

Paymaster Sub-Lieutenants are undergoing six months special training in ships of the Royal Navy. On completion of their training they will return to New Zealand and serve in the New Zealand Naval Forces.

8. In addition to the appointments referred to in the previous paragraph the following have been promoted to or entered in New Zealand as officers for long service in the New Zealand Naval Forces :—

Two Acting Warrant Writers.

One Surgeon Lieutenant.

9. Eighteen New Zealand ratings were discharged during the year. The policy of sending New Zealand ratings to Australia to qualify for higher non-substantive ratings at the Gunnery and Torpedo schools has been continued.

10. The following advancements of New Zealand ratings have been made during the period under review (number in previous year shown in brackets) :—

Able Seaman to Acting Leading Seaman	..	..	..	..	10 (11)
Leading Seaman to Acting Petty Officer	..	..	..	..	4 (9)
Petty Officer to Chief Petty Officer	..	..	..	..	1 (5)
Telegraphist to Acting Leading Telegraphist	..	..	..	..	4 (2)
Leading Telegraphist to Acting Petty Officer Telegraphist	..	..	..	..	2 (5)
Signalman to Acting Leading Signalman	..	..	..	..	2 (1)
Leading Signalman to Acting Yeoman of Signals	..	..	..	..	4 (1)
Stoker, 1st Class, to Acting Leading Stoker	..	..	..	..	14 (15)
Leading Stoker to Acting Stoker Petty Officer	..	..	..	..	13 (5)
Stoker Petty Officer to Mechanician	..	..	..	..	3 (0)
Engine-room Artificer to Chief Engine-room Artificer	..	..	..	..	1 (0)
Supply Assistant to Leading Supply Assistant	..	..	..	..	2 (3)
Leading Supply Assistant to Supply Petty Officer	..	..	..	..	3 (1)
Cook (S) to Leading Cook (S)	..	..	..	..	1 (1)
Leading Cook (S) to Petty Officer Cook (S)	..	..	..	..	3 (2)
Leading Sick Berth Attendant to Sick Berth Petty Officer	..	..	..	..	1 (0)
Writer to Leading Writer	3 (0)

Transfer.

Stoker Petty Officer to Acting Regulating Petty Officer	1 (1)
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11. The health and discipline of the Ship's companies have been satisfactory. All recruits for entry are now required to undergo X-ray examination.

SECTION III.—PERSONNEL (ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE AND ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE (NEW ZEALAND)).

12. Naval reservists have been mobilized for service in the New Zealand Naval Forces.

13. One Royal Naval Reserve Officer completed divisional gunnery, torpedo, and signal courses at Flinders Naval Depot, Australia.

14. Five Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Officers have completed and nine are still undergoing divisional gunnery, torpedo, and signal courses in Australia. Nine of these officers have in addition completed courses and are qualified as Anti-submarine Control Officers. One other officer has qualified as Anti-submarine Officer by undergoing the Long Course in the United Kingdom.

15. One officer has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order, two officers the Distinguished Service Cross, and one rating the Distinguished Service Medal.

16. The re-enrolment of ex Royal Naval Volunteer Reservists has continued throughout the year, and their training has been carried out at Auckland and Wellington Divisional Headquarters. Applications to re-enrol have nearly ceased. The Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Headquarters at Auckland ceased to function as such at the end of March.

17. In order to provide accommodation for ratings employed in the port and undergoing training at Wellington, sleeping and messing facilities were arranged at the Divisional Headquarters as from 11th September, 1940.

SECTION IV.—PERSONNEL (HOSTILITIES ONLY).

18. The increased requirements for naval ratings was met by the mobilization of reservists and the ordinary recruitment for continuous service engagements. Then, in response to requests from the Admiralty, various schemes for recruiting officers and men for "Hostilities only" were instituted.

19. In view of the urgent need for trained ratings in the Royal Navy the Government approved the setting-up of a new training establishment on Motuihi Island in the Hauraki Gulf.

20. This establishment, in which the buildings of the quarantine station, taken over from the Health Department, have been used, was commissioned as H.M.S. "Tamaki" in January, 1941, and will enable an additional 250 trained ratings to be produced three times a year. Some of these ratings will be retained for service in ships of the New Zealand Naval Forces, but the majority will be lent for service in the Royal Navy. The men trained in this establishment are Seamen, Signalmen, Telegraphists, Stokers, and Accountant Branch ratings.

21. The establishment was started at short notice, and existing buildings have been improved, but new buildings and other works when completed will make H.M.S. "Tamaki" a self-contained naval training establishment enjoying an ideal position and provided with adequate living, training, and recreational facilities.