VOLUNTEER NOTES

The acceptation of the defences of the evouport Defence Hifle Cudet Volunteers is been gazetted.

The "A" Battery is now in camp in the Domain for the usual fortuight. The par-ade muster is 70 strong.

Sinff-Sergt, Meikle arrived in Auckland on the 12th uit., and has been attached to the Engineer Corps and Signaliers for in struction.

The American Military and Navai authorities have decided to do away with marines on board their warships. These ranks will now be converted loto infantry.

Nos. 2 and 3, A.G.A., went under canyas on Saturday last, the forcer at Fort Caut-ley, and the latter at Takapuna. Heavy gun practice will take place this week,

The No. 1 Natives will not hold their annual camp this year, the Defence Council having declined to grant permission and camp allowance.

The conditions of the competition for the challenge cup, presented to the Piako Mounted titles by Mr J. B. Starkey, have been issued. The first competition will be held on March 20th next.

It may be as well to once more remind intending competitors that the entries for the eighth annual meeting of the New Zea-land Defence-Forces Rifle Association meet-ling at Trentham close on February 12.

Capt. W. R. C. Walker, commanding the D Squadron, has (says my Walkato correspondent) been recommended for promotion to the position of second in command of the 2nd Regiment A.M.R., with the rank of major,

A number of new regulations have been the subject of an order by the Defence Council dealing with the marks for artillery volunteers under examination, the new clauses affecting field and garrison artillery

The whole of the Japanese field artillery has now been re-armed with the 1907 pattern quick firing zon, and the manufacture of reserve material is being proceeded with. The issue of new ritles to the infantry is pearly completed.

Quartermaster Sergt. Arnold, of the D Squadron (Cambridge), has been promoted to the rank of regimental quartermaster-sergt, in place of Quartermaster-Sergt. C. Cowley, who has been promoted to the communications.

It is not improbable that the scheme for the improvement of the infantry suggested by Capt. Grant, adjutant of the First Int-tallor, will come into operation in Auckland proposed in the companies of the officers commanding the companies on Monday night.

The parade of the First Buttallon Infantry, No. 4 Engineers, Bearer Corps and Anckland Mogated Riffes by the luspector-General will take place at Avondale on the 13th iost. The three town curps are to parade at the Auckland Railway Station at 3 p.m. to entrain by the 3.50 p.m. train for Avondale.

Colonel Davies, C.B., Inspector-Generat, will, as previously stated, Inspect the various corps in the Auckland District during February. The 2nd Regiment (Walkato), A.M.R., will, however, not be inspected, it having been seen by the Jaspector-General in the annual training camp, when 210 mea were on parade.

Sergi-Major Coleman, Staff Instructor 2nd A.M.R., will attend at the following places during the present month:—Te Aroha, February 4; Rugtan, February 6; Cambridge, February 10; Te Kutt, Feb-ruary 11; Cambridge, February 13; Te Avenuut, February 17; Otorohanga, Febr-uary 20; Ngaruawahia, February 25; Karamu, February 27th.

A routine order issued by Lieut. Col. Reed, O.C. the First Battalion, announces the postponement of the Bucheaux Cup control of the Bucheaux Cup control of the Bucheaux Cup control of the College of musket rand Government medal competitions will be fred by the first class shots of the A, B, C, and D companies on the 20th inst., and the E, F, and G companies on the 27th

Inst., and the p, p, and w completes on the 27th.

I am informed an increased grant to cadet battalions for the anunal camp has been notified by the Education Department. The Wellington Education Board has received a letter from the Department intimating that it was prepared to pay the cadets' railway fares not exceeding twenty miles, and grant 3/6 per head for six days' maintenance in camp, providing camp equipment as far as available. The grant would not be payable unless two hundred of all ranks were in camp, except in the case of a battalion, the total strength of which is less than two hundred, in which case the minimum shall be one hundred and fifty or over. Whorever practicable, an instructor from the Defence Department will be attached to the camp for instructional purposes. The Wellington Board referred the letter back to the Department asking that the Minister grant 1/per day per cadet for days, as even the increased grant was Insufficient.

Lieut-Colonel D'Arcy Chaytor, command-

Lieut-Colonel D'Arcy Chaytor, commanding the 1st Regiment Nelson Mounted Rifles, and Lieut-Colonel Allen Bell, of the 2nd A.M.R., have been appointed to frame regulations for the proposed Farmers' Union Rifle Chibs, to be formed of adult members of the New Zealand Farmers' Union. These officers will also draw up rules for the the competition, which is to be competition, which is

The following volunteers have qualified for certificates:—F. C. Daniell and C. Holloway, No. 1 Walkato M.R. Volunteers; both her sergeant. Corporals E. Ballander and Luddow, both of No. 1 N.Z.G.A., have been transferred to the Reserve of caleting corn and the Luddow, both of No. 1 N.Z.G.A., have been transferred to the Reserve of Carlotting corn their own request, as from 30th November their own request, as from 30th November their own as from 30th November and M.R. The O/C District as approved May, 1908, The O/C District as approved of the appointment as hon acting feuterant of James Edward Gray, Devonport Rife Cadet Volunteers, from 29th November, 1908.

her, 1908. A recent general order issued by the Council of Defence, rans as follows:—"Discappolationent having been expressed by some officers that their pay has not been increased in accordance with the scale published in General Order 21 of 1908, attention is drawn to the provise printed in the two lines beneath the tabulated scale on first page of above order, where it is distinctly set officially and report, and, if required, a qualifying examination before the same is granted."

