

SECTION VII.—WOMEN IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES

THE ARMED FORCES

TABLE 22.—NUMBER OF WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES
(Position at 31st March, 1944)

Women serving—	Army.	Air Force.	Navy.	Total.
In New Zealand	3,054	3,449	496	6,999
Overseas	802	36	..	838
Total	3,856	3,485	496	7,837

TABLE 23.—PRE-SERVICE OCCUPATION OF WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

The following table is based on a survey which was made early in 1944, covering 3,080 members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps and 3,549 members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Pre-service Industrial and Occupational Group.	Number.	Percentage.	Pre-service Industrial and Occupational Group.	Number.	Percentage.
Farming— All farming (including tobacco and vegetable)	125	1·9	Hospitals— Nursing staff Domestic staff	283 51	4·3 0·8
Secondary industry— Engineering and munitions Food and drink Woollen and knitting mills Clothing manufacture Footwear and leather Laundries Printing, paper, cardboard, &c. Other secondary industry	26 83 35 416 17 22 117 74	0·4 1·2 0·5 6·3 0·3 0·3 1·8 1·1	Sub-total Hotels and catering— Hotels and boardinghouses Restaurants, &c. Private domestics (employed)	334 125 105 554	5·1 1·9 1·6 8·3
Sub-total	790	11·9	Sub-total	784	11·8
Shops, warehouses, &c.— General assistants Hairdressers and other skilled workers	1,071 223	16·1 3·4	Miscellaneous— School teachers Others employed Students Housewives and domestics at home Unemployed	42 155 53 1,011 243	0·6 2·3 0·8 15·3 3·7
Sub-total	1,294	19·5	Sub-total	1,504	22·7
Office workers (all industries)— Typists Other office workers	630 1,168	9·5 17·6	Final total	6,629	100·0
Sub-total	1,798	27·1			

THE WOMEN'S LAND SERVICE

TABLE 24.—APPLICATIONS TO JOIN LAND SERVICE, GIRLS AWAITING PLACEMENT, AND ACTIVE STRENGTH OF SERVICE
(Position at 31st March, 1944)

	Girls desiring to work as Land Girls on Relatives' Farm.	Other Girls.	Total.
Number of applications received up to 31st March, 1944	1,428	2,375	3,803
Less number of applications withdrawn	240	765	1,005
Net total of applications	1,188	1,610	2,798
Of these— Number of applications held up on occupational grounds by District Man-power Officers	..	393	393
Number of girls temporarily not available	..	11	11
Number of girls awaiting placement	..	292	292
Number of cases where placement is pending	121	102	223
Number on active strength at 31st March, 1944	1,067	812	1,879