

## VOLUNTEERS.

The strength of the Volunteer Force (inclusive of Defence Cadets and Defence Rifle Clubs) on the 1st of August was distributed as follows:—

*Auckland (Officers and Men).*

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 battery of field artillery                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 90    |
| 3 companies garrison artillery                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 256   |
| 2 companies engineers                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 167   |
| 4 battalions mounted rifles (in all, 20 companies) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,182 |
| 2 battalions infantry (in all, 19 companies)       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 998   |
| 1 bearer corps                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32    |
| 5 defence cadet corps                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 241   |
| 19 defence rifle clubs                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 380   |
| 1 garrison band                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27    |

*Wellington (Officers and Men).*

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 battery of field artillery                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 78    |
| 2 companies garrison artillery                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 224   |
| 2 companies engineers                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 131   |
| 4 battalions mounted rifles (in all, 22 companies) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,166 |
| 5 battalions infantry (in all, 40 companies)       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,146 |
| 1 bearer corps                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31    |
| 24 defence cadet corps                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,164 |
| 49 defence rifle clubs                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,303 |
| 1 garrison band                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27    |

*Canterbury (Officers and Men).*

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 battery of field artillery                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 70    |
| 2 companies of garrison artillery                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 178   |
| 1 company engineers                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 74    |
| 3 battalions mounted rifles (in all, 14 companies) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 739   |
| 3 battalions infantry (in all, 21 companies)       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,124 |
| 1 bearer corps                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 37    |
| 7 defence cadet corps                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 422   |
| 7 defence rifle clubs                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 185   |
| 1 garrison band                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26    |

*Otago (Officers and Men).*

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 battery of field artillery                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 57    |
| 2 companies garrison artillery                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 226   |
| 1 company engineers                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 89    |
| 2 battalions mounted rifles (in all, 13 companies) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 835   |
| 4 battalions infantry (in all, 33 companies)       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,878 |
| 1 bearer corps                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33    |
| 13 defence cadet corps                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 732   |
| 13 defence rifle clubs                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 299   |
| 1 garrison band                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28    |

*Nelson (Officers and Men).*

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 2 batteries of field artillery                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 109 |
| 1 battalion mounted rifles (in all, 4 companies) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 257 |
| 2 battalions infantry (in all, 11 companies)     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 673 |
| 1 bearer corps                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 46  |
| 7 defence cadet corps                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | 328 |
| 12 defence rifle clubs                           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 375 |
| 1 garrison band                                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27  |

*Summary (Officers and Men).*

|                                                        |     |     |     |     |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 6 batteries of field artillery                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 404   |
| 9 companies of garrison artillery                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 884   |
| 6 companies of engineers                               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 461   |
| 14 battalions of mounted rifles (in all, 73 companies) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,179 |
| 16 battalions of infantry (in all, 124 companies)      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6,819 |
| 5 bearer corps                                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 179   |
| 56 defence cadet corps                                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,887 |
| 100 defence rifle clubs                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,542 |
| 5 garrison bands                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 135   |

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| Total | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18,490 |
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## MOUNTED CORPS.

An improvement has taken place as regards the efficiency of mounted corps. It is now recognised by corps that dismounted duties, and not mounted drill, is the important part of their training. As regards men, the material is excellent, and with training it would be very hard to equal