

*Le 21 juillet 1945, par devant Victor Gosselin Carey, écuyer, Bailli, présents, etc.:*

**The Defence (Channel Islands) Regulations, 1945**

**Ordonnance dite "The Civilian Billeting Ordinance, 1945"**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Royal Court of the Island of Guernsey by the Emergency Powers (Channel Islands) Order in Council, 1944, the Royal Court, with the approval of the officer for the time being in Command of the Armed Forces in the Channel Islands and having heard the conclusions of H.M. Procureur, hereby orders that the following Defence Regulation hereby made shall be promulgated forthwith and take effect in the Island of Guernsey in accordance with Regulation one hundred and five of the Defence (Channel Islands) Regulations, 1944.

Billeting notices

22.—(1) Any person acting in the Island of Guernsey under the authority of the Housing Authority may serve upon the occupier of any premises a written notice (hereinafter referred to as "a billeting notice") requiring the occupier of the premises to furnish therein, while the notice remains in force, such accommodation by way of lodging or food or both, and either with or without attendance, as may be specified in the notice for such persons (not being members of the Armed Forces) as may be so specified.

Exclusive use of rooms

(2) Where a room in any premises is required by a billeting notice to be devoted exclusively to the accommodation of any person, then, notwithstanding anything in any contract, no other person shall be entitled to occupy the room so long as that requirement is in force.

Billeting Officer

(3) Any person having power to serve a billeting notice is hereinafter referred to as "a billeting officer."

Occupiers of premises to furnish information

(4) The occupier of any premises shall, if requested so to do by a billeting officer, furnish to such authority or person as may be specified in the request such information

with respect to the accommodation contained in the premises and with respect to the persons living therein, as may be so specified.

(5) The price payable in respect of any accommodation furnished in any premises to any person in accordance with the billeting notice shall be such as may be determined by Resolution of the Insular Government and shall be paid to the occupier of the premises by the Insular Government; and the amount so paid may be recovered by the Insular Government, as a civil debt, from that person or his personal representative or any person liable to maintain him.

Price payable  
for  
accommodation

(6) A billeting officer may revoke a billeting notice served by him or by a predecessor of his in office relating to any premises, without prejudice to the service of a further billeting notice relating to those premises; and the Housing Authority may by order direct that all billeting notices served by their authority and for the time being in force shall cease to have effect, either generally or as respects premises in a particular area.

Revocation of  
billeting  
notice

(7) Where—

- (a) a billeting notice is revoked or ceases to have effect under the last preceding paragraph, or
- (b) accommodation required by a billeting notice to be provided for any person ceases to be provided,

Surrender of  
billeting  
notice

the occupier of the premises to which the billeting notice relates shall forthwith surrender it to a billeting officer, who shall cancel or amend the notice, as the case may require.

(8) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with the requirements of a billeting notice or with any of the requirements of this Regulation, he shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Penalties

## Complaints

(9) The Royal Court, sitting as an Ordinary Court, shall hear complaints in respect of billeting notices and any person who is aggrieved by the service upon him of a billeting notice or by the operation of a billeting notice served upon him, may make a complaint to that Court by causing to be delivered at the Greffe a letter addressed to H.M. Greffier setting forth the nature of the complaint and having the billeting notice attached thereto; and upon hearing the complaint on such date and at such time as shall have been previously notified to that person and to the Housing Authority, the Court may confirm, cancel or vary the billeting notice as the Court thinks fit.

## Care of children

(10) It shall be the duty of the occupier of any premises in which accommodation for any child not accompanied by a person otherwise responsible for his care is so furnished as aforesaid to care for the child to the best of the occupier's ability.

## Service of billeting notice

(11) A billeting notice relating to any premises may, if it is not practicable to deliver it to the occupier of the premises, be served by delivering it to any person on the premises.

(12) This Regulation shall for all purposes be deemed to form part of the Defence (Channel Islands) Regulations, 1944.