

The state of demobilization is shown by the following table of officers discharged from the service from the outbreak of war on 3rd September, 1939, up to 31st March, 1946 :—

Reason for Discharge.	R.N.Z.N.		R.N.Z.N.R.			R.N.Z.N.V.R.		Totals.
	Perma- nent.	Tempo- rary.	Perma- nent.	Tempo- rary.	T. 124.	Perma- nent.	Tempo- rary.	
Appointments terminated (includes releases in turn, surplus, and man-power releases)	3	8	7	50	66	39	1,269	1,442
Dead (including missing, &c.)	4	2	1	4	1	4	177	193
Medically unfit ..	..	1	..	6	8	2	68	85
Transfers to R.N., R.I.N., &c.	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	7
Desertion ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Unsuitable, &c.	..	..	..	1	1	1	5	8
Totals ..	7	11	8	62	76	46	1,526	1,736

From the above figures, 2,345 New Zealand officers have served in the Royal New Zealand Navy during the war.

SECTION XI.—PERSONNEL: GENERAL

The total strength of the Royal New Zealand Navy is at present :—

Officers—

Loan from Royal Navy	..	..	..	..	53	
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	609	662

Ratings—

Loan from Royal Navy	..	..	..	..	337	
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	3,233	3,570

W.R.N.Z.N.S.—

Officers ..	..	..	..	..	12	
Ratings ..	..	..	..	..	285	297
						4,529

2. Although the above figures are a true indication of the personnel borne on pay, they, of course, include a large number of officers and ratings who have actually commenced release leave. It is estimated that of the figure of 4,529, 1,093 represents personnel discharged from active service but still borne on pay in respect of leave due on discharge. Releases effected during the year may therefore be summarized as follows :—

Numbers borne, 1st April, 1945	..	..	..	10,411
Entered during year ..	..	..	..	461
				10,872
Numbers borne, 31st March, 1946	..	..	4,529	
Less numbers on release leave	..	..	1,093	
				3,436
				7,436