A new drill book for cadets has been issued. It consists of suitable extracts from infantry training, 1905, Imperial, as adopted for New College of the consistency of the New College of the work included, not because of direct application to the cadet system, but because the remnelate principles that officers, and even cadets themselves, ought to know. Officers of corps, as far as possible, are requested to carry out those instructions to enabla cadets to be trained with a view to future admission to adult volunteer corps.

admission to adult volunteer corps.

No. 1 A.G.A. is fortcurted in having such a large number of trained specialists there being more that do the the tequired by the conditions of the Challenge Sided. The company has 12 efficient signalities, trained in large sending by night, neligraphing and flags by day, in both the semaphore and Morse codes. The signalities are under the superpision in campaind and the service of the superpision in the companion of Sergit, Watsi, a veteran signalizer with South A.F. Kean, experience, assisted by Corp. How the superpised of the companion of Sergit, which is a superpised of the companion of Sergit, when the superpised of the companion of the

"Target Practice" (1905-10) is now with the printers, and with be issued to corpa about March I (sew volunteer year). The following are the leading changes: (a) Targets and value of bits will be same as used at New Zerland Rithe Association meetings. This is introduced to save corps the necessity of maintaining two classes of targets and two systems of marking. It should enable many company prizes to be competed for, in conjunction with the class-dring, (b) The figure targets are amended to count hits on figure, with an inner and magpie circle. (c) The discretion of O.C. crops as to preliminary and further training with rounds available is further extended, especially with cadets. (d) A number of examples of simple schemes for field-fring practices from a squadron to a betallon will be included. In these practices it is urged on O.C. regiments and battalions that they be carried out combined with judging distance.

During last week the Bastion Fort, Anckinad, has presented an exceedingly heav appearance with the cause of the No. I Company Gardson Artillery (Anckinad Navales). The company Gardson Artillery (Anckinad Navales). The company started well by marching indocamp on the Est January with the record muster of 120 men of all rasks—the ingrest muster which any company in Auckinad has ever had, and the keenness displayed by all ranks is a gratifying feature. As an instance of the general entusiasm of the men it may be mentioned that one day when the weather was very rough the men were unable to proceed by launch to the camp, and instead of going their homes, walked, via Remeeta, a distance of nearly seven miles, in the pouring rain. The officers, Capt. Knyvett. and Lieutenants Bodle, Greenhoogh and Tulien acted as Battery commanders for the different gus series, in addition to which Capitaln Knyvett supervised the instruction of the range-finding specialists and the Q.F. gun detachments.

Some Definitions.

By A MAN OF THE WORLD.

What is whisky!---Whisky is trouble in a liquid form.

What is flirtation?—Flirtation is attention without intention.

What is dyspepsia? — Dyspepsia is a good foundation for a had temper. What is a motor car!—A motor car is a smellithuous lump of animated iron-

a smellituous nump of aumanage.

What is a button?—A button is a small event that is always coming off.

What is a bachelor?—A bachelor is a standing temptation to womes.

What is a policeman?—A policeman is a never-present help in a time of trouble. What is the Yellow Peril?—The yellow maril is orange seel on the payement.

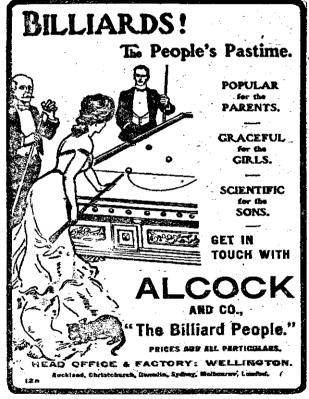
peril is orange peel on the payement.
. What does marriage mean!—Marriage means a few minutes at the head of the procession, and a lifetime in the ranks.

What are whiskers?—Whiskers are a mistake on the face of it.
What is Wealth!—Wealth is not every-

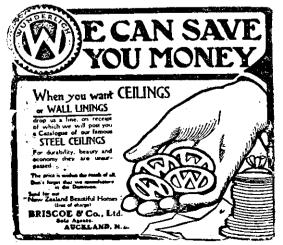
vinat is weather—wealth is not every-thing, but poverty is the very devil. What is a Crank !—A crank is a little thing that makes revolutions. What is vulgarity?—Vulgarity is a

What is vulgarity?—Vulgarity is a quality seen only in the behavour of

What is a Patriot!—A Patriot is one who has the Press with him.



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