Commissions from the ranks at Trentham. 38. Non-commissioned officers from each Reinforcement draft are given commissions to fill vacancies which may have occurred in the ranks of the officers during the course of training in camp. Commissions will also be given to make up any shortage of officers in the establishment of drafts coming into camp. These commissions will not, except to meet emergencies, be granted until about three weeks prior to the sailing of a draft. At that time the non-commissioned officers will have had almost five months' continuous training in camp. All non-commissioned officers are given full consideration, and every effort is made to select the best men, who are judged entirely on their work in the camp. In addition to being the best of their draft, the candidates are required to qualify at an examination for first appointment as in the case of the Territorial Force.

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