

1896.
NEW ZEALAND.

VOLUNTEER AND RESERVE CORPS.

(STRENGTH OF FORCE AT AUCKLAND, WELLINGTON, CHRISTCHURCH, AND DUNEDIN, FROM 1890 TO 1895.)

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated 23rd June, 1896.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing (1) The number of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, being members of the Reserve Corps at Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, on 31st December, 1895, in terms of section 45 of "The Defence Act, 1886"; and (2) the names of the various Volunteer corps, with a detail of their respective strengths at 31st December, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, and 1895."—(MR. WILLIS.)

RETURN OF VOLUNTEERS ON DISTRICT RESERVE CORPS ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

District.	Officers.	Non-commissioned Officers.	Privates.	Total.
Auckland ... ..	...	3	4	7
Wellington	1	8	14	23
Canterbury	1	6	2	9
Otago ... ..	...	2	...	2
Grand total	2	19	20	41

ARTHUR P. DOUGLAS, Major,
Under-Secretary, Defence.

RETURN of VOLUNTEERS for Years ending 31st December, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895.

District, and Name of Corps.	Years.						Remarks.
	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.	1891.	1890.	
Auckland—							
Auckland Naval Artillery Volunteers	67	90	68	79	90	104	
Thames Naval Artillery Volunteers ...	58	72	75	59	60	65	
Ponsonby Naval Artillery Volunteers	78	90	70	65	60	81	
Devonport Naval Artillery Volunteers	83	87	...	...	...	...	Corps accepted, 7/7/94.
Waiuku Mounted Rifles ...	59	59	56	68	67	70	
Te Awamutu Mounted Rifles ...	46	46	49	57	49	45	
South Franklin Mounted Rifles ...	52	60	61	42	48	56	
A Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	79	83	58	52	62	61	
O Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	...	...	...	...	43	54	Disbanded.
Engineers ... ..	...	...	48	53	48	55	Disbanded.
Victoria Rifle Volunteers	49	53	63	63	63	60	
Wairoa Rifle Volunteers ... ..	...	...	...	45	49	48	Disbanded.
City Guards Rifle Volunteers	37	45	63	63	53	63	Corps amalgamated and styled "City Rifles."
Newton Rifle Volunteers ... ..	...	...	...	63	61	63	
Wangarei Rifle Volunteers ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	42	Disbanded.
Onehunga Rifle Volunteers ... ..	...	...	...	...	66	63	Disbanded.
Hamilton Rifle Volunteers	33	48	48	52	56	51	
Royal Irish Rifle Volunteers ... ..	...	...	...	...	51	67	Disbanded.
Garrison Band	25	25	25	28	25	25	
Te Aroha Rifle Volunteers	45	45	51	55	Corps accepted, 15/9/92.
Avondale Rifle Volunteers	51	Corps accepted, 16/2/95.

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continued.

District, and Name of Corps.	Years.						Remarks.
	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.	1891.	1890.	
East Coast—							
East Coast Hussars ...	...	...	46	46	52	46	Disbanded.
Napier Naval Artillery Volunteers ...	58	50	60	61	57	50	
F Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	46	50	48	55	63	49	
Napier Rifle Volunteers ...	50	51	48	60	48	54	
Hastings Rifle Volunteers ...	45	48	48	53	53	47	
Garrison Band ...	22	20	20	20	20	36	
Wanganui—							
Wanganui Naval Artillery Volunteers	65	64	68	69	67	56	
Alexandra Cavalry Volunteers ...	49	58	61	60	63	63	
Wairoa Mounted Rifle Volunteers ...	51	53	49	60	66	67	
Rangitikei Cavalry Volunteers ...	...	...	43	49	48	51	Disbanded.
Hawera Mounted Rifle Volunteers ...	73	61	66	64	61	50	
Manawatu Mounted Rifle Volunteers	47	51	43	55	48	...	Corps accepted, 28/5/91.
Royal Rifle Volunteers ...	58	58	53	57	56	63	
Wanganui Rifle Volunteers ...	66	63	64	65	54	51	
Palmerston North Volunteers ...	58	63	59	59	58	52	
Taranaki Rifle Volunteers ...	62	59	58	71	63	57	
Manchester Rifle Volunteers ...	57	54	51	50	48	49	
Wanganui Band ...	20	26	18	20	25	23	
Wanganui City Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	40	50	50	51	Designation changed to "Albert Rifles," 11/2/92
Wairarapa—							
Greytown Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	...	...	...	48	Disbanded.
Featherston Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	...	...	47	48	Disbanded.
Papawai Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	...	...	47	47	Disbanded.
Masterton Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	42	53	53	59	Disbanded.
Wellington—							
Wellington Naval Artillery Volunteers	91	92	103	108	80	105	
Petone Naval Artillery Volunteers ...	73	79	67	69	65	67	
Heretaunga Mounted Rifles ...	48	46	49	63	62	39	
D Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	63	64	56	71	47	57	
Wellington City Rifles ...	69	65	73	69	72	64	
Wellington Guards Rifles ...	65	65	65	64	56	65	
Wellington Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	...	58	62	63	Disbanded.
Garrison Band ...	25	26	25	26	36	23	
Nelson—							
Nelson Naval Artillery Volunteers ...	64	64	64	59	60	55	
Westport Naval Artillery Volunteers	63	67	58	63	60	52	Designation changed to "Westport Rifles," 9/4/95.
H Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	50	55	60	59	60	53	
Nelson City Rifle Volunteers ...	55	52	56	49	54	53	
Stoke Rifle Volunteers ...	48	49	50	48	53	49	
Waimea Rifle Volunteers ...	47	51	50	51	52	50	
Westland—							
Greymouth Naval Artillery Volunteers	52	59	67	67	68	68	
1st Westland Rifle Volunteers ...	63	55	67	69	74	70	
Kumara Rifle Volunteers ...	55	59	58	59	67	64	
Greymouth Rifle Volunteers ...	73	64	52	66	64	65	
Brunnerton Rifle Volunteers ...	21	59	58	60	66	55	
Inangahua Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	...	50	52	54	Disbanded.
Totara Rifle Volunteers ...	56	49	58	66	64	...	
							Accepted, 20/4/91.
Marlborough—							
Marlborough Mounted Rifles ...	50	51	41	51	58	61	
Blenheim Rifle Volunteers ...	70	74	75	75	72	58	
Blenheim City Volunteers ...	55	51	59	56	68	59	
Canterbury—							
Lyttelton Naval Artillery Volunteers	70	66	69	70	66	69	
Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry Volunteers	70	75	75	76	75	79	
Canterbury Mounted Rifles ...	47	43	44	44	38	44	
E Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	61	56	56	63	54	47	
N Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	50	53	62	62	58	49	
Canterbury Engineer Volunteers ...	67	67	60	52	37	48	
Christchurch City Guards Volunteers	59	69	36	39	49	46	Corps amalgamated.
Christchurch Rifle Volunteers	61	51	48	55	
Christ's College Rifles ...	51	60	58	63	43	63	

