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# EDUCATION : PUBLIC-SCHOOL CADETS

(REPORT ON THE).

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

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## No. 1.

### EXTRACT FROM THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

THE Education Act provides that "in public schools provision shall be made for the instruction in military drill of all boys"; and it is declared to be the duty of the Board in each district "to cause physical drill to be taught to all boys and girls over the age of eight years attending the public schools in the district." The number of children returned as receiving instruction in drill in the public schools of the Dominion at the end of the year was 137,404. The term "drill" here must be taken to include physical and disciplinary exercises.

There were on the 31st March, 1908, 185 cadet companies, 111 detachments, and 14 sections, with a total strength of 15,183 members, equipped with the "model rifles" (dummies) which have been imported by the Department for purposes of drill, and with a percentage of miniature Martini-Henry rifles for target practice. Details of the number of cadet companies in the several districts are given in Table IV. The number of battalions formed was 31.

At the end of the year the companies in the North and South Islands respectively, exclusive of those attached to district high schools, competed for two challenge shields presented by the Government. The conditions were that each competing squad should consist of ten cadets, all belonging to the same company or detachment; each company to have seven shots at 100 yards (standing), 150 yards (kneeling), and 200 yards (lying), the local range being used in each case. The North Island shield was won by the Dannevirke North No. 1 Company (Hawke's Bay) with a score of 752 out of a possible 840; the South Island shield was won by the Oamaru North Company (Otago) with a score of 705. Details of the scores of the first six companies in each Island are given in Table I. This table also contains the results of the competitions for the valuable prizes presented by the Weekly Press Company (Christchurch) and the Colonial Ammunition Company (Auckland).

During the summer of 1907-8 five camps were held, eight battalions, with a total strength of all ranks of 1,947, being represented. A capitation allowance of 3s. 6d. per head is provided by the Department towards the expenses of these camps, together with the loan of necessary equipment.

For the encouragement of rifle practice by the cadet companies in the Auckland Education District Mr. Henry Brett, proprietor of the *Evening Star*, Auckland, very generously presented the Department with a silver shield and medals. The Thames Battalion was presented by private benefactors with a belt, medals, and stars for competition by the cadets. As mentioned in previous reports, other districts have also received valuable prizes for local competition.

The expenditure for the year 1907 was £9,779 13s. 1d., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salary of Commanding Officer	310	0	0			
Clerical assistance	154	3	4			
Travelling-expenses of Commanding Officer	258	16	10			
				723	0	2
Capitation	1,607	0	0			
Arms, accoutrements, ammunition, &c.	£3,934	2	8			
Less recoveries	679	10	0			
	3,254	12	8			
Rent, &c., of rifle ranges	139	19	7			
Railway fares of cadet corps	292	1	8			
Training camps	£4,095	17	9			
Less recoveries	416	1	3			
	3,679	16	6			
Contingencies	83	2	6			
				9,056	12	11
Total				9,779	13	1

An illustrated manual of physical exercises is being supplied for general use in schools.

## No. 2.

### THE OFFICER COMMANDING THE NEW ZEALAND PUBLIC-SCHOOL CADETS to the Hon. the MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, 1st May, 1908.

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the condition and efficiency of the cadet corps belonging to the various public schools.

*Organization.*—The public-school cadet battalions now number thirty-one, the Ohinemuri Battalion in the Auckland District having been organized during the year. The strength of the corps in the several Education Districts on the 31st March, 1908, was 15,183, an increase of 335 on that of the preceding year.

*Inspection of Corps.*—At the close of the camp at Christchurch in April, 1907, an inspection of the various corps in those districts unrepresented at that camp was taken in hand. These districts comprised Auckland, North Canterbury, South Canterbury, and Otago. Time, however, permitted, before the close of the year, the inspection of the Auckland and North Canterbury Districts only. The inspection of the corps in the remaining districts was undertaken during the early part of the present year.

The general smartness, both in drill and appearance, displayed by the rank and file in past years is still a prominent feature.

*Equipment.*—It is proposed to supply in future a model rifle, the mechanism of which is of a kind superior to that of the models at present on issue. A small supply of the new models has been ordered, for the purpose of replacing the old pattern of models first issued to the corps.

*Ammunition.*—The quality of the ammunition supplied continues to be of a very satisfactory nature. The supply for the current year has been ordered, and is now in the course of manufacture.

*Results of the Shields Competitions.*—The results of the competitions for 1907 are given in Table I. Compared with those for 1906 they show very considerable improvement.

