	£	s.	d.
On every reference of a dispute under sections 32 (1) where the amount of the claim exceeds £10 but does not exceed £20	0	5	0
where the amount of the claim exceeds £20 but does not exceed £30	0	10	0
where the amount of the claim exceeds £30 but does not exceed £50	0	15	0
where the amount of the claim exceeds £50 for every additional £50 or part thereof ...	0	15	0
where the dispute relates to the rights of the parties without involving any pecuniary claim ...	0	15	0
For a copy or extract of any document in the custody of the Commissioner not exceeding 216 words, 2*s.* 6*d.*, and if exceeding that number, 6*d.* per folio of 72 words or part of a folio.			
For any document certified as a true copy of a document in the custody of the Commissioner	0	7	6

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this fifteenth day of April one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. J. Thompson,*
Assistant Secretary.

The foregoing Regulation is approved by the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this twentieth day of April one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in the presence of

(L.S.) *G. N. Cox,*
Assistant Secretary.

Reserve and Auxiliary Forces

THE RESERVE AND AUXILIARY FORCES (PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE, ETC. POLICIES) REGULATIONS, (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1953.

1953. No. 43

The Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland in pursuance of sub-section (4) of section 57 of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act, 1951 (a) as applied by Order in Council dated 11th February, 1953, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c.65.

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Industrial Assurance etc. Policies) Regulations, Northern Ireland, 1953, and shall come into operation on the 24th day of March, 1953.

(2) In these regulations, unless and except so far as the context may otherwise require, the following expressions shall have the following meanings, that is to say :—

" the Act " means the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act, 1951 as applied to Northern Ireland by Order in Council dated 11th February, 1953 ;

" the Regulations " means these Regulations and includes the forms set out in the Schedule hereto ;

" the Commissioner " means the Industrial Assurance Commissioner for Northern Ireland ;

" company " means an industrial assurance company ;

" society " means a collecting society ;

" owner " in relation to any policy means the person who is for the time being the person entitled to receive the sums payable under the policy on maturity ;

" policy " includes a contract of assurance in respect of which no specific document constituting the contract is issued ;

" relevant service " means service after the fifteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty, of a description specified in the First Schedule to the Act ;

" serviceman " means a man who performs relevant service and includes a woman who performs relevant service ;

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889 (**a**), applies to the interpretation of the Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2.—(1) An application for relief under sub-section (4) of section 54 of the Act or for re-instatement of a policy under sub-section (5) thereof shall be made in writing within the time respectively required by those sub-sections and sent or delivered to the company or society, with which the policy in question was effected, at its head office, or at the place specified in the notice before forfeiture served under section 23 of the Industrial Assurance Act, (Northern Ireland), 1924 (**b**), and shall contain a statement setting out the policy number or numbers (if any) in question, the grounds on which the application is made, the date on which the serviceman began the performance of relevant service, the period, if known, for which the serviceman is required to perform relevant service, or, if he is no longer performing relevant service, the date on which he ceased performing relevant service.

(**a**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**b**) 14 & 15 Geo. 5 c. 21.

(2) An application for the extension of a period of protection under sub-section (7) of section 54 of the Act shall be made in writing within twenty-eight days from the serving of a notice pursuant to Regulation 5 hereof and sent or delivered to the company or society with which the policy in question was effected, at its head office, or at the place specified in the said notice, and shall contain a statement similar to that required under the immediately preceding paragraph of this Regulation.

(3) Any statement relating to a person's performance of relevant service contained in an application made under sub-sections (4), (5) or (7) of section 54 shall be verified in such manner, if any, as the company or society may reasonably require, including the production of a certificate of the kind referred to in sub-section (1) of section 60 of the Act.

3.—(1) Where a company or society grants relief under sub-section (4) of section 54 of the Act or reinstates a policy under sub-section (5) thereof, it shall endorse the policy, or serve upon the applicant a notice, to that effect, and where the company or society also fixes a period of protection, it shall in such endorsement or notice specify the duration of the period of protection fixed and the date on which such period of protection will expire, and state that appeal may be made to the Commissioner within twenty-eight days from the date of the receipt of the endorsed policy by the owner thereof, or from the date of the serving of the notice, if the applicant is not satisfied with the extension of the period of protection.

