

256. Drills will be arranged and distributed throughout the year so as to provide a progressive system of training which should culminate in the annual camp.

257. Attendances at war games, church parades, funerals, guards of honour, or on street duty will not count as part of the obligatory training required under para. 247.

WHOLE- OR HALF-DAY PARADES.

258. (1.) A half-day parade, both in the Territorial Force and in the Senior Cadets, will consist of not less than three hours' continuous instruction in the open and during daylight.

(2.) A whole-day parade will consist of not less than six hours' continuous instruction by day or night.

(3.) Whole-day parades will be allowed to count as two half-days, and a half-day parade will be counted as the equivalent of two drills.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE FOR RELIGIOUS AND CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS TO MILITARY TRAINING.

SUMMARY OF REPLIES RECEIVED IN ANSWER TO CIRCULAR LETTER DATED 23RD MARCH, 1914,
ADDRESSED TO ALL MAYORS AND CHAIRMEN OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

Borough or County Council.	If in favour of Alternative Service for Religious and Conscientious Objectors.	Suggestion.	Remarks.
Akaroa	Yes ..	..	No shirkers from military duty in the borough.
Akitio	Yes ..	Quarry-work, &c., or work not requiring constant supervision	Council will be pleased to help the Defence Department in any way possible and provide work.
Amuri	..	Fatigue-work at camps.	
Ashburton	..	..	To be laid before the Council, and decision notified later.
Bay of Islands	Yes, but not as regards exemption on conscientious grounds	Repair and maintenance of public roads	Council will assist the Government in any manner possible in carrying out any scheme so provided.
Bruce	..	Recommending that the Government find employment for objectors on various public works.	
Carterton	Yes ..	Town-beautifying under supervision of engineer or overseer	Difficult to arrange services in odd or half-hours; whole time should be given at one time.
Castlepoint	Yes ..	Council is willing to undertake to find employment, under Government supervision, which might be done by the local constable. It is desired that objectors should be allowed (or compelled) to carry out the whole of their substituted duties for any year at one time, so as not to have to be called up at frequent intervals.	
Cheviot	Yes ..	Tree-planting under Government supervision	No knowledge of any objectors in district.
Christchurch	..	..	Acknowledged, but no action to be taken.
Clutha	..	Camp cooks or assistants.	
Collingwood	..	No recommendation	No objectors in district.
Cook	Yes ..	Cannot indicate any particular class of work at present.	
Coromandel	..	Cooking or general rouseabout work.	
Devonport	..	Town-planning schemes	No sympathy with objectors.
Eastbourne	..	No suggestion	Anticipated that there will be no objectors in the borough.
Egmont	..	Afforestation and eradication of noxious weeds.	
Eketahuna	Yes ..	Government should provide work ..	Council has no work suitable.
Eltham Borough Council ..	Yes ..	No recommendation	All persons should render service during the time they are liable.
Eltham County Council ..	..	No recommendation	Objectors should be disfranchised.
Featherston	Yes ..	Cutting noxious weeds on Crown lands.	
Feilding	..	No recommendation.	
Gisborne	..	Would be prepared to adopt any workable suggestion the Minister might make	Supervision of objectors would prevent local bodies utilizing their services.
Greytown	Yes ..	(1.) Making track from Woodside (near Greytown) to Otaki. (2.) Planting trees. (3.) Serve out 100 or 200 rounds of ammunition to the men employed as above for target practice under supervision of their O.C. Companies (sic).	Borough has no work at present.