STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1964 No. 266

CARIBBEAN AND NORTH ATLANTIC TERRITORIES

The British Guiana (Special Service Unit) Order 1964

Made - - - - *26th February* 1964
Coming into Operation *26th February* 1964

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 26th day of February 1964

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the power reserved to Her in pursuance of the British Guiana Act 1928 (a) by section 22 of the British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council 1961 (b) (hereinafter called " the principal Order ") is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation, and interpretation.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the British Guiana (Special Service Unit) Order 1964.

(2) The provisions of article 115 of the Constitution set out in the Annex to the principal Order (hereinafter called " the Constitution ") shall apply for the purpose of interpreting this Order as they apply for the purpose of interpreting the principal Order.

Establishment of Special Service Unit.

2.—(1) There shall be for British Guiana a force which shall be styled the Special Service Unit.

(2) The Special Service Unit shall be constituted in such manner as may be prescribed by the Governor by regulations and (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) such regulations may make provision for—

(*a*) the number and ranks of the members of the Unit;

(*b*) the appointment, disciplinary control and dismissal of members of the Unit;

(*c*) the emoluments and other terms of service of members of the Unit, including pensions, gratuities and other like benefits for members of the Unit or their widows, children, dependants or personal representatives;

(*d*) the organisation, administration and equipment of the Unit;

(*e*) the setting aside or acquisition of land or other property for the use of the Unit;

(*f*) the training of members of the Unit; and

(*g*) the functions of the Unit and the duties, powers and immunities of members of the Unit.

(3) Regulations made under this article may provide that members of any naval, military or air force raised under a law of the Legislature or members of the Police Force shall be permitted, or may be required, to serve in the Special Service Unit (whether as members thereof or otherwise) upon such terms and conditions as may be specified in such regulations or any instrument made thereunder.

(a) 18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 5. (b) S.I. 1961/1188 (1961 II, p. 2152).

(4) Regulations made under this article may provide that the provisions of any law in force in British Guiana shall apply in relation to the Special Service Unit or any member thereof or his dependants, as the case may be, with such adaptations, modifications, qualifications and exceptions (if any) as may be specified in such regulations or any instrument made thereunder.

(5) Part I of the Constitution shall have effect as if references therein to a defence force or the Police Force included references to the Special Service Unit.

(6) Service as a member of the Special Service Unit shall, for the purposes of the Constitution and this article, be service in a public office whether or not it is service in a civil capacity :

Provided that the provisions of article 96 of the Constitution shall not apply in relation to the appointment, dismissal and disciplinary control of members of the Unit.

(7) The power vested in the Governor by article 107(1) of the Constitution shall, in the case of an award payable in respect of the services of any person who was, immediately before the date on which he ceased to hold public office, serving as a member of the Special Service Unit, be exercised by him in his discretion.

Governor's directions.

3.—(1) The Governor may give such directions to the officer commanding the Special Service Unit concerning the Unit as he shall think fit and that officer shall comply with such directions or cause them to be complied with.

(2) The Governor may direct that the Special Service Unit, or any component or member of that Unit, shall be attached (whether for purposes of command or for any other purpose) to any of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces in British Guiana or to the Police Force and may give to the officer commanding any force to which the Unit or any component or member thereof may be attached such directions concerning the Unit or that component or member, as the case may be, as he shall think fit and that officer shall comply with such directions or cause them to be complied with.

Financial provision.

4. If the Governor certifies by warrant under his hand that any sum of money required for the purpose of meeting any expenditure in relation to the Special Service Unit is, in his opinion, necessary for such purpose, that sum of money shall be a charge on the revenues of British Guiana and accordingly shall be statutory expenditure for the purposes of Part VII of the Constitution.

Governor's powers.

5. The powers of the Governor under this Order shall be exercised by him in his discretion.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order provides for the establishment of a Special Service Unit for British Guiana.