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ON THE

STATE, EFFICIENCY AND DISTRIBUTION

OF THE

ARMED CONSTABULARY FORCE.

PRESENTED TO BOTH HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BY COMMAND OF
HIS EXCELLENCY.

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ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ARMED CONSTABULARY FORCE.

No 1.

Lieutenant-Colonel MOULE to the Hon. DEFENCE MINISTER.

Armed Constabulary Commissioner's Office.

Wellington, 26th July, 1871.

SIR,—

In compliance with Clause No 159, of the Armed Constabulary Regulations, I have the honor to report on the general state, efficiency and distribution of the force, for the year ending 30th June, 1871.

At the commencement of the last financial year the force numbered seven hundred and seventy-six (776) of all ranks, and during this period it has been increased by the enrolment of two hundred and thirty-nine (239) men, and reduced by two hundred and ninety-two (292) through resignation, dismissals, deaths, &c., leaving the strength on the above date seven hundred and twenty-three (723) which were distributed as per Table, No 4.

Owing to my recent appointment to the temporary charge of the Armed Constabulary Department, and not having yet had an opportunity of visiting the several Districts and Stations, I am unable from personal knowledge to report on the general efficiency of the force, but the Commissioner, whom I met after making his tour of inspection, and before his unfortunate illness, expressed to me his very great satisfaction at the marked improvement observable at each station, the amount of public and useful works performed, the enlarged accommodation for men and horses, the smart and healthy condition of the various detachments, the small amount of crime as compared with the former year, and the general contentment of all grades.

The system adopted during the past year, of keeping the officers and men constantly and usefully employed on Road and other Works has been productive of the best effects, both as regards the diminution of crime, and the health, vigor, and activity of the men, who by being thus inured to constant active employment, are prepared, if called upon suddenly to take the field, for the hardships and fatigues inseparable from long marches in a rugged country, when encumbered by the weight of arms, tools, food, and other indispensable necessities.

Within the last year the old breech-loading carbines, which were limited in range, wanting in precision, and subject to foul and get out of order, have been replaced by Snider (long and medium) rifles, which are formidable weapons for the rapidity with which they can be loaded and fired; but on the other hand they are too long and too heavy for bush warfare, and I beg to suggest the purchase of seven hundred (700) Snider carbines with Knife bayonets, the cost of which would not exceed £3,000. The arms at present in use would be available for the Militia and Volunteers.

The force has also been supplied with new and uniform accoutrements.

Camp equipage, entrenching tools, cooking utensils, &c., have been furnished to each District, to enable the force to take the field promptly on any sudden emergency, and to move with celerity wherever its services may be required. Pack horses have also been provided for the Taupo District for this purpose. In other Districts they can be purchased, or hired if required.

Officers Commanding stations have furnished sketch maps, and reports of the localities about their posts, which evince a knowledge of the various tracks, positions, and capabilities of the surrounding country, so necessary for effective operations, or the successful pursuit of an enemy.

The shooting of the force at the annual competition for prizes, has not been so good as might have been expected, except in the Taupo District, where the men carried off the largest number, and most valuable of the prizes as shown on Table, No. 8. The bad shooting is, no doubt, attributable, to a certain extent, to the fact of the Snider rifles being issued only a short time before the firing took place and the brief period available for preliminary practice.

Lately, an Officer Instructor of Musketry has been appointed to the force, who has already completed the instruction of one class, and has another in progress. From these each District will be supplied with Instructors, and I hope soon to have every member of the force put through a course of musketry instruction, target practice, and judging distance drill and practice, which will, I trust result in improved shooting for the Government Prizes for 1871-2.

Attached is Captain and Musketry Instructor Stack's report.

A large supply of clothing has been received from England, so that in future the Force can be supplied from the Government Stores with articles of a uniform pattern.

The recruiting of the force is conducted with every possible care, and those only enrolled who are found adapted for the service, after undergoing a term of probation.

A grant of £1,000 from the Reward Fund having been sanctioned for establishing Libraries in the various Districts, a large supply of books has been ordered from England, and in a short time the force will receive the benefit of this liberal gift for its instruction and amusement.

Officers Commanding Districts have been instructed to encourage athletic exercises in every way, and to employ some of their men in erecting suitable buildings for gymnasiums, towards the cost of which, and providing suitable fittings, the Government has notified its willingness to assist. I need hardly refer to the advantages likely to accrue from the introduction of such valuable aids to the development of the physical powers of the men.

Referring to the number of men discharged at their own request on completion of service, as shewn on Table No. 3, I beg strongly to urge an alteration in the term of service from one to three years, as in the event of the force having to take the field, and the probability of rough work, the greater part could, and, doubtless some would, claim their discharge on giving the required three months, notice. I am satisfied that good men will be found to enrol as readily for three or five years as for twelve months.

The exertions of the small Detective force under Inspector Thomson have been so far successful as to obtain during the past year the committal and conviction of three persons for selling arms and ammunition to Natives. These convictions will, no doubt, convince the public that the authorities are on the alert in this matter, and by spreading a feeling of uncertainty as to the particular district in which the members of this branch of the service may be engaged, will, I am inclined to think, have a deterring effect upon those who might otherwise feel disposed to risk incurring the heavy penalties consequent upon conviction under the Arms Act.

The Auckland Police which forms a part of the Armed Constabulary Force, has, under Inspector Broham, performed its various duties in a most satisfactory manner, and many of its members have received grants of money from the "Reward Fund" for their zeal and vigilance in recovering stolen property, and bringing offenders to justice.

Enclosed are reports from Officers Commanding Districts, shewing the Civil and Military duties, also Public and useful Works, performed by the Armed Constabulary in their several Districts. A reference to these reports will shew, that in addition to the usual Camp duties, a considerable amount of Road and other useful work has been performed; as also the taking of the Census, which, I believe, was done at a small cost, and to the satisfaction of the Enumerators of Provinces appointed by the Government.

In conclusion, I would say that the Armed Constabulary is now composed of healthy, sober, and intelligent men, who are daily improving in discipline and efficiency, and I have no doubt they will continue to do so, till a standard of excellence is reached such as the colony has a right to expect of the force.

The Honorable the Defence Minister,
Wellington.

I have, &c.,

W. MOULE, Lieut-Colonel,
For Commissioner A. C. Force.

Enclosure No. 1.

Lieut-Colonel LYON to the COMMISSIONER Armed Constabulary.

Head quarters,

Hamilton, Waikato, 24th July, 1871.

SIR,—

In accordance with instructions contained in Circular No. 47, Wellington, 5th June, 1871, I have the honor to submit the following report for the information of the Hon. Defence Minister.

MILITARY DUTIES.

The average strength of the Armed Constabulary Force in Waikato District, from 1st June, 1870, to 31st December, was 6 officers and 100 non-commissioned officers and constables, but in consequence of the attitude assumed by the King Natives, the force was increased to 200, at which strength it remains at the present time.

Parade and Drills.—I have invariably ordered parades to take place at 8 a.m. for fatigue, viz., making paddocks for Government horses, erecting, removing, and repairing stables, sawing timber in bush for the erection of Government stores, and repairs of the Government buildings. When not so employed, parades for drill without arms, company, and light infantry, three times in the course of the day.

Operations in the Field.—With the exception of two panics (the word panic is peculiar to the Waikato); one caused by the murder of Mr. Todd, in the Pirongia ranges, and the other by a false report brought into Alexandra, by a man named Reynolds, who lives about three miles from that station, that the Hauhau's were coming in force to attack the place, nothing has occurred to disturb the peace of this district, or that could necessitate active operations in the field.

Patrolling.—The Te Awamutu Cavalry Volunteers perform the duties of patrolling and scouting on the frontier line.

Mails, Despatches.—Mail services are performed by civil servants of the Government, who are employed as contractors to perform that duty, and carry it out most satisfactorily. Despatches are conveyed by mounted men of the Armed Constabulary from head quarters to out-stations and *vice versa*.

Guards and Escorts.—Guards are maintained at all the frontier posts, viz., Harapipi, Alexandra, Orakau, Kihikihi, and Cambridge, and consist of one non-commissioned officer and as many men as the strength of the station will admit of. Escorts are only needed for prisoners sentenced by the Resident Magistrate to imprisonment in the Auckland gaol.

Targets.—Parties of the armed Constabulary have been employed at various times in improving the target ranges at Hamilton, Cambridge, and Alexandra.

Telegraph.—No members of the force have been employed in the Telegraph department.

Storekeepers.—A sergeant of the Armed Constabulary acts as storekeeper, to issue on requisition, and look after all clothing, tools, arms, ammunition, &c., &c., supplied from the Dépôt. Issuers, none.

Erection of Redoubts, &c.—On the 30th June, 1870, the state of the redoubt at Ngaruawahia, on which men of the Armed Constabulary were employed, was as follows:—The earthworks were completely finished, with the exception of one half of the ditch, which required sodding. The outer wall of the tower was built to a height of 6½ feet, and required to be raised another 9 feet 8 inches. There were on hand 14,000 bricks ready made, but requiring to be burned. During the year 1870—

1871, the whole work, with the exception of a few unimportant fittings, has been finished. The 14,000 bricks were burned, a pug-mill erected, and an additional 9,000 bricks made and burned, and a tramway to transfer bricks from kiln to redoubt formed. The brick wall runs up to its full height, 16 feet 2 inches. The upper 8 feet 2 inches was only one brick instead of brick and a half, and the interior wood work fitted up. The interior of the fort is a quadrangular building, with a court yard ten feet square in the centre. It contains one guard room, one cell, two small rooms, and one large one, the whole capable of comfortably housing a garrison of fifteen men. It is thoroughly lined, and well lighted, ventilated by windows looking into the court-yard. There is a fire-place in the large room and a well of good water in the yard, which is worked with a hand pump. Since 1st June, 1871, ten men have been quartered in the redoubt. Although a whole year has been more or less occupied in completing this work, many interruptions have occurred to delay its progress. In July and August, 1870, eight men were withdrawn and sent to Raglan to build a redoubt, and in September the Waipa river was so flooded as materially to interfere with the brickmaking, then on hand, and in December and January last the work was almost entirely suspended.

CIVIL DUTIES.

