

Rules for Field Punishment.

RULES FOR FIELD PUNISHMENT MADE UNDER S. 44 OF THE ARMY ACT.

1. A court-martial, or a commanding officer, may award field punishment for any offence committed on active service, and may sentence an offender for a period not exceeding, in the case of a court-martial three months, and in the case of a commanding officer twenty-eight days, to one of the following field punishments, namely :—

- (a) Field punishment No. 1.
- (b) Field punishment No. 2.

2. Where an offender is sentenced to field punishment No. 1, he may, during the continuance of his sentence, unless the court-martial or the commanding officer otherwise directs, be punished as follows :—

- (a) He may be kept in irons, *i.e.*, in fetters or handcuffs, or both fetters and handcuffs ; and may be secured so as to prevent his escape.
- (b) When in irons he may be attached for a period or periods not exceeding two hours in any one day to a fixed object, but he must not be so attached during more than three out of any four consecutive days, nor during more than twenty-one days in all.
- (c) Straps or ropes may be used for the purpose of these rules in lieu of irons.
- (d) He may be subjected to the like labour, employment, and restraint, and dealt with in like manner as if he were under a sentence of imprisonment with hard labour.

3. Where an offender is sentenced to field punishment No. 2, the foregoing rule with respect to field punishment No. 1 shall apply to him, except that he shall not be liable to be attached to a fixed object as provided by paragraph (b) of Rule 2.

4. Every portion of a field punishment shall be inflicted in such a manner as is calculated not to cause injury or to leave any permanent mark on the offender ; and a portion of a field punishment must be discontinued upon a report by a responsible medical officer that the continuance of that portion would be prejudicial to the offender's health.

5. Field punishment will be carried out regimentally when the unit to which the offender belongs or is attached is actually on the move, but when the unit is halted at any place where there is a provost marshal, or an assistant provost marshal, the punishment will be carried out under that officer.

6. When the unit to which the offender belongs or is attached is actually on the move, an offender awarded field punishment No. 1 shall be exempt from the operation of Rule (2) (b), but all offenders

awarded field punishment shall march with their unit, carry their arms and accoutrements, perform all their military duties as well as extra fatigue duties, and be treated as defaulters.

(Signed) R. B. HALDANE.

29th June, 1907.

The foregoing rules are to be observed by the Royal Marine Forces when subject to the Army Act, until further rules are made in pursuance of Section 44 of the said Act.

(Signed) TWEEDMOUTH.

J. A. FISHER.

Admiralty,

9th July, 1907.

Forms of Court-Martial Warrants.

Warrants.

The following Forms are at present in use :—

I.—*Form of Warrant under the Sign-Manual empowering General Officers in command at home to convene General Courts-Martial.*

(Sign-Manual.)

In pursuance of the provisions of the Army Act.

We hereby authorise you, from time to time as occasion may require, to convene General Courts-Martial for the trial of any persons subject to Military Law as may for the time being be under or within the territorial limits of your Command who shall be charged with any offence against Military Discipline, whether such offence shall have been committed before or after you shall have taken upon yourself your Command. The said Courts-Martial shall be constituted, and shall proceed in the trial of the offenders, and in giving sentence and awarding punishment, according to the powers and directions contained in the said Act.

We are further pleased to order that the proceedings of every such Court-Martial shall be transmitted to the Judge-Advocate-General, in order that he may forward them to Our Secretary of State for War who will lay the same before Us for Our decision thereupon.

And for so doing, this shall be, to you, and all others whom it may concern, a sufficient Warrant and Authority.

Given at Our Court at _____ this

day of _____ 19
in the _____ Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

(Signature of Secretary of State.)

To

*The General
or Officer Commanding the Forces (Home).*

II.—*Form of Warrant under the Sign-Manual enabling Commander-in-Chief in India to convene and confirm the findings and sentences of General Courts-Martial.*

(Sign-Manual.)

In pursuance of the provisions of the Army Act.

We do hereby authorise you, from time to time, as occasion may require, to convene General Courts-Martial for the trial of any