1917. NEW ZEALAND.

EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

(NUMBER OF MEN WHO HAVE LEFT WITH) UP TO AND INCLUDING 25TH REINFORCEMENTS, AND THE RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS TO WHICH THE SOLDIERS BELONG.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 28th August, 1917.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing—(1) The number of men who left New Zealand with the Expeditionary Forces up to and including the 25th Reinforcements; and (2) the religious denomination to which these soldiers belong."—(Mr. Nosworthy.)

RETURN SHOWING—(1) THE NUMBER OF MEN WHO HAVE LEFT NEW ZEALAND WITH THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES UP TO AND INCLUDING THE 25TH REINFORCEMENT; AND (2) THE RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION TO WHICH THESE SOLDIERS BELONG.

(1.) Number of men: 71,921, of whom 1,476 are soldiers who have returned to New Zealand on duty or on sick-leave—i.e., unfit for stated periods ranging from three to six months, &c., and been redespatched to the front.

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(2.)	Religious denominations:—										
	Agnostic			47	Nonconformist			50			
	Atheist			19	Plymouth Brethren			140			
	Baptist			882	Presbyterian			16,431			
	Christadelphian			6	Protestant			646			
	Church of Christ			190	$\operatorname{Quaker} \dots$			7			
	Church of England			32,760	Rationalist			10			
	Congregational			397	Roman Catholic			8,711			
	Deist			1	Salvation Army			272			
	Episcopalian			9	Seventh Day Advent	ists		9			
	Freethinkers			30	Spiritualists			12			
	Greek			3	${ m T\~heosophist.}$.		٠.	1 2			
	Hindoo			1 .	Unitarian			39			
	Independent			2	Wesleyan			1,311			
	Jewish			93	Not stated			4,515			
	Lutheran		٠.	125							
	Methodist			3 , 662	Total		٠.	70,445			
	Mormon			5 3	•						

Returned to front on duty, as mentioned in paragraph (1), 1,476, whose religions had already been calculated in the above figures of 70,445.

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