

**LIGHTING A CAMP**

**2500 Points Installed At Trentham**

**FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

There is a lighting system in the central District mobilization camp at Trentham equivalent to that required for a borough of 2000 persons. In all there are 2500 points for lighting and many more for heating and other purposes. The power comes from the Hutt Valley Power Board system to the new 6 substation, which will carry a load of 450 kilowatts.

Scores of different camp units are applied. One of the most interesting things is the drying system in the laundry. If every Wellington housewife had one in her washhouse wet weather would hold no fears on washing day. An electric hot-water boiler circulates hot water through a fan unit in the laundry, which in turn circulates hot air in the drying room. It matters nature's time in drying clothes. The Public Works Department's electricians, under one of the departmental electrical engineers, Mr. T. G. Cook, have been six months in the camp, and there is still work to do. Men are continuously engaged.

An electrical fire alarm system is part of the equipment. This operates throughout the old and the new camps with call boxes at convenient points. A call given is recorded automatically on the control board at the camp fire station and, as in the big city fire stations, the area from which the alarm is given, is registered.

The supply to the canteen alone is equal to a load of 150 kilowatts. The barrack rooms have each 15 points, the shopping area and post office take 10 and 10 kilowatts respectively.

There are five church and non-denominational huts taking roughly 60 kilowatts, an X-ray hospital, eight living-rooms, four cookhouses, 10 bathing stores, four regimental stores, drying rooms, tailoring and boot-making shops, a dental hospital, four barber rooms, two laundries fitted with ironing facilities, headquarters and other huts and rooms to be supplied.

Nothing has been overlooked to make electrical installation complete, and to the provision of points for electric shavers and radios.

The effect of all this work can best be seen at night from the hills to the west of the camp. To anyone looking down on a dark night the camp is a concentration of hundreds of lights.

**New Uniforms**

**Outfit for Third Echelon**

Working to Government specifications, New Zealand firms have started to make Army uniforms to the pattern of the British battle dress. The Minister of Defence, the Hon. F. Nash, said it was intended to equip all members of the third echelon of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force with this uniform.

"We have already gone into production with this battle dress," said Mr. Jones. "The Government has placed orders for enough for the whole of the third echelon, and we will continue to manufacture them for all subsequent drafts."

**Comfort and Durability.**

The battle dress, of which a sample was recently demonstrated at Burnham camp, is the result of a number of years of research to secure comfort and durability. It also includes

facilities to carry soldiers' personal possessions, such as small trinkets.

Instead of the better-known khaki tunic with a stocklike collar, there is a belted blouse, rather like a lumber jacket, with a soft buttoned collar, buttoned cuffs and two fair-sized patch pockets on the chest.

The trousers also are very different from the familiar "stove-pipes" of the present New Zealand uniform. Said by Mr. Jones to resemble ski-ing trousers, they are of ankle length and wide, and have a deep patch pocket on the front of the left thigh and another on the back. They can be secured over the boot with either a strap or a gaiter.

Khaki is still the colour, but another notable difference is the absence of glinting brass buttons, thus relieving the soldier of his present monotonous task of polishing. The New Zealanders, said Mr. Jones, would retain their distinctive hats.

Company regimental officers are to be issued with the same type of uniform as the men. This is a development of a practice inaugurated in the Great War after it had been found that the distinctive uniforms of officers made attractive targets for snipers.



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