



Army and Air Force Act 1961

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Extension of penal Provisions of Army Act, 1955, to Acts and Omissions relating to Aircraft and aircraft Material

31 Extension of section 24 of Army Act, 1955, to offences relating to aircraft

(1) Subsection (1) of section twenty-four of the Army Act, 1955, shall have effect as if, after paragraph (e) thereof, there were inserted the following:—

“or

- (f) gives any false air signal or alters or interferes with any air signal or any apparatus for giving an air signal, or
- (g) when ordered by his superior officer, or otherwise under orders, to carry out any warlike operations in the air fails to use his utmost exertions to carry such orders into effect, or
- (h) causes the capture or destruction by the enemy of any of Her Majesty's aircraft”.

(2) In subsection (2) of the said section twenty-four (which provides for the punishment, with imprisonment or any less punishment provided by the said Act, of persons subject to military law who, without intent to assist the enemy but knowingly and without lawful excuse, do any of the acts specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (1) of that section), for the reference to those paragraphs there shall be substituted a reference to paragraphs (a) to (g) of that subsection.

(3) At the end of the said section there shall be added the following subsection:—

- “(3) Any person subject to military law who negligently causes the capture or destruction by the enemy of any of Her Majesty's aircraft shall, on conviction by court-martial, be liable to imprisonment or any less punishment provided by this Act”.