

ROLL OF HONOUR

Since the last report was published the sorrowful news has been received that the following officers have lost their lives in the service of their country. We tender our sincere sympathy to the relatives in their sad loss:—

Name.	Department.	Name.	Department.
Anderson, C. L. ..	Customs.	Kelly, K. L. ..	Air.
Anderson, J. E. ..	Public Works.	Knoblock, D. L. ..	Transport.
Andrewes, B. E. ..	Lands and Survey.	Langston, P. ..	Census and Statistics.
Baillie, J. ..	Mental Hospitals.	McBride, T. C. G. ..	Audit.
Barnard, G. C. ..	Internal Marketing.	MacKay, K. M. ..	Industries and Commerce.
Barrett, R. ..	Land and Income Tax.	McLachlan, E. G. ..	Social Security.
Baxter, A. J. K. ..	Customs.	McLeod, O. T. ..	Mental Hospitals.
Bird, L. A. ..	Public Works.	Matheson, D. ..	Army.
Buchanan, J. G. ..	Education.	Morrison, J. C. ..	Air.
Burman, D. C. ..	State Advances.	Mummery, J. W. ..	Agriculture.
Ching, A. H. ..	State Advances.	Oden, O. H. ..	State Fire.
Cleave, M. G. ..	Social Security.	Oliver, J. M. ..	Public Trust.
Corkill, J. H. C. R. ..	Education.	Park, G. R. ..	Justice.
Cunneen, J. N. ..	Justice.	Partridge, A. G. ..	Public Works.
Cuthbert, R. W. ..	Labour.	Patten, B. J. ..	Public Works.
Dale, T. W. ..	Public Trust.	Plummer, J. ..	Land and Income Tax.
Egley, R. A. ..	Air.	Ranger, W. P. ..	Lands and Survey.
Ellen, L. A. ..	Health.	Richardson, A. W. ..	Social Security.
Elliott, T. I. ..	Public Trust.	Robertson, D. M. ..	Justice.
Fisk, B. W. ..	Mental Hospitals.	Tanner, T. S. ..	Public Works.
Foster, D. M. ..	Army.	Teschner, A. W. ..	Customs.
Foy, E. J. ..	Customs.	Thompson, A. R. ..	Lands and Survey.
Gambrill, E. B. ..	Broadcasting.	Tod, H. D. ..	Mental Hospitals.
Good, N. A. ..	Army.	Umbers, A. E. ..	Tourist and Health Resorts.
Hammon, J. V. ..	Internal Affairs.	Veint, H. J. B. ..	Social Security.
Heffernan, N. A. ..	Air.	Waaka, T. ..	Native.
Holloway, E. J. ..	Mental Hospitals.	Wallace, V. B. ..	Lands and Survey.
Hooper, A. J. ..	Health.	Watt, W. A. ..	Printing and Stationery.
Jeffares, B. C. ..	Social Security.	Wilson, M. H. ..	Customs.
Jenkison, J. E. ..	State Advances.	Wilson, R. S. ..	Public Works.
Jennings, P. S. ..	Industries and Commerce.	Wilson, W. W. ..	State Advances.

The Public Service is proud of its war record, and deservedly so. The total number of employees of Departments under Commissioner control who served with the Armed Forces was 9,175. It is a matter of extreme regret that many will never return. During the six years of war 569 of our employees made the supreme sacrifice. The record is a glorious yet tragic one—glorious in that these fine young officers were prepared to forsake everything else they held dear in defence of the high principles to which they were devoted; tragic in that New Zealand and the Public Service can so ill-afford to lose officers of their sterling qualities.

IMPROVEMENTS IN WORKING CONDITIONS DURING THE YEAR

(a) *Annual Leave for General Division.*—On the completion of ten years' service, clerical and professional officers have been entitled to an extra week's annual leave for recreational purposes. This concession was not in the past conferred on General Division employees. Approval has now been given for similar conditions to apply to officers of the General Division, commencing with the leave year 1945-46. Thus General Division employees with ten years' service or over will receive three weeks' leave each year instead of two weeks.

(b) *Saturday Morning Work.*—Following the relief on the cessation of hostilities, instructions were issued that as far as practicable Saturday morning