

down, and a subdividing fence put up, for which 1,000 posts and rails were split and brought in from the bush. 19,000 shingles have been split for station purposes, and 12,000 for the public hall of the townspeople and the Maori hostelry. The Maori hostelry was taken down, removed, and re-erected upon a new site by the men of the station. Forty chains of ditch and bank fence have been made around the redoubt reserve. The stable floor has been renewed.

At Cambridge, two brick chimneys have been built by members of the Force, and considerable repairs done to the several buildings and fences at this station.

At Pukekura, a new mess-house has been erected, the timber sawn and shingles split in the bush near at hand. Eight acres of the reserve have been cleared and put under grass and clover, and a bathing pool has been formed for the men by banking up the flow of water from the adjacent hills.

At Rotorangi, a five-acre paddock has been fenced in and cleared, 3,838 feet of timber cut for completion of station buildings, and all the out-buildings have been newly thatched.

At Kihikihi, 7,500 feet of timber have been cut for station purposes. Thirteen acres of land have been ploughed and grassed, 97 chains of post and rail fence have been provided, and a station-garden of 2 acres has been fenced in also.

At Hamilton, the large barrack building, 100 feet by 20 feet, has been substantially repaired, newly shingled, and painted; and a new verandah, 6 feet wide, extending the full length, has been built. A new mess-room, 30 feet by 18 feet, has been erected upon the site of the building destroyed last year by fire, and a well has been sunk near at hand, from which a sufficient supply of water is obtained.

The district offices have been newly shingled and painted.

The colonial storekeeper's old store has been taken down, and a new store, 60 feet by 20 feet, re-erected on the Government reserve, behind the stabling.

Three hundred posts and rails, 200 house blocks, 4,648 feet of timber, and 50,000 shingles have been split or sawn in the bush, some three miles from the station; and a sawn timber tramway, 260 yards in length, has been laid down at the entrance to the bush.

The soldiers' graveyard at Rangiriri has been re-fenced, and the graves restored by a party detached from head-quarters for the purpose; and the graves of those who fell during the war, and were buried at Waiare, Te Rori, Te Awamutu, and Rangiawhia, have also been renovated and securely enclosed with fences, for which the necessary material was prepared in the nearest available bush.

#### REMARKS.

The conduct of all ranks, both officers and men, under my command has been exemplary: offences against discipline have been few in number and trifling in character. Although subdivided into many small detachments, they are generally well up in their drill, and exhibit commendable zeal and diligence in performance of duty, and *esprit* in maintaining the character of the Force to which they have the honor to belong.

I have, &c.,

WILLIAM CLARE, Major,

Sub-Inspector, in charge Waikato District.

The Commissioner A.C., Wellington.

#### Enclosure 2 in No. 1.

Inspector ROBERTS, Tauranga District, to the COMMISSIONER, Armed Constabulary Force.

SIR,—

District Office, Tauranga, 1st June, 1875.

In compliance with instructions contained in Circular No. 161, of the 23rd March, 1875, I have the honor to forward for your information the following report of the duties performed by the Armed Constabulary Force in the Tauranga District, from the 1st June, 1874, to the 31st May, 1875:—

#### MILITARY DUTIES.

1. *Average Strength of Officers and Men.*—Five officers and 58 non-commissioned officers and men
2. *Nature of Parades and Drills.*—Divine service parades every Sunday at 9.30 a.m.; heavy marching order and inspection parade once every week. In summer, company and light infantry drill once a week, from 6 to 7 a.m.; and in winter from 7 to 8 a.m. Drill was also practised during the year for a few days consecutively when deemed necessary.
3. *Patrolling and Scouting.*—No display has been made in patrolling or scouting, although officers in charge of stations have always kept in view and been made aware of the movements of different tribes and suspected individuals by information received through members of the Force.
4. *Conveying Mails and Despatches.*—A weekly mail leaves Tauranga every Wednesday at 2 p.m., for Opotiki and intermediate stations, meeting the orderly with the Opotiki mail at Otumarakau, and returning on the following day. A mounted orderly is in constant attendance at the Rotorua Telegraph Station. Despatches, &c., are forwarded to Ohinemutu as the exigency of the service requires.
5. *Escorts, Guards, &c.*—Prisoners sentenced to imprisonment in Auckland Gaol were escorted by members of the Force. An armed sentry takes charge of the prisoners in the lock-up, and escorts those confined to hard labour to work, &c. The sentry is relieved at 9 o'clock every morning. A non-commissioned officer and 12 constables were sent to Maketu to maintain order, and to act as orderlies during the Hon. the Native Minister's stay at that place.
6. *Making and Improving Target Ranges.*—At Tauranga new butts were erected, and the range generally repaired before commencing musketry instruction. At Ohinemutu a new range 1,000 yards long was made through tea-tree scrub.
7. *Issuers and Storekeepers.*—Constable Todd is employed as storekeeper at Tauranga, and Constable Maycock as issuer at Ohinemutu station.
8. *Erection of Redoubts and Stockades.*—At Ohinemutu a temporary camp was formed with tea-tree poles and scrub, but was afterwards abandoned through the men being moved on to Te Koutu.