(2) Where a company or society extends a period of protection it shall endorse the policy, or serve upon the applicant a notice, to that effect, and shall in such endorsement or notice specify the date on which the extended period will expire, and state that appeal may be made to the Commissioner within twenty-eight days from the date of the receipt of the endorsed policy by the owner thereof, or from the date of the serving of the notice, if the applicant is not satisfied with the extension of the period of protection.

4.—(1) Where a company or society, after application having been duly made to it, refuses to grant relief under sub-section (4) of section 54 of the Act, or refuses to re-instate a policy under sub-section (5) thereof, or refuses to extend a period of protection under sub-section (7) thereof, it shall serve upon the applicant a notice respectively in form A, B or C, set out in the Schedule hereto.

(2) Where a company or society proposes to terminate or shorten a period of protection, which is then current, it shall serve upon the owner of the policy in question a notice in form D or E (whichever is appropriate) set out in the Schedule hereto, but no such period of protection shall be terminated or shortened so as to expire earlier than

twenty-eight days from the date of the serving of the appropriate notice.

5. A company or society shall, not more than twenty-eight days and not less than seven days before the expiry of a period of protection, serve upon the owner of the policy in question a notice in form F set out in the Schedule hereto, and where there is default in serving such notice within the time aforesaid the period of protection shall, notwithstanding that it would otherwise expire, be extended by virtue of this Regulation so as not to expire until the company or society has served such notice after the time aforesaid and seven days have elapsed from the date of the serving thereof.

Provided that where a company or society has served upon the owner of the policy a notice pursuant to paragraph (2) of Regulation 4, it shall not be required to serve a further notice pursuant to this Regulation, and the provision of this Regulation with regard to the extension of the period of protection shall be without effect.

6. An appeal to the Commissioner under sub-section (9) of section 54 of the Act shall be made in writing and addressed to him at 64, Chichester Street, Belfast, within twenty-eight days from the date of the receipt of the policy, endorsed pursuant to Regulation 3, by the owner thereof, or from the date of the serving of a notice pursuant to the said Regulation, or pursuant to Regulation 4, notifying the applicant or the owner of the policy, as the case may be, of the decision or proposal of the company or society against which the appeal is made.

7. Where, on appeal being duly made under sub-section (9) of section 54 of the Act, the Commissioner is satisfied that the application to the company or society ought to have been granted, or that the company or society ought to have fixed a longer period of protection, or granted a greater extension of such period, or that the period of protection ought not to be terminated or shortened, he may make an order requiring the company or society to grant the application, or fix or extend a period of protection, as determined by him, and to endorse the policy in question, or serve upon the appellant a notice, to that effect, or to withdraw the notice served pursuant to paragraph (2) of Regulation 4, as the case may be.

8.—(1) A company or society shall not forfeit a policy in respect of the non-payment of premiums at a time when in relation to that policy —

(*a*) a right to make an application under sub-section (4) or (7) of section 54 of the Act or a right to appeal to the Commissioner under sub-section (9) thereof is subsisting; or

(*b*) such application or appeal is pending.

(2) For the purpose of the preceding paragraph an application or appeal shall be deemed to be pending where the application or appeal has been duly made and the applicant or appellant has not been notified in the form provided for by the Regulations or by any order made by the Commissioner under the Regulations of the decision of the company or society or the Commissioner.

9. —Where in relation to any policy of assurance to which section 54 of the Act applies the time for making an application to the company or society or for appealing to the Commissioner has expired, the owner of the policy or any other person on his behalf may submit an application to the Commissioner and if it appears to the Commissioner that —

(i) there were good reasons for the failure to make the application to the company or society or to appeal to the Commissioner within the required time and there has been no undue delay in submitting the application under this Regulation ; and

(ii) if an application or appeal had been made within the said time it would have been granted or allowed :

he may make an order requiring the company or society to reinstate the policy, where it has been forfeited after the passing of the Act, and otherwise to do such acts in relation to the policy as the company or society would have done or would have been required to do had the application or appeal been made within the required time and granted or allowed.

10. Where the terms of a policy are varied in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 56 of the Act, the company or society shall endorse the policy, or serve a notice on the owner of the policy, to that effect.

11. The statement required by virtue of sub-section (2) of section 57 of the Act to be contained in a notice under section 23 of the Industrial Assurance Act, (Northern Ireland), 1924, shall be in Form G set out in the Schedule hereto.

12. Any notice required to be served on any person by the Regulations shall either be delivered or sent by post to him or so delivered or sent to or left at his last known place of abode.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. J. Thompson,*
Assistant Secretary.