

"In the meantime, Captain Morrow had written to Captain Lipsey, but received no answer whatever. Captain Morrow then proposed to give Captain Lipsey another chance by writing again, but Major Gordon would not allow him to do so, and my statement was sent on. The rest you know more about than I do.

"I hope you will, after reading this, acquit me of any blame as to the above matter, as I assure you I was merely a private, and obeying orders.

"W. M. G. WOON."

### No. 18.

The UNDER SECRETARY for DEFENCE to Major COOPER, Thames.

Native and Defence Office (Militia and Volunteer Branch),

Wellington, 1st July, 1874.

SIR,—

In reference to your letter No. 482, of the 3rd June, I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to dismiss from the Volunteer Force Sergeant Bell, No. 1 Company Hauraki Rifle Volunteers, for being drunk on parade.

His Excellency has also disbanded the No. 1 Company Hauraki Rifle Volunteers.

I have, &c.,

W. MOULE, Lieut.-Colonel,

Major Cooper, Commanding Militia District,  
Thames.

Acting Under Secretary for Defence.

### No. 19.

RETURN of the VOLUNTEER FORCE of NEW ZEALAND at the period of the Inspection of the several Corps by the Inspector of Volunteers, and showing the Numbers for whom Capitation was granted on 31st March, 1874.

#### ADULTS.

Name of Commanding Officer of District, and Adjutant.	Corps.	Actual Enrolled Strength at Period of Inspection.	Numbers Present on Inspection Parade.	Actual Number who received Capitation, 31st March, 1874.			REMARKS.
				Full.	Half.	Total	
Auckland. Major Gordon, Commanding	Auckland Troop Cav.	33	22	34	...	34	
	Otahuhu Cavalry ...	20	14	10	...	10	
	Howick Cavalry ...	16	...	...	...	...	Services discontinued.
	Artillery ...	26	...	15	...	15	Services discontinued.
	Engineers ...	65	48	52	3	55	
	No. 1 Rifles ...	71	49	76	5	81	
	No. 2 Rifles ...	37	16	19	...	19	
	No. 3 Rifles ...	} 60	31	24	4	28	
	No. 4 Rifles ...			27	2	29	
	Victoria Rifles ...	55	33	39	5	44	
	Hobson Rifles ...	65	52	46	9	55	
	Otahuhu Rifles ...	36	...	32	5	37	
	Scottish Rifles ...	35	23	31	1	32	
Naval ...	91	57	76	8	84		
Waiuku. Major Lusk, Commanding	Waiuku Cavalry ...	33	33	31	...	31	
	Drury Cavalry ...	34	...	21	4	25	Not inspected.
	Forest Rifles ...	46	44	42	...	42	
	No. 1 Waiuku Rifles...	48	46	44	...	44	
	No. 2 Waiuku Rifles...	38	36	37	...	37	
	No. 1 Pukekohe Rifles	42	42	41	...	41	
	No. 2 Pukekohe Rifles	40	30	37	2	39	
	No. 3 Pukekohe Rifles	46	38	41	4	45	
	Manukau Rifles ...	27	22	24	...	24	
	Pokeno Rifles ...	23	...	21	...	21	
Waikato. Lieut.-Colonel Lyon, Commanding	Wairoa Rifles ...	47	43	43	1	44	
	Te Awamutu Cavalry	68	...	55	15	70	Not inspected.
Waikato. Lieut.-Colonel Lyon, Commanding	Cambridge Cavalry ...	51	...	32	30	52	Not inspected.
	Waikato Rifles ...	37	...	26	2	28	Not inspected.
Taranaki. Major Stapp, Commanding	Light Horse ...	49	41	...	...	...	
	Egmont Rifles ...	38	28	32	1	23	