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## PREFATORY

This book consists of the paragraphs of the Army Regulations that are applicable to Line officers in particular, especially those just entering the service, and, with certain additions, are the same as the paragraphs constituting the course in Army Regulations taught newly appointed officers at the Army Service Schools, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The questions in the back of the book bring out and emphasize every point mentioned in every paragraph, and thus enable one, as nothing else will, to master the text, and, by self-examination, himself test his knowledge of Army Regulations.

It is recommended that you keep this book posted up to date, by subscribing to "ARMY CHANGES," published quarterly (January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1), which gives all the changes, not only in the Army Regulations, but also in the Drill Regulations, Field Service Regulations, Manual for Courts-Martial, Small-Arms Firing Manual, and about thirty (30) other War Department publications, from the respective dates of their publication to the date of publication of the last number of "ARMY CHANGES." (Publishers: George Banta Publishing Co., Menasha, Wis., Annual subscription, \$1.50; single copies, 50 cents postpaid.)

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## ARMY REGULATIONS\*

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*(The numbers in parentheses that follow the paragraphs are the paragraph numbers of the Army Regulations.)*

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

**1. Importance of knowing Army Regulations.** The Army Regulations may be called "the officer's bible,"—it is the book whose provisions and instructions guide and govern his daily acts more than all other books, orders and instructions put together. Hence, every officer should know the Army Regulations, especially such parts as directly affect his position, duties, and responsibilities. The Army Regulations are essentially a book of reference, to which the Army officer is constantly referring. (Author)

**2. How to learn Army Regulations.** The best way really to learn the Army Regulations is to refer to them constantly, always looking up and studying the provisions bearing on various matters as they come up from time to time in the administration of the Army. For example, if going on leave, look up the Regulations to see the provisions affecting an officer going on leave; if a soldier of your company dies, refer to the Regulations to see what the company commander is required to do; if a man deserts, see what the Army Regulations prescribes in the way of reports, disposal of effects left behind, etc. This is the way officers and others who know the Army Regulations best learn them. (Author)

**3. Army Regulations cover only part of Army administration.** As important, and as useful and as far reaching as are the Army Regulations, they cover only a part of Army administration, the rest of

(1) The Army Regulations, Drill Regulations, Field Service Regulations, Small Arms Firing Manual, Manual for Courts-Martial and Tables of Organization, are being constantly amended. "ARMY CHANGES," published quarterly by George Banta Publishing Company, Menasha, Wis., gives all the changes not only in the books named, but also in about thirty other War Department publications. In order, therefore, for you to be familiar with the latest changes in all the War Department publications covered in this book, it is recommended that you subscribe to "ARMY CHANGES" or get a copy of the last number. Subscription, \$1.50 a year; single copies, \$0.50.



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which is covered in orders, bulletins, official publications and special instructions from the heads of the various staff departments.

"ARMY PAPERWORK," by the author (Geo. Banta Publishing Co., Menasha, Wis., \$2.00), covers the subject of Army administration in a comprehensive, practical, concrete way, giving, amongst other things, numerous "models" of letters, indorsements, reports, returns, discharges, final statements, pay rolls, muster rolls, etc. The book is recommended to anyone wishing to get a practical working knowledge of Army administration. (Author)

#### MILITARY DISCIPLINE

**4. Obedience and execution of orders.** All persons in the military service are required to obey strictly and to execute promptly the lawful orders of their superiors. (1)

**5. Exercise of military authority; punishments.** Military authority will be exercised with firmness, kindness and justice. Punishments must conform to law and follow offences as promptly as circumstances will permit. (2)

**6. Conduct of superiors towards subordinates.** Superiors are forbidden to injure those under their authority by tyrannical or capricious conduct or by abusive language. (3)

**7. Treatment of enlisted men.** While maintaining discipline and the thorough and prompt performance of military duty, all officers, in dealing with enlisted men, will bear in mind the absolute necessity of so treating them as to preserve their self-respect. Officers will keep in as close touch as possible with men under their command and will strive to build up such relations of confidence and sympathy as will insure the free approach of the men to them for counsel and assistance. This relationship may be gained and maintained without relaxation of the bonds of discipline and with great benefit to the service as a whole. (3)

**8. Courtesy; respect to superiors.** Courtesy among military men is indispensable to discipline; respect to superiors will not be confined to obedience on duty, but will be extended on all occasions. (4)

**9. Deliberations conveying praise or censure.** Deliberations or discussions among military men conveying praise or censure, or any remark of approbation, toward others in the military service; and all publications relating to private or personal transactions between officers, are prohibited. (5)

10. **Use of influence.** Efforts to influence legislation affecting the Army, or to procure personal favor or consideration, should never be made except through regular military channels; the adoption of any other method by any officer or enlisted man will be noted in the military record of those concerned. (5)

#### RANK AND PRECEDENCE OF OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

11. **Military rank.** Military rank is that character or quality bestowed on military persons which marks their station, and confers eligibility to exercise command or authority in the military service within the limits prescribed by law. It is divided into degrees or grades, which mark the relative positions and powers of the different classes of persons possessing it. (7)

12. **Rank, how held.** Rank is generally held by virtue of office in an arm of the service, corps, or department, but may be conferred independently of office, as is the case of retired officers and of those holding it by brevet. (8)

13. **Grades of rank.** The following are the grades of rank of officers and noncommissioned officers with whom Reserve Infantry officers come in contact give the most.

1. Lieutenant general.
2. Major general.
3. Brigadier general.
4. Colonel.
5. Lieutenant colonel.
6. Major.
7. Captain.
8. First lieutenant.
9. Second lieutenant.
10. Aviator, Signal Corps.
11. Regimental sergeant-major.
12. Regimental supply sergeant.
13. Battalion sergeant-major.
14. First sergeant.
15. Color sergeant.
16. Sergeant; supply sergeant, company; mess sergeant.
17. Corporal.

In each grade and subgrade date of commission, appointment, or warrant determines the order of precedence. (9)

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**14. Precedence of Regular Army, Organized Militia, and Volunteer Officers.** Officers of the same grade of the Regular Army, of the Organized Militia in the service of the United States, and of Volunteers take precedence in the order named. Officers of the Marine Corps, when detached for service with the Army by order of the President and while serving with the Army under that order, are upon equal footing with officers of the Regular Army and take precedence in each grade by date of commission. (10)

#### COMMAND

**15. Command, how exercised.** Command is exercised by virtue of office and the special assignment of officers holding military rank who are eligible by law to exercise command. Without orders from competent authority an officer can not put himself on duty by virtue of his commission alone, except as contemplated in the 68th and 120th Articles of War. (13)

**16. Commands appropriate to grades.** The following are the commands appropriate to each grade:

1. For a captain, a company.
2. For a major, a battalion.
3. For colonel, a regiment.
4. For a brigadier general, a brigade.
5. For a major general, a division. (14)

**17. Designation "company" defined.** The designation "company," as used in these regulations, applies to troops of cavalry, batteries of field artillery, and to companies and bands of all arms and corps. The designation "battalion" applies in like manner to squadrons of cavalry. (15)

**18. Functions devolving upon officer acting in place of another.** The functions assigned to any officer in these regulations by title of office devolve upon the officer acting in his place, except when otherwise specified. (16)

**19. Officer in temporary command not to alter orders.** An officer in temporary command shall not, except in urgent cases, alter or annul the standing orders of the permanent commander without authority from the next higher commander. (16)

**20. Duties of officer succeeding to command.** An officer who succeeds to any command or duty stands in regard to his duties in the same situation as his predecessor. (17)