As it is the duty of every member of the force to be on the alert for the prevention of crime, as laid down in the Regulations for the guidance of the Armed Constabulary, I did not think it necessary to issue any further instructions.

Steady and intelligent constables have been specially appointed at each station, both for the prevention of crime and detection of criminals; and I may add few, if any, cases of crime remain undetected, and no criminals are known to be at large.

The Resident Magistrate's Court at Hamilton, Alexandra, Cambridge, and Ngaruawahia is attended by a member of the force, who acts as clerk, issues summonses, &c.

Census.—In accordance with instructions contained in the Commissioner's letter, 14th December, 1870, members of the Armed Constabulary were employed in taking census in this district. Those so employed received 2s. 6d. per diem, with money allowance for mounted men's horses and allowance for horse hire when foot constables were employed. The cost of the whole of this did not exceed fifty pounds, exclusive of constabulary pay. The work was performed to the entire satisfaction of the Census Enumerator.

PUBLIC AND USEFUL WORKS.

The Armed Constabulary, to the number, on an average, of from eighty to ninety men of all ranks, have been employed on the roads from March, 1871. The following portions of lines of roads have been completed:—Between Ohaupo and Alexandra, 4 chains and 45 links. This consisted of a cutting four chains in length, reducing slope 1 foot in 6·3 to 1 foot in 8·65, and excavating 444·8 cubic yards, repairing 45 links of road and approach to bridge; also, 2 chains 45 links. This consisted of cutting 2 chains long, reducing slope from 1 foot in 7·5 to 1 foot in 9·58, and excavating 127·1 cubic yards of earth, repairing 45 links of road and approach to bridge; 94 chains of road were formed through small scrub and fern; also, 36 chains through bad swamp, requiring road to be raised 2 feet 6 inches to 3 feet by fascines, &c.

Between Hamilton and Ohaupo—82 chains of road were formed through low swampy country, requiring fascines and side drains, 13 chains on high dry soil, and 23 chains cleared, one chain wide, of fern scrub, &c., &c.

Between Rangiawhia and Cambridge—36 chains. This consisted, for the greater part, in forming a road through the Mona Tua Swamp, requiring to be corduroyed with large logs, fascines, and deep side drains. In consequence of the enormous amount of rainfall this work has been for the present abandoned, but will be pushed on with as soon as the season is sufficiently advanced to admit of it.

Between Hamilton and Ngaruawahia—144 chains. This consisted in forming road through generally high and dry soil, not requiring regular drains; two chains of the above had to be fascined, also, 60 chains cleared of scrub, fern, &c.

Between Alexandra and Paterangi—50 chains of road through high dry ground, 4 chains a side cutting, with an average depth of 2 feet 6 inches.

Between Whata Whata and Ngaruawahia—49·30 chains. This consisted of forming road through ti-tree scrub and filling in two large swampy holes, containing 334·5 cubic yards of earth; and a cutting 231 feet in length; breadth, 26 feet; mean depth, 2 feet 9 inches, containing 611·13 yards; also, 9·70 chains road cleared of scrub, &c.

Bridges—None.

Culverts—Between Ohaupo and Alexandra, two log culverts, 12 inches x 9 inches, 20 feet long. Between Hamilton and Ohaupo—1 box culvert, 2-inch Rimu planking, 18 inches x 18 inches, 18 feet in length. Between Rangiawhia and Cambridge—2 log culverts, 2 feet x 2 feet 6 inches; 1 chain in length. Between Hamilton and Cambridge—5 box culverts, 2-inch Rimu planking, 18 inches x 9 inches, 20 feet long each. Between Ngaruawahia and Whata Whata—2 box culverts, 18 inches x 18 inches, 2-inch planking, 36 feet each in length.

Stables, Buildings, &c.—The stables at head quarters have been put into repair. A new stable has been erected at Cambridge, capable of accommodating seven horses, with forage room attached; also, a small stable at Kihī Kihī. At Hamilton, a new verandah 90 feet by 7 feet, flooring and bricks, has been put to the Hospital, also to the Government Buildings, used as offices. One hut for married sergeant, 20 feet by 14 feet, has been built; also, one hut, containing three rooms, for Sergeant-Major, library, and reading-room.

Fencing, and laying down in grass.—Thirteen acres at Hamilton Government Reserve have been fenced and ditched, planted with quicks, and laid down in grass. At Kihī Kihī, ten acres Government Reserve, ploughed, fenced and ditched, and to be laid down in grass in the spring. At Cambridge,

seven acres, Government reserve, fenced and ditched. All timber for fencing and building purposes has been split and sawn in the bush, by men of the Armed Constabulary.

Erecting and repairing Telegraph Lines.—No men of the force under my command have been employed on that duty.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM C. LYON, Lieut.-Colonel,
The Commissioner Armed Constabulary, Wellington. Commanding Waikato District.

Enclosure 2.

Lieut.-Colonel MOULE to the COMMISSIONER Armed Constabulary Force.

Armed Constabulary, District Office,
Tauranga, 1st July, 1871.

SIR,—

In compliance with instructions conveyed in your Circular, No. 47, of the 5th ultimo. I have the honor to report on the different subjects therein mentioned, regarding the Civil and Military duties, also Public and Useful Works performed by the Armed Constabulary Force, in the Tauranga District, from 1st June, 1870, to 30th June, 1871.

MILITARY DUTIES.

1. *Average strength of Officers and Men.*—6 officers, and 82 men.
2. *Names of Stations occupied.*—Tauranga, Opotiki, Whakatane, Maketu, and Matata.
3. *Nature of Parades and Drills.*—Divine Service Parades; Marching Order Parades; Company, and Light Infantry Drill, and Target Practice.
4. *Operations in the Field.*—The Force was not engaged in any military operations in the field during the year.
5. *Patrolling and Scouting.*—Men periodically patrol the country in the neighborhood of the different stations. In November and December, Scouting Parties were sent from Opotiki up the Waioeka and Otara Gorges, as it was expected that Te Kooti, being short of ammunition, would make a raid on Opotiki, in the hope of getting a supply.
6. *Carrying Mails and Despatches.*—The mails between Tauranga, Maketu, Matata, Whakatane, and Opotiki are carried weekly by Mounted Orderlies. Despatches marked "Urgent," or "Important," are frequently conveyed along the lines from Tauranga to Opotiki and Taupo.
7. *Escorts, and Guards.*—One Officer and fourteen men escorted His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh from Maketu to the Lakes in the Rotorua District. One Medical Officer, and two men took two pack-horses with medicines, and medical comforts, from Tauranga to Fort Galatea, for the purpose of rendering aid to the Uriweras, then suffering from an epidemic. Several prisoners committed for trial from Opotiki and Tauranga, were escorted to Auckland. Guards over Redoubts and Stores at the principal stations.
8. *Making and improving Target Ranges.*—New Shooting Ranges made at Tauranga and Whakatane, the old range at Tauranga being dangerous to passing boats.
9. *Telegraph Linesmen.*—One man employed in keeping the Telegraph Line in repair between Tauranga and Maketu.
10. *Issuers, and Storekeepers.*—Four men employed as Issuers, and Storekeepers, two of them being attached to the Native Contingents, under Captains Preece and Mair.
11. *Erection of Redoubts and Stockades.*—The Redoubt of Whakatane, referred to in my report of last year, has been completed. This was a long, and heavy piece of work, the material having to be brought from a considerable distance. The walls of the Redoubt at Opotiki have been raised, and loop-holed.

CIVIL DUTIES.

1. *Steps taken for the Prevention of Crime.*—Patrolling Townships, Stations, and the Country around, by day and night. Very little crime of a serious nature has occurred, with the exception of a few petty larcenies, and one man committed for trial on two charges of selling powder to Natives. The crime of drunkenness has considerably decreased.
2. *Attending Civil Courts.*—Men are detailed to attend all Sittings in the Resident Magistrate's Courts.
3. *Attending Lands Courts.*—Three men were detailed daily to attend the Sittings of the Native Lands Court at Tauranga, from 1st December, 1870, to the 19th January, 1871.
4. *Taking Census.*—The Census of the East Coast District was taken by members of the Armed Constabulary Force, at a cost of £44 12s.

PUBLIC AND USEFUL WORKS.

1. *Nature and extent of Road Works.*—Making a road to, and across the Judea Swamp. Sideing cutting, 4,066 cubic yards. Embankment, 2,679 yards. Making a portion of the Main Trunk Road, from Tauranga to Taupo, called the Cameron Road. Formation, 9,170 square yards. Making a new road up to the Whakatane Redoubt, 20 chains. Repairing, and improving the road between Whakatane and Ohope.
2. *Building Bridges and Culverts.*—Nil.
3. *Building Houses and Stables.*—Seven large Whares built, in and about the Whakatane Redoubt. One stable 34 feet by 14 feet, built at Tauranga.
4. *Fencing paddocks, and laying down in grass.*—Fencing a 30 acre paddock at Tauranga. Fencing, and laying down in grass, a small paddock at Opotiki. A vegetable garden formed and fenced at Whakatane.
5. *Erecting and Repairing Telegraph Lines.*—Nil.

6. *Building Sea Walls*.—Building a Sea Wall for the protection of the Military Grave Yard at Tauranga, 306 feet in length, and 5 feet high. Sloping bank above Sea Wall, 1,178 cubic yards. This was a long and heavy piece of work, the stone having to be quarried at Mount Maunganui, and punted a distance of four miles.

REMARKS.

In consequence of the limited number of men in the district, and the occupation of so many posts, but little could be done in the way of road work, after providing for the various Camp and other duties, on which the men have been employed.

The conduct of the Force has been good, and the men being fully employed, there has been little or no sickness among them.

During the year, about 250 Uriweras, with many chiefs of great influence, surrendered unconditionally, and are located about Opotiki, Whakatane, and Matata. They are industrious, and well behaved.

The Natives generally in this district are most peacefully disposed, and several of the tribes are employed making roads from the coast to the interior, in the direction of Taupo.

I have, &c.,
W. MOULE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Inspector A.C., Commanding Tauranga District.

The Commissioner Armed Constabulary Force,
Wellington.

Enclosure 3.

Inspector ROBERTS to the COMMISSIONER Armed Constabulary Force.

District Office, Tauranga.

SIR,—

30th June, 1871.

