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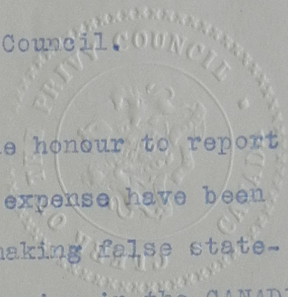
DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE

OTTAWA,..... May 1, 1917.

To -

His Excellency

The Governor-General in Council



The undersigned has the honour to report that many difficulties and much expense have been incurred in consequence of men making false statements when being attested for service in the CANADIAN OVERSEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, and begs to recommend, therefore, that the following regulations be made and enacted under the provisions of the WAR MEASURES ACT, 1914:-

1. Any person making any false statement in any Attestation Paper when being examined or being attested for service in the CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable, upon summary conviction, under Part XV of the Criminal Code, to imprisonment with or without hard labour for any term not exceeding six months.
2. The production of an Attestation Paper purporting to have been signed by the accused shall be prime facie evidence that the answers therein contained were made by the accused when being examined or being attested for service in the CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.
3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Criminal Code, or in any other Act or Law, any Justice of the Peace, Police or Stipendiary Magistrate shall have jurisdiction to hear, try and determine any charge preferred under Section 1 herein, although the offence may have been committed or be charged to have been committed outside the territorial division in which such Justice, Police or Stipendiary Magistrate ordinarily has or exercises his jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted:

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