

Major R. A. Row, D.S.O., N.Z.S.C., relinquished the appointment of G.S.O. Southern Command, and was appointed S.O.R.D. 10 and Brigade Major, 3rd N.Z.M.R. Brigade, on the 24th January, 1933.

Major E. Puttick, D.S.O., N.Z.S.C., relinquished the appointment of S.O.R.D. 1, Auckland, and Brigade Major, 1st N.Z. Infantry Brigade, and was appointed G.S.O., Southern Command, on the 24th January, 1933.

Major P. H. Bell, D.S.O., N.Z.S.C., relinquished the appointment of S.O.R.D. 4, Hamilton, and was appointed S.O.R.D. 1, Auckland, while retaining the appointment of Brigade Major, 1st N.Z. Infantry Brigade, dated 1st June, 1933.

Major C. T. Gillespie, M.C., R.N.Z.A., relinquished the appointment of Adjutant, 1st Field Artillery Brigade, and was appointed S.O.R.D. 3, Brigade Major, 1st N.Z.M.R. Brigade, dated 21st March, 1933, and O.C. R.N.Z.A., Northern Command, on the 16th May, 1933.

Hon. Colonel F. W. Furkert, C.M.G., relinquished the appointment of Director of Works on the 30th January, 1933, and the appointment was taken up by Hon. Colonel C. J. McKenzie, as from the 31st January, 1933.

Colonel J. R. Reed, O.B.E., v.d., relinquished the appointment of Judge-Advocate-General on the 22nd February, 1933, and was posted to the Retired List.

Colonel E. H. Northcroft, D.S.O., v.d., N.Z. Army legal Department was appointed Judge-Advocate-General on the 1st March, 1933.

Lieut.-Colonel F. L. G. West, v.d., N.Z. Army Legal Department, was appointed Deputy Judge-Advocate-General on the 1st March, 1933.

Mr. G. H. Mackley, General Manager, N.Z. Railways, has been appointed Director of Railways and granted the honorary rank of Colonel, dated 30th May, 1933.

(b) MILITARY EDUCATION.

Captain I. R. Withell, B.Sc., R.N.Z.A., proceeded to England on the 4th October, 1932, for twelve months' instruction in ordnance duties to qualify him for the appointments of Inspecting Ordnance Officer and Ordnance Mechanical Engineer, rendered vacant by the resignation of Major W. Ivory, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.N.Z.A.

Captain G. H. Clifton, M.C., N.Z.S.C., left for England on the 29th November, 1932, to attend a course at the Staff College, Camberley.

It has not, so far, been found practicable for New Zealand to resume representation at the Imperial Defence College, which was suspended in 1930, but the advantages of this college have not been lost sight of, and it is hoped that the time is not far distant when a nomination can be made.

No cadets are being trained at present at the British Service Colleges. As it is essential to keep up a steady inflow of young officers to meet requirements occasioned by resignations, retirements, and deaths, it is hoped that it will be possible to send four cadets to the Royal Military College of Australia during the ensuing year. These cadets will not graduate for service as officers in the New Zealand Permanent Forces until four years after their entry at the Royal Military College.

(c) OFFICER SECONDED.

Captain (local Major) K. L. Stewart, M.B.E., N.Z.S.C., has been seconded for a further period with the Ceylon Defence Forces—*i.e.*, up to 19th December, 1934.

(d) LIAISON WITH AUSTRALIA.

Colonel F. Symon, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.D.C. to the King, Director of Artillery, and O.C. Central Command, visited Australia as the guest of the Australian Commonwealth Government from 9th June until 20th July, 1933.

(e) CASUALTIES.

The following Staff Officers resigned during the year :—

Major D. E. Bremner, M.C., N.Z.S.C.

Major W. Ivory, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.N.Z.A.

Captain R. C. C. Steele, N.Z.S.C., was retired as medically unfit.

It is with regret that I have to record the deaths of the undermentioned :—

Captain E. R. V. Petrie, N.Z.S.C.

W.O.I. (S.S.M.) W. G. Bauer, N.Z.P.S.

Four other ranks of the Permanent Forces resigned during the year, and eight others were discharged for other reasons.

(f) VACANCIES IN THE PERMANENT FORCES (OTHER RANKS).

Recruits have been appointed to fill vacancies which have occurred since the 31st March, 1931, and are now undergoing instruction at the Training Depot, Trentham.

(g) TRAINING.

A refresher course of fourteen days' duration was held in each Command for the personnel of the Permanent Forces, excepting the personnel of the Royal New Zealand Artillery, who were concentrated at Trentham for instruction under the Director of Artillery.

Courses of a minor nature have been held throughout the year at such centres where sufficient personnel can be concentrated without expense.