In compliance with instructions contained in Circular, No. 47, I have the honor to forward for your information, the following report of the duties performed by the Armed Constabulary Force in the Taupo District, from 1st July, 1870, to 30th June, 1871.

MILITARY DUTIES.

1. *Average strength of Officers and Men*.—The average strength of the Armed Constabulary Force in the district during the last twelve months was:—2 Inspectors; 4 Sub-Inspectors; 1 Assistant-Surgeon; 23 Non-Commissioned Officers, and 224 men. The present strength is—1 Inspector; 4 Sub-Inspectors; 1 Assistant-Surgeon; 21 Non-Commissioned Officers, and 143 men. Assistant-Surgeon Leslie was on the strength of the district to the 24th February (except from 1st to 5th July, attending Supreme Court, Auckland), when he was transferred to Bay of Plenty District.

2. *Nature of Parades and Drills*.—Inspection Parades, in arms and accoutrements, and for Divine Service, are held at each post, every Sunday morning (weather permitting). Parades for inspection of mounted mens' saddlery, &c., every Saturday afternoon, and a monthly inspection at each post by the Officer Commanding the District.

The detachments at each post have been drilled as follows:—

Opepe.—One hour daily (Sunday's excepted), from 1st July, to the middle of January.

Tapuaeharuru.—One hour daily (Sunday's excepted), from 1st July to the middle of March.

Runanga.—One hour daily (Sunday's excepted), from 1st July to 30th November.

Tarawera.—One hour daily (Sunday's excepted), from 1st July to 30th November.

Te Haroto.—One hour daily (Sunday's excepted), from 1st July to 31st December.

The drill in each case consisted of squad, and company's drill, and skirmishing, &c., manual and platoon exercises, with Snider and Enfield rifles, and breech-loading carbines. The cessation of the daily drill was caused by the absence of the greater part of each detachment on road works. The men are occasionally exercised in the several branches already taught.

Each non-commissioned officer and constable in the district, fired fifteen rounds at 400, 500, and 600 yards, in December, as competitors for representatives for Colonial Prize Firing.

In January, 1871, the issue of Snider rifles to the whole of the Force was completed, and they were taught the manual and platoon exercise for that arm. Each man in the district then fired thirty rounds of ammunition at the regulation size targets, those armed with Sniders at 400, 500 and 600 yards, and those with Breech Loading Carbines at 100, 200 and 300 yards. After which, in February, the annual firing for Constabulary prizes took place, at which each man competed. Out of twenty-two prizes granted, value £183, eight, value £78, were won by men of the district; the first prize with each arm was taken by men in this district.

3. *Operations in the Field*.—The Force in this district has not been engaged in any field operations during the past year.

4. *Patrolling and Scouting*.—During the months of July, August and September last, owing to information of Te Kooti's intention of endeavoring to get to Waikato, via Taupo; two mounted men from Runanga, and two from Opepe, scouted daily, from the former post along Helyar's Valley and the surrounding country; and from the latter over to Kaingaroa plains towards Heruiwi and Fort Galatea; and occasionally to the different deserted villages on the eastern shores of Lake Taupo. Acting upon information brought by one of these men, on the 2nd September, Sub-Inspector Morrison and fourteen men went from Tapuaeharuru in the two Government whaleboats, and examined the villages and tracks on the eastern shores of the lake, at the same time a mounted party from Opepe were engaged on the same duty inland, and some friendly natives were despatched to Tokano and Motupipi on the south and western shores of the lake, to ascertain if a party of natives, supposed to be Te Kooti's men, had passed. Since the 20th inst., scouting from these posts has been resumed. Mounted orderlies have also been occasionally despatched to communicate with the native forces under Captains Preece and Mair, at Te Teko, Fort Galatea, and Kaiteriria.

5. *Conveying Mails and Despatches.*—Until the month of December last, the mail through the district was carried by mounted men of the force. Since then a fortnightly mail carried on by native contract has been established; but to facilitate the transmission of returns, reports, &c., the weekly service by the Force is still retained.

A mounted orderly is despatched daily from Opepe to Tapuaeharuru, and returns the same evening, bringing telegrams received during the day.

Until the telegraph line was extended to Rotorua, all telegrams for Captains Preece and Mair at Te Teko, Fort Galatea and Kaiteriria, distant 75, 40 and 55 miles respectively from Opepe, were carried by orderlies from that post or Tapuaeharuru. On several occasions previous to the extension of the line to Tauranga, telegrams were taken to that post, nearly 100 miles distant.

In January and April, several important telegrams were carried by special orderlies from Tapuaeharuru to Motupuku, distant 15 miles, by direction of the General Government Agent. By order of the Honorable the Defence Minister, on a report of a body of Hau-Haus being in the neighbourhood of Ohinemutu, two mounted men were detached from Opepe to the Ngae, seventy miles, to be at the service of the Telegraph Clerk at that station for conveying despatches; these men were absent on that duty for a month. On the 28th August, 1870, James Bruce, in employment of Ration Contractors, left Opepe at 3 p.m.; was spoken to at the Rangitaiki, and left there for Runanga at 5 p.m.; heavy fall of snow during the night; horse returned to Rangitaiki at 5 p.m. 29th; parties of Armed Constabulary from Opepe and Runanga searching for him for four days; saddle found in a gully leading from bush; no other trace; nothing heard or discovered since. Reward of £5 offered. Natives also searched.

On the 21st October, pursuant to a requisition from F. E. Hamlin, Esq., R. M., Maketu, then engaged in Native matters at Tapuaeharuru, a mounted Non-Commissioned Officer, and two mounted Constables were despatched from Opepe to assist Natives in searching for Mr. Warbrick, acting interpreter to the Telegraph Surveyor, and reported missing between Orakei-Korako and Kaiteriria; they were not required to proceed further than Tapuaeharuru, as one of the Constabulary Orderlies, returning from despatch-carrying to Tauranga, had seen Mr. Warbrick at Kaiteriria, he having lost his horse on the way from Orakei-Korako. On several occasions Orderlies have been sent from Napier overland, by the General Government agent with despatches for the Officer Commanding Wairoa, each journey requiring about seven days to go and return to Napier.

6. *Escorts, Guards, &c.*—The Force has been twice engaged in escorting ammunition from Pohui to the several stations, viz: Te Haroto, Tarawera, Runanga, Opepe, and Tapuaeharuru. On each occasion a guard from the Escort was kept on duty during the night, whilst the Ammunition was being conveyed from station to station.

Each Post furnishes at present a guard of one Non-Commissioned Officer and three men daily. Until the commencement of Road-works in November last, a Non-Commissioned Officer and six men mounted daily at Tarawera, Runanga, and Opepe. During the month of November, one hundred and seven medium converted Snider Rifles were issued in lieu of Enfields, Short Sniders and Carbines. To receive these the men at each Post armed with Enfields, &c., marched to Pohui, 12 miles from Te Haroto the nearest post, and about 65 miles from Tapuaeharuru, the most remote. During their absence Detachments were sent from Opepe to Tapuaeharuru and Runanga, to garrison those Posts, and enable them as well as the men from Tarawera and Te Haroto to receive the new arms.

7. *Making and improving Target Ranges.* A Target Range with Marker's Butt and Mantlet has been made at each Station, at Opepe, Tapuaeharuru, Runanga, and Tarawera, within a mile of the Redoubts. At Te Haroto, the nearest available ground was five miles from the Redoubt. Each Range is, or can be made available for practice up to 900 yards. Wooden Targets of the Regulation size, for Colonial and Constabulary prize-firing have been made at each Post, both for the Snider and Carbine competition.

8. *Telegraph Linesmen.*—Mounted Constable Roger Dansey, arrived in this district in September, and has since acted as Linesman at Tapuaeharuru. He does no duty, except under very pressing circumstances, when no other orderly is available. Since his arrival in the district, he has on five occasions been detailed for repairs of telegraph line, viz.—On 4th November, below Runanga, 34 miles; on 6th December, near the same place; on 2nd March, near Paeroa, about 32 miles; on 26th March, between Runanga and Tarawera; on the 18th May, to Rangitaiki, 24 miles, meeting Tarawera linesman, who had repaired the line. This constable attends all parades, except when required by Telegraph Department.

9. *Issuers and Storekeepers.*—Up to the end of September, two men of the Armed Constabulary were employed, one at Tarawera, and the other at Opepe, as Issuers for the Quarter-master's Department. Since then, the senior non-commissioned officer at each post acts as Issuer and Store-keeper of Government property, under the supervision of the officer in charge.

10. *Erection of Redoubts and Stockades.*—No new redoubts or stockades have been erected since 1st July, 1870. The Runanga and Opepe redoubts have been considerably enlarged and improved, to allow room for erection of barracks, stores, officers quarters, &c., and the parapet to each slabbed all round. A Banquette, and gabion loop-holes have been put up round the Opepe Stockade, since the 1st July. The Tarawera Stockade has also been improved, and slabs for lining parapet are ready. The two block-houses at the angles have been lined and floored, and stoves put up in each; they are now occupied as barracks by the detachment at the post. A stove has also been put up in the Te Haroto Block-house. A system of culverts and drains in and around each of the stockades, made during the year, keep them thoroughly dry and clean in wet weather.

CIVIL DUTIES.

1. *Steps taken for the Prevention of Crime.*—Owing to the scarcity of European population, the Force in the district has not been often required to act in a civil capacity. During the year, three cases of illicit sale of liquor have been discovered at Te Haroto, by the Armed Constabulary, and fines of £20 in each case inflicted. In February last a man named Simpson, for a similar offence at

Tapuaeharuru, on the evidence of men of the Force, was convicted and fined £5. Two men of the Armed Constabulary were apprehended at Opepe in September, for stealing meat from the contractor; other charges of having stolen property in his possession were preferred against one of them; both were convicted and sentenced, one to two months and the other to seven months imprisonment, and both dismissed the Force. Thomas Ellis, charged with having obtained a watch under false pretences at Napier, was apprehended at Tahiti, on the road to Tauranga, by two mounted men despatched from Opepe, who escorted him from thence to Te Haroto, over one hundred miles, and handed him over to the civil authorities. In December last, Constable Motley, whilst on duty for the Government Agent, Napier, met and captured a man named Hammond, one of three prisoners who had escaped from the gaol at Napier, and for whose apprehension a reward of fifty pounds had been offered.

