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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— Interpretation.
“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
Supplemen-
tary 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
Supplemen-
tary 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 sub-section (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.