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CHAPTER 181.

ROYAL WEST AFRICAN FRONTIER FORCE (SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE, SIERRA LEONE).

An Ordinance to establish and to provide for the organisation and government of a European Supplementary Reserve to the Sierra Leone Regiment, the Royal West African Frontier Force, and for purposes connected therewith. 26 of 1939.

[4TH AUGUST 1939.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Royal West African Frontier Force (Supplementary Reserve, Sierra Leone) Ordinance, and shall apply to the Colony and Protectorate. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpreta-
tion.
“ Sierra Leone Regiment ” means the Sierra Leone Regiment of the Royal West African Frontier Force;

“ Members of the Supplementary Reserve ” includes commissioned officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and cadets;

“ Officer ” means a commissioned officer of the Supplementary Reserve;

“ Cadet ” means a member of the Supplementary Reserve who has been granted the special rank of Cadet;

“ The Supplementary Reserve ” means the Supplementary Reserve the Sierra Leone Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force established by this Ordinance;

“ Certificate ‘A’ ” means the certificate of proficiency designated ‘A’ obtainable by Cadets in accordance with the Regulations for the Officers Training Corps made by the Army Council;

“ Efficiency Test ” means the test prescribed for infantry in Appendix XXXII to the Regulations for the Territorial Army of the Imperial Forces of Her Majesty or such other test as may hereafter be substituted therefor;

“ Imperial Reserve of Officers ” means the Regular Army Reserve of Officers and the Territorial Reserve of Officers and includes any Reserve of Officers established in any part of the British Commonwealth.

Power of Governor to establish a Supplementary Reserve.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor by Order to establish a European Reserve Force which shall be styled "The Supplementary Reserve the Sierra Leone Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force."

Duties of the Supplementary Reserve.

4. (1) The Supplementary Reserve is created to form a Reserve which in time of emergency will complete the European personnel of the Sierra Leone Regiment to its war establishment.

(2) In time of mobilisation, war or other emergency it shall be lawful for the Governor at any time and for any such purpose as he may direct—

(a) to order that the Supplementary Reserve or any part or member thereof shall be employed as mentioned in subsection (1) in any military capacity in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance whether within or without the limits of Sierra Leone;

(b) to order that any member shall serve with any of Her Majesty's forces anywhere outside the limits of Sierra Leone either as an officer or warrant or non-commissioned officer.

Eligibility for membership.

5. (1) No person shall be accepted for enrolment unless he be a British subject and of European descent.

(2) No person shall be accepted for enrolment until he has been passed fit for service by a medical officer assigned for that purpose by the Governor.

(3) No person shall be entitled as of right to be enrolled as a member of the Supplementary Reserve.

Categories of members.

6. The Supplementary Reserve shall be divided into two Divisions, namely:—

Division I.

Division II.

Organisation of Division I.

7. (1) Division I shall be composed of members who hold or are eligible to hold commissioned rank in an Imperial Reserve of Officers, namely—

(a) those already holding commissions in an Imperial Reserve of Officers;

(b) those who are eligible for commissions in the Regular Army Reserve of Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Warrant for the pay, appointment, promotion and non-effective pay of the Army.

(c) those members of Division II who have obtained Certificate 'A' or who have passed the Efficiency Test and are approved by the Governor for appointment to commissioned rank, provided that a vacancy exists;

(d) those who have previously held warrant or non-commissioned rank in any of the Military Forces of the Crown and are approved by the Governor for appointment to commissioned rank.

(2) Every officer specified in paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of this section shall, on enrolment, be granted rank in the Supplementary Reserve not lower than that which he already holds in an Imperial Reserve of Officers.

(3) Every member specified in paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of this section shall, on enrolment, be granted the rank he retained or was given on relinquishing his former commission or on retirement from the Army.

(4) A local commission in the Supplementary Reserve will be granted by the Governor to every member who is enrolled in Division I. Any person who does not at the time hold a commission in the Regular Army Reserve of Officers may, on first appointment to the Supplementary Reserve as an officer, make application to be granted, in addition, a commission in Class II of the Regular Army Reserve of Officers, which will be held concurrently with his local commission.

