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Prohibition of Publication of Information concerning Military and Naval Operations.

WHEREAS for the successful conduct of certain military and naval operations now being undertaken on behalf of His Majesty it is in the highest degree expedient that secrecy should be observed with respect thereto: And whereas His Majesty's Government has requested the New Zealand Government to take all necessary measures for securing such secrecy:

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all loyal subjects of His Majesty and to all other persons resident in New Zealand, and more especially to all proprietors, editors, and publishers of newspapers, and to all printers, that all such persons are hereby strictly charged and enjoined not to print, publish, or otherwise make known, without the express permission of the Minister of Defence, any information or statements concerning any of the matters following, that is to say:—

- (a.) The names, destinations, situation, route, arrival, departure, or movements of any transports carrying or about to carry the troops of the New Zealand Military Forces, or any other matters relative to those transports.
- (b.) The names, destinations, situation, route, arrival, departure, or movements of any ships employed or about to be employed to convoy or accompany any such transports, or any other matters relative to those ships.
- (c.) Any other matters relative to military or naval operations as to which secrecy is enjoined by any notice hereafter published in the *New Zealand Gazette* by the Minister of Defence.

And although for ready and willing obedience to this order full reliance is placed on the loyalty of all His Majesty's subjects, nevertheless notice is hereby given to all persons that any disobedience will be dealt with by the military authorities in their absolute discretion as a serious offence against the public interest and the safety of this Dominion.

Dated this 29th day of September, 1914.

J. ALLEN,
 Minister of Defence.