

RETURN OF MAILS RECEIVED AND DESPATCHED FROM JULY, 1916, TO JUNE, 1917.

	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.
Postings to New Zealand (letters)	19,150	238,250	256,450	225,000	406,200	392,600	343,100	303,700	261,200	557,750	531,350	406,650
Registered letters despatched to all destinations	3,983	4,765	5,129	4,500	8,124	7,852	6,862	6,074	5,224	11,155	10,627	8,133
Bags received from all sources	1,984	3,392	3,037	3,203	4,455	4,524	4,171	2,805	3,717	3,786	5,013	5,821
Letters received from New Zealand	2,320	3,067	1,614	2,577	2,455	3,623	4,230	3,095	3,284	2,834	2,175	2,454
Letter-packets received from New Zealand	240,000	260,000	364,000	436,000	460,000	640,000	680,000	368,000	660,000	232,000	512,000	576,000
Letters and papers despatched	60	65	91	109	115	160	170	92	190	58	128	144
Parcels despatched from Base	140	165	142	165	215	230	232	177	175	48	115	55
Post-office	11,200	13,200	11,360	13,200	17,200	18,400	18,560	13,160	12,760	4,040	9,200	4,400
Parcels for deceased and missing men opened and distributed to units	2,891	3,881	3,415	3,239	3,290	4,460	4,958	3,327	4,861	4,109	3,885	3,881
Redirections noted	1,458	3,127	3,532	2,713	3,154	7,075	10,468	4,910	3,275	4,145	3,709	4,171
Broken parcels rewrapped	23,668	21,493	22,556	22,571	25,340	49,656	70,609	39,281	26,200	34,767	23,693	22,923
Average staff for month	..	..	946	1,217	1,411	1,659	2,041	6,502	4,602	1,068	974	384
	21,000	24,000	25,000	27,000	28,000	30,000	32,000	35,000	40,000	45,000	48,000	50,000
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	51	53	55	57	60	94*	100*	101*	79	80	77	78

* Includes men attached for Christmas work.

The decrease in the number of letter-packets and parcels for the month of June is due to the fact that mails which should have been received in that month did not arrive until July. The decrease in the number of bags received and despatched is due to the same cause.

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