

1882.
NEW ZEALAND.

VOLUNTEER FORCE OF NEW ZEALAND

(REPORT ON).

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

The UNDER-SECRETARY for DEFENCE to the Hon. the DEFENCE MINISTER.

SIR,—

Defence Office, Wellington, 1st June, 1882.

I have the honor to submit to you the accompanying returns showing the strength and distribution of the Volunteer Force on the 30th April, 1882, and of the ordnance and small arms on issue in the various districts on that date.

It will be seen that the returns show an increase in the North Island of 635, and in the South Island of 104, Volunteers.

In October last, when it was decided to advance on Parihaka, the Districts of Auckland, Nelson, Marlborough, Wellington, and Canterbury were called upon for Volunteers for active service on the West Coast, and in answer to the call the Thames sent 7 officers and 164 men, Nelson 13 officers and 176 men, Marlborough 3 officers and 49 men, Wellington 21 officers and 283 men, and Canterbury 5 officers and 74 men; which, together with the Volunteers furnished by the Taranaki and Wanganui Districts, gave a valuable contingent of 64 officers and 1,048 men. Lieut.-Colonel Roberts, N.Z.C., Commanding on the West Coast, in his annual report of his district, desires to record his high appreciation of the exemplary manner in which the whole force behaved, the strictest attention was paid to all orders, discipline and good conduct existing throughout. The Hon. the Defence Minister complimented the officers for the prompt and orderly way in which all orders had been executed, and Lieut.-Colonel Roberts considers the mustering so suddenly of such a number of Volunteers in the district has had an excellent effect on the Native mind, as convincing them that, in an emergency, the Constabulary can be reinforced with little delay.

A most successful Easter encampment was held at Wanganui, at which 544 of all ranks assisted, Nelson contributing 184 of this number. An effort was made to hold a good meeting at Dunedin at Easter, but Lieut.-Colonel Stavely reports several circumstances conspired to mar the success of it, namely, the attraction to Christchurch by the Exhibition, which drew away many who would have attended, the want of camp-equipage, and the very wet weather.

The total number of Volunteers on the 31st December, 1881, the close of the Volunteer financial year, was 8,318 adults and 1,976 cadets, of whom 6,216 adults and 1,454 cadets qualified for capitation.

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H. E. READER, Lieut.-Colonel,
Under-Secretary for Defence.

The Hon. the Defence Minister, Wellington.

Return of Small Arms and Ammunition.

Rifles, &c.—In Store and on Issue—

Snider (all sizes)—On issue	...	...	...	...	8,184
In store	...	...	...	...	2,997
Enfield—In store	...	...	...	...	10,553
On issue	...	...	...	...	914
<i>Ammunition—</i>					
Snider—In store	...	...	...	...	1,206,218
Enfield—In store	...	...	...	...	429,127

Cadet Arms—

Carbines	Muzzle-loaders	{ On issue	...	...	477
		{ In store	...	...	323
	Terry's "	{ On issue*	...	...	651
		{ In store*	...	...	326
Ammunition—Muzzle-loaders (Enfield ammunition used).					

* For drill purposes only.

RETURN of VOLUNTEERS on 30th April, 1882.

