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CHAPTER 62.

An Act to give effect to Agreements on the part of Members of Volunteer Corps to attend Drills or undergo training or perform military duty. A.D. 1916

[22nd December 1916.]

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Power of volunteers to enter into special agreements as to training and service.

1.—(1) It shall be lawful for His Majesty to accept the offer of any member of a volunteer corps to enter into an agreement that for a period not exceeding the duration of the present war he will attend such drills and undergo such training, or undertake such military duties in Great Britain (or both) as may be provided in the agreement.

(2) If a member of a volunteer corps who has entered into any such agreement fails to comply with the terms thereof he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, whether otherwise subject to military law or not, to be taken into military custody and to be dealt with, tried and punished as if he had committed the offence of absence without leave under the Army Act.

(3) A volunteer who has entered into any such agreement shall, during the continuance of the agreement, while engaged in any drill exercise or training, or while performing any military duty, be subject to military law as a soldier, and the Army Act shall apply accordingly.

(4) An officer of a volunteer corps who has entered into any such agreement shall, during the continuance of the agreement, be subject to military law as an officer, and the Army Act shall apply accordingly.

(5) Section seven of the Volunteer Act, 1863 (which enables a volunteer to quit his corps on certain conditions, except when on actual military service), shall not apply to a volunteer who has entered into any such agreement as aforesaid so long as the 26 & 27 Vict. c. 65.

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agreement is in force; but any volunteer officer or volunteer who has entered into any such agreement may be released or discharged from his agreement by such authority as may be specified in the agreement.

Short title and construction. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 81. 58 & 59 Vict. c. 23. 60 & 61 Vict. c. 47. 63 & 64 Vict. c. 39.

2. This Act may be cited as the Volunteer Act, 1916, and shall be construed as one with the Volunteer Act, 1863; and the Volunteer Act, 1863, the Volunteer Act, 1869, the Volunteer Act, 1895, the Volunteer Act, 1897, the Volunteer Act, 1900, and this Act may be cited together as the Volunteer Acts, 1863 to 1916.

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