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REPORT OF THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE FORCES, FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1ST JULY, 1919, TO 30TH JUNE, 1920.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

SIR,—

Department of Defence, Headquarters Office, 31st July, 1920.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report of the Defence Forces covering the period 1st July, 1919, to 30th June, 1920.

E. W. C. CHAYTOR, Major-General,
Commanding New Zealand Military Forces.

The Hon. the Minister of Defence.

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SECTION I.—GENERAL.

1. CHANGE OF COMMAND.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR A. W. ROBIN, K.C.M.G., C.B. (b), relinquished the appointment of General Officer Commanding New Zealand Military Forces as from the 10th December, 1919, on which date I assumed command.

2. STAFF ORGANIZATION.

With the appointment of Brigadier-General G. S. Richardson, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., as Officer in Command Administration the appointments of Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General and a number of "Directorates" were abolished. In consequence of these changes it was decided to discontinue the cumbersome designations of "Assistant Quartermaster-General," "Assistant Adjutant-General," &c., and to reorganize the Staff into one General Staff—officers being graded as Staff Captains, Staff Majors, &c., according to their rank.