

Army Act 1955

CHAPTER 18

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3 He shall then ask that person to make and sign								
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- 5 The instructions of the Defence Council referred to in paragraph...
- 6 In the foregoing provisions of this Schedule the expression "damage"...
- 7 Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule shall apply...
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FIFTH SCHEDULE — Civilians outside the United Kingdom subject to Part II when not on Active Service

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- 3 Persons belonging to or employed by any other organisation so...
- 4 Persons who, for the purposes of their profession, businessor...
- 5 Persons forming part of the family of members of any...
- 6 Persons forming part of the family of persons falling within...
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- 2 (1) In this Schedule— "community supervision order" has the meaning...

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3 (1) The court by which a civilian is found guilty...

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4 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (4) below, where a civilian

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17 (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision...

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- 1 (1) As respects the punishment of a person subject to...
- 2 For the purposes of the provisions of this Act relating...

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- 5 In proceedings under this Act against a person subject to...
- 6 In the application of this Act to a person subject...
- 7 In relation to a person subject to military law as...
- 8 In the application of sections one hundred and forty-four and...
- 9 Sections one hundred and fifty to one hundred and fifty-two...
- 10 In this Schedule—(a) references to a person's own service...

SEVENTH — Provisions as to Royal Marines SCHEDULE Part I — ENLISTMENT, SERVICE AND DISCHARGE The provisions of the six following paragraphs shall have effect... 2, 3 (1) The provisions of this and the two next following... 4 4A (1) This paragraph applies to a marine serving in the... 4B(1) If it appears to Her Majesty that national danger... 5 (1) The following provisions shall have effect as to the... 5A Subsections (1) and (2) of section three, 7 Section eighteen shall have effect, in relation to men of... 8

10 In this Part of this Schedule references to a marine...

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18	In the provisions of this Act relating to forfeitures of
19	Except to the extent that they are applied by paragraph
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