2. *Attending Civil Courts.*—On the 24th October a court was held at Tapuaeharuru by S. Locke, Esquire, R.M.; Constable Read acting as Clerk to the Court. On the 10th February a Court was held by J. M. Roberts, Esq., J.P. and J. M. Gibbes, Esq., J.P.; Sergeant Talty acting as clerk. And, on the 24th February, a Court was held by the same Justices, Sergeant Leslie acting as clerk. A constable was in attendance during each sitting.

3. *Attending Land Courts.*—No Land Courts have been held in the district during the past year.

4. *Taking Census.*—Sergeant-Major Bennet, Sergeants Talty and Noble were employed on the 27th and 28th February, at and around Opepe, Runanga and Tapuaeharuru in collecting agricultural statistics, taking census, &c.

PUBLIC AND USEFUL WORKS.

1. *Nature and Extent of Road Works.*—Opepe.—One non-commissioned officer and seven men were employed in March last, in making approaches to Rangitaiki Bridge, 12 miles distant. These consisted of a solid cutting 298 feet long, averaging 16 feet broad and 5½ feet deep, through pumice soil, and the filling up of two spaces of a capacity of 149 cubic yards, for which the earth removed from the cutting was made available. No regular road-work except the above was commenced at this post till the 9th instant. Since then, seven men have been employed for 16 days, and have completed 68 chains of road 20 feet wide, including improvement of 5 cuttings, which entailed the removal of 714 cubic yards of earth, the remainder consisted of formations over level country, partly through thick and high ti-tree scrub. Soil, formerly light, but latterly stony.

Tapuaeharuru.—Road-work from this post was commenced from 1st of April last. One non-commissioned officer and eight men being employed daily; the amount completed up to this date is 243 chains, 20 feet wide, principally formation on the old line of road, made by natives in the beginning of 1870; the cuttings have been improved, embankments made where required, and the crown of the road raised from 12 to 15 inches. This party is encamped nearly two miles from the redoubt.

Runanga.—Road-work commenced at this station in the beginning of December last; the average number of men employed during the year is 16; the work performed up to this date is 89 chains heavy bush, cut and cleared, 66 feet wide, 24½ chains side-cutting, averaging 16 feet wide and 9 feet deep; 201 chains side-cutting, 9 feet wide and 5 feet deep, and 20 chains of road widened from 9 to 16 feet deep, averaging in depth 10 feet. Of this work, 44 chains have been through heavy bush, 19 chains through burnt bush, and the remainder through flax land. Nature of soil—pumice drifts, overlaying stiff red clay, the latter most tenacious and difficult to work. The party from this post are encamped over three miles from the Stockade.

Tarawera.—Road-work commenced at this post about the beginning of December; average number employed daily, 22; 13½ chains of road, 20 feet broad, have been completed; the whole of this work was block and side cuttings, containing over 3,000 cubic yards; the removal of the earth often requiring to be done by barrow-work, and two or more shifts with shovels. Soil, generally pumice. Sixteen chains of bush were also cleared by this party.

Te Haroto.—Road-making commenced at this post in the beginning of January; average number of men employed daily, 10; 164 chains of road-work, 20 feet wide, have been completed, the whole deep side cuttings, and the greater portion heavily timbered.

2. *Building Bridges and Culverts.*—Eight culverts have been built by the Runanga Road Party: three of squared timber, supplied by Mr. Bold, District Engineer; the remainder of rough timber. Six culverts have been built by the Tarawera Road Party; and three culverts for the repair of the old road by Opepe detachment.

3. *Building Houses, Stables, &c.*—The following buildings of sawn timber have been erected at the different posts, the whole of the work being performed by members of the Force.

Opepe.—Barrack-room 50 feet by 18 feet, with sleeping accommodation for 46 men; 20 feet by 18 feet, wing to the above. Reading-room, 20 feet by 18 feet. District Office, 16 feet by 12 feet wide, lined. Officers Quarters, 20 feet by 12 feet, lined.

Tapuaeharuru.—Barrack-room, 40 feet by 20 feet, with berths for 32 men. Officer's quarters, 20 feet by 12 feet. The timber for these buildings was cut at Opepe, and carted nearly 12 miles.

Runanga.—Mess-room, 24 feet by 16 feet. Reading-room, 22 feet by 16 feet. Barrack-room, 58 feet by 16 feet, with berths for 50 men. Store and Office, 16 feet by 10 feet. Guard-room, 12 feet by 10 feet.

Tarawera.—Mess-room, 30 feet by 16 feet. Officers' Quarters, 16 feet by 12 feet, and Officers' Quarters, 10 feet by 8 feet.

Te Haroto.—Mess-room, 30 feet by 16 feet. Store and Office, 20 feet by 14 feet. Guard-room, 12 feet by 10 feet. Porch to Block-house also completed. The Timber for Te Haroto was carried by the men over a hill a mile long, and that for Tarawera and Runanga by the men, from distances varying from 300 to 1000 yards. Stables with slab walls and shingled roofs have been erected at Opepe, 32 feet by 20 feet; at Runanga, 20 feet by 12 feet; and at Te Haroto, 30 feet by 14 feet. In addition to

these buildings, a Mess-room, 30 feet by 18 feet has been erected at Opepe with slab walls and bark roof, and one at Tapuaeharuru of raupo, 20 feet by 8 feet, each outside redoubt. Two boat-sheds, each 35 feet by 6 feet have been erected at Tapuaeharuru, with Manukau poles and raupo roofs, and so placed as to admit the whale-boats being floated into them. Cook-houses, Bake-houses and ovens have been built at each post; the whole of the bread used by the Force being of their own baking. No biscuit is drawn except when flour is not procurable.

4. *Fencing Paddocks and laying down in Grass.*—At Opepe, two paddocks one containing nine acres, and the other about forty acres have been enclosed with a three-railed fence; about 20 acres of bush and scrub have been cleared in these. In the former, four acres of bush land have been stumped and ploughed, and the whole paddock laid down in grass-seed. In the latter, about ten acres of bush land has been stumped and ploughed. No grass was sown in this paddock, owing to the early setting in of the wet season, which also retarded the burning of the fallen timber. At Tapuaeharuru five acres have been ploughed and laid down in grass, rye grass, white and red clover. About ten acres more are ready for ploughing, and twenty-one chains of post and rail fence erected. This fencing is carted from Opepe. At Runanga, about 30 acres have been enclosed with a post and rail fence, ten of which have been cleared of bush and partially burned, the wet season setting in prevented the total clearing as well as the sowing of the seed. The open portion has been sown with grass-seed. At Tarawera 6 acres, 3 of which were bush, have been fenced in with posts and rails; the bush portion has been cleared, burned and sown with grass seed; the open portion ploughed and sown with grass seed. At Te Haroto, over seventy acres have been enclosed with a post and rail fence, and laid down with grass seed. The whole of the posts and rails were split, carried to the ground, and put up by men of the force; they had in most cases to be carried a long distance, especially at Te Haroto, where the bush is a mile from the paddock. Grass seed sufficient for the portions not yet laid down is at each of the posts ready to be sown in the Spring.

5. *Erecting and repairing Telegraph line.*—No work of this nature has been done, except that already mentioned under the head of "Linesmen."

6. *Sea Walls.*—No work of this nature performed.

REMARKS.

In addition to the duties already enumerated in the foregoing Report, two drays, in charge of members of the force, were employed up to the 20th November by the Telegraph Department, and since in drawing oats from Runanga, for Armed Constabulary horses, to Opepe and Tapuaeharuru, thirty miles; also, sawn timber and fencing from Opepe to Tapuaeharuru, twelve miles. Two other draught horses, in charge of a constable, have been employed ploughing the paddocks at the different stations. The whole of the clothing, blankets, stationery, tools, nails, windows, camp necessities, horse shoes, farriers' tools, &c., &c., have been conveyed from Napier to the several posts in the district by pack-horses, in charge of the members of the force. A non-commissioned officer and constable are stationed at Napier, who receive and forward all stores sent from Wellington, as well as other articles requisitioned for by the officer commanding the district. A constable is also stationed at Napier, as orderly to the General Government Agent. The Government whaleboats at Tapuaeharuru are (when required) manned and worked by the Armed Constabulary force at that post. A constable of the force acts as farrier, and, until the beginning of the month, another has acted as saddler. Before the regular road works commenced the old road was generally kept in repair by the Armed Constabulary, when none of the men under Mr. Bold were available—the cuttings requiring constant attention, especially after heavy rain. A large portion of the men's time at Tapuaeharuru and Te Haroto is occupied in supplying the stations with firewood, the only wood available at the former being manuka scrub, and the nearest point at which this is procurable being from two and a-half to three miles distant from the redoubt; latterly the drays have been employed to bring it in when cut. Firewood at this post is getting very scarce, and the Natives to whom the ground belongs are beginning to grumble at the consumption, and request payment, although they have not stopped the cutting of it. At Te Haroto, firewood is a good distance from the block-house, and has to be carried by the men.

Vegetable gardens, containing from two to four acres, have been cultivated (by a good deal of labor) during the past year at each post; they have proved a great benefit to the men, and the medical officer attributes the healthy condition of the force in a great measure to the supply obtained from them. Vegetables of any description cannot be purchased of the Natives.

I have, &c.,

J. M. ROBERTS, Inspector A.C.

(Late) Commanding Taupo District.

The Commissioner Armed Constabulary Force,
Wellington.

Enclosure 3.

Armed Constabulary, Poverty Bay District.

30th June, 1871.

SIR,—

In compliance with the instructions contained in Circular No. 47, I have the honor to report as follows:—

MILITARY DUTIES.

1. *Average strength of officers and men in District.*—Two officers, four non-commissioned officers, and twenty-five men.

2. *Nature of parades and drills.*—Inspection parades at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Parades at 9 a.m. on Saturdays, for instruction under arms. Fatigue parades, 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily.

3. *Operations in the Field*.—One officer and four men who proceeded with the Tolaga Bay expedition to Tolaga, after Te Kooti, in July last.

4. *Patrolling and Scouting*.—Since the Mounted Constables arrived in the District (Nov. 1870), on an average one has been scouting daily in company with one of the Poverty Bay Mounted Volunteers, in the directions of Ngatapa and Mungatu.

