

1916.
NEW ZEALAND.

EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

(RETURN RELATIVE TO MAORIS AND HALF-CASTES IN).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 2nd June, 1916.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) The number of Maoris and half-castes that left the Dominion up to and including the 31st May, 1916, with (a) the various Maori contingents, and (b) the New Zealand Expeditionary Force and reinforcements; (2) the number of Maoris and half-castes in training in the various training-camps with (a) the reinforcements to the Maori Contingent, and (b) the reinforcements to the New Zealand Expeditionary Force."—(Hon. Mr. NGATA.)

RETURN.

(1.) Number of Maoris and half-castes that left the Dominion up to and including 31st May, 1916, with—

(a.) The various Maori Contingents as under:—

1st Maori Contingent	...	...	...	...	...	518
2nd Maori Contingent	...	...	...	...	...	311
3rd Maori Contingent (including 148 Niue - Islanders and 50 Rarotongans)	...	...	...	...	...	314
4th Maori Contingent	...	...	...	...	...	74
Total	...	...	...	...	...	1,217

(b.) The New Zealand Expeditionary Force and reinforcements.

It is impossible to supply the information called for. It would involve an enormous amount of work to go through approximately sixty thousand files. Further, it would not be possible to supply an accurate return in consequence of the fact that a large percentage of Maoris and half-castes have enlisted under European names.

(2.) Number of Maoris and half-castes in training in the various training-camps with—

(a.) The reinforcements to the Maori Contingent as under:—

Narrow Neck Camp—						
Full-blooded Maoris	...	...	...	...	...	150
Half-castes	...	...	...	...	...	114
Total	...	...	...	...	...	264

(b.) The reinforcements to the New Zealand Expeditionary Force as under:—

Featherston Camp—						
Full-blooded Maoris	...	...	...	...	...	10
Half-castes	13
Total	23
Trentham Camp—						
Full-blooded Maoris	8
Half-castes	16
Total	24

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