

Organization and Distribution of the New Zealand Defence Forces on the 28th February, 1910.

Unit.	Wellington.	Auckland.	Canterbury.	Otago.	Nelson.	Total, 1910.	Comparison 1909.
Headquarters	15	..	..	..	..	15	15
District Staffs	11	12	18	13	5	59	55
Permanent Force	110	71	37	40	3	261	266
Garrison Artillery Volunteers	264	459	188	232	71	1,214	1,011
Field Artillery	117	76	105	102	54	454	382
Engineers	80	87	105	86	..	358	273
Railway Pioneers	..	..	..	61	..	61	..
Mounted Rifles	1,104	1,474	641	714	298	4,231	3,759
Infantry	2,324	898	1,201	1,468	635	6,526	6,108
Active List	81	22	60	34	16	213	178
Medical Officers (attached) ..	28	21	16	30	14	109	114
Medical Officers (unattached)	19	16	10	8	8	61	49
Field Ambulances	45	33	54	54	46	232	209
Veterinary Officers (attached)	9	3	4	3	..	19	14
Reserve Volunteer Corps	27	..	95	122	..	244	242
Defence Cadets	999	1,159	670	1,050	231	4,109	3,560
Defence Rifle Clubs	1,870	421	435	281	607	3,414	3,697
Garrison Bands	28	30	26	31	28	143	146
Battalion Bands	111	68	41	101	69	390	350
	7,242	4,850	3,706	4,430	2,085	22,313	20,428

N.B.—On the 28th February, 1909, the total showed 20,428, making an increase for the year ending 28th February, 1910, of 1,885. Bands are being trained as stretcher-bearers. There are also 201 officers on the Militia list.

Up to date 10,629 adult Volunteers have qualified for capitulation. Fourteen rolls are still outstanding, taking which, at an average, it can be expected that 11,400 will capitulate for year ending 28th February, 1910.

The number of adult Volunteers who capitulated as efficient for the year ending 28th February, 1906, was 11,051; 28th February, 1907, 10,846; 29th February, 1908, 11,068; 28th February, 1909, 10,356.

The number of Defence Cadets who qualified for capitulation for year ending 28th February, 1909, was 3,064.

Up to date, 3,046 Defence Cadets have qualified for capitulation. Seventeen rolls are still outstanding, which, at an average, it can be expected that about 3,800 Defence Cadets will qualify for year ending 31st December, 1909.

Military Operations.

On account of the visit of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener, inspections of the defences and Defence Forces were held during February and March in lieu of Easter camps. The following table shows the attendance of troops, &c., at the above inspections:—

District.	Volunteers.	Defence Cadets.	Con- tingenters.	Veterans.	St. John's Ambulance.	Total.
Wellington	2,913	434	..	145	..	3,492
Otago	1,791	774	..	22	..	2,587
Auckland	1,814	895	50	214	..	2,973
Canterbury	1,470	623	10	40	125	2,268
Nelson	663	113	..	..	..	776
	8,651	2,839	60	421	125	12,096

Last year 5,389 Volunteers and 855 Defence Cadets attended the Easter manœuvres.

Rifle Clubs.—It is most difficult to obtain musters for drill and instruction. It is not considered that any of the rifle clubs are efficient in this respect. It is intended to increase the ammunition grant and further extend the privilege of cheap ammunition; also, in view of the general training coming into effect, to cancel the drill parades now required for Rifle Clubs.

Staff rides, tactical exercises, and daylight week-end parades have been encouraged and carried out under district arrangements.

Staff and Instructional Duties.

The following instructional staff has been available during the year, and have done excellent work:—

Artillery Services, Garrison and Field.—One Chief Instructor and 1 Sergeant-major; also the officers and N.C.O.s of the R.N.Z.A.