*Class Firing.*—In this department of cadet work the best results since the inception of the movement were obtained during the past year. The Dannevirke North Cadets, with a strength of 113 cadets, produced no fewer than thirty-four marksmen, with scores ranging from sixty-four to eighty-one out of a possible eighty-four. A large number of badges was secured by other corps as well. This improvement in what is practically the most important feature of the movement is exceedingly gratifying.

*Colonial Ammunition Company's Prizes.*—The names of the winners are given in Table I.

*The "Weekly Press" Prizes.*—These prizes were competed for in December. In the North Island competition, which was inaugurated during the year, the winners were the Woodville District High School Cadets; while in the South Island on this occasion the Waimate District High School Cadets proved victorious. The original intention of the donors was that these prizes should be com-

peted for by both the primary-school cadets and those of the district high schools. The disparity in the ages, however, made the contests very unequal, and with the approval of the donors it was decided to limit the competition to district high schools. The shields given by the Government are competed for by the cadet corps of the primary schools. This arrangement has met with the approval of all concerned.

*Miniature Rifle Ranges.*—The Government has decided to foster the cultivation of good shooting among the cadets by assisting in the erection of miniature rifle ranges. At these ranges the cadets will shoot from a distance of 25 yards, and a .22 rifle will be used. The practice at these ranges will be, as far as possible, under natural conditions, so that it will serve as a preliminary introduction to the practice on the range.

*Miniature Rifle (.310).*—A further supply of this weapon, together with new barrels and spare parts, has been received from Westley Richards and Co. for issue when necessary.

*Cadet Camps.*—Since the close of the camp held at Christchurch Exhibition in April, 1907, the following battalions have undergone their week's training under canvas: The 1st and 3rd North Canterbury, the 3rd Wellington, the 3rd Wanganui, the 1st and 3rd Auckland, the Thames, and the Ohinemuri. The total strength of all ranks at these camps was 1,947.

The general conduct of the rank and file and their enthusiastic interest in all the duties pertaining to camp life were highly satisfactory. Several of the camps were visited by members of Education Boards and ministers of religion with the object of observing for themselves the conduct of the cadets and the nature of the training they received while in camp. Several ministers took up their quarters in camp, and assisted by holding divine service. The verdict of these gentlemen was that the benefit derived by the cadets from the camp training was undoubtedly valuable, while at the same time they expressed themselves highly pleased with their behaviour. The health of the cadets in camp was excellent, not one genuine case of sickness being reported. Thanks are due to the medical men who gave their services gratuitously. In some instances distances from twelve to twenty miles were travelled by them daily, and this practical manner of showing their interest in the movement was highly appreciated.

*"Infantry Manual, 1905."*—"The Infantry Manual, 1905" (Imperial) has been adopted by the Defence Council, with the proviso that all movements are to be carried out in single rank; and accordingly a manual on similar lines as far as squad, company, battalion, and ceremonial drill are concerned has been prepared for the use of public-school cadets. It is expected that the issue of this manual will be made shortly.

*Cap-covers.*—The Department has obtained a supply of these covers for use of cadets. They will be issued to corps at cost price.

*"Lord Robert's Boys."*—During the past year an invitation to send a competitor to represent the New Zealand public-school cadets at Bisley in August, 1908, was received from the Secretary of the organization known as "Lord Roberts's Boys." The distinction was conferred on Colour-sergeant Friar, of the Onehunga District High School, and in order to give assistance in the matter the Government made a grant of £50 towards the expenses. The Colonial Ammunition Company also assisted in a practical manner by presenting him with 1,000 rounds of .303 ammunition, and at the same time with a .22 Winchester repeater, together with the necessary ammunition.

*Insurance against Fire.*—All articles of Government and corps property are now insured against fire in the State Fire Insurance Department.

I have, &c.,

L. W. LOVEDAY,

Lieut.-Colonel.



"WEEKLY PRESS" CHALLENGE SHIELDS (Competition open to District High Schools only).

