

1944

### CADETS.

Cadet training for the year began with the usual barracks, held during the first week of the year. Nothing ambitious was attempted, the training being of a general nature, aimed at laying the foundation for the remainder of the year's programme. The varied syllabus of work laid down was carried through energetically, and valuable work was done.

During the year more equipment has been made available, and the amount now at our disposal has become almost an embarrassment. It does, however, enable the training to be made much wider in scope and also more interesting. After completing their basic training, Cadets are able to proceed to specialist platoons where the work makes a much greater appeal. Indeed, he would be a dull-witted boy who could find nothing to interest him in one or other of the specialist courses—signalling, medium machine-guns, artillery, and the anti-tank gun, not to mention the Bren and the mortars, which the mere infantryman regards as his own.

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To enable a fuller and more useful programme of work to be carried out, the school time-table has been adjusted to allow of two drill periods per week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Outstanding among our acquisitions this year is the miniature range. Ever since the establishment of the School we have been handicapped by the lack of range facilities near at hand, and over a lengthy period all our efforts to have a range constructed on our own grounds were unsuccessful. However, largely as a result of representations made by the Parents' Association, the Army Department finally decided to construct a range. It has been in use since the beginning of the third term, and has been the scene of considerable activity. In future, with the range in operation throughout the year, it is expected that the quality of the shooting in the School will show an improvement.

During the third term the Band was formed, and with the issue of their instruments began practising. Good progress is being made under the expert tuition of Mr. Francis, and we feel sure that it will not be long before the Band will be playing an important part in the Cadet training.

A fair number of N.C.O.'s were privileged to attend courses during the year. Eight were fortunate enough to be able to attend a course at Burnham during the first term holidays. A further twenty attended classes held at the Drill Hall on Saturday mornings during the first term. All these N.C.O.'s benefited from this instruction and, as a result, were able to carry out their duties with greater confidence.

Firing in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition is now in progress, and at its conclusion the two teams which have been entered for the "Press" Shield will fire that competition.

In the competition for the William Robert Friar Memorial Prize, awarded annually to the most efficient Cadet N.C.O. in the Southern Military District, C.S.M. W. E. Chisholm has again been selected as the best N.C.O. in Area XI.

### AIR TRAINING CORPS.

The School squadron commenced the year with a strength of 83; withdrawals and transfers have reduced this figure to 68 at the present time.

The training programme was started with the usual barracks, shortly after which a new syllabus was adopted to conform with that laid down for New Zealand as a whole. Results in the various courses have been very good, and the tests to be held shortly should reveal a high standard of efficiency. Passes in Pre-entry Examinations for R.N.Z.A.F. to date are as follows:—

Full pass in Radio, 1.

Pass in Part 1 Radio, 1 (credit).

Pass in Part 1 Air Crew, 5 (1 credit).

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Several candidates are sitting the complete Air Crew test in November.

No vacation courses on station have been possible this year, but all Cadets have attended week-end courses as part of their routine instruction, while 48 were given a flight on the occasion of the visit of the Touring Flight during September.

Since the last issue of the Magazine seven N.C.O.'s have visited Ohakea for special courses, and have achieved creditable results—five obtained Class A assessments and two Class B.