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## ARMOURED UNITS

### Conversion Of Horse & Motor Regiments

## TERRITORIAL ARMY

### Announcement By Defence Minister

AUCKLAND, November 13.

As a further step to mechanize selected units of the Territorial Force, it is proposed to convert present mounted rifles, horse and motor regiments into light armoured fighting vehicle regiments, said the Minister of Defence, Mr. Jones, today. This step is brought about by the necessity for having mobile armoured units in each of the military districts for Army Headquarters reserve.

Arrangements are well in hand to provide equipment to enable the conversion of these selected units to take place. The armoured fighting vehicle school already established in New Zealand will provide officers and non-commissioned officers with necessary technical instruction which, in turn, will be taught to the armoured fighting vehicle regiments.

In converting the present horse and motor regiments to armoured regiments care has been taken to maintain the history and traditions of existing units. As an indication of how it is intended to achieve this, the "Canterbury Yeomanry Cavalry" will now be known as the 1st Light Armoured Fighting Vehicle Regiment (C.Y.C.). All other units will maintain a similar distinguishing title.

Conversion of the present horse regiments does not entirely dispense with mounted units as a number of independent squadrons are to be retained for special roles in different parts of the Dominion.



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## NEW ZEALAND TROOPS

### Visit By High Commissioner

## REPORT TO GOVERNMENT

CAIRO, November 10.

On a flying visit to the New Zealand troops in the Middle East, the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, Mr. Jordan, arrived at Cairo yesterday. The chief purpose of his visit is to see as many of the Dominion troops as possible, and he will carry out a strenuous tour in his efforts to reach New Zealanders who are scattered through many parts of the Middle East.

When the tour is completed in about a fortnight's time, Mr. Jordan will make a report to the New Zealand Government on his impressions, and make any recommendations that he may deem necessary for the welfare of the troops.

Tonight in his hotel Mr. Jordan gave an interview to representatives of the British, American, Australian, South African, and New Zealand Press.

He told them that the policy of the New Zealand Government was for New Zealand troops wherever they were to take what was coming. He quoted Mr. Savage's memorable words on the outbreak of war: "Where Britain goes, we go where Britain stands, we stand." Mr. Jordan said he was certain that if New Zealand troops had to go through another Greece and Crete, they would do it again in an equally efficient and gallant manner.

The New Zealand Government, Mr. Jordan said, had complete confidence in the General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Division, Major-General Freyberg, his brigadiers, their officers, and their men. Although he had not yet had time to meet many of the New Zealand troops, he had been greatly impressed with the high standard of physical fitness of the men he had seen around the streets of Cairo. Their tanned faces and bright keen eyes told the story of their fitness.



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