

presentation to the Onehunga School rifle team of the North Island Cadet Challenge Shield by His Excellency the Governor (Lord Plunket), and to take part in the parade for inspection by Colonel Kirkpatrick, D.A.A.G., of the Imperial service, who is on a tour of the colonies for the purpose of inspecting the military resources. The cadets, who looked smart in their blue dress, and carried themselves in soldierly fashion, numbered 1,106 all told. His Excellency, after delivering a brief speech on the importance of the cadet movement, handed the challenge shield to Major Robb on behalf of the winners.

His Excellency then handed to each of the lads in turn the medal that goes to the members of the winning team, and gave each a hearty hand-shake and word of encouragement. Sergeant Friar, one of the smallest members of the little band of marksmen, numbering ten in all, claimed a special word of commendation from the Governor, because of his splendid aggregate, he having scored 83 out of a possible 84 points in the competition, which is fired at three distances—100 yards standing, 150 yards kneeling, 200 yards prone position.

Addressing the brigade after the presentation, His Excellency said that since coming to New Zealand he had taken the greatest possible interest in the cadet movement, which he regarded as one of the finest things in the colony. That opinion, he was pleased to find, was shared by the people of New Zealand generally, the parents readily recognising the good it did their children. He was certain that it would prove of the utmost benefit to the colony in the future, both in the matter of defence and in the habits of discipline, orderliness, neatness, and respect for authority it developed. They would be pleased to hear that Colonel Kirkpatrick was very pleased with the appearance and behaviour of the boys generally, and with the manner in which the company drilled and had gone through its exercises. The Colonel had said, "It was very good."

At a meeting of the Education Board on the 21st February, the following resolution was carried: "That the Board express its satisfaction with the efficient manner in which the work of training the public-schools cadet corps of Auckland City and suburbs has been carried out by the teachers responsible for that training, and, while thanking them accordingly, this Board desires to congratulate the teachers on the gratifying results of their labours in this useful and important direction, of which evidence has been given on two recent occasions when the cadets assembled in large numbers, and which in the matter of drill, bearing, and discipline reflected credit upon themselves and their officers."

APPENDIX IV.

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THE CADETS.—BATTALION CAMP AT SENTRY HILL.—A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

THE cadet battalion camp being held at Sentry Hill is well attended, and much good is expected from it, the boys entering heartily into their work and showing an intelligent appreciation of their novel experience. The idea of a camp originated with Major Dempsey, in command of the Taranaki Battalion, and his representations to headquarters were strongly backed up by Lieutenant-Colonel Loveday, the Commander of the cadet corps of the colony, with the result that his desire was brought to fulfilment. The camp-site has been judiciously selected; it is on the bank of a stream, and fairly well sheltered.

The Central and West End School Cadets went into camp on Tuesday morning, and at once got to work; the tents being erected, bedding laid down, and commissariat arrangements perfected before the arrival of Colonel Loveday at 3.30. At 4.30 the Inglewood and Stratford contingents put in an appearance, and found comfortable quarters ready for them.

The order of the day is: Reveille, 6 a.m.; drill under officers, 8 a.m.; dress for parade, 9.30 a.m.; fall in, 10 a.m.; dinner, 12 noon; C.O. parade, 2 p.m.; tea, 5.30 p.m.; retreat at sunset, guard-mounting, 7 p.m.; first post, 8.45 p.m.; second post, 9.15 p.m.; lights out, 9.30 p.m.

Talking is strictly prohibited after 9.30 p.m., and no bathing is allowed unless with the Commanding Officer's consent.

During the night (at 11 o'clock) two civilians got into the camp, but the guards were vigilant, and both were arrested and taken to the guard-room. One was kept in durance vile all night, and then released with a caution; but the other was let go with a caution at midnight, having convinced Major Dempsey that he was suffering from heart-disease.

The Major will be pleased to see visitors at the camp, particularly on Thursday afternoon.

The boys are all well and happy, and enter thoroughly into their work.

Vegetables are scarce, and any townfolk who have good gardens might remember the fact and act accordingly.

A visit to the camp will convince any one that it is being run on excellent lines, and that the outing is a good one for the boys.

The Taranaki Rifles, under Captain Okey, and Taranaki Guards under Captain Mills, marched from New Plymouth to Sentry Hill on Thursday afternoon for the purpose of attacking the cadet battalion encamped on Mr. Sampson's property near the railway-station. Scouts and signallers were sent in advance of the main body, and the following despatch was sent forward by messenger, under flag of truce, to officer commanding the camp:—

"SIR,—This serves as a formal notice, calling upon you, together with the whole of the force under your command, to surrender. Terms of surrender will be as follows: (1.) You will in the meantime be deemed prisoners of war. (2.) The whole of your camp-equipment, arms, accoutrements, and ammunition, together with all supplies, to be surrendered unconditionally. The alternative will be an immediate attack. I request your prompt reply per bearer.—C. T. MILLS, Captain in charge of attacking force."