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WAR DIARY



GENERAL HUNTZIGER, the French representative who signed the armistice with Germany and Italy, commanded one of the French armies at the beginning of this war. He was a member of the Supreme French War Council and a grand officer of the Legion of Honour, General Huntziger has served in Madagascar, Senegal, the Sudan and French Indo-China. After the last war, where he served with distinction, particularly in Bulgaria, he commanded French Colonial units, and then went to Brazil as chief of a military mission. In 1922 he was Under-Secretary to the Minister of War, and in 1934 he commanded the French forces in Syria. General Huntziger is a Breton

MAKING NAVAL HISTORY

Royal N.Z. Squadron

Since the outbreak of war the Royal New Zealand Naval Squadron has done magnificent work. It is now almost twice as strong as it was in September, and New Zealanders number 80 per cent. of its personnel.

Figures given by the Minister of Defence, the Hon. F. Jones, indicate the work which has been done and are proof of what can be done in the future.

"For the first time in the history of this country," said Mr. Jones, "we have undertaken the work of two major refits of ships of war. We have established an up-to-date naval base, with a good workshop, and we are doing technical work which was formerly done in Great Britain."

Mr. Jones went on to say that the prewar strength of the Royal New Zealand Naval Squadron was 1339 officers and men. To-day the war strength numbers 2,497 officers and men. In addition to this New Zealand has released 7 officers and 140 other ranks on loan to Great Britain

Twenty-five officers and 219 men have also been sent overseas for duty with the Royal Navy and there are 100 more still

Personal

Colonel the Hon. Mr. Justice North-croft, D.S.O., has been appointed District Artillery Officer, Southern Military District. During the last war he served with the 1st and 3rd Batteries of the New Zealand Field Artillery. After the Armistice had been signed he was appointed Director of Education under a rehabilitation scheme organised within the New Zealand Expeditionary Force while the min were waiting to return to the Dominion.

Lieut.-Colonel L. H. Jardine, D.S.O. and bar, M.C., has been appointed to command the Brigaded Units at Trentham Camp. He served through the last war with the New Zealand Rifle Brigade.

Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Irving, of Hawke's Bay, is commanding No. 2 Training Unit at Trentham Camp.

Major F. Waite, D.S.O., Member of the Legislative Council, has been appointed overseas commissioner for the National Patriotic Fund Board. He served with the last New Zealand Expeditionary Force in Egypt and Gallipoli, and later with the New Zealand Engineers, first as adjutant and later as instructor. Major Waite is 55 years of age.

2nd Lieut. Guy Richardson and 2nd Lieut. Hugh Richardson, sons of the late General Sir George Richardson, are serving with units at present in camp.

to go. These include men of the Royal Navy, the Royal Navy Reserve, the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and technicians. Ten yachtsmen have left the Dominion for service wherever they are required, and now a request for another 200 men for naval duties has been received from the British Government. These men are being enlisted at the present time.

Work at the New Zealand Naval Base has been carried on at high pressure since the outbreak of war. One of the most important tasks has been the fitting of merchant and passenger ships with defensive weapons; 25 have been so equipped, and the Royal New Zealand Naval Squadron has provided 65 ratings to man them. In addition to this work 23 ships have been equipped with depth charges.

Silent as the Royal Navy itself, the New Zealand Squadron goes about its work without fuss or publicity and in the best traditions of the sea. New Zealand's first naval honour, won by H.M.S. Achilles in the Battle of the Plate, is now a tradition and such traditions do not die.

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