

Return of Courts Martial - Taranaki Military Settlers - May 1865

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1865 Jun 05: Letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Lepper, Military Settlers Orderly Room, New Plymouth to the Minister for Colonial Defence, Wellington

Sir, I have the honor to forward you a return of Courts Martial held on men of the Taranaki Military Settlers under my command during the month of May last. With reference to the number of men and number of days of pay stopped during the month, I have to state that I have not yet received the ... from Nos 6, 8 and 10 Companies, so that possibly the number exceeded that stated in the return now forwarded. The above named Companies are stationed at Pipiriki and White Cliffs.

Memorandum of the Number of Men who have forfeited their Pay by order of the Commanding Officer during the month of May 1865 – Number of men 16, Number of Day's Pay forfeited 44.

Return of Courts Martial in the Taranaki Regiment of Military Settlers between the 1st day of May 1865 and the 31st of May 1865. Head Quarters at New Plymouth 05 Jun 1865

[1] Private William Vere Hunt, Regimental Number 757, Enlisted 13 Feb 1864. Was tried 25 Aug 1864 at New Plymouth for striking Corporal McCarthy – 42 days hard labour. Was tried 07 Jan 1865 at Sentry Hill for quitting his Guard without leave – 42 days hard labour. Current crime: Disobedience of Orders and improper language to Lance-Corporal Taylor (his superior Officer) 07 Apr 1865 at Pipiriki, Wanganui River. Was tried at Pipiriki 17 Apr 1865 and found guilty – 42 days hard labour. He was confined 20 Apr 1865 under Captain Brassey. His sentence was commuted to 21 days C. B. Proceedings received after forwarding last return.

[2] Private Bartholomew Morris, Regimental Number 869, Enlisted 17 Feb 1864. Was tried 18 Jul 1864 at New Plymouth for being Drunk on Guard – 30 days hard labour and deprived of 1d a day for 60 days. Current crime: (1) Absent from Guard-mounting parade, (2) Habitual drunkenness, (3) Insubordination 22 Apr 1865 Mataitawa, Taranaki. Was tried at Mataitawa 01 May 1865. Original finding – guilty of all charges – deprived of 1d a day for 168 days and 42 days hard labour. Revised finding and sentence – guilty 1st and 3rd charges, not guilty 2nd charge – 42 days hard labour. He was confined 06 May 1865 under Lieut-Col. Lepper.
