



Army Act 1955 (repealed)

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PART V

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Offences relating to military matters punishable by civil courts

197 Unauthorised use of and dealing in decorations, etc.

- (1) Any person who, in the United Kingdom or in any colony,—
- without authority uses or wears any military decoration, or any badge, wound stripe or emblem supplied or authorised by [^{F1}the Defence Council], or
 - uses or wears any decoration, badge, wound stripe, or emblem so nearly resembling any military decoration, or any such badge, stripe or emblem as aforesaid, as to be calculated to deceive, or
 - falsely represents himself to be a person who is or has been entitled to use or wear any such decoration, badge, stripe or emblem as is mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection,

shall be guilty of an offence against this section:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the use or wearing of ordinary regimental badges or of brooches or ornaments representing them.

- (2) Any person who purchases or takes in pawn any naval, military or air-force decoration awarded to any member of Her Majesty's military forces, or solicits or procures any person to sell or pledge any such decoration, or acts for any person in the sale or pledging thereof, shall be guilty of an offence against this section unless he proves that at the time of the alleged offence the person to whom the decoration was awarded was dead or had ceased to be a member of those forces.
- (3) Any person guilty of an offence against this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F2}level 3 on the standard scale] or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such a fine and such imprisonment.

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Army Act 1955 (repealed), Section 197. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by S.I. 1964/488, **Sch. 1 Pt. I**
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **ss.38**, 46 and (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), **ss. 289F**, 289G and (N.I.) S.I.1984/703 (N.I.3), **arts. 5**, 6

Textual Amendments applied to the whole legislation

- F1** Act: the provisions of the 1955 Acts providing for findings of courts-martial to be subject to confirmation and to revision at the direction of the confirming officer cease to have effect (1.4.1997 subject to art. 3 of the commencing S.I.) by virtue of 1996 c. 46, **s. 15**; S.I. 1997/304, arts. 2, 3, **Sch. 2**

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