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NEW ZEALAND EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

RETURN RE MAINTAINING REINFORCEMENTS.

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated Thursday, the 19th July, 1917.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing,—(1.) The number of men the Government has promised the Imperial authorities on behalf of New Zealand, comprising (a) the strength of main bodies to be maintained in all fields; (b) the number of men for each reinforcement. (2.) The limit, if any, to be placed on the total number of men to be sent from New Zealand (3.) The number of men drawn in the ballots up to the 20th Reinforcements, comprising (a) the total number of balloted men reported in camp; (b) the total number of voluntary recruits reported in camp since the commencement of balloting; (c) the total number of men classed as medically unfit; (d) the total number classed as fit for home service only; (e) the total number exempted as being connected with essential industries; (f) the total number of clergy, lay preachers, and conscientious objectors exempted; (g) the total number who have received exemption on grounds other than those mentioned above; (h) the total number of men who have been passed as fit, but have not reported in camp; (i) the total number of men who have failed to respond in any way to notification."—(Mr. WILFORD.)

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(1.) (a.) STRENGTH of main bodies to be maintained in all fields:—

	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Total.
New Zealand Mounted Rifle Brigade and concomitant units	113	2,263	2,376
New Zealand Division and concomitant units	700	20,111	20,811
New Zealand Wireless Signal Troop	1	55	56
Total	814	22,429	23,243

(b.) The number of men for each reinforcement:—

	Officers.	Other Ranks.	Total.
Mounted Rifles	3	122	125
Field Artillery	2	107	109
Field Engineers	1 ⁺	19	20
Engineer Tunnelling Company ... ..	...	31	31
Divisional Signal Service ... ..	...	6	6
Infantry	31	1,480	1,511
Army Service Corps	1	22	23
New Zealand Medical Corps	5	39	44
Veterinary Corps ... ..	...	1	1
Army Pay Department ... ..	...	4	4
New Zealand Postal Corps ... ..	...	2	2
Chaplains† ... ..	...	...	...
New Zealand Wireless Signal Troop ... ..	...	11	11
Total	43	1,844	1,887

⁺ Sent with each alternate draft.

† Despatched as required.

(2.) There has been no limit placed on the number of men to be sent from New Zealand as reinforcements. The New Zealand Government undertook to maintain reinforcements for the establishments as given in (1) above for the duration of the war.

(3.) Number of men drawn in the ballots up to the 29th Reinforcements, 25,924: (a) Total number of balloted men reported in camp, 7,777; (b) total number of voluntary recruits reported in camp, 10,292; (c) total number classed as unfit, 11,702; (d) total number classed as fit for home service only, 10,106; (e) total number exempted as being connected with essential industries, 2,078; (f) total number of clergy, lay preachers, and conscientious objectors exempted, 62; (g) total number exempted on other grounds, 311; (h) total number passed fit, but not reported in camp, 365; (i) total number who have failed to respond to notification, 1,613.

In regard to (e), (f), and (g) no absolute exemptions have been granted except on the ground that the appellants were not Reservists, the figures given representing the number that have been temporarily exempted, and most of these cases are now being reviewed. The figures against (h) and (i) are subject to slight alteration on completion of accurate check, which is now being carried out.

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