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Government House, Wellington, 19th August, 1919.

With reference to your despatch, No. 100, of the 5th June, 1919, I have the honour to inform Your Lordship that, in accordance with the wishes of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, my Government will arrange for temporary wooden crosses to be placed over all the Naval graves in New Zealand, pending the erection of permanent memorials by the Imperial War Graves Commission. The crosses, as far as possible, will be of uniform dimension and pattern, in accordance with the details outlined in paragraph 4 of the above-mentioned despatch.

2. Naval graves in New Zealand up to the present bear no distinctive marks.

3. A list of the graves of Naval ratings who have been buried in New Zealand during the period of the war is enclosed.

I have, &c., LIVERPOOL. Governor-General.

The Right Hon. Viscount Milner, P.C., G.C.B., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Enclosure.

LIST OF THE GRAVES OF NAVAL RATINGS WHO HAVE BEEN BURIED IN NEW ZEALAND DURING THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

Name.		Official Number.	Rating.	Ship.	Date of Death.	Where buried and Date.
Bain, George	. ••	277245	Leading stoker	"Torch"	22/8/14	Auckland Cemetery, 24/8/14.
Grant, Fred.	• •	J. 15258	A.B	" Philomel "	15/9/14	Auckland Cemetery, 17/9/14.
Huxtable, John	• •	Ply. 7763	Private, R.M.L.I.	"Torch"	23/8/17	Karori Cemetery, 24/8/17.
Sandalls, Fred.		• •	Acting C.P.O.	"Philomel"	16/12/17	Karori Cemetery, 18/12/17.
Cregeen, Sam. E.		4942a	Seaman, R.N.R.	N.Z. Trans., "Tahiti"	13/10/17	Port Chalmers Cemetery, 8/11/17.
Stanley, Geo. T.	••	J. 9099	Signaller	"Geranium"	30/6/19	Somes Island, Wellington, 1/7/19.

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New Zealand, No. 150.

Government House, Wellington, 19th August, 1919. My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's despatch, Dominions No. 328, of the 30th April, relative to the registration of seamen, I have the honour to inform you that my Ministers have carefully considered the question as to adopting similar or modified arrangements in New Zealand, and they are of the opinion that such a scheme or a modification of it is not required in this Dominion at the present time. I have, &c.,

LIVERPOOL.

Governor-General.

The Right Hon. Viscount Milner, P.C., G.C.B., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.