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COMPARATIVE RETURN SHOWING THE HEALTH OF THE TROOPS IN TRENTHAM AND FEATHERSTON FOR PERIOD JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER (INCLUSIVE) FOR YEARS 1916 AND 1917.

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The following table gives a comparison of the more important statistical figures indicating the condition of the health of the troops in Trentham and Featherston for the first nine months, January to September (inclusive), of the years 1916 and 1917:—

| | , 1916. | | | 1917. | | |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| _ | Trentham. | Featherston. | Totals. | Trentham. | Featherston. | Totals. |
| Admissions to hospitals Cases of measles Cases of influenza Cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis | 4,058 600 2,332 17 | 4,934 1,101 1,720 16 | 8,492 1,701 4,052 33 | 1,106 20 140 | 1,786 30 480 5 | 2,892 50 620 5 |
| Pneumonia | 13 | 1 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 8 |

Note.—The improvement in the health of the troops during the year 1917 is largely due to the diminution of influenza and measles consequent on the isolation of new Reinforcements for a month at Tauherenikau Camp, and the prompt removal of contacts of infected cases to a separate small camp until danger of infection is over.

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