

- (b.) After three years as staff sergeant instructor, to the rank of warrant officer, Class II:
- (c.) After three years as warrant officer, Class II, to the rank of warrant officer, Class I:

Provided that in all cases the warrant or non-commissioned officer has passed the examination for the next higher rank and has been recommended for such promotion by the O.C. Command in which he is serving.

N.Z. PERMANENT AIR FORCE.

238. Applicants for enlistment into the N.Z. Permanent Air Force must fulfil the following conditions:—

- (i.) Be between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five years:
- (ii.) Be unmarried:
- (iii.) Have passed the Sixth Standard of education or its equivalent:
- (iv.) Be physically fit for active service in any part of the world.

239. For the purpose of administration and promotion the other ranks of the Force will be organized into five sections, viz.:—

A Section	Clerks and ledger-keepers.
B Section	Armourers.
C Section	Tradesmen and specialists.
D Section	Storeholders and storemen.
E Section	Non-technical personnel.

Personnel in Sections B and C will be required to pass trade tests on first appointment and before each subsequent promotion to higher rank. Personnel in Sections A, D, and E will be required to qualify for promotion by examination.

240. Promotion to non-commissioned ranks in the various sections will be as under, subject to passing the necessary examinations and being recommended:—

- (a.) Section A, clerks and ledger-keepers: As for Section A of N.Z. Army Ordnance Corps.
- (b.) Section B, armourers: As for Section C of N.Z. Army Ordnance Corps.
- (c.) Section C, tradesmen and specialists: As for Section B of N.Z. Army Ordnance Corps.
- (d.) Section D, storeholders and storemen: As for Section E of N.Z. Army Ordnance Corps.
- (e.) Section E, non-technical personnel: As for other ranks of Royal N.Z. Artillery.

Boys may be attested as Cadets. On reaching the age of eighteen years they may, if efficient, be mustered privates.

Conditions for future promotion will then conform to (1) of Section B under the heading N.Z. Army Ordnance Corps.

N.Z. ARMY PAY CORPS.

241. Applicants for enlistment into the N.Z. Army Pay Corps must be between the ages of twenty-two and forty years, must be physically fit for active service in any part of the world, and must have passed the Matriculation Examination or its equivalent.

242. Appointments to the N.Z. Army Pay Corps will normally be made in the rank of sergeant. Non-commissioned officers so appointed will be eligible for promotion as under:—

- (a.) After three years as sergeant, to the rank of staff sergeant:
- (b.) After three years as staff sergeant, to the rank of warrant officer, Class II:
- (c.) After three years as warrant officer, Class II, to the rank of warrant officer, Class I:

Provided that in all cases the warrant or non-commissioned officer has passed the examination for the next higher rank and has been recommended for such promotion by the O.C. Command in which he is serving and by the Director of Financial Services.

GENERAL DUTY SECTION OF THE N.Z. PERMANENT FORCES.

243. The General Duty Section of the N.Z. Permanent Forces is composed of non-commissioned officers and men holding such appointments as caretakers, range-wardens, firemasters, and night-watchmen, personnel employed on Defence vessels, &c.

244. Appointments to this section may be made by transfer from other units of the Permanent Forces, or may be made by original enlistment.

245. Applicants for enlistment must be under the age of fifty years, and if not fit for active service will be required to give an indemnity to the effect that no claim will be made for sick-leave on pay or other benefits in connection with any recurrence or aggravation of their original disability.

246. All enlistments will be made in the rank of private, but, subject to establishment, rank higher than private may be granted on enlistment at the discretion of the Adjutant-General.

247. Further promotion will be made without examination, to fill vacancies in the establishment, subject to favourable recommendation and to qualifying service as follows: Private before promotion to lance-corporal, three years; lance-corporal before promotion to corporal, three years; corporal before promotion to sergeant, five years.

DISCHARGE.

251. With the exception of the Royal N.Z. Artillery, which is dealt with in para. 251A, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men may be permitted to take their discharge during their original term of engagement, on the recommendation of their officer commanding regiment or corps, provided the exigencies of the service permit. After the completion of their original term of engagement, and subject to giving one month's notice, they may claim their discharge at any time unless a state of great emergency or national danger exists.

Warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men shall unless re-engaged under para. 209, be discharged on completion of their original term of engagement.

251A. Every member of the Royal N.Z. Artillery may obtain his discharge at his own request at any time during the first three years of his service on payment of the sum of £10, and at any time during the next succeeding two years on payment of the sum of £5, and after five years of service without payment: Provided that the right conferred by this paragraph shall not be exercisable during any period in which the N.Z. Permanent Forces are on active service.

252. Warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Permanent Forces shall be discharged on attaining the age of fifty-five years, subject to the following provisions:—

- (i.) In special cases the General Officer Commanding may, subject to the physical fitness and efficiency of the soldiers 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.

- (ii.) Those warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men who during the year 1917 were transferred from the Civil Service to the N.Z. Army Ordnance Corps or the N.Z. Army Pay Corps 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.

253. A soldier of the Permanent Forces who may be found at any time during his service to be permanently medically unfit will be discharged, unless under special circumstances his retention is approved by the General Officer Commanding.

254. The General Officer Commanding is empowered to dismiss or discharge any warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, or man, or to order the reversion to a lower grade or to the ranks of any warrant officer or non-commissioned officer, who is adversely reported upon in the matter of zeal or efficiency, or who has been found guilty of misconduct.

255. On a soldier's discharge being approved his commanding officer will, on the termination of the soldier's service, forward all documents in connection with the case to the Officer i/c Permanent Force Records, General Headquarters, who will make out the discharge, which will be confirmed by the Adjutant-General, or his deputy, at General Headquarters, on the date on which a soldier terminates his service. All documents in connection with soldiers discharged from the N.Z. Permanent Forces will be held by the Officer i/c Permanent Force Records, General Headquarters.

256. With a view to assisting a soldier on discharge to obtain employment in civil life, the Commanding Officer under whom he has immediately served will provide him with a testimonial as to his experience and suitability for employment in a civil vocation, and a copy thereof will be attached to his documents.

SECTION V.—TERRITORIAL FORCE AND CADETS: REGISTRATION, ENROLMENT, POSTING, PROMOTION, TRANSFER, AND DISCHARGE.

REGISTRATION, ENROLMENT, AND POSTING.

257. Subject to the provisions of the Defence Act, all male inhabitants of New Zealand who have resided therein for six months and are British subjects are liable to be trained:—

- (a.) In the Cadets, from the 1st June in the year in which they attain the age of fourteen years (or the date of their leaving a primary school, if later) until the 31st May in the year in which they attain the age of eighteen years (or such later date on which they cease to attend a secondary school);
- (b.) In the General Training Section or Territorial Force, from the 1st June of the year in which they attain the age of eighteen years (or such later date immediately following that on which they cease to attend a secondary school) until the 1st June of the year in which they attain the age of twenty-five years, or such earlier date on which they may have been posted to the Reserve: and