

The undermentioned were appointed to commissions in the Regular Forces:—

- (i) To the New Zealand Staff Corps—
 Lieutenant G. Sanders, A.M.I.C.E.
 Lieutenant J. B. White, B.E., M.Sc., A.M.I.C.E.
 Lieutenant E. J. Horwood, M.Sc.
 Lieutenant W. S. McKinnon, B.Sc.

These candidates were drawn from outside the Service, and were specially selected to fill vacancies in the establishment for which they were particularly suited by their educational qualifications and experience.

- (ii) To the Royal New Zealand Air Force—
 Flight Lieutenant W. Man, D.F.C.
 Flying Officer C. E. Kay.
 Flying Officer H. W. Duffy.
 Flying Officer A. G. Lester.
 Flying Officer R. J. Cohen.
 Flying Officer C. C. Hunter.
 Flying Officer F. R. Dix.
 Flying Officer H. G. Wilson, M.M.
 Flying Officer F. L. Truman.
 Flying Officer H. L. Tancred.
- (iii) To the New Zealand Army Ordnance Corps—
 Lieutenant A. H. Andrews, B.E.

(b) MILITARY EDUCATION.

Lieutenant G. H. Heal, N.Z. Staff Corps, proceeded to England on 13th July, 1935, to attend qualifying courses for Officers, Royal Corps of Signals.

Captain A. H. L. Sugden, N.Z. Staff Corps, left for England on the 7th December, 1935, to undergo a series of courses in small-arms training.

Lieutenant S. B. Wallace, B.E., N.Z. Army Ordnance Corps, proceeded to England on 15th February, 1936, for the purpose of undergoing a course of instruction at the Military School of Science, Woolwich.

Five additional cadets entered the Royal Military College of Australia on 1st March, 1935, making a total of sixteen New Zealand cadets who are undergoing a four-years' course at the College. On graduating, they will be appointed to commissions in the N.Z. Regular Forces.

I am pleased to report that it has been decided by the Government that the Dominion will resume representation at the Imperial Defence College in 1937, and an officer of the Regular Forces has been selected for the year's course there.

(c) LIAISON WITH AUSTRALIA.

In furtherance of the policy of interchanges with Australia, Major H. C. H. Robertson, D.S.O., Australian Staff Corps, visited the training camps and military establishments in New Zealand, in January and February last, and Captain G. Dittmer, M.B.E., M.C., N.Z. Staff Corps, did similar duty in Australia in February and March.

(d) CASUALTIES.

During the year the total casualties in other ranks was twenty-two; this included three deaths, two retirements on account of age, while the remaining seventeen were discharged at their own request.

2. TERRITORIAL FORCE.

(a) COMMANDS AND STAFF.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Kemp, M.C., M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., was appointed Assistant Director of Medical Services, General Headquarters, on 1st August, 1935.

During the past year a number of officers commanding brigades and units have relinquished their commands, on account of having completed the normal period during which such appointments may be held, and to them I wish to extend my appreciation of the valuable services they have rendered.

(b) STRENGTH.

The strength of the Territorial Force as on 31st May, 1936, is shown in Appendix I. There has been a slight decrease on last year's figures.

3. COAST DEFENCES.

The construction of Coast Defence works has progressed in accordance with the authorized plan, and the actual constructional work will be completed within the time anticipated.