

## ABSTRACT

Though the Army personnel are well disciplined and maintaining high propriety of restraint, of late days a big sound came up with bad reputation regarding the Army personnel that they are engaging in criminal activities. This is not a peculiar thing to a country after 30 years of internal war. But it was unbelievable. This research tends to find out short-comings and loopholes of the legal scenario which directly affect to raise and spread out this problem. This research pays attention towards the role of engagement and nature of behavior of Army personnel within the scope of duties. And the main distinguishes of the mentality of the Army personnel in the light of requirements of undergoing duty oriented and destructive purpose trainings in order to wielding the national security. As well this research tends to debrief the rationale of commuting the mentality of the combatants to commit crimes as a result of the prolonged war. This paper discusses the available punishments over the military criminals and rehabilitative effect of them and the efficacy of other available rehabilitation methods. However it is clear that very few percentages of wrongdoers are responsible to tarnish the goodwill of the Army. Main objective of this study is to explore the issues relating to rehabilitating military offenders and to propose suitable suggestions for the ardent issue of military criminals of Sri Lanka with the help of the rehabilitative strategies adopted by the other developed countries such as the USA and comparatively similar countries like India. Researcher adopts the legal research methodology and it is based on a library and empirical research. The researcher adopts quantitative research method where it is appropriate to establish the research objectives. Field research includes interviews and discussions with Magistrates, Prison officers and officers in charge of correctional authorities in collecting data relating to this area. However, it is important to note that obtaining statistics relating to rehabilitation of military offenders through either incarceration, rehabilitation techniques or by referring to treatments was one of main difficulties that the author had to face in the completion of this study.

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