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208.A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMATION OF A VOLUNTEER  
FORCE IN CYPRUS.

[14th June, 1940.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Cyprus Volunteer Force  
Law.Interpre-  
tation.

2. In this Law—

“ Army Act ” means the Army Act, 1881 (44 and 45  
Vict., c. 58), of the United Kingdom, and includes all  
Acts amending or substituted for the same and all  
articles of war thereunder in force;

“ Commanding Officer ” used in relation to the Force  
means the Commanding Officer of the Force appointed  
under section 9 or in his absence the next senior officer  
actually present and doing duty with the Force;

“ Force ” means the Cyprus Volunteer Force formed under this Law;

“ officer ” means a person holding the Governor’s commission as an officer of the Force;

“ other rank ” means warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Force;

“ recruiting officer ” means a person appointed under section 6 to enlist other ranks.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor whenever it appears advisable to do so by reason of the existence of a state of war or of the apprehension of war or by reason of any internal emergency threatening the security of life or property to form a Force to be called “ the Cyprus Volunteer Force ” with a view to assisting the regular forces in the Colony or the Cyprus police force or both in all measures required for resisting invasion or ensuring internal security.

Power of Governor to form Force.

4. (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor on behalf of Her Majesty to accept the service of any persons being British subjects desiring to join the Force and offering their services to Her Majesty.

Persons eligible for enlistment.

(2) Nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to render it obligatory upon the Governor to accept the services of any person.

5. The Governor shall have power from time to time to determine the strength of the Force and its establishment of officers and other ranks.

Governor to fix the strength of Force.

6. The Governor may by writing under his hand appoint any person to enlist suitable persons to serve in the Force.

Recruiting officer.

7. Every other rank shall, upon enlistment, sign an engagement for three years or the duration of the present war, whichever may be the longer period, in the form set out in the First Schedule to this Law.

Term and form of engagement. 2 of 20/41. First Schedule.

8. Every other rank shall, upon enlistment, take the oath or make the declaration in the form set out in the Second Schedule to this Law to be administered by the President or a Judge of a District Court or by an officer of the Force or by a recruiting officer.

Oath or declaration. Second Schedule.

9. The Governor may appoint a Commanding Officer, an Adjutant and such officers of the Force as he may deem necessary.

Power of Governor to appoint officers.

Uniforms,  
arms, etc.

**10.** (1) Officers and other ranks shall wear such uniform and shall carry and use such arms, ammunition and equipment as the Governor may direct to be supplied to the officers and other ranks by the Government.

(2) The uniform and any arms, ammunition and equipment supplied to any officer or other rank shall remain the property of the Government.

Commanding  
Officer to be  
responsible  
for  
discipline,  
etc., of the  
Force.

**11.** The Commanding Officer shall be responsible to the Governor for—

- (a) all arms, ammunition, equipment and stores issued to the Force;
- (b) all moneys and funds which may be entrusted to him from time to time for the use of the Force;
- (c) the maintenance of the strength of the Force;
- (d) the discipline and good order of the Force;
- (e) generally for the proper carrying out of such lawful orders as may be issued to him from time to time by the Governor or any person duly deputed by the Governor in that behalf.

Calling  
out and  
mobilization  
of the Force.  
2 of 13/41.

**12.** The Governor may, by Proclamation, call out and mobilize the Force or any part thereof for actual service whenever it appears advisable to do so by reason of the existence of a state of war or of the apprehension of war or by reason of any internal emergency threatening the security of life or property.

Application  
of Army Act.

**13.** The provisions of the Army Act shall apply with respect to the discipline of officers and other ranks subject to the following modifications—

- (a) the words "Force" may be read therein for the words "regular forces";
- (b) the words "other rank" may be read therein for the word "soldier";
- (c) the words "the Governor" may be read therein for the words "Her Majesty" or "Secretary of State."

Discharge of  
Officers and  
other ranks.

**14.** (1) The Governor may discharge any officer and the Commanding Officer may discharge any other rank who has been guilty of misconduct, disobedience or neglect of duty or who, in his opinion, is unsuitable to be a member of the Force, without payment to such officer or other rank of any compensation whatsoever.

(2) Any officer or other rank discharged under the provisions of subsection (1) shall be liable to deliver up in good order, fair wear and tear and legitimate use only excepted, the uniform and all arms, ammunition and equipment issued to him.

