

File 262
originals
[Crown copyright reserved.]

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

105/Gen. No./2331. (A.G. 3.)

WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.

12th January, 1917.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that they have had under consideration the question of the method of carrying out Field Punishment No. 1, with special reference to paragraphs 2 (b) and 2 (c) of the Rules for Field Punishment (Manual of Military Law, page 721), and they have decided that, with a view to standardizing the method in accordance with which a soldier may be attached to a fixed object, the following instructions will, in future, be strictly adhered to:—

With reference to paragraph 2 (b), the soldier must be attached so as to be standing firmly on his feet, which if tied, must not be more than twelve inches apart, and it must be possible for him to move each foot at least three inches. If he is tied round the body there must be no restriction of his breathing. If his arms or wrists are tied, there must be six inches of play between them and the fixed object. His arms must hang either by the side of his body or behind his back.

With reference to paragraph 2 (c), irons should be used when available, but straps or ropes may be used in lieu of them when necessary. Any straps or ropes used for this purpose must be of sufficient width that they inflict no bodily harm, and leave no permanent mark on the offender.

An illustration of a method of attachment which complies with these regulations is given overleaf.

I have the honour to be,

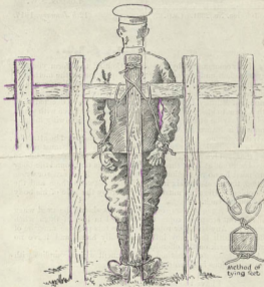
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Noted
Mr. Bussell
R. S. M.
R. W. Wade

To all General Officers Commanding-in-Chief, Abroad.

3 copies taken
(B17/762) 20000 1/17 HAS 4033wo



Method of tying feet

Br. S. M. and Police Sgt.
Please note & return
8/1/17. P. Tidman
Adj. 26 Dr.