he is efficient, and medically fit to carry out the duties appertaining to his rank.

150. The Reserve of Officers is divided into two classes, as follows:—

(a.) A General List, showing the names of officers holding rank above that of Lieut.-Colonel:

(b.) A Regimental List for each unit, showing the names of officers holding the rank of Lieut.-Colonel and under.

Both the General List and the Regimental List are subdivided as follows:—

Class I: Officers who are medically fit for active service and whose ages do not exceed those mentioned in para. 164. Officers in Class I on attaining these ages will be transferred to Class II.

Class II: All other officers whose ages do not exceed those mentioned in para. 164 and who are medically fit for home service or service at a base.

151. Before being transferred to the Active List, officers of the Reserve of Officers must be medically examined and passed as fit for active service. The necessary medical examination will be carried out under arrangements to be made by the Assistant Director of Medical Services in the command.

152. No promotion will be granted to officers while serving on the Reserve of Officers.

153. The General List of both classes of the Reserve of Officers will be maintained and administered by the Adjutant-General.

154. The Regimental Lists of both classes of the Reserve of Officers will be maintained and administered by the units concerned. The Regimental Lists for units of the Permanent Forces and of the N.Z. Medical Corps will be maintained and administered by the Adjutant-General.

155. Officers of the Reserve of Officers may be attached for reserve training to a unit or depot outside their regimental district, provided that no extra expense is thereby incurred.

156. Officers on the Reserve of Officers must report themselves in writing between the 1st and 31st January in each year—those of the General List and of the Regimental Lists of Permanent Force units and N.Z. Medical Corps, to General Headquarters, N.Z. Military Forces, Wellington, and those on the Regimental Lists, Territorial Force, to the Adjutant of their regiment—stating their postal address. They will similarly report any permanent change of address occurring during the year, within fourteen days of such change. The names of all officers who fail to report as herein prescribed will be placed on a Suspense List, which will be published in General Orders. Officers who fail to report for two years in succession will be retired.

157. Officers on the Reserve of Officers will be called up to perform such training as may from time to time be prescribed. Units will arrange for the officers concerned to carry out the training required of them, and will report to Command Headquarters all cases of those who neglect to carry out such training, when the question of removing their names from the Reserve of Officers will be considered.

158. While undergoing training, officers of the Reserve of Officers will be commanded and administered by the officer commanding the unit to which they are attached.

159. Officers on the Reserve of Officers who leave the Dominion temporarily may be granted leave of absence up to a maximum of two years without change of status.

RETIREMENTS.

160. Subject to the provisions of paras. 162 and 163, officers of the N.Z. Permanent Forces may resign their commissions at any time.

161. An officer of the Territorial Force may resign his commission at any time, but if within the military-training age, and not transferred to the Reserve of Officers under para. 147, will be required to complete the unexpired period of his obligatory military service in the ranks of the Territorial Force.

162. Candidates for commissions in the N.Z. Permanent Forces, before being sent to a Royal Military College, will be required to sign an agreement giving an undertaking that they will serve for a period of twelve years from the date of such admission, unless their services are dispensed with before that time, or unless they are released from their agreement by the Minister of Defence.

163. Officers of the N.Z. Permanent Forces sent out of the Dominion for training at the expense of the Government will sign an agreement giving an undertaking that they will not resign their commissions for a period of five years after their return to New Zealand.

164. Except as provided in paras. 165–168, an officer of the N.Z. Military Forces will be retired on attaining the ages set out below:—

Rank or Appointment.	Age for Retirement.			
	Active List and Class I. Reserve of Officers.		Class II. Reserve of Officers.	
	Permanent Forces.	Territorial Force.	Permanent Forces.	Territorial Force.
General Officers	55	60	60	60
Colonels	55	60	60	60
Lieut.-Colonels	55	55	55	55
Majors	55	50	55	55
Captains	55	45	55	55
Subalterns	55	40	55	55
Medical, Dental, or Veterinary Officers	55	60	60	60
Quartermasters or Bandmasters holding commissions	55	60	60	60

165. In special cases the General Officer Commanding may, subject to the physical fitness and efficiency of the officers concerned, grant an extension—

(a.) Not exceeding two years; or

(b.) Up to sixty years of age, or such earlier age when they will, if retired, have become entitled to a retiring-allowance under the provisions of the Public Service Classification and Superannuation Act.

166. Those officers who during the year 1917 were transferred from the Civil Service to the N.Z. Army Ordnance Department or the N.Z. Army Pay Department may, subject to the approval of the General Officer Commanding, be allowed to continue to serve until they reach the age of sixty-five years, or until such earlier age when they will have completed forty years' service towards a retiring-allowance from the Public Service Superannuation Fund.

167. The General Officer Commanding will not be retired for age during his tour of four years as General Officer Commanding, but, unless specially granted an extension of command, will be retired on completion of such tour.

168. In the N.Z. Air Force, officers on the Active List or Reserve employed on flying duties (viz., officers of Class A) will be retired on reaching the following ages: Majors at forty-five, and officers below that rank at forty. Officers of Class B and C will be retired at the ages set out in para. 164.

For retiring-ages for Chaplains see para. 200.

169. An officer who fails twice in either the practical or the oral examination prescribed for promotion to the ranks of Lieutenant and Captain will not, as a rule, be permitted to remain in the service.

170. An officer who has completed the service required for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant or Captain respectively (vide paras. 129 and 133), but who has not at that time passed the examination prescribed for promotion, unless he does so qualify within the period mentioned hereunder, will normally be required to resign his commission, or will be retired:—

(a.) An officer of the Permanent Forces, within eighteen months of completing the requisite service for promotion.

(b.) An officer of the Territorial Force, within two years of completing the requisite service for promotion.

Should he have been prevented from passing the prescribed examination by having been called to or engaged on active service in the field, he may be granted such extension of time, not exceeding