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# DEFENCE FORCES OF NEW ZEALAND.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE FORCES FOR THE PERIOD  
1ST JUNE, 1924, TO 31ST MAY, 1925.

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.*

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## REPORT.

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To the Hon. the Minister of Defence.  
SIR,—

General Headquarters. N.Z. Military Forces,  
Wellington, 10th July, 1925.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the Defence Forces under my command covering the period 1st June, 1924, to 31st May, 1925 :—

### 1. COMMANDS AND STAFF.

#### *Staff Organization.*

During the period under review several important staff changes have taken place :—

- Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Avery, C.M.G., D.S.O., N.Z. Staff Corps, resigned from the Active List of the N.Z. Permanent Forces and relinquished the appointment of Quartermaster-General at General Headquarters, as from the 1st October, 1924.
- Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Pilkington, C.B.E., Royal N.Z. Artillery, relinquished the appointment of Director of Ordnance Services, and was appointed Quartermaster-General to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Avery, C.M.G., D.S.O.
- Major-General Sir D. J. McGavin, C.M.G., D.S.O., (D), M.D., F.R.C.S., resigned his appointment as Director of Medical Services, and his place was filled by the appointment of Colonel R. Tracy-Inglis, C.B.E., (D), M.B., the next senior officer on the Active List of the N.Z. Medical Corps.
- Major G. A. Gibbs, N.Z.M.C., for some years attached to the Medical Staff at General Headquarters, was taken on the strength of the N.Z. Army Medical Corps and appointed Staff Officer and Quartermaster for Medical Services at General Headquarters.
- Major T. J. King, N.Z. Army Ordnance Corps, Chief Ordnance Officer, was appointed Director of Ordnance Services in addition to his present duties, *vice* Lieut.-Colonel H. E. Pilkington, C.B.E., appointed Quartermaster-General.
- Major E. Puttick, D.S.O., N.Z. Staff Corps, relinquished the appointment of Staff Officer in Charge No. 5 Regimental District (Wellington), and resumed the duties of Assistant Quartermaster-General at General Headquarters.
- Captain S. H. Crump, N.Z. Staff Corps, Officer in Charge Army Service Corps, Wellington, was appointed Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General in addition to his present duties.
- Captain L. G. Goss, N.Z. Staff Corps, relinquished the appointment of Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Central Command, and was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General at General Headquarters.
- Lieutenant R. C. C. Steele, N.Z. Staff Corps, was appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, at Central Command Headquarters.
- Captain O. Opie, N.Z. Staff Corps, resigned from the N.Z. Permanent Forces, and relinquished his appointment as General Staff Officer (Intelligence) at General Headquarters (as from 27th August, 1924).
- Lieutenant D. T. Maxwell, N.Z. Staff Corps, was appointed General Staff Officer (Intelligence) at General Headquarters (as from the 14th October, 1924), *vice* Captain O. Opie, resigned.