

876. Rules drawn up for the government of rifle clubs will conform to these and any other regulations or orders issued from time to time.

877. Rifles and component parts, when available, will be sold by the Defence Department to members of Rifle Clubs at such reduced rates as may be authorized by the Minister of Defence and under the conditions governing the sale of rifles as laid down in the Arms Act, 1920.

878. Small-arms ammunition will be supplied to Rifle Clubs at such reduced rates as the Minister of Defence may authorize, the rates for each year being published in General Orders in January.

879. Certain free issues of small-arms ammunition will be made by the Defence Department to Rifle Clubs, and the conditions of such free issue will be published from time to time in General Orders.

880. Free railway warrants will be granted under conditions laid down in General Orders to ordinary members of Rifle Clubs for the purpose of proceeding to the nearest rifle range to fire the prescribed annual rifle course, and, when approved by the Minister of Defence, for the purpose of attending rifle meetings.

881. The free ammunition and free railway warrants provided for in paras. 879 and 880 respectively are for the use of the members for whom they are issued, and neither ammunition nor rail passes may be transferred or disposed of in any manner other than that authorized.

882. A nominal roll of the members of each Rifle Club, showing their ages and other particulars, will be rendered to the Area Officer on 31st March annually.

883. Rifle Clubs are not included as units in the organization of the Military Forces, and in a national emergency members of Rifle Clubs will be mobilized as individuals with the class of the reserve to which they belong.

### SECTION XIII.—CADETS.

#### GENERAL.

884. The following matters concerning Cadets are dealt with in the following paragraphs:—

Discipline, paras. 472–474.

Training, paras. 257, 317–339, 893.

Officers, paras. 111, 143, 146.

Notifying change of address, paras. 303, 304.

Annual inspection, para. 33.

Rolls of boys leaving school, paras. 49, 277.

Appointment and promotion of non-commissioned officers, paras. 280, 289, 889–894.

Uniform, paras. 888, 893, 895, 928–931, App. XI, App. XIII.

Equipment, para. 895, App. XIII.

#### Organization.

885. The organization of Cadet battalions will be as follows:—

(a.) A battalion shall consist of a headquarters and from four to six companies.

(b.) The companies shall be designated A, B, C, D, E, and F respectively, and a local name may be added in brackets. The full designation of a company might thus be “A Company (Ponsonby), 2nd Cadet Battalion—The Auckland Regiment.”

(c.) A company shall consist of from four to six platoons.

(d.) The platoons shall be numbered consecutively in each company, thus: A Company, Nos. 1 to 6; B Company, Nos. 7 to 12; C Company, Nos. 13 to 18; D Company, Nos. 19 to 24; E Company, Nos. 25 to 30; F Company, Nos. 31 to 36.

(e.) A platoon shall consist of from twenty-five to fifty of all ranks, organized in four sections.

#### Establishment.

Headquarters of Battalion:—

1 Major, commanding.

1 Captain or Lieutenant—Adjutant (the Area Officer).

1 Captain or Lieutenant—Assistant Adjutant.

Headquarters of company:—

1 Major, Captain, or Lieutenant, commanding.

1 Captain or Lieutenant, second in command.

1 company sergeant-major.

1 company quartermaster-sergeant.

4 drummers (optional).

7 signallers (includes 1 corporal), (optional).

886. Students at schools, or members of other recognized organizations, may be formed in distinct battalions, companies, or platoons, according to their number.

887. On a Cadet being transferred from one area to another during the course of his Cadet training, the transfer will be carried out as detailed in Appendix XIII.

888. Pupils of secondary schools who are under the age of liability for training, but are physically fit in all respects to undergo Cadet training, may, if their parents and the school authorities desire, serve in the Cadet unit of the school.

889. Cadets of the age of sixteen or over may be appointed Cadet non-commissioned officers and promoted by the officer commanding the company within the establishment laid down.

890. No Cadet whilst serving as such can rise above the rank of company sergeant-major, and no Cadet non-commissioned officer has any authority or powers of command except in the Cadets.

In companies forming part of a school the appointment of non-commissioned officers shall be subject to the approval of the headmaster.

891. On attaining the age for transfer to the Territorial Force a limited number of Cadet non-commissioned officers may be allowed to continue serving in the Cadets subject to the following conditions, and such service shall count as equivalent to service in the Territorial Force:—

(a.) In order that promotion in the Cadets may not be blocked the number of non-commissioned officers retained in any company shall not exceed 4 per cent. of the company strength. They will be specially selected and recommended by the officer commanding the Cadet company concerned. Their retention will also be subject to the approval of the Staff Officer i/c Regimental District and to the consent of the non-commissioned officers concerned.

(b.) Provided they are qualified to act as instructors and their duties are satisfactorily performed, and so long as they are not transferred from the headquarters of their company.

892. Non-commissioned officers so retained will be posted to a unit of the Territorial Force and seconded for duty with the Cadets. The period of seconding may be terminated at any time upon the recommendation of the officer commanding the company and the concurrence of the Staff Officer i/c Regimental District, and will be so terminated when the non-commissioned officer reaches the age of twenty-five years.

893. Retained non-commissioned officers will wear the uniform of the Territorial Force. In addition to their Cadet service, these non-commissioned officers will fire the annual musketry course, and attend the annual training-camp of the Territorial unit to which their battalion is affiliated, or such equivalent course as may be prescribed. They will at these times be entitled to the same pay, &c., as Territorial non-commissioned officers of corresponding rank.

894. A retained non-commissioned officer will be granted acting rank until such time as he has qualified by examination for promotion, when he will have the status of a non-commissioned officer in the Territorial Force.

### SECTION XIV.—DRESS.

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

895. Regulations governing the issue of clothing, arms, and equipment are laid down in “Instructions relating to Accounting for Stores.”

896. Sealed patterns of garments, buttons, lace, embroidery, badges of rank, special badges, and devices are deposited at General and Command Headquarters for reference and guidance. Officers when providing themselves with, or contractors when manufacturing, uniform and equipment, in case of any doubt arising, should by personal inspection make sure that the articles are according to sealed pattern.

897. A full description of certain garments of dress is given in Appendix XI.

898. No deviation from authorized patterns of uniforms is permitted, and no new patterns of uniforms, badges, or horse-furniture are to be introduced without the approval of the General Officer Commanding. On the introduction of new patterns, officers will be permitted to retain in wear old-pattern articles affected, but replacements will be of the new patterns.

899. The only obligatory uniform for officers is khaki service dress.

900. Blue and scarlet full dress and the blue frock coat will not be worn, but the wearing of mess dress and blue-serge undress is optional.

#### ORDERS OF DRESS—OFFICERS.

(NOTE.—“Mounted officers” includes all officers of the N.Z. Staff Corps and Royal N.Z. Artillery, and mounted officers of the Territorial Force.)

##### (A.) Khaki Service Dress.

901. No. 1 Dress (Service Dress):—

1. Jacket (with medal-ribands).

2. Pantaloon.