

RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

6th N.Z. Mounted Rifles (Mounted).

Major W. J. Hardham, V.C., is posted to the Retired List, with permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform. Dated 25th June, 1927.

The Taranaki Regiment.

The undermentioned are posted to the Retired List, with permission to retain their rank and wear the prescribed uniform. Dated 25th June, 1927.

2nd Lieutenant L. G. Moss.
2nd Lieutenant W. T. Bird.

F. J. ROLLESTON, Minister of Defence.

Dismissals from the Forces.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 28th June, 1927.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has approved of the dismissal of the undermentioned soldiers of the Territorial Force from the New Zealand Defence Forces, under section 6 (b), Defence Act, 1909, they having been convicted by the Civil power:—

No. 1/A5/510 Private J. Siddins, 1st Battalion, Auckland Regiment (Countess of Ranfurly's Own). Dated 13th June, 1927.

Private A. Turnbull, Northern Depot, N.Z. Medical Corps. Dated 16th June, 1927.

Private A. J. Buhck, Northern Depot, N.Z. Medical Corps. Dated 16th June, 1927.

F. J. ROLLESTON, Minister of Defence.

Awards of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 1st July, 1927.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to approve of the award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration to the undermentioned officers:—

Captain T. W. Sommerville, Retired List.
Lieutenant (temp. Captain) A. P. Hopkins, 5th Cadet Battalion, Canterbury Regiment.

F. J. ROLLESTON, Minister of Defence.

Defence Rifle Club disbanded.

Department of Defence,
Wellington, 1st July, 1927.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General has approved of the disbandment of the undermentioned Defence Rifle Club, under section 43, Defence Act, 1909:—

Tuamarina Defence Rifle Club, with headquarters at Tuamarina, Marlborough. Dated 2nd June, 1927.

F. J. ROLLESTON, Minister of Defence.

Anglo-Mexican Revolutionary Claims Convention.

Prime Minister's Department,
Wellington, 27th June, 1927.

THE attached notice with reference to the Anglo-Mexican Revolutionary Claims Convention has been published in the *London Gazette* by His Majesty's Government in Great Britain. Any person or company in New Zealand having a claim affected by this convention is advised to communicate forthwith with the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in London.

J. G. COATES, Prime Minister.

ANGLO-MEXICAN REVOLUTIONARY CLAIMS CONVENTION.

A CONVENTION has been concluded between the British and Mexican Governments for the adjustment of pecuniary claims for losses incurred by British subjects in Mexico on account of revolutionary acts which occurred between November, 1910, and May, 1920.

Claims of this kind are to be submitted to a Commission composed of a British, a Mexican, and a neutral member. The Commission will take cognizance of two classes of claims for damages arising from revolutionary action—viz., direct and indirect claims. Direct claims are for losses or damages suffered either directly by British subjects or by British companies directly holding the property affected. Indirect are those for losses or damages suffered by British subjects in

directly—i.e., by reason of their holdings in non-British companies operating in Mexico. In the case of indirect claims it will be necessary, if the claim is to come before the Anglo-Mexican Revolutionary Claims Tribunal, that at least fifty-one per cent. of the interest in the non-British company in question shall have been held by British subjects at the time the damages were sustained. Such claimants must also produce documentary evidence from the company that the company make over to the claimants the proportionate share of the company's rights in the matter of damages.

The convention lays down that the losses or damages in respect of which the Commission is to take cognizance of claims must have been caused during the period included between the 20th November, 1910, and the 31st May, 1920, inclusive, by one or any of the following forces:—

- (1) By the forces of a Government *de jure* or *de facto*;
- (2) By revolutionary forces which, after the triumph of their cause, have established Governments *de jure* or *de facto*, or by revolutionary forces opposed to them;
- (3) By forces arising from the disjunction of those mentioned in the next preceding paragraph, up to the time when a *de jure* Government had been established, after a particular revolution;
- (4) By forces arising from the disbandment of the Federal Army;
- (5) By mutinies or risings, or by insurrectionary forces other than those referred to under subdivisions (2), (3), and (4) of this article, or by brigands: Provided that in each case it be established that the competent authorities omitted to take reasonable measures to suppress the insurrections, risings, riots, or acts of brigandage in question, or to punish those responsible for the same; or that it be established in like manner that the authorities were blamable in any other way.

The Commission shall also deal with claims for losses or damages caused by acts of civil authorities, provided such acts were due to revolutionary events and disturbed conditions within the period referred to in this article, and that the said acts were committed by any of the forces specified in subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of this article.

From the above it will be seen that it is important that claimants should furnish as complete evidence as possible to establish the identity of the forces responsible for the acts giving rise to their claims.

It is to be noted that under the terms of the convention His Majesty's Government undertake not to present to the Mexican Government, otherwise than under the convention, any claims for losses or damages arising in the manner and during the period above mentioned. It is important that any British subjects or companies, with claims of this nature against the Mexican Government, should in their own interests at once communicate with the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs at the Foreign Office, drawing attention to any claims which they have already filed with the Foreign Office or with His Majesty's Legation or Consulate in Mexico City, and furnishing any further particulars which may appear necessary in the light of the above resumé of the terms of the convention. Any British subjects or companies who have not yet formally filed with the Foreign Office or with His Majesty's Legation or Consulate in Mexico City a documented statement of their claim, should at once communicate with the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs at the Foreign Office, giving as full particulars as possible.

Foreign Office, 31st March, 1927.

Notice respecting Proposed Alteration of Boundaries, Borough of Green Island.

Department of Internal Affairs,
Wellington, 1st July, 1927.

IT is hereby notified that a petition has been presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, under the Municipal Corporations Act, 1920, praying that the area described in the Schedule hereto may be excluded from the County of Taieri and included in the Borough of Green Island. All persons affected are hereby called upon to lodge any written objections to or petitions against the proposed alteration of boundaries which they desire to lodge within one month from the first publication of this notice, such objections or petitions to be addressed to the Minister of Internal Affairs, Wellington.

SCHEDULE.

AREA PROPOSED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BOROUGH OF GREEN ISLAND.

ALL that area in the Otago Land District, being parts of Lots 8, 9, and 10 on plan 3108, deposited in the office of the