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NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

DENTAL OPERATIONS IN NEW ZEALAND CAMPS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY, 1917.

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SUMMARY OF DENTAL OPERATIONS PERFORMED BY THE NEW ZEALAND DENTAL CORPS IN THE
VARIOUS CAMPS IN NEW ZEALAND FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY, 1917.

Filling operations	67,536
Root-filling operations	7,568
Root-dressing operations	5,985
Scaling operations	5,664
Extraction operations	33,441
Crowning operations	41
Dentures	9,039
Dentures repaired	1,185
Sundry operations	48,402
Attendances	81,884

IN furnishing the above information the Director of Dental Services reports as follows:—

As approximately 26,000 men passed through camp during that period, the proportion of soldiers requiring treatment will thus be seen to be very large, particularly when it is remembered that over and above the work of the Dental Corps a large amount of treatment is accorded by civilian dentists prior to the soldiers' entry into camp.

It may be fairly assumed that the large amount of treatment accorded will have a most beneficial result upon the health of the soldier not only in respect to aiding him to more easily masticate his food, thereby assisting his digestive organs, but also in ensuring a healthy mouth and eliminating to a large extent the carrying of organisms, which may tend to the spread of disease, which accumulate and proliferate in carious teeth.

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