REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD OCTOBER, 1944, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 1 (1) OF THE FIRE SERVICES (EMERGENCY PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1942.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry ") in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by Section 1 (1) of the Fire Services (Emergency Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1942, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Fire Service (General) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1944.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1921, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

2.—For paragraph (2) of Regulation 5 of the National Fire Service (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1942, there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—

" (2) A fireman may be promoted—

(*a*) to be Divisional Officer, Column Officer, Senior Company Officer, Company Officer, Area Officer, Group Officer or Assistant Group Officer, by the Ministry ;

(*b*) to any rank below that of Company Officer or Assistant Group Officer, by the Fire Service Commander

and any power conferred by this paragraph to promote to any rank includes power to reduce from that rank to any lower rank :

Provided that a fireman shall not be reduced from any rank to any lower rank by the Fire Service Commander without the concurrence of the Ministry except with his own consent or during his period of probation or on conviction of a criminal offence (including an offence against Regulation 6 (4) of these Regulations).

In this paragraph " period of probation " means in relation to a fireman's service in any rank the first six months of that service together with such further period or periods (not exceeding in all a further twelve months) as may at any time before the end of his period of probation be added thereto by a direction (which may be revoked by a subsequent direction) of any person having for the time being power under this paragraph to reduce him from that rank.

3.—For sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule to the National Fire Service (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1942, there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs :—