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DEFENCE COMMITTEE

(REPORTS OF THE).

(MR. POTTER, CHAIRMAN.)

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THURSDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 1926.

Ordered, "That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of ten members, to deal with all matters in connection with defence; with power to call for persons, papers, and records; three to be a quorum: the Committee to consist of Mr. Dickie, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Jordan, Mr. J. A. Lee, Mr. J. Mason, Mr. Potter, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Seddon, and the mover."—(Hon. Mr. F. J. ROLLESTON.)

WEDNESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1926.

Ordered, "That the petition of W. T. Thompson be referred direct to the Defence Committee."--(Mr. McCombs.)

Tuesday, the 24th Day of August, 1926.

Ordered, "That the petition of Mary Welsh be referred direct to the Defence Committee."—(Mr. SAVAGE.)

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No. 2.—Petition of THOMAS MCREYNOLDS, of Onehunga.

Praying for the Maori War Medal and pension.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

21st July, 1926.

No. 3.—Petition of WILLIAM BOWDEN MORTON, of Auckland.

PRAYING for the Maori War Medal and pension.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

21st July, 1926.

No. 4.—Petition of EDWARD WALLS, of Birkenhead, Auckland.

Praying for renewal of war pension.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 21st July, 1926.

No. 31.—Petition of T. C. Hore and 85 Others, of Naseby.

Praying that a war pension or some other allowance be made to Mr. W. P. Newman, a veteran of the South African War.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 21st July, 1926.

No. 49.—Petition of James Henry Kerr, of Onehunga.

Praying for renewal of war pension.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 21st July, 1926.

No. 1.—Petition of Kenneth E. C. Melton, of Epsom, Auckland.

Praying for renewal of war pension.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 15.—Petition of Myrtle Evelyn Peacock, of Rotorua.

Praying for a compassionate allowance for her late husband's services to the Dominion.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 42.—Petition of Joseph Ingley, of New Plymouth.

Praying that the compassionate allowance granted for his services during the Maori War be made retrospective.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 11th August, 1926.

No. 24.—Petition of PERCY RONALD WATSON, of Te Aroha.

Praying for reinstatement as photographer to the New Zealand Permanent Air Force.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 18th August, 1926.

No. 96.—Petition of J. Dowd, of Gisborne.

PRAYING for a Maori War Medal.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

18th August, 1926.

No. 80.—Petition of W. A. P. D'ORIDANT, of Christchurch.

Praying for further redress and compensation from the Defence Department.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 18th August, 1926.

No. 81.—Petition of Charles A. Grigg, of Petone.

Praying that he be awarded a Maori War Medal and pension, or, in the alternative, a compassionate allowance

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

18th August, 1926.

No. 226.—Petition of WILLIAM THOMAS THOMPSON, of Heathcote.

Praying for a permanent war pension.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

20th August, 1926.

No. 74.—Petition of Denis Collins, of Napier.

Praying for a military pension, or, in the alternative, for a compassionate allowance.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 1st September, 1926.

No. 211.—Petition of Martin Joseph Cleary, of Greymouth.

Praying for pension for illness contracted during service with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make on this petition. 1st September, 1926.

No. 252.—Petition of LILY URQUHART and 10 Others, of Dannevirke.

Praying for a widow's pension.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for favourable consideration, and that the petitioner should be granted a compassionate allowance in lieu of a widow's pension.

1st September, 1926.

No. 262.—Petition of MARY WELSH, of Auckland.

Praying for relief in lieu of the military pension.

I am directed to report that in the opinion of the Committee this petition should be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st September, 1926.

SPECIAL REPORT.

I have the honour to report that the Defence Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the efficient and impartial manner in which the Chairman, Mr. Potter, has conducted the business of the Committee during the present session; and further desires that a resolution to this effect be recorded in the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the House.

JOHN MASON,

7th September, 1926.

Member of the Committee.

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