



Armed Forces Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 52

PART II

TRIAL AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES

Court-martial procedure

11 Proof at courts-martial by written statement

The amendments specified in Schedule 5 to this Act shall have effect for the purpose of rendering admissible as evidence at courts-martial under the Army Act 1955 and the Air Force Act 1955 written statements made by the persons mentioned in that Schedule.

12 Exemption of certain persons from duty to take oath at court-martial

(1) In section 93(1) of the Army Act 1955 and section 93(1) of the Air Force Act 1955 (administration of oaths):—

- (a) after the word " person " there shall be inserted the words " , other than an exempted person, "; and
- (b) the words " shorthand writer " shall cease to have effect.

(2) The following subsection shall be added after each of those subsections:—

“(1A) In subsection (1) above " exempted person " means any person appointed under section 30 of the Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 1951 (assistants to Judge Advocate General) who is acting as judge advocate at the court-martial and was appointed so to act either by or on behalf of the Judge Advocate General or by the convening officer.”.

(3) In section 60(1) of the Naval Discipline Act 1957 (administration of oaths) the words " for the purpose of reporting or transcribing the proceedings or " shall cease to have effect.