District.	Cavalry.	Artillery.	Engineer.	Rifle.	Naval.	Total.	Cadets.	Remarks.
Auckland	...	82	78	357	89	606	61	
Waiuku	71	...	...	57	...	128	...	
Waikato	171	...	...	...	...	171	...	
Taranaki	108	...	...	782	...	890	...	
Wanganui, Patea, and Rangitikei	194	...	...	616	94	904	115	
Wellington	...	91	65	234	218	608	271	
Wairarapa	...	...	...	192	...	192	128	
Napier	...	58	...	75	...	133	...	
Poverty Bay	...	108	...	...	...	108	...	
Thames	...	...	91	149	154	394	57	Since April 30, 1881:— <i>North Island.</i>
TOTALS, NORTH ISLAND...	544	339	234	2,462	555	4,134	632	Increase— Adults ... 175 Decrease— Cadets ... 28
Nelson	...	82	...	171	63	316	58	
Marlborough	...	...	...	203	...	203	155	
Canterbury	129	204	...	238	63	634	61	<i>South Island.</i>
Oamaru	...	67	...	200	...	267	136	Decrease— Adults ... 44 Cadets ... 34
Dunedin	...	118	...	515	239	872	558	
Invercargill	160	154	...	156	...	470	81	
Lake	...	64	...	128	...	192	102	
Westland	...	...	...	176	...	176	...	
TOTALS, SOUTH ISLAND...	289	689	...	1,787	365	3,130	1,151	
TOTALS, ALL NEW ZEALAND	833	1,028	234	4,249	920	7,264	1,783	

RETURN showing DISTRIBUTION of ORDNANCE.

Distribution.	Armstrong.			24-pr. Howitzers.	7-ton Guns.	64-pr. Guns.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - Mortars.	Iron Guns, various.
	40-pr.	12-pr.	6-pr.					
Armed Constabulary Force, Taranaki	2	...
Auckland	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	1
Thames	2	...	...	...	...
Gisborne	1	...	...	...	...
Napier	2	...	...	...	2	...
Wellington	4	...	...	...	...	...
Nelson	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	2
Christchurch	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Timaru	1	...	...	...	1
Oamaru	1	...	...	...	...
Dunedin	...	2	1	2	...	...	...	2
Port Chalmers	1	...	...	...	2
Invercargill	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
Queenstown	1
On issue to Volunteers	1	6	10	10	...	...	4	11
In store	11	11	7	4
Totals	1	6	10	10	11	11	11	15

RETURN of the STRENGTH of the VOLUNTEER FORCE, and how ARMED.

