

(2) *From the Minister of Defence.*—The number of members of Forces (exclusive of Maoris) outside New Zealand on the night of the census—

Army	..	..	..	..	25,112
Navy	..	..	..	..	4,811
Air Force	..	..	..	..	10,128
Total	..	..	..	..	40,051

The adult population of the Dominion of New Zealand includes that of Stewart Island and the Chatham Islands, which, for the purposes of the determination of the electoral boundaries, were included in the adult population of the South Island. The adult population of the outlying islands on the coast of New Zealand were included in adult population of the appropriate Islands.

The Commission then proceeded to determine the number of electoral districts in each Island in proportion to the adult population of each Island. As the residential location of the members of the Forces both inside and outside New Zealand was not known, it was decided to distribute the numbers concerned on a *pro rata* basis for each Island and to allocate to each Island persons affected by the change of residence brought about by the Industrial Man-power Emergency Regulations 1944. The total population for electoral purposes in each Island was thus determined as :—

				Civilians.	Man-power Adjustment.	Forces.	Total.
North Island	..	..	..	666,747	—101	33,831	700,477
South Island	..	..	..	350,765	+101	17,806	368,672
				1,017,512	..	51,637	1,069,149

There being seventy-six electoral districts in the Dominion of New Zealand, the apportionment of the population for each Island showed the division of electoral districts to be represented by the figures 49·79 for the North Island and 26·21 for the South Island. These figures reduced to the nearest whole number gave the number of electoral districts for the two Islands as follows :—

North Island	..	..	..	..	50 electoral districts.
South Island	..	..	..	..	26 electoral districts.

The Commission then proceeded to determine the adult population quota for the electoral districts in each Island, which were as follows :—

North Island	..	..	..	..	14,010
South Island	..	..	..	..	14,180

The allowance for the adjustment of this quota in each electoral district where districts cannot be formed consistently with the considerations of community of interest, facilities of communication, topographical features, and existing electoral boundaries is by way of addition or subtraction to the quota not to exceed a total of 500 of adult population.

The Commission then proceeded to divide the Dominion of New Zealand into seventy-six electoral districts, having due regard to community of interest, to facilities of communication, and to topographical features, and, where not inconsistent with the above considerations, to existing electoral boundaries.