

ARMOUR

In order to meet the need which will exist in the post-war Army for training in armoured fighting vehicles, the Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps School was established at Waiouru in March, 1948. A series of courses for potential Regular Force instructors is to begin shortly.

NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL CADETS

In the period 1947-48 over 90 per cent. of all boys attending the post-primary schools were members of the School Cadet units. The total of 24,273 has risen by 50 per cent. compared with 1938-39.

Outstanding results were obtained in 1947 in the .22 rifle competition held annually by the National Rifle Association of Great Britain. New Zealand won more silver and bronze medals than any other Empire country. Four Imperial trophies were awarded, one school (Southland Boys' High School Cadets) winning the Senior Challenge Shield for the second occasion, a Dominion record.

CONTROL OF CADETS AND RIFLE CLUBS

The Cadets and rifle clubs present different problems of control and administration from the Army proper. In consequence, and in view of their increased numerical strength, it was decided to establish a separate Directorate of Cadets and Rifle Clubs at Army Headquarters.

SUPERANNUATION

During the period under review, the Superannuation Act, 1947, was passed giving uniformity in the superannuation provisions of the three Services.

The Superannuation Act, 1947, makes it compulsory for all members of the Regular Force of seventeen years of age and over who contract to serve for a period of two years or over to contribute to the Superannuation Fund.

Provision is also made for members to count previous civil contributory service and to purchase previous service in the Armed Forces, within certain limits, towards contributory service as a regular member.

LEAVE

With effect from 1st October, 1947, new leave scales have been introduced providing for uniformity among the three Services and equity between commissioned and non-commissioned ranks.

PAY

In order to ensure that the uniformity among the three Services established under the new pay scales is maintained, an Armed Forces Accountants' Committee, with a Treasury representative as Chairman, has been established to examine and discuss financial questions which arise affecting the three Services.

DRAFTING OF REGULATIONS

As a consequence of the 1939-45 War and the subsequent changes that have occurred in the Regular Force, the regulations of the New Zealand Military Forces require to be completely rewritten. The rewriting of the regulations is dependent to a large extent on the review of the Defence Act, but it is anticipated that the new regulations will be completed by the end of 1948.