

Imperial Defence College.

Major W. G. Stevens, R.N.Z.A., completed his course and returned to New Zealand. No New Zealand officer is at present at the College.

Staff College, Camberley.

Major O. H. Mead, D.S.O., N.Z.S.C., completed his College course, and has now been attached to the War Office and various British regiments up till June.

Captain K. L. Stewart, M.B.E., N.Z.S.C., will complete the College course in December next.

Captain L. G. Goss, N.Z.S.C., joined the College in January, 1929.

Other Courses.

Captain S. F. Allen, N.Z.S.C., has completed his course at the Signal School, and is now attached to the 1st Divisional Signals at Aldershot, and School of Electrical Engineering.

Captain J. L. Findlay, M.C., N.Z.P.A.F., left New Zealand on the 25th May for various courses and attachments with the Royal Air Force for a period of twelve months.

Exchanges.

Three New Zealand officers are doing duty with British regiments in India in exchange for three officers of the British Army in India who are now serving in New Zealand.

India Officers.—These officers, and their appointments, are :—

Captain A. le G. Campbell, Highland Light Infantry, whose previous period was extended to

August next, is doing duty as Adjutant, 1st Battalion, Wellington Regiment, Wellington.

Captain G. H. Dykes, Lancashire Fusiliers, is doing duty as Area Officer, Area 8A, and Adjutant, 1st Battalion, Taranaki Regiment, at New Plymouth.

Captain E. L. Heywood, Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.), is doing duty as Area Officer, Area 9c, and Adjutant, Nelson Marlborough Mounted Rifles, at Blenheim.

Major A. S. Hooper and Captain G. McL. Bruce completed their period of attachment in New Zealand and returned to India.

New Zealand Officers.—These officers, and their attachments with the Army in India, are :—

Captain L. W. Andrew, V.C., N.Z.S.C., with the 2nd Highland Light Infantry.

Captain A. W. Greville, N.Z.S.C., with the 2nd Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers.

Lieutenant A. H. L. Sugden, N.Z.S.C., with the Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.).

Captains D. T. Maxwell, G. M. McCaskill, and J. A. Clachan completed their period of attachment in India and returned to New Zealand in October, 1928.

With the return of these officers all our young officers will have had experience and service overseas either during the war or by attachments subsequently, and it is not therefore intended to send any officers to India on exchange next year.

Cadets.

No New Zealand Cadets attended the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, during the year.

In August, 1928, Cadets J. R. Page and H. G. Wooller graduated at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and were commissioned 2nd Lieutenants, N.Z.S.C., and were attached to British Infantry Regiments for further training.

Cadets F. L. Davis and R. C. Queree joined the Royal Military College in January, 1928, and the reports to hand indicate that they are making satisfactory progress.

Cadet B. Wicksteed went to England to join the College in the September term.

2. AIR SERVICES.**(a) N.Z. PERMANENT AIR FORCE.**

The strength of the N.Z. Permanent Air Force is six officers and seventeen other ranks, an increase of one officer and one other rank over that of last year. In addition, arrangements have been made for the enrolment of an additional officer—Flight-Lieutenant S. Wallingford—who has just completed the terms of service with the Royal Air Force on a short-service commission, and is shortly sailing for New Zealand.

One officer—Captain J. L. Findlay, M.C.—has proceeded to England to undergo a series of courses and attachments to units of the Royal Air Force covering a period of twelve months.

Normal air co-operation has been carried out with units of the Territorial land forces of the Southern Command, but owing to increased activity in flying training duties undertaken by the staff at Wigram Aerodrome it has not been found possible to fulfil all the requests for co-operation which have been made by units.

Training courses were conducted by the permanent staff at Wigram Aerodrome for the training of Cadet pilots for service in the N.Z. Air Force (Territorial), annual refresher courses of N.Z. Air Force officers, and the special course for Instructors of Aero Clubs. These courses involved a total flying-time of over eight hundred hours, and testify to the efficiency of the instructional and maintenance staff.

(b) N.Z. AIR FORCE (TERRITORIAL).

The strength of this unit now stands at ninety-nine officers and eighteen other ranks.

During the period under review nine Cadet pilots completed their *ab initio* training, and have been granted commissions as 2nd Lieutenants (on probation).