

APPENDIX No. 32.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

Wellington,  
7th October, 1914.

My Lord,

I am anxious to tell your Excellency, on behalf of myself, my Government, and the people of New Zealand, that we much appreciated the privilege of being associated with the officers and men of the Royal Australian Navy in the operations connected with the capture of Samoa.

We have read with pride of the manner in which your Expeditionary Force, assisted by the Australian Fleet, has so successfully and gallantly occupied the enemy's territory in and about the Bismarck Archipelago.

The Expeditionary Force which New Zealand is now preparing to put at the service of the Mother Country is looking forward to joining their Australian comrades in the great Imperial operations in Europe.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

LIVERPOOL, Governor.

His Excellency

The Governor-General

of the Commonwealth of Australia,

Melbourne.