5. *Carrying Mails and Despatches*.—On an average one mounted constable has been engaged on these duties between Ormond, Gisborne, and Te Wairoa.

6. *Escorts and Guards*.—One non-commissioned officer and three men are on guard, and patrol nightly.

7. *Making and improving Target ranges*.—A range of 600 yards has been cleared at Camp Ormond.

8. *Telegraph Linemen*.—None.

9. *Issuers and Storekeepers*.—None.

10. *Erection of Redoubts and Stockades*.—The Ormond Redoubt (100 x 100ft.) was commenced by the Ormond Military Settlers, but the principal portion of the work has been performed by the Armed Constabulary.

CIVIL DUTIES.

1. *Steps taken for the prevention of crime*.—Since the 22nd August, 1870, one constable has been engaged on patrol duty at Gisborne, and one in charge of block-house and prisoners. The routine of duty has been two constables on duty, and one off. One sergeant on permanent duty. From 22nd August, 1870, to 31st May, 1871, forty-six cases of breaches of the Police Act have been heard. Six cases of Larceny and three of Felony. Two cases of Larceny have been reported, in which no arrests were made.

2. *Attending Civil Courts*.—There have been thirty-three sittings of the Court, at which one Sub-Inspector, one Sergeant, and the prosecuting constables were in attendance.

3. *Attending Native Lands Court*.—During the sittings of the Native Lands Court, one Inspector, one Sergeant and two constables were in attendance for a period of fourteen days.

4. *Taking Census*.—Four mounted constables and one foot constable were employed for twelve days in taking the Census in Sub-Districts, Nos. 4 & 6, East Coast Electoral District.

PUBLIC AND USEFUL WORKS.

1. *Nature and extent of Roadwork*.—About three chains of bush on the main road from Gisborne to Ormond has been cleared and improved. Also thirty chains of bush clearing. One side cutting made at Wahanui two chains in length, and eight feet in depth. Two at Ormond, about the same dimensions.

2. *Building Bridges and Culverts*.—One culvert made at Ormond, in the bush clearing.

3. *Building Houses, Stables, &c.*—One weather board building, 36 x 12, for Orderly Room, Store, and Reading Room, seven raupo whares, capable of accommodating four men each, also two strong substantial slab huts with shingled roofs, a large Mess Room, 25 x 12, with chimney, a slab stable containing six (6) stalls. During the hay season six (6) tons of meadow hay was mowed and stacked for the use of Government horses in winter.

4. *Fencing Paddocks and laying down in grass*.—216 puketia posts have been split and morticed, also 300 rails, and are ready to fence a Government paddock at Mahunga, near Ormond. Five (5) acres of land have been cleared, and is now ready for ploughing.

5. *Erecting and repairing Telegraph Lines*.—None.

6. *Building Sea Walls*.—None.

REMARKS.

In reference to the present state of this District, I may state for your information, that at the time I took command of the Armed Constabulary in this District, about 16 months ago, I found all the settlers living in or close to the township of Gisborne. Since that period the settlement of Ormond has been formed, and all the old settlers have come out into the country, to their original homesteads. The European population has also increased greatly. These facts will, in themselves, show that the presence of an armed body of men, although few in number, have inspired the settlers of the District with confidence, so as to enable them to return to their farms. I would beg leave to suggest, that the force most adapted for this District should be a force of about fifty mounted men. I believe, if such a plan should be adopted, more settlers would come to the District, and the increase of the revenue would cover the extra expense.

I have, &c.,

C. DEAN PITT, Inspector,

The Commissioner Armed Constabulary Force,
Wellington.

Commanding A. C., Poverty Bay District.

Enclosure 5.

Inspector CUMMING to the COMMISSIONER Armed Constabulary.

SIR,—

Wairoa, 1st July, 1871.

In compliance with the instructions contained in Circular No. 47, I have the honor to forward the following Report, shewing the Civil and Military duties, Public and Useful Works, performed by the members of the Armed Constabulary Force, Te Wairoa District, between the 1st June, 1870, and the 30th June, 1871.

MILITARY DUTIES.

1. *Average Strength of Officers and Men in District*.—2 officers, 1 medical officer attached, 45 rank and file.

2. *Nature of Parades and Drills*.—Parade Drill, 6.30 a.m.; Fatigue, 8 a.m., and 1 p.m.; Inspection,

11 a.m.; Church, 11 a.m. (Sundays). Drill—Manual and platoon exercise, &c., 6.30 a.m.; drill, arms and accoutrements, 11 a.m.

3. *Operations in the Field.*—Two constables were at Waikare-Moana with Mr. Hamlin's expedition in June, 1870. One constable proceeded to Waikare-Moana in charge of provisions, from 2nd to 12th June, 1870. One sergeant and seven constables proceeded to Waikare-Moana to escort provisions, from 5th to 12th June, 1870. Sub-Inspector Stopford and Wairoa detachment, proceeded to Whakaki on false alarm of Hauhaus attacking the settlement, 5th September last. Sergeant Ballard, and Te Kapa detachment proceeded to Opoiti to intercept said Hauhaus.

4. *Patrolling and Scouting.*—Patrolling round township at 4.30 a.m. from 1st June, to end of August, 1870; patrolling at Te Kapa at 4.30 a.m. Scouting in the direction of Waikare-Moana by the mounted force, weekly. Scouting in the direction of Maru Maru and Opoiti, bi-weekly, by Te Kapa detachment. Sub-Inspector Stopford, and five constables proceeded to Te Reinga, to examine state of country, &c., 25th to 27th March last.

5. *Conveying Mails and Despatches.*—Conveying despatches from Wairoa to Waikare-Moana, during time of Mr. Hamlin's expedition, and conveying same to Napier, June, 1870. One sergeant and one constable carried despatches to Major Ropata, at Opoiti, 10th March, 1871. Two constables carried despatches to Major Ropata, at Orewa, 22nd and 23rd March, 1871. Also, general despatch duty to Napier and Poverty Bay. Fortnightly mail to Turanganui, up to 13th January, 1871. Mail carried to Napier, and back to Wairoa, in July, 1870, in consequence of mailman being drowned. Mail carried to Napier, 27th May last, in consequence of mailman being drowned.

6. *Escorts, Guards, &c.*—Escort to Waikare-Moana with sheep, and provisions for Mr. Hamlin's party, 2nd to 12th June, 1870. Three constables proceeded to Napier to escort pack-horses from Napier to Wairoa, 12th November, 1870. Ten men were engaged packing provisions from Wairoa to Te Kapa, for Major Ropata's expedition, 12th to 20th March last. Eight men were engaged packing provisions from Te Kapa to Maru Maru, for Major Ropata, 21st March last. Sub-Inspector Stopford proceeded to Tahaenui, with five constables, to look after vessel and cargo, stranded on beach, 8th to 10th April last. One sergeant and five constables escorted Mr. Drummond's survey party to Te Reinga, and subsequently proceeded to Turanganui, cutting survey track, April, May, and June last. One constable escorted Lieut.-Colonel Gorton to Turanganui, 1st May last. Daily guard, composed of one non-commissioned officer, and three men, at Te Wairoa. Daily guard, composed of one non-commissioned officer, and three men, at Te Kapa. Two non-commissioned officers and three constables captured Renata Amu Amu, at Matiti pa, where he was harbored by the friendlies, and brought him to Fort Newland, 18th February, 1871. Guard of two constables over cargo of s.s. Napier, stranded on beach, 9th and 10th February last.

7. *Making and improving Target Ranges.*—Improving target range at Wairoa, the whole fatigue parade, 8th to 16th January last. Making target range at Te Kapa, from 14th to 21st January last. Improving target range at Turiroa, from 10th to 14th January last.

8. *Telegraph Linesmen.*—Nil.

9. *Issuers and Storekeepers.*—Storekeepers Wairoa—Constable Pettigrew, 1st June to 6th July, 1870; Constable Nelson, to 11th December, 1870; Constable J. Burns, to 20th March, 1871; Constable Williams, to 30th June, 1871. Issuer, Te Kapa—Constable Shaw, to 3rd August, 1870.

10. *Erection of Redoubts and Stockades.*—Erection of stockade round block-house Te Kapa, by Te Kapa detachment, November and December, 1870. Redoubt at Turiroa repaired, and re-occupied. Sub-Inspector Stopford, and all the detachment at Te Kapa, except a guard, proceeded to Maharahau, to find out the cause of some fires seen there on the 2nd June last.

CIVIL DUTIES.

1. *Steps taken for the Prevention of Crime.*—Patrolling the town between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., and continued scouting and patrolling.

2. *Attending Civil Courts.*—General attendance at Resident Magistrate's Court weekly, and at special cases.

3. *Attending Land Courts.*—Two constables attended Land Court held by Judge Rogan, 28th September, 1870.

4. *Taking Census.*—Sub-enumerator for Wairoa Sub-district.—Inspector G. J. Cumming, twelve rank and file, collecting Census, from 14th February to 2nd March, 1871.

PUBLIC AND USEFUL WORKS.

1. *Nature and Extent of Road Works.*—Making and repairing crossing places over creeks, between Wairoa and Te Kapa, twelve men, from 12th July to 30th October, 1870; making and repairing road to the cemetery, Wairoa, twenty men, 1st and 2nd May last; making and repairing crossing places over creeks, between Te Kapa and Maru Maru, nine men, 18th and 19th March last; making approaches to Scamperdown Creek to meet contract work on road between Wairoa and Te Kapa, sixteen men working about 10 days each month (May and June), on account of bad weather.

2. *Building Bridges and Culverts.*—Making a culvert in township of Te Kapa, 5 men, from 5th to 15th July, 1870; taking down old bridge in township of Clyde, and erecting new one, three men, from 26th April to 11th May last.

3. *Building Houses Stables, &c.*—Erecting temporary stable and mess-room, at Turiroa camp by mounted detachment, 21st November to 31st December, 1870; building magazine in block-house, Te Kapa, by Te Kapa detachment, December last; building house for tailor, camp Wairoa, December last; building library and reading room, at camp Wairoa, April last.

4. *Fencing Paddocks, and laying down in grass.*—Repairing fences to Government paddock at Turiroa, and cutting down thistles, December, 1870, to June, 1871.

