

prior to return to store have occasioned a considerable amount of maintenance work. Some "tropical packaging" of stores has been carried out, and consideration is being given to an expansion of this method of preservation.

37. *Fuelling Installations*.—Three oil-fuel tanks are being used for storage of furnace and Diesel fuel oil by the British Petroleum Co. of New Zealand, Ltd., and the Department's oil-barge is being used to deliver fuel as required.

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APPENDIX I.—STATE OF THE NAVY AT 31ST MARCH, 1948

IN COMMISSION

"Bellona"	Cruiser.
"Arbutus"	Corvette.
"Arabis"	Corvette. Recommissioned 27th January, 1948.
"Kiwi"	Trawler. Recommissioned 24th February, 1948.
"Philomel"	Depot ship, Auckland. Responsible for recruiting, drafting, and discharge of personnel of the Royal New Zealand Navy, also for training of the Gunnery, Torpedo, and Anti-submarine, Communication, and Mechanical Branches.
"Tamaki"	New-entry training establishment, Auckland. Responsible for basic training of all new entries.
Naval W/T Station, Waiouru.	

IN RESERVE

"Black Prince"	Cruiser.
"Tui"	A/S M/S trawlers.
"Killegray"	
"Inchkeith"	
"Scarba"	
"Sanda"	
"Hinai"	
"Rimu"	
H.D.M.L.s 1192, 1194, 1350.	
"Tasman"	Naval Base, Lyttelton. Conversion to a torpedo A/S and electrical school commenced September, 1946.

MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Four H.D.M.L.s are fitting out for training duties with R.N.Z.N.V.R. Divisions.

(b) Four H.D.M.L.s are being operated on fishery-protection duties and for giving sea training to new entries in "Tamaki."

(c) A third L.L. sweeper, the "Manuka," has been under charter to the Chatham Islands Fisheries since September, 1946.

(d) H.M.N.Z.S. "Hautapu" was transferred to the Marine Department on 17th April, 1947, to complete the radar research experiments known as the "Canterbury Project."