

Thirty-two officers were entered direct as Probationary Temporary Sub-Lieutenants under this scheme, in three batches ; on 29th April, 1940, 25th October, 1940, and 29th April, 1941. They were under the jurisdiction of the Rear-Admiral, Malaya, and were stationed in Malayan waters, and as far north as Hongkong. On the fall of Singapore, all but 12 of these officers were reported as missing, and the fate of the officers was clarified only on the entry into Malaya in 1945. Fourteen officers are dead, and 6 were found to be prisoners of war. Of the 32 officers, 3 were Acting-Lieutenant-Commanders, 28 Lieutenants, and 1 Sub-Lieutenant. Awards were 1 O.B.E., 2 D.S.C.'s, and 1 Mention in Despatches (Posthumous).

(v) *Transfers* : New Zealand officers serving in the Royal Navy who entered the Naval Service in the United Kingdom and who were subsequently transferred on application to the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve as from date of entry.

On the outbreak of war there were a number of New Zealand men employed in the United Kingdom and elsewhere who entered Royal Naval Service. Government approval was given for these officers, on application, to be transferred to the Royal New Zealand Navy, Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve, or Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve, as applicable, with effect from date of entry into Royal Navy Service. Fifty-three officers were so transferred ; 2 to the Royal New Zealand Navy ; 8 to the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve, and 43 to the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve.

2. In the pre-war Royal New Zealand Navy there were only 8 New Zealand officers, the total of 82 officers required then being made up by the loan of 74 officers from the Royal Navy. The figures below show the growth of the employment of New Zealand officers—permanent Royal New Zealand Navy and each type of Reserve. The first column shows after nine months of war ; the second column at the peak of expansion shortly after the collapse of Germany ; and the third column, personnel serving at 31st March, 1946, shows the effect of demobilization. The actual officer strength of the Royal New Zealand Navy on 1st June, 1945, was 1,916, there being 69 Royal Navy officers on loan, and 9 Royal Navy retired officers mobilized in New Zealand.

3. The manning of the post-war Royal New Zealand Navy has been under consideration. In addition to direct-entry officers (Cadetships) and promotions from the lower deck, which will continue, a scheme has been inaugurated for the transfer of a few senior Reserve officers to short-service commissions, and for the transfer of a limited number of junior Reserve officers to permanent commissions in the Royal New Zealand Navy, thus keeping the loan of officers from the Royal Navy to the barest minimum consistent with the present state of the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Officers.				At 1st June, 1940.	At 1st June, 1945.	At 31st March, 1946.
Permanent R.N.Z.N.	..	..	..	12	32	38
Temporary R.N.Z.N.	..	..	..	1	35	32
Permanent R.N.Z.N.R.	..	..	..	12	10	6
Temporary R.N.Z.N.R.	..	..	..	4	45	15
Serving under T. 124 agreements	..	..	..	19	19	9
Permanent R.N.Z.N.V.R.	..	..	..	68	79	45
Temporary R.N.Z.N.V.R.	..	..	..	10	1,618	464
Totals	..	..	..	126	1,838	609