5. *Erecting and Repairing Telegraph Lines.*—Nil.

6. *Building Sea Walls.*—Nil.

REMARKS.

In addition to the foregoing, the force in this district have been engaged watching Hauhau prisoners, upwards of sixty of whom are now in the several pas under surveillance, thirty-three have been sent to Napier, under escort, since my taking command. Drains from the redoubt to the river have been cut, slabbed, and covered in. But the principal duties of the force in this frontier district are, scouting, patrolling, and carrying despatches; road making has only recently commenced.

I have, &c.,

The Commissioner Armed Constabulary Force,
Wellington.

GEORGE J. CUMMING, Inspector A.C.,
Commanding Te Wairoa District.

Enclosure 6.

Inspector NOAKE to the COMMISSIONER Armed Constabulary.

Armed Constabulary District Office.

SIR,—

Patea, 8th July, 1871.

In compliance with the instructions contained in Circular, No. 47, I have the honor to forward my report on the duties performed by the Armed Constabulary in this District, from 1st June, 1870, to 30th June, 1871, as follows:—

MILITARY DUTIES.

1. *Average strength of Officers and Men in District.*—Ninety (90).
2. *Nature of Parades and Drills.*—Inspection parades, and mounted and foot drills.
3. *Operations in the Field.*—Nil.
4. *Patrolling and Scouting.*—A daily patrol from both mounted and foot Constabulary at Waihi Station, up to April, 1871, the former for the country around the Waingongoro river and the bush clearings inland of Waihi; the latter for the bush in the neighborhood of the working party from Waihi. Constant communication by patrols has been kept up almost daily, between Patea and Waihi stations by the mounted men, who called at Hawera and Manutahi for letters or despatches. The two constables stationed at Wereroa, up to March, 1871, were employed in patrolling the country in the neighborhood. A force of one officer and thirty-six men from Waihi, patrolled the country inland of Otapawa for two days during the month of February, and one officer and twenty-six men, the country towards Te Ngairangi for three days during the month of March.
5. *Conveying Mails and Despatches.*—Up to January, 1871, the mounted orderlies carried the mail to and from Patea, Manutahi, Hawera, and Waihi; and on occasions, when found necessary, they have carried despatches to Wairoa, Wereroa, and Wanganui.
6. *Escorts, Guards, &c.*—Escorts furnished from the mounted men to attend the Hon. the Defence Minister from Wanganui to Rangitikei, and the Hon. the Premier through the district on two occasions. A mounted sergeant was sent to New Plymouth with the Storekeeper, A. C., and a mounted constable accompanied Lieut.-Colonel Gorton from Waihi to Wanganui. An ammunition escort proceeded from Patea to Waihi in July, 1870. Foot constables, employed on town police duty, have on four occasions escorted civil prisoners to Wanganui, Wellington, or New Plymouth. A guard consisting of one non-commissioned officer and six men has been posted daily at Waihi, from July, 1870, to date, and one constable from Patea was placed on guard over the magazine, from June to December, 1870.
7. *Making and improving Target ranges.*—At Patea, during the month of November, 1870, nine men were employed four days in making a new range; in December, 1870, two men were employed three days improving the same, and in January, 1871, three men were employed three days in erecting butts. In June, 1871, on account of the swampy nature of the ground on the range, it was found necessary to provide another, which has been completed, taking five men about three days. At Waihi, a range of 600 yards was cleared, butts erected, and wood targets fixed, during January, 1871.
8. *Telegraph Linemen.*—Mounted constable P. Fortescue was appointed to this duty in July, 1870, and it will be seen hereafter in this report, the number of times he has been called upon to act in this capacity.
9. *Issuers and Storekeepers.*—Foot constable W. Finley has been doing duty in charge of A. C. stores for the 12 months, ending 30th June, 1871.
10. *Erection of Redoubts and Stockades.*—The force at Waihi, with the exception of those engaged on guards, patrols, &c., have been employed felling, splitting and sawing timber for a Stockade around the blockhouses, which when complete, will be a substantial bullet proof enclosure.

CIVIL DUTIES.

1. *Steps taken for the prevention of crime.*—An average of four men from Patea have been engaged in town and country police duty, and one man at Wairoa, during the twelve months.
2. *Attending Civil Courts.*—Members of the force have always been in attendance at the monthly sittings of the R. M. Court, Patea, and on one occasion, two men attended the Supreme Court, Wellington, during the months of August and September, 1870.
3. *Attending Lands Courts.*—Nil.
4. *Taking Census.*—Sergeant King, Wanganui, was engaged taking the census, from Wanganui town to Patea river, eleven days, and mounted constable H. Black, from Patea river to Waingongoro river, eighteen days.

PUBLIC AND USEFUL WORKS.

1. *Nature and extent of Road Works.*—During June, 1870, a side cutting was made at Oika, about thirty chains in extent.
2. *Building Bridges and Culverts.*—One culvert at Oika, during June, 1870.
3. *Building Houses, Stables, &c.*—Two commodious block-houses have been built at Waihi, capable

of accommodating 100 men, the timber for which has been cut, sawn and dressed, the shingles split, and the whole of the labor performed by the force. Sheds for horses, with stable have been built, also mess-whares, cook-houses, magazine and guard-room. At Patea, stables were completed in June, 1870, officer's quarters repaired, stock-yard put up, and an iron hut lined and floored for men's quarters, as the whares had become uninhabitable.

4. *Fencing Paddocks and laying down in Grass.*—A paddock has been fenced with posts and rails on the north side of stockade, Waihi, and another on the south side. No land has been laid down in grass at present, but a supply of hay for winter forage was obtained during the summer months at Patea and Waihi, the paddock at Patea has been cleared of fern, thistles, &c., and the fences repaired on several occasions.

5. *Erecting and repairing Telegraph lines.*—Mounted constable P. Fortescue has been employed repairing telegraph lines nineteen days during the twelve months.

6. *Building Sea Walls.*—Nil.

REMARKS.

The patrols at Waihi have been discontinued by command of the Hon. the Defence Minister. Should this return be deemed meagre in information, I can furnish extracts from daily occurrence book.

I have, &c.,

M. NOAKE, Major, Inspector A. C.
The Commissioner Armed Constabulary Force, Wellington. Commanding District.

Enclosure 7.

Inspector TUKE to the COMMISSIONER Armed Constabulary.

District Office, Armed Constabulary,
Taranaki, 1st July, 1871.

SIR,—

In compliance with instructions contained in Circular, No. 47, of the 5th June, I have the honor to forward a detail of the nature of the Military and Civil duties performed by the force in this district during the past year.

MILITARY DUTIES.

1. The average strength in this district since 1st July, 1870, has been eighty-five, all ranks.
2. The force at Wai-Iti and New Plymouth, has been paraded for inspection and drill daily, weather permitting, frequently in heavy marching order.
3. No active operations in the field have taken place, but the men are frequently marched out for skirmishing, and field exercise.
4. No regular patrol is required at present, but the whole of the mounted men are now thoroughly acquainted with the country, and would be of especial service if required, either as patrol, guides, or scouts.
5. Orderlies are sent between New Plymouth and Wai-Iti twice a week, carrying mails, &c., and between New Plymouth and Okato, once a week, and frequently on special service.
6. Escorts for prisoners, ammunition, and stores, have been furnished by the mounted men during the year. A guard of six men and one non-commissioned officer, and a picket of two men, have been furnished daily, by the force at Wai-Iti—the picket placed on a commanding point, overlooking the road to the White Cliffs. A night guard of four men is furnished by the force at New Plymouth, for the protection of the magazine, and other Government property.
7. A new range for rifle practice, about 767 yards long, by about 20 feet wide, has been cleared and levelled at Wai-Iti, and the range at the Henui, near New Plymouth, considerably improved, and an earthwork built in rear of the target, by the Armed Constabulary.
8. No men are at present required as Linesmen in this district.
9. Rations being supplied by private contract, the contractor is allowed the assistance of one constable as "Issuer," but this man is required to do his guards and drills.
10. No new field works have been erected during the past year; but the present redoubt at Wai-Iti has been repaired, new bastions built, &c., and the stockade at Marsland Hill put into order.

CIVIL DUTIES.

1. Scarcely any serious crime being reported in this district, the assistance of the Armed Constabulary, though at all times available, has been seldom required for its prevention. The services of the mounted men have been frequently made use of to serve summonses at a distance; several cases of theft have been traced, and the offenders brought to justice, an escaped prisoner re-captured, the illicit sale of spirits at Urenui put a stop to, and the offender punished by the exertions of members of the force. A party of the force was also sent to guard the wreck of the Airedale, and lent valuable assistance in landing and protecting the portion of the wreck and cargo recovered. A party was also sent to the Waitara during the races, to see that no disturbances took place, as usual, and were of service in preserving order.
2. The services of the Armed Constabulary have not been requested at the Civil Court in New Plymouth during the year, but were at all times available, if required.
3. The services of the force have not been required at Lands Courts during the year.
4. Two non-commissioned officers, and six constables were employed in distributing and collecting the Census, under the general superintendence of the Inspector.

PUBLIC AND USEFUL WORKS.

The following Public and Useful Works have been performed by the force in this district during the year:—

1. 110 chains road cleared, levelled, and formed between the Urenui and Mimi rivers, 20 feet wide; fascines laid over 15 chains of the same, and from 12 to 18 inches of sand wheeled over all. 34 chains,

road, 26 feet wide, have been cleared, levelled, and formed, between the Mimi River and Wai-Iti. A drain 5 chains in length, 4 feet deep, 4 feet wide, cut through the swamp, at the new approach to the Mimi River; and about 1,200 cubic yards of earth removed from a cutting at the same place, and wheeled over the swamp.

2. A bridge on the main road to the Pukearuhe Block, below the Wai-Iti Redoubt, has been repaired and strengthened. Several new culverts have been made on the road between Urenui and Mimi rivers.

3. New quarters for the men and officers' mess house, cook houses, library, &c., have been erected at Wai-Iti. The Government Reserve, at Mount Elliot, New Plymouth, has been levelled, cleared planted, and sown, and the offices painted and repaired. The stables at Marsland Hill, and stable yard re-paved. The whole of the interior of the barrack rooms cleaned and painted, new approaches, and steps made and metalled, gardens made and planted, the *glacis* properly levelled, sown, and planted, and many other improvements.