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Canterbury—continued.							
Sydenham Rifle Volunteers ...	53	65	64	65	41	52	Corps amalgamated and styled "A Company," 1/6/92.
Irish Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	...	...	40	44	
Scottish Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	33	50	50	42	Disbanded.
Honorary Reserve ...	57	57	57	57	57	57	Disbanded.
Richmond Rifle Volunteers ...	...	4	4	35	20	45	
Kaiapoi Rifle Volunteers ...	62	76	84	68	65	64	Disbanded.
Rangiora Rifle Volunteers ...	53	50	56	55	52	55	
Garrison Band Volunteers ...	32	28	29	35	27	21	Disbanded.
Timaru Naval Artillery Volunteers ...	77	81	65	74	66	52	
C Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	53	55	53	58	57	56	Disbanded.
Temuka Rifle Volunteers ...	51	50	50	51	49	49	
Ashburton Rifle Volunteers ...	70	62	51	51	52	55	Disbanded.
Geraldine Rifle Volunteers ...	50	50	50	50	47	50	
Timaru Rifle Volunteers ...	65	70	72	58	54	52	Disbanded.
Waimate Rifle Volunteers ...	55	49	50	50	48	52	
Oamaru—							
Oamaru Naval Artillery Volunteers ...	57	63	45	56	75	73	Changed to "Rifles," 1895
North Otago Mounted Rifle Volunteers	47	63	63	63	48	33	
I Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	44	51	46	51	49	48	Disbanded.
Oamaru Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	...	37	52	47	
Waikouaiti Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	44	56	54	60	Disbanded.
Palmerston South Rifle Volunteers ..	...	...	52	52	48	48	Disbanded.
Naseby Rifle Volunteers ...	49	48	48	51	58	63	Disbanded.
Garrison Band ...	25	25	25	25	25	25	
Dunedin—							
Dunedin Naval Artillery Volunteers ...	78	69	68	66	63	65	Disbanded.
Port Chalmers Naval Artillery ...	69	78	50	68	67	81	
Peninsula Naval Artillery ...	...	...	...	65	60	49	Disbanded.
Otago Hussar Volunteers ...	62	61	51	56	54	51	
B Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	50	60	45	53	47	46	Amalgamated with Port Chalmers Navals, 23/7/94.
L Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery ...	...	...	45	55	45	55	
Dunedin Engineers ...	74	72	74	72	64	53	Disbanded.
City Guards Rifle Volunteers ...	59	65	66	63	56	56	
Bruce Rifle Volunteers ...	41	24	48	46	52	53	Disbanded.
South District Rifles ...	...	...	...	...	44	64	
East Taieri Rifle Volunteers ...	63	42	35	48	39	45	Disbanded.
North Dunedin Rifle Volunteers ...	65	66	66	65	61	63	
Wakari Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	...	...	48	48	Disbanded.
Waitahuna Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	...	...	46	48	Disbanded.
Highland Rifle Volunteers ...	51	66	63	67	62	53	Disbanded.
Irish Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	...	63	53	63	
Tuapeka Rifle Volunteers ...	...	...	51	49	49	48	Disbanded.
Kaitangata Rifle Volunteers ...	44	48	50	52	50	56	Disbanded.
Garrison Band ...	22	28	31	34	35	36	
Ordnance Band ...	...	...	...	26	28	20	Disbanded.
Country Band ...	...	...	...	...	27	32	Disbanded.
Southland—							
Bluff Naval Artillery Volunteers ...	100	100	77	87	91	100	Disbanded.
Southland Yeomanry Hussars ...	...	...	...	...	...	48	
G. Battery N.Z. Regiment Artillery...	54	55	35	48	48	54	Disbanded.
Riverton Rifle Volunteers ...	43	48	48	48	49	50	
Invercargill City Guards ...	84	79	53	51	57	55	Disbanded.
Gore Rifle Volunteers ...	43	50	48	48	48	50	
Riversdale Rifle Volunteer ...	56	48	50	53	48	56	Disbanded.
Garrison Band ...	30	20	20	20	20	20	
Grand total ...	5,288	6,443	5,667	6,368	6,583	6,700	

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