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An Ordinance to make Provision for the Maintenance of the Reserve of the Sierra Leone Regiment of the Royal West African Frontier Force.

[10TH SEPTEMBER, 1927.]

Short title and construction. Cap. 179. 1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Royal West African Frontier Force (Sierra Leone Regiment Reserve) Ordinance, and shall be read and construed as one with the Royal West African Frontier Force Ordinance, (hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance).

Interpretation. 2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Reserve" means the military force constituted by this Ordinance, namely the Sierra Leone Regiment Reserve;

"reservist" means a soldier who is a member of the Reserve;

ere Alter solde "soldier" does not include an officer, British warrant or non-commissioned officer, but includes every other person subject to the principal Ordinance, during the time he is so subject.

3. There shall be maintained in Sierra Leone a portion of the Maintenance of the Royal West African Frontier Force Reserve to be known as the Sierra Leone Regiment Reserve.

4. The Reserve shall consist of—

(a) all soldiers who, at the commencement of this Ordinance, are members of the Reserve, as constituted at that date;

(b) all soldiers of the Sierra Leone Regiment of the Royal West African Frontier Force who are transferred to the Reserve upon completion of their period of service with the Colours;

(c) such other soldiers of the Sierra Leone Regiment of the Royal West African Frontier Force as may, on discharge, be enlisted in the Reserve, in accordance with rules made under this Ordinance; and

(d) such reservists as may, on completion of their period of service with the Reserve, be permitted to re-engage for a further period of service in the Reserve.

5. (1) Every soldier enlisting in the Reserve and every Declaration reservist re-engaging for a further period of service in the Reserve enlistment. shall, previous to his being enlisted or re-engaged, make the following declaration, and shall confirm such declaration by oath in his native language in such manner as he may declare to be most binding upon his conscience:—

I, A.B., do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare and promise that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully serve and defend Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, and the Government of Sierra Leone for the period of my *enlistment or re-engagement*,¹ provided Her Majesty should so long require my services and will obey all orders of Her Majesty and of the officers placed over me, and subject myself to all ordinances,

¹The words in italics not required should be struck out.

Members of Reserve. regulations, rules and orders relating to the Sierra Leone Regiment Reserve now in force, or which may from time to time be in force, within the said period.

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Signature or mark of soldier or reservist, Declared at....., 19......, 19......

Signature of Officer.

(2) The declaration and oath shall be made before any civil Administrative officer, and shall be signed or attested by the person making the declaration and by the officer before whom it is made.

A soldier shall not be permitted to enlist in the Reserve and a reservist shall not be permitted to re-engage for a further period of service in the Reserve, unless he has been passed as physically fit by a medical officer and his enlistment or re-engagement, as the case may be, has been approved by the Commanding Officer.

Command of Reserve.

6. The Reserve shall be under the command of the Officer commanding the Sierra Leone Regiment of the Royal West African Frontier Force, and when called up for training or mobilised shall be subject to the provisions of the principal Ordinance.

Punishment for nonattendance. 7. When a reservist called out on mobilisation or during the year fails to present himself for annual training, and without leave lawfully granted, or such sickness or other reasonable excuse as may be allowed in the prescribed manner, fails to appear at any time or place at which he is required to attend he shall—

(a) if called out on mobilisation, be guilty, according to the circumstances, of deserting, within the meaning of section 13, or of absenting himself without leave, within the meaning of section 16 of the principal Ordinance; and

(b) if he fails to present himself for annual training, be guilty of absenting himself without leave, within the meaning of section 16 of the principal Ordinance.

8. A reservist who committs an offence under this Ordinance, Penalties. or under section 13 or section 16 of the principal Ordinance, shall be liable as follows, that is to say-

(a) be liable to be tried by court martial and convicted or punished accordingly: or

(b) be liable to be convicted by a Court of summary jurisdiction, and to be sentenced to a fine of not less than twenty shillings, and not more than five pounds, and in default of payment to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any period, not less than seven days and not more than the maximum term allowed by law, for non-payment of the fine, and may in any case be taken into military custody.

9. (1) Every soldier, who is enlisted in the Reserve in accord- Bounty on ance with rules made under this Ordinance shall, at the time of in the such enlistment, receive a bounty of forty shillings.

(2) Any reservist who re-engages to serve with the Reserve will receive, at the time of such re-engagement, a bounty of ten shillings for every year for which he agrees to re-engage to serve with the Reserve.

10. The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make Rules. such rules as are necessary for the good order and efficiency of the Reserve, and for such further objects as are set out in section 72 of the principal Ordinance with respect to the Sierra Leone Regiment. Unless and until such rules are made, the rules contained in the Schedule* to this Ordinance shall be in force.

* The Schedule is printed in the Volume containing the subsidiary legislation made under this Chapter.

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