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REPORT OF THE NEW ZEALAND NAVAL BOARD FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL, 1945,
TO 31st MARCH, 1946

Navy Office, Wellington C. 1,
11th July, 1946.

The Hon. the MINISTER OF DEFENCE
SIR,—

We have the honour to address to you the following report on the Royal New Zealand Navy and proceedings on the New Zealand Station during the year 1st April, 1945, to 31st March, 1946.

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SECTION I.—STATE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Navy Department is controlled by the New Zealand Naval Board, set up in terms of the Naval Defence Amendment Act, 1936. The New Zealand Naval Board consists of—

- (a) The Minister of Defence (as Chairman of the Board).
- (b) A Captain, Royal Navy, with the acting rank of Commodore (as First Naval Member and Chief of Naval Staff).
- (c) A Commander, Royal Navy, with the acting rank of Captain (as Second Naval Member).
- (d) A Commander (S), Royal Navy, with the acting rank of Captain (S) (as Naval Secretary and Member).

2. The Naval Board implements its instructions through Navy Office, Wellington, which directs the administration, &c., of the Royal New Zealand Navy.

3. The staff of Navy Department prior to the outbreak of hostilities was comparatively small, but the organization was so devised that it was capable of expanding along the lines of its peacetime organization. Many new problems were faced, brought about by the very considerable increase in administrative responsibilities, but in every instance satisfactory solutions were found. All branches of the Department functioned efficiently and successfully and the staff at all times gave of their best in an ungrudging manner.