

Since 1st June, 1949, the following personnel have been accepted on Regular engagements :

Men .. .. .	667 (including 31 tradesmen enlisted in the United Kingdom).
Women .. .. .	80
Regular Force Cadets .. .. .	83
Cadets for Royal Military College, Australia .. .. .	10 (including 2 serving soldiers).

The intake has been offset in part by retirements and discharges, leaving the strength of the Regular Force at 31st March, 1950, at 403 officers and 2,693 other ranks—a total of 3,096 all ranks. This represents an increase of 10 officers and 527 other ranks since 31st March, 1949.

The appointment of Territorial officers and the enlistment of volunteer Territorial non-commissioned officers has proceeded during the year, so that by 31st March, 1950, the active strength of the Territorial Force, excluding the Women's Services, was 802 officers and 901 soldiers—a total of 1,703 all ranks.

#### CHANGES IN SENIOR REGULAR FORCE APPOINTMENTS

Retirements and training needs have caused several important changes in the senior appointments, the major changes being as follows :—

Brigadier G. B. Parkinson, C.B.E., D.S.O., relinquished the appointment of Senior Army Liaison Officer, London, on 4th September, 1949, and on his return to New Zealand assumed the appointment of Commander, Southern Military District.

Brigadier C. E. Weir, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., relinquished the appointment of Commander, Southern Military District, on 4th November, 1949, and proceeded to the United Kingdom to attend the Imperial Defence College.

Brigadier G. H. Clifton, D.S.O., M.C., relinquished the appointment of Commandant, The Army School, Trentham, on 16th July, 1949, and succeeded Brigadier G. B. Parkinson as Senior Army Liaison Officer, London.

Colonel J. I. Brooke, O.B.E., assumed the appointment of Commandant, The Army School, on 17th July, 1949.

Brigadier R. S. Park, C.B.E., relinquished the appointment of Commander, Northern Military District, on 28th February, 1950, upon reaching the age for retirement, and was succeeded by Brigadier J. R. Page, D.S.O.

The following were placed on the Retired List :—

Brigadier L. Potter, C.B.E., D.S.O. .. .. .	21st December, 1949.
Brigadier S. H. Crump, C.B.E., D.S.O. .. .. .	3rd January, 1950.
Brigadier H. E. Avery, C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O. .. .. .	15th April, 1949.

Colonel J. T. Burrows, D.S.O., E.D., transferred from the Territorial to the Regular Force, and was appointed Commandant, Papakura Camp, on 16th January, 1950.

Upon Colonel Burrows' appointment to the Regular Force, Brigadier J. Conolly, D.S.O., was appointed Commander, 3rd Infantry Brigade.

Colonel L. W. Thornton, O.B.E., was appointed Commandant, Jinton Camp, on 21st January, 1950.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Worsnop, M.B.E., was appointed Commandant, Burnham Camp, on 5th September, 1949.