

27. DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of the Territorial Force has been satisfactory during the past year, and there has been a still further reduction in the number of those prosecuted for offences under the Defence Act.

The general discipline of the Cadets has also been satisfactory, but there is an increase in the number prosecuted under the Defence Act. This may be attributed, however, more to attention being paid to the detection of shirkers now that the temporary staffs have had time to settle down than to any real fall in the general standard of discipline.

28. DETENTION.

Consequent upon failure to pay fines inflicted by a Magistrate for breaches of the Defence Act, thirty-nine Territorials and ten Senior Cadets were placed in military detention during the period from the 1st May, 1916, to the 30th April, 1917. Of the above, forty-two were committed for the first time, four for the second time, and three for the third time.

29. PROSECUTIONS.

Appendix B gives a return of prosecutions under the Defence Act from the 1st May, 1916, to the 30th April, 1917. During the above period the percentages of convictions to prosecutions were as follows: Territorials, 87·33; Senior Cadets, 79·37. (The percentages for the corresponding period of last year were—Territorials, 84·35; Senior Cadets, 81·87.)

Compared with the figures for the previous period the numbers prosecuted during the twelve months ended 30th April, 1917, show a decrease of 61 in the Territorial Force, and an increase of 344 in the Senior Cadets.

30. POSTING.

The annual posting for the year 1916–17 was carried out on precisely the same lines as that of the previous year. In addition, it was found necessary to reinforce the Territorials by the transfer to that Force of all men on the strength of the General Training Section.

The plan in the past has been to adjust the annual quotas in such a way as to produce a Territorial Force containing seven approximately equal classes of men (namely, those aged 18–19, 19–20, 20–21, 21–22, 22–23, 23–24, and 24–25) so that the inward draft each year would equal the number of those passing to the Reserve in the same year, plus a factor representing the wastage of the latter class during its seven years' colour service. Men not required to complete the annual quotas were posted to the General Training Section.

The war has modified this materially; large numbers of Territorials have passed to the Expeditionary Force, and the General Training Section has been absorbed, and this year it is proposed to post the whole of Cadets available to the Territorial Force, which on the 30th April was 8·102 below establishment.

Table of Postings for 1916–17.

District.	To Senior Cadets.	To General Train- ing Section.	To Territorials.	To Railway Battalions.	To Post and Telegraph.	Total for District.
Auckland	3,846	1,028	1,102	3	71	6,050
Canterbury	2,359	311	1,017	3,687
Otago	1,479	512	1,017	..	73	3,081
Wellington	2,926	248	1,933	6	19	5,132
Totals	10,610	2,099	5,069	9	163	17,950

31. REGISTRATION.

Since the commencement of the scheme of universal training up to the 30th April, 1917, the total number of registrations recorded in each of the military districts is as given in detail hereunder.

	For Territorial Force.	For Senior Cadets.	Totals.
Auckland District	10,442	20,067	30,509
Canterbury District	7,553	21,001	28,554
Otago District	6,794	14,204	20,998
Wellington District	9,773	24,452	34,225
Totals	34,562	79,724	114,286

32. REGULATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS.

Further War Regulations to meet national emergencies consequent upon the continuance of a state of war, and Regulations under the Military Service Act, have been made from time to time by Orders in Council.

Under War Regulations Boards of Trustees have been provided for the management and disposition of the business, property, and affairs of soldiers of the New Zealand Expeditionary