

## APPENDIX B

### THE SALVATION ARMY'S ARTICLES OF WAR

HAVING received with all my heart the salvation offered to me by the tender mercy of Jehovah, I do here and now publicly acknowledge God to be my Father and King, Jesus Christ to be my Saviour, and the Holy Spirit to be my Guide, Comforter, and Strength; and that I will, by His help, love, serve, worship, and obey this glorious God through time and through eternity,

BELIEVING solemnly that the Salvation Army has been raised up by God, and is sustained and directed by Him, I do here declare my full determination, by God's help, to be a true Soldier of the Army till I die.

I am thoroughly convinced of the truth of the Army's teaching.

I believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and conversion by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation, and that all men may be saved.

I believe that we are saved by grace, through faith in our

Lord Jesus Christ, and he that believeth hath the witness of it in himself. I have got it. Thank God!

I believe that the Scriptures were given by inspiration of God, and that they teach that not only does continuance in the favour of God depend upon continued faith in and obedience to Christ, but that it is possible for those who have been truly converted to fall away and be eternally lost.

I believe that it is the privilege of all God's people to be wholly sanctified, and that 'their whole spirit and soul and body' may 'be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,' That is to say, I believe that after conversion there remain in the heart of the believer inclinations to evil, or roots of bitterness, which, unless overpowered by divine grace, produce actual sin; but these evil tendencies can be entirely taken away by the Spirit of God, and the whole heart, thus cleansed from anything contrary to the will of God, or entirely sanctified, will then produce the fruit of the Spirit only. And I believe that persons thus entirely sanctified may, by the power of God, be kept unblameable and unreprouvable before Him.

I believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end

of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and  
in the everlasting punishment of the wicked.

THEREFORE,

I do here and now, and for ever, renounce the world with all  
its sinful pleasures, companionships, treasures, and  
objects, and declare my full determination boldly to show  
myself a soldier of Jesus Christ in all places and  
companies, no matter what I may have to suffer, do, or lose,  
by so doing.

I do here and now declare that I will abstain from the use  
of all intoxicating liquors, and from the habitual use of  
opium, laudanum, morphia, and all other baneful drugs,  
except when in illness such drugs shall be ordered for me by  
a doctor.

I do here and now declare that I will abstain from the use  
of all low or profane language; from the taking of the name  
of God in vain; and from all impurity, or from taking part  
in any unclean conversation, or the reading of any obscene  
book or paper at any time, in any company, or in any place.

I do here declare that I will not allow myself in any  
falsehood, deceit, misrepresentation, or dishonesty; neither

will I practise any fraudulent conduct in my business, my home, nor in any other relation in which I may stand to my fellow-men, but that I will deal truthfully, fairly, honourably, and kindly with all those who may employ me, or whom I may myself employ,

I do here declare that I will never treat any woman, child, or other person, whose life, comfort, or happiness may be placed within my power, in an oppressive, cruel or cowardly manner, but that I will protect such from evil and danger so far as I can, and promote to the utmost of my ability their present welfare and eternal salvation.

I do here declare that I will spend all the time, strength, money, and influence I can in supporting and carrying on this war, and that I will endeavour to lead my family, friends, neighbours, and all others whom I can influence, to do the same, believing that the sure and only way to remedy all the evils in the world is by bringing men to submit themselves to the Government of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I do here declare that I will always obey the lawful orders of my Officers, and that I will carry out to the utmost of my powers all the orders and regulations of the Army; and further that I will be an example of faithfulness to its principles, advance to the utmost of my ability its

operations, and never allow, where I can prevent it, any injury to its interests, or hindrance to its success.

AND

I do here and now call upon all present to witness that I enter into this undertaking, and sign these Articles of War of my own free will, feeling that the love of Christ, who died to save me, requires from me this devotion of my life to His service for the salvation of the whole world, and therefore wish now to be enrolled as a Soldier of the Salvation Army.

Signed.....

Image (full Christian and Surname)

Address.....

Date..... Corps.....