8. (1) Division II shall be composed of cadets.

Organisation
of
Division II.

(2) On mobilisation members of this Division shall be appointed to non-commissioned rank in the Supplementary Reserve not below that of Sergeant; provided that during the continuance of a state of mobilisation or war the Governor may, on the recommendation of the Commanding Officer, grant a local commission in the Supplementary Reserve to any member of this Division notwithstanding that such member has not obtained Certificate 'A' or passed the prescribed Efficiency Test.

9. (1) The Officer Commanding the Sierra Leone Regiment is hereby appointed the Commanding Officer of the Supplementary Reserve.

Administra-
tion.

(2) An Adjutant will be appointed by the Governor to advise and assist the Commanding Officer and such officer will be responsible to the Commanding Officer for the efficiency and interior economy of the Supplementary Reserve.

Oath on
enrolment
and
engagement.

10. (1) Every member of the Supplementary Reserve shall on enrolment take an oath in the form set forth in the first schedule to this Ordinance before a commissioned officer of Her Majesty's Forces, and shall sign, in the presence of an officer, an engagement in the form set forth in the second schedule to this Ordinance.

Period of
service.

(2) Enrolment shall be for four years in the first instance, but a member may determine his engagement at any time when the Supplementary Reserve has not been embodied or the member has not been called out for service, by three months notice in writing to the Commanding Officer, or on his permanent departure from Sierra Leone:

Provided that if at the time when the period of his engagement expires the Supplementary Reserve has been embodied or the member has been called out for service such period shall be deemed to be extended for so long as his services shall be required.

Application
of Army Act,
1881, 44 & 45
Vict. Cap. 58
in matters of
discipline.
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11. The Act of the Imperial Parliament called the Army Act, 1881, and all Acts amending or replacing the same, and any article of war or rules made in pursuance of such Acts, and for the time being in force, shall, as to the provisions therein contained respecting discipline, apply to all members of the Supplementary Reserve when—

(a) attached to or otherwise acting as part of the Royal West African Frontier Force or with any of Her Majesty's Regular Forces;

(b) being trained or exercised either alone or with any part of the Supplementary Reserve or with the Royal West African Frontier Force or with any of Her Majesty's Regular Forces;

(c) embodied;

(d) called out for military service.

Precedence
of Officers.

12. Officers of the Supplementary Reserve shall take precedence among themselves according to the rules which obtain in that behalf in Her Majesty's Regular Forces.

Training.

13. (1) All members will be required to be attached to the Sierra Leone Regiment of the Royal West African Frontier Force for at least seven days training in each year unless specially exempted for reasons approved by the Commanding Officer.

* This Act has been replaced by the Army Act, 1955 (3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c.18.).

(2) No member attached for training to the Sierra Leone Regiment shall take any executive command unless the Officer Commanding that unit appoints him to do so. He will not in any case be placed in command of any officer or British warrant or non-commissioned officer of the Regular Forces of the same rank as himself. An Officer of the Supplementary Reserve attached to the Sierra Leone Regiment for training while that unit is acting independently will in no case take command of the unit even though he may be of higher rank than the officer then in command.

14. The appointment and promotion of officers of the Supplementary Reserve shall be vested in the Governor and the appointment and promotion of other members in the Commanding Officer subject to the approval of the Governor.

Appointment and promotion of members.

15. It shall be lawful for the Governor to terminate the appointment of any member of the Supplementary Reserve whenever it shall seem to him expedient so to do.

Termination of appointment.

16. It shall be lawful for the Governor by Proclamation to disband the Supplementary Reserve or any part thereof whenever it shall seem to him expedient so to do.

Disbandment.

17. The Governor may, whenever it shall seem to him expedient, appoint a Court of Inquiry to inquire into and report on any matter relating to the Supplementary Reserve.

Governor's power to appoint a Court of Inquiry.

