

## ARMY ESTABLISHMENTS

Based on the present needs of the Army, establishments were fixed during the year at 3,747 all ranks, including Women's Services. These establishments are kept continuously under review with the object of adjustment to meet changing commitments as they arise.

The strength on 1st June, 1948, was 391 officers and 1,636 other ranks, a total of 2,027 all ranks. The strength was therefore at the time 1,720 below establishment. To make good this disparity recruiting was intensified during the year, resulting in an intake as follows:—

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|----------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Men recruits         | .. | .. | .. | 610 |
| Regular Force Cadets | .. | .. | .. | 185 |
| Women recruits       | .. | .. | .. | 109 |
| Total                | .. | .. | .. | 904 |

This intake has been offset in part by retirements and discharges, leaving the strength at 30th April, 1949, 383 officers, and 2,185 other ranks, a total of 2,568 all ranks.

## ENLISTMENT IN UNITED KINGDOM

In order to fill vacancies in certain specialist trades, a limited recruiting campaign has been conducted in the United Kingdom. From this source some 44 tradesmen have already been enlisted and are either in New Zealand, *en route*, or waiting passage to New Zealand.

## CHANGES IN SENIOR REGULAR FORCE APPOINTMENTS

Major changes in senior appointments in the New Zealand Regular Force during the period under review were—

Temporary Colonel V. G. Jervis, O.B.E., relinquished the appointments of Acting Adjutant-General and Acting Second Military Member of the Army Board as from 28th June, 1948, and was placed on the Retired List.

On 20th November, 1948, Temporary Colonel C. S. J. Duff, D.S.O., relinquished the appointment of New Zealand Liaison Officer in Melbourne and was replaced by Temporary Colonel D. T. Maxwell, O.B.E.

Major-General Sir Norman W. McD. Weir, K.B.E., C.B., relinquished the appointments of Chief of the General Staff and First Military Member of the Army Board on 31st March, 1949, and was succeeded by Major-General K. L. Stewart, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Brigadier K. L. Stewart, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., relinquished the appointments of Adjutant-General and Second Military Member of the Army Board on 31st March, 1949, and was succeeded by Brigadier W. G. Gentry, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Temporary Colonel B. S. Finn, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., K.H.D.S., relinquished the appointment of Director of Dental Services (Navy, Army, and Air) on 31st March, 1949. He was replaced by Colonel J. F. Fuller, O.B.E., B.D.S., on a part-time basis.

Temporary Colonel C. L. Pleasants, D.S.O., M.C., E.D., was seconded to the Fiji Military Forces (as Commandant and representative of the N.Z. Chiefs of Staff) on 28th March, 1949.