Rank and Name.	100 Yards (Standing Position).							Total.	150 Yards (Kneeling Position).							Total.	200 Yards (Lying Position).							Total.	Grand Total.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		1	2	3	4	5	6	7				
NORTH ISLAND—Woodville.																											
Lieutenant Frank Beagley ..	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	23	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	26	3	4	3	3	4	3	4	3	3	23	72
Private William Milne ..	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	23	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	26	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	22	71
Private Roderick Bennett ..	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	26	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	27	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	22	75
Private Cyril Brook ..	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	25	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	24	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	25	74
Private Roy Huston ..	4	4	3	4	2	4	4	25	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	25	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	26	76
Private Vernon Rapley ..	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	24	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	24	3	3	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	24	72
Private Harold Tyerman ..	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	24	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	26	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	28	78
Private Cuthbert Tyerman	3	4	4	3	3	4	4	25	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	25	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	23	73
Private Thomas Power ..	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	24	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	24	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	4	26	74
Bugler Allan Motley ..	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	22	3	3	4	3	4	3	4	24	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	25	71
Grand totals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	241	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	251	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	244	786
General average 73.6																											
SOUTH ISLAND—Waimate.																											
Colour Sergeant E. Cameron	4	4	4	3	4	2	2	23	3	2	4	4	4	4	3	24	4	4	3	3	4	2	3	4	3	23	70
Sergeant R. Baxter ..	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	26	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	24	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	23	73
Sergeant J. Colbourne ..	4	3	3	4	4	2	3	23	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	26	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	27	76
Corporal C. Barclay ..	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	27	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	27	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	25	79
Private W. Coltman ..	3	4	3	2	3	3	3	21	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	25	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	27	73
Private A. Bell ..	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	22	3	3	4	4	2	4	3	23	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	25	70
Private A. Smith ..	..	4	3	3	4	2	4	24	4	4	3	3	4	4	3	25	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	22	71
Private J. Hayman	..	4	4	4	4	2	4	24	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	26	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	26	76
Private H. Hamilton	3	3	4	3	4	4	2	23	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	20	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	23	66
Private H. Nicholas	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	23	4	4	2	2	3	3	4	22	3	4	3	3	2	3	3	4	4	22	67
Grand totals ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	236	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	242	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	243	721
General average 73.1																											

General average 73.6

## RESULTS OF COMPETITION FOR "WEEKLY PRESS" SHIELDS.

Team: Ten boys. Shots: Seven at each of three ranges—100, 150, and 200 yards.  
Open to District High Schools.

*North Island.*

NAME OF CORPS.	SCORE (Possible, 840).
1. Woodville No. 1 Company ...	736
2. Onehunga „ ...	725
3. Stratford „ ...	652
4. Levin „ ...	643
5. Hutt „ ...	622
6. Wanganui No. 1 Company ...	611

*South Island.*

NAME OF CORPS.	SCORE (Possible, 840).
1. Waimate „ ...	721
2. Gore „ ...	692
3. Pleasant Point „ ...	625
4. Temuka „ ...	588
5. Christchurch West „ ...	539
6. Port Chalmers „ ...	532

## RESULTS OF COMPETITION FOR NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND GOVERNMENT SHIELDS.

Team: Ten boys. Shots: Seven at each of three ranges—100, 150, and 200 yards.  
Open to Public Schools other than District High Schools.

*North Island.*

NAME OF CORPS.	SCORE (Possible, 840).
1. Dannevirke North No. 1 Company ...	752
2. Te Aroha-Waihou-Morrinsville „ ...	639
3. College St., Pal. N., No. 1 Company ...	624
4. Featherston „ ...	613
5. Dannevirke North No. 2 Company „ ...	573
6. Wairoa „ ...	565

*South Island.*

NAME OF CORPS.	SCORE (Possible, 840).
1. Oamaru North „ ...	705
2. Alexandra „ ...	680
3. { Timaru Main „ ...	657
{ Kaitangata „ ...	657
5. Kaikorai No. 1 Company „ ...	654
6. Timaru South „ ...	640

## RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS FOR THE COLONIAL AMMUNITION COMPANY'S CUPS.

Best shot at three ranges—100, 150, and 200 yards. (Possible, 84.)

*Combined Districts of Auckland and Hawke's Bay.*

	100 yds.	150 yds.	200 yds.	Total.
1. Bugler John Morgan, Onehunga D.H.S. „ ...	28	28	24	80
2. Pte. Harold Tyerman, Woodville D.H.S. „ ...	24	26	28	78
3. { Lieut. Miro Cowper, Dannevirke North, No. 1 Coy. „ ...	28	24	26	78
{ Corpl. Claude Jennens, Dannevirke North, No. 1 Coy. „ ...	28	24	26	78

