

AWARDS AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1946—*continued*

Awards.	R.N.Z.N. serving in R.N.Z.N.		R.N.Z.N. serving with R.N.		R.N. on Loan to R.N.Z.N.		Total.
	Officers.	Ratings.	Officers.	Ratings.	Officers.	Ratings.	
<i>Periodic</i>							
Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (C.B.) .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.)	6	..	..	..	4	..	10
Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.)	12	..	2	..	6	..	20
Distinguished Service Cross (D.S.C.) ..	..	..	14	..	..	..	14
Distinguished Service Medal (D.S.M.) ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
British Empire Medal (B.E.M.) .. ..	..	10	..	1	..	5	16
Mentioned in Despatches .. ..	..	1	9	1	1	3	15
Total	18	11	25	3	12	8	77
Total awards	27	46	223	28	28	32	384

Foreign Awards

American Navy Cross	2	1	..	..	..	..	3
American Silver Star Medal	2	2	..	..	..	1	5
American Letter of Commendation	1	16	..	..	..	6	23
American Bronze Star Medal	2	..	1	..	..	..	3
French Croix de Guerre .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Total of foreign awards	7	19	3	..	..	7	36

SECTION XII.—CIVILIAN STAFF AND DOCKYARD WORKMEN

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY CIVILIAN STAFF

There has been a heavy decrease in the strength of the civil Public Service staff, particularly amongst the female staff, following the raising of the declaration of essentiality on the Public Service. The following table shows total civil staff employed in the Navy Department since the outbreak of war:—

1st September, 1939	80
31st March, 1940	119
31st March, 1941	242
31st March, 1942	385
31st March, 1943	536
31st March, 1944	622
31st March, 1945	646
31st March, 1946	555

2. During the year the Naval Store Depots at Palmerston North and Lyttelton were closed down, but operations continue in the stores at Lower Hutt, Aotea Quay, Wellington, and Ashburton.

3. There has been the greatest increase in male staff during the year than at any other time during the war period. There were very heavy losses of female staff, however, causing gaps in complement which have not been filled. Female staff became increasingly harder to obtain on the labour market, and even at the end of the year, some seven months after the termination of hostilities, the supply had not improved. Reductions in activities, however, are causing the gap between staff requirements and available staff to decrease.