

APPENDIX C—CASUALTIES

(a) OVERSEAS

From the outbreak of war to 31st March, 1945, 3,998 personnel were reported as casualties. During the past year 388 personnel have been reclassified as non-casualties, reducing the total casualties as at 31st March, 1946, to 3,610.

The analysis for each year is as follows:—

	Total to 31st March, 1941.	Total to 31st March, 1942.	Increase or Decrease for Year.	Total to 31st March, 1943.	Increase or Decrease for Year.
Killed or presumed dead	156	529	+373	1,206	+677
* Missing, believed killed	20	51	+ 31	175	+124
* Missing	59	135	+ 76	307	+172
* Prisoner of war or interned	50	132	+ 82	287	+155
* Missing, believed prisoner of war .. .. .	..	6	+ 6	26	+ 20
Total from outbreak of war	285	853	..	2,001	..
Increase for year .. .. .	..	..	568	..	1,148
Decrease for year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..

	Total to 31st March, 1944.	Increase or Decrease for Year.	Total to 31st March, 1945.	Increase or Decrease for Year.	Total to 31st March, 1946.	Increase or Decrease for Year.
Killed or presumed dead	2,210	+1,004	2,875	+665	3,534	+659
* Missing, believed killed	93	— 82	138	+ 45	5	—133
* Missing	314	+ 7	476	+162	71	—405
* Prisoner of war or interned	445	+ 158	509	+ 64	Nil	—509
* Missing, believed prisoner of war .. .. .	..	— 26	..	..	..	..
Total from outbreak of war	3,062	..	3,998	..	3,610	..
Increase for year .. .. .	..	1,061	..	936	..	..
Decrease for year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	—388

* Figures in these categories fluctuate from time to time as personnel are reclassified on receipt of additional information.

Analysis of total casualties from outbreak of war to 31st March, 1946:—

Killed or presumed dead	3,534
Missing, believed killed	5
Missing	71
Prisoner of war or interned	Nil
Total	3,610†

† Of this total, 3,293 casualties have been reported to R.N.Z.A.F. personnel and 317 to New Zealanders serving with the R.A.F. at the outbreak of war.

In addition, 14 have been reported seriously ill/injured, one of whom remained on the list at 31st March, 1946. The comparative total last year was 91.