*Combined Districts of Taranaki, Wanganui, and Wellington.*

	100 yds.	150 yds.	200 yds.	Total.
1. Pte. Walton, Levin D.H.S. „ ...	27	26	25	78
2. Sergt. John Cuthbert, Stratford D.H.S. „ ...	24	26	23	73
3. Pte. Henry Rix-Trott, Hutt D.H.S. „ ...	25	26	22	73

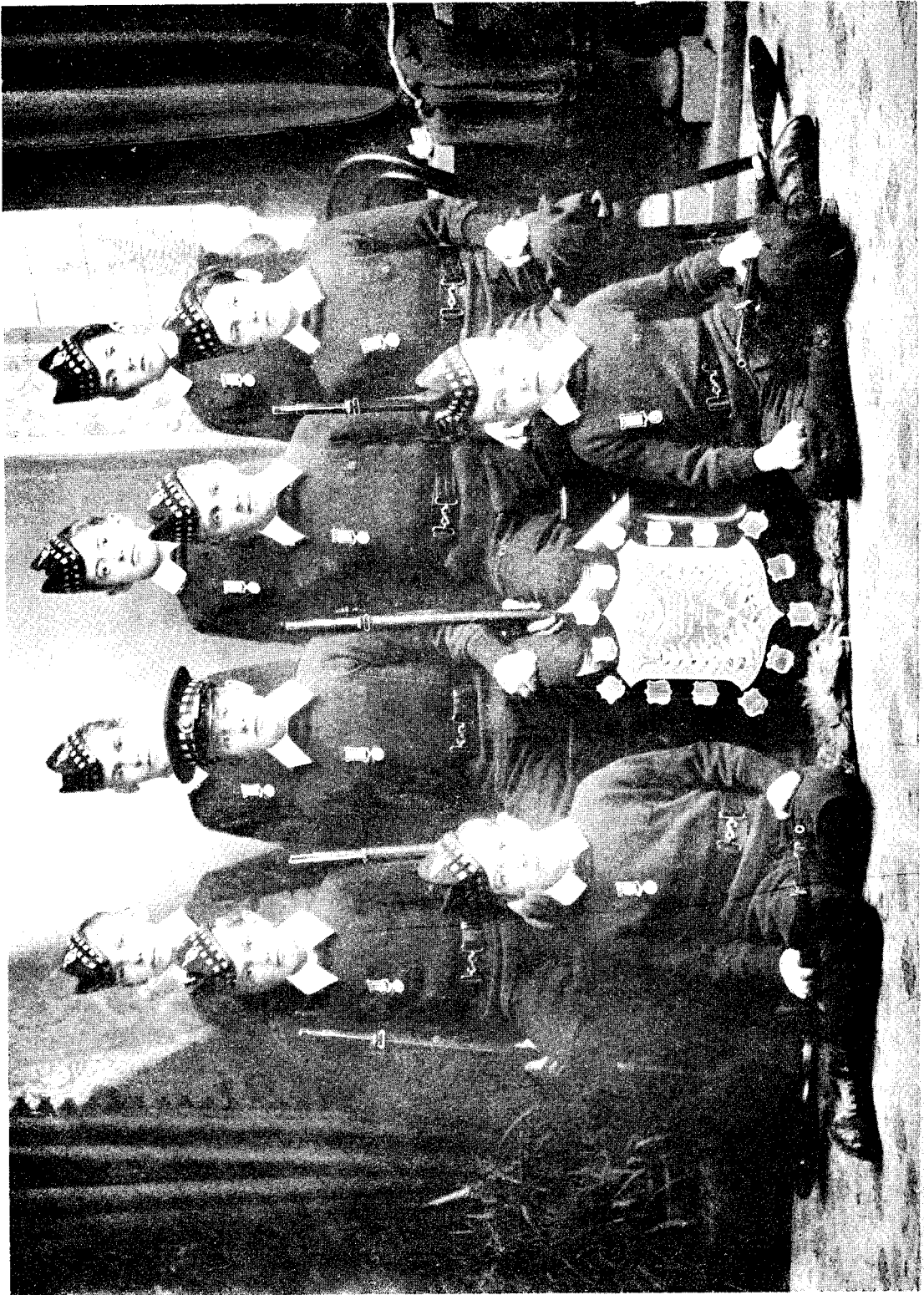
*Combined Districts of Nelson, Marlborough, Grey, Westland, and North and South Canterbury.*

