

tion particular credit must be given to those members of the Instructional Staff who returned from service at the front and who contributed in the fullest degree towards this efficiency. The initial efficiency and discipline inculcated in the ranks of the Cadet and Territorial Forces was directly contributable to the results obtained in the Expeditionary Force camps and the splendid achievement of the New Zealand Forces in the field.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF AUSTRALIA.

There are at present thirty New Zealand Staff Cadets at the Royal Military College of Australia. Twelve candidates sat for examination this year, only one of whom passed.

Seven candidates who joined in 1915 graduated at the end of 1918, and are now undergoing courses of instruction in New Zealand.

The 1916 class will have completed their term in December, and this year also one member of the 1915 class who was put back a year.

The New Zealand Staff Cadets are more than holding their own at the College.

EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR PROMOTION.

Officers of the Royal New Zealand Artillery and New Zealand Staff Corps.

No examination for officers of the above Corps has been held since 1914.

Territorial Force Officers.

In August, 1918, twenty-seven officers presented themselves for examination for promotion, of whom eight passed. Of the nineteen who did not qualify, eight failed in one subject, five failed in two subjects, five failed in three, and one failed in four subjects.

In February, 1919, eighteen officers sat for promotion, of whom thirteen passed. Of the five who did not qualify, four failed in one subject and one in three subjects.

From the 1st May, 1918, to the 1st May, 1919, officers as follows qualified by examination for promotion: Four for Lieut.-Colonel, nine for Major, fourteen for Captain, and thirty for Lieutenant.

Examination for First Appointment to Commissions.

In the past year thirty candidates qualified for commissions under the conditions relating to the above examination.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION AT TRENTHAM CAMP.

For Territorial and Cadet Officers and Non-commissioned Officers.

Immediately following the granting of the Armistice arrangements were made for courses in physical training, musketry, Infantry drill, and machine guns to be conducted at Trentham Camp for the instruction of selected officers and non-commissioned officers of the Territorial and Cadet Forces.

A small but expert Training Staff was retained in Trentham for this purpose, and arrangements were made to place the services of these instructors at the disposal of the Wellington District at those times when there was insufficient work for them at Trentham Camp.

These courses commenced in the first week in February, and continued until the end of May. Each course lasted for a fortnight, and the fact that the number of entries increased for each of the six courses held shows that their value was appreciated by officers and non-commissioned officers throughout the Dominion.

Many letters have been received from the parents of Cadet non-commissioned officers attending expressing their satisfaction with the courses, while the improvement made in the efficiency of those attending was most satisfactory in the majority of cases. The popularity of these courses is evidenced by the fact that some officers and non-commissioned officers attended for two and even three courses, and will shortly attain to a standard of efficiency qualifying them to be efficient instructors in certain subjects. A special course was held during the vacation period for secondary-school officers and non-commissioned officers, which was attended by over ninety officers and non-commissioned officers. One school, over 80 per cent. of whose pupils are free-place students, sent no less than twenty-seven non-commissioned officers to one course alone. No better proof could be given of the recognition by headmasters of the necessity and value of this training.

Courses held by Trentham Instructional Staff in Districts.

During the winter months the Instructional Staff will hold courses in each of the military districts for the instruction of members of the Permanent Staff and officers and non-commissioned officers of the Territorial and Cadet Forces who are able to give the necessary time. Arrangements will be made by the District Staffs for these winter courses to be conducted in the evenings and at such other times as will not interfere with the civil duties of those attending.

By means of these courses a large number of officers and non-commissioned officers will be given the opportunity of qualifying as instructors in those subjects required for Territorial and Cadet training, and it is hoped by these means to economically supply all units with their own instructors. Particularly is this necessary in regard to physical training, a most important subject and one requiring many hundreds of well-trained instructors.

Apart from the instructional value of these courses, very startling statistics have been collected from the examination of those who have attended, who, presumably, are the pick of the Territorial and Cadet Forces, in regard to their physical development and hygienic well-being. For example, it was discovered that fourteen out of twenty non-commissioned officers attending one course of physical training possessed physical imperfections of a remediable nature, the correction of which