

NEW ZEALAND DIVISION.

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Headquarters,
18th January, 1917.

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Reference report on Training of 2nd Rarotongan Contingent
forwarded under cover of your 1364 NZ dated 15th January, -

I strongly recommend that these men be kept in Egypt
until the termination of the war.

The climate of France, even during the short summer is
quite unsuitable to these natives, and it is considered that it
would only lead to unnecessary deaths by bringing the Contingent
to this country.

It is understood that few of the Contingent can speak
or understand English, and this might lead to trouble when the
Division takes part in open fighting.

(Sgd) G.N. Johnston.
Brigadier-General,
Commanding New Zealand Division.

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