	100 yds.	150 yds.	200 yds.	Total.
1. Col.-Sergt. H. Mackenzie, Geraldine D.H.S. „ ...	27	24	28	79
2. Sergt. J. Mackenzie, Geraldine D.H.S. „ ...	26	28	25	79
3. Corpl. C. Barclay, Waimate D.H.S. „ ...	27	27	25	79

*Combined Districts of Otago and Southland.*

	100 yds.	150 yds.	200 yds.	Total.
1. Sergt.-Major Eric Scott, Gore D.H.S. „ ...	28	27	25	80
2. Pte. Fritz. Backholm, Alexandra „ ...	27	25	25	77
3. Sergt. Arthur Marten, Gore D.H.S. „ ...	27	24	25	76

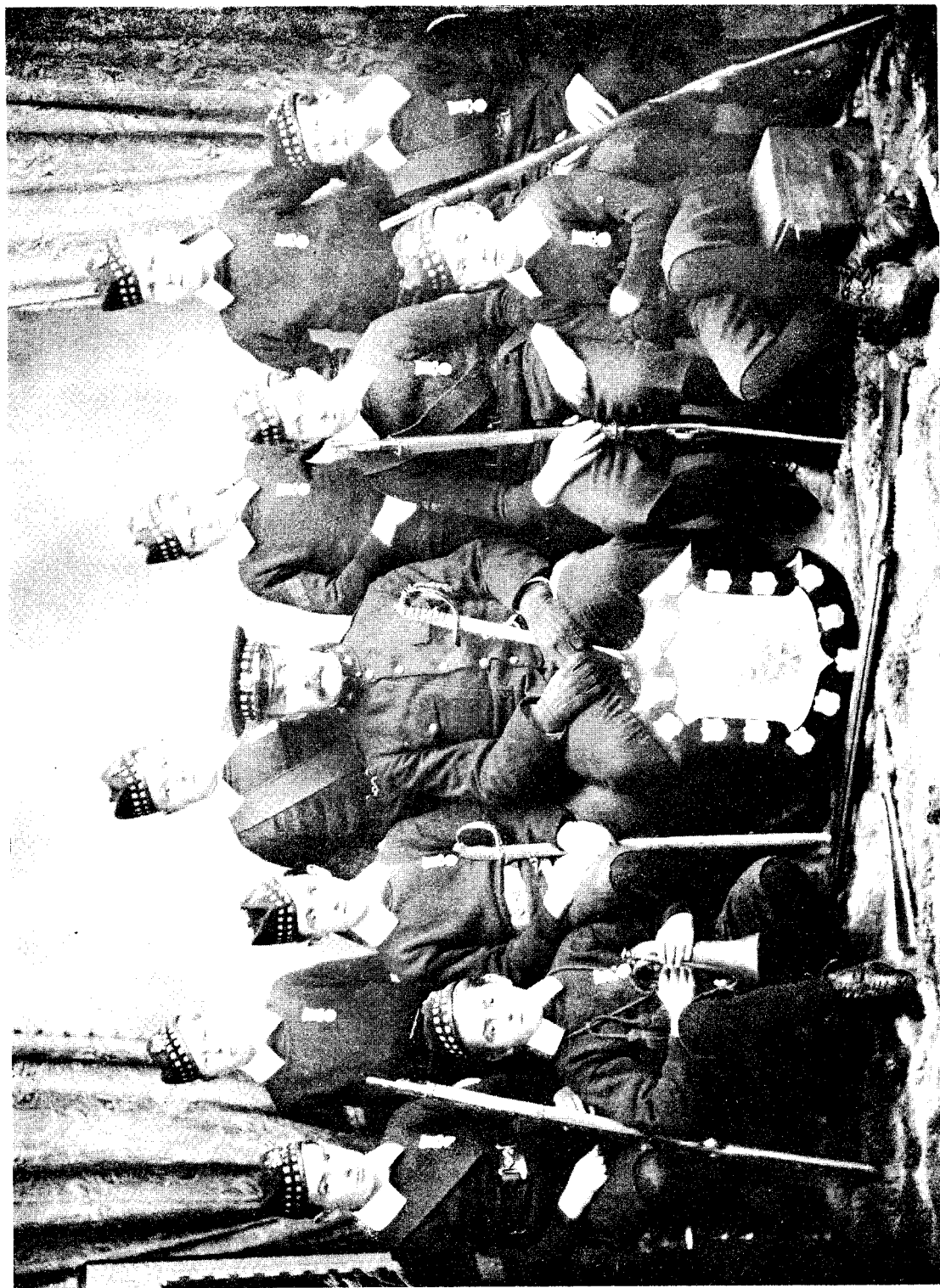
NOTE.—These results are made out in accordance with the rule that ties are decided by the highest score at the longest range; if still a tie, then by the highest score at the second-longest range.