District.	Corps.	Lieutenant-Colonel.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Sub-Lieutenants.	Chaplains.	Surgeons & Assist.-Surge.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Trumpeters or Buglers.	Rank and File.	Total all Ranks.	Sniders.			Cadet Arms.		Enfield Rifles.	C. F. Revolvers.	Swords.	
														Cavalry Carbines.	Artillery Car-bines.	Rifles.	T. B. L. Carbines.	M. L. Carbines.				
Auckland ...	Staff ...		1										2									
	A Battery ...			1	1	1				6		73	82		74							
	Engineers ...			1	1			1		5	1	68	78				84					
	Victoria Rifles ...			1	1					5	1	69	78			114						
	No. 3 Company Rifles ...			1	1					7		54	64				94					
	Hobson Rifles ...			1	2	1				4	1	56	65				85					
	Whangarei Rifles ...			1	1					4		57	64				25			45		
	Coromandel " ...			1	1					5	1	77	86				71					
	Naval Brigade ...			1	2	1				7	1	77	89		63							
	Artillery Cadets ...			1	1					3		55	61		40							
Waiuku ...	Staff ...									1												
	Waiuku Cavalry ...			1	1	1				4	2	62	71	80							68	80
	Wairoa Rifles ...			1	1					3		51	57			50						
Waikato ...	Staff ...		1																			
	Waikato Regiment of Cavalry ...		1	3	3	3				15	3	143	171	173							131	180
Taranaki ...	Staff ...		1																			
	Mounted Rifles ...			1	1	1	1			5	1	46	58	79							60	66
	Waimate Mounted Rifles ...			1	1					5		42	50	50							50	
	Taranaki Rifles ...			1	1					4	1	65	73									
	Waitara* " ...																40					
	Manutahi " ...			1	1					5		69	77				77					
	Kent Road Mangorei Rifles ...			1	1					5	1	43	52				72					
	Okato Rifles ...			1	1					2		35	40				43					
	Oakura " ...			1	1					4		46	53				52					
	Bell Block Rifles ...			1	1					4	1	48	56				56					
	Waimate " ...			1	1					4		102	109			117						
	Opunake " ...			1	1			1		4		60	68				69					
	Stratford* " ...			1	1					3		83	89				52					
	Tikorangi† " ...																40					
	No. 1 Inglewood Rifles ...			1	1					4	1	47	55				63					
	No. 2 " " ...			1	1					5		79	87				98					
	Omata Rifles ...				1					1		21	23				22					
	Ngairi* " ...																46					
	Raleigh† " ...																30					
Wanganui, Rangitikei and Patea	Staff ...									1												
	Alexandra Cavalry ...			1	1			1		5	1	59	69	47							2	49
	Wairoa Light Horse Cavalry ...			1	1					5	1	46	55	70			2					59
	Hawera " ...			1	1					5	1	61	70	89			1					82
	Wanganui Rifles ...			1	1			1		5	1	73	83			100						
	Wanganui City Rifles ...			1	1			1		6	1	81	92			100						
	Royal " ...			1	1					4	1	60	68				72					
	Manchester " ...			1	1					5	1	73	82				73					
	Palmerston North " ...			1	1			1		2		46	52				55					
	Patea " ...			1	1					6	1	87	97				95					
	Normanby " ...			1	1					2	1	56	61				67					
	Hawera " ...			1	1			1		3		75	81			100						
	Wanganui Naval Brigade ...			1	1			1		7		83	94		60							
	Wanganui Rifle Cadets ...			1	1					2		58	63	16			28			1		
	Patea " ...			1	1					5		45	52	12			50					
Wellington...	Staff ...		1							2												
	D Battery ...				1	1		1		7	1	80	91			72						
	Engineer Sub-Marine Miners ...			1	1	1	1	1		5	1	54	65			6						
	Wellington City Rifles ...			1	1			1		6		55	65				80					
	Makara Rifles ...			1	1					3	1	48	55				59					
	Kaiwarawara Rifles ...			1	1					3	1	48	55				49					
	Guards ...			1	1	1				7	1	47	59				86					
	Naval Brigade ...			1	3	2	1	1		18	2	190	218			119	1					
	College Cadets ...			1	1					2		80	84			50						
	Te Aro School Cadets ...			1								64	65									
	Mount Cook School Cadets ...			1		1				4		93	99			20	3		50			
	Naval Cadets ...									3		20	23			30						
Wairarapa ...	Staff ...		1							1												
	Greytown Rifles ...			1	1	1	1			4	1	65	75				75					
	Masterton " ...				1					5	1	52	59				54					2
	Carterton " ...			1	1					4	1	50	58				50					2
	Masterton Cadets* ...																					
	Masterton School Cadets ...			1	1					5		62	70									
	Greytown " ...			1	1					4		51	58									
Napier ...	Staff ...		1							1												
	F Battery ...			1	1			1		5		49	58			50						
	Napier Rifles ...			1	1	1	1			3	1	66	75				70					
Poverty Bay	Staff ...		1																			
	J Battery ...			1	1			1		6		98	108			100						
Thames ...	Staff ...		1																			
	Engineers ...			1	1					8		80	91			119						
	No. 1 Scottish Rifles† ...																100					
	No. 2† " ...																100					

* About to be disbanded.

† Since disbanded.

