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WELLINGTON MILITARY DISTRICT.

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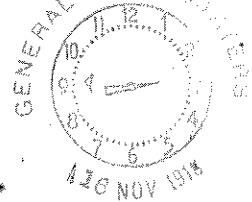
HEADQUARTERS, No. 5 AREA, GROUP,

DEFENCE OFFICE,

WELLINGTON.

11th November, 1918

Director of Movements and Quartering,
Headquarters, N.Z. Military Forces,
WELLINGTON.



Re:- RARATONGAN CONTINGENT.

I beg to report that all the arrangements in connection with the billeting of the Raratongan Contingent at the Lower Hutt Drill Hall are proceeding satisfactorily in every respect.

The men are under the immediate charge of Serjt-Major Braik, a very dependable Sub Area Serjt-Major. Serjt-Major Wiechern, local Sub Area Serjt-Major, is co-operating with Serjt-Major Braik as required. Both Officers (Lieuts. Lankshear and Middleton) who were separately detailed by the Director of Recruiting to remain in immediate charge are prostrate with Influenza *and not in fact.*

The Contingent, and surroundings of Hall are inspected at least once every day.

Colonel Purdy, D.M.S., carries out the medical inspections.

The Contingent are being exercised morning and afternoon.

The Ministers of their denomination have been authorised to see the men without restriction and are allowed to hold Services at the Hall.

Strict instructions have been issued that the men shall be kept apart from all others, and in the route

marches shall not approach the camps or any assembly of persons.


The route marches are in the Waiwetu Valley. Men are new to the boots and are not good on marching just yet. The discipline generally is excellent.

The Hutt Borough Council were concerned about the men being billeted there ~~and~~ particularly in regard to the proximity of the Drill Hall to the School.

The Borough Sanitary Inspector was instructed ^{by the Council} to report. To-day I took the Borough Sanitary Inspector through the Hall and surroundings, and he expressed complete satisfaction, and informed me that everything that could be done had been done, and the arrangements were in all respects satisfactory.

HEALTH. One man reported ^{on Saturday} as being sick and was immediately seen by Colonel Purdy. Serjt-Major Braik reports that this morning some men had dental troubles. Colonel Purdy ordered these men to be sent to Trentham Camp for treatment. I do not know whether they are to be retained there or sent back to the Lower Hutt Drill Hall after treatment. I suggest they should be retained in Camp and not be allowed to re-join the Contingent.

The Borough Council is sending in fruit to-day. They will undoubtedly request the men to be present at any Armistice Celebrations, which will probably take place within the next few days. Please instruct me herein.


MAJOR,
COMMANDING NO. 5 GROUP.

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