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## REGULATIONS

Regs. 14 of  
1951.  
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*made by the Governor under section 50 on the 1st June, 1951, and  
amended on the 15th March, 1952.*

Short title.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Militia Band Regulations.

Interpreta-  
tion.

2. In these regulations—

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“Adjutant” means the person appointed to be Staff Officer and Adjutant under section 8 of the Volunteer Ordinance;

“non-commissioned officer” means a band sergeant, band corporal or band lance-corporal.

## PART I.—UNIFORM.

Equipment.

3. (1) The following equipment shall be supplied free of cost to non-commissioned officers, band privates and apprentices—

(a) on enrolment—

1 coat (waterproof), 1 cap (blue), 1 dress cord, 1 belt (white), 1 pair of wings, 2 pairs trousers (blue), 4 tunics (white), 4 shirts (khaki), 4 pairs of shorts (khaki), 1 pair of hose tops (khaki), 2 pairs of puttees (short, khaki), 2 pairs of boots, 2 badges (cap), 2 badges (collar), 2 badges (arm), 2 pairs of titles (shoulder), 11 buttons (small with rings), 5 buttons (large with rings), 1 cap (S.D. Drab);

(b) additional to apprentices—

2 pairs of shorts (gymnasium), 2 vests (white gymnasium), 1 pair of shoes (gymnasium);

(c) additional to every non-commissioned officer on appointment as such—

2 sets of chevrons.

(2) Non-commissioned officers, band privates and apprentices shall provide underwear and other necessaries at their own expense.

(3) The following articles shall be issued free of cost to every warrant officer on appointment as such—

1 Sam Browne belt, 1 sword belt, 2 pairs of stockings, 1 gold dress cord, 1 tunic (blue).

Replace-  
ments.

4. (1) Non-commissioned officers, band privates, and apprentices—All clothing and equipment supplied under regulation 3 (1) and (3) above shall be replaced when necessary,

free of charge, provided such replacement becomes necessary through fair wear and tear.

(2) Warrant Officers—As in (1) above except that every Warrant Officer shall receive an annual boot allowance, which shall be in the discretion of the Commandant, in lieu of issue of boots.

#### PART II.—LEAVE.

5. (1) Every member of the band shall be entitled to 21 days' Leave. leave on full pay each year at such time as may be fixed by the Commandant.

(2) Every member of the band other than the bandmaster may, after 5 years service, be granted 3 months' vacation leave by the Commandant, but where such leave is to be spent outside of the Colony, the Commandant shall notify the Governor.

(3) The bandmaster may on special grounds grant leave not exceeding 7 days in any year to a member of the band in addition to his annual leave, but such leave shall be deducted from any leave granted to such member of the band under sub-regulation (2) of this regulation.

6. (1) Sick leave will be granted on the production of a Sick leave certificate of a Government medical officer for a period not exceeding 28 days in any year. On the expiration of the aforementioned period, vacation leave on full pay not exceeding 3 months may be granted by the Commandant, where such illness has not been caused by misconduct, upon the production of a medical certificate signed by a Government medical officer. Such further leave shall be deducted from any leave to which such member of the band may be entitled or may become entitled under sub-regulation (2) of regulation 5 of these regulations.

(2) The Commandant may upon the expiration of the sick leave of a member of the band, where the illness is a result of any injury, ailment or disease arising out of and in the course of the duty of such member, grant additional sick leave on full pay for such further period as he may think fit.

(3) The Commandant may in his discretion grant extensions of leave on the ground of ill health on the production of a medical certificate signed by a Government medical officer in the following circumstances, that is to say—

(a) in the case of a member of the band with 20 or more years' service, an extension of leave with full pay not exceeding 6 months;

(b) in the case of a member of the band with less than 20 years' service, an extension of leave with full pay not exceeding 3 months, and

(c) where there is reason to believe that the member of the band will ultimately be fit for further service, he may be granted a further extension of leave with half salary for a period not exceeding 3 months.