18. No person enrolled as an officer or cadet under the provisions of this Ordinance shall by reason of such enrolment, or of any duty or liability consequent thereon, lose, forfeit, or be deprived of any civil right, benefit, share, interest, or claim to which he may at the time of such enrolment be, or to which but for such enrolment he would have been, entitled.

Civil rights conserved.

19. In time of mobilisation or war Government officers on the pensionable establishment who are members of and serving with the Supplementary Reserve and whose military pay and allowances are less than their civilian pay and allowances shall be paid by the Government the difference between the total of their military pay and allowances and their civilian pay and allowances.

Government officers.

Power of
Governor in
Council to
make rules.

20. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to make rules for the further, better, or more convenient carrying into effect of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, and in particular but without derogation from the generality of the provisions of this Ordinance, with respect to any of the following matters—

- (a) the appointment and promotion of officers;
- (b) the appointment of Medical Officers for the examination of members and prospective members;
- (c) the general government, inspection, and discipline of the Supplementary Reserve including the convening, confirming and procedure of courts martial;
- (d) the preparation and submission of returns and reports;
- (e) the grant of pay and allowances to members of the Supplementary Reserve;
- (f) the assembling and proceedings of Courts of Inquiry;
- (g) the training of the Supplementary Reserve;
- (h) all matters affecting uniform and of allowances or grants in respect of uniform;
- (i) the variation of the forms set forth in the schedules and the substitution of other forms therefor.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

OATH ON ENROLMENT.

Section 10 (1).

I,.....do sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty The Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will serve Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors against all Her or Their enemies and opposers whatsoever according to the conditions of my service.

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(Signature of member taking the oath.)

Sworn before me this.....day of.....19....., at.....

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(Signature of officer administering the oath.)

SECOND SCHEDULE.

ENGAGEMENT FORM.

I,.....hereby engage to serve as a member of the Sierra Leone Supplementary Reserve beyond or within the limits of Sierra Leone as may be required, and to be bound by the provisions of the Royal West African Frontier Force (Supplementary Reserve Sierra Leone) Ordinance, and of any Rules which have been or may hereafter be made thereunder, for a period of four years or until I shall sooner become in the opinion of a medical officer assigned for that purpose by the Governor incapacitated by infirmity or otherwise, or shall be struck off the strength, or shall permanently depart from Sierra Leone, and I hereby further agree that if at the time when the period of my engagement expires the Supplementary Reserve has been embodied or I have been called out for service the said period shall be deemed to be extended for so long as my service shall be required. Section 10 (1).

I understand that the general conditions of my engagement are as follows:—

(1) The period of my enrolment will be for four years in the first instance but I shall have the power to determine my engagement by giving three months notice in writing to the Commanding Officer, or when I shall permanently depart from Sierra Leone, at any time when not actually employed in any military capacity in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the above-mentioned Ordinance.

(2) In the event of mobilisation or war, or in time of emergency, I, as a member of the Supplementary Reserve, or any part of it, may be ordered by the Governor at any time to be employed in any military capacity whether within or without Sierra Leone with any of the military forces of Sierra Leone or any Colonial or Imperial Force or with the Supplementary Reserve, or any part of it as a unit.

(3) I, as a member of the Supplementary Reserve, shall be subject to the provisions of the Act of the Imperial Parliament called the Army Act, 1955, and all Acts amending or replacing the same, and any article of war or rules made in pursuance of such Acts, as to the provisions therein contained respecting discipline when I am attached to or otherwise acting as part of the Royal West African Frontier Force or with any of Her Majesty's Regular Forces; when I am being trained or exercised either alone or with any part of the Supplementary Reserve or with the Royal West African Frontier Force or with any of Her Majesty's Regular Forces; when I am embodied; and when I am called out for military service.

(4) I undertake to perform such training as may be required under section 13 of the above-mentioned Ordinance.

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(Signature of member enrolling.)

Signed before me this.....day of.....19....., at.....

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(Signature of officer.)