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HANDBOOK OF MILITARY LAW. By Austin Wakeman Scott, Professor of Law, Harvard University. Cambridge, Harvard University, 1918, pp. vii, 104.

This small work is designed for use by the Students' Army Training Corps, in a three months' college course in Military Law, because of the limited supply of the government Manual for Courts Martial, the too detailed character of that work, and the too meager character of Wambaugh's Guide to the Articles of War.

The chapters are: Introduction; courts martial; military offenses; miscellaneous provisions of the Articles of War; the selective service law; and judicial decisions.

Substantially the whole of the book, except the last two chapters, consists of quotations from the Articles of War, and from the Manual for Courts Martial, with an occasional quotation from some other source. On page 15, is given a form for the appointment of a court-martial, which is not found in the Manual. The chapter on military offenses gives the substance of what the Manual says constitutes each offense, under each Article of War. Articles of War 52, 53, 57, and 112, are given as amended July 9, 1918. The amendments of May 16, May 20, and August 31, 1918, of the selective service law are given. Under "Judicial Decisions" are given: *Ex parte Falls*, 251 Fed. 415, holding that an employee of the quartermaster's department, assigned as chief cook on a United States transport, and who deserted just before the transport sailed, was "serving with the army of the United States in the field," and was subject to military law under Article 2, and to trial by court-martial. *Cox v. Wood*, 247 U. S. 3, holding that a drafted man could be employed in foreign service, and the power of Congress to raise and support armies and use them where needed, was not limited by the provision for calling out the militia to execute the laws, suppress insurrection, and repel invasion. These are the only decisions given.

Aside from the convenience of having the amendments to the Selective Service Law, and to the Articles of War, together, the only justification for the publication of this Handbook, is the shortage of the supply of the government Manual for Courts-Martial.

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