

DESERTERS FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

From the New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

WARKWORTH.—**Henry Williams**, failing to parade for medical examination: It has been ascertained by the Queen Street Wharf (Auckland) police that accused left this Dominion for London on the 2nd November, 1916, as a member of the crew of the s.s. "Ionic." (See *Police Gazette*, 1918, page 64.)

AUCKLAND.—12th July last, on **military warrant** for failing to parade for medical examination, **Hartland Smyth**, age twenty-five, height 5 ft. 8 in., dealer, native of New Zealand.

GISBORNE.—5th ultimo, on **military warrant** for failing to proceed to camp, **Ronald Gordon Halkett**, age twenty-six, height about 5 ft. 7 in., farm labourer, native of New Zealand, slight build, dark hair and complexion, clean-shaved.

WANGANUI.—12th July last, on **military warrant** for failing to parade for medical examination, **John Anderson**, age twenty-nine, height 5 ft. 7 in., bushman.

SHANNON.—13th ultimo, on **military warrant** for failing to proceed to camp, **James McCloy**, age thirty-two, height 5 ft. 11 in., flax hand, native of Scotland, medium build, dark hair and complexion; usually dressed in a dark suit and skull cap.

SHANNON.—6th ultimo, on **military warrant** for failing to proceed to camp, **William Shields**, age twenty-eight, height 5 ft. 10 in., flax hand, native of Ireland, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair.

WELLINGTON.—23rd October last, on **military warrant** for failing to proceed to camp, **James McGuire**, alias **Robert John Walsh**, age thirty-five, height 5 ft. 4 in., electric lineman, native of Ireland, strong build, fair hair, complexion, and moustache twisted at ends, blue eyes, full red face. On 1st instant was wearing a fawn coloured suit and dark soft-felt hat. He is said to have worked at Lake Coleridge.

WELLINGTON.—23rd January last, on **warrant** for being absent from camp without leave, **Ernest John Mathews**, age thirty-six, height 5 ft. 7½ in., fireman and farm labourer, native of England, medium build, sandy complexion, light-brown hair going bald, blue eyes, broken nose, large ears, scar on left middle finger, ship inside right forearm, left forefinger injured. (See *Police Gazette*, 1917, page 612, and 1918, page 48.)

WELLINGTON.—25th October last, on **military warrant** for failing to parade for medical examination, **Michael Walsh**, age twenty-six, height 5 ft. 7 in., shearer.

CHRISTCHURCH.—18th November last, on **military warrant** for failing to parade for medical examination, **Patrick McKenna**, age thirty-three, height 5 ft. 7½ in., native of Australia, medium build, dark hair and complexion, clean-shaved; usually dressed in a dark-grey suit and soft-felt hat.

CHRISTCHURCH.—4th May last, on **military warrant** for failing to parade for medical examination, **Arthur Taylor**, age twenty-six, height 5 ft. 9 in., slight build, pale complexion, dark hair, large dark eyes.

CHRISTCHURCH.—16th January last, on **military warrant** for failing to parade for medical examination, **Arthur Donald Goulding Boulton**, age twenty-seven, height 5 ft. 5 in., native of England.

DUNEDIN.—5th ultimo, on **military warrant** for failing to proceed to camp, **Patrick Tarpey**, age thirty-three, height 5 ft. 10 in., labourer, native of Ireland, medium build, reddish hair, moustache, and complexion; usually dressed in a blue suit and brown Dr. Jim hat; erect gait; good appearance.

INVERCARGILL.—2nd ultimo, on **military warrant** for failing to proceed to camp, **Timothy O'Connor**, age forty-five, height 5 ft. 10 in., labourer and flax hand, native of Ireland, medium build, fresh complexion, dark hair, blue eyes; fond of drink.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Special Inquiry.

Should any information be received by any member of the Police Force respecting a document issued by the "Society for the Protection of Germans Abroad" a report should be furnished at once giving full particulars.

The document is marked "Strictly Confidential," and requests information under the following heads:—

Personal information.

Regarding business, industries, and commerce.

Various remarks: Experiences, requirements, &c.

Regarding agricultural and pastoral pursuits.

General information.

It is not known whether the document has yet been circulated in New Zealand or not.

J. O'DONOVAN,
Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 7th March, 1918.

Defaulters under Military Service Act.

The Defence authorities are using every effort to find military defaulters and deserters, and the need for systematic action is more necessary now that the Second Division reservists are being called up for service, owing to the demand that married men should not be sent to camp while so many First Division men are evading service. The Defence authorities realize that without the fullest co-operation on the part of the police it will be impossible for them to account for the whole of the defaulters, and earnestly request the assistance of all police officers in tracing them. A special opportunity of doing so presents itself in connection with the collection of the agricultural statistics.

Hitherto the production of a reservist's certificate of enrolment has been treated as sufficient, but now that the whole of the First Division and Class A of the Second Division of the Reserve have been called up for service, these certificates of enrolment are no longer sufficient evidence of *bona fides* unless the holders belong to Class B, C, D, E, or F of the Second Division. Every reservist of the First Division or of Class A of the Second Division should now either be in camp or in possession of a leave-pass signed by an authorized military officer.

Constables appointed to take the agricultural statistics should make a point of seeing, if possible, every man employed on a farm or a station and demanding production of a leave-pass from each man of the class mentioned.

Informations should be laid against employers of unenrolled reservists or deserters and the results communicated to this office. A newspaper report of prosecutions would be sufficient. The arrest or discovery of shirkers should also be notified, but it will not be necessary to furnish further particulars.

J. O'DONOVAN,
Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 8th March, 1918.

Prosecutions under Section 33, Military Service Act.

In connection with the memorandum from the Government Statistician published in *Police Gazette*, 1917, page 100, it is desired that before proceedings are taken under Section 33 of the Military Service Act for failure to register, inquiry should be made from the Government Statistician whether the man is registered or not. If necessary, the inquiry may be made by telegram.

When proceedings are taken and a conviction is recorded the result should be reported to the Government Statistician so that he may take the necessary steps to have the offender called up for service under Section 34 of the Military Service Act.

J. O'DONOVAN,
Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 11th March, 1918.

Reward.

A reward of £10 each and a record of merit have been awarded to No. 820, Sergeant Patrick Cassidy, and No. 1213, Constable Gilbert Roberts, of Sydenham Station, for zeal and energy displayed in the arrest and conviction of Percival John Edwards and Walter Henry McGeorge for arson.