1896. NEW ZEALAND.

VOLUNTEER AND RESERVE CORPS.

(STRENGTH OF FORCE AT AUCKLAND, WELLINGTON, CHRISTCHURCH, AND DUNEDIN, FROM 1890 TO 1895.)

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 23rd June, 1896.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing (1) The number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, being members of the Reserve Corps at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, on 31st December, 1895, in terms of section 45 of "The Defence Act, 1886"; and (2) the names of the various Volunteer corps, with a detail of their respective strengths at 31st December, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895."—(Mr. Willis.)

RETURN OF VOLUNTEERS ON DISTRICT RESERVE CORPS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

	District.		Officers.	Non-commissioned Officers.	Privates.	Total.
Auckland Wellington Canterbury Otago			 1 1	3 8 6 2	$\begin{matrix}4\\14\\2\\\ldots\end{matrix}$	7 23 9 2
Gr	and total	•••	 2	19	20	41

ARTHUR P. Douglas, Major, Under-Secretary, Defence.

RETURN of VOLUNTEERS for Years ending 31st December, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895.

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District, and Name of Corps.	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.	1891.	1890.	Remarks.	
Auckland—								
Auckland Naval Artillery Volunteers	67	90	68	79	90	104		
Thames Naval Artillery Volunteers			75	59			1	
Ponsonby Naval Artillery Volunteers			70	65	60	81		
Devonport Naval Artillery Volunteers	78 83						Corps accepted, 7/7/94.	
Waiuku Mounted Rifles	59		56	68	67	70	,, ././	
Te Awamutu Mounted Rifles	46		49	57	49	45		
South Franklin Mounted Rifles	52	60	61	42	48	56		
A Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery	79	83	58	52	62	61		
O Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery					43	54	Disbanded.	
Engineers			4 8	53	48	55	Disbanded.	
Victoria Rifle Volunteers	49	53	63	63	63	60		
Wairoa Rifle Volunteers				45	49	48	Disbanded.	
City Guards Rifle Volunteers	37	45	63	63	53	63	Corps amalgamated and	
Newton Rifle Volunteers				63	61	63		
Wangarei Rifle Volunteers			(42		
Onehunga Rifle Volunteers					66	63	Disbanded.	
Hamilton Rifle Volunteers	33	48	48	52	56	51		
Royal Irish Rifle Volunteers					51	67	Disbanded.	
Garrison Band	25	25	25	28	25	25		
Te Aroha Rifle Volunteers	45	45	51	55			Corps accepted, 15/9/92.	
Avondale Rifle Volunteers	51			•••			Corps accepted, $16/2/95$.	