

part of New Zealand. District and Group Associations authorized and controlled as per General Order No. 197, 1911, but only to members of the Defence Forces resident in the Territorial Area, which the District of Group Association stands for. For instance, say, Otago District Association is only open for rail-pass purposes to men of the Otago District. A Group Association will only be open for rail-pass purposes to men in the Group.

If any member of the Defence Forces wishes to compete in any meeting above named, he will not be debarred from so doing, but will require to find his own railway travelling.

In like manner, should it be desired by units of the Force, including Rifle Clubs, to shoot team matches making their own conditions as to distances, class of targets, &c., they may do so, but must find their own railway travelling. On application to local railway authorities they can obtain the privilege of single fare return, as is accorded to the various sports bodies and societies when travelling in teams.

15. It should be clearly understood that the Rifle Clubs are being made the medium for training the young men for whom places cannot be found in the Territorial Force. The club officials will not be expected to train these young men so posted—the Area Officers and N.C.O.s will superintend this training.

The G.O.C., however, confidently expects that the senior members of the Clubs will assist the young men to become expert shots, and to instil into them the same patriotic feeling and enthusiasm which pervades the Rifle Clubs now in existence.

19th March, 1912.

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APPENDIX F.

REPORT ON THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF RECRUITS AND CADETS HELD IN 1911.

Headquarters, New Zealand Military Forces,
Wellington, 19th April, 1912.

DURING the year 1911 25,085 Territorial recruits were medically examined. Of these, 657 were classified as unfit to serve during the current year, and 1,350 were rejected as medically unfit for service. Of Cadets, 26,782 were examined, 366 were classified as unfit for one year, and 889 rejected as medically unfit. Therefore $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of Territorial recruits and $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of Cadets were medically unfit for one year, and about 6 per cent. of recruits and 3 per cent. of Cadets were rejected as permanently unfit. The 1,350 unfit recruits were rejected for the following causes:—

	Per Cent.	Per Thousand.
Physically disabled	25	= 13.50
Diseases of lungs	8	= 4.32
" heart	16	= 8.64
" kidneys	$1\frac{1}{2}$	= 0.80
" nervous system	7	= 3.78
" digestive system	$4\frac{1}{2}$	= 2.40
" ears	2	= 1.08
" eyes	7	= 3.78
Defective vision	15	= 8.10
Deafness	3	= 1.62
Mentally deficient	$1\frac{1}{2}$	= 0.80
Varicose veins	7	= 3.78
Very bad teeth and gums (pyorrhea)	$2\frac{1}{2}$	= 1.31

Of the Cadets, the following were the causes of total and partial rejection:—

	Per Cent.	Per Thousand.
Physically disabled	$22\frac{1}{2}$	= 7.48
Diseases of lungs	7	= 2.32
" heart	25	= 8.85
" kidneys	0	= 0.00
" nervous system	$7\frac{1}{2}$	= 2.48
" digestive system	3	= 1.00
" ears	4	= 1.33
" eyes	$7\frac{1}{2}$	= 2.48
Defective vision	10	= 3.30
Deafness	$4\frac{1}{2}$	= 1.48
Mentally deficient	6	= 2.00
Undersized	2	= 0.66
Anæmia	0	= 0.00
Varicose veins	1	= 0.33