

FORMATION OF A STAFF CORPS.

21. At present permanent staff officers are given a commission in the New Zealand Militia. A Staff Corps, as suggested by Lord Kitchener, to be formed, to include all permanent staff and Permanent Force officers, and promotions and pay arranged accordingly. Officers and N.C.O.s would then have a clear issue in front of them, and understand that promotion and increments rested on their energy and ability and results in competitive examination, instead of merely waiting for vacancies in the separate branches of the military service.

22. The following table shows the number of permanent staff and Permanent Force officers at present available, also additional number required at once to initiate the scheme for thirty-two areas :—

Duties.	Colonels.	Lieut.-Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Total.
General Headquarters Staff ..	2	1	1	6*	1†	11
District commands and staff ..	..	5‡	..	4	..	9
Permanent Forces, R.N.Z.A. ..	..	1§	1	4	3	9
Undergoing training in England ..	1	..	1	..	4	6
Total	3	7	3	14	8	35
Required to initiate the scheme ..	..	..	..	..	28	28
Total	3	7	3	14	36	63

* One Director Military Stores.

† One draughtsman, fortifications.

‡ One temporary lieut.-colonel.

§ One ordnance officer.

The warrant officers and non-commissioned officer instructors at present available are :—

						Total.
General headquarters ..	..	..	..	..	Nil	Nil.
District staffs ..	..	..	..	..	34	34
Required to initiate the scheme ..	..	..	..	..	28	28
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23. Thirty-seven additional officers will be required in 1911–12 to make up the Staff Corps, and to complete the areas from thirty-two to fifty-six, as recommended by the Field-Marshal, eventually forming the Staff Corps as recommended :—

Colonels	3
Lieut.-colonels	6
Majors	13
Captains	26
Lieutenants	52
Total	100

Out of this corps, the headquarters, district headquarters, adjutants, area officers, &c., would be found.

Ten cadets should be sent annually to the military college in Australia.

PAY OF RECRUITS AND TERRITORIAL FORCE.

24. During the training period in camp the Training and Territorial Force will receive pay at following rates (Pay for 1910–11 already stated in General Order 59/10 :—

For each whole day and night spent in training camp the following personal allowance will be granted :—

	s.	d.
Lieutenant-colonels	15	0
Majors	12	0
Captains	10	0
Lieutenants and second lieutenants	8	0
Sergeant-majors and staff sergeants	5	6
Sergeants	5	0
Corporals	4	6
Other ranks	4	0

A horse-allowance of £1 per annum to be paid to each efficient officer, non-commissioned officer, and men of the Mounted Rifles, provided his horse and saddlery are certified as suitable.

Rations and forage will be issued, or an allowance made, in addition to pay.

25. The Defence Act, 1909, requires that capitation be paid to divisions, regiments, and battalions, out of which they are to maintain the unit, and supply the field service dress for officers and rank and