WINNERS OF THE NORTH ISLAND GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE SHIELD FOR 1907. WITH A SCORE OF 752 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 840. A RECORD FOR THE DOMINION.







THEY ARE NORTH SUDAN COMPANY CADETS. WINNERS OF THE SOUTH ISLAND GOVERNMENT CHALLENGE SHIELD FOR 1907, WITH A SCORE OF 705 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 840.



TABLE II.—BATTALIONS WHICH WENT INTO CAMP DURING YEAR 1907-8.

Names of Battalions.	Staff.					Captains.	Lieutenants.	Colour-sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Bulwers.	Privates.	Totals.
	Majors.	Adjutants.	Quarter-master.	Sergeant-major.	Quarter-master-Sergeants.								
1st North Canterbury...	1	1	1	1	1	9	12	8	33	26	8	292	393
3rd North Canterbury	1	1	1	1	1	6	7	10	28	27	10	302	395
3rd Wellington	1	1	...	...	1	6	4	6	22	24	10	245	320
1st Auckland	1	...	...	...	...	2	3	2	9	11	4	137	169
3rd Auckland	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	10	13	5	141	176
Thames	1	1	1	...	...	4	6	4	13	16	3	87	136
Ohinemuri	1	1	...	...	...	4	4	4	15	17	4	158	208
3rd Wanganui	1	1	1	...	1	3	3	3	12	13	7	105	150
Grand totals	8	6	4	2	4	36	40	40	142	147	51	1,467	1,947

TABLE III.—WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT MEDALS FOR 1907.

District.	Rank and Name.	Town.	Number of Points. (Possible score 84.)
Auckland	Private J. Priestley	Onehunga	76
Hawke's Bay	Private H. Tyerman	Woodville	82
Taranaki	Lance-Corporal A. Sangster	Stratford	76
Wanganui	Bugler G. Pettigrew	Wanganui	76
Wellington	Private W. Sievers	Carterton	74
North Canterbury	Private O. Josling	Rangiora	72
South Canterbury	Private H. Shiers	Geraldine	76
Marlborough	Private C. Oissen	Picton	73
Nelson	Private H. Sowman	Nelson	72
Grey	Lieutenant F. Smith	Greymouth	65
Westland	Corporal J. Hanrahan	Hokitika	73
Otago	Bugler W. Harvey	North East Valley	74
Southland	Sergeant A. Martin	Gore	82

TABLE IV.—NUMBER of RECOGNISED PUBLIC-SCHOOL CADET CORPS in the several Education Districts of the Dominion on the 31st March, 1908, and their Respective Strengths.

Education Districts.			No. of Companies, Detachments, and Sections.	Captains.	First Lieutenants.	Second Lieutenants.	Colour-sergeants.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Buglers.	Privates.	Total of all Ranks.	Grand Total.
Auckland	...	...	64	38	64	7	38	165	179	40	2,680	3,211	8,775
Hawke's Bay	...	...	36	16	36	...	16	88	84	16	1,380	1,636	
Taranaki	...	...	13	6	13	...	6	32	31	6	427	521	
Wellington	...	...	37	27	35	1	26	98	114	26	1,579	1,906	
Wanganui	...	...	32	21	31	1	21	83	94	21	1,229	1,501	
			182	108	179	9	107	466	502	109	7,295	8,775	
North Canterbury	...	...	27	19	24	2	19	73	84	20	1,210	1,451	
South Canterbury	...	...	9	7	9	...	7	25	30	7	413	498	
Grey	...	...	8	3	8	...	3	19	17	3	258	311	
Nelson	...	...	20	9	18	4	9	46	47	9	803	945	
Otago	...	...	44	31	41	2	31	114	135	31	1,859	2,244	
Southland	...	...	9	8	9	1	8	26	33	8	406	499	
Westland	...	...	2	1	2	1	1	5	5	1	123	139	
Marlborough	...	...	8	4	5	1	4	16	17	4	239	290	
Chatham Islands	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	27	31	
			128	83	116	11	82	326	369	83	5,338	6,408	6,408
Grand totals	...	...	310*	191	295	20	189	792	871	192	12,633	15,183	15,183

\* Of this number there were 185 companies, 111 detachments, and 14 sections.

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