4. Two small paddocks have been cleared, levelled, fenced with a ditch and bank, and sown with oats, at Wai-Iti. The site of the old regimental buildings at Marsland Hill filled in with earth removed from the old parapets, and levelled, the whole forming part of a paddock which has been cleared, sown, and fenced for the troop horses. The remainder of the reserve is now being fenced and cleared.

5-6. No telegraph lines erected at present in this district, nor any sea walls.

7. An old bush track, about $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles, across the ranges, from Frankley Road to Okato, useful as a means of making a flank march, has been re-opened, and about 2 miles of fresh track cut, to avoid some very rough ground on the old track.

REMARKS.

I have much pleasure in reporting to the Commissioner that, on the whole, the conduct of the force in this district has been exemplary, during the past year. The system of keeping men usefully employed, when not otherwise occupied, has certainly been productive of the best effects. But few, and no aggravated cases of crime have occurred in the force, and in very few instances have I deemed it imperative to apply for the discharge of any of its members. No idleness has been permitted, and, thanks to the energy of my officers, and good conduct and zeal of the major part of the non-commissioned officers, much has been done which would occupy too much space to particularise, but which must be apparent to any one acquainted with the former condition of the stations and roads.

All reasonable opportunity is allowed to the men to practise themselves in shooting, and a flourishing rifle association formed among themselves, productive of much emulation and amusement, and will tend in time to make the whole of the men fair shots. A library, hitherto unassisted by any but voluntary contributions, a very creditable band, and periodical have been established, and all exercises encouraged likely to add to the bodily strength, vigor, and activity of the men. Several fair maps of the country have been sketched and filled in, one of which I forward to Government, and others I retain as a guide to the whereabouts of settlers, &c.

The canteen, formerly an annoyance, is so no longer; with the sanction of the Officer Commanding the district, I have taken it entirely into our own hands, placing a trustworthy man in charge, and dividing the profits at present, as follows:—Hospital, $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; Library, and Rifle Association, 5 per cent.; Periodical $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; and the surplus to defraying the expenses of a general mess, extras, &c. The accounts are carefully audited monthly, and no credit over £2 a man allowed on any pretext whatever.

Not a single case of inebriety (owing to the canteen) has occurred since this took place.

Plenty of exercise keeps the men in good health, and, with the exception of colds, and catarrhal complaints, prevalent from the very wet weather so frequently experienced here, no sickness of any consequence has occurred.

No less than 161 wet days, or, rather, days on which rain fell, were registered at Wai-Iti since 1st June, 1870, and to this cause, and the small detachment I can spare for road work at a distance, must be attributed the rather meagre return in that respect. No complaint of idleness or inaptitude on the part of the men has reached me, and they were superintended throughout by a thoroughly competent trustworthy officer. On the return of fine weather, by working nearer home, I hope to be able to employ a larger party.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR TUKE, Inspector,
In charge Taranaki District.

The Commissioner Armed Constabulary Force,
Wellington.

Enclosure 8.

Captain STACK to COMMISSIONER Armed Constabulary Force.

Armed Constabulary Depot Office.
Wellington, 20th July, 1871.

SIR,—

In accordance with your instructions, I have the honor to forward the accompanying tables, shewing the average result of the prize firing of the Armed Constabulary, with the Terry and Calisher breech-loading carbine and Snider rifle, for the year 1871-72, and a return shewing the performance of the winners of prizes in that competition, together with the following report of the progress of musketry instruction in the force;—

1. *Classes under Instruction.*—On my recent appointment as Instructor of Musketry to the Armed Constabulary, I considered that the only method of initiating a proper system of musketry instruction throughout the force, was by training officers, and non-commissioned officers at the depot, who would be competent to give instruction in the various districts to which they should afterwards be sent. With this view I commenced, on the 12th April last, a course of instruction with one officer, then the only

one at the depôt, and a few non-commissioned officers, who had been ordered here for the purpose, and as many constables as could at the time be spared from duty, the duties to be performed in Wellington being numerous, and the strength at this station being then very inconsiderable. I thus, by small classes at a time, completed the instruction of all the non-commissioned officers and constables at the depôt by the 18th of May last. The figure of merit obtained by these classes may, I think, be considered satisfactory, viz:—116.70 being only 8.30 points below the figure set down in the book of Regulations as very good, and being 16.70 points above what is there shewn as good, viz:—100. Recruiting having recommenced, and other non-commissioned officers having arrived here from districts for instruction, another class has been formed, and is now in progress of instruction.

2. *Non-Commissioned Officers trained as Musketry Drills.*—Those non-commissioned officers who have gone through the course here, and have returned to their districts, I consider well qualified to communicate instruction in musketry, though, no doubt, in different degrees. One of them I have already brought to your notice as an especially efficient instructor, and he has been sent to the large and important district of Waikato.

3. *Preliminary Drills.*—The Preliminary drills have been carefully conducted, and have greatly exceeded in number those absolutely required by the regulations.

4. *Target and Judging Distance practice.*—The firing singly, the independent, and the volley firings, and the skirmishing practice, have been executed strictly in accordance with the Regulations. This, I think, was the first occasion, upon which the two latter practices have ever been carried out by any of the Colonial forces in New Zealand; and in one of the skirmishing practices, an average of 19 points was made, being 5 points above the figure set down in the Regulations as being very good, viz:—14 points.

5. *Company and Recruits Drill and Practice Returns.*—The non-commissioned officers have been thoroughly instructed in the method of keeping company and recruits practice returns. A number of printed forms of these returns have been obtained from the Government printing office, sufficient to meet the requirements of the force for a long time to come.

6. *Practice Registers and Diagrams.*—I have also obtained a large supply of printed registers and diagrams, and they are kept at all practices according to Regulation.

7. *Ranges and Musketry articles.*—The Adelaide Rifle Ranges at Wellington, are moderately good up to 600 yards, but inconvenient through being partially intercepted by swamps. The targets are old, and the marker's butts badly constructed. The supply of musketry articles at the depôt is sufficient, but as yet, there is no such supply at the out-stations of the force; above all, the want of targets at those stations will form a most serious impediment to the progress of musketry. Wooden and calico targets have, I believe, been used during the last year, and though these may be made to serve the purpose as a temporary expedient, they cannot supply adequately the place of iron targets, without which there can be no really accurate marking under constant fire. I would, therefore, beg to suggest, that it is most necessary that the supply of iron targets for the use of the force should be increased.

8. *Arms and Ammunition.*—The arms which have come under my inspection are good, and kept in good order, but they are unfortunately of a mixed character: being, some long, medium, and short Sniders, which is detrimental to uniformity in practice, as well as in appearance. The long rifle seems to me still to maintain the superiority on the practice range, but I think there is little difference of opinion among those who have seen New Zealand warfare, that the shorter rifles are better in the bush. The ammunition is excellent, miss-fires being unknown.

9. *Instructors.*—The officer mentioned by me in the first paragraph of this report, as having gone through the course with the first-class, Sub-Inspector Ferris, has since rendered me valuable assistance. I need scarcely add, that the Sergeant Instructor of Musketry, Samuel Chandler, is thoroughly efficient, and most zealous in the discharge of his duties.

I have, &c.,

Lieut.-Colonel Moule,
Commanding Armed Constabulary,
Wellington.

W. G. STACK, Captain,
Instructor of Musketry, A. C. Force.

No. 2.

Hon. DEFENCE MINISTER to Lieut.-Colonel MOULE,

Colonial Defence Office,
Wellington, August 21st, 1871.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo, being the annual report on the general state, efficiency and distribution of the Armed Constabulary Force, for the year ending the 30th June, 1871.

It affords me much pleasure to notice the marked improvement that has taken place during the past year in the efficiency and conduct of the Force, and also to see that the men are employed as much as possible, in addition to their camp duties, on various works of public utility.

I have, &c.,

Lieut.-Colonel Moule,
Commanding Armed Constabulary, Wellington.

DONALD M'LEAN.

ARMED CONSTABULARY FORCE.

17 G.—No. 5.

Table No. 1.

RETURN showing the MONTHLY STRENGTH of the ARMED CONSTABULARY FORCE, from 1st July, 1870, to 30th June, 1871.

Date.	Months.	Officers.						Non-Commissioned Officers.				Constables.	Total of all Ranks.	Horses.				Total Horses.
		Inspectors, 1st class.	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Sub-Inspectors, 1st class.	Sub-Inspectors, 2nd class.	Assistant Surgeons.	Drill Instructors.	Sergeants-Major	Sergeants, 1st class.	Sergeants, 2nd class.	Officers.			Riding.	Pack.	Draught.		
1870.	July	7	1	15	6	2	2	9	34	49	651	776	6	66	7	8	87	
„	August	7	1	15	6	2	2	10	36	49	664	792	6	75	7	14	102	
„	September	7	1	16	6	2	2	9	34	46	621	744	6	76	7	15	104	
„	October	7	1	16	6	2	2	10	34	48	634	760	6	83	7	15	111	
„	November	7	1	16	6	2	2	9	32	48	636	759	7	91	12	16	126	
„	December	7	1	16	6	2	2	8	34	47	624	747	7	93	12	15	127	
1871.	January	7	1	16	6	2	2	8	34	47	639	762	7	94	12	15	128	
„	February	7	2	15	6	6	2	9	31	48	659	785	7	99	12	15	133	
„	March	7	2	15	6	6	2	9	31	46	644	768	7	99	12	16	134	
„	April	7	2	15	5	6	2	9	32	46	630	754	7	99	10	19	135	
„	May	7	2	15	5	6	2	9	31	45	622	744	7	92	10	18	127	
„	June	7	2	17	5	6	2	9	33	43	598	723	7	91	10	19	127	

Remarks:—This Return does not include Auckland Police.

W. MOULE, Lieut.-Colonel,
For Commissioner A.C. Force.

Table No. 2.

RETURN of MEN ENROLLED for the ARMED CONSTABULARY FORCE from 1st July, 1870, to 30th June, 1871.

