

DISPOSAL BY CIVIL AUTHORITIES OF DESERTERS AND
ABSENTEES WITHOUT LEAVE.

"justice".

202. (1) For the purposes of this section "justice" means a justice as defined in the *Criminal Code*.

Powers of arrest on reasonable suspicion.

(2) Upon reasonable suspicion that a person is a deserter or absentee without leave, it shall be lawful for any constable, or if no constable can be immediately met with, for any officer, man or other person, to apprehend that suspected person and forthwith to bring him before a justice. 5

Issue of warrant.

(3) A justice, if he is satisfied by evidence on oath that a deserter or absentee without leave is, or is reasonably suspected to be, within his jurisdiction, may issue a warrant authorizing the deserter or absentee without leave to be apprehended and brought forthwith before him or any other justice. 10

Powers of justice.

(4) Where a person is brought before a justice charged with being a deserter or absentee without leave under this Act, that justice may examine into the case in like manner as if that person were brought before him accused of an indictable offence. 15

Disposal of suspected person.

(5) A justice, if satisfied either by evidence on oath or by the admission of a person brought before him under this section that he is a deserter or absentee without leave, shall cause him to be delivered into service custody in such manner as the justice may deem most expedient; and, until he can be so delivered, the justice may cause him to be held in civil custody for such time as appears to the justice reasonably necessary for the purpose of delivering him into service custody. 20 25

Verification of admission.

(6) Where a person has admitted that he is a deserter or absentee without leave and evidence of the truth or falsehood of the admission is not then forthcoming, the justice before whom that person is brought shall remand him for the purpose of obtaining information as to the truth or falsehood of the admission; and for that purpose the justice shall transmit to such authorities of the Canadian Forces as the Minister may prescribe, a report which shall contain such particulars and be in such form as may be prescribed by the Minister. 30 35

Remands.

(7) A justice, before whom a person is brought under this section, may from time to time remand that person for a period not exceeding eight days on each appearance before him, but the whole period during which a person is so remanded shall not be longer than appears to the justice reasonably necessary for the purpose of obtaining the information mentioned in subsection six. 40