

EXTRACT FROM THE REGULATIONS FOR THE NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES, 1913.

Obligatory Training.

246. The training-year will commence on the 1st June and terminate on the 31st May succeeding.

247. The amount of obligatory training to be carried out annually by all ranks of the Territorial Force, Reserve, and Senior Cadets will be as follows:—

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

- (a.) Thirty drills (twenty of which will be out-of-door parades).*
- (b.) Twelve half-day or six whole-day parades (all of which will be exercises in the field, except in the case of Garrison Artillery units, which will be exercised at the works of defence to which they are allotted on mobilization).
- (c.) Seven days' annual training in camp (exclusive of the days of arrival and departure).
- (d.) Prescribed course of musketry.

The prescribed course of musketry (d) may be carried out during (a) and (b).

Mounted Rifle regiments, and such Infantry companies and portions of such as are composed of men living in the country, will substitute four extra days' training in camp in lieu of twenty drills under (a). Such training will take place on the four days immediately preceding the annual camp laid down in (c). Rations and forage, but no pay, will be given for the four extra days in camp. The remaining ten drills may, at the discretion of the officer commanding the unit, be converted into whole- or half-day parades. The prescribed course of musketry may be carried out during the extra four days in camp.

All units and portions of units carrying out the scale laid down in para. 247—that is to say, those units who do not go into camp for four extra days in lieu of twenty drills—will complete their annual musketry course prior to the annual camp laid down in (c).

RESERVE.

248. Two half-day parades or their equivalent with a Territorial unit or company, &c.

SENIOR CADETS.

249. (a.) Fifty drills of one hour's duration, or thirty-four drills of one and a half hours' duration.

(b.) Six half-day parades.

(c.) Prescribed course of musketry.

250. In all cases the number of drills and parades, &c., performed will be entered in the Attendance Roll-books and in accordance with para. 242, and at the end of each year in the Record-books.

251. Programmes, &c., of parades, showing the times and places of parades in the Territorial Force and Senior Cadets, will be issued in advance by Company, &c., Commanders, with the approval of the C.O. The programme will be arranged as far as possible to suit the convenience of the employers and local conditions. Attendance at parades and drills so ordered, and at any other parades or drills ordered by the proper authority, is obligatory on the part of the person notified to attend. Persons absenting themselves without leave from any parade or drill ordered by the proper authority are liable to be prosecuted under section 51 of the Defence Act. Alternative dates will not be given in the case of parades or drills called under para. 247 of these Regulations. Voluntary parades may be arranged, but attendance thereat will be purely voluntary, will not count towards the minimum amount of training required under para. 247, and will not be entered in the Record-books.

252. At the end of each year individual N.C.O.s and soldiers of the Territorial Force, and each Senior Cadet, will be classified according to the degree of efficiency attained, either as "efficient" or "non-efficient," in accordance with the table given in Appendix XI. The classification will be entered in the Record-books.

253. No soldier or cadet will be eligible for advancement to the rank of non-commissioned officer until he has reached the standard of first-class efficiency, nor will any Territorial soldier be eligible for transfer to the Reserve, under para. 167, until he has reached the same standard.

Definition of Drills; Whole- or Half-day Parades.

DRILLS.

254. A "drill" will consist of one and a half hours' actual instruction, except that in the Senior Cadets a drill may consist of either one hour's or one and a half hours' actual instruction at the discretion of the O.C. Company, and provided that not less than fifty hours' actual instruction is given during the year under para. 249 (a).

255. Training performed at drills should be of an elementary character, and consist of individual or company training in the Infantry and the corresponding training in the other arms. The men will always be trained by their own officers or N.C.O.s, assisted by the Permanent Instructional Staff.

* Out of door parades may be carried out in the evening, and will not be devoted entirely to drill, but will include route-marching, outposts by day and by night, entrenching, signalling, driving, &c., and such work as cannot conveniently be carried out indoors. In the case of Artillery and technical corps, including Field Ambulance and Mounted Field Ambulance, the number of out-of-door parades may be reduced at the discretion of the C.O. The principle is that the drill-shed shall be avoided as far as possible.