

VOLUNTEERS.

The strength of the Volunteer Force (inclusive of cadets and rifle clubs) on the 1st July was distributed as follows :—

Auckland (Officers and Men).

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| 1 battery of field artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 74 |
| 3 companies garrison artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 211 |
| 2 companies engineers | .. | .. | .. | .. | 160 |
| 4 battalions mounted rifles (in all, 22 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,276 |
| 2 battalions infantry (in all, 18 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 987 |
| 1 field hospital and bearer company | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 |
| 5 Defence cadet companies | .. | .. | .. | .. | 244 |
| 16 Defence rifle clubs | .. | .. | .. | .. | 374 |
| 1 garrison band | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 |

Wellington (Officers and Men).

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|--|----|----|----|----|-------|
| 1 battery of field artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 77 |
| 2 companies garrison artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 246 |
| 2 companies engineers | .. | .. | .. | .. | 123 |
| 4 battalions mounted rifles (in all, 20 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,049 |
| 5 battalions infantry (in all, 39 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,096 |
| 1 field hospital and bearer company | .. | .. | .. | .. | 25 |
| 23 Defence cadet companies | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,112 |
| 53 Defence rifle clubs | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,563 |
| 1 garrison band | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 |

Canterbury (Officers and Men).

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|--|----|----|----|----|-------|
| 1 battery of field artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 78 |
| 2 companies garrison artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 181 |
| 1 company engineers | .. | .. | .. | .. | 81 |
| 3 battalions mounted rifles (in all, 14 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 719 |
| 3 battalions infantry (in all, 21 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,082 |
| 1 field hospital and bearer company | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32 |
| 8 Defence cadet companies | .. | .. | .. | .. | 387 |
| 9 Defence rifle clubs | .. | .. | .. | .. | 197 |
| 1 garrison band | .. | .. | .. | .. | 26 |

Otago (Officers and Men).

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|--|----|----|----|----|-------|
| 1 battery of field artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 67 |
| 2 companies garrison artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 238 |
| 1 company engineers | .. | .. | .. | .. | 79 |
| 2 battalions mounted rifles (in all, 13 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 839 |
| 4 battalions infantry (in all, 34 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,883 |
| 1 field hospital and bearer company | .. | .. | .. | .. | 43 |
| 15 Defence cadet companies | .. | .. | .. | .. | 934 |
| 14 Defence rifle clubs | .. | .. | .. | .. | 329 |
| 1 garrison band | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 |

Nelson (Officers and Men).

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| 2 batteries of field artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 140 |
| 1 battalion mounted rifles (in all, 4 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 267 |
| 2 battalions infantry (in all, 11 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 657 |
| 1 field hospital and bearer company | .. | .. | .. | .. | 51 |
| 6 Defence cadet companies | .. | .. | .. | .. | 329 |
| 15 Defence rifle clubs | .. | .. | .. | .. | 456 |
| 1 garrison band | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27 |

Summary (Officers and Men).

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|--|----|----|----|----|-------|
| 6 batteries of field artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 436 |
| 9 companies of garrison artillery | .. | .. | .. | .. | 876 |
| 6 companies of engineers | .. | .. | .. | .. | 443 |
| 14 battalions of mounted rifles (in all, 73 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4,150 |
| 16 battalions of infantry (in all, 123 companies) | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6,705 |
| 5 field hospital and bearer companies | .. | .. | .. | .. | 183 |
| 57 Defence cadet corps | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3,006 |
| 107 Defence rifle clubs | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,919 |
| 5 garrison bands | .. | .. | .. | .. | 134 |

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| Total | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18,852 |
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This shows an increase of 89 on the total strength for the 1st July, 1904.