

No. 79.—Petition of the HOME SERVICE LEAGUE (INCORPORATED), (J. E. HUME and 1,899 Others).
 FOR consideration of the services of Home Service men with a view to granting them certain of the privileges and benefits enjoyed by the New Zealand Expeditionary Force overseas men.

I am directed to report that the Committee has further considered this petition, the report on which was referred back to the Committee on the 6th ultimo, and sees no reason for altering its recommendation—viz., that, while recognizing the splendid services of the men who were retained on home service, it can make no recommendation until all overseas men have been fully repatriated. The Committee is, however, of opinion that in the meantime some medal or badge should be issued to Home Service men in recognition of their services.

5th November, 1920.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I AM directed to report that the Defence Committee desires to place on record its hearty appreciation of the services of its Chairman, Mr. Glenn, and has directed that a resolution to this effect be placed on the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

G. MITCHELL,

Member of Committee.

5th November, 1920.

FINAL REPORT.

I HAVE the honour to report that the Defence Committee held its final meeting this morning.

The Committee held eighteen meetings, besides sitting on four occasions as a Joint Committee with a similar Committee from the Legislative Council.

Thirty-four petitions were referred to the Committee, and all have been dealt with, twenty-two being referred to the Government, and twelve received "no recommendation."

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