

prison as defined by Section 65 of this Act."

7. Section 153 shall be amended as follows:—

(a) For the words "any airman," "an airman," and "such airman," wherever those words occur, there shall be substituted respectively the words "any officer or airman," "an officer or airman," and "such officer or airman."

(b) After the word "desert," wherever that word occurs, there shall be inserted the words "or absent himself without leave," after the word "deserting" there shall be inserted the words "or absenting himself without leave," and after the word "deserter" there shall be inserted the words "or absentee without leave."

8. Sub-section (1) of Section 156 shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For the words "an officer or airman or any person acting on his behalf" in paragraph (a), and for the words "an officer or airman" in paragraphs (b) and (c) there shall be substituted the words "any person":

(2) After the words "or clothing" there shall be inserted the words "issued for the use of officers or airmen":

(3) For the words "or of the person with whom he dealt being or acting for an airman, or that the same was sold by order of the Air Council or some competent Air Force authority," there shall be substituted the words "or that the same was sold by order or with the consent of the Air Council, or some competent Air Force Authority, or that the same was the personal property of an officer who had retired or ceased to be an officer, or of an airman who had been discharged, or of the legal personal representatives of an officer or airman who had died."

In Sub-section (2) of Section 156, for the words "to a penalty not exceeding five pounds" there shall be substituted the words "to the same penalties as are prescribed in the case of a contravention of the last preceding Sub-section."

9. After Section 156 the following Section shall be inserted:—

"156A. If—

(a) any unauthorized person uses or wears any Air Force decoration or medal, or medal ribbon, or any badge, wound stripe, or emblem supplied or authorized by the Air Council, or any decoration, medal, or medal ribbon, badge, wound stripe or emblem so nearly resembling the same as to be calculated to deceive; or

(b) any person falsely represents himself to be a person who is or has been entitled to use or wear any such decoration, medal, or medal ribbon, badge, wound stripe, or emblem as aforesaid; or

(c) any person without lawful authority or excuse supplies or offers to supply any such decoration or medal as aforesaid to any person not authorized to use or wear the same;

such person shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months:

"Provided that nothing in this Section shall be deemed to prohibit the wearing or supply of ordinary regimental badges or any trooch or ornament representing the same."

10. In paragraph (j) of Sub-section (1) of Section 163 the words "or by whom the arrest" and the words "or arrest" shall be omitted.

11. The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (3A) of Section 175:—

"(3A) Officers of the auxiliary Air Force, other than members of the permanent staff, if on the active list at all times, and if on the auxiliary air force reserve, at any time when they are doing duty with any body of the Air Force for the time being subject to air force law or are ordered on any duty or service for which as such reserve officers they are liable."

12. Section 179A shall be amended as follows:—

The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (a) of Sub-section (2):—

"(a) a general court-martial for the trial of any such naval officer, petty officer, or seaman, shall not be convened except by the Admiralty or by an officer authorized by a warrant from the Admiralty in pursuance of this Section."

In paragraph (b) of Sub-section (2) the words "non-commissioned officer" and the words "or soldier" shall be omitted and the word "or" shall be inserted before the word "seaman."

The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (d) of Sub-section (2):—

"(d) The findings and sentences of any general court-martial for the trial of any such officer, petty officer, non-commissioned officer, seaman, or soldier may be confirmed, in the case of an officer, petty officer or seaman of the naval forces, by the Admiralty or by any officer authorized by a warrant from the Admiralty in pursuance of this Section, and in the case of an officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier of the military forces by His Majesty or by an officer authorized to confirm the findings and sentences of general courts-martial under the Army Act, and not otherwise, except that when such officer, petty officer, non-commissioned officer, seaman, or soldier while subject to this Act is serving beyond the seas with any body of the Air Force and in the opinion of the General or other officer commanding that body (such opinion to be stated in the confirmation and to be conclusive) there is not present any officer authorized to confirm the findings and sentences of general courts-martial under a warrant from the Admiralty issued in pursuance of this Section or under the Army Act, as the case may be, the findings and sentences may be confirmed by a general or other officer authorized to confirm the findings and sentences of general courts-martial under this Act."

After paragraph (g) the following paragraph shall be inserted:—

"(h) The power of a court-martial to inflict on an officer the punishment of forfeiture of seniority of rank shall include power to inflict a punishment of forfeiture of seniority of rank in the army or any corps thereof or both."

At the end of the Section the following new Section shall be inserted:—

"179B. In the application of this Act to officers of His Majesty's naval forces who are subject to Air Force law, the power of a court-martial to inflict the punishment of forfeiture of seniority of rank shall include