Nos. 403 and 404.—Petitions of A. Brear and 38 Others, and Janet Denew and 9 Others, of Avondale, Auckland.

Praying that the inquiry petitioned for by Adeline Ingram be granted.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion these petitions should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

10th October, 1917.

## No. 405.—Petition of ADELINE INGRAM, of Avondale, Auckland.

Praying for an inquiry into the cause that led to the removal of a child from her custody, which child she had received from the Mount Albert Industrial Home.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

10th October, 1917.

# No. 414.—Petition of John Andrew, of Dunedin.

Praying for a compassionate allowance for services rendered in the South African War.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

10th October, 1917.

#### No. 418.—Petition of MARGARET HELM, of Dunedin.

Praying for a refund of police expenses incurred in connection with the extradition of James Chapman from Australia.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

10th October, 1917.

### No. 433.—Petition of J. H. Hannan, of Auckland.

Praying for compensation and inquiry into his alleged wrongful prosecution.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 10th October, 1917.

No. 413.—Petition of Archibald R. Clark, of 9 Cornhill Street, Christchurch.

Praying for a compassionate allowance or other relief for the loss of his leg while a member of the New Zealand Engineers (Territorials).

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

17th October, 1917.

#### No. 440.—Petition of Nicholas Fryday, of Ngaere.

Praying for compensation, or further inquiry into charges alleged to have been made against him while a member of the New Zealand Permanent Artillery.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

17th October, 1917.

## No. 442.—Petition of C. Hartridge, of Wellington.

Praying for inquiry into his retirement from the position of Correspondence Clerk in the Base Records Branch of the Defence Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 17th October, 1917.

## No. 383.—Petition of RICHARD F. KEATINGE, of Auckland.

Praying for compensation for loss of employment owing to his disability developing while in camp on military service, and alleged loss of employment consequent thereon.

I am directed to report that the Committee is of opinion this petition should be referred to the Government for inquiry.

27th October, 1917.