Year.		Months.								Number of Men Enrolled.	
1870	...	July	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	
"	...	August	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	
"	...	September	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
"	...	October	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	
"	...	November	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	
"	...	December	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
1871	...	January	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	
"	...	February	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	
"	...	March	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	
"	...	April	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
"	...	May	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
"	...	June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	239	

W. MOULE, Lieut.-Colonel,
For Commissioner A.C. Force.

Table No. 3.

RETURN showing the NUMBER of NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS and CONSTABLES struck off the strength of the ARMED CONSTABULARY FORCE from 1st July, 1870, to 30th June, 1871.

—	Cause of becoming Non-Effective.					Total.
	Medically Unfit.	Dismissed for Misconduct.	Deserted.	Reduction.	Deceased.	
Discharged at own request or on completion of Service.						
96	63	104	3	21	5	292

W. MOULE, Lieut.-Colonel,
For Commissioner A.C. Force.

Table No. 4.

RETURN shewing the STRENGTH and DISTRIBUTION of the ARMED CONSTABULARY FORCE ; also, the STATIONS occupied by them on the 30th June, 1871.

DISTRICTS.	STATIONS.	Inspectors.				Sub-Inspectors.				Sergts.-Major.		Sergeants.				Constables.		Natives.		Total of all Ranks.
		Inspectors, 1st class.	Inspectors, 2nd class.	Musketry Instructor.	Assistant-Surgeons.	1st class.		2nd class.		Mounted.	Foot.	1st class.		2nd class.		Mounted.	Foot.	Officers.	N.C. officers.	
						Mounted.	Foot.	Mounted.	Foot.			Mounted.	Foot.	Mounted.	Foot.					
WAIKATO.	Hamilton ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	4	6	37	...	...	...	53	
	Alexandra ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	3	14	...	...	22		
	Auckland ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4		
	Cambridge ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	4	11	...	...	17		
	Harapipi* ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	13	...	...	14		
	Kihi Kihī ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	8	...	...	12		
	Ngaruawahia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	11	...	...	12		
	Orakau* ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	9	...	...	10		
	Raglan ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1		
	Te Awamutu* ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2		
Road Parties ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	44	...	...	49		
TARANAKI.		1	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	1	2	6	1	11	15	153	...	...	196	
	New Plymouth ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	6	16	...	...	29		
	Wai-iti ...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	4	36	...	...	47		
	Urenui ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2		
	Okato ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	4		
TAUPO.		1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	3	2	4	15	52	...	...	82	
	Opepe ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	4	5	29	...	...	44	
	Napier ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	5		
	Runanga ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	3	22	...	...	30		
	Tapuhaeruru ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	2	20	...	...	26		
	Tarawera ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	2	32	...	...	39		
	Te Haroto ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	2	17	...	1	24		
TUBRANGUNI.		...	1	...	1	...	4	...	...	2	1	2	7	...	11	15	123	...	1	168
	Ormond ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	17	...	...	24	
	Gisborne ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	...	6		
	Te Wairoa ...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	15	...	...	22		
	Te Kapu ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	15	...	...	18		
	Turiroa* ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3		
BAY OF PLENTY.		2	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	4	9	50	...	...	73	
	Tauranga ...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	3	15	...	1	27	
	Maketu ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2		
	Matata ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1		
	Kaitereria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1		
	Whakatane ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	5	...	...	7		
	Te Teko* ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2		
	Opotiki ...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	20	...	2	28	
WANGANUI AND PATEA.		1	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	4	1	2	8	42	...	3	68	
	Patea ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	5	17	...	...	26		
	Waihi ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	9	40	...	...	55		
	Wairoa ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1		
	Wanganui ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1		
WANGANUI AND PATEA.		1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	2	2	2	14	58	...	...	83	
	Depôt ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	5	...	2	5	35	...	...	53		

* New Station.

W. MOULE, Lieut.-Colonel,
For Commissioner A.C. Force.

Table No. 5.

RETURN showing the SUMS granted from the REWARD FUND to Members of the ARMED CONSTABULARY for zeal in the performance of their duties, from 1st July, 1870, to 30th June, 1871.

Rank and Name.		District.	Date.	Service.	By whom Recommended.	Amount.
1st Class. Foot Sergeant	O'Brien, Wm. ...	Taranaki	1870. 1st Oct. ...	For perseverance in detecting and prosecuting W. Hough, for sly grog selling.	Inspector Tuke	£ s. d. 3 0 0
Foot Constable	Brennan, Saml...	Auckland	17th Oct.	For zeal and ability displayed in the arrest of John Johnson, Thos. Nash, and Richd. Lee, and recovery of the property stolen by them.	" Broham	5 0 0
Detective ...	Ternahan, Robt.	"	17th Oct.	Arrest and conviction of Fras. Falcon and Joseph Smith, for stealing property from a warehouse, the whole of which was recovered through the exertion of the Constable.	" "	5 0 0
" ...	Murphy, James	"	5th Dec.	Zeal in arrest and conviction of Coffey.	" "	3 0 0
" ...	Pardy, Wm. S....	"	5th Dec.	Zeal in the arrest and conviction of Bennett, Stone, and Escott.	" "	3 0 0
2nd Class. Foot Sergeant	Jeffery, George...	"	24th Dec.	Zeal in the arrest and conviction of James Dunn, on seven charges of house-breaking.	" "	7 0 0
Detective ...	Pardy, Wm. S....	"	1871. 10th Jan.	Zeal in searching the house of James Dunn for stolen property.	" "	3 0 0
Foot Constable	Cosgrove, Patrick	"	9th April	Zeal in arrest and conviction of one Lamb, for theft.	" "	2 0 0
Foot Sergeant	Jeffery, George...	"	9th May	Zeal, &c., in the case of Regina v. Clarkson.	" "	2 0 0
Foot Constable	Green, Bernd. ...	"	9th May	Zeal, &c., in the case of Regina v. Clarkson.	" "	1 0 0
Total ...						£34 0 0

W. MOULE, Lieut.-Colonel,
For Commissioner A.C. Force.

Table No. 6.

STATEMENT of ARMED CONSTABULARY REWARD FUND from 1st July, 1870, to 30th June, 1871.

Payments into Fund,	Amount.	Payments out of Fund.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance in hand on 30th June, 1870 ...	998 18 3	Amount of Rewards paid to Constables, as per Table No. 5 ...	34 0 0
Amount of Fines recovered during the year ending 30th June, 1871 ...	1,510 17 11	Amount Refunded Sub-Inspector Swindley for losses by fire (Tauranga) ...	7 10 0
		Amount granted for establishing Libraries in the Armed Constabulary Districts...	700 0 0
		Balance, credit on 30th June, 1871 ...	1,768 6 2
	2,509 16 2		£2,509 16 2

W. MOULE, Lieut.-Colonel,
For Commissioner A.C. Force.

Table No. 7.

RETURN showing the quantity of SNIDER AMMUNITION in Store and the Men's Pouches in the various ARMED CONSTABULARY DISTRICTS, on 30th June, 1871.

Districts.				In Magazine or Store.	In Men's Pouches.	Total in District.
Waikato and Auckland	...	...	...	61,575	6,880	68,455
Taranaki	...	...	...	16,735	2,320	19,055
Taupo and Napier	...	...	...	41,600	6,150	47,750
Turanganui...	...	...	...	18,770	1,030	19,800
Te Wairoa	...	...	...	12,995	1,850	14,845
Tauranga	...	...	...	17,000	2,160	19,160
Patea and Wanganui	...	...	...	20,095	2,560	22,655
Depôt	...	...	...	80	760	840
Wellington	...	...	...	259,516	...	259,516
Auckland	...	...	...	1,000,000	...	1,000,000
Total	...	...	...	1,448,366	23,710	1,472,076

W. MOULE, Lieut.-Colonel,
For Commissioner A.C. Force.

Table No. 8.

ARMED CONSTABULARY.

RETURN showing the performance of WINNERS of PRIZES at the Annual Competition in the above Force, for the Year 1870-71.

BREECH-LOADING CARBINE.							Amount.		Remarks.
Districts.	Rank and Names.	Points obtained at			Grand Totals.	No. of Prize.	Money.	Cup.	
		100 yards.	200 yards.	300 yards.					
Taupo ...	Mounted Constable George Blake...	20	19	16	55	1st	£ 10	£ ...	
" ...	" " J. Henry Green	18	13	17	48	2nd	8	...	
Taranaki...	" " Frank Arden ...	19	17	12	48	3rd	6	...	
Taupo ...	" " Thos. Raymond	18	13	16	47	4th	4	...	
Taranaki...	" 2nd class Sergt. Thos. Lister	16	18	11	45	5th	2	...	
SNIDER BREECH-LOADING RIFLE.									
—	—	400 yards.	500 yards.	600 yards.	—	—			
Taupo ...	Foot Constable Donl. McLaughlin...	16	17	11	44	1st	10	20	Valued at.
Patea ...	" " Edwd. Hamilton ...	20	11	10	41	2nd	10	15	"
Taranaki...	" " William Todd ...	12	15	13	40	3rd	10	10	"
Waikato...	" 1st class Sergt. William Powell	17	7	15	39	4th	12	...	£17 to be devoted
Taupo ...	" Constable William Jones ...	16	9	14	39	5th	11	...	for the purchase
Depôt ...	" 2nd class Sergt. G. G. Orbell,	10	11	17	38	6th	10	...	of Cross Rifle
Waikato...	" " John Short ...	17	11	10	38	7th	9	...	Badges to the
Depôt ...	Sub-Inspector C. W. Ferris ...	16	13	9	38	8th	8	...	Winners of
Taupo ...	Foot Constable Thos. Gilpin ...	16	15	7	38	9th	7	...	Prizes.
" ...	" " Robert Smith ...	14	10	13	37	10th	6	...	
Taranaki...	" " Nixon Scott ...	15	10	11	36	11th	5	...	
" ...	" " Robert Dombraun...	15	13	8	36	12th	4	...	
Turanganui	" " J. S. McDonald ...	15	15	6	36	13th	3	...	Badges £17
Taupo ...	" " Robert Thomson ...	11	12	12	35	14th	2	...	Money Prizes 138
Tauranga	" " Robert Skelton ...	17	6	12	35	15th	1	...	Cups 45
							138	45	Total £200

Wellington, 13th April, 1871.

W. J. STACK,
Inspector Musketry