(4) Any member of the band unable to attend parade on account of sickness shall notify the bandmaster as soon as possible and shall produce a medical certificate from a Government medical officer within 24 hours.

Rest day.

7. The band may be given one rest day of 24 hours by the bandmaster in any week following any public Sunday performance in Georgetown.

PART III.—BAND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Private entertainments.

8. The band or any part thereof may, with the approval of the Commandant, play at any private entertainment, but, subject as aforesaid, no members of the band shall play at any private house or for any private person without the permission in writing of the bandmaster.

Public entertainments.

9. No member of the band shall, otherwise than in the course of his duty, play at any public entertainment without the approval of the Commandant.

Fees.

10. The following fees shall be charged by the Commandant in respect of the performance of the band at any entertainment—

	For the first 2 hours.	For 3 hours.	For every hour or part of an hour in excess of 3 hours.
For the whole band ... ..	\$60	\$90	\$15
For half the band ... ..	\$45	\$67-50	\$11-25
For 8 men or under ... ..	\$30	\$45	\$ 7-50

The Commandant may in his discretion reduce the above fees in the case of any charitable entertainment or in the case of a series of engagements.

Band account book.

11. The Commandant shall cause to be kept a book, to be called the "Band Account Book" in which shall be entered all fees paid from time to time in respect of the band, and the

amounts payable from time to time to each member of the band under these regulations, supported by signed pay-sheets.

12. (1) (a) Fees shall be distributed as follows—

Division of fees.

to the band fine fund	...	...	...	...	...	10%
to the bandmaster	...	...	...	...	...	10%
to the band	...	...	...	...	...	80%

The percentage allocated to the band shall be divided into 12 shares; the warrant officer shall be paid one share, if he was present and took part in the entertainment and the remainder shall be divided equally amongst the non-commissioned officers, band privates and apprentices. Where the warrant officer is not present at any entertainment, his share shall be divided equally amongst the ranks taking part;

(b) the percentage paid to the band fine fund shall be credited to the income of the fund;

(c) the percentage payable to the bandmaster shall be paid to him whether or not he was present at the entertainment;

(d) the bandmaster shall be responsible for the equal allocation of the shares payable to the non-commissioned officers, band privates and apprentices.

(2) Travelling expenses (including subsistence allowances) shall be charged in addition to the fees specified where the band is engaged to play at private entertainments outside of Georgetown.

#### PART IV.—DISCIPLINE.

13. All breaches of the regulations by non-commissioned officers or band privates or apprentices shall be investigated by the Commandant or Adjutant.

Investigation of breaches.

14. Any non-commissioned officer, band private or apprentice who commits any of the following offences shall be deemed to have committed a breach of the regulations and be amenable to the punishment laid down for such breach—

Offences.

(a) insubordination;

(b) disobedience of lawful orders given him by his superior in rank whether verbally or in writing;

(c) is disrespectful in word, act, or demeanour to his superior in rank;

(d) is inattentive on parade, or misbehaves himself on parade;

(e) is late for parade;

(f) parades for duty dirty or untidy in his person, instruments, clothing or accoutrements;

(g) drunkenness; or

(h) conduct or neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline.

Punishment  
by Com-  
mandant.

15. For any breach of regulation 14 the Commandant may—

(a) in the case of a non-commissioned officer—

(1) reduce him in rank, or

(2) admonish, reprimand or severely reprimand him; and

(b) In the case of a band private—

(1) impose on him a fine, not exceeding at any one time five days' pay;

(2) order his confinement to barracks for any term not exceeding fourteen days;

(3) impose a fine and confinement to barracks as in (1) and (2);

(4) admonish, reprimand or severely reprimand him.

Punishment  
by Adjutant.

16. For any breach of paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (h) of regulation 14 by a band private or apprentice the Adjutant may award the following punishments—

(a) impose on him a fine not exceeding at any one time one day's pay; or

(b) order his confinement to barracks for any time not exceeding seven days.

Confinement  
to barracks.