15. (1) The Commanding Officer shall have power to make any agreement or take such action as to him may seem fit in respect of or relating to any matter incidental to the ordinary requirements of the Force and to institute civil proceedings by the name of his office on behalf of the Force.

Power of Commanding Officer to make agreements, etc.

(2) All civil proceedings against the Force shall be brought against the Commanding Officer.

16. All officers and other ranks shall receive during their service with the Force such pay, rations and allowances as may be determined by the Governor, chargeable upon the revenue of the Colony.

Remuneration of members of the Force.

17. Any officer or other rank who is wounded or injured while serving with the Force shall receive such pension or gratuity as the Governor in Council may determine, chargeable upon the revenue of the Colony.

Pension and gratuities.

18. All officers or other ranks who shall by reason of their duties with the Force leave wives or families who are unable to support themselves, shall receive such relief for the maintenance of their wives and families as the Governor in Council may determine, chargeable upon the revenue of the Colony.

Relief for wives or families of members of the Force during service.

19. The widow or family of any officer or other rank who—

- (a) is killed while serving with the Force;
- (b) dies of wounds received while serving with the Force ;
- (c) dies from disease or illness directly attributable to his service with the Force,

Relief for widows and families of members of the Force killed during service.  
3 of 13/41.

shall receive such pension or gratuity as may be determined by the Governor in Council, chargeable upon the revenue of the Colony.

20. The Governor may make Regulations to be published in the Gazette for the better carrying out and for giving further and better effect to the provisions of this Law.

Regulations.

Standing orders.

21. The Commanding Officer shall have power to issue standing orders relating to the administration and discipline of the Force and for giving effect to any Regulation made under this Law.

Limitation of action.  
4 of 13/41.

22. Every civil action against, and every criminal prosecution of, any person in respect of anything done in pursuance or in contravention of this Law shall be commenced within six months after the cause of the proceedings has arisen.

Power of Governor to disband Force.

23. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Law or in any appointment made by the Governor under the provisions of this Law or any engagement signed by any other rank as in section 7 provided, the Governor may, at any time, by Proclamation, disband the Force or any part thereof without payment to the members of the Force or to the members of the part so disbanded of any compensation whatsoever and may give such instructions as may be necessary for carrying any such Proclamation into effect.

Place of service.

24. (1) Nothing in this Law contained shall render any officer or other rank liable to serve or proceed on duty outside the Colony without his consent.

2 of 20/44.

(2) Any officer or other rank who consents to serve or proceed on duty outside the Colony may be ordered to serve or proceed on duty with any other unit or corps of His Majesty's Forces. The consent to serve or proceed on duty as aforesaid shall be in writing and in the form set out in the Third Schedule to this Law.

Third Schedule.

(3) Any officer or other rank who is ordered to serve or proceed on duty outside the Colony with another unit or corps as aforesaid shall, without prejudice to any benefits conferred by this Law, be entitled to receive such pay, allowances and rations as are payable and issued to officers and other ranks of equivalent rank in such other unit or corps.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

(Section 7.)

ENGAGEMENT TO BE SIGNED BY OTHER RANKS.

I\* hereby engage to serve in the Cyprus Volunteer Force for <sup>3 of 20/41.</sup> a period of three years or the duration of the present war, whichever may be the longer period, subject to the provisions of the Cyprus Volunteer Force Law, and of any Regulations made thereunder.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\* Insert name and address.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

(Section 8.)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY OTHER RANKS.

I\* swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (the Sovereign for the time being), her Heirs and Successors according to law and that I will faithfully serve in the Cyprus Volunteer Force according to the conditions of my service.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\* Insert name and address.

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY OTHER RANKS.

I\* do solemnly and truly declare that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (the Sovereign for the time being), her Heirs and Successors according to law and that I will faithfully serve in the Cyprus Volunteer Force according to the conditions of my service.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\* Insert name and address.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

(Section 24 (2).)

I, No. \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ being a member of the Cyprus Volunteer <sup>3 of 20/44.</sup> Force hereby, of my own free will, volunteer for service with Her Majesty's Forces outside the Colony of Cyprus.

Place \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Witness \_\_\_\_\_

