

SUMMARY OF REPLIES RECEIVED IN ANSWER TO CIRCULAR LETTER—*continued.*

Borough or County Council.			If in favour of Alternative Service for Religious and Conscientious Objectors.	Suggestion.	Remarks.
Mosgiel	..	..	..	Should not be eligible for any position in the Civil Service, or allowed to take part in land-ballots, and should be disfranchised.	
Napier	..	..	..	..	Letter received, but no action taken. Would be prepared to provide work such as gorse-grubbing, digging holes for tree-planting, and tree-planting, but would not be prepared to undertake any administration or supervision in connection therewith; also, is of opinion that it could provide sufficient work to meet the time conditions of training as set out in the regulations.
Onslow	..	..	..	..	
Otamatea	..	..	..	..	Is of opinion that persons who refuse to comply with the provisions of the Defence Act on conscientious grounds should not be relieved from their military duties, but should be compelled by law to carry out their military obligations under the Defence Act.
Port Chalmers	..	..	..	..	Letter laid before the Council for consideration and received.
Raglan	..	..	..	Breaking metal spalls into road-metal on contract or other easily supervised work	Work to be under Government supervision, and each man must at least break $1\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards a day.
Rodney	..	..	..	Employment on public works that suit each locality	The time taken by Territorials in getting to the parade-ground be taken into account in fixing the time to be served in lieu of training.
Ross	..	..	No opinion to offer	No opinion to offer	Quite satisfied to leave the matter entirely to the discretion of the Defence Department.
St. Kilda	..	..	..	..	Matter should be left in the hands of the Government.
Taieri	..	..	..	Exempted by making a capitation payment of, say, a sum equivalent to the cost per head of the defence scheme and time of training, such payment to be spread over the period which they would be liable to serve	Should not be eligible for any position in the Civil Service, or to take part in a land-ballot.
Tauranga	..	..	Yes	(1.) Ambulance-work; but objectors not to be compulsorily attached to any active military force. Efficiency to be determined by examination, and entered in personal-record books. (2.) Railway and road formation. Objectors to be mobilized in camps at suitable season	Employment by local authorities not likely to be satisfactory. <i>Re</i> (1): Distribute text-books in country districts where instructors not available. Annual gatherings to be held at centres for instruction purposes, and facilities for attendance as for Territorials extended. <i>Re</i> (2): Sections for formation could be selected in the various areas. At the same time, exercise in formation-work to be carried out under supervision of selected officers, and personal service entered in record-books.
Thames	..	..	..	..	Impossible to provide work.
Timaru	..	..	..	No suggestions..	Sincerely sympathizes with the Hon. Minister of Defence in his efforts to equalize the duties of those liable to personal service under the Defence Act.
Tuapeka	..	..	..	Be equivalently employed on road-work, and Council will find employment for its local quota and provide suitable supervision as suggested by the Minister.	
Waimate	..	..	Yes	..	Question is one for Department's sole control, and regrets in the circumstances its inability to render assistance.
Waimea	..	..	..	Fatigue duties at camps; and, further, that the services of such as are not required for that purpose be utilized in planting on the waste lands of the Crown.	
Waipukurau	..	..	..	..	Letter received. Council not favourably impressed with the necessity of providing equivalent service.