RETURN SHOWING MONTHLY

RETURN showing the present Strength of the COLONIAL FORCES; also, the Number of the same Force on the 1st January, 1865, and the Monthly Increase or Decrease since that time—*continued.*

DATE.	*a* HAWKE'S BAY MILITARY SETTLERS AND VOLUNTEERS.							*b* EAST COAST EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.							*c* DEFENCE FORCE.					*d* NATIVE CONTINGENT. European.			Native.		European.	Native.		TOTALS.							TOTAL ALL RANKS.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.	
	Field Officers.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Staff.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Rank and File.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Staff.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Rank and File.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Sergeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and File.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Rank and File.	Field Officers.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Staff.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Rank and File.			Location.	Other causes. *e*
1865.																																						
January ...	...	1	4	...	6	1	153	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	3	2	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	47	114	27	255	34	4432	4921	...	...	...
February ...	...	1	4	...	6	1	153	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	3	2	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	47	112	26	256	34	4321	4806	...	...	115
March ...	...	1	4	...	6	1	153	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	3	2	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	48	112	26	254	33	4305	4790	...	...	16
April ...	...	1	4	...	6	1	153	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	3	2	68	...	1	...	2	4	2	6	93	12	48	105	26	242	29	3738	4200	...	519	71
May ...	...	1	4	...	6	1	153	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	3	2	68	...	1	...	2	4	2	6	93	10	46	100	24	229	28	3549	3986	...	145	69
June ...	...	1	4	...	6	1	151	1	5	11	1	21	4	342	3	2	3	2	68	...	1	...	2	4	2	6	93	12	50	111	25	248	32	3895	4373	*f*333	54	...
July ...	...	1	4	...	9	1	180	1	5	11	1	21	4	340	3	1	3	2	71	...	1	...	2	4	2	6	90	12	51	105	25	228	30	3623	4074	...	112	187
August ...	...	1	5	...	9	...	180	1	5	11	1	21	3	337	3	1	3	2	69	...	1	...	2	4	2	6	87	12	50	103	25	224	26	3500	3940	56	201	...
September ...	...	1	6	...	9	...	183	2	7	11	2	22	3	338	3	1	3	2	69	1	...	2	2	5	2	7	113	13	46	91	24	200	22	3171	3567	...	362	...
October ...	...	1	4	...	10	1	190	2	7	12	2	22	3	338	3	1	3	2	69	1	...	2	2	5	2	7	113	13	47	89	23	201	23	3208	3604	12	49	...
November ...	...	1	5	...	9	1	174	2	7	13	3	24	3	338	3	1	3	2	69	1	...	2	2	5	2	7	113	11	45	86	24	194	24	3090	3474	...	117	13
December ...	...	2	5	3	9	1	173	1	6	13	4	25	2	337	3	1	3	2	69	1	...	1	2	5	2	8	113	10	46	83	28	191	22	2947	3327	85	232	...
1866.																																						
January ...	...	2	4	3	9	1	179	1	6	11	4	25	3	334	3	1	3	2	69	1	...	3	2	6	2	6	97	9	44	83	27	179	23	2768	3133	...	105	89
February ...	...	2	5	3	9	1	181	1	6	11	4	25	3	334	3	1	3	2	69	1	1	3	2	6	2	6	97	7	41	74	25	173	23	2580	2923	...	86	...
March ...	1	1	5	2	10	1	186	1	6	11	4	25	3	332	3	1	3	2	69	1	1	...	1	3	1	2	32	7	35	64	21	158	23	2269	2577	...	332	138
April ...	1	1	5	2	10	1	173	1	4	11	4	21	3	*g*292	3	1	3	2	69	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	7	29	60	22	140	21	2014	2293	...	89	195
May ...	1	1	5	2	9	1	156	1	4	11	4	21	3	*g*257	3	1	3	2	69	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	23	7	28	58	22	122	20	1799	2056	...	124	113
June ...	1	1	3	2	7	1	123	1	4	11	4	21	3	*h*216	3	1	3	2	69	1	1	1	1	1	...	4	66	7	29	53	22	109	19	1594	1833	...	89	134

a The Hawke's Bay Volunteers, 39 all ranks, will be discharged during the present month; they are not entitled to land. The Military Settlers will be located as soon as land is surveyed for them.

b The whole of these men have been removed to the Patea, and will be located as soon as land is surveyed for them.

c The Auckland Defence Force will be disbanded early in August. The Defence Force at Napier are alone entitled to land.

d Until February, 1866, the Native Contingent have been on active service at Opotiki and on the West Coast. After General Chute's expedition they were sent to garrison Pipiriki, and those who wished were granted their discharge; they have been again increased for service at Patea, where they will be located having been promised land as Military Settlers.

e Deaths, desertions, and discharges for misconduct, &c.

f This increase is by the enrolment of the Native Military Settlers, Patea and Wanganui Bush Rangers, and the Wanganui Yeomanry Cavalry.

g Reduction by discharges at Opotiki.

h Reduction by discharges at Wanganui.