17. Every person confined to barracks shall undertake all duties in regular turn, and shall attend parades, and shall be liable to be employed on duties or fatigues at the discretion of the Commandant.

Stoppages.

18. All fines imposed under these regulations shall be recovered by stoppages from the offender's pay, but except in the case of a member who is dismissed or leaving the band by resignation, not more than one-third of the monthly pay of any member of the band shall be deducted from his salary during one month for the payment of fines imposed on him. If the fines inflicted on any band private or apprentice during any one month exceeds one-third of his monthly salary, the amount due for such fines over and above one-third of such salary shall be deducted in like proportion for such succeeding months until

the whole of such fines are paid. Fines due by members who are dismissed or leaving the band will be stopped from the pay of such men in respect of their last month.

19. The bandmaster is empowered to award extra practice to any member of the band who, in his opinion, is not proficient in playing his instrument or in sounding the bugle calls. Such extra practice shall not exceed one and a half hours a day for a period at any one time not exceeding seven days.

Extra practices.

20. Non-commissioned officers, band privates or apprentices shall have the right of appeal—

Right of appeal.

(a) to the Governor against a decision by the Commandant;

(b) to the Commandant against a decision by the Adjutant or the bandmaster and may further appeal to the Governor if dissatisfied with the Commandant's finding in the appeal from the Adjutant's decision;

(c) any appeal to the Governor against a decision of the Commandant shall be forwarded to the Governor without delay.

21. (1) Any member of the band who has just cause of complaint may complain thereof to the Commandant through the bandmaster and if he is aggrieved by any decision of the Commandant, either in respect of his complaint not being redressed, or in respect of any other matter, he may complain thereof in writing to the Governor. In every case the complaint shall be forwarded through the Commandant.

Redress of wrongs.

(2) No member of the band shall be permitted to complain on behalf of another, nor shall any member of the band write for, or dictate to another any complaint to which he is not himself a party.

(3) Any letter of complaint addressed to the Governor through the Commandant shall be forwarded to the Governor without delay.

#### PART V.—BAND FINE FUND.

22. All fines imposed on the members of the band and the authorised percentage of band fees shall be paid by the Commandant into the Post Office Savings Bank, to the credit of an account entitled "The Militia Band Fine Fund."

All fines to be paid into the Post Office Savings Bank.

23. There shall be two accounts, the capital account and the income account. The balances on hand on the 31st December, 1951, shall be carried forward to their respective accounts.

Capital and Income Account.

Half of the fines levied in every year shall be carried to the capital account. The income account shall consist of the authorised percentage of band fees and of half the fines levied in the preceding year and an unexpected balance in one year may be carried forward to the next.

Application  
of the Fund.

24. The income of the Fund may be applied by the Commandant as follows—

(a) to the cost of the upkeep of recreation rooms, sporting outfits and amusements for members of the band;

(b) to grants to entertainments for members of the band;

(c) to providing books and papers for libraries for members of the band;

(d) in such other manner for the benefit of the members of the band as the Commandant may from time to time direct.

Governor  
may  
authorise.

25. When the income account of the Fund is insufficient to provide a grant required under the preceding regulation, the Governor may authorise the necessary amount being expended from the capital account.

Accounts  
to be made  
up not later  
than 31st  
January in  
each year.

26. An account of the receipts and payments made up to 31st December, together with the Post Office Savings Bank book and all vouchers, shall be submitted not later than the 31st January to the Director of Audit. The audited statement shall then be laid before the Governor.

#### PART VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Subsistence  
allowance.

27. Apprentices shall receive subsistence allowance at the same rate as band privates.

Apprentices.

28. Any apprentice who has served not less than seven years and has attained the age of twenty-one years may on the recommendation of the bandmaster be enrolled as a band private provided however that the total number of band privates and apprentices shall not exceed that stated on the estimates.

Increments.

29. The Commandant shall be empowered to grant additional increments to band privates with long service who show special zeal and proficiency provided that no band private shall be granted more than one special increment in any one year.