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														Cavalry Carbines.	Artillery Carbines.	Rifles.	T.B.L. Carbines.	M.L. Carbines.		
Thames— <i>continued.</i>	Rangers Rifles			1	2	1		1		7		85	97			100				
	Native "			1	1	1				2		47	52			37				
	Naval Brigade			1	2	2	1			8		140	154	159						
Nelson	Naval Cadets			1		1				6		49	57				42	43		
	Staff			1				1												
	H Battery			1	1	1	1	1		6		71	82		72					
	City Rifles			1	1	1	1	1		6	1	58	70			70				
	Stoke "			1	1	1				4	1	52	60			71				
Marlborough	Waimea Rifles			1	1	1				4		34	41			50			1	
	Naval Brigade			1	1					5	1	55	63		60					
	College Cadets			1	1	1				4		51	58		50	1				
	Staff			1																
	Picton Rifles			1	1	1	1	1		4	1	43	53			50				
	Spring Creek Rifles			1	1	1				3		56	62			50				
	Blenheim			1	1	1				3		82	88			62				
Canterbury	Picton Cadets			1	1					3		50	55			23	10			
	Blenheim Cadets			1	1	1				5		92	100							
	Staff			1	2			1	2											
	Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry			2	1	1		1		8	3	113	129	59						159
	C Battery			1	1	1		1		5	1	104	114		40					
	E "			1	1	1		1		4	2	81	90		41					
	Temuka Rifles			1	1	1		1		5		76	85			43				
	City Guards Rifles			1	1	1				5	1	66	74			36			70	
	Ashburton "			1	1	1				5	1	70	79			84				
	Naval Brigade			1	1			1		6	1	53	63		60					
Oamaru	Christ's College Cadets			1	1	1				4		54	61		60					
	Staff			1					1											
	I Battery			1		1		1		5	1	58	67		50					
	Hampden Rifles			1	1	1				4		46	53			45				
	Oamaru "			1		1				3		91	96			89				
	Otepopo "			1	1	1		1		5		42	51			30				
Dunedin	High School Cadets			1	1					4		73	79		22		50			
	Oamaru North School Cadets			1	1	1				3		51	57		8		39	*15		
	Staff			1	2				4											
	B Battery			1	1	1				5		42	50		62					
	L "			1	2		1	1		6	1	56	68		80					
	City Guards Rifles			1	1					7	1	75	85			90				
	North Dunedin Rifles			1	1					5		51	58			62				
	Waikari "			1	1	1	1	1		3	1	46	55			67				
	South District "			1	1	1				3	1	46	53			50				
	Clutha "			1	1	1		1		4		52	60			68				
	Bruce "			1	1	1		1		4	1	46	55			60				
	East Taieri "			1	1	1	1	1		4		45	54			62				
	Portobello "			1	1	1				3		35	41			37				
	Waikouaiti "			1	1					3	1	48	54			52				
	Dunedin Naval Brigade			1	3	2		1		8	1	140	156		81	59				
	Port Chalmers "			1	1	1				9	1	70	83		77					
	City Guards Cadets			1	1	1				4		40	47		7		47			
	High School "											91			6		49			
	South District School Cadets				1	1				2		62	67		6		44			
	North "				1	1	2			6		90	100		10		119			
Middle "				1	1	1			5		92	100		7		49				
Normal School Cadets				1	1				7		90	100		7		85				
Dunedin Naval "				1	1	1			5		46	54		7		80				
Invercargill	Staff			1					1											
	Garrison Band											34								
	Southland Regiment of Hussars			1	1	2	4	2	1	2		8	2	137	160	95				150
	G Battery			1	1			1		6	1	49	59		80					
	K "			1	1	2				5	1	51	61		75					
	Riverton Rifles			1	1	1		1		4	2	52	62			67				
	Invercargill Rifles			1		1		1		5	1	85	94			67				
Lake	Artillery Cadets			1								80	81		6		60			
	Staff			†1					1											
	M Battery			1	1	1		1		5	1	54	64	1	40	20				
	Arrow Rifles			1	1	1				5	1	50	59			66				
	Cromwell Rifles			1	1	1		1		5	1	59	69			60				
Westland	Queenstown Cadets			1	1	1				4		44	51		10		14	*20		
	Arrow			1		1				2		47	51							
	Staff				1															
	Westland Rifles			1	1	1		1		4	1	53	62			73				
	Greymouth "			1	1			1		2		42	47			58				
Kumara "			1	1	1				5		59	67			48					

* Lancaster Rifles. † Since resigned.