

Irish battalion is desirous of having the consecration of its new colours performed by a Roman Catholic priest, the order of service in Form B will be used. In the case of Scottish battalions Form C will be used if the ceremony takes place in Scotland, and also elsewhere if the majority of the men are Presbyterians. A.G.O.C. in C. may, however, authorize ministers of different denominations to officiate at the ceremony, in which case all or parts of Forms A, B, and C may be used, but nothing is to be added to the Form of Prayer.

[Extract from Clothing Regulations, Part I.]

Paragraph 98. When standards, guidons, or colours are replaced they remain the property of the State, and should be deposited in some church or other public building. Officers commanding will forward proposals for their disposal to the general officer commanding for submission to the War Office. No one is entitled to sell old standards, guidons, or colours, or to deal in them in any way. In no circumstances may colours or guidons be allowed to pass into the possession of any individual.

No. 41.

New Zealand, No. 248.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 7th July, 1913.

With reference to my despatch, No. 107, of the 13th March, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of an Order which has been made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries further postponing until the 1st October next the operation of chapter I of the Horses (Importation and Transit) Order of 1912.

I have, &c.,

L. HARCOURT.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
K.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES (DATED 26TH JUNE, 1913).
THE Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1911, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

Importation.

1. (1.) The date on which chapter I (importation) of the Horses (Importation and Transit) Order of 1912 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Order") shall come into operation is hereby further altered to the 1st day of October, 1913.

(2.) The 1st day of October, 1913, shall be substituted for the 1st day of January, 1913, in the schedule to the principal Order (Orders revoked).

Food and Water.

2. The provisions of paragraph (ix) (food and water) of Article 13 of the principal Order shall not, until the 1st day of August, 1913, apply to a vessel on which horses, asses, or mules are carried to any port in Great Britain or from any such port to any port in the British Islands.

In witness whereof the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have hereunto set their official seal this 26th day of June, 1913.

A. W. ANSTRUTHER, Assistant Secretary.

No. 42.

New Zealand, No. 249.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 9th July, 1913.

I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the Army Council have under consideration the question of permitting officers belonging to the supplementary list of the Special Reserve of officers to perform the annual training laid down in paragraph 240, Special Reserve Regulations, while temporarily resident out of the United Kingdom.

2. The Army Council would therefore be glad to learn whether your Government would be prepared to grant facilities to any such officers who may be desirous of performing their annual training with a unit, of their own branches of the service, of the Permanent Forces of the Dominion of New Zealand.