

(2) In addition to the notice in the *Gazette* published pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this regulation, the authorized officer shall, so far as practicable, give notice to every man required to report, by registered letter addressed to him at his last known address, that he is required so to report:

Provided that failure to give notice under this clause shall not affect the validity of the requirement of any man to report.

REGULATION 20.—DESERTION BY REMAINING IN NEW ZEALAND, OR BY LEAVING NEW ZEALAND.

(1) If a member of any armed force remains in New Zealand after the unit to which he is posted has left New Zealand for service overseas, he shall, unless he proves that he so remained in New Zealand through circumstances over which he had no control or with the leave or by the orders of an officer having command over him or that an appeal against his being called up for service had been duly lodged and had not been determined, be deemed guilty of desertion from that force.

(2) If a member of any armed force leaves New Zealand or does any act with intent to leave New Zealand for any place overseas, except in the course of his service, he shall be deemed guilty of desertion from that force.

(3) Every man who is guilty of deserting from any armed force shall, in addition to his liability under the Army Act or otherwise, be deemed to have committed an offence against these regulations, but he shall not be punished twice for the same offence.

APPEALS.

REGULATION 21.—APPEAL BY RESERVISTS CALLED UP.

(1) Every man so called up for service with the armed forces shall have a right of appeal to an Armed Forces Appeal Board on any of the following grounds:—

- (a) That when so called up he was not a member of the Reserve:
- (b) That when so called up from any class of the Reserve he was a member of some other class the calling up of which had not been authorized by the Minister under these regulations:
- (c) That by reason of his occupation his calling up for service is contrary to the public interest:
- (d) That by reason of his domestic circumstances or for any other reason his calling up for service will be a cause of undue hardship to himself or others:
- (e) That he conscientiously objects to serving with the armed forces.

(2) An Appeal Board shall not allow any appeal on the ground specified in paragraph (e) of the last preceding clause unless the Appeal Board is satisfied that the appellant holds a genuine belief that it is wrong to engage in warfare in any circumstances. Evidence of active and genuine membership of a pacifist religious body may in general be accepted as evidence of the convictions of the appellant, and, in particular, proof that the appellant has for a substantial period preceding the outbreak of the present war with Germany been a member of the Society of Friends or of the Christadelphian Sect, and that he has during that time been continuously and actively associated with the body of which he is a member may be accepted as sufficient evidence on which to allow an appeal.

REGULATION 22.—ARMED FORCES APPEAL BOARDS.

(1) For the purposes of these regulations there shall be established such number of Armed Forces Appeal Boards as the Governor-General from time to time thinks necessary.

(2) Each Appeal Board shall be distinguished by such distinctive name as the Governor-General thinks fit.