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## EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 991

### THE COMPULSORY SERVICE ORDINANCE, 1915.

#### RULES

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Governor-in-Council by the Compulsory Service Ordinance, 1915, section 16, His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has been pleased to make the following rules --

1 These rules may be cited as "The Compulsory Service Rules, 1917"

Short title

- 2 (1) (a) The Chairman of every District Committee shall direct every male person Medical examination being a British subject of European origin between the ages of 18 and 45 residing in the District to present himself at such time and place as the Chairman may specify for medical examination by a Government Medical Officer or by a Military Medical Officer or by a Medical Officer appointed by the Governor in that behalf with a view to finding out such person's fitness for military service
- (b) Every male person as aforesaid shall present himself for medical examination at the time and place specified in the said notice
- (2) The Medical Officer shall make a report in writing to the Chairman of the District Committee of the District on every such person examined and shall state in such report if the person examined —
  - (a) is fit for general military service in the field or
  - (b) is fit for service in the Military Labour Corps or
  - (c) is fit for camp or office work or
  - (d) is totally unfit for military service of any description
- 3 The Chairman of every District Committee shall give every male person being a Persons to shew British subject of European origin between the ages of 18 and 45 residing in the District, cause other than a person in the service of the Government, notice to appear before the District Committee of the District at the place and on the date specified in such notice to show cause why his name should not be submitted to the War Council as being a fit person to be called upon to serve in a Corps the formation of which has been sanctioned by the Governor under the provisions of the Compulsory Service Ordinance, 1915 In default of appearance on the date specified in the said notice the person named in such notice if medically fit for military service shall be submitted to the War Council as a fit person as aforesaid
- 4 An employer may either in person or in writing apply for the exemption of any of his Employer may Such application shall be made to the District Committee of the District in appear before which such employee resides

District Committee

5 The proceedings of a District Committee shall be held in public

Proceedings of the District Committee to be in public

6 The War Council shall after consultation with the Heads of Government Departments Civil Servants and subject to the approval of the Governor select for military service those civil servants who can be spared for military service without unduly embarrassing the public service

- 7 Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary any person who has been Reporting for duty reported fit under rule 2 (2) whether for general military service in the field or for service in the Military Labour Corps or for camp or office work may report direct to the Recruiting Officer at Nairobi for enrolment and he may be enrolled in such of the corps the formation of which has been sanctioned by the Governor as the Military Authorities may decide Provided that no employee shall cause himself to be so enrolled unless he has either received the permission in writing of his employer or permission in writing from the District Committee in that behalf Any person reporting himself as aforesaid shall inform the Chairman of the District Committee of the District in which he ordinarily resides
- 8 No male person being a British subject of European origin between the ages of 18 and Leaving the Protection 45 shall leave the Protectorate without permission in writing from the President of the War torate Council

## Reasons for exemption

- 9 In considering claims for exemption the District Committee shall take into account the following
  - (a) the safety of the District
  - (b) the circumstances of each applicant
  - (c) the interests of the employer (if any)
  - (d) the nature and value of whe work performed by the applicant or his employer (if any) in the production of commodities of economic value

#### Report to War Council

- 10 The Chairman of the District Committee shall forward to the War Council
- (a) full particulars of every male person being a British subject or European origin between the ages of 18 and 45 residing in the District including the members of such Committee
- (b) full particulars of any medical or other reason adduced by or on behalf of any such male person claiming exemption from military service together with any recommendation the District Committee may wish to make on such claim and

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(c) if any such male person has undertaken to perform work or supervision for or on behalf of any person serving in any military corps formed in the Protectorate full particulars of such work or supervision

#### Certificates of exemption

11 The War Council may grant a certificate of exemption to any person exempted from military service on medical grounds or on any other ground set out in rule 9 stating therein the reasons therefor provided that any such certificate shall be liable to be withdrawn by the War Council for any reason to be stated by such Council

#### Right to be heard by War Council

12 In the event of the War Council refusing to grant a certificate of exemption under the preceding rule on the particulars furnished by the Chairman of the District Committee the applicant for exemption from military service or his employer if the application for such exemption is made by the employer shall have the right to appeal in person to the War Council for further consideration of the application for exemption and the War Council shall hear such appeal. Any proceedings held under this rule shall be held in public

Quorum

13 A quorum of the War Council for the purposes of these rules shall be any number not less than five members

Penalties

14 Any person committing a breach of the provisions of rules 2 (1) (b) or 8 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs 1,000 or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding two months or to both

Interpretation

15 For the purpose of these rules the term 'employer' shall include any person acting as an agent for or as a manager on behalf of an employer

Application

16 These rules shall not apply to any person serving in any of His Majesty's Forces

By command of His Excellency the Governor in Council

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